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Mae Moody a shining example of a neighborhood leader



Mae Moody of Norwood

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The city and county have lost a leader, a neighborhood proponent and a very nice lady. Mae Moody of Norwood passed away last week. She and her husband, Jack, were very active in the community and political events. Mae was a Republican but stepped

out of her party now and then to support the candidate she felt would best represent the community.

She was a regular at most Republican, North Knox and county-wide celebrations and events, and everybody who was somebody knew her. She was open and friendly with everyone and proud to be friends with her

neighborhood, the media and elected officials.

Her commitment and involvement in her neighborhood can be seen in one of her last entries to her friends on the internet:

"Thanks to everyone that came out for National Night Out on October 4 at the Northwest Church of God. We had a great turnout and my appreciation to Tim and

Marlenna and the wonderful Walk-Ons for making it so special! All the officers, Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, of all law enforcement and first responders ate a great meal. They had fried chicken tenders, cheeseburgers, gumbo, bread pudding, cake and drinks. It's very satisfying to see such a great event. Thank you Sheriff Tom Spangler for

all you provided for us. First time for motorcycles and a helicopter that was a big crowd pleaser! And with all the THP officers, it looked like a graduation we attended! Thank you."

Mae and Jack often invited me to events and asked me to sit with them. She was an active firecracker of action and open and
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CLARK DUNCAN FIELD



PHOTO BY GRANT BUSH

South-Doyle Athletic Director Daryl Chandler prepares to present a plaque to Clark Duncan commemorating the naming of the school's football field in his honor. Duncan also is joined on the field at Thursday night's game by family members (from left) son-in-law Zack Hennigan, grandson Camp, daughter Kendal, grandson Shep and wife Karen. To the right of Chandler are South-Doyle Principal Brad Carr, Knox County School Board District 9 Representative Kristi Kristy and Superintendent Jon Rysewyk. During his coaching career, Duncan was head coach at Powell and South-Doyle. His 30-year coaching record was 197-150. Duncan, who retired as South-Doyle's head coach and athletic director at the end of the 2021-22 school year, moved to Cookeville this past summer with his wife to be closer to their grandchildren and family. Zack, who assisted Duncan at South-Doyle, is now an assistant football coach at Cookeville High, where his brother Taylor Hennigan is the head coach. Please see high school football coverage along with other sports in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

Weiner again asks for merit board seat

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The last time Steve Weiner appeared before the Knox County Commission he was denied a position on the reformed Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors. The vote split 5 to 5 with Commissioner Dasha Lundy absent.

The five men stood together in rejecting the nominee and the five women all voted for Weiner, a critic of the new rules set by the commission for the board.

Last week Commissioner Lundy was present during the work session and five applicants, Michael Crichton, Dennis Ford, Sarah Keith, John Valliant and Steve Weiner, spoke briefly during the commission meeting.

Commissioner Gina Oster, the prior chair of the merit board, said the board's duty is "to protect the officers" of the Knox County Sheriff's Office and suggested the new board should work on officer retention and recruitment.

Crichton said he is a retired California deputy with 30 years of experience and a school teacher. Ford said he is a Vietnam



SCREENSHOT FROM KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY MEDIA COVERAGE.

Attorney Steve Weiner is back before the Knox County Commission as a candidate for the Merit Board. He was rejected in a tie vote last month that pitted the female and male commission members against each other with Dr. Dasha Lundy absent. Her vote tonight could decide who gets the merit seat.

veteran and a minister. Sarah Keith is an attorney and former candidate for judge and said she "wouldn't go rogue" as a member. John Valliant, the son of attorney John Valliant, said he has recently passed the bar exam and would bring a more youthful view to the position. Weiner, also an attorney, was last to speak and said he is a counselor and would be an independent voice on the merit board.

Commissioner Larsen Jay asked each candidate if they would abide by the rules set by the commission for merit members, including staying out of politics while serving. Weiner replied by taking out a pocket U.S. Constitution, displaying it toward the commission, and replying he would if the rules complied with the Constitution.

It was the same basic reply that Weiner made last month. Each of the other

applicants said they would comply with the rules set by commission on the newly reorganized merit board.

Commissioner Lundy was present and her vote at tonight's regular commission meeting could swing the voter to Weiner if she chooses. Weiner has been a critic of commission actions and a verbal supporter of the local no-mask movement during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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THE FOUR AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT

From Secretary of State Tre Hargett's office and the November 8 ballot

Tennessee voters can cast a ballot for or against four proposed amendments to the Tennessee constitution on the Nov. 8 State and Federal General Election ballot.

On the ballot, voters will see the candidates for governor, followed by the four proposed amendments, the United States House of Representatives and the county's remaining offices on the general election ballot.

Proposed Constitutional amendments are presented as yes or no questions. A yes vote is a vote to amend the Constitution and adopt the proposed language in the amendment. A no vote is a vote not to amend the Constitution and keep the current language in the Constitution unchanged.

Two things must happen for an amendment to pass and become part of the Constitution. The first is the amendment must get more yes votes than no votes. The second is that the number of yes votes must be a majority of the total votes in the gubernatorial election. This longstanding process Tennessee uses to determine the result for proposed Constitutional amendments was confirmed by a court decision following the 2014 general election.

To determine the number of votes needed to adopt a proposed Constitutional amendment, votes for all candidates for governor are added together and then divided by two. If there are more yes votes than no votes on the proposed amendment and the number of yes votes exceeds 50% +1 of the total votes for governor, the amendment passes and becomes part of the Constitution. The Constitutional amendment fails if the number of yes votes does not meet or exceed the threshold, or if there are more no votes than yes votes.

The four proposed amendments were approved to appear on the Nov. 8 ballot by the 111th and 112th General Assemblies.

The four proposed amendments to the Tennessee Constitution on the Nov. 8 ballot:

- An amendment to Article XI, of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to work
- An amendment to Article II and Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the exercise of the powers and duties of the Governor during disability.
- An amendment to Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude.
- An amendment to Article IX, of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to disqualifications.

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Democrats Have Started To Panic

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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In my Focus column of May 2, I said the GOP should not celebrate too early. I had heard former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and others say this was going to be a 'wave' election and that Republicans might pick up 70 to 100 seats in the U.S. House.

I have seen, heard and read about elections that turned just in the last few days. Even though campaigns are longer than ever now, it is also really true

that sometimes a week or two is a long time in politics.

I always believed in being pessimistic about elections, running scared and taking nothing for granted. But as I write this column just three weeks before the mid-term elections, even I have started to believe this is going to be a big Republican year.

Those who made the wildly-optimistic predictions a few months ago have toned them down, with most predicting Republican gains of 15 to 25 in the House, and one or two in the Senate which means the GOP would control Congress.

Now, the Democrats have started to panic. Bernie Sanders wrote a column published on October 10th saying it was "political malpractice" for Democratic consultants to tell their

candidates they could cut "30-second abortion ads and coast to victory."

Much of the surge for Republicans is being led by intelligent, good-looking, politically-incorrect women to whom the media gave no chance to win because they were conservative and anti-abortion. Many were ridiculed because they were labeled as Trump-supporting election deniers.

Christine Drazen was given no chance in Oregon because no Republican has been elected as governor there for four decades. It is one of the bluest states in the country.

When Ms. Drazen started her run, she was a complete unknown and has been vastly underfunded, yet the most recent polls show the race tied. President Biden was sent out to campaign for the Democrat nominee to help bring out

more of the party base.

In Michigan, a beautiful, successful businesswoman named Tudor Dixon was given no chance in Michigan against the media's candidate, the incumbent Governor Christine (Gretchen) Whitmer. Now that race is tied in what has become a typical high-tax Democrat state that Republicans have been fleeing.

In Washington state, Tiffany Smiley began running for the U.S. Senate after her husband lost his eyesight due to a suicide bomber in Iraq. Now, unknown and underfunded, she is neck and neck with long-time Democrat Sen. Patty Murray.

The most interesting Republican candidate is Kari Lake running for governor in Arizona. The Drudge Report a few days ago had a lead article about the Democratic panic over her

race.

The Democrat candidate there is Katie Hobbs, the lieutenant governor. Ms. Hobbs has refused to debate Ms. Lake, saying Lake is an election denier. (NOTE: the internet says Arizona has no lieutenant governor, and Ms. Hobbs is in fact the secretary of state.)

Lake grew up in a poor family with nine children in rural Iowa. She worked her way through the University of Iowa as a janitor at a drug treatment center. She spent 27 years as a newscaster on a Phoenix television station but has repeatedly told other reporters in news conferences that they should be ashamed of their extreme bias and dishonest, unfair reporting.

Lake started with no money and a staff of just her husband and one college student - no pollsters,

no political consultants. She caught on and is now ahead because she had the courage to proudly stand for every politically incorrect position there is. You should look at the Kari Lake story on YouTube.

All over the country, Republican candidates for governor and for Congress have been coming from behind or increasing their leads.

People are fed up with inflation, high gas prices, rampant crime, out-of-control immigration, liberal bias in schools, colleges, and the media, high taxes, and government shutdowns and mandates.

It probably won't be anywhere near a 70-seat pickup for the Republicans, but it will be a bad night for the Democrats. Their party has nominated far too many left-wing extremists.

Well, at least he's not Trump!

That the Left overplays its hand seems to be universal. In this country, the majority of its citizens do not approve of the Biden Administration. Pushing gender identity and Critical



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Race Theory in all cabinet departments, including the military, the Afghanistan fiasco, the open southern border, vaccines mandates, turning the FBI into domestic terrorists, prosecuting those who vocally disagree with the administration, disastrous energy policy, failures in foreign policy, inflation, energy prices, the surge in crime, drug deaths, supply chain fiasco, baby formula shortage, the war on parents protesting federal dictates to their schools, the incredible preponderance of executive orders and the massive increase

in spending mostly payoffs to their supporters have created an economic disaster that few of us thought could occur in such a short period of time. Most pundits predict that the voters will

repudiate the Democrats in the midterm elections and vote in a Republican majority in both the House and the Senate. Personally, I don't understand how anyone could vote for a Democrat who does not repudiate Biden's policies. Yet their silence is deafening. The Democrats are trying to run on abortion and against Donald Trump. One of my friends says that the only good thing Biden has done was to defeat Donald Trump and would vote again for Biden if Trump runs.

In Europe, right wing parties have arisen in

response to the socialists in the EU and won elections in Poland, Sweden and Italy. I found it amusing the reactions to Italy from both the left and the right in this country. Those on the left called the party with the most votes - the Brothers of Italy - a fascist organization due to its past. Yet Democrats were this country's most vocal racists. They opposed the freeing of the slaves and rioted when the Emancipation Proclamation was announced. Democrats were the Klu Klux Klan, the Dixiecrats and Jim Crow. Yet the Democrats dismiss as fascists the Brothers of Italy when they themselves are the political descendants of racists. Those on the right have talked about the massive victory in Italy and that American politicians should take heed and speak directly to the issues. Yet the Brothers of Italy only received 26%

of the vote - not exactly a ringing vote of confidence. It is only when all the votes of their coalition are totaled do they reach 44%, still not a ringing vote of confidence. However, what is notable is that Italy's soon to be prime minister, Giorgia Meloni does not mince words. She preaches God, family and country. For that, the mainstream media smears her and her party as far right fascists.

Here in this country, few of the leaders of the Republican party are like Meloni. Their utterances are milquetoast. Sure there are some representatives and senators who do not mince words. Yet their legislative leaders have sat on their hands while the Biden Administration is undermining the foundations of the country and literally ripping the country apart. You would think that the Republican leadership would shut

down the business of the government while the border remains wide open, while Biden is throwing billions at his green energy cronies and attempting to alter the social fabric of the country. But they are not. I think that there would be a more resounding victory if Kevin McCarthy and Mitch McConnell took their cue from Meloni and emphasized God, family and country. They have a template from Harriet Hageman who handed Liz Chaney an emphatic beatdown. Her "fed up" speech was one of the best I have ever heard (<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5026082/userclip-harriet-hageman-fed-speech>). I know McCarthy and McConnell are looking forward to becoming majority leaders but I wish for stronger leadership from the Republicans.

Weiner

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Lundy was the swing vote in last week's meeting to select Commissioner Carson Dailey as a member of the new Personnel Committee. That overseeing group of commissioners, headed and created by Chairwoman Courtney Durrett, picked four members to serve two-year terms.

The six women on the commission voted in lockstep to select Commissioners Gina Oster, Kim Frazier and Rhonda Lee. Commissioners Richie Beeler and Kyle Ward joined the women in voting for Oster. Lundy joined the five men in selecting Dailey as a member, joining the four women on the newly created oversight committee.

Tonight's meeting may also see a new member join the Knox County Ethics Committee. Applicants spoke to the commission during the work session and included Andrew Fox, Neil Smith, Debbie Stafford and Joel Weeks.



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Publisher's Positions



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Kyle Ward: The State Should Keep Its Promise

Commissioner Kyle Ward has a resolution before the Knox County Commission asking the State of Tennessee to finally live up to its promise after the closure of the mental health facility at Lakeshore. Not only should the commission approve this resolution, but it should do so with alacrity.

Ward's resolution points out the need for a new mental health facility here in Knox County and the burgeoning homeless population. It is an indisputable fact the homeless population in Knoxville especially has become a real problem, many of whom suffer from mental illness and/or drug addiction issues. In fact, it has become more of a problem in Knoxville than in some bigger cities. As Kyle Ward's resolution states, many of these many have been left to wander the streets after the closure of Lakeshore. The City of Knoxville has discussed any number of band-aid

remedies. Some councilmen apparently wish to set aside some public "safe space" in the outdoors so that the homeless can be kept together. Some of the proposed solutions are well beyond the City of Knoxville's financial means even as their tax rate escalates the mayor's spending policies. And local leftists will be shocked to realize Mayor Indya Kincannon's last budget increased the taxpayers' commitment to purchasing "art" while reducing services to the indigent.

Mentally disturbed people wandering the streets aimlessly is a tragedy waiting to happen. Keeping them incarcerated in jail is expensive to taxpayers, too. An ever-larger homeless population costs a lot of money in tax dollars, but its price as to depressing business is beyond measure. Folks do not wish to be accosted while parking their cars or run a gauntlet of homeless people demanding money or the like merely to go to the brew pub. The homeless panhandling in front of businesses and even the grocery store does nothing to make people feel safe.

After a while, it will become easier to go elsewhere.

The toll as far as human beings go is immense and it is well past time the State of Tennessee kept its promise to the people of Knox County. Tennessee has been well-governed and has the necessary resources to keep its promise to the people of Knox County. Commissioner Kyle Ward

deserves the thanks of all rational people in our community. The youngest member of the Knox County Commission, Ward has been a thoughtful and productive member of the county's law-making body. The commission not only needs to prod the state government to keep its word but to keep banging that drum until it becomes a reality.

It is not only necessary for the well-being of the people of Knox County, it is absolutely necessary for the State of Tennessee's political and government infrastructure to be known and recognized for keeping its word. Once given, a promise must be kept and it has been years since the state gave its word.

The Knox County Commission should pass Kyle Ward's resolution unanimously and send it to every member of the Knox County legislative delegation. In fact, the Ward Resolution should become one of the priorities of the entire legislative delegation during the next session of the legislature. None should rest until the State of Tennessee has cited a new mental health facility here in Knoxville and Knox County. Our mayors, Glenn Jacobs and Indya Kincannon, should get behind it as well.

This has nothing to do with politics and everything to do with helping those people who need it most and protecting the rest of our community's population.

Georgianna Vines: The Democrat Party's Best Friend

Knoxville News-Sentinel columnist Georgianna Vines might as well be the local publicity director for the Knox County Democratic Party. In her most recent column, she raps Congressman Tim Burchett, saying he "continues his streak of conservatism in voting patterns and amendment attempts." Vines also tut-tuts the notion Burchett "ignores opportunities to meet head-on with" his Democrat opponent, Mark Harmon. Old Georgianna neglects to tell her readers just exactly why Tim Burchett ought to draw a crowd for the leftist university professor. As to Burchett's "streak of conservatism," it's been there since Burchett has been in public office. There's nothing new about Tim Burchett, including his Carhartt jacket. Now old Georgianna likely wakes up in a new world every day so Tim Burchett's conservatism might surprise her when the subject comes to mind.

Vines ticks off a veritable checklist of the usual sins committed by a Republican congressman, none of which have to do with constant spending and increasing taxing. Not one has anything to do with kitchen table issues, those affecting everyday working families. Readers won't find anything about that inside the pages of the Knoxville News-Sentinel. If one wants to see Democrat

candidates promoted, and glory in the wonders of diversity and equity, that's the newspaper for you.

Have old Georgianna and the Sentinel written about Joe Biden calling out for dead congresswomen and insisting the economy is hella strong? Nope. Won't find it in the pages of the Sentinel.

It's the print version of MSDNC. Pretty much the only way a Republican could get fair, much less good, coverage in the Sentinel is by dying. Of course, the Sentinel would likely compliment the Republican for having died and made way for someone more progressive.

As for its relevance to the real world most of us live in, there is none, save for serving as fodder in a hamster's cage.

Burchett and Boebert Save the Lincoln Day Dinner

Speaking of Republicans, local Republicans gathered for the annual Lincoln Dinner last week to prepare for the midterm elections and hear Congresswoman Lauren Boebert of Colorado. The event was presided over by party secretary Rob Gray who did a credible job as the master of ceremonies while chair Daniel Herrera hid in the tall grass in the back of the room. It was readily apparent local Republicans had come together to support Congressman Tim Burchett and hear Congresswoman

Boebert.

The program was not without glitches. There was difficulty in playing a video message from Governor Bill Lee, but the message was worth waiting for; a similar message from Senator Marsha Blackburn just didn't make it. Herrera was listed in the program for several chores but left those to Rob Gray to perform. Nobody seemed to mind. Eventually, Herrera came to the podium and gave what amounts to a defense of his time as party chair; he had to practically beg for applause.

Congressman Tim Burchett made a special presentation to his predecessor, former Congressman Jimmy Duncan. Duncan made a brief and delightful talk that clearly tickled the audience.

Congresswoman Boebert delivered the red meat local Republicans expected. The Colorado congresswoman gave a fiery denunciation of Joe Biden and his administration, as well as a call to elect a Republican Congress this fall. Poised, personable, and down to earth, it was readily apparent why so many Republicans like Boebert's common-sense approach to government. The Colorado congresswoman talked about faith, family and God, none of which are topics most Democrats much like.

Drawing repeated laughter and applause from the room, Lauren Boebert was a hit.

THE FOUR AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT

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The ballot will read thusly for each:

Constitutional Amendment #1

Summary:
This amendment would add a new section to article XI of the Tennessee Constitution to make it illegal for any person, corporation, association, or the State of Tennessee or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Question:
Shall Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section?

It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Constitutional Amendment #2

Summary:
This amendment would add to article III, section 12 of the Tennessee Constitution a process for the temporary exercise of the powers and duties of the governor by the Speaker of the Senate—or the Speaker of the House if there is no Speaker of the Senate in office—when the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor. While a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor, the Speaker would not be required to resign as Speaker or to resign as a member of the legislature; but the Speaker would not be able to preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the legislature. A Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor would not get the governor's salary but would get the Speaker's salary. The amendment would also exempt a Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor from provisions in the Constitution that would otherwise prohibit the Speaker from exercising the powers of the governor and from simultaneously holding more than one state office.

Question:
Shall Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately following the current language in the Section?

Whenever the Governor transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the powers and duties of the office of Governor shall be temporarily discharged by the Speaker of the Senate as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Whenever a majority of the commissioners of administrative departments of the Executive Department transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the Speaker of the Senate shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Whenever a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor, such Speaker shall not be required to resign the Speaker's position as the Speaker or to resign as a member of the general assembly and shall retain the Speaker's salary and not receive the Governor's salary, but such Speaker shall not preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the general assembly during the time the Speaker is Acting Governor.

and
Shall Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately before the period at the end of the Section?

except as provided in Article III, Section 12 with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of

Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor

and
Shall Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language at the end of the Section?

This section shall not apply with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor under Article III, Section 12.

Constitutional Amendment #3

Summary:
This amendment would change the current language in article I, section 33 of the Tennessee Constitution, which says that slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a person who has been duly convicted of crime, are forever prohibited in this State. The amendment would delete this current language and replace it with the following language: "Slavery and

involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."

Question:
Shall Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following?

Section 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

Constitutional Amendment #4

Summary:
This amendment would delete article IX, section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits ministers of the gospel and priests of any denomination from holding a seat in either House of the legislature.

Question:
Shall Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section?

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Mae Moody a shining example of a neighborhood leader



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Mae and Jack Moody were always together. They were a fixture in local events and political campaigns, as seen here as they sign in to volunteer in Sheriff Tom Spangler's campaign.

Mae Moody — age 83, of Knoxville, passed away suddenly on October 17, 2022. She was born in Knoxville, TN to Augusta Gunter and William Hubert Gunter. She graduated from Fulton High School. She loved children and worked as a training specialist at Safety City. She dedicated her time to serving her community. She is a graduate of the FBI, District Attorney, KCSO, and Fire Department Citizen Academics. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of 62 years Charles Jack Moody, daughters Susan Harrill (daughters Jessica and Cyndi) & Terry McGill (sons Cody and Jacob), son Chuck (wife Anna and son Chuck) Moody, six great-grandchildren, and sister Carol Longmire.

The family will have a memorial service from 11:00 — 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 29, at Northwest Church of God, 5320 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912.

In lieu of flowers, the family is setting up a memory box. Please bring a photo, a note, or a favorite memory and drop it in the box.

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approachable and she proudly displayed photos of her and Jack with lots of elected officials and candidates.

As a testament to her legacy, many public officials wanted to comment on Mae's life and passing:

Former Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero:

"Mae was the epitome of a community volunteer and neighborhood leader. She took an active role in making her neighborhood and our City a better place to live, along with her wonderful husband, Jack. Political candidates wanted a picture with Mae and Jack, and I always appreciated their support for my mayoral campaign and administration. Mae had a life well-lived and leaves an inspirational legacy of service. I will miss her."

County Commission Chair Courtney Durrett:

"I was fortunate to have met Mae through work with her community and National Night Out. She was the absolute sweetest lady and had a heart of gold. She was a huge support to me, even if it wasn't popular. She will be terribly missed."

Brad Anders, Executive Director Knox County Emergency Communications District E-911:

"Ms. Moody, along with her husband, Jack, has been a lifelong supporter of Knox 911 and all of public safety. Over the years Mae has helped teach thousands of children how to properly use 911 to call for emergency assistance. She made a positive difference in the community, and she will be missed by everyone involved in public safety."

Commissioner Terry Hill:

"This was just announced at women's Republican club today and the first I had heard of it. I loved Mae and what she represented for the Republican Party. She was always faithful in her

works and deeds and often the first to invite me to an event. She treated everyone kindly and will be greatly missed."

Councilwoman Lauren Rider:

"Thinking of Mae's family, especially Jack. Mae was a great advocate for her neighborhood and community. She and Jack were always there to learn and be a voice in our city. She will be missed."

Commissioner Carson Dailey

"What I will miss most about Miss Mae is the sweet smile and hug every time I (saw) her."

Former Mayor Victor Ashe:

"Mae Moody set the standard for community involvement. She cannot be replaced but I hope her example can be copied. She believed in our police."

Commissioner Larsen Jay:

"Mae Moody was an exceptionally kind person and a great example of a passionate community leader. Mae's unwavering support for our law enforcement professionals coupled with her keen eye on neighborhood issues were two areas she never let you forget about. While her smile will be missed by all, her example of service to others will be long lasting in Knox County."

State Senator Becky Duncan Massey:

"I was saddened to learn of Mae's untimely passing. She was a good friend and an amazing advocate for our community. She recently helped coordinate National Night Out and made sure everyone was invited. My condolences and prayers go out to her family."

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler:

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Mae Moody, or "young lady" as I often called her. Mae was a supporter of myself and our area law enforcement officers. Mae would light up a room with her smile, always offering a word of encouragement to those around her.

She was an active member of her party and, more importantly, her community. I consider myself a better person for having the privilege of calling Mae a friend. On behalf of our blue family, we extend our deepest condolences to Jack and will pray for their family as they move forward without her. We will miss you, Mae!"

Hubert Smith:

"I first met Mae Moody, when she and I were charter members of Knoxville Police Dept. Citizen's Police Academy in 1993. She became a member of every citizen's academy in Knox County. She personified being a community activist in the most admirable way. She and her husband Jack were inseparable. They were fixtures at Motley Crew Community Luncheon. We became and remained personal friends until her death. I extend my condolences to her family."

Councilman Andrew Roberto:

Councilwoman Amelia Parker: "Mae Moody was a dedicated community advocate. My last conversation with Ms. Moody was just a few months ago when she inquired about a new development on Clinton Highway. She will be sorely missed by many in our city, especially in the Norwood community where she served as a neighborhood leader for many years."

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon:

"Mae Moody was a gift to so many in our community for years. She will be missed."

Former Councilman Nick Pavlis:

"Mae loved her city and proved it. She and Jack were so involved with their neighborhood and the city as a whole. It wasn't any event until they walked in the room full of life and dedication."

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The Event

Who is the face of woke?
Tim Allen

The last Democrat is no more. You may have heard that former Congresswoman and Army reservist Tulsi Gabbard has figured out that the Democrat party, now controlled by radical progressives, no longer exists. As a result, she resigned from the party. But not to worry; the Democrats got Liz Cheney who increasingly looks like "Maude" Bahar. It is problematic to judge a book by its cover, but we all do so. In poker a "tell" is body language that tips off your opponent. And an applicant with a face full of tattoos or a hoodie is not helpful in a job interview (or a Senate campaign). It is Halloween and the undeniably impaired Joe Biden, along with the ghoulish Pennsylvania Senate

candidate John Fetterman, have become the faces of the Democrat party. And to use the Jeff Foxworthy analogy, if you can vote for any Democrat in this election cycle, "you might be the problem." Unless you've been in a coma, you have seen or heard of "The Event." Of course, I'm referring to the Vol's stunning victory over Bama on October 15th. As the game seesawed back and forth, I kept asking myself, "Who are these guys?" I asked the same question during our team's victory over Florida. I'm not a "sports animal," but I follow the UT teams. And I think it is great for our community when our folks win. Occasionally, friends ask us to accompany them to a UT football game. Without a doubt, you can see the game better at home, but not the spectacle. And

who would turn down Vol/Bama tickets? To be a part of 100,000 fans lustily singing the UT alma mater, watch the band march and play and then see the Vols run through the "power T" is exhilarating. I can't capture the experience of being at the Tennessee/Alabama game and watching Hooker march the team down the field in the closing seconds of the game to give Chase McGrath a field goal chance with 2 seconds on the clock. Becky and I watched the referee's arms go up from the 25th row on the 10-yard line in the south end of the field. And then pandemonium erupted as a sea of orange flooded the field in victory. I have seen videos of fans flooding a field in other sporting events, but I had never been there in person to experience such an outpouring of joy. I understand that crowds can become dangerous, but none of us saw any unruly behavior - unless you consider pulling down the goal posts. I can even understand the fines levied by SEC bureaucrats to discourage future outbursts. I have seen cordons of police/security securing the playing field in World Series games. But as we watched from the stands

in amazement, there was no way 100,000 jubilant Vol fans could have been restrained. Later, I heard one young student exclaim, "My life is now complete!" Yes, that's hyperbole, but it captures the sentiment. Perhaps sports are necessary safety valves where people can ventilate or temporarily remove themselves from inflation, the engineered border crisis, rampant crime, the loss of retirement savings, gender idiocy and wokeism. I needed a moment away from the war. I needed something good to happen. And it happened this year in Neyland Stadium on the third Saturday in October. But the game is over and we're back to seeing an impaired and detached Biden read the teleprompter and blame the oil companies for the mess he and the Democrats have created. Rather than returning to President Trump's energy policies which gave us energy independence, Ole Joe's solution was to release and sell more oil from our strategic reserves and then buy oil later "when the price goes down." Our strategic oil reserves are already at a 40 year low. Democrats rejected President Trump's plan to replenish our reserves when oil was \$26 a barrel.

It's now ~\$95 a barrel. I'm sure traders in oil futures are licking their chops from Ole Joe's stupid oil speculation and election eve stunt. Abandoning the Democrat war on fossil fuels will make the price go down, otherwise it's going to be an expensive and cold winter. It's hard to look beyond crime in our neighborhood, aliens flooding our country and inflation "taxing" everyone, but we live in a dangerous world and we are led by fools, elitists and ideologues. Biden armed the Taliban and then enriched the Mexican drug cartels. But Biden could not cause such damage without support of Democrats throughout the country. Holding the Democrats accountable down-ballot for this election cycle is imperative. Too often it is said that a politician is incompetent, but the excuse is "he's our guy/gal." I wonder what the voters of West Virginia think of Joe Manchin, who sold his soul to Biden and the Democrats on the inflation "production" legislation, only to be screwed out of a promised gas pipeline by his buds. Liberals and progressives fear Russians, Covid, conservatives, Trump, free speech, people of faith, and those who do not want CRT taught to

children. Drag queens in schools and experimental vaccines stuck in their children's arms are fine with Democrats. In a country of 332 million I'm sure there are white supremacists somewhere, but this conservative has never encountered one. The Russians are bogged down in an unwinnable war in Eastern Europe. Pushing the maniac Putin into a corner through a proxy war in Eastern Europe is stupid. Joe said the pandemic is over. Although I remain skeptical of most things I read, I recently saw that 90% of Americans have either been vaccinated or have had Covid. My wife and I were double vaccinated and boosted, yet we both had Covid this year. It is time to take back America. The Democrats, from the White House to state and local governments, have failed us. Wisdom is learning from your mistakes and then changing course. Bill Clinton did it. For the last two years the Democrats have controlled the government and they have made an utter mess of things. They must be voted out of power. Perhaps the real event is November 8, 2022.

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E-911 Communications Center opens doors for tour, briefing

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A Knox County Commission Legislative Briefing was held on Tuesday evening at 605 Bernard Ave in Knoxville. The purpose of this meeting was to give a tour of the communications center and to answer questions. Brad Anders, executive director of Knox County Emergency Communications District E-911, started the yearly meeting with a history lesson on how the Tennessee General Assembly passed the Emergency Communications District Law in 1984. Anders told how then Knox County Executive Dwight Kessel and City of Knoxville Mayor Kyle Testerman collaborated to create the local service which received its first Knox County 911 call in 1986.



Knox County Commissioners Terry Hill, Gina Oster, Rhonda Lee and Kim Frazier listen to Knox County 911 Technology Coordinator Tonya Cum as she leads them on a tour of the facility last week.

Anders updated those present on leadership and current employee allocations, funding, and current and future projects. He said that as of September, there

have been 433,107 calls, averaging 1,592 calls per day, and the average time on calls is one minute and 42 seconds. Those attending inquired

about the deficit in staffing and new employee training. Following the briefing, Technology Coordinator Tonya Cum, a 27-year employee, led the tour of

the center that provides dispatch services to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, the City of Knoxville Police and Fire Departments, and the Karns Fire Department. Also

in the building is AMR/Rural Metro Communications, which provides dispatch services for AMR ambulance service, Rural Metro Fire, Seymour Fire and Knox County Rescue. Future plans include establishing a backup center at the previous St. Mary's campus, working on mental wellness for their employees through the Helen Ross McNabb Center, and continuing to expand the number of employees (over 100 employees currently) by continuing to offer career exploration through local schools and criminal justice programs. They also hope to become a "fully consolidated center, that would allow them to dispatch for all agencies outside the City of Knoxville." To inquire about a position with Knox County Emergency Communications, visit www.knox911.org



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of our lives beginning with Birth. Childhood years filled with so much to learn. Teenage years filled with fun and friendships. Adulthood often occupied with more schooling, career, and family. Retirement years that bring slower days. Senior adult living with fewer responsibilities. Finally, the end of life. There is a season for each part of our life. Enjoy your season of life. Enjoy Autumn in East Tennessee!

Words of Faith: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV).



Picture of a beautiful autumn scene in East Tennessee, courtesy of Norma Daniel.

Having fun

With seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, Hendon Hooker attempted to hand off the ball to Jabari Small. The running back thought Hooker would pull the ball and either throw or run it. The result was



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the ball lying on the ground until Alabama player Dallas Turner scooped it up and crossed the goal line to give the Tide a 49-42 lead. Curses and moans from fans and the clicking of televisions to off could be heard throughout Knoxville, even though 102,000 fans sat in stunned silence. If Tennessee fans are honest, they'll admit that they thought the game was over right then and there. Why shouldn't they?

The past years, 15 to be exact, had produced some excruciating losses to Alabama. Even when Tennessee had a bit of hope, something occurred to allow the crimson opponent to pull a victory out. I admit that that fumble broke my spirit.

It's a good thing that the miscue didn't suck all the hope out of the team and its coaches. Tennessee managed to tie the score, withstand a 50-yard missed field goal, and take 13 seconds to move 45 yards so that placekicker Chase McGrath could boot a 40-yard field goal not only to win the game but to also end the streak of losses to Alabama.

We learned plenty about

this team from what is surely the game of the year and possibly the greatest game in UT football history. For one, these players aren't quitters. They hang in games and play hard. They expect to win, and sheer determination often helps them to turn the odds back in their favor.

They've worked hard to improve the defense. No longer are orange players a step slow, too weak, or utterly confused about assignments. The number of times they hurried or sacked Heisman Trophy winner Brice Young testifies to that, as does the gang tackling that often snuffed out a promising play. In the end, when a tackle was needed, someone stepped up and made it. The secondary still looks green and gives up too many completions, yet when the Tide needed a completion to

continue a game-winning drive, somebody used his athleticism to break up the play.

Fans were treated to competition between the two best quarterbacks in the country. Both excelled in passing and running. However, Hendon Hooker might have become the leading candidate for the Heisman with five touchdown passes, all to the same receiver, Jalin Hyatt. He threw for 385 yards and ran for 56 against one of the best defenses in the country.

The demeanors of the coaches spoke loudest of all. When Alabama players made mistakes, Coach Saban exploded in anger and cursed at them and yelled in their faces, effectively belittling players in front of a national television audience. When Tennessee players made

goofs, Coach Heupel maintained his cool and gave them pats and words of encouragement. Heupel is a player's coach who expects the highest quality performances from his players, but he offers positive words with his criticism and coaching.

I saw somewhere that more than 100 recruits for various sports were at this game. Those guests witnessed a fantastic game between a traditional and an up-and-coming powerhouse program. They might have also noticed that the team clad in orange was confident and talented. Most of all, those high school athletes had a chance to watch college players have fun while they played the biggest game of the season. Is that enough for them to choose Tennessee as their college football home?

Downtown Knoxville hosts 'Wicked Cool' costume contest through Halloween

Show off your haunting Halloween style in Downtown Knoxville for a chance to win prizes as part of "Wicked Cool," a collection of experiences bringing chills and thrills to the city center this month.

Now through Oct. 31, the Downtown Knoxville Alliance is hosting a costume contest and rewarding the best-dressed participants with gift cards from local businesses. To enter, take a costumed photo on Gay Street with the Tennessee Theatre sign in the background and upload at downtownknoxville.org/wicked/costume-contest or share on social media with #KnoxHalloween.

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The Tennessee Congressional Delegation and the Taft-Hartley Bill

Pages from the Past



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Both Houses of Congress had passed the Taft-Hartley Bill, as both chambers had a majority of Republicans. The 1946 elections had been a terrific success for the GOP and Republican National Chairman Carroll Reece. Many Southern Democrats had joined with Republicans to pass the legislation, including every Democrat representing the State of Tennessee in Congress save for Congressman Estes Kefauver of Chattanooga. Kenneth D. McKellar and Tom Stewart represented the Volunteer State in the United States Senate. Both of Tennessee's U.S. senators voted in favor of the Taft-Hartley Bill.

There were only two Republicans in Tennessee's Congressional delegation; Dayton Phillips of the First District and John Jennings Jr. of the Second District. Phillips was a freshman legislator elected when Carroll Reece opted not to run again in 1946 to concentrate on his new responsibilities as chairman of the Republican National Committee. John Jennings had first been elected in a 1939 special election following the death of Congressman J. Will Taylor. It was Dayton Phillips who had surprised the House Republican leadership and profoundly embarrassed Carroll Reece with his vote against the Hartley Bill in the House of Representatives. Out of the twelve men comprising Tennessee's congressional delegation, only Dayton Phillips, a Republican, and Estes Kefauver, a Democrat, had voted against the Taft-Hartley Bill. Dayton Phillips' vote immediately brought a roar of disapproval from Republicans everywhere. The Reece organization in upper East Tennessee had preferred young attorney William Miller for the GOP nomination, but Dayton Phillips was an excellent retail politician and a vote-getter, something he had in common with Kefauver.

There were differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, which had to be reconciled by the two houses. Some of those differences were substantial. The Senate version of the bill was considered to be less restrictive than the House bill. The house appointed its conferees and the Senate did likewise and it was up to the various congressmen and senators to attempt to resolve the differences into one bill. Eventually, compromises were reached by all parties and only three members of the respective conference committee refused to sign onto the bill: Senator James E. Murray of Montana, Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan, and Congressman John Lesinski, also of Michigan.

Senator Murray was a Democrat and a strong supporter of organized labor. Murray was from Butte, where copper mining was big business, and the senator had long been an opponent of the infamous Anaconda interests in the Big Sky State. Clare Hoffman was a fire-breathing, deeply conservative Republican and objected to the bill's recognition of the union shop, which he flatly opposed. Hoffman declared that particular provision of the bill was flatly against the sentiment of the American public.

John Lesinski was a Democrat from Dearborn and a supporter of organized labor. Lesinski joined Senator Murray in releasing a statement about the bill adopted by the conference committee. The two legislators lamented the conference committee had "made a bad piece of legislation worse." "It would be used abroad to discredit American institutions as marking a reactionary, anti-labor trend," the pair said in their joint statement. It surprised absolutely no one when both Senator Murray and Congressman John Lesinski called for President Truman to veto the Taft-Hartley Bill.

There were already rumors floating throughout that President Harry Truman would veto the labor legislation. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking over the Mutual Broadcasting radio network begged the president to veto the bill. Green told his listeners Taft-Hartley would "throw labor-industrial relations into chaos and result in depressing the American standard of living." The union leader insisted Taft-Hartley "violates the basic freedoms of American workers and seeks to destroy the security and effectiveness of their unions." Green said the bill also "repudiates and flouts the president's own recommendations to Congress." The AFL president reminded his audience during the 1944 Republican National Convention, Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio had served as chair of its platform committee, which had adopted a plank stating the GOP was "the historical champion of free labor." "Senator Taft should blush," Bill Green snapped.

Bob Taft was not blushing at all. The Ohio senator told reporters the bill coming out of the conference committee composed of congressmen and senators was, he believed, satisfactory to all of the 68 senators who had voted for his bill earlier. As Taft likely had suspected, the version of the bill to come out of the conference was somewhat tougher than



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Dayton Phillips of Tennessee's First District, circa 1950.

that originally approved by the United States Senate. In short, the Taft Bill now more closely resembled its companion, the Hartley Bill, in the House. The only real point of contention that had caused a deadlock amongst the conferees had been whether the approximately 250,000 agricultural workers - - - meaning those employed either in canneries or packing industries - - - should be denied the right of collective bargaining as stated by the Wagner Act. The House conferees had wanted the agricultural workers excluded, while senators objected. Unable to reach an agreement, the members had concluded to drop their effort to define "agricultural" employees in the bill.

Certainly public sentiment had been stirred up to the boiling point with the deprivations imposed by the Second World War, the loss of blood and treasure imposed upon the "Greatest Generation" of Americans. The seemingly continuous labor unrest had resulted in further inconveniences for a public who had simply had enough. Indeed, that was the very slogan used by Carroll Reece's RNC during the 1946 congressional elections, "Had Enough?"

Press reaction in Tennessee was about what one would expect. Even the Knoxville News-Sentinel published an editorial critical of the union bosses. "For the next two weeks you will hear from union leaders a crescendo of charges that the Taft-Hartley labor bill is 'slave legislation' - - - that it means 'involuntary servitude' - - - that it would compel men to work against their will," the editorial began. "These charges, we believe, are completely phony." The editorial noted President Truman had "said that jurisdictional strikes - - - wars between unions at the expense of employers and the public - - - are

indefensible." The News-Sentinel editorial noted the Taft-Hartley Bill outlawed jurisdictional strikes. After detailing several aspects of the bill which the American public likely agreed with, the editorial stated, "What union leaders really mean, when they shout about 'slave legislation' is that they want no restriction whatever on the power to strike for any reason at any time." Naturally, the News-Sentinel did not agree with that notion, the editorial said. "The American people want their government to make fair rules to preserve its proper uses and prevent its abuse. That, we think, is what Congress has done in the Taft-Hartley Bill," the editorial concluded.

David Lawrence, a nationally syndicated columnist, wrote that if the labor legislation deserved to bear the name of the person most responsible for it having been written and passed, then it should have been named for John L. Lewis. Perhaps the most famous union leader of his time, the bulky, bushy-browed John L. Lewis sounded like a Shakespearean actor rather than a union boss. The longtime president of the United Mine Workers and the founding president of the CIO, John L. Lewis, Lawrence wrote, was "mostly responsible for the" Taft-Hartley legislation.

"It was Lewis who educated the whole country to the act that a nationwide strike paralyzing the distribution of fuel and impairing the public health could be brought about and that the Federal Government had no power in peacetime to get an injunction," the columnist wrote. "The fact that even under a wartime statute there was doubt and the Supreme Court of the United States was divided on the issue served only to emphasize the need for some law to protect the public interest."

Bob Taft and Fred

Hartley, both chairs of the Labor committees of their respective legislative bodies, expressed their confidence their bill "will become law" as it made its way to the desk of President Harry Truman. Yet neither addressed whether they thought Truman would sign the bill.

The conference report of the House and Senate went before the House of Representatives on June 4, 1947. The Memphis Press-Scimitar published its own editorial, using the actual vote as the title, 320-79. As the Press-Scimitar and many other press outlets had noted, a milder version of the Taft-Hartley Bill would attract the support of some who were otherwise inclined to vote against the legislation. The newspaper reminded its readers the vote on the Hartley Bill had been 308-107, pointing to the increase in support for the Taft-Hartley Bill. The Press-Scimitar predicted the Senate would also pass the bill by a large majority and stated "President Truman should sign it."

Even John L. Lewis discovered, much to his chagrin, that the Taft-Hartley Bill had changed things even before it became the law. Columnist Drew Pearson wrote for years Lewis had two friends amongst the coal operators with whom he could always transact business; the muckraking columnist identified the two men as Harry Moses, the negotiator for U. S. Steel Corporation's "captive" coal mines, and Charles O'Neill, who was the spokesperson for the northern coal operators. Being a highly intelligent man, Pearson noted Lewis was not unaware that the Taft-Hartley labor bill might affect his own negotiations, although the union boss never for a moment suspected his two friends would use the legislation "as a bludgeon to force Truman to sign the bill." Drew Pearson wrote

Lewis "got the surprise of his life when he walked into the meeting with the operators." Neither O'Neill nor Moses seemed even remotely interested in anything John L. Lewis had to say. Pearson chortled that the two "were about as cooperative as cigar-store Indians all during the brief and hostile conference."

According to the columnist, Lewis' traditional way of getting where he wanted things to go was by opening high and waiting for a counterproposal before reaching an agreed increase. Lewis demanded a 35-cent per-hour increase in wages for his miners and was astonished when O'Neill snapped he was unwilling to consider any wage increase save for the 15 cents he had offered previously. It was precisely at that moment it occurred to John L. Lewis the coal operators might well be working with outside business leaders to create a potentially politically embarrassing and harmful scenario for President Truman. Needless to say, John L. Lewis was in a very difficult situation. Pearson quoted the labor boss as having sighed to friends, "Before, I had to negotiate with an injunction and a jail sentence facing us. Now I must negotiate with the sword of Damocles hanging over my head."

The vote in the Senate was delayed by at least a day when Senator Murray verbally assaulted the Taft-Hartley Bill on the floor. Murray said the bill "constitutes a declaration" the National Association of Manufacturers "is to be the unquestioned spokesman of our economic system." The Montana senator told his colleagues the Taft-Hartley Bill was intended to assure that "labor is to be put in its place, stripped of many of its essential rights, and so battered and weakened as to be ineffective hereafter at the bargaining table." Still, Murray assured his fellow senators he never for a moment doubted, "Inevitably labor will seek to elude the chains fashioned for it. This means conflict and chaos between labor and management as long as this effort to gain the upper hand continues."

James E. Murray had been the chairman of the Senate's Labor Committee prior to the GOP having taken control of the U. S. Senate. It was a profound change in political philosophies as Bob Taft and Jim Murray were about as far apart as two men could be politically.

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South Knoxville gets attention

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Tuesday's meeting of the Knoxville City Council was a win for South Knoxville Councilman Tommy Smith. Several improvements in his district, including the Baker Creek Project, underground utilities along Sevier Avenue and other community improvements, were approved from the agenda.

Smith was so taken by the many approvals the council gave that he thanked the city engineering department, city officials and the neighborhoods who pushed for improvements. So many projects were approved after years of planning that Councilwoman Amelia Parker said the same attention should be given to her East Knoxville district.

The first South Knoxville item to be approved was a repayment to Knoxville Utilities Board of \$250,000 for relocating utilities underground for the Sevier Avenue Streetscape Project. A similar relocation there of Comcast was approved for \$50,000 and then AT&T was approved for relocation of that company's lines underground for \$650,000.

Councilwoman Janet Testerman asked if the underground relocation costs could be negotiated or shared with the three utility companies and was told state law requires the city to pick up the cost because the project is a beautification project planned by the city. Other additional construction costs are expected next year as the effort in that area continues.



SCREENSHOTS FROM KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY MEDIA COVERAGE.

Several South Knoxville improvements were approved by the City Council Tuesday evening. Councilman Tommy Smith thanked the city and local residents there for efforts to upgrade the area.

Easements for a sidewalk along Lancaster Drive near the Baker Creek area were also approved. Smith said the new sidewalk there has been "on the books for years" and will provide access to the wilderness area greenway there and he thanked the city and council on behalf of the South Haven Neighborhood.

The council then approved a \$2.6 million contract with Design & Construction Services Inc. for Phase Two of the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Baker Creek Pavilion Project.

Waterfront Drive serves Suttree Landing Park along the Tennessee River in South Knoxville and the council voted for \$1.1 million in improvements there in an agreement with Whaley Construction LLC. Mayor Indya Kincannon said the project is part of

the city's "long-term visit." While Kincannon said the park there serves everyone who visits, Councilwoman Parker disagreed and lamented the absence of similar improvements in her district of East Knoxville.

Other agenda items approved

Juneteenth, the July 19th freeing of Texas slaves in 1885, was approved as a Knoxville Holiday.

Two property sales of city lots were approved under the Homemaker Program for parcels on Wilson and East Glenwood Avenues. Homeless case management was approved with agreements with the Community Development Corporation and the Community Action Committee at \$156,250.

The Wesley House Community Center received

\$5,000 for service to Mechanicsville, Lonsdale and Beaumont youth.

The council voted to amend the budget over objections and two "No" votes from Parker and Seema Singh. Parker attempted to divide the amendment into sections. She questioned several movements of funds including dropping the funding of Millertown Pike, Rocky Point Road and Rutledge Pike projects.

"We need to engage the community sooner than later," she said of budget changes.

Smith also postponed an ordinance to support the Board of Zoning Appeals' powers to hear zoning variance request and suggested it be referred to the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission for consideration. City attorney Charles Swanson said state law may require a recommendation from the planners and changes made may come back before the city council.

Police Chief Paul Noel said the ordinance to permit the police and fire chiefs to award items to 10-year employees was needed. The council approved the request which could permit departing police employees to take their badges and weapons with them. He said the current policy allows such gifts to officers retiring with 25 years of service, but some leaving the service earlier deserve recognition.

Under questions, Noel said that guns involved in shootings are not awarded and those weapons are kept as evidence.

BZA, utility expansion and mental health hospital on commission agenda

By Mike Steely
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Many of the agenda items before the Knox County Commission last week were passed along to tonight's meeting with "No Recommendation." Some of the items were discussed briefly in the work session last week, including the possible approval of Garrett Holt to replace Blake Wilson on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Keith Brett spoke in public forum against the nomination sponsored by Commissioner Kyle Ward. Brett said that Holt received large contributions from real estate companies during his run for city council last year.

Commissioner Carson Dailey said the BZA serves an important function. He compared them to "black robe" judges whose decisions go directly to court for a resolution.

Also on the agenda is a resolution from Commissioner Rhonda Lee, a critic of the current leadership of the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District, that calls on the state legislature to expand the district's officers from three to seven. Lee said the utility district is \$63 million in debt. She also said the additional members would be from the district but not include Anderson or Union counties where the utility serves some customers.

The commission may also vote on a motion by Ward to ask the state to establish a Mental Health Hospital in the county. Other commissioners signed on as sponsors and Law Director David Buuck reminded the commission that when the state closed the Northshore Hospital it promised but never delivered \$2.2 million to the county.

Ward said that the Knox County Jail is the largest mental health facility around because many of the mentally ill end up there or are driven to Chattanooga or Memphis for care.

Chairwoman Courtney Durrett has a resolution to bring the Library Commission into the new Personnel Committee and Commissioner Larsen Jay suggested, in the work session, a "Junior Commission" to include students nominated by commissioners into a civics lesson on how the county and commission work. Durrett suggested that, if created, the high school juniors or seniors could hold a "mock session" and sit as if they were commission members.

Commissioner Richie Beeler wants a discussion on the closing of part of Karns Road, saying that issue has been looked at for months and could cause more problems for the area.

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West beats Maryville 31-18 to end The Streak

By Steve Williams

The Maryville Streak is over. Thank you West High Rebels.

Knox County teams had lost 105 games in a row to Maryville, but Coach Lamar Brown's team put an end to that Friday night with a 31-18 win over the Rebels from Blount County at Bill Wilson Field. The losing streak dated back to the 2000 season.

With that annoying item checked off, West can now focus on more important things.

Next on the list is the Region 2-5A title. West and Central will battle for that in the regular season finale Friday night in Fountain City.

That's as far as Brown and his team are looking ahead to at the moment.

West, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Class 5A, will go into that game 9-0 overall and 4-0 in the region. Central defeated Halls 21-16 last week for its fifth straight win and improved to 3-1 in the region and 6-3 overall.

A Central win over West would give the Bobcats the region crown based on the



PHOTO BY JASON CANTRELL - CADENCE CAPTURES

Brayden Latham looks through a running lane opened by two West blockers, including John Sartelle (62), in Friday's 31-18 win over Maryville. Latham rushed for 236 yards on 19 carries and scored all four of West's touchdowns. The win snapped Maryville's 105-game win streak over Knox County teams that started in 2000.

tie-breaker. West, however, is a heavy favorite on paper.

"It was two really good football teams," said Coach Brown after the win over Maryville, which came into the non-region showdown ranked No. 4 in Class 6A. "I was proud of our kids. We

hadn't beat them in I don't know how many years.

"We fell behind early and then we came back and scored 17 straight points. I thought that was really a big part of the ball game." Noah Vaughn raced 13 yards around the left side

to score the game's first touchdown midway through the opening quarter. Jaquarius Wrenn blocked the PAT attempt, leaving West's deficit at 6-0.

West running back Brayden Latham immediately gave his team a shot

in the arm with an explosive 21-yard gain around left end and scored seven plays later on a 41-yard escape around the other side. Tyson Siebe's PAT gave the home team a 7-6 lead.

Knox County's Rebels would never trail, but

Maryville made it a game despite adversity.

West defensive end CJ Smith decked Vaughn for a 2-yard loss on Maryville's next possession and line-backer Brock Hatcher intercepted a Maryville pass on the following play.

West capitalized on the turnover as Latham broke through defenders on a 30-yard TD gallop early in the second quarter to make it 14-6.

Vaughn, who has committed to sign with Virginia, suffered a leg injury on the ensuing kickoff return and had to be helped off the field. He never returned.

Siebe later nailed a 42-yard field goal to make it 17-6.

Gage LaDue took over the running back duties for Maryville and was quite productive. He pulled out of a tackler's grasp and raced 45 yards to score with 3:19 left in the first half. Matthew Clemmer's two-point pass attempt fell incomplete.

With West's lead only five points, Latham broke loose on a 76-yard TD run after intermission and Siebe's kick made it 24-12.

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Carter downs South-Doyle 47-13

By David Klein

It was all Carter Thursday night at South-Doyle. The teams came into the game with identical 1-2 records in Region 2-4A, but the Carter Hornets jumped out to a 41-0 halftime lead on its way to a 47-13 victory over the South-Doyle Cherokees. With the win, Carter improved to 5-4 and qualified for the playoffs while South-Doyle fell to 2-7.

In the first half, the Hornets took advantage of two Cherokee turnovers and a bad snap on a punt, converting touchdowns on each of them. Quarterback Chandler Wilson was pinpoint accurate on the night, throwing for 253 yards and four touchdowns.

Wilson got the scoring started for the Hornets with an 8-yard touchdown run with 7:18 left in the first quarter. Carter missed the extra point but led 6-0.

On the Cherokees' ensuing drive, Carter's Joseph

Armenta intercepted a pass in the end zone. The Hornets took advantage of the turnover as running back Hassan Al-Sultani ripped off a 40-yard touchdown run to put the Hornets up 13-0 with 2:15 left in the first quarter.

"The past two weeks we've come out on slow starts offensively," Hornets' Coach Justin Pressley said. "It was nice having some guys healthy in the backfield tonight. It was great to fire on cylinders like that and we've got to have that going into a huge week next week."

Wilson got the passing game going by throwing a 17-yard touchdown pass to Kaleb Harper with 10:39 left in the second quarter and the touchdown put the Hornets up 20-0. "We run a fast offense and after watching film this week, we just saw the areas that we could pick apart their defense and we just went



PHOTO BY GRANT BUSH

South-Doyle wide receiver TJ Tipton, a 6-4 sophomore WR/DB, goes up to make a catch in the Cherokees' game against Carter Friday night at the newly named Clark Duncan Field.

straight at it," Harper said.

Following a 1-yard touchdown run, Carter got the ball right back when the

Cherokees fumbled the kickoff. Wilson passed to Brody Blankenship, and he

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Farragut Middle School JV team goes undefeated in regular season

By Ken Lay

Ty Haley has coached football for more than two decades. And he's never had a defense like he has now.

Haley is coach of Farragut Middle School's junior varsity football team. The Admirals compete in the Middle-School Age Conference, which was founded four years ago to bring organized middle school to Knox County. It was founded by Nathan Meeks and schools in the league field junior varsity and varsity squads.

In its early years, the conference has proved competitive. But it also places emphasis on sportsmanship, citizenship, academics and community service. But on Thursday nights, teams battle on high

school fields and wear their school colors.

Farragut has been a top JV team since the league's inception, but this year's Admirals team has been especially dominant as it has scored more than 200 points and surrendered just 35.

Farragut's starting defense has yielded just six points in 2022 and the Admirals began postseason play Saturday with a perfect 7-0 record. Farragut hosted Central in a first-round playoff tilt over the weekend but results were not available at press time.

Haley has been impressed with his team's showing this season, but he knows they still has goals to achieve.

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Farragut running back Elijah Gibbs takes off against Fulton in the Admirals' 63-24 win over the Falcons Friday night.

Farragut Firepower Admirals' offense turns close game with Fulton into rout and sixth straight win, 63-24

By Bill Howard

What early on looked like a game that might come down to who had the ball last turned out to be anything but.

On Senior Night at Bill Clabo Stadium, Farragut High School continued its offensive onslaught and rolled to a 63-24 win over Fulton High School in a non-region game.

The Admirals' sixth straight win improved their record to 7-2, and set up a huge road clash against archrival Bearden Thursday night to finish the regular season.

"I'm just proud of what these guys are doing," said Farragut coach Eddie Courtney. "Our receivers are doing real well. It all starts with the offensive line. Those guys have gotten better every game. Now we're running the ball and we've got good pass protection."

Farragut needed all of 16 seconds to take a 7-0 lead when wide receiver Ashton Auker fielded the opening kickoff on the 10 and galloped 90 yards for the touchdown.

But the Falcons answered right back on their first possession when, on third and 10 from their own 40, quarterback Marcellus Jackson found receiver Daveon Shenault wide open for a 60-yard score.

The blocked PAT left the score 7-6 Farragut.

Farragut made it 14-6 on its next possession when quarterback Luke Johnson hit Hank Devault for a 34-yard touchdown. The drive covered 97 yards in eight plays.

For the game, Johnson was eight of 12 for 110 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half.

"Hoping for a good night offensively and that's what we had," Johnson said. "Line's doing their job, receivers catching balls, (running back) Elijah (Gibbs) is running hard. It's a good offense."

Fulton again responded and made it 14-12 with 2:39 left in the first when Jackson finished a six-play, 80-yard drive with a 19-yard scramble for a score.

It was easy to think at that point the back-and-forth scoring might continue to the end. It wouldn't.

Farragut continued to

score - six touchdowns on six first-half possessions - but Fulton didn't. The half ended 42-12 and the game was long over. The second-half clock was continuous.

Up 14-12 with 2:39 left in the first, the rest of the Admirals' first half scores came from: Gibbs's five-yard run late in the first; Gibbs's 57-yard tackle-eluding run with 9:52 left in the half; Johnson's one-yard pass to Landis Davila less than two minutes later; and a two-yard Johnson-Davila hookup with 3.9 seconds left in the half.

The senior Gibbs carried seven times for 109 yards and a pair of scores in the first half. His performance put him over the 1000-yard mark for the season. He now has 1046 yards on 144 carries, and 14 touchdowns.

"Shout out to my linemen," said Gibbs. "It feels real good. I've been trying to do this (get 1000 yards) my entire life. We've been focusing on our tempo, get our plays right, communicating with our offensive line and receivers and everything."

Davila had five receptions for 34 yards and two scores.

Jackson, who ran for 181 yards and two scores on 15 carries, was nothing short of dazzling. His 81-yard touchdown run with 4:05 left in the third seemed to evade every single Admiral defender.

"That quarterback, he's one of the quickest I've ever seen. He's special," Courtney said of the senior Jackson.

Barrett Smith took over for Johnson in the second half and threw two touchdowns on four of five completions. Jack Alley had eight tackles for the Admirals, six solo.

Attention now turns to regular season finales and the playoffs which start Nov. 4. The Farragut-Bearden winner will finish no worse than second in Region 2-6A, and will win it if Maryville loses to Bradley Central.

Fulton travels to Carter where a win will ensure second place in Region 2-4A. Seeding implications are big in both games.

"We gotta have a good game plan next week," said Courtney. "These guys have to go out and execute."

Jessie: 'Our defense came through in the clutch'

By Steve Williams

West High senior quarterback Carson Jessie tipped his hat to the Rebels' defense following Friday night's non-region showdown against Maryville.

"They had one really good drive, but our defense came through in the clutch when we needed it to," said Carson after West's 31-18 victory. "It kept us in the game so we could put up the points that we needed to win."

Jessie said he knew about Maryville's long win streak over Knox County teams. "I didn't know it was that many wins (105), but I knew it was since 2000. We just tried to stay focused on us and not worry about other stuff and just be who we are."

Jessie said ending the streak added extra motivation. "But we just came out here and played our game and we knew that would win us this game."

As for West's offense,

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Jessie complimented the offensive line and the run game.

"It seemed like every big down we needed, our offensive line pulled us through and Brayden Latham had a heck of a night. Both of our running backs (Latham and Silas Cole) ran good tonight."

HAWKS TASTE VICTORY: Hardin Valley and William Blount entered Week 10 each with 0-8 records, so something had to give.

The Hawks came away with the victory, outscoring the host Governors 42-25.

More than anything, first-year HVA head coach Jeff Miner enjoyed the happiness he saw among his players after the game. He said his team will enjoy it for a day or so, then push the pause button and get ready for its region game

this week at "The Nest" against Cleveland.

In another noteworthy contest, Powell notched a 28-26 win at Catholic to extend its win streak to seven since starting the season with two losses.

TOP ATTRACTIONS: In the final week of regular

season play, undefeated Webb will host Chattanooga Christian in the Division II Class AA East Region title game.

Other headliners this week will include the West Knoxville rivalry pitting Farragut at Bearden on Thursday night and Fulton at Carter Friday night.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Week 10 Scores

Anderson County 35, Bearden 28
Clinton 53, Gibbs 50
Farragut 63, Fulton 24
HVA 42, William Blount 25
TKA 54, Webb (BB) 38
Carter 47, South-Doyle 13
Central 21, Halls 16
Webb 42, Boyd Buchanan 7
West 31, Maryville 18,
Notre Dame 35, CAK 30
Powell 28, Catholic 26
Silverdale 20, GCA 3
S. Greene 19, Seymour 7

Week 11 Schedule

Thursday
Farragut at Bearden
Friday
Alcoa at Austin-East
GCA at Boyd Buchanan
S-Doyle vs. Gibbs at C-N
Cleveland at HVA
Halls at Heritage
Clinton at Karns
Notre Dame at TKA
Fulton at Carter
West at Central
Chatt. Christian at Webb
Powell at Lenoir City
CAK at Silverdale

Carter downs South-Doyle 47-13

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shook off a multitude of tacklers for a 31-yard gain. A personal foul penalty on South-Doyle gave the Hornets a 1st-and-goal at the 5-yard line. Wilson then flung a 5-yard touchdown pass to Blankenship for a 33-0 Hornet lead. With the extra point, the Hornets led 34-0 with 8:33 left in the second quarter.

Besides Carter's offense, the Hornets' defensive line created a lot of problems for the Cherokees and continually got into South-Doyle's backfield, creating sacks and tackles for loss. Pressley said, "I do believe we probably have one of the best defensive lines in the state in terms of 4A with Nick Corum, Jackson Steele and Zayne Sharpe. Those three on the defensive line are monsters and hats off to them. They haunt us in practice every single day in the backfield. So, it was nice to see them out here to get some of that and I think we had five or six sacks in the first half. Just a great job by them."

In the second half with a running clock, Carter finished its scoring on the opening drive with a 10-yard Wilson touchdown pass to Grant Countiss for a 47-0 lead with 9:19

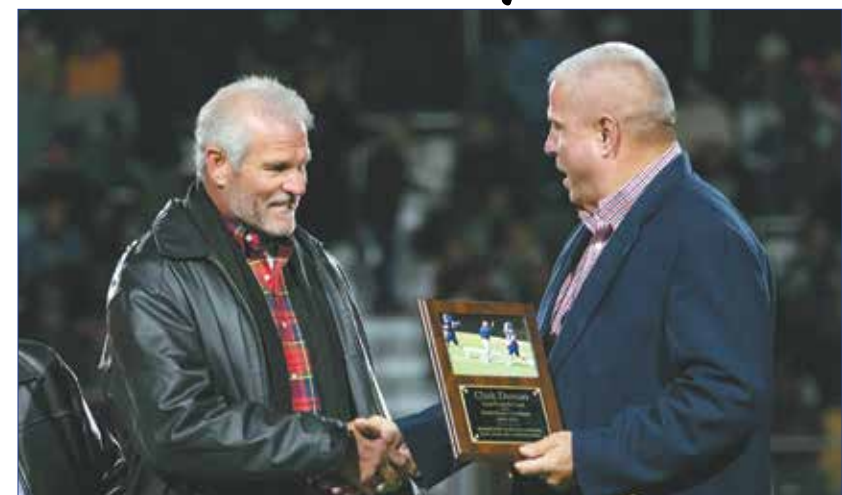


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South-Doyle High School Athletic Director Daryl Chandler presents former head football coach Clark Duncan with a plaque that reads: "Clark Duncan, Head Football Coach of the South-Doyle Cherokees 2009-2021 - On behalf of the South-Doyle community, Thank you for your outstanding service."

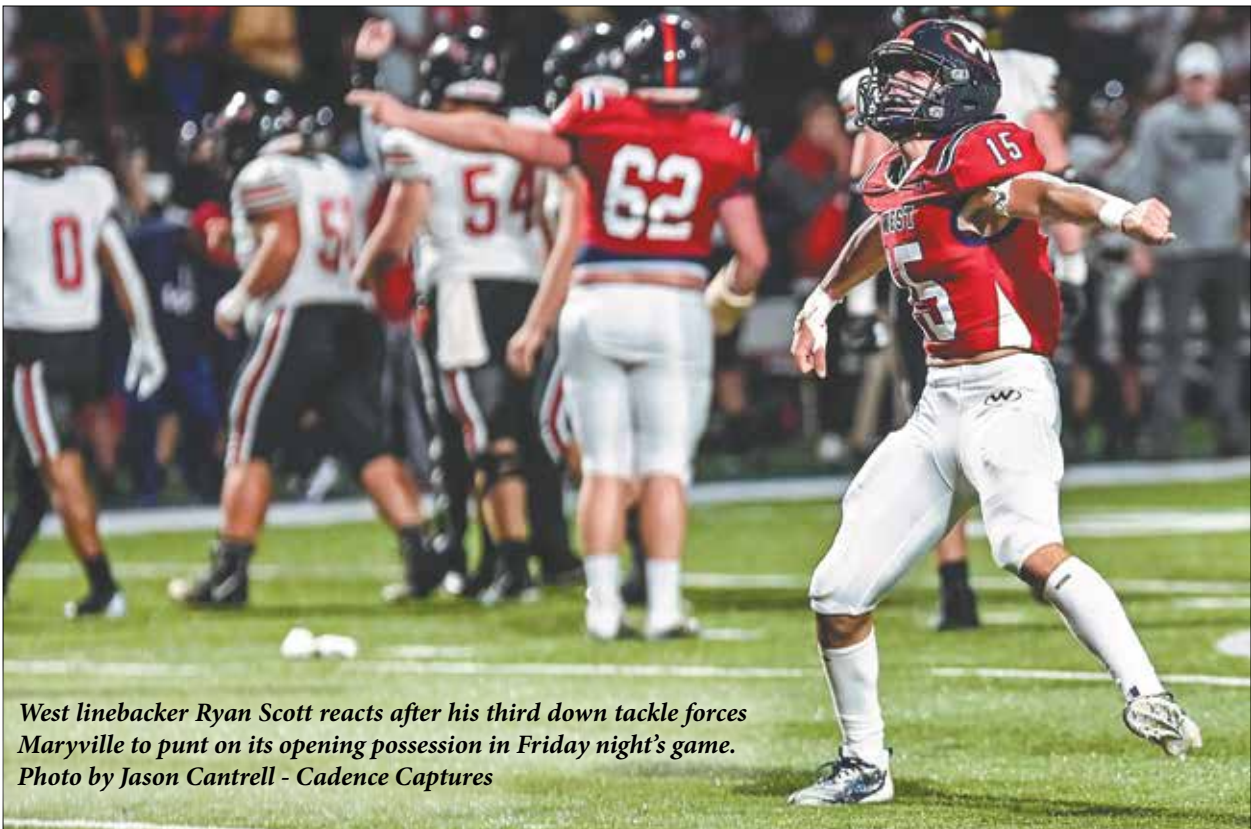
left in the third quarter.

South-Doyle kept it from being a shutout with a Ta'juan Owens 3-yard touchdown run and backup quarterback Maddox Cupp's 1-yard touchdown sneak.

Following the victory, Pressley talked about Friday's regular season finale with the Fulton Falcons. "If we can beat Fulton, then we'll get a

home playoff game.

"Beating Fulton means #3 seed, which means avoiding Greeneville. At Carter, getting over this Fulton hump is something we've been talking to our kids about. It's not seeing the logo on the helmet and coming out defeated, we can't do that. What we did tonight against South-Doyle, we should be able to do with anybody."



West linebacker Ryan Scott reacts after his third down tackle forces Maryville to punt on its opening possession in Friday night's game. Photo by Jason Cantrell - Cadence Captures

West beats Maryville 31-18 to end The Streak

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Maryville fought back and LaDue carried the ball on 14 out of 15 plays and scored up the middle on an 8-yard run. Again the PAT attempt was blocked by Wrenn, leaving West ahead by six points (24-18).

Maryville executed an onside kick and West thought it had been awarded possession, but after a lengthy delay, the referee signaled it was Maryville's ball.

A key interception by Anderson Smith got the ball back for West.

In the fourth quarter, Maryville drove to the West 47-yard line and had a third-and-three situation. This time LaDue was dropped for a 3-yard loss by Jamir Turner and John Sartelle and Maryville was forced to punt after being flagged for a delay of game penalty.

Wrenn returned the punt 30 yards to the Maryville 35. Latham scored from

the 14 six plays later and Siebe's kick made it 31-18 with 5:19 to go.

Maryville marched to the West 33, but Clemmer was sacked for a 12-yard loss by Smith on fourth-and-five.

Maryville senior linebacker Peyton Cooper said after the game: "I felt like it was evenly matched and a hard fought game. Both teams had a great offense and defense. A good job to them for playing harder. They wanted it more."

Cooper said he was aware of the long winning streak over Knox County teams.

"I learned about it before the game," he said. "It hurts, it does. As a team, it hurts to level off history a little bit."

"It's painful. But we're willing to bounce back and nobody is going to remember this when we make our run in the playoffs."

Maryville slipped to 6-3 overall.

Turning down a bowl bid, even before it arrived

From 1958 through 1964, there were no bowl games for the Tennessee Volunteers. Not a single one. That's what

comes after records of 4-6, 5-4-1, 6-2-2, 6-4, 4-6, 5-5, and 4-5-1.

That's why the 1965 team and its Bluebonnet Bowl win over Tulsa are so fondly remembered by longtime Tennessee football fans. A bowl game, any bowl game, even one against Tulsa, was better than the alternative. Seven years without a bowl game was too much for Vol fans to bear.

Over those years, there had been losses to Chattanooga and Florida State and no first downs against Auburn in 1958, balanced off by wins over heavyweights LSU and Auburn in 1959. During that time, SEC rivals Alabama, LSU, Ole Miss, and Auburn were all reaching for the stars. There were no radio and television talk shows in those days, but the all-knowing Gay Street quarterbacks had to have been concerned about the downward trend in the program.

There is a story hidden in that succession of so-so records.

During those seven years, there was only one time Tennessee seemed to have a record worthy of a bowl game, but head coach Bowden Wyatt let it be known that the Vols, well, weren't interested. Not that an invitation had actually been extended, mind you, but Bowden said "no" anyway.

The year was 1960, in the days of Mike Lucci, Bill Majors, captain Mike LaSorsa, two-time Jacobs Trophy winner Jim Cartwright, Wayne Grubb, Cotton Letner, Glenn Glass, and many others.

The Vols did defeat Alabama by a 20-7 count, the last victory over the Tide until 1967. The Vols had a 5-0-1 record entering November, and all seemed well in Knoxville.

The November schedule was the killer. Losses to Georgia Tech and Ole Miss and a tie with Kentucky tarnished the Vol resume. The record in November was 1-2-1, not the stuff of which bowl dreams were made. The Vols ended up staying at home when bowl invites were proffered, with a record of 6-2-2.

As News-Sentinel sports editor Tom Siler wrote, the Vols were "undecorated and unrewarded."

Shortly after the Vols' 35-0 triumph over Vanderbilt in the season finale on

Nov. 26, someone, maybe the Sentinel's Red Bailes or Marvin West, or possibly Siler, had asked Wyatt about possible bowl scenarios.

"From what I've heard, they're all filled," Wyatt said. "Maybe the Gotham Bowl is open, but I'm not interested in that. We're going to have our banquet and begin thinking about spring practice. In fact, I may start planning before the banquet."

That settled that. Haven't heard of the Gotham Bowl? You're not alone.

Newspaper stories trumpeted the first Gotham Bowl as a welcome addition to the 1960 bowl scene. So wrote the New York Times, ostensibly with a straight face.

Organizers had grandiose dreams, envisioning a jam-packed Yankee Stadium, brass bands playing, and 55,000 cheering fans in the stands. Wouldn't it be marvelous, the New York City football bigwigs had wondered, if Notre Dame or Syracuse accepted invitations?

Oregon State was offered a bid, but the bowl found no takers for OSU's opponent. Notre Dame did not play bowl games in those days. Syracuse turned down an invite, followed by Colorado and Holy Cross.

Good grief. Holy Cross?



Tennessee head football coach Bowden Wyatt (C) is shown with colleagues (L-R) Hugh Foust, Skeeter Bailey, and Gus Manning.

Who could blame them? New York City weather in December is usually bone-chillingly cold.

As a result, there was no Gotham Bowl in 1960.

There was a 1961 game at the Polo Grounds (Baylor 24, Utah 9, Dec. 9) and in 1961 at Yankee Stadium (Nebraska 36, Miami 34, Dec. 15). The modest bowl game ended, awash in red ink. Attendance totaled no more than 15,000 fans at both games. There were precious few mourners at the game's demise.

History is unclear whether

the Vols were ever actually invited to play in New York City.

When the Bluebonnet Bowl did come calling in 1965, Tennessee, hungry for post-season play after a number of fallow years, readily accepted.

That set off a succession of bowl bids from that point on, except for a couple of years here and there. When bowl season came around, Tennessee fans were headed somewhere after Christmas to follow the Vols.

It was not the first time

Wyatt had turned down a bowl game, also doing so in 1955, when Auburn was to be the foe in the Gator Bowl. Auburn was the opening game opponent in 1956, and Wyatt didn't want to give the Tigers a free look at the single-wing before then.

At least that season, the Vols had been invited.

There was something intriguing about turning down a bowl bid, maybe even before it had arrived. It would be hard to imagine that happening today.

Webb's Garmer twins make each other better

Region 2 CC meet is Wednesday

By Steve Williams



Webb twins Jazzlyn and Calysta Garmer push each other in cross country and track and the results are good.

The Garmer twins at Webb School are not just good in cross country; they are good for each other.

The two 9th grade girls finished in the Top 5 of the KIL Championships earlier this month and will be competing again in Division II at the TSSAA state meet, which is scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4 in Hendersonville.

Jazzlyn and Calysta not only push each other when it comes to running, they support each other.

"We like to push each other when we race each other and when we work out," said Jazzlyn after winning the KIL 5,000-meter event in 18 minutes, 13 seconds at the Sequoyah Hills Park course on Oct. 8. "When I finished I was cheering for Calysta and I was hoping she would do good too." Calysta placed fifth with a time of 18:38. "I knew I was going to have some

competition, but I was pretty confident going into the KIL race because I had a lot of hard workouts and training that had gone pretty well," said Jazzlyn. "It was a nice outcome."

That competition also included Webb junior teammate Anna Graves, who came in second with a time of 18:16 – just three seconds behind Jazzlyn.

As for sister Calysta, Jazzlyn said: "She sometimes beats me in track, but then in cross country I usually win." And Jazz said that as nicely and respectfully as she could.

Jazzlyn was then asked how she had the upperhand in cross country. She just grinned and laughed.

"We were really pushing each other throughout the KIL race, so we both had pretty good races," added Jazz, who has a PR time of 17:57.

The Webb girls team took first place in the KIL and included juniors Lauren Davis

and Avery Krishnan in its top five runners.

REGION IS NEXT: The Division I Region 2 competition will be Wednesday at Victor Ashe Park and the harriers will be competing for state berths.

Farragut's Trevor Coggin and Hardin Valley's Maddie Archdale are the KIL's top male and female runners in Division I.

The Farragut boys and girls teams also will be running to qualify for state.

Top Division II runners automatically qualify for state.

SMITH IS THIRD: KIL champion Keegan Smith of Knoxville Catholic placed third in the Scottsboro Last Chance Cross Country 5k race Thursday in Alabama. The Catholic sophomore posted a time of 14:54.62.

Scottsboro High senior Evan Hill came in first with a time of 14:52.02, while Huntsville (Ala.) High sophomore Eric Moore was runner-up at 14:53.94 in the tight three-way race.

Notes from the scorecard

Region Tournament roundups

By Ken Lay

A pair of area high school girls soccer teams claimed region tournament crowns late last week. Bearden and Seymour emerged as the best teams in the area.

In total, four local sides kept their hopes alive to make it to the state championships this week in Chattanooga.

The Lady Bulldogs, Lady Eagles, West High and Halls faced state sectional elimination matches Saturday but results were not available at press time.

In Region 2-3A: Bearden remained undefeated Thursday night as it blanked the Lady Rebels 4-0 at Turner-Allender Field. The Lady Bulldogs are the nation's top-ranked team as they've allowed just two goals. Bre Mendoza scored

two second-half goals to lead Bearden past the Lady Rebels, who have lost just two games this season.

Two of West's losses came at the hands of the Lady Bulldogs, which took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a marker by freshman Jayla Blue in the first half.

Becca Roth also tallied in the second half for Bearden, which hosted King-sport Dobyns-Bennett Saturday in a sectional match.

The Lady Rebels avenged their only other loss of the 2022 campaign in Tuesday night's regional semifinal.

West advanced to the championship match by defeating Hardin Valley Academy in a penalty kicks shootout.

The match ended in a 0-0 draw before the Lady Rebels prevailed 5-4 on PKs.

The Lady Hawks defeated the Lady Rebels in the regular-season finale for both teams recently.

West traveled to Johnson City to face Science Hill Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Lady Bulldogs advanced to Thursday's title match with a 7-0 win over Powell early last week.

In Region 2-2A: Seymour claimed the championship Thursday night with a 5-0 victory over the host Lady Devils at Halls High School.

Trysta Lane and Cresson Postlewaite led the Lady Eagles to victory with two markers each.

Seymour shut out Gibbs 2-0 in Tuesday night's elimination semifinals while Halls ousted Carter 6-0 at home.

Halls traveled to Greeneville Saturday while Seymour hosted Tennessee High.

Lady Devils overcome early offensive struggles to shut out Carter

By Ken Lay

It took a little time on a chilly night for the Halls High School girls soccer team to find its shooting touch.

But it was a case of better late than never for the Lady Devils, who followed their District 4-2A Tournament championship with a 6-0 victory over Carter in the Region 2-2A Tournament semifinal elimination match at Halls High's Dinzie "Dink" Adams Field.

The Lady Devils, who finished as the Region 2-2A runners-up after losing at home to Seymour Thursday night, qualified for Saturday's state sectional round Saturday when they traveled to Greeneville. Results were not available at press time.

Against the Lady Hornets Tuesday, Halls wasted little time seizing control of the match. It controlled the possession and tempo from the opening kickoff and peppered Carter goalkeeper Brooklyn Pratt with numerous shots and scoring chances out of the gate.

The Lady Devils had 14



Halls High's Brinley Pendergrass plays the ball toward Ava Garrett in Tuesday night's region tournament match. Garrett scored two goals as the Lady Devils defeated Carter 6-0.

shots land on frame in the opening half, and Pratt stopped everything fired her way until Halls scored in the 30th minute of the match when Ava Garrett found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Hall would extend its advantage approximately six minutes later on a marker by midfielder Molly Stover that gave the Lady Devils the 2-0 lead that they enjoyed at halftime.

While she had to like the way her side controlled the match, Halls coach Shannon Burnett was a bit frustrated that her team had

problems finding the back of the Lady Hornets' net.

"We didn't finish," Burnett said. "We came out strong but we just could not finish."

The Lady Devils took better advantage of their scoring chances over the final 40 minutes of the match.

Maya Patel tallied in the 50th minute. It was the first of two goals for her on the night as she would also close out the scoring in the 76th minute of the match.

Garrett scored again in the 51st minute and Sophia Satterfield had a marker in the 63rd minute.



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A UT fan takes a video of the goalpost being taken down by fellow Big Orange fans after the Vols' 52-49 win over Alabama.

A 'number' of things happened as Vols turned the Tide

Many adjectives were used to describe Tennessee's recent triumph over Alabama at Neyland Stadium.

Here's a new one for you: eerie good. See what you think ...



By Steve Williams

The long-running SEC series was played on the Third Saturday in October as usual, which fell on the 15th this autumn.

The Vols came into the game having lost 15 straight times to the Crimson Tide.

With the shootout at 49-all, Tennessee's game-winning drive started with just 15 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Quarterback Hendon Hooker had just enough time to complete two passes. The last one to wide receiver Bru McCoy put the Orange and White in field goal range with two seconds on the clock. McCoy wears No. 15.

With the 52-49 win, the Vols moved up to No. 3 in the national rankings last week and received — you guessed it — 15 first-place votes.

What a season so far!

Most Tennessee fans were predicting the Vols to go 8-4 or maybe 9-3 in 2022. Heck, that would be quite a step up considering the program was only a year removed from Jeremy Pruitt's last season in 2020, which ended with a 3-7 record and alleged NCAA rules violations.

Heupel showed improvement on and off the field with a 7-6 overall mark in 2021.

But now the Vols are 6-0 and in the playoff conversation. Only Georgia is expected to be favored over them in the remaining six regular season games.

UT also was the toast of college football when it took down Nick Saban and his mighty Red Elephants. And Tennessee did it with several of its top players sidelined, including Cedric Tillman.

Jalin Hyatt, however, filled Tillman's absence in record-breaking fashion, with five of his six receptions chalking up touchdowns. Hyatt was the National Player of the Week for his remarkable performance.

Heupel is also in the national spotlight after being in Knoxville for just 21 months. Dennis Dodd of CBS Sports has Heupel as his favorite

for National Coach of the Year at the season's halfway mark.

And what's good too about Heupel is that he loves Rocky Top as much as its fans love him!

What a sight to behold!

The Sea of Orange that flooded Shields-Watkins Field ... A goalpost taken down and on its way to a resting place in the Tennessee River ... Fans hugging and crying ... and not just from the smoke of the victory cigars, a tradition happily renewed.

Sure it cost UT a \$100,000 SEC fine for the fans coming onto the field after the game. Everyone knew it was going to happen. Most everyone wanted it to happen.

Outnumbered security guards ended up helping fans come onto the field safely.

It was a risk most fans wanted to take, just as the players know there is a risk of injury on each and every play. I guess they felt it was a risk worth taking.

During the game, Neyland Stadium had never been louder. A new decibel record of 124 was set, breaking the former record of 118½.

It was also the "most watched" college game of the season, peaking at 16.9 million viewers.

I have no information on how many times Smoky howled or Rocky Top was sung. I'll just say a lot.

Many new memories made!

With the victory over Alabama coming before the Vols' Homecoming game against UT-Martin, fans had the whole week to reflect on new memories they made and retell good old memories of the past. Here in Knoxville, such stories could be shared with listeners on sports talk radio shows from dawn to dusk. I made a few notes along the way ...

I heard about the Ohio State fan who said he just had to be at the UT game. He had never been here before. He bought UT orange and dressed like a Vol fan from head to toe. He hollered for Tennessee to win throughout the entire game.

One man recalled wearing Black and Gold to his first UT game years ago and came home wearing an Orange sweatshirt. (Sounded like that game must have been in Nashville.)

This same man sat on a row of

UT fans at the Bama game and told us how they all had arms locked right before Chase McGrath kicked the winning field goal. "It was like a 15-year exhale," he said.

One dad said: "My kids finally got to see a great win like I did in '98."

One man told about having to go to a wedding in Mountain City on the day of the game. "I just knew that was going to happen," he said. "I had ear buds in the whole time and when we won I ran circles around the people in from Virginia and Virginia Tech."

And finally, there was an 80-year-old Alabama fan who came over after the game to a group of UT fans and hugged them, saying "I'm happy for you" and then he turned and walked away.

A personal note ...

I received a text message from my first cousin Teresa, who lives in Florida, on Sunday morning after the game ...

Teresa: "You guys are going to need a new goal post! I wish your dad could have seen that." (Grinning emoji)

Me: Dad may not have been there but I BELIEVE he saw it!

Teresa: Absolutely!

Me: I'm glad you thought of him this morning and probably last night too as I did. Love you Teresa!

My dad (Bob Williams of Clinton, who passed away in 2016) was a devoted Big Orange fan and he and mom (Bobbie, who passed away in 2019) went to many great UT games over the years. Our family had season tickets in the N section (south end zone).

My brother John bought two season tickets this year and he and his daughter Andrea, 28, were at the historic win over Bama.

John's tickets are in section N, Row 9 and up close, he said.

"I wouldn't buy tickets in any other section," he said in respect of our dad.

While the tickets may cost a pretty penny, John said: "Yeah, but I'll make a lot of special memories with Andrea."

"We went on the field and everything. Andrea was so excited. Experience of a lifetime and best day ever she said."

Tennessee Football is Back

By Mark Nagi

Back on October 15, one of the best regular season college football games of all time was played at Neyland Stadium. Tennessee beat Alabama in a 52-49 thriller. The win ended a 15 game losing streak to the Crimson Tide, and sparked a wild celebration as fans stormed Shields-Watkins Field for the first time since the 1998 Florida game.

That season, of course, Tennessee would go on to win the national championship.

The Vols have a chance to do it again.

This column is titled "Tennessee Football is Back." We've seen false starts before, especially in 2015 and 2016 when the Vols fell short of expectations.

It just feels different this time.

Each of these teams have talent. The 2016 team alone had six players taken in the following spring's NFL Draft. But the 2022 Vols have a massive upgrade on the coaching staff.

Josh Heupel's scheme and overwhelming confidence in that system puts the current iteration of Tennessee miles ahead of what the Vols did under Butch Jones, a maddingly insecure leader that couldn't succeed in crunch time.

Case in point, the Alabama game. There were multiple moments in the fourth quarter when adversity hit the Vols. They could have laid down and accepted their fate. In previous years they almost certainly would have given up. Instead, Heupel and his team didn't show a smidgen of panic. They stuck with the game plan, and it paid off.

How often have we seen Tennessee football teams shrink from the moment during this decade of a half of dysfunction? 2015 Oklahoma. 2019 BYU. Pretty much every game against Florida. I won't throw Alabama in there because the Vols have only played the Tide close in two games

before this year's victory.

But this is the dawn of a new day.

And the confidence, the swagger, the overall good vibes aren't simply with the football program. The men's basketball team just won the SEC tournament. The women's basketball team is a legitimate Final Four contender this season. Non-revenue sports like soccer, swimming and tennis are winning trophies. The Tennessee athletics department was waiting on football, the sport that drives the engine to get their act together. And they have.

What Heupel has done over the past 21 months has proved that you don't need a long, drawn out rebuild. Remember when Derek Dooley said his first year at Tennessee was really "year zero?" Remember when Butch Jones would make pre-emptive excuses for his team?

Those days are done.

Of course, there's no guarantee that Tennessee wins the Southeastern Conferences. They've got to upset top-ranked Georgia in a couple of weeks to get to the SEC title game. Also, I know that the Vols almost always beat Kentucky, but the Wildcats will be nationally ranked when they head to Neyland Stadium on Saturday night. They have a quarterback that impresses NFL scouts. The Wildcats will be coming off a bye and would like nothing better than to ruin their biggest rival's season. Those two games could potentially each be losses if things don't go Tennessee's way.

But remember, the Vols were not even nationally ranked to start the season, and now they sit in position to make the college football playoff. Tennessee is back in the national conversation for all the right reasons for the first time in a long time.

Isn't it fun? Tennessee fans should enjoy it while it lasts. We are living in the good old days.

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Farragut Middle School JV team

Cont. from page 1 ... about the task at hand and that's Central. It's hard to beat a good team twice," Haley said. "I've been coaching for 21 years and I've never had a defense this talented."

The Admirals' defensive line is led by defensive tackles Brayden Gonzalez and Matthew Ritchiner. Top linebackers include Donovan Lloyd, Nathan Jacobs and Matthew Rogers.

Rogers and Jacobs are offense in the backfield, two-way stars as both along with quarterback also play running back on Kyle Clark.

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Visiting the Quillen VA Center in Johnson City

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

As most military veterans know, the most local VA medical services in Knoxville are at the W. C. Tallent Outpatient Clinic near West Towne Mall. There are related veteran-care health offices in and around the Downtown West shopping center nearby.

But for more serious medical treatment or exams, veterans are often sent to the James H. Quillen Mountain Home facility in Johnson City.

I've made that long drive many times for myself and my oldest son. It's a long drive up Interstate 81 and

often for only an hour or so at the Johnson City facility for a test or quick exam. Every now and then the Veterans Administration there will assign an exam or treatment to a non-VA doctor's office in Knoxville. But that is infrequent and sometimes can take weeks or months to arrange.

I realized recently how little I knew about the Mountain Home hospital or the Tallent Center.

Veterans with sudden injuries or illnesses can now go directly to a local hospital for treatment with the VA usually authorizing treatment. Until that change a few years ago, the VA would have to approve of the emergency room visit.

More and more treatments and exams are now available at or by the Tallent Clinic here but many times a visit to Johnson City is required. The Tallent Center falls under the Quillen Hospital.

Having lived near the VA facility in Johnson City, I remember the hospital being known as "Mountain Home" and, before that, the "Mountain Home Branch of The National

Asylum for Disabled Volunteered Soldiers." Congressman Walter Preston Brownlow's effort created the facility which was funded by Congress in 1901. The 450-acre site saw the creation of French Renaissance-style buildings. It opened in 1909 and, five years later, a national cemetery there was authorized.

Civil War Union veterans were cared for there and, in 1943, it was transferred to the Veterans Administration. The facility and the cemetery are on the National Register of Historic Places.

It was named for the late First District Congressman James Quillen and oversees veteran medical care at 15 locations serving 41 counties in Tennessee, Western Virginia and Southeast Kentucky area. Quillen was a Navy lieutenant during WWII and served in the Tennessee legislature and 34 years in the U.S. Congress.

One of those facilities is the clinic in Knoxville named for William C. Tallent, a Knoxville native who twice escaped as a



Many veterans know the Quillen Mountain Home Hospital in Johnson City very well. It is a full-service medical facility and serves 41 counties in our region.

prisoner of war in WWII and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. In later life, he was a leader of military service organizations.

I've got to say that coordination between the Knoxville branch and the Johnson City VA hospital is pretty good. In off hours, the phone to the local facility is answered in Johnson City and messages back to Knoxville are relayed promptly. If the veteran needs to stay overnight for an outpatient visit, the Johnson City VA hospital usually puts them up in a local motel there at no charge.

Yet the trip from Knoxville or other outlying VA branches is long and stressful. The Veterans Administration does pay, on application, some reimbursement for fuel. The Disabled American Veterans local chapter has a shuttle there and back with stops along the way to pick up veterans needing transportation.

Along the many trips up to and from Johnson City, we usually try to eat at a restaurant there before or after a medical visit to break the journey up a bit. Sometimes I'll get out with my camera and visit a nearby attraction or park

and get information for a Knoxville Focus story.

I've got to compliment the Veteran's Administration in recent years—it has seemed to step up more in helping with medical visits and prescriptions. Many veterans can use the service at no charge and others - veterans with income and no service-related disability - are charged a small fee for visits and prescriptions.

If you are ever in the Johnson City area you may want to visit the Gray Fossil Museum just north of the city or drive back through Jonesborough, the oldest city in our state.

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS BY JADON GIBSON

Pearl Bryan didn't deserve it! Part 7

By Jadon Gibson

When Scott Jackson was being interrogated about the vicious murder of Pearl Bryan in rural Fort Thomas, Kentucky, he was adamant in claiming his innocence. When the detective entered with the valise, Jackson's eyes immediately focused on it.

"Mr. Jackson, is this the piece of luggage that held the young lady's head?" he was asked.

"It probably is but I wasn't the one carrying it," Scott answered.

Cincinnati Police Chief Deitsch stepped out of the room momentarily and soon returned with Mr. Kugel. It was like Scott Jackson had seen a ghost. "Is this the man who brought the valise into your tavern and asked that you hold it for him?" the chief asked Kugel.

"Yes sir, it is," he answered assuredly.

Jackson slumped down in his seat.

An inquest was held in Newport since Pearl Bryan's body was found in Kentucky. Sheriff Plummer and Detectives Crim and McDermott first explained how they were able to identify the victim. They determined the place of death as being in Kentucky by the large amount of blood loss. She was alive when she arrived at the orchard where she was killed and decapitated. Blood droplets were found clinging to the bottom of leaves near the crime scene and a puddle saturated heavily with blood was just below the body.

The cause of death was having her throat cut although her head was also severed. The head was not found in the area. It was likely discarded elsewhere in order to prevent the

identification of the victim.

The likely culprits were Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling who were locked in the Hamilton County Jail in Cincinnati. Jackson was said to be five foot six inches tall, with blonde hair and gray eyes. Alonzo Walling was said to be five feet nine inches tall, with dark hair and hazel eyes.

Sheriff Plummer completed extradition papers to have the prisoners moved to Kentucky for their trial. Word was rampant that a large faction of citizens planned to hang the prisoners once they were transported into Kentucky. Jackson and Walling felt more secure in Cincinnati so they hired a legal firm to fight against their extradition. The papers were delivered to Ohio Governor Asa Bushnell but the legal battle continued for three weeks before the papers were approved and signed.

Ohio and Kentucky officials were concerned about moving the prisoners because of the threats that were made against them. Sheriff Plummer felt it best to move them immediately and not give any hostile individuals an opportunity to formulate a plan. He had the prisoners taken out the back entrance of the Hamilton County Jail and into a waiting, enclosed horse-driven wagon. Meanwhile, another similar vehicle waited in the front as a decoy.

The prisoners were transported across the Ohio River into Kentucky at a gallop before local residents hardly knew they were coming. Sheriff Plummer assigned extra officers for protection as the excitement of the murder case was descending on his jurisdiction.

Scott Jackson and Alonzo

Walling turned on each other as more evidence surfaced against them. They were both trying to save their own skins. The detectives were able to piece the case together and were sure the two were in it together. The detectives learned that Pearl's head was thrown in the Ohio River although Louis Ross and Sam Phister, students at the Ohio Dental College, said it was commonly felt at the school that her head was thrown into one of the large furnaces at the school.

Twenty-eight-year-old Scott Jackson went on trial on April 21, 1896, for the murder of Pearl Bryan of Greencastle, Indiana. Alonzo Walling's trial would not begin until the following month.

Sheriff Plummer, sheriff of Campbell County, Kentucky, and the detectives on the case were questioned about their investigation and about much of the evidence. Employees at the John Church Music Publishing Company, located at Fourth and Elm Streets in Cincinnati, testified that they heard an intense argument in front of their store shortly before Pearl's death. An open window allowed them to hear the whole heated conversation when Pearl complained that Jackson had not helped her as promised. She said if something wasn't done soon she was going back to Indiana and telling the whole story to authorities. The participants were later identified as Jackson and Walling. They were able to identify Pearl Bryan by her only picture.

Investigating officers were very interested in a dissecting knife that Jackson usually carried and often exhibited in front of friends and acquaintances.

They were asked if they had seen the knife since the gruesome murder. Absolutely no one had seen it since Pearl's macabre murder and decapitation.

The porter at Legner's Tavern and eatery testified that he saw Jackson, Walling and Pearl in the tavern early on the night the murder occurred. "I saw one of the men put something in the young lady's drink," he affirmed. Through the investigation, it was learned that Scott purchased the cocaine at a drug store in the immediate vicinity. In that era cocaine and many other drugs could be purchased even without a prescription.

A Black coachman whose stable was nearby on Peeble's Corner followed on the witness stand. He stated that "the young lady was either sick, drugged or both," on the night he took the three into Kentucky. The elderly man said "the young lady moaned most all the way," but added that her cries became louder and more often as they neared their destination.

"They said to wait but when she started yelling I became so concerned with those young men I left. There was nothing I could do and there was no one to tell. I just wanted to get away. I was afraid my life was in danger. I left the carriage and started walking. I didn't see anyone. I just wanted to get back to Cincinnati."

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'Kiss The Magnolia Tree' Book Signing featuring local author Doug White

Douglas White, Knoxville author of "Kiss The Magnolia Tree," a compelling story of a man who embarks on an inspiring journey, will be featured at a book signing at Gift Gourmet and Interiors (5508 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919) on Thursday November 3, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

"Kiss the Magnolia Tree" from Covenant Books author R. Doug White is an enthralling story of a man who is heartbroken at the loss of his wife and uproots his life by moving to a small South Carolina village. Much to his surprise, the tranquil façade of the historic town covers the reality of mysteries and miracles.

White shares, "Three years after the tragic death of his artistic wife, Doug White enrolled for one year of graduate work at Erskine Seminary in upstate South Carolina. Doug and his dog, Sugar Baby, packed up and moved to the beautiful old village of Abbeville, South Carolina from the bustling university city of Knoxville, Tennessee. After a proper interview with the formidable Margaret Bowie, he rented a room in her home, Bowie Hall. Little did Doug know that this event would lead to life-changing adventure for them."

Being a therapist for twenty-three years helped Doug navigate the compelling Miss Margaret, her biting dog Possum, the brokenness of personal loss, and the intricate subtleties of southern traditions. Plans to stay for one year grew into a fifteen-year adventure. Doug suspected from the beginning that Miss Margaret and he shared a love of dogs, but the rest of the story is one of surprises and miracles."

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