

Knoxville celebrates Emancipation Day

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It was a celebration of freedom tinged with promises yet unfulfilled. The 157th National Observance and 7th Knoxville Observance of the Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day saw many speakers talk about the history and future of African Americans.

The Historic Mt. Zion Baptist Church was packed for a celebration that could only be described as inspirational. Much in the spirit of a church service with hymns separating the speakers, the ceremony recounted President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation and the struggles since then to achieve full freedom as American citizens.


Rev. John A. Butler spoke along with several other local pastors including Rev. Harold A. Middlebrook. Also speaking at the Knoxville NAACP-sponsored event were state Representative Rick Staples and Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie.

Staples recalled Knoxville's first African American state legislator, Bob Booker, and noted some of the accomplishments and proposals in the legislature.

Councilwoman McKenzie

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Vrondelia (Ronni) Chandler spoke at the NAACP's Seventh Annual celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation. She spoke of the struggle for freedom and what is yet to be done. Photo by Mike Steely.



Rural Metro opens new Strawberry Plains Pike fire station

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Homeowners, business owners and facilities in the Forks of the River Industrial Park have a new fire station. Rural Metro Fire officially opened their new facility, Fire Station 27, at 5651 Strawberry Pike just off Governor John Sevier Highway, just before Christmas.

Fire Chief Jerry Harnish spoke briefly and, along with several elected county officials, cut the ribbon on the new facility. Harnish said it is the first new station in three years and thanked several people, including the community, for their support.

The fire station was formerly located in Industrial Park and the new location, according to Harnish, improves response time and reduces insurance premiums. The new fire station houses a pumper and a squad truck that carries specialized equipment for hazardous material incidents and other emergencies.

"Giving them a better location and equipment enables them to do an even better job of protecting our citizens and their property," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

Rural Metro is self-sustaining with subscription-based service. No tax dollars are involved in the operation or the new station. Property owners who are not subscribers may still receive service but at a higher rate than subscribers.

Rural Metro Fire is the largest private fire department in the nation and provides fire response and medical response with paramedics on fourteen fire engines in the county. The company has operated in Knox County since 1977 and is designated as the "duly constituted" public fire department serving the community.

"The partnership with Rural Metro has been phenomenal," Mayor Jacobs told those attending the ribbon cutting.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Rural Metro Fire Chief Jerry Harnish cuts the ribbon on the new Strawberry Plains Pike fire station. The chief was joined by state and county officials including Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler.

Old South High renovation in progress

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Old South High School's transformation to South High Senior Living is progressing nicely! The conversion of the old school, which was built in 1937 and closed following the graduation of the class of 1976, is quickly transforming into the vision of Dover Signature Properties.

Dover Signature Properties is developing a new Assisted Living and Memory Care community to be managed by Integral Senior Living when completed in April 2020. The project is estimated at \$12.2 million to restore and renovate the 42,000-square foot building.

Helen Porter, executive director of South Knox High Senior Living, toured the renovations last week and is excited about the progress. She is a certified dementia practitioner and an Alzheimer's disease and dementia care trainer. Porter said that this will be one of the most beautiful senior living communities in Knoxville and said she is thrilled for South Knoxville natives to have a place to call home. Thirty-four apartments will be devoted to assisted living residents and 24 will be devoted to memory care residents. Individuals age 62 years and older may qualify for care in the community.

South High Senior Living will offer a "vibrant way of life" with elevated dining, exercise classes, a full-time nurse and care staff, transportation services, shopping, church services, and much more.

"The Great Room will have the dining room and

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Something for Everyone at Grand Opening for Southern Sweet Boutique and Salon

By Focus Staff

Sisters Nikki Monroe and Lauren Humphrey grew up in Halls Crossroads and both have daughters of their own in Halls schools. So when Monroe decided to put her fashion sense and hairstylist skills to work by starting her own boutique and salon, locating in Halls was an easy decision.


Southern Sweet Boutique and Salon opened two years ago in a small location near the YMCA in Halls and the business grew so quickly, she already has had to move the business twice. When her sister Lauren, who is also a highly skilled hairstylist and skincare consultant, decided to join the team, the business really took off. Joined by longtime Halls cosmetologist Kathy Morgan Joy and stylist Nicole Wittenauer, the salon offers a variety of hair and beauty services.

The Grand Opening of the newest location of Southern Sweet Boutique and Salon will be Saturday, January 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at 7415 Maynardville Pike, Suite 103 in Halls. With a convenient location directly in front of Halls High school, the store appeals to both high school teens and their moms with cute, fashionable boutique clothing and accessories as well as attractive haircuts, hair color experts, and stunning hair styling for special occasions.

During the Grand Opening, the store will offer several specials and flash sales on both boutique items and salon services. Ham 'n Goody's will have a pop-up store with their famous lemon cookies in the parking lot on opening day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a special gift from Southern Sweet for each box sold. They will also have sandwich boxes available and an array of other delicious treats.

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The old cabin near the Bull Run Steam Plant in Anderson County is an almost forgotten historic gem. The David Hall Cabin, built around 1799 by a Revolutionary War soldier, is a two-story, mostly original structure that needs some help.

Janice Wuest of The Clinch Bend Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is working with Harry and Libby Bumgardner, owners of the historic cabin, in an attempt to get some labor, products and funds to restore the roof back to similar to the original shingles and other repairs.

Wuest said the idea is bring the cabin back to much like it was when George Walker built it for Isaac Brazelton. The structure has only been through three families. Libby Bumgardner's family, the Thomasons, owned it and she and her husband bought it and live behind the cabin. The couple has also bought, transported, rebuilt and are still renovating other cabins from the surrounding counties, all on the same lot.

The structure has seen some repairs and modification over the years but, for the most part, is original and has sat on the same site since it was built. Hall's cabin sat along old Emory Road which ran from Knoxville to the Nashville area and he operated a tavern and inn next door there while raising a large family. David Hall was one of the original founders of Anderson County and, 1807, his brother, Samuel, moved further west to Morgan County.

Hall remained in the Claxton area and is buried in the family cemetery near the cabin along with other family members.

Being along the Emory Road meant that many, many early settlers, officials, and travelers came by and stayed there. Hall



Janice Wuest and Libby Bumgardner stand on the porch of the David Hall Cabin. The pair is hoping to raise funds, volunteers and supplies to complete restoration of the historic structure.

raised vegetables and had a peach and apple orchard that produced fruit for the brandy that Hall made and sold.

More than 200 years of existence saw many changes but the "bones" of the original cabin still stand. Libby hopes to rebuild the rock chimney that once stood at the end of the cabin and, more immediately, replace the metal roof with shingles.

Libby's grandfather, Walter Thomason, was born in 1868 in Grainger County. Some of the quilts made by his wife, Nannie, are on display in the cabin. Also on display are a wide variety of items from the long history of the structure including a spinning wheel, churns, dishes and pieces of pottery and jugs.

Libby found an old chest on the second floor

of the cabin containing a cache of historic records and papers. Among those was a note and Confederate money left by an officer whose soldiers stayed there and he noted everything taken from the house. Also found in the trunk were Valentine and Christmas cards from the 1880s, receipts, IOUs, Bible verses, letters and bills.

That note and copies of the old money, along with many other items recovered from the cabin and the grounds, are also on display in the cabin. The Bumgardner family hosts a gathering each year and next year's event is scheduled for May 16th and 17th.

She has a photo album containing pictures of the cabin as she and her husband found it and detailing

the repairs they made over the years. The album even holds photographs of some of the former families that lived there. When she talks about the cabin you can feel her sense of family pride and old times.

Now help in the restoration is being sought by the Bumgardners and The Clinch Bend Chapter of the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution.

You can contact Libby Bumgardner by calling (865) 945-3807 or email her at libbyb865@comcast.net. They have formed the David Hall Historic Association Inc. and the cabin is located at 830 Old Edgemoor Lane in Claxton, Tn. 37716.

You may contact Janice Wuest by calling (865) 688-8068 or emailing her at janicewuest@comcast.net.



Bumgardner and Wuest upstairs at the Hall Cabin. Relics from the history of the David Hall Cabin are on display and include a note left by a Confederate officer and Confederate money left for supplies and items taken by his soldiers.



One of my favorite axioms is "better late than never" which describes me perfectly. I meant to send this article in before New Year's Day, but this computer thought otherwise. But I was able to come to terms with it and it was given back to me. My mother was six years old in 1920 and my father was 13 years old. Sadly, they are both gone but their memories last forever. Nineteen twenties were called

the decade of changes. Add to that, "The Roaring Twenties" and also "The Jazz Age." To paraphrase Charles Dickens in "The Tale of Two Cities", "it was the best of times, and, sometimes, the worst of times."

Prohibition started in 1920. The U.S. Senate proposed the 18th Amendment to outlaw the production, transport, and sale of alcohol. The movie industry grew, there was a mass production of cars, radios, and a housing boom.

Summer Olympics took place in Antwerp, Belgium, the League of Nations was founded but the U.S. voted against joining. And women gained the right to vote.

Let's go to 2019. It wasn't all bad. Chicago elected its first African-American female mayor. Animal cruelty was officially made a felony. More places are banning single-use plastics. Now, here comes 2020. What more can be founded, how much more technology will be thrust upon

us, what new gains will appear in the health department--will Aids be eradicated, Alzheimer's? Cancer? What a lot to look forward to.

I could add a lot more to this article, but the deadline is drawing near. Have a Happy New Year!

Thought for the day: Worry is a form of self-destruction while faith is a means of daily renewal. Anonymous


Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

Something for Everyone at Southern Sweet Boutique and Salon

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everyone at Southern Sweet Boutique and Salon," says Monroe. She adds, "Our hairstylists don't just cut and style hair. We consider each person's individual features to recommend a look that will suit your personality and lifestyle as well as your appearance. We want to help you look and feel your best. That's just good business." Besides the select line

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Publisher's Position

I Guess You Can't Please Everybody



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The old adage "You can't please everybody" is probably more apt than ever. In a perfect world, Mike McMillan would be running for reelection to the Knox County Board of Education without opposition. Instead, he has a couple of opponents

in the forthcoming primary.

Whatever the standard for electing someone to the board of education, Mike McMillan meets that standard and then some. McMillan was the original opponent of then-superintendent Jim McIntyre who ran the Knox County school system like the emperor from Star Wars. McIntyre, with no experience as a superintendent before he got to Knoxville, ran roughshod over custodians and employees, all the while spending to expand the bureaucracy. Mike McMillan was the first member of the board to stand up to Jim McIntyre; it was Mike McMillan who was the first to announce his opposition to out-sourcing

the custodians.

Slow and steady, McMillan has pushed and prodded along projects that should mean everything to the students, parents and educators inside the 8th District. As now-Congressman Tim Burchett repeatedly acknowledged while he was county mayor, there would not be a Gibbs Middle School without Mike McMillan. McMillan also deserves the credit for the new Carter Elementary School and the improvements at Carter Middle School. It was Mike McMillan who made it possible for the gymnasium at Gibbs Elementary School to be named for beloved educator Larry Graham.

It was Mike McMillan who almost single-handedly

saved the Career Magnet Academy, which is located in Strawberry Plains. The school administration was prepared to close the Career Magnet Academy, bringing a defiant McMillan to charge that the school system had spent millions of tax dollars upon the CMA and never adequately supported it. McMillan encouraged the students attending the Career Magnet Academy and they came from all across the county to stand up and speak out in support of the Career Magnet Academy. Some of the most compelling testimony ever heard at a school board meeting came from those students, many of whom readily admitted their lack of interest in

school before attending the Career Magnet Academy and what THEIR school meant to them. McMillan answered every individual email sent to him by the students at the Career Magnet Academy and congratulated them for fighting for their school. The board rejected the recommendation of the superintendent to close the Career Magnet Academy and nobody deserves more thanks than Mike McMillan. McMillan has fought for and supported choice for parents, reasonable evaluations for educators, seeing to it that our community gets its fair share. McMillan has truly given voice to a community that was seldom heard before. There is not a

shadow or particle of a doubt Mike McMillan has made a real long term difference for the 8th District.

Still, there are those who have their own personal axes to grind - little Johnny didn't make the team, Sally Sue didn't make the cheerleading squad. I reckon there'll always be the sore thumb sticking out somewhere with a complaint, but Mike McMillan has tended to the needs of the 8th District faithfully. McMillan has represented the taxpayers and his district and gotten real results, benefitting all of us. Isn't that what our elected officials are supposed to do?

Who will replace Councilwoman Stephanie Welch?

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First District Councilwoman Stephanie Welch has said she will resign from the Knoxville City Council and, after her annual two weeks with the Army Reserve this month, join Mayor Indya Kincannon's administration as the new chief of economic and community development.

That resignation, which Welch said will be late enough for the city council to name someone to

complete her term, is prompting some speculation about whom they will choose. With Welch leaving there would only be eight council members voting, four of them newly elected.

It is possible that Welch would have some input in the selection of her replacement. Almost anyone living in the First District could be considered and it will probably take a super majority vote to seat someone. That's six out of eight members. The selection of a replacement may be

made in a January or early February meeting of the new city council.

Welch has been a very active council member and long-time neighborhood leader. She headed Greater School Partnership and is a U. S. Army Major with 20 plus years of duty in the reserves.

The Knoxville Focus posed the question online and had several responses. Some of the online suggestions and emails suggested that Nick Pavlis, the

term-limited First District councilman who supported Welch for election, might be interested but there's some question about the legality of him serving in the position having already served an eight-year term.

The city charter seems to say that Pavlis could not serve: "No person shall be eligible to serve in any elected office authorized or created by the charter of the City of Knoxville if during the previous two (2) terms of that office, the person in question has served

more than a single term. Service prior to the passage of this measure shall not count in determining length of service. Judges are exempt from this provision."

Who might be interested? David Hayes, a South Knoxville activist with the City Council Movement, lost to Janet Testerman in the recent race for City Council At-Large Seat B. He's being touted for the appointment and may have at least two votes

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spoke about "What it took to get to this day" and commended those people who "continue this fight."

Rev. Butler said the local NAACP has "more members than ever and never been stronger." He said that "efforts of injustice goes on every day."

He introduced Dr. Nicole Chandler who surprised her mother and introduced her as the featured speaker. Vrondelia (Ronni) Chandler was described as a "woman of faith, a mentor and a coach."

Mrs. Chandler said that the 719 words of the Emancipation Proclamation freed only those slaves in states under rebellion during the Civil War and it took the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery across the nation. She said there was no follow up to the

amendment and the result was the Jim Crow laws, forced labor through Prison Chain Gangs, and segregation.

Tennessee celebrates two Emancipation Days each year, the other being on August 8th, when in 1863 Vice President Andrew Johnson of Greenville freed his personal slaves.

The January 1st proclamation did little to free slaves in the South except to boost spirits and open up the Northern Army and Navy for African -American enlistment. By the end of the war more than 200,000 served in the Union cause.

Knoxville NAACP members will meet for 2020 planning on Saturday, January 25 at 9 a.m. at the Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church at 546 College Street.

2020 will have three election days

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If you thought 2019 was a political year locally, hang on to your hat because 2020 has three election days: the county primary and presidential preference primary on March 3; the county general, federal/state primary and Farragut municipal on August 6; and state and presidential and federal/state general on November 3. Voters will be picking Knox County candidates, state legislative candidates, congressional candidates, and their choice for president of the United States.

The Knox County Election Commission released the final list of candidates following the December 19 drop out deadline and it appears that several local candidates will have no opposition.

County commissioners without competitors for election include incumbents Richie Beeler in the 8th District and Carson Dailey in the 9th. Terry Hill, a board of education veteran, appears to be the only candidate to seek the seat for Commission

District 6. She will be replacing Brad Anders who is term limited and is now the E-911 Director.

Susan Horn is an incumbent in the board of education and has no opposition in her re-election bid for the District 5 seat. As school board members do not have term limits many are seeking their seats again. There is no party affiliation in board of education races.

The other races for Knox County office in 2020 are partisan.

The upcoming March 3 county primary has two candidates for public defender: Eric M. Lutton, who was named to the office on the retirement of Mark Stephens, and Rhonda Lee. Both are Republicans.

Incumbent District 1 Commissioner Evelyn Gill is being opposed by fellow Democrat Dasha Lundy.

Michele Carringer has withdrawn from the District 2 commission seat to run for state representative although her name appears on the list. Democrat Courtney Durrett and Independent Sam K. Ford are seeking her seat.

District 4's seat, being vacated by

Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom, has two Republicans, Scott Broyles and Kyle Ward. Todd Frommeyer is seeking the Democratic nomination.

John Schoonmaker, District 5's incumbent, is being opposed by fellow Republican Clayton Wood.

Incumbent Property Assessor John Whitehead is being challenged by Tina Marshall. Both are Republicans.

Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong is term limited and his deputy, David Buuck is seeking the office along with Independent Jackson Fenner.

In the race for Knox County Board of Education seats, District 2's Jennifer Owen is being challenged by John Meade. District 3's incumbent, Tony Norman, is being opposed by Daniel Watson and District 8's incumbent, Mike McMillan, is being challenged by Adam Brown.

Early voting for Knox County candidates starts February 12 and runs through February 25 with the Election Day set for March 3.

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An Unexpected Turn of Events

Last week, I didn't send in a column for the paper. Christmas was a hectic time for us, even more so than in years gone by. We planned to have new flooring laid in our house sometime around Thanksgiving, but a three-week delay in the product delivery meant the guys installing the stuff arrived the week before Christmas. They finished the job the day after Christmas.

Because of the workers' presence, the removal of old flooring, the moving of furniture and "stuff", and a thick layer of dust from cutting the boards, Amy and



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I decided not to put a tree up or put out any Christmas items. Yes, that was a bummer as the holiday just didn't feel right.

We left for Gallatin to spend the holiday with our daughter and her family and our son. We arrived the Saturday before Christmas and were thankful to be out of the hubbub occurring in our house. Lacey contacted us on Sunday morning to let us know that grandson Madden

was at the Urgent Care facility in Huntsville, Alabama, where her in-laws live. He tested positive for not only strep-throat but also the flu. We waited to see if he might

feel better in a couple of days but then decided that we'd return to Knoxville on Christmas Eve. Our son Dallas spent Christmas with us. It was the first time in about 15 years that Amy and I have been in our home for the holiday.

Christmas was strange. I missed my daughter; it's the first time we haven't been together on that special day. We talked, but I certainly ached to have her around. I missed Madden too. It was the first Christmas we haven't spent with him as well.

What I learned from this holiday season is that the most important ingredient to a good holiday season is "flexibility." Families face all sorts of changes during this time of year. Sometimes flights are delayed or canceled.

Maybe a winter storm hits and keeps folks from traveling to other cities or states to spend Christmas with families. Illness, minor or major, can also separate families during the most anticipated day of the year.

In any of those cases, people are disappointed, even broken hearted. Still, they have to figure out how to make the best of a not so perfect situation. That means enjoying the folks who are present. It also means that Christians celebrate the birth of a savior that symbolized the complete love of God.

Nobody ever expects things to derail, especially on Christmas. However, they will. The time will come when one of the persons we love so much is no longer with

us. A pall is cast during the holiday, but we owe our other family members and friends the same love and joy that they've enjoyed for so many years.

If snow blocks our paths, we must adapt and share a wonderful holiday with those who are with us. Isn't that part of the message of Christmas anyway?

Amy and I missed Lacey and Madden and Nick, but we enjoyed time with Dallas and being home for the first time in years. I hope that many more special days lie ahead and that I can spend them with my family and friends. Either way, I learned this year to be flexible and to adapt. It didn't kill me, even though I always thought that a break with traditions would surely bring an end to the world.

The Everlasting Gift

The day has come and gone. Finally! The long-awaited holiday prompting months of preparation is finally over. Gifts have been unwrapped. Decorated trees have been taken down. Nativity scenes with a baby in a manger have been packed away for another year. Christmas is over. Really?

This year, the Sunday School classes, also known as Connect Groups, created a winter wonderland in the atrium at Wallace Memorial. Hallways and balconies became a winter wonderland. Numerous trees with different themes added a festive touch. An unusual display caught my eye as I exited the sanctuary. Titled "The Other Tree," it brought to mind the reading of "This Tree, That Tree" that was a part of the first Living Christmas Tree program I saw more than forty



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years ago at Wallace. The lights on the huge Christmas tree faded out until only the lights of a cross could be seen.

"The Other Tree" was all red and green with a crown of thorns at the top. Green symbolizes new life; red, the blood of Christ. It was a reminder that the Christmas story did

not end with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Rather, it would be the beginning of everlasting life for all who believe that Christ died for our sins. A gift of eternal life. The day we celebrate Christmas with all the festivities among family and friends may have ended, but Christmas will never be over. John 3:16 (KJV) assures us of that: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Happy New Year!



Picture of "The Other Tree" created by the Maples Class, by Ralphine Major.

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on the new council as two Council Movement members will be serving there.

Rebecca Parr was Welch's opponent two years ago and could be interested in the position. Janet Tocher has indicated an interest in the position.

Tommy Smith and Ben Ream are community leaders in South Knoxville and could be considered for the position. There are several active neighborhood leaders in the area that could be interested as well as members of the South Knox Business Alliance.

Since Welch's First District also includes Fort Sanders, across the river from the rest of the primarily South Knoxville district, a candidate could emerge

from that very active neighborhood.

The long shot is out-going Knoxville City Mayor Madeline Rogero, who lives in South Knoxville, but had indicated in the past she is not interested in an immediate political position following her mayorship.

"No way!! I need time off and I have a long list of things I want to do. But thanks for thinking of me," Rogero told The Focus.

Mayor Indya Kincannon may have her own suggestion as to which District One person should have Welch's position.

Regardless of who is selected the council will still have a majority of women serving, the first time in history led by Knoxville's second female mayor.



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Tennessee and the League of Nations, IV

Pages from the Past



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Tennessee's senior United States senator, John Knight Shields, had surprised tens of thousands of his constituents and infuriated many members of his own Democratic Party when he had voted to add reservations to the Treaty of Versailles in the Senate. The treaty was the culmination of months of torturous negotiations between the heads of several governments representing those countries that had fought with the allies against the German Empire and the Central Powers. President Woodrow Wilson had personally represented the United States at the Paris Peace Conference, which began on December 13, 1918. The Treaty of Versailles was the instrument through which the allied powers accepted the surrender of the German government, along with those countries that fought on the side of Germany. Wilson was one of the "Big Four" of the Paris Peace Conference, which included the Prime Minister of Great Britain, David Lloyd George; Georges Clemenceau, the Prime Minister of France and Vittorio Orlando, the Prime Minister of Italy.

The treaty was hardly the only thing the peace conference gave birth to; it was the birthplace of the League of Nations, something President Woodrow Wilson fervently believed would banish war from the face of the earth. The fight over the treaty and the fate of America's participation in the League of Nations was fought inside the United States Senate. Tennessee was represented by John Knight Shields, an East Tennessean, and Kenneth D. McKellar of Memphis. Senator McKellar had first been elected in 1916, but he had served in Congress since 1911 and was an ardent admirer of President Wilson. McKellar was the first U. S. senator from Tennessee to win his office through direct election by the people. Senator Shields had been in the United States Senate since 1913 and was the last man to be elected to the Senate by the state legislature. Shields had first faced the voters in 1918 and had been challenged inside the Democratic primary by Governor Tom C. Rye. The governor was able, a good speaker and personally popular. Rye also strongly backed the administration of Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson frankly admitted to Senator McKellar he did not like John Knight Shields and had intended to write a letter for publication in Tennessee during the senatorial primary stating Shields was no friend to him or his administration. Both Shields and McKellar

immediately realized such a letter would cost the senator the primary election. McKellar eventually pleaded with Wilson not to write and send the letter. While the President made no commitment, he did not send any letter and John Knight Shields had beaten Governor Rye for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate. Once Shields had been reelected, McKellar asked Shields to go to the White House to thank the President. McKellar was astonished when Shields snapped he would see Wilson in Hell first. John Knight Shields was the only Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who voted with the Republicans to add reservations to the treaty, a position that ignited a fiery response from many Tennesseans.

Amid calls for his resignation from the U. S. Senate, Senator Shields calmly said he was following his convictions and no amount of pressure from Tennessee would change his mind. When Senator Gilbert Hitchcock of Nebraska, the Minority Leader of the Senate and ranking Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, issued a report urging immediate ratification of the treaty, he was joined by every Democrat on the committee save for John Knight Shields. To those Democrats in Tennessee who were enraged by his failure to back the position of President Woodrow Wilson, who was adamantly opposed to any reservation being attached to the treaty, Senator Shields replied the Treaty of Versailles was not a partisan matter.

When Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a Republican, moved to postpone voting on amendments to the treaty for one week, the committee divided along partisan lines. John Knight Shields managed to outrage his fellow Democrats even further when he was absent from the committee meeting. One hotly contested amendment to the treaty and possible American participation in the League of Nations was sponsored by Republican Hiram Johnson of California. A progressive Republican, Johnson was highly wary of foreign entanglements; later he would become one of the leading isolationists in the U. S. Senate. The substance of Senator Johnson's amendment equalized the voting power of the United States with that of Great Britain in the League of Nations. A newspaper poll showed 48 senators favoring the Johnson



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Senator John Knight Shields of Tennessee, circa 1915. Library of Congress

amendment, with 47 opposed. To the horror of President Wilson's supporters, John Knight Shields could be the deciding vote. The Nashville Tennessean wailed, "A careful poll of the situation by the leaders tonight shows that Senator Shields will probably hold in his hands the fate of the League covenant and the treaty." Despite Shields having voted for the Johnson amendment in committee, both sides were hoping to get his vote when the full Senate finally voted.

The Livingston Enterprise complained in an editorial, "So great is the disapproval of his constituency over Senator Shields' attitude on the peace treaty that a movement has been started to demand his resignation. Had the people of Tennessee known what his attitude would be when he was a candidate for reelection, it would not now be necessary to take this step."

The Nashville Tennessean was similarly appalled when Senator Shields "curtly refused" an invitation from the Knoxville chapter of the League to Enforce Peace... that he had reached his own conclusion after careful study. Shields acknowledged he was faced with casting his own vote in the Senate and had "no disposition to evade or pass it to others." Shields said he was "always glad to have the counsel of my constituents and to discuss with them public questions, but of course in the end I must act upon my own judgment."

John Knight Shields took to the floor of the United States Senate to say that he would not support the proposed amendments to the treaty referred to as the "Shantung amendments." Those amendments dealt with the rights of Shantung in China and Shields dismissed them as of little

importance to Americans. "The United States is not interested in it," Shields said. Senator Shields said adopting the Shantung amendments would be a violation of America's traditional policy not to interfere in the affairs of other nations. Shields came to the climax of his speech when he said, "I am unwilling to support a treaty which, by the remotest implication or possible construction, authorizes a super-government or a council of foreign nations to interfere with and control our internal affairs and domestic relations of any character, sacred rights, cherished by all nations and now secured to them by both national and international laws."

"I will not consent to the British Empire having six votes in the League of Nations to the one vote of the United States," John Knight Shields barked. "I have too much pride in my country and too much respect for its flag to approve any treaty that concedes precedence to Great Britain or reduces it to political equality at home or abroad with a colony or subordinate division of that empire."

When the Shantung amendment came to the Senate floor for a vote, John Knight Shields joined Kenneth McKellar in voting against it. Three Democrats joined thirty-two Republicans in supporting it. Fourteen Republicans banded together with forty-one Democrats to oppose it. The amendment lost 55 - 35.

For Tennessee Democrats who were furious with John Knight Shields for his apostasy against the Wilson administration and the League of Nations, the worst was yet to come. Wilson, in an effort to win over the American people, had made a cross-country speaking tour on behalf of the League. While in Pueblo, Colorado, Wilson had suffered a debilitating stroke. The stroke was severe and the President's train hurried back to Washington, D. C. and the White House. Edith Bolling Wilson, the President's wife, and his physician, Dr.

Cary Grayson, successfully kept Wilson's conditions from the American public and Congress. Wilson was paralyzed on his left side and quite nearly died. In truth, the stricken President could not perform his duties. Much of the business to be transacted by the White House simply came to a halt.

John D. Erwin, the Nashville Tennessean's Washington correspondent, wrote in his column "Under the Big Dome", a discussion by members of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. The senators were concerned about President Wilson's condition. Henry Cabot Lodge wanted to ask the President to convey certain information about the "Shantung controversy" to committee members. One Democratic senator complained it was "not in good taste" to ask such things "while the President is ill." Senator Williams proposed postponing the matter until the President was well "and is able to attend to his duties in the usual manner." Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico snapped, "If you entertain such an opinion, why do you not make a motion for a recess of the Senate until the President has recovered?" It was then Senator John Knight Shields, a former Justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court, wondered, "Does not this raise the question of the President's disability under the Constitution?" Oddly, according to John D. Erwin, Senator Shields' comment was ignored by the rest of the committee at the time. Democratic senators were dismayed and angry that Shields would be the first member of the United States Senate to suggest Woodrow Wilson might be incapacitated and could not function as President of the United States. Erwin thought Shields' comment was ignored by the Republican senators because of the "impropriety of the attitude of the Tennessee Senator and refused to follow his lead." It was only a matter of time before Republicans would be asking the same thing and send a two man delegation to the White House

to see just how ill Woodrow Wilson might be.

Yet John Knight Shields was able to hold his own in the debates. Referring to the provision of the treaty which he contended gave Great Britain six votes in the League of Nations as compared to only one for the United States, Senator Shields snapped, "The American people will never approve a thing so unpatriotic and so degrading and humiliating." Shields offered an amendment to the treaty of his own, a substitute for the Johnson amendment, which stated any federal or imperial government may "collectively have only one membership, one delegate and one vote in the council . . . three delegates and one vote in the assembly."

As the Senate wound its way through the complexity of numerous amendments, the Nashville Tennessean lamented, "Shields Continues to Side With Republican Opponents of the League." Doubtless some Democrats were relieved when John Knight Shields was confined to his apartment in Washington's Shoreham Hotel with a severe cold. Evidently, Shields became ill while laboring over a speech he intended to give in the Senate. Shields had completed his speech, which he promptly had delivered to the office of the public printer, requesting 50,000 copies be made. Senator Shields intended to mail copies of his speech to people in Tennessee.

Clearly, John Knight Shields did not intend for the newspapers to have the last word on the League of Nations fight.

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Old South High renovation in progress

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a piano lounge," she said, adding "I get kind of giddy every time I walk into that gymnasium wondering what it will look like." After peering into other rooms she wondered about the history of the former school.

"I love thinking about the history of the basketball games played or the students who were taught in each room," she said. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to manage a production of Dover Signature Properties. Rick Dover does a phenomenal job in creating the most spectacular creations that modernizes and protects the story of the building." "I'm excited to hear more of the memories, there's lots of memories in these walls," Potter said. She said she had attended a meeting of the South Knox Alliance and was surprised by the number of favorable comments and questions about the project.

"We're going to display a wall of photos and memorabilia, much like Rick does in his other historic projects. I know Rick has collected some items," she said.

Following the visit to the school Porter walked up to the Knox County Education Museum next door and was astonished at the memorabilia that the volunteer museum has collected, especially the South High items.

Volunteer Horace Grissom greeted her and explained the collection of annuals, photos, and



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Helen Porter, executive director of South High Senior Living, stands before a display of South High School memorabilia at the Knox County Education Museum.

The main entrance to South High Senior Living has been moved to the side of the building from the original front doorway. The renovations are well underway and an April 1st Grand Opening is being planned.



other items there. Porter looked through the huge collection and focused on the South High items.

Grissom said that if the museum has extra South Knox High School items they might share them with the senior living

facility. Porter was delighted with the possibility. He guided her through part of the collection showing her books on every school. The museum volunteers go through local newspapers and clip stories for the collection, updating

the history every week.

He encouraged Porter to meet with Benna Van Vurren who founded the education museum and continues to direct it.

South High Senior Living is located at 835 Tipton Avenue. You can contact

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You can also find them on Facebook and on the internet at southhighknoxville.com.

Smart Trips makes riding the bus more accessible

Starting in 2020, Smart Trips is making riding the bus easier by adding Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) bus passes to its online shop. Participants who log at least one alternative commute per week on the Smart Trips website or app are automatically entered into quarterly drawings for \$50 and \$100 gift cards. The quarterly gift card drawings offer prizes to local businesses, including Tomato Head, Bliss, Aubrey's, Café 4, Three Rivers Market, Mast General Store, and Regal Cinemas.

Recently, an online shop was added to the Smart Trips website, allowing participants to redeem their points for items like t-shirts, sweatshirts, and water bottles instead of using those points to be entered for larger prize drawings. By adding KAT bus passes to the online shop, Smart Trips staff hopes participants will be able to translate their efforts to make alternative commutes into cost savings.

Started in 2002, Smart Trips is a free online program that rewards people for driving less by providing incentives for people to carpool, vanpool, bike, walk, take transit, telecommute, and work compressed schedules.

To find more information about the program and to sign up, visit www.knoxsmartrips.org.

Can We Cancel Our Divorce Case?

When someone files for divorce, it is not a guarantee that their case will end in them getting divorced. There is at least some chance that the parties will end up working out their differences and staying married to each other.

If I am representing someone in a divorce and they tell me that they and their spouse are getting back together, that does not make me sad, that makes me happy! As I have said many times, "I am not pro-divorce, I am pro-being happy."

When someone going through a divorce tells me that they are going to try to work it out with their spouse, they will say, "what do we do with the divorce case?"

There are a few options. They can outright dismiss their divorce case, they can do nothing and just let the case sit for a while, or they can submit to the court an order of reconciliation, which is what I recommend that individuals do.

Under Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-4-126, the parties can enter a written stipulation that they desire to attempt a reconciliation and that the divorce proceedings should be suspended. Further, if the parties resume living together during a reconciliation, by doing so, they are not condoning prior misconduct of the other person.



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Why I prefer the reconciliation is that it does not put you back to square 1 on getting divorced if you all do not end up working it out. I had one client whose spouse had left him and lived in Texas for two years. After we filed

for divorce he called me and said they were going to work it out and she was going to come back and live with him. Great!

Well, one week after she moved back in with him, he called me back and told me, "That went terribly, she is already back in Texas." Thankfully, we had done an order of reconciliation instead of dismissing his divorce case, so we did not have to re-file for divorce.

You just never know. So, what I recommend to people is that while they are trying to work things out with their spouse, I recommend that they submit an order of reconciliation with the court and not just dismiss their divorce case in case things you and your spouse are not able to patch things up.

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Treating Everyone Right

By Ken Lay

The Whittle Springs boys basketball team has had a big season. The Warriors have won their first 13 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference games and headed into the holiday break with a perfect record. They are obviously perched atop the league standings with conference games remaining against Halls at home on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and at Northwest on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Whittle Springs has definitely been impressive on the hardwood as they received a visit from

University of Tennessee star Jordan Bowden, who was recently honored by Carter High School when the Hornets retired his number at a ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The success that the Warriors are enjoying this season didn't come overnight. When coach Linwood Holloway took the reins of the program a few years back, he started with a youth movement as his team was comprised of several sixth graders.

Now, those youngsters are eighth graders and enjoying the best season at the school in recent

memory.

"We have 500 kids here at Whittle Springs and this is exciting for them," Holloway said after the Warriors beat Farragut at home last month.

But it hasn't been all about basketball at Whittle Springs. Before taking the traditional holiday break, and in the midst of their perfect season, the team members decided to give back to the community as they joined in on the Mobile Meals Gift Bag Drive.

The program is a gift drive that provides presents for those in the Mobile Meals of Knox County Program.



Whittle Springs Boys Basketball joined in on the Mobile Meals Gift Bag drive last month. This is a gift-giving drive that goes to recipients of the Mobile Meals program in Knox County.

Trusley had record numbers plus was a competitor at QB

By Steve Williams

For a baseball standout, Walker Trusley was a darn good quarterback. Folks in Powell know that. It's not news either for other high school football teams and fans throughout Region 2-5A.

Trusley may be leaving at the end of the school year to continue his education and baseball career at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, but his name will remain in the football record book at Powell High.

This past season, The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County honoree threw for 2,342 yards and 27 touchdowns – both single season school records.

In addition, Trusley racked up 2,945 total yards and 35 touchdowns in helping lead the Panthers to the region championship and a 10-0 regular season record.

Trusley (6-2, 180) also set three career PHS records as a three-year starter: Total offense (7,223 yards), Passing yards (5,932) and Passing TDs (59).

Could Trusley have played college football?



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell High quarterback Walker Trusley (16) impressed Coach Matt Lowe with his athletic talent and competitiveness. Trusley will be going to ETSU on a baseball scholarship.

"I think he could have," answered Coach Matt Lowe. "He had all of the abilities to play and received some interest from some schools, but a majority of them knew he had already decided as a sophomore that college baseball was what he thought gave him the best opportunity after

high school."

In addition to being talented in multiple sports, Coach Lowe said Trusley "is one of the greatest competitors I've ever been around. That probably stood out to more people watching him play than anything else – just his overall toughness, whether throwing the football or

making big runs – especially late in the year. He's just a tremendous competitor and you love having that in the quarterback position."

Trusley could see playing time in baseball at ETSU as a pitcher, shortstop or third baseman, and that's because he is such a good contact hitter at the plate.

TREY FOSTER: "Trey (Austin-East quarterback) will play football at the next level – where I'm not sure as of right now," said Coach Jeff Phillips.

Foster's passing and rushing combined totaled 4,149 yards and 45 touchdowns this past season.

"Trey (6-0, 210) is still fielding offers from schools. He wants to play football and is not concerned about the position he plays. Trey can play any position a school would like for him to play and play it at the highest level all because of his work ethic, determination and passion."

LUC NADAUD: The Webb senior may have been a valuable defensive end and tight end for the Spartans, but David Meske, the dean of head football coaches in Knox County, added: "He's the best special team's player I have ever coached" when submitting Nadaud's nomination for this season's All-Knox County team.

AENEAS HALOUMA: Halls' senior offensive lineman was "an attitude player, plays with chip on his shoulder," said Coach Scott Cummings.

His numbers in the weight room; "540 squat, 320 bench, 240 power clean, so he is a weight room kid," added Cummings.

Area football players receive regional postseason honors

By Ken Lay

Now that the 2019 high school football season is in the rear view mirror, coaches from the respective area regions have recognized their players and coaches for their accomplishments over the fall.

Coaches from the area leagues have named their all-region teams.

In Division II-A: The King's Academy Lions were heavily represented after making the playoffs. Ja'Chim Williams was named Defensive Player of the Year. Zack Tilley was named Offensive Back of the Year and Marshaun Bowers claimed Co-Defensive Back of the Year.

Other Lions named to the all-region team included: J'marion Gooch; Nakelin McAfee; Evan Whaley; Zak Acuff; Garrett Weekly; Bailey Rollins and Eli Knight.

In Division II-AA East: Grace Christian Academy's Rusty Bradley was named Coach of the Year and Christian Academy of Knoxville's Zander Tonkin was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

The Rams had seven players receive First Team All-Region honors including: Cooper Riggs; Caleb Curcio; Jalen Greer; Johnny Eller; Garrett Staley; Ben Stansbury and Michael Feiden.

Second Team players from Grace were: Grant Warwick; Michael Human; Dane Nussbaum; Jared Long; Reece Kirkwood; John Michael Lott and

August Jordan.

Webb School of Knoxville had Luc Nadaud, Grissim Anderson and Leo Bonafacio achieve First Team honors. The Spartans also had Grayson Taylor, Brik Boruff and Jackson Bradley named to the second team.

CAK had four players named to the first team including Max Smith, Caleb Sparkman, Tonkin and Malachi Harrison.

Second teamers for the Warriors were: JD Presley; Noah Olsen; Ryan Degges and Luke Myers.

In Division II-AAA East/Middle: Catholic had Keodre Jordan, Jack Jancek, Tyler Baron, Tommy Winton and Bryn Tucker receive All-Region honors.

In Region 2-3A: Austin-East High's Trey Foster was named Offensive Player of the Year and Jeff Phillips of the Roadrunners was named Coach of the Year.

All-Region selections for Austin-East included Isaiah Ligon; Keon Smith; Kalen Jones; Darrion Bell, Jevan Beaty; Jarrett Kyle and Bryson Steen.

In Region 2-5A: South-Doyle's Clark Duncan and Central's Bryson Rosser were named Co-Coaches of the Year.

Elijah Young of the Cherokees was named Most Valuable Player and Bobcats' quarterback Dakota Fawver was named Offensive Player of the Year. Kalib Fortner was the Defensive Player of the Year.

Halls High's Jake Parris was

named Offensive Back of the Year and South-Doyle's Santana Curtis was the Defensive Back of the Year. Aeneas Halouma (Halls) and Jordun Wilson were named Co-Offensive Linemen of the Year. Central's Eunike Valentine was the league's Defensive Lineman of the Year. Evan Johnson (South-Doyle) was Kicker of the Year. Carter's Chandler Wilson was Co-Newcomer of the Year.

All-Region selections from Central were: Jason Merritts; Braden Gaston; Makhi Anderson; Isaiah Osborne; Tyler Bost; Malik Robinson; Liam Fortner; Jaidin Horton and Zac Ridner (an academic award winner).

South-Doyle was represented on the team by Nate Adabay, Noah Myers, Levi Herold, Terrell Brown, Michael Potter, Ezra Young, Preston Sisler, Teshawn Patrick, Mason Brang and Charles Payne (academic award winner).

Red Devils named to the team included: Avery Robertson; Ty Humphrey; Hayden Woods; Brett McMahan; Cade Stephens; Zayne Glenn; Jaydyn White and Nick Saylor (academic award winner).

All-league selections from Gibbs were: Nick Odeneal, Bryson Shown, Garrison Albino, Mikey Robinson, Troy Davis and Ethan Humphreys (academic award winner) and Syllas Williams.

Seymour's all-region players included: Gabe Kitts, Brendon Harris, Michael Nevins, Bobby Boudreau, D'Andre Sentell and

Grayson Campbell (academic award winner).

Carter was represented on the team by Ken Cox, Tim Flack, Preston McNew, Blaine Galyon, Caleb Daugherty and Sam Watson (academic award winner).

In Region 3-5A: West High's Lamar Brown and Powell's Matt Lowe were named Co-Coaches of the Year. Tracy Moore (West) was named Offensive Assistant Coach of the Year and Baron Chandler (West) was the Defensive Assistant Coach of the Year.

Drew Francis (West) was the league's Player of the Year. Powell's Walker Trusley was the Offensive Player of the Year. Tyrece Edwards was the Defensive Player of the Year.

Baker Dance (West) was Quarterback of the Year. Isaiah Matress (West) was Running Back of the Year. Tyler Kirkess (Powell) was Tight End of the Year. Michael Treadwell (Powell) was Offensive Lineman of the Year. Colton Webb was Defensive Lineman of the Year. John Cupp (West) was Defensive Back of the Year. Bailor Hughes (Powell) was Athlete of the Year. Joseph Mojica (Fulton) was Placekicker of the Year and Omarian Wright was Returner of the Year.

All-region players from Fulton included: Tommy Sweat, Marcus Jackson, Adrian Roberson, Seth Vaughn, Bill Anderson, Cameron Stokes, Demarcus Cash and Zurich Hudson.

Karns had four all-region

selections including Desean Bishop, Trey Hawksins, Neyland Fendley and Jalen Tucker.

Jackson Daniel, Eli Owens, Adarius Redmond, Jordan Brown, Cade Ballinger, JJ Foust, Corri McIntosh Cannon Lusby, Gage Foster and Jake Wyrick were selected from Powell.

West High was represented by Tyrell Ragland, Ethan Scott, Andrew Gilbert, Jack Eggleston, Grant Tierney, Kane Lewis, Shannon Blair, Elijah Rogers and Jai Hundley.

In Region 1-6A: Hardin Valley Academy's Kelton Gunn was named Offensive Player of the Year. Farragut's Eli Purcell was named Defensive Player of the Year and Bearden's was the league's Athlete of the Year.

All-Region selections for Farragut were: Gavin Wilkinson, Brady Hodges, Alec Keathley, Carter Schuermann, A'Koieya Johnson, Hunter Shopovick, Dawson Brown, Trey Nesbitt and Jackson Fontenot.

Bearden's all-league picks included: Collin Ironside, Makai Williams, Kenneth Parker-Smith, Christian Spining, Jackson Biggs, Ty Seritt, Reed Frederick, Gavin Campbell and James Milazo.

HVA's all-region selections were Braden Schloff, Cam York, Casey Bowen, Declan Brophy, Jaylen Moore, Luke Filipkowski and Michael Spurgeon.

Vols edge Hoosiers in Gator Bowl

By Alex Norman

Well, it wasn't pretty, but it was a much needed bowl game victory for Tennessee. The Vols rallied from a 13 point deficit in the 4th quarter to edge Indiana 23-22 on January 2nd in Jacksonville. It was Tennessee's first bowl game victory since 2016, and helped them finish the 2019 season at 8-5. They also won seven of their final eight games, giving them momentum heading into the off season.

"Our kids kind of kept on fighting," said Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt. "Our coaches (have) done a really nice job, and our fan base... all the orange was there when the clock struck zero that was there when the game started, and we can't say enough about our fan support and what they mean to everybody associated with this organization."

Tennessee's red zone woes continued in the first half, when three trips inside the Indiana 20 yard line netted only six points. During the 2019 season, the Vols were one of the worst teams in the nation inside their opponents 20 yard line. So instead of a commanding lead after the first thirty minutes, the Vols only held a 6-3 advantage.

Vols quarterback Jarrett Guarantano's inconsistency remained consistent. A third quarter pass was intercepted by Indiana's Jamar Johnson and returned 63 yards for a touchdown, giving the Hoosiers a commanding 16-6 advantage. He was benched for a series, and didn't look much better upon his return. But Guarantano led two touchdown drives in the fourth quarter. One finished with a short Quavaris Crouch touchdown run to pull the Vols within six points with 4:21 remaining.

Pruitt seized the momentum with his next decision. For the first time all season, he called for an onside kick. A perfect "bunt" by Paxton Brooks was picked up by Eric Gray just as the ball went the necessary ten yards.

"It was something that we felt was there when we were breaking them down, and as the game went, we felt like it was there," said Pruitt. "We've probably repped it 500

or 600 times over the last six months. (We) had confidence in our players. So (we) just felt like we needed to do it there, and Paxton laid down a great kick... We got three guys that's going to block the three returners, and we got two guys getting the ball. Eric timed it right, and it was a great kick. (There) wasn't much they (Indiana) could do based off how they were aligned."

A few plays later, Gray scored on a 16 yard sprint up the middle, and improbably the Vols led 23-22. Gray would be named Gator Bowl MVP with 86 rushing yards and 34 receiving yards. "Being a Tennessee boy and being here at Tennessee, it's been unbelievable," said Gray. "It's been an unbelievable journey. I fell in love with the place early... it's something I dreamed about. It's something I dreamed about as a kid, playing college football, playing in a bowl game. Being MVP has been amazing. I just want to say all glory to God."

Nothing comes easy for the Vols though. They had to withstand a missed Hoosiers field goal and one final Indiana drive before securing the victory.

Considering how the 2019 season started, Tennessee's finish says a lot about the direction of this program. The Vols began with a historic loss to Georgia State, then a collapse against BYU, followed by blow-out losses to Florida and Georgia. That 1-4 beginning seems like a long time ago.

"You really don't find out a whole lot about yourself or a team until you face adversity," said Pruitt. "And we've faced a lot this year. A lot of it was self-inflicting, but still, it is what it is. You know, I really think the assistant coaches on our staff, because of the men that they are and the character that they have, I really think the team kind of took on their personalities, stayed the course, looked in the mirror and said, 'How can I improve, how can I be my best.' Wasn't looking for excuses. We owned who we were and worked hard to improve, and I think that says a whole lot about our assistant coaches, everybody associated in our program, and the players on our team. You know, no quitters on that team."

Never-say-die Vols turn things around again

Tennessee's performance in the 2020 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl was much like its regular season. An ugly start with a beautiful ending.



By Steve Williams

The Vols got inside Indiana's 10-yard-line on their first two possessions Thursday night and came away with three points.

UT fans were feeling down in the dumps, much like they did after the Vols were stunned by Georgia State in the season opener and then letting BYU slip by them in regulation and beat them in overtime in Week 2.

But these Vols again cleaned up their mess. Trail-ing by 13 points with less than five minutes remaining in the game, Tennessee rallied for a 23-22 win in Jacksonville.

We should have known they would. It's the same bunch that came back from 1-4 to earn a bowl trip in the first place, when most fans didn't think there was any way they could win six games to become bowl eligible.

No, they won seven, including their last five in a row to post a 7-5 regular season record. And when you add to it the bowl win, this bunch, in my opinion, had the best turnaround in school history - even better than the 0-6 to 5-6 finish in 1988.

After the game, a TV reporter asked second-year UT head coach Jeremy Pruitt how the Vols came back from that 1-4.

"They never quit and

they put on more steam," answered Pruitt and adding one of General Neyland's famous axioms.

In the days before UT's bowl game last week, I heard a wise, old football coach discuss the importance of scoring touchdowns in the "red zone," or inside the 20.

"When a team is held to a field goal, it's considered a win for the defense and a loss for the offense."

It was certainly feeling like a loss was in the works for Tennessee fans in the beginning. But the Vols eventually made up for it with their resilience.

An Indiana quarterback named after former UT and Indianapolis Colts star Peyton Manning sensed blood in the water when the Hoosiers scored late in the first half and went into the dressing room trailing only 6-3.

Indiana indeed went ahead and led 16-6 when Tennessee quarterback Jarrett Guarantano, continuing to struggle, was briefly pulled from the game reportedly "to calm down." True freshman Brian Maurer replaced him for one series.

Coach Pruitt's call for a successful onside kick late in the game swung the pendulum Tennessee's way. Many already are suggesting it will become part of UT football lore.

Just prior to the call for the onside kick, Pruitt made another move that paid off. He inserted 6-1, 246-pound Quavaris Crouch into the

game and the big back, out of the I formation, scored from the 1. That pulled the Vols to within 22-16. It was a one-possession game with 4:21 to go.

On Paxton Brooks' well-executed onside kick, the Hoosiers apparently never noticed Eric Gray, Tennessee's quick as lightning running back, was on the field. His recovery gave UT new life.

After Guarantano's 27-yard pass to Jauan Jennings plus a face mask penalty moved the ball to the 16-yard line, Gray raced down the middle of the field for the tying TD and Brent Cimaglia's PAT kick gave the Vols the lead.

Now it was on the back of the Tennessee defense.

Indiana just needed a field goal and the Hoosiers would get two more chances to score. First, their kicker hooked a 52-yard field goal attempt to the right with 2:12 to go.

Indiana would get the ball back at its 19-yard line with 0:55 on the clock. Ramsey completed two passes to move the Hoosiers to the Tennessee 45. UT fans were on the edge of their seats. Some probably couldn't bear to watch at all.

Two more passes fell incomplete. On fourth-and-10 with 23 seconds remaining, Pruitt called a timeout before the snap after checking Indiana's formation.

Ramsey fired long, but under threw his receiver.

In victory formation, Guarantano took a knee.

And our Volunteers took a bow.

Irish rout Rams in matinee tilt

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his knee.

Hutchens wasn't all that concerned about his team's lack of offense early.

"You get frustrated when you miss shots and we were getting point blank looks," he said. "But we

played well defensively and B.J. (Edwards) does so many great things for us. I bet he had eight, nine or 10 assists and he had a bunch of steals.

"He does a lot for us, even when he's not scoring, and Presley had a good

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Happiness 2020

I was ready for a new year. But, as I watched the descending ball in Times Square usher in baby 2020, I asked myself, will things be any different after midnight December 31 than before?

My wife has a motto, “Attitude is a choice; choose a good one.” Perhaps if we focus on our blessings this year, rather than whining about what we don’t have, things can be different and we can be happier. An article in the Wall Street Journal (December 27, 2019) got me thinking about a new attitude for a New Year.

The article introduced me to the recently described psychology term “negativity effect.” By analogy, I find that negative people are downers, and most of us gravitate towards happy people. I’ve always heard it said it takes five positive actions or comments to overcome

a negative interaction. Research has now measured this phenomenon and found a four to one ratio, affirming that negatives affect us more than positives.

Why does “our brain [seem to have] a negativity bias?” Why does criticism affect us more than praise? Researchers speculate that this proclivity might have genetic origins and ancient survival benefit. As an example, newborn monkeys are terrified by snake-like shapes. Perhaps our ancestors learned of dangers passed on as genetic memories. There is survival benefit avoiding poisonous plants and snakes. (Avoidance of skunks just makes sense!)

These days, “we’re assailed by merchants of bad.” Journalism has devolved into a cesspool of manipulative fake news. Politicians seemingly always lie. However, if we

recognize their ploys, perhaps we can take the high-road and avoid their traps. Interestingly, as researchers studied the “positivity ratio” of good verses bad events/emotions, they found that older people were more contented than youth, perhaps because they have “learned how to improve the good/bad ratio in their lives.”

I like the practical strategies for the New Year listed in the Wall Street Journal article. “First, do no harm.” Actually, this is an ancient admonition known as ahimsa. In business you should work to please the customer and in medicine you must truly care about your patients. (However, I was once advised by a colleague that it was not healthy for me to care more for my patients than they cared about their own health.) Jesus redesigned the ancient adage of not harming others with the positive Golden Rule. The take home message in human psychology research is that negatives in relationships and marriage are more powerful than positives and must be avoided.

Secondly, “Remember [this] rule of four.” As a practical adage, be kind and service oriented to avoid angry customers,

whom market researchers refer to as “terrorists” who post negative online reviews. And regularly tell those you love that you love them! Jesus said you will be blessed when you actively love instead of being negative or hating.

A friend of mine writes beautiful letters and sends her missives by snail mail. Written notes are wonderful and certainly garner special attention in our fast-paced modern world. But email and electronic messaging are at our fingertips and readily available to show appreciation. It’s a shame that we do not encourage each other more.

Jesus said we will always have troubles in life. The Apostle Paul (no shoddy philosopher) said we can use difficulties and failures as opportunities to persevere and build character as a prayerful gateway to hope. Children must also learn the lesson of perseverance when not succeeding, just as they must learn to tie their own shoes.

Thirdly, share good news with others, and be receptive when friends joyfully share their triumphs with you. Remembering and sharing good times with others is healthy and builds community. The 1973 movie The Way We

Were demonstrates this point. Perhaps older persons are happier because they have learned to “savor good memories instead of obsessing” about the latest news reports of carnage and human failure or “wars and rumors of war.”

Lastly, “focus on the big picture.” Perhaps one causality is our success. We worry about when the bubble will burst. Western Civilization has produced the most affluent and educated culture in history. “Global poverty has declined by two thirds in recent decades.” Yet “International surveys reveal the rich to be the most pessimistic.” The internet is available to most through computers or our smartphones. So why are so many duped by the “nattering nabobs of negativity?” Use this marvelous tool guided by common sense to become better informed, instead of succumbing to negative media indoctrination. Or, turn off the news all together and listen to your conscience guided by the Spirit.

In my opinion, The Wall Street Journal story omits one crucial factor in the essay, For the New Year, Say No to Negativity. Finding purpose in life is crucial to successful living and happiness. In 1943

Abraham Maslow published his sentinel paper on the human hierarchy of needs. Once the physiological necessities of food and shelter are met, humans can then focus on psychological needs such as belonging, self-esteem and love. At the hierarchical apex is self-fulfillment called “self-actualization.” Maslow said it is here that a person’s creative activity and full potential can be realized.

Unfortunately, post-modern man and science have overlooked the foundational pathway to happiness. Psychological well-being cannot be achieved by power, party or prestige. And these are inadequate to advance man’s rise to full potential. The answer to man’s ennui and his search for purpose is found in Luke 10:27 and 1 Corinthians 13:13. I challenge you to read, reflect on and internalize this wisdom of the ages.

Man is an inquisitive creature, “fearfully and wonderfully made.” However, we can only achieve our full potential when our purpose is first “loving God,” and then “our neighbors as ourselves.”

So, choose the Way, and a good attitude, for the rest of your days.

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

Fort Loudoun Tour drawing near

Did you know that Fort Loudoun in Vonore was the first British outpost on the west side of the mountains? The fort, built in 1759, was in the middle of the Overhill Cherokee Towns and was abandoned by the British whose march back to the colonies ended in tragedy.

There’s lots of history in the fort, which has been reproduced just above its original location, and you can spend a Sunday afternoon learning of the events there in a talk by a National Park Ranger. The talk is planned for Sunday,

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

January 19 at 1 p.m. at the fort. The tour, which starts at the Visitor’s Center and Museum, is not merely a study of architecture though. The past will be revisited as you learn how the fort’s location was determined, how the Little Tennessee River impacted all who lived within its valley, and how constant the challenge was to supply such a remote location.

Together you will step back in time to experience Fort Loudoun on a more personal level, examining

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Want a ranger’s tour of historic Fort Loudoun State Historic Park? There is such an event planned there for Sunday, January 19th.

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the lives of those who both thrived and struggled within the walls of this wilderness outpost.

The old fort was originally located downhill from the site but was flooded by the waters of the Tellico Lake. When the British were asked to leave in 1760 an agreement with the Cherokee promised that the soldiers would not take anything from the fort. The tribe entered the fort after the soldiers began marching off and found that the British had violated the agreement.

The marchers were followed and attacked, many of them killed near Cane Creek, about 15 miles from the fort. Some of the soldiers were captured and later released and some chose to stay with the Cherokee. The tribe destroyed the fort and only in modern times were some of the fort's cannons rediscovered. In 1963 Richard Myers found one of the lost cannons in the area of the former Chota Village.

Fort Loudoun State

Historic Park is located just an hour or so south of Knoxville. You can take Highway 411 south from Maryville or take I-75 South to Sweetwater. In Sweetwater turn south on Highway 68 to Highway 411.

You can also find Fort Loudoun on the internet and Facebook, but there's nothing like a visit there. Although it isn't like the original fort that site was surveyed before the lake rose and the ground, walls, and buildings were duplicated.

Nearby Fort Loudoun is the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum which gives you the Cherokee perspective of history.



The original Ft. Loudoun had 12 small cannons from South Carolina. Following the destruction of the fort most of the cannons were missing for years.



(L to R) Robyn Dempsey (Volunteer), Gunner, Mac, Tony & Kris, Rich Bailey, Chelsea Elliott with St. Jude and far right Jennifer Johnsey.

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WIVK teamed up with Dollywood to offer a pair of free Dollywood tickets to each new Partner in Hope during the Radiothon. Local restaurants

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WIVK is proud to partner with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the annual Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon and is ecstatic that 2019 was our biggest fundraiser yet. We're looking forward to an even bigger 2020!

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This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MONA LYNCH GEORGE
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This the 26 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

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ESTATE OF ELAINE MAY LYNN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBRA D SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX
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ESTATE OF JON PARKER REYNOLDS
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ESTATE OF CECIL DAVID SEWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BARBARA S SEWELL; ADMINISTRATRIX
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ESTATE OF MARK S SIMS
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ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL SMITH, SR.
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DAVID M SMITH, JR.; CO-EXECUTOR
4020 RIVERPOINT WAY LOUISVILLE, TN. 37777

ANN MICHELE MOTT; CO-EXECUTOR
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This the 30 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF BRUCE ALLEN SMITH
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ESTATE OF RHODA STEPHENS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENISE S HOWARD; EXECUTRIX
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LEONARD THACKER
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This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH REAVES LEONARD
THACKER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY EILEEN THACKER
PHILLIPS; EXECUTRIX
5680 STELLATA CIRCLE
CUMMING, GA. 30028

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**ESTATE OF MARSHA K TRAUSCH
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 19 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MARSHA K TRAUSCH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAUL J TRAUSCH; EXECUTOR
5200 WILD CHERRY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF VICTOR ALLEN WILHITE
DOCKET NUMBER 82534-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of DECEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VICTOR ALLEN WILHITE who died Nov 21, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 23 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF VICTOR ALLEN WILHITE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FLOYD A WILHITE; EXECUTOR
4340 ROBERTS ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANNA GENEVA M WILKERSON
DOCKET NUMBER 82546-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of DECEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNA GENEVA M WILKERSON who died Sep 21, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the 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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 27 day of DECEMBER, 2019

ESTATE OF ANNA GENEVA M WILKERSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANET ANNE HASKEW; EXECUTRIX
7709 KINGSMEADE ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2902, Housing and Energy Services for CAC, due 2-11-20

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

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The 12th annual Snow Day, a CAC Beardsley Community Farm Benefit, will be hosted at the Mill and Mine from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2020. Snow Day will feature live performances by a diverse group of musicians, a soup contest between some of Knoxville's finest restaurants, and a silent auction. Local artisans, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate in the large silent auction by donating prizes.

Tickets are \$15 (plus fees) if you pre-order online (or \$20 at the door)... and include all-you-can-eat soup. All sales are final and support our important mission. Pre-order tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4460061. Kids under 8 get in for free!

The Mill & Mine is located at 227 W. Depot Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Street parking is available along West Depot Avenue and surrounding streets. The closest public parking lot is under the I-40 overpass at the corner of E. Magnolia Avenue and Williams Street. The lot is a 3-5 minute walk from the venue.

Musicians include Jubal, The Pinklets, Red Shoes and Rosin, and the Jon Whitlock Trio.

Soup with Flour Head Bakery Bread: This year's contestants include OliBea, Maple Hall, Tako Taco, Siml and many more! Come try delicious vegetarian and vegan soups featuring local ingredients. The winner will receive a beautiful gourd award. Arrive early before soup runs out.

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CAC Beardsley Community Farm is an urban community farm that promotes food security and sustainable agriculture. Since 1998, Beardsley Farm has worked to increase access to fresh produce in Knoxville's food deserts through produce donations, educational programs, and community gardening. Beardsley Farm grows over 10,000 pounds of produce (consisting of over 100 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs) on about four acres of productive land with the help of over 2,000 annual volunteers.

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