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Holt kicks off campaign for Knox County Commission

By Ken Lay

Garrett Holt officially announced his intention to run for Knox County Commission late Thursday afternoon at a kickoff event at Scramble Jakes in Rocky Hill.

Holt, 29, said that his intention is to serve and give back to the citizens of Knoxville and Knox County.

"I'm not a politician. This is not about politics, it's about public service," Holt said. "The biggest question I get is why. I love the people of Knoxville and Knox County. Knoxville is my home, it's our home."

Holt, who will seek the District 4 seat on the commission, ran unsuccessfully for a spot on Knoxville City Council during the last election cycle.

He didn't stay out of the arena for long. He said that he is answering the call that came to him as a teenager and student at West High School.

"I felt the call to serve when I was about 14 or 15 years old when I was in the Key Club," he said.

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Garrett Holt kicked off his campaign for County Commission Thursday. Pictured with Holt are Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knox County Circuit Court, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Court Clerk Charlie Susano.

Only three offices to have opposition on November ballot

By Mike Steely
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It's been an unusual election year in the city of Knoxville. The recent primary saw Mayor Indya Kincannon getting well above the rare 50% plus one vote, effectively re-electing her for a second term. Her name and the slot for mayor will not appear on the November general election ballot.

Director Chris Davis announced last week that the Election Commission met and approved the ballot. City voters will see a form that includes at-large council Seats A, B and C, the District 5 council race and the municipal judge seat.

District 5 Councilman Charles Thomas faced no primary opposition and his

name will appear without a challenger.

The untimely death of candidate Cameron Brooks leaves incumbent Lynne Fugate alone on the ballot for the at-large Seat A.

At-large Seat B's Janet Testerman did not seek re-election and her seat will be captured by either Debbie Helsley or R. Bentley Marlow.

At-large Seat C's incumbent Amelia Parker will face challenger Tim Hill.

Long-term incumbent Municipal Judge John R. Rosson Jr. will face Tyler M. Caviness.

The first day of early voting is set for Wednesday, October 18 and early voting ends November 2. The general election is November 7.

Barry Neal kicks off campaign for District 9 commission seat

By Bill Howard

Barry Neal has been active in community affairs in South Knoxville for 20 or so years. This past spring he decided he wanted to take his service to a higher level.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Love That BBQ on Maryville Pike, Neal held a meet-and-greet event to officially kick off his campaign for county commission, 9th District.

"To represent and serve the citizens of South Knoxville County," Neal said, when asked why he sought the office.

Neal listed a number of community organizations he's been active in: president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the James

White Parkway Chapman Highway Task Force, and the 9th District representative for the 2021 Charter Review Commission, among others.

According to Neal's campaign literature, as a commissioner, he would focus on more investments in schools, roads and parks; promote growth while protecting neighborhoods; and support first responders to ensure community safety.

He also would try to address the issue of homelessness in the county, he said.

"Knoxville and Knox County can't handle this alone," Neal said. "The state has to help with the alcohol and drug problems. Maybe even the federal

government. Nonprofits could be involved as well."

A 1977 graduate of South-Young High School, Neal has worked for 33 years for UT Conference and Events Services. He has a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.A. in Education, both from UT.

Neal hopes to replace the current 9th District Commissioner, Carson Dailey, who is term-limited. Dailey strongly supports Neal as his successor.

"Barry is a lifelong Knoxville-ian," Dailey said. "He can follow through with my vision: a sports park in South Knox, a new elementary school. Barry's the guy who can follow through."

Mike Brown held the seat Neal seeks from 2008 til



PHOTO BY BILL HOWARD

Representing District 9 Former Commissioner Mike Brown, candidate Barry Neal and incumbent Commissioner Carson Dailey at Neal's campaign kick off last week.

2018. "Barry's the best man for the job," said Brown. "He's been active in the community for over

20 years. He's down to earth, honest. If he tells you something, you can take it to the bank."

Early voting in the primary starts next Feb. 14. Primary Election Day is Mar. 5.



A couple dozen frustrated apartment renters protested at Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting, demanding that the city government take some action to help them with large rental rate hikes.

Renters protest at city council meeting

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Shouting and anger returned to a Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday as frustrated apartment renters confronted the council over huge rent increases. Most of the protesters,

dressed in black tee shirts, took every opportunity to plead for help from the city with the increasing rental rates.

Several East Knoxville community activists joined the renters to lambast Mayor Indya Kincannon and

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PARC hears request for training, accusations of racism

By Bill Howard

Two of the people who addressed the Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) at its quarterly meeting on Sept. 14 were compelling.

Though the two speakers shared a theme - the common claim of disparate police behavior based on the race of the suspect - their performance before the committee couldn't have been more different. Guest speaker Donna Mitchell is the president and CEO of Covenant Counseling. She spoke to the committee about the psychological effects - on both individuals and the community - of police stops.

According to Mitchell, one's bodily reactions upon encountering the



Donna Mitchell was the guest speaker for the quarterly meeting of the Police Advisory & Review Committee meeting held earlier this month.

police can affect the outcome of the interaction.

"I want you to take a minute to think about something that happened to you that was very disturbing," Mitchell said.

"Be curious enough to pay attention to your heart rate. There are automatic things that happen in our body: fight, flight, freeze. When I hear the police coming, even though I've done nothing, why do I run?"

"My job here today is to allow us to think outside the box, outside of the police stop, outside of the person being stopped for us to pay attention to what's going on inside our bodies."

Mitchell then told the committee about a training course she had developed along with Dr. Denise Jackson. The course is called the Community Resiliency Model, and would focus on six skills that enable one "to pay attention to our interior function."

This would reduce the likelihood of an encounter with the police becoming hostile, according to Mitchell.

"Do we always know when we can be grounded, when we can calm down, when we can pay attention to what is going on internally so that I can act and react in a more appropriate way?" Mitchell asked.

One's body, according to Mitchell, remembers "the score," the sum of the effects our experiences have on us.

Mitchell revealed to the committee a painful, personal experience.

According to Mitchell, her husband one day came driving up their gravel driveway, which sent Mitchell into near

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On Almost Everything, Follow The Money

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr. duncanjj@knoxfocus.com

Almost everything the federal government does can be traced back to a very old saying: "Follow the money."

According to Wikipedia, the saying was popularized almost 50 years ago in a docudrama film called "All The President's Men," but it has probably always been true and even more so today.

It certainly is true of the many millions paid to the Biden Crime Family, with money being laundered through at least 20 "shell" companies and payments being made to nine different family members, including grandchildren.

All this was being done to hide this money from the public and even from the IRS. And what makes all this even worse is that the cover-up was aided and abetted by most of the national media and U.S. Attorney David Weiss.

The media put President Biden into office by allowing him to hide in his basement during the campaign and has continued to protect him - first, by refusing to cover the scandal, and then, second, by giving it very minimal coverage or downplaying it altogether.

David Weiss, the U.S. Attorney assigned to the Hunter Biden case, worked closely with Beau Biden when Biden was the Delaware Attorney General, and Weiss even had one of Hunter Biden's closest friends, Alexander Mackler, on his staff during part of the investigation of Hunter.

Even worse, Weiss who first became Acting U.S. Attorney under President Obama and then was recommended by Delaware's

two Democrat senators, slow-walked the Hunter Biden investigation and let the statute run out on felonies concerning his 2014 and 2015 taxes.

Then Weiss tried to give Hunter Biden such a sweetheart deal that the judge wouldn't accept it, something which she had probably never done before. It is almost a cruel joke on the American people that Attorney General Merrick Garland would appoint Weiss as Special Counsel to further investigate these cases.

Follow the money also applies to the Covid vaccine. At least nine people became new billionaires after their companies led the most massive lobbying and public relations campaign in world history to get U.S. taxpayers to pay for a very ineffective, often harmful vaccine.

Big Pharma got the media to induce a worldwide panic to a flu-like virus that was no threat to those under 21 and very little threat to

those under 65.

Our CDC said at one point that 94% of the so-called Covid deaths were people who had co-morbidities like pneumonia, heart failure, diabetes, strokes, or simple old age that were probably the actual cause of death.

In the 1957-58 flu season, there was an outbreak of what was called Asian Flu. Worldwide population then was about 60% of what it is now. Statistics were not as accurate then, and worldwide deaths were estimated at one to four million. This means that proportionally that flu was as bad or maybe even worse than Covid.

In the U.S., no schools were closed then and no local governments ordered hundreds of thousands of small businesses to shut down. Most people who had Covid had very light cases and simply used the virus as an excuse to stay home. Country club memberships reached record highs all over the nation as people were supposedly "working

at home".

Follow the money applies, too, to the war in Ukraine. American taxpayers have already spent \$113 BILLION on this war, and President Biden has asked for \$24 BILLION more. He has also said we will continue doing this "as long as it takes," whatever that means.

Last December, the four largest U.S. defense contractors - Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Pratt & Whitney - all joined in hosting a lavish party for the Ukrainian Ambassador and Defense Attache.

For many years, defense contractors - large and small - have hired very many retiring admirals and generals. It has been called the revolving door at the Pentagon. Especially over the last 50 or 60 years, our wars have been far more about money and power than about any real threat to the U.S.

If you doubt this, look up the Roosevelt Group in Washington, D.C., and the

huge number of retired admirals and generals on their "team". They hire these people to lobby their former pals and buddies still at the Pentagon. These defense contracts are the most lucrative in the world.

The Defense Department today is a gigantic bureaucracy that will always exaggerate any threat so they can get more money, and they know both parties are afraid to appear unpatriotic by voting against the troops.

What is really crazy about this war though, is that it is being financed in large part by American money. Despite a U.S. ban on buying oil directly from Russia, the New York Times reported in late June: "But both the United States and the European Union continue to buy Russian oil that has been refined in other countries into gasoline, fuel oil, and other products."

Rent controls: A solution to housing affordability?

Knoxville's mayor is said to favor rent controls as a "solution" to housing affordability. She, like most progressives, ignores Santayana's "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it."



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Rent controls are one of the few things that most economists agree on: it is bad.

So bad in fact that the Swedish socialist Gunnar Myrdal said "Rent control has in certain Western countries constituted, maybe, the worst example of poor planning by governments lacking courage and vision." Another Swedish economist Assar Lindbeck stated, "In many cases rent control appears to be

the most efficient technique presently known to destroy a city—except for bombing." Actually, Lindbeck's comment was an understatement. Consider that after the Vietnam War, the Vietnamese foreign minister Nguyen Co Thach said that controls had artificially encouraged demand and discouraged supply. House rents had been kept low so all the houses in Hanoi had fallen into disrepair. "The Americans couldn't destroy Hanoi, but we have destroyed our city by very low rents. We realized it was stupid and that we must change policy," he said.

The progressives have yet to realize the stupidity of their ways. Like any other price, rents are set by the market. Rent controls constitute a maximum rent that can be charged. If the

controls are set above what the market dictates, then it will not have any impact. For example, suppose rent controls were \$20,000 per month. They would not have an effect on the Knoxville market. However, that rent would be well below the most expensive rentals in New York where one apartment lists for \$170,000 a month. For rent controls to have any effect, the rent must be set at an amount below what the market dictates. The average rent in Knoxville is \$1,600 per month. This is the average for all rental units from studios to multiple bedrooms. Let's assume that the mayor deems this amount to be too high and gets the city council to vote to lower the rent to a maximum of \$1,000 on any rental. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Well no. Those units that are rented for less than \$1,000 would find that their rents will go up as renters who are paying more than \$1,000 would seek lower-cost

apartments. Those renters who were paying less than \$1,000 would find their rents increasing and many could end up homeless, increasing homelessness in the city. Many more expensive units would be converted into condos or co-ops circumventing the controls altogether. As has been the case elsewhere, units would fall into disrepair as landlords would defer or stop maintenance. Research has shown that in rent-controlled cities, the housing stock deteriorates and property values fall as the quantity and quality of the properties fall. The building of new units declines and monies that once went to build apartments go elsewhere in the real estate market, not under controls such as condos and commercial buildings. It has been estimated that in New York City, more than 30,000 apartments are abandoned annually. Researchers find that "Rent control has destroyed entire sections

of sound housing in New York's South Bronx and has led to decay and abandonment throughout the entire five boroughs of the city."

Those tenants who are residing in a rent-controlled apartment obviously benefit, although the building may suffer from decreased upkeep and maintenance. The tenants seldom move. A good friend of mine lived in a rent-controlled apartment in Washington, DC. where the controls only apply to those in place. She continued to rent the apartment even after she had moved to another state. Her landlord finally offered her a substantial amount to give up the apartment so he could rent it out at a rent three times higher than what she was paying. The DC case is not an isolated one. Economic research has shown that the imposition of rent controls has short-term benefits to those in place by keeping their rents artificially low. However, the controls lower property values. There is a study of Cambridge, Massachusetts that estimates that property values fell by \$2 billion after the imposition of controls. Interestingly, the values fell not only on the rent-controlled properties but also on the surrounding neighborhoods.

These are the facts. Rent controls is stupid policy, but since when did progressives ever heed facts?

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Publisher's Positions



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Leftists Live In Their Own Reality

The Left in this country likes to talk about reimagining things. And they do, all the time; they reimage things to where they either don't exist or don't work. So, the country has become divided between the Left and the Reality-Based Community. That same disconnect with reality is something every person on the Left has to embrace and take pride in, as it's considered a virtue. It's as if they believe they can summon new realities into being simply by wishing it were so. They condemn Christians, yet are more smugly self-righteous and condescending than the most sanctimonious church-goer. They have a special disdain for working people and while condemning news outlets like Fox and Newsmax as being biased, they think Rachel Maddow and MSNBC are the very gospel. They would never believe the media they consume is remotely propaganda, much less biased in any way.

The Left has a remarkable ability to ignore reality when it creeps up on them. Their media outlets, who promoted the Russian colusion every day for three years, simply ignore any new development, much less acknowledging they gave a Pulitzer Prize to a "journalist" over a hoax.

The Left tells us to "follow the science" while saying there may be as many as 72 genders. They believed with all their hearts the COVID vaccine would prevent illness and death and masking became a symbol of virtue. Anyone who disagreed was a murderer.

They are enthused about the state having superior rights to that of parents as far as educating children. The Left believes children belong more to the state than to their parents. The Left thinks teachers, who may spend an hour a day with a child, know what's best for a child. The Left thinks it is fine for youngsters to make decisions about mutilating their bodies at an age when they can't choose their own bedtime. The Left apparently sees nothing wrong with exposing elementary-school-age children to sexual topics, an age when no rational human being would allow a child of that age to smoke, drink or drive. The Left coos every life is precious yet thinks it's a woman's right to kill a baby up until the moment it is born.

The Left and the Democratic Party are more concerned about race essentialism than at any time since it instituted the poll tax. The Left lives in its very own cultural bubble. Yet the Left insists white supremacy is still a pressing problem and that nothing

has changed in our country since the days of Jim Crow, which is utter crap. When non-Leftist media outlets point out the teaching of race essentialist ideology and the educators are caught, they immediately and reflexively deny it. They deny it even exists. Their next move is their standard fallback move, crying it is nothing more than a racist dog whistle. They insist these are just complaints for those who want to go back to how things were. How is that even possible if, as they insist, nothing has changed? Because they have lost touch with reality long ago. They wouldn't know Reality if it came up and kicked them in the groin.

For the last three years, Biden and the Left have had an open border policy. Despite "sanctuary states" and "sanctuary cities," it really wasn't their problem, until Republican governors began shipping them some illegal aliens, too. Then it became a four-alarm fire. 50 illegals sent to Martha's Vineyard might as well have been a napalm bomb going off. Eric Adams, mayor of New York City, calls Governor Greg Abbott of Texas a "madman," yet Abbott has been consistently and adamantly opposed to open borders. Adams didn't have the guts to point to the old man sitting in the White House whose fault it is. Democrats have

forgotten, despite what they might say, that Barack Obama did NOT have open borders when he was in the White House.

The Left, those Guardians of the Gated Communities, whine a lot about mass incarceration, but say virtually nothing about crime, nor do they seem to have the mental power or the ability to pick out a real victim. The Left is more interested in not putting people in jail than in putting hardened criminals in jail. They refuse to acknowledge criminals in general and specifically the notion some criminals deserve it and their being locked up protects society overall. They talk about protecting the most vulnerable among us, yet they expose the most vulnerable to the worst predators in our society. That disconnect with reality is growing ever wider.

Biting The Hand That Helped You

The city council in Hamtramck, Michigan, which is composed of Muslims, caused LGBTQ residents to lose their minds when it voted unanimously to remove pride flags from public property. The action was not directed toward the LGBTQ community but was intended to ban all but five flags from being flown on city property. Those flags are the

flag of the United States of America, the Michigan State flag, the City of Hamtramck flag, the Prisoner of War flag, and a flag representing the various nations from which many of the residents in Hamtramck have come from.

Catrina Stackpoole, a former member of the council, is gay and was outraged. She told the incumbent council members, "We welcomed you. We created nonprofits to help feed, clothe, find housing. We did everything we could to make your transition here easier, and this is how you repay us, by stabbing us in the back?"

Garrett Holt Kick-Off A Great Success

Garrett Holt has kicked off his campaign for the Knox County Commission with a packed house at Scrambled Jake's on Northshore Drive in the heart of District 4. Holt is running to succeed Commissioner Kyle Ward, who is a new father and wants to concentrate on his family and his private businesses. Garrett Holt's campaign boasted a full roster of the GOP spanning every age group and a diverse crowd of folks. It was a promising beginning to what will be a hard-fought campaign.

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hysterics. "My body remembered the gravel driveway and every day my dad came home," Mitchell said. "He was a functioning alcoholic and he would beat my mama. Thirty, forty years later, my body remembered that."

"But if I am in my car and I am crying profusely and I get stopped, is anybody gonna know, and I can't communicate that. We have to be able to pay attention to what's going on in our bodies, where our mind may not remember."

"Pay attention enough to ask yourself 'Why is my body responding like this?'" Mitchell said. Her Community Resiliency Model could train people to do just that, she told the committee.

Later, Constance Every addressed the committee.

Every, a native of Knoxville, served in the U.S. Army from 2006 to 2015 and is a civil rights activist. She has founded two non-profits - Sleeves4Needs and Black Coffee Justice - and even ran for governor last year.

Every was as demonstrative as she was angry.

"There is no secret about the 'American Police Department' and the trauma they are creating in Black America," Every said. "(KPD Chief of Police) Paul Noel runs one of the most corrupt police departments in America."

"Let's stick to the facts. Brooklyn Belk has left this department due to what we already know: a cultural history of racism in the Knoxville Police Department," Every went on.

Brooklyn Belk, a Black female, was hired by KPD in February this year as

deputy chief. One of the changes she and Noel made was changing the name of the Internal Affairs Unit to the Office of Professional Standards, which Belk was to head.

Ostensibly, various changes Belk tried to implement led to resistance from KPD personnel. She resigned in July.

According to Every, Noel lied at a city council meeting when he was asked by Councilpersons Seema Singh and Amelia Parker why Belk left. Every didn't specify what Noel's answer was.

Every then referenced KPD officer Dylan Williams. In 2019, Williams shot and killed Chanarra Pheap after answering a call about a car involved in a hit-and-run crash.

A struggle between Williams and Pheap resulted

in Pheap's death. Williams claimed his life was in danger. Pheap's family claims he was trying to run away and posed no threat.

"True to the factors of keeping corruption going in the department, instead of Dylan Williams being fired or put on administrative leave without pay, he has been promoted to Detective of Homicide," Every said. "How can you kill somebody and now you're investigating murder?"

Every cited other examples of what she called police misconduct that, she claimed, was evidence of systematic corruption in KPD.

"When are we gonna start holding these people accountable?" she asked.

Holt kicks off campaign for Knox County Commission

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"I love Knoxville and I think we should feel fortunate to live here."

"I look around this room and I see people who have helped me, by being a friend, and I want to give back to all of you."

Although he's spent the majority of his life in Knoxville and feels that the county has been run well, he said that Knox County needs to manage its unprecedented growth in recent years.

"The county has been run pretty well, but we need to look five, 10 or 15 years down the road at our infrastructure and we need to be proactive," he

said. "This is not the same Knoxville that I grew up in."

"People are coming here more than ever before and we need to pay our teachers and our county employees more."

Holt also said that he would work to improve roads and traffic patterns throughout the county.

As he expressed gratitude to his supporters, Holt promised to always do the right thing for the citizens of Knox County.

"I'm not the perfect candidate and I'm not a perfect person, but if you want the guy who will do the right thing when no one is looking, then I'll be that guy, I am that guy," he said.

'Innocence of children' resolution draws questions at work session

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Today's 5 p.m. regular meeting of the Knox County Commission may see a second discussion of a resolution submitted by Commissioner Rhonda Lee. Her motion in last week's work session to "express the commission's commitment to protecting the innocence of children" may be rewritten a bit.

Lee said last week that she had talked with Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers and some of the language may need to be taken out of the resolution. Moyers replied the language was "too broad" and such a resolution should address

the commission's concerns and not make policy. "WHEREAS, children learn from observing and subsequently acting out the behaviors they have observed. Children who have observed sexualized behaviors or who have been the victim of sexual assault may act out with other children at home or school, which may lead to additional child victims," one part of the original resolution says.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker said that Lee's resolution could "tie your hands in numerous ways."

"What is the problem you are trying to solve?" asked Commissioner

Larsen Jay. Lee responded she just wants the body to "take a position" to protect children. Lee said children should be protected from inappropriate sexual activities but added such activities are not defined in her resolution.

Jay asked who would define "wholesome, good and honorable action" in Lee's resolution. He asked if Lee's resolution is a "precursor" to other actions such as the closure of school libraries. Lee responded that other jurisdictions have adopted similar resolutions to protect children.

"Youngsters are not being protected, the criminals are," Commissioner

Carson Dailey said. He and Commissioner Richie Beeler requested their names be added to the Lee-sponsored resolution.

The advice of Moyers apparently means the Lee resolution will be rewritten for today's session and discussed again before a vote.

Also before the commission today are possible changes to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System that could set board of director terms at three years, permit officers to seek elected office without a leave of absence, and require all corrections and patrol officers to have a valid driver's license.

Commission updated on ambulance provider bids

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At the end of the work session last week, Commissioner Larsen Jay asked for an update on the response to the county's invitation for vendors to bid to provide ambulance service. The current 10-year contract with American Medical Response is nearing its end.

Procurement Director Matt Myers and Chief Operating Officer Dwight Van de Vate spoke on the issue. Four bids have been received and the matter is in the "evaluation phase" with a proposal expected in October.

When asked about the recent shortage of AMR ambulances and the activation of the Emergency

Operation Center, Van de Vate said that an unusual situation where no more ambulances from AMR were available was handled well by other fire and rescue services responding to the shortage. He said the emergency activation lasted about three hours and congratulated the co-responding departments.

That odd day, September 12, saw all of AMR's 14 ambulances out on calls with some stuck at hospitals awaiting delivery of patients.

AMR, formerly known as Rural/Metro, is one of the four bidders for the contract. Priority Ambulance, American Medical Response Tennessee and Falck USA are the other bidders.

Renters protest at city council meeting

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the council. City Attorney Charles Swanson told the protesters, who often shouted loudly, that Knoxville has no power to set rent controls because of state law.

Many of the protesters live at Rand at Tillery, formerly named Tanglewood Apartments. One resident, Nikki Lynn, said a new organization has been formed to help defend renters being evicted. Reportedly more than 100 tenants of Rand at Tillery recently faced action in eviction court. Renters say that rent there has increased, some rates doubling, since Rand Property Management bought the complex.

At one point a speaker asked the council members how many of them rent and only one, Seema Singh, said she does but added she rents from family and is not affected by rent increases. Two

speakers demanded council members respond to questions but council rules do not require responses from council members.

Several protesters spoke during agenda items that had nothing to do with renter issues, using their time to attack or plead with the council for help. The public forum at the end of the meeting stretched the council session to four hours.

While the city council members sympathized with the renters there was little the city could do to resolve their dilemma.

In Other Business

The council denied an appeal filed by John Holmes for three variances for four townhouses he wants to build in the Fort Sanders neighborhood. Holmes wants to replace a condemned house there with apartments

that complement the neighborhood. The 2230 Laurel Avenue site project failed in a Board of Zoning Appeals board meeting and Holmes took the request to the city council.

Holmes said that building on the property should get variances due to the elevation and the current location of two driveways there. A motion from Councilwoman Seema Singh was denied and the denial passed 6-3 on a motion by Councilman Tommy Smith.

The council approved the city's annual donation to the Community Schools Initiative for 14 in-city schools now being administered by the United Way of Greater Knoxville. United Way was asked to take over the project after having administering the program for the past ten years. The allotment was for \$425,000.

The school program provides activities for students each day when the schools let out and the council members described the program as pivotal and an important part of what the city funds do to help local schools. Mayor Indya Kincannon commented on the large amount of local sales tax money generated in the city that goes to the schools.

A zoning change for a Sanders Lane property was approved for the lot to switch from RN-2 single family residential to RN-4 residential neighborhood. A property at 602 Citico Street was approved to be rezoned from I-MU mixed industrial to C-G-1 general commercial.

The mayor was authorized to apply for \$150,000 from the state to reimburse the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency salaries and operating

expenses.

Also approved was a grant request for \$632,355 from the U.S. Department of Justice for funding the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. A Knoxville Police Department request for \$25,000 for forensic firearm training with the Alcoa Police Department and to also purchase a trained police dog was approved.

The council also voted to lease the New Hope Community Center to the Emerald Youth Foundation in a five-year agreement and to increase the monthly funding of a security company for service in parks and recreation facilities.

The council approved an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for \$25 million to develop energy efficient strategies throughout the city.

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a weekly column by
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Persecution

One is only poor, only if they choose to be.

Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton

I'm sure you have felt it by now. It's cooler and less humid; fall is in the air. We are blessed to live in the best part of the country with four distinct seasons. By the time you get tired of one, the next season rolls around.

I am a big fan of Dolly Parton and country music. She is the real deal, like Pat Head Summitt whom I recently quoted. Actually, I like all types of music with the exception of gangster rap, mindless elevator music or the often dreadful noise one is forced to endure while on hold.

I like many of Dolly's songs including "Jolene," "I Will Always Love You," but

especially, "Coat of Many Colors." The lyrics capture the awkwardness and pain of youth where it's often hard to find your place. I might dream of being young again, but not at the price of having to relearn all those tough lessons.

Growing up, I was an academic underachiever. I was interested in sports, and later girls and sports. I became more bookish in college.

Robert Fulgham wrote a wonderful book about the social skills he learned in kindergarten. Actually, I believe social lessons continue throughout life. Education is the same. We learn the basics in school, and then begin a lifetime of learning.

I didn't read Fulgham's book until I was grown, so my excuse is that I learned about bullies and about

settling arguments with guys on the schoolyard. The rule: if you are forced to fight, throw the first punch, and, like Randy in "A Christmas Story," don't let up until it's over. Guys quickly get over our differences, even a busted lip. On the other hand, girls get even. And these days, tragically, many young girls are savagely bullied on social media and contribute to the rising suicide epidemic.

I was never taught farming, and it shows. I have learned to pay attention to the weather and rainfall. Actually, as a farmer, I couldn't feed myself, let alone my family. I imagine myself more of a gentleman farmer like Mr. Douglas of Green Acres. Fortunately, my son-in-law is handy, keeps our tractor running and does our plowing so I have more time to think and write.

I learned in school that each fall and spring the hours of day and night become equal. You may not have been aware of the autumnal equinox on September 23rd, but by now we've all felt the season change. However, I'm sensing more. I'm sensing winds of change across America.

In her biographical song, Dolly described the

persecution of a little girl with a multi-colored coat. The dictionary defines persecution as harassing or oppressing someone because of religious, racial, social or political beliefs. Jesus was persecuted by the religious establishment of his day. Dolly described a poor kid's persecution. And President Trump is being persecuted by the Washington establishment, Democrats and those driven to insane hatred by evil's malevolent force.

A neighbor on our street has one of those virtue-signaling yard signs that lists liberal platitudes and ends with "vote woke." Given the objective realities of progressive wokeness, I stand amazed that someone could be so detached and ignore the destructive consequences of wokeness.

I'm a big fan of noted scholar and writer, Victor Davis Hanson. He recently published an essay entitled "Post-postmodern America" where he objectively described the destruction wrought by Progressive Democrats and their woke policies. I pray for those who are lost, but being a teacher at heart, I put a copy of Professor Hanson's essay in my neighbor's mailbox.

I wish I could send Professor Hanson's essay to Corporate America. They apparently have not learned from the Bud Light imbroglio because the Dove soap company just hired a morbidly obese, BLM activist to promote the woke "body positivity" movement and rail against fat shaming. Perhaps Dove thinks they'll sell more soap with this garbage, but anyone with brains knows that obesity is a terrible health risk. Actually, I find the BLM activist gross and refuse to kowtow to her woke agenda and gaslighting. And, hey, Dove: your soap has just been added to the Ferguson family's boycott list. If you "go woke, you go broke." Be courageous people and "just say No," to wokesters on Wall Street and those next door on Main Street. They don't deserve our sympathy, respect or money.

The Progressive-Democrat leadership is not stupid, they are just ideologically driven to increase their power by destroying freedom, capitalism and Americanism. It is their sycophant followers who are stupidly naive. Joseph Stalin is credited with the applicable term, "useful idiot."

The Progressive-Democrat

hurricane of open borders, crime, homelessness, police defunding, faltering economy and gender lunacy is raging across America. At the same time, we find ourselves again embroiled in a European war and Christians are being persecuted in America and Canada. However, my Christian brothers and sisters around the world are not only being persecuted, they are being killed in India, Nigeria, China, Ethiopia and Sudan. Jesus predicted this in his Olivet Discourse in what has become known as the Little Apocalypse. If you are unfamiliar with the prophetic message, read Matthew 24 and reflect upon post-modern America.

I am not an "end of days" harbinger, nor am I a Biblical literalist. Down through the ages, people have been preaching about the end time, but Jesus himself said, "only the Father knows the future." However, I find Matthew 24:14 especially challenging in light of the Internet which has allowed the Gospel to be "preached in the whole world."

Food for thought...

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Local veterans honor POW-MIA Day

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Several dozen veterans, their families and citizens met at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park recently to honor and remember those military personnel missing in action or held as prisoners of war.

Captain Bill Robinson, the longest-held enlisted prisoner of the Vietnam War, was recognized at the event. The local Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1078 bears his name.

Chris Albrecht, the chapter's public information officer, served as master of ceremonies. Rev. Dr. Pat Polis, past chapter president, gave the invocation and the Volunteer State Honor Guard presented the colors. Albrecht said that the search for missing soldiers continues and those people will never be forgotten but leave a "permanent void" with their families and our nation.

"We honor them and bear witness to their suffering

and continued absence," Rev. Polis said.

Kelly Rabb, a First Class Navy veteran of the honor guard, spoke of the Missing Man Table and described each item on the table and how those items on the table and the round table itself represent the missing military members.

Major Leslie A. Purser, U.S. Army retired, spoke of those soldiers missing in action and those remains found and recovered. "Since 1974 more than 1,000 remains from the Vietnam War have been recovered, identified, and returned to their families for full military honors," she said.

"Our service members hoped to return to the places they left but not all can or did. These POWs and MIAs have given our country a full measure of sacrifice," she said.

The Volunteer State Honor Guard concluded the ceremonies with a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps."



Above: Navy veteran Kelly Rabb explained the "Missing Man" table to the attendees of the MIA-POW Day recently, detailing every item on the table. The symbolic table is often used at military gatherings to honor those military personnel who never returned from duty.



Left: Daniel Orange, Robert Smith and Dale Batterton of Chapter 33 of the Special Forces Association attended the POW-MIA Day event in the World's Fair Park recently.



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Major General Leslie A. Purser, a decorated combat veteran, delivered the main address recently at the POW-MIA Day observance in Knoxville. She named various missing and prisoners of war from our region during the solemn and respectful event at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial.

Evie Andrus and Friends headline 19th Heritage Festival

Evie Andrus and Friends will headline the Union County Heritage Festival at the Emily Link Gazebo Main Stage on October 7, 2023, at Wilson Park behind the high school. Ms. Andrus has been performing her unique style of fiddle playing since she was six years old. Currently, she is a graduate student at UT Knoxville and studying Ethnomusicology. She is also one of the star performers at the Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud and co-founder and president of the East Tennessee Bluegrass Association. Andrus released an album of original tunes in May 2022, called "Evie's Great Adventure." She is regarded as one of the best fiddlers in East Tennessee and can be found performing along with her friends at 11:15 and 12:30 at the Heritage Festival.

A variety of other bluegrass and county bands complete the main stage line-up. Opening the Festival will be Jack Hatfield and True Blue at 10:15. Following Andrus and Friends will be Tennessee Brushfire, a local band featuring fiddler Wayne Goforth. Sleepy-Eyed John's Band returns with its ole time country tunes at 2:00. At 2:45, the Luttrell Fiddle Club will entertain. At 3:00 the acclaimed Fiddle

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Picture of summer's scenic trees, by Ralphine Major.



Nature's Majestic Trees

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree."

The first line of Joyce Kilmer's poem entitled "Trees" always comes to mind when I see the towering oak trees, leafy maple

trees, huge beech trees, and many more. Whether draped in green foliage of summer or laden with winter's snow, trees add such beauty to our world.

Autumn is the season that many people wait for with great anticipation.

It is then that the leaves on most trees turn into beautiful palettes of fall colors. The green hues of summer turn into vibrant oranges, reds, and yellows. Sightseeing trips are often planned for the sole purpose of viewing nature's amazing display and enjoying the breathtaking beauty that surrounds us. When the



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afternoon sun warms the air and filters through the trees, the magnificent color show elevates to a whole new level. Of course, as the fall season gradually gets overtaken by winter,

the beautiful leaves eventually die and fall from the trees leaving only the barren bark. As these changes take place again this year, enjoy the awesome beauty that Mother Nature shares with us in fall.

The poet's words ring so true as in this closing verse: "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

Words of Faith: "Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth." 1 Chronicles 16:33 (KJV).

Evie Andrus and Friends headline 19th Heritage Festival

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Contest for amateur fiddlers will begin. Prizes for the Fiddle Contest include \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for 3rd place. The Festival Committee would love to have enough performers to have a second category for under 14 years.

The Heritage Festival also boasts a Country Gospel Tent. At 10:45, the opening act will be Southern Spirit, a lively duo who perform many original country and ole time gospel songs. Chris Hooper's roots are in Sharps Chapel while Shandy Glover hails from Knoxville. Following at 11:45 comes Richard and Linda Nicely, followed by BetterThanNothing Band at 12:45. A relatively new group from Knoxville, Brand New Box

of Matches, performs at 1:45. Rounding out the afternoon and literally filling the Gospel Stage will be Ronnie Kitts and the Gospel Strings.

Find a seat or bring your own to clap your hands, tap your toes, and enjoy the music of today and yesteryear as the Festival Committee conjures up a musical experience of this year's theme, "Going to Grandma's."

Don't miss Grandma's Chicken and Dumplings or the heritage vendors and crafts at Wilson Park, the fresh produce from the Farmers Market, the Quilt Show, Grandma's Aprons, Pancake Breakfast at the Union County Museum, and the Art Show at the Snodderly House. Admission and parking are free. A free shuttle travels to all venues.

IOP for me

Amy and I made our way to Isle of Palms for an annual vacation. We've been coming here for years and believe that it's the best place to spend a week. Over that time, we've left early on more than one occasion for a variety of reasons.



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We are lucky not to have little ones to care for on vacation. The family used to go to New Smyrna for a week of swimming and other activities. We stopped when reports named the place as one of the places that sharks visited often. We also went to Disney World a couple of times. I'm not a fan of theme parks, mainly because I won't ride roller coasters or things that spin. Even the teacups can make me nauseous.

Before the turn of the century, we traveled to Alabama's Gulf Shores for a week of sun and fun. I attached a travel case with bungee cords to the top of the old Pathfinder. As we sped down the highway toward a carrier tour, the cords let go, and the utility box skidded across five or six lanes of traffic. I don't think we even tried to retrieve the thing since the contents consisted of our dirty underwear.

Isle of Palms is a small place that

has its share of young families, teens, and senior citizens. By the time we travel in mid-September, most of the visitors are gray-haired or bald and walk with stooped shoulders or limps. Yep, it's a senior citizen haven.

The beaches at IOP are wide and smooth. They don't have the best assortment of shells; I've never seen one bigger than a couple of inches in diameter. Amy and I rented a couple of chairs and an umbrella. On one occasion, we brought our own, but a gust of wind yanked our umbrella out of the sand and blew it half a world away. Having things set up every day is much nicer, and we take advantage of the service.

On vacation weeks, we sleep late. These days, that means 8:30 a.m. Eventually, we crawl out of bed to brew a pot of coffee. Then we're off to the beach. A cooler and towels take up the most room in our little wagon. We also toss in snacks, books, iPads, and earphones. For the next four or five hours, we read, listen to music, and nibble on snacks. At least a couple of times, we walk along the water and let the waves creep up to wet our feet.

Breakfast and lunch are eaten at the place we rent. However, our evening meals are more special. The first night, we ate at Acme Seafood. The place is listed as one of the top seafood restaurants in the area. I can eat seafood for supper every day,

although I'm not keen on scallops and refuse to eat anything that looks like the product of a bad head cold (oysters). Like most tourists, we put on a pound or two during the week. I'm sure that I'll lose the extra pounds when I return home and once again work in the yard and visit Planet Fitness.

This year, we are leaving our favorite place due to the death of the uncle of our "adopted" son Josh. We'll only miss one day, and that's fine if we can help Josh and his family in any way. Three years ago, we left early because Amy's appendix went haywire. The doctor at IOP wanted to wait until the blood thinner was out of her system, but I had no place to stay. We hit the road for home, and she had the thing removed at 8:30 the next morning. The first time we left early occurred because we rented a small house a couple of blocks from the beach. The place looked and smelled like a condemned building, and Amy and I decided we couldn't take any more of the dilapidated structure.

Vacation will be over in one day. The six-hour drive will have us home by midday, another factor that makes IOP a wonderful place to visit. If the good lord is willing and the creek doesn't rise, we'll be back next year, if not before. Our drive to Isle of Palms feels like going to our second home. I'll count the days until we are on the beach again.

Expedition on the Borderland 1766

From the Mountains

By Jadon Gibson

James Smith learned in 1766 that the King's agent of Indian affairs Sir William Johnson, had purchased all the land west of the Appalachian Mountains lying between the Ohio and Cherokee rivers.

After talking with several Indians and learning of the vastness of the rich land he decided to journey westward and explore the territory.

"About the last of June 1766, we set out for the Holston River," Smith wrote. "We traveled westward from there with William Baker, Joshua Horton, Uriah Stone and another James Smith.

"There were only five of us and a slave named Jamie who was about eighteen years of age. He was with Joshua Horton. We explored the area south of the Kentucky River and found no signs of white men. We then explored the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers from Stone's River to the Ohio River."

Stone's River is a branch tributary of the Cumberland River adjoining it above Nashville. It was named after Uriah Stone, one of

the men taking part in the exploration.

After an extensive exploration of the area, they arrived at the mouth of the Tennessee River. All the members of the group decided to proceed further westward except for Smith whose diary is the basis for this information. He allowed them to take his horse, bidding them farewell before starting his own journey home. My readers and I decided to return to our homes in Carolina.

"Mr. Horton loaned me his slave and I set off through the wilderness for Carolina," Smith penned. "About eight days after I left my company on my journey eastward, I got a cane stab in my foot, which caused my leg to swell and I suffered very much pain."

Smith found himself in a desperate situation.

"I am so far from any of the human species except for Jamie and I know not when I may encounter the savages," Smith penned. "I thought something must be done. I had a knife, a moccasin awl and a pair of bullet molds with these I decided to pull the nasty piece of cane from my foot."

"I stuck the awl in the skin and with the knife I cut

the flesh away from around the cane stuck in my foot. Then I commanded Jamie to catch it with the bullet molds and pull it out which he did. When I saw the cane it seemed a shocking thing to be in any person's foot. I was certainly glad to have it out of my foot."

Smith knew of various plants the Indians used as medicine. He had Jamie find a Linden tree and had him cut off a good portion of the bark and root.

"I had him beat it on a stone with a tomahawk and then boil it in a kettle. With the ooze I bathed my foot and leg. What remained was boiled into a jelly and I made a poultice with it to use as we continued our journey to Carolina," Smith wrote.

"I had no rags so I made use of the green moss that grows on logs and wrapped it round with elm bark. This made the swelling and inflammation hurt less and go away after a while."

Heavy storms were experienced during this time and Jamie erected a shelter by using forks and poles that he covered with cane.

"We were almost out of provisions," Smith wrote. "I had Jamie take my gun and I went along as well as

I could. I concealed myself near the road and killed a buffalo. We jerked the lean and fried the tallow out of the fat meat, which we kept to stew with our jerky when we needed it.

"As my foot was still sore, I concluded that I would stay here until it was healed, lest my traveling too soon might inflame it again. I continued in this place until I could walk slowly without crutches."

Smith wrote in summation, "During this time I neither saw bread, money, women or spirituous liquors and three months of this I saw none of the human species, except Jamie."

Smith and James arrived in Carolina after eleven months in the wilderness. There was much cane in the area that became Kentucky. The first three letters of the plant "can" or "ken" gave us the first three letters of Kentucky. There's a lot of cane there even now, but it grows mostly where it isn't seen.

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Frederick Gillet & the Fight for Speaker

Pages from the Past



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The mutiny earlier this year inside the GOP caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives is not new, although it hasn't happened in a long while. In fact, the last time it did occur was one hundred years ago in 1923. Upon that occasion, it took four days and nine ballots to elect a Speaker of the House.

The Speaker of the House at the time was Frederick H. Gillett, a Brahmin from Massachusetts, who had been in the House since 1893. Gillett was first elected speaker in 1919, as the Republicans had won back control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections of 1918. The Democrats had won a majority in the House in the midterm elections of 1910 during the administration of William Howard Taft. The Democrats elected Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri to be the speaker. Clark was the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for president in 1912, but while he had a majority of the delegates, he could not win the required two-thirds to obtain the nomination, something his son, Bennett, never forgot. The nomination went instead to Woodrow Wilson, the Southern-born governor of New Jersey. Wilson won the 1912 presidential election because the Republican party was split between President William Howard Taft and former chief executive Theodore Roosevelt, who ran as a third-party candidate.

Roosevelt was one of the harshest and most vocal critics of President Wilson, whom the former chief executive thought was timid and cowardly. When Wilson exhorted the American people to go to the polls in 1918 and treat the midterms as a referendum upon him and his administration, Roosevelt especially exulted in the GOP victory. It was a repudiation of Wilson and his administration. Republicans gained twenty-four seats in the House of Representatives in the 1918 elections, giving them a majority.

Champ Clark was defeated for speaker by Frederick Gillett. Aside from being a patrician, Gillett did not have a dominating or overbearing personality. Gillett loved to play golf and was an amiable fellow.

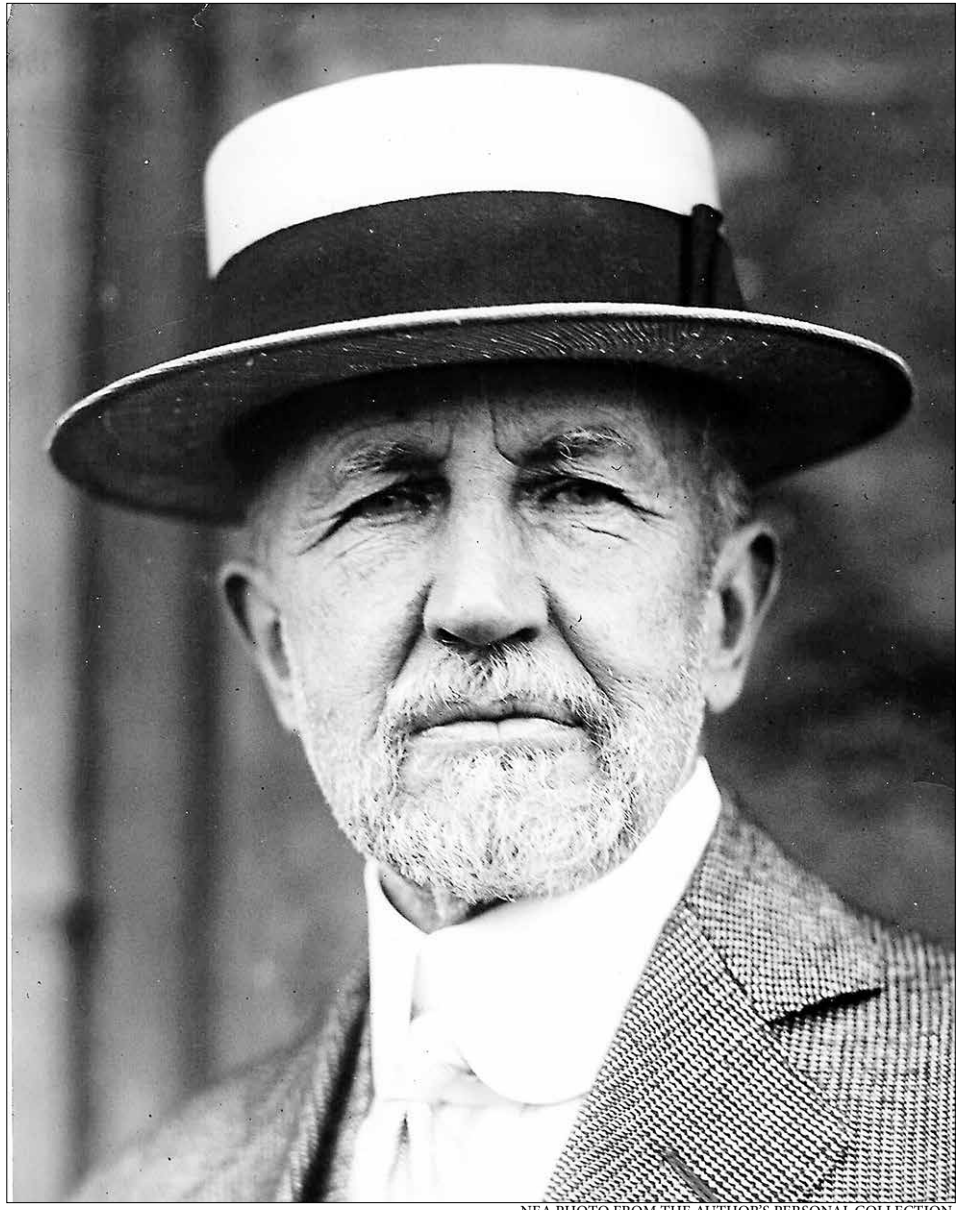
Woodrow Wilson was felled by a serious stroke, which paralyzed the left side of his body leaving him feeble and incapacitated, a fact unknown to the general public. Still, Wilson wanted a third term in the White House and was bitterly disappointed his party did not nominate him for another term. Yet he was almost surely spared a humiliating defeat as the 1920 election saw a further repudiation of Woodrow Wilson's administration when the

Democratic presidential nominee, Governor James Cox of Ohio, lost badly to fellow Buckeye State resident, U.S. Senator Warren G. Harding. It was the first presidential election in which women could vote following the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The 1920 election saw a Republican tidal wave. Even in Tennessee, veteran Democrats were put out of office. Governor A. H. Roberts lost to Republican Alf Taylor; longtime congressman Cordell Hull narrowly lost to a GOP challenger; John A. Moon, who had been in Congress since 1896 lost to his Republican opponent; and the Republicans also won a House seat in West Tennessee, as well as a statewide office, the Railroad & Public Utilities Commission, which was popularly elected. The Republicans gained 63 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 10 seats in the United States Senate.

Frederick Gillett was reelected Speaker of the House in 1921. It was following the 1922 midterms when Speaker Gillett encountered difficulty with one wing of his own political party. Republicans lost 77 seats in the House that year, leaving them with a majority of 225 seats to 207 for the Democrats. The Democratic leader of the U.S. House of Representatives was a Tennessean, Finis Garrett, who represented a district in West Tennessee.

Gillett's path to reelection as Speaker of the House was impeded by the progressive Republicans in his own caucus, not the far-right conservatives. As the House gathered to elect a speaker, Frederick Gillett was ailing with the flu. Prior to the "Lame Duck" amendment to the Constitution, Congress convened to elect a speaker and swear in the newly elected members on March 3rd following the November general election. In 1923, Gillett had been so ill Congressman Phil Campbell of Kansas presided over the House. Campbell had just been defeated in the 1922 election and was himself a lame duck. At noon on March 4, 1923, a Sunday, the speaker's gavel would fall, marking the adjournment of the 67th Congress. Then a speaker would be elected to preside over the 68th Congress.

A former speaker and the chair of the powerful Ways & Means Committee were retiring at the close of the 67th Congress. Joseph G. "Uncle Joe" Cannon still holds the record for length of service for a congressman elected from Illinois with a cumulative 46 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Joseph Warren Fordney had helmed the Ways & Means Committee before



Speaker of the House Frederick Gillett of Massachusetts looking dapper in 1920.

deciding not to seek reelection in 1922.

There were still partisans occupying the House, but there were also collegial and cordial relationships and friendships between members of differing philosophies and opposing political parties. As the 67th Congress came to a close, members celebrated in song, something that is pretty much inconceivable today. George C. Peery, a future governor of Virginia and incoming congressman from the Old Dominion State, sang a solo, "Carry Me Back to Ol' Virginny." Kentucky Congressman Alben Barkley led the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Dixie" filled the House Chamber as well.

Then began the orations paying tribute to various members who were retiring, either voluntarily or because of defeat at the polls, including a one-term congresswoman, Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, who is worthy of a column of her own. A resolution of thanks to Frederick Gillett was passed, thanking the speaker for his "able, impartial and dignified manner" while presiding over the House.

Unlike "Uncle Joe" Cannon and others before him, Frederick Gillett was not a strong speaker. Indeed, the most capable leader amongst the House Republican leadership was Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, the son-in-law of the late Theodore Roosevelt. Longworth was married to Roosevelt's headstrong daughter, Alice. Bald, dapper, with a well-groomed mustache, Longworth liked to drink and was well-known in Washington, D.C. for being popular with the ladies; it was the Ohioan who had to largely negotiate with those members of the Republican caucus who were unhappy. With a majority of only seven, the progressive Republicans tried to win concessions from the GOP House leadership.

Nick Longworth worked out a series of concessions granted the progressive members of the Republican caucus in the House, which included allowing a large

majority of the House to move legislation out of committees if that bill was being held hostage by a hostile committee chair. That was enough to cause the insurgents to vote to reelect Gillett Speaker of the House.

In 1924, Frederick Gillett, after 32 years of service in the House of Representatives, announced he was running for the United States Senate. The incumbent was David I. Walsh, who was the first Irish-Catholic Democrat to be elected governor of Massachusetts, as well as the U.S. Senate from the Bay State. Walsh was highly popular and could always count on cross-over support from many blue-blood "Yankee" voters in his home state. The 73-year-old Gillett narrowly won the general election, riding on the coattails of President Calvin Coolidge, a former governor of Massachusetts. Walsh's popularity was such that he unseated William A. Butler, who had been appointed to the U.S. Senate in 1925 following the death of the legendary Henry Cabot Lodge in 1925. Butler had been chairman of the Republican National Committee and appointed to the Senate at the behest of President Coolidge. Yet the wealthy manufacturer lost the 1926 general election to David Walsh.

During the 1928 presidential campaign between Republican Herbert Hoover and Democrat Al Smith of New York, it was Senator Frederick Gillett who had planted the "seed" about Mrs. Smith's being First Lady, should her husband win the presidency. Al Smith was a self-made man and neither he nor his family were ever to be mistaken for patricians. Speaking at the Hotel

Kimball in Springfield, Massachusetts, to a gathering of Republican women who were working in the campaign, Senator Gillett told them of the "charm, culture and intelligence" of Lou Hoover, wife of GOP president candidate Herbert Hoover. According to TIME magazine, Gillett told the women, "It is at gatherings like these that we must sow the seeds which will win the election." Following that comment, Senator Gillett proceeded to discuss Al Smith's appeal "to a certain class or element of citizens." Senator Gillett added, "Of course I cannot say very much of Mrs. Smith, because I have never known her, but if the contest were between Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Smith..." Gillett let his voice trail off. A reporter covering the event for the Springfield Republican, a newspaper that lived up to its name, noted the women applauded the senator with enthusiasm.

That reporter was George Pelletier, who promptly visited Gillett and asked the senator if he wished to finish the sentence. Gillett replied he couldn't recall what he had said exactly and dismissed it as unimportant in any event. Quite likely, the comment would have probably never gone beyond the pages of the Springfield Republican had not the New York Times published it in an editorial. That same editorial lambasted Frederick Gillett with a variety of adjectives, including denouncing the senator's "vulgarity and stupidity" as well as his "execrable taste," while lamenting Gillett's "political blunder." The Times editorial wailed about Gillett's "folly," "impropriety," which it thought "unchivalrous" and "offensive" and denounced it as "underground

propaganda."

The scathing editorial brought a response from Senator Gillett who promptly sent a letter to the editor of the Times. "The words and insinuation you ascribe to me I neither uttered nor conceived..." The senator insisted the newspaper had "been imposed upon... by a gross perversion and distortion of a harmless remark."

Reporter George Pelletier saw Gillett's letter to the editor and fired off one of his own. Pelletier related his having paid a call on the senator and their subsequent conversation. "It is the first time the charge of 'misquoted' has been aimed at me," Pelletier raged, "and it is baseless, even though it comes from a Senator."

By 1930, Gillett appeared to be facing a serious challenge inside the GOP primary and was 79 years old. Senator Gillett retired. One reporter thought Frederick Gillett, despite having served in both houses of Congress for quite nearly 40 years, was less a politician than a philosopher in politics. The newsman thought Gillett was more like a college president than an elected official. Gillett possessed the good manners expected of his class and "was the graceful and courteous gentleman whose soul disliked and whose mind never well comprehended, the rough and tumble of politics," the journalist remembered.

For one who had spent so long in the chambers of both the House and Senate, Frederick Gillett was no orator. In fact, he was rather an "inept" speaker during debate. Yet Gillett was well-liked by his colleagues. Progressive Republican maverick William E. Borah of Idaho, when told of Gillett's death in 1935, quickly replied the late speaker was "one of the most likeable men" he had ever known. When as Speaker of the House, Frederick Gillett, without outwardly displaying any anger or raising his voice, had delivered a scathing denunciation from the speaker's chair, to Texas Congressman Thomas Blanton for having supposedly put "obscene material" into the Congressional Record, the Texan was so shaken he had "stumbled from the floor to keel over, partially unconscious, in the House lobby."

Frederick Gillett preferred to remain in the House and serve as speaker, but President Coolidge thought him the candidate best able to beat Senator David I. Walsh. Gillett did as the leader of his party asked. Above all, Frederick Gillett was a loyal Republican.

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This the 15 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

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Bid 3472, Renovation and Addition to Sterchi Elementary School, due 10/24/23;
Bid 3473, Grant Funded Paving Services, due

10/24/23;
Bid 3474, Grant Funded Miscellaneous Construction/Renovation Services, due 10/24/23

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

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2003 Chevy Trailblazer 1GNES16S36182673 (Rhonda Richoux)
2007 Mercedes ML350 4JGB-B86E97A244346 (Mahogany Blue/ Ole Ben Franklin Motors)
2006 BMW X3 WBXPA93476W87075 (Alex Johnson/ Cheri Wadley/ American Credit Acct)
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Copies of the complete New Construction Bid Packet may be obtained by contacting Todd Kennedy, Project Director, (865) 312-4612 or thkennedy@gmail.com. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site at 12:30 p.m. EST, on Friday, September 29, 2023 where New Construction Bid Packages will be available.

All bids must be submitted in compliance with the New Construction Bid Packet and Information for Bidders. All bidders must be licensed General Contractors and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

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Todd Kennedy
Project Director

- GIRLS' SOCCER -

Draw ends Bearden's long winning streak

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School girls soccer coach Ryan Radcliffe couldn't hide his frustration early Saturday afternoon after his team's long winning streak was snapped.

The streak of consecutive wins ended at 53 and that was hard for Radcliffe to take. But the good news was that the Lady Bulldogs remained unbeaten after

playing Albertus Magnus (New York) to a 1-1 draw before a spirited house at BHS's Turner-Allender Field. "I'm pretty frustrated with this. I just don't think we were ourselves today," Radcliffe said. "I think we were a little off and hopefully, this was a good bit of scheduling by me, and we can learn from this."

"I don't know what it was, the atmosphere, or

a team flying in or if it was (an) 11 (a.m. kickoff) on a Saturday, or coming from a pancake breakfast over here."

Whatever it was, Bearden, who entered the match as the No. 1 team in the nation and is the two-time Class 3A State Champion, didn't have enough to beat the Lady Falcons (4-0-2), who are also ranked nationally in

multiple polls.

"I think we had some chances in the first half and we didn't get great shots," Radcliffe said. "We started getting some chances in the second half, but by then, it was too late."

The Lady Bulldogs (10-0-1) did score early as Jayla Blue took a pass from Alivia Stott and banged it past goalkeeper Aubrey Haesche and into the back

of the Albertus Magnus net.

Bearden held the lead until Gabby Chan scored the equalizer for the Lady Falcons in the 31st minute.

The Lady Bulldogs, who outshot Albertus Magnus 14-6 in the match, had seven shots on goal while the Lady Falcons had just two scoring chances land on the goal frame.

Albertus Magnus coach Danny Samini said that his

side enjoyed a great trip to Tennessee.

"It was a great chance to play the No. 1 team in the nation," he said. "Nobody wants to draw a game but they're a great team."

"The coach was great. He let us use the field for a walkthrough and the staff was extremely accommodating and we've had a great time."

- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 6 -



PHOTO BY RANSOM WAYMAN

With a 10-point lead, Powell's Adam Weaver returns an interception on the second play of the fourth quarter as Halls' Nick Goodwin gives chase. The Red Devils never threatened to score after the pick and the Panthers padded their lead.

Powell ends Halls' win streak, 34-17

By Steve Williams

Halls had a lot of breaks in the game, but couldn't capitalize on enough of them to add Powell to its five-game winning streak.

Coach Matt Lowe's Panthers were resourceful in their 34-17 victory in the annual Battle of Emory Road Friday night at Dink Adams Field.

At the top of Halls' list of breaks was Powell's star running back Connor Wheeler not being able to continue to play the last three quarters after carrying the ball only three times for 16 yards in the opening period.

Dressed in his regular clothes on the field after the game, Wheeler said he had been dealing with a groin injury since Week 1. He worked with the other running backs on the sideline as the contest continued without him.

Wheeler's best contribution of the night was executing a fake handoff from Powell's big and strong quarterback, Deuce Rodgers, who kept the ball and thundered 80 yards down the middle of

field for the Panthers' first touchdown that tied the score at 7-7 after Dylan Stooksbury's PAT kick.

"Deuce was the best player on the field tonight by far," said Wheeler. "He did his thing tonight. I'm proud of him."

Rodgers, a 6-3, 220-pound sophomore, ended up rushing for 228 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries.

"Obviously, he is huge and his agility at his size is surprising," added Wheeler. "Most people think he's not fast and he can't juke, but he can do all those things and really good, too."

Halls had taken a 7-0 lead when Coach Brent Hughes took three points off the scoreboard after kicker Owen Taylor had been roughed on a successful opening drive field goal. Amari Lethgo scored on first down from the 2. Gavin Harrop's 35-yard interception return on Powell's first possession set up the score.

Rodgers kept the ball again and tallied on a 40-yard keeper to give Powell a 13-7 lead in the second quarter. Halls would

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Spartan Strong: Webb pulls away from CAK, remains perfect on the season

By Bill Howard

After the first five games this season, Webb School of Knoxville's football team was 5-0, and had not been challenged.

Friday night the Spartans went on the road - less than half a mile down Dutchtown Road - to face regional rival Christian Academy of Knoxville.

Make it six for the boys in green.

Webb jumped to a quick 14-0 lead, weathered a Warriors' first-half comeback, then put the game away with a 14-0 second half. The final was 42-12.

"It's the start you want," said Spartans' coach Don Mahoney. "The game plan, I give our offensive staff tremendous credit. For two weeks in a row, we came

out and set the tone with what we wanted to do."

The "tone" Mahoney referenced was Webb touchdowns on its first two plays from scrimmage.

After forcing CAK to punt on the game's opening possession, Spartan quarterback Jack Wagner hit Markeis Barrett over the top for a 77-yard touchdown bomb and a 7-0 lead.

Gregory Tate returned CAK's ensuing punt 37 yards to the Warriors' 37. On the first play, running back Jalen Hill took the handoff, went right, and then bolted to the end zone for a 14-0 score four minutes into the game.

"When you give up a one-play drive, it's not good," said CAK coach Chad Speck.

It looked entirely like a rout was in the making, but CAK fought back. A 46-yard pass from quarterback Aiden Troutt to

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High School Football Scores and Schedule

Week 6 Scores

Anderson Co. 49, Carter 0
A-E 46, Pigeon Forge 14
Bearden 21, Farragut 14
Cherokee 33, Seymour 30
Karns 7, Fulton 6
Central 45, South-Doyle 35
Webb 42, CAK 12
West 48, Heritage 14
Lakeway 21, GCA 16
Maryville 48, HVA 7
Powell 34, Halls 17
Providence 20, TKA 15

Week 7 Schedule

(Kickoff at 7 unless noted)

Friday

Gibbs at Campbell Co.
CAK at Chatt. Christ.
Bradley Cen. at Farragut
Powell at Karns
Oak Ridge at Central
Austin-East at GCA
Heritage at Halls
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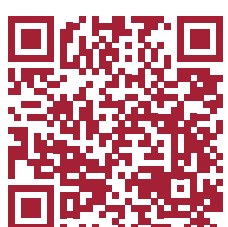


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Webb senior quarterback Jack Wagner reads the defense before handing off the football to running back Jalen Hill in the Spartans' 42-12 win at CAK Friday night.

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Bearden bests rival Farragut

By Mark Nagi

The battle of West Knoxville has been a one-sided rivalry in recent years, with Farragut beating Bearden in 9 of their last 10 meetings.

On Thursday, September 21, the Bulldogs finally got the better of the Admirals. Sophomore running back Jayzon Thompson ran for 136 yards and scored all three of Bearden's touchdowns in their 21-14 win.

"So proud of our kids and the effort they played with," said Bearden head coach Josh Jones. "It wasn't always perfect, but we found a way to win. The Bearden/Farragut game speaks for itself. It means a lot for our school, for our community and obviously our players."

After each team started the game with a 3 and out, Bearden's offense got going with a 7-play, 51-yard touchdown drive. Thompson ran it in from 3 yards out, and the Bulldogs had a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

Farragut (2-3, 0-2 in Region 2-6A) lined up to punt from their own 24



PHOTO BY KEVIN LEMERE

Bearden running back Jayzon Thompson follows good blocking Thursday night against rival Farragut. The sophomore scored all three of the Bulldogs' touchdowns in their 21-14 win.

on their second drive, but the direct snap went to Jack Alley, who ran for 12 yards for a first down. The Admirals had new life and marched into Bearden territory.

Then on 4th and 5 from the Bearden 34, Farragut QB Cam Duncan completed a pass to Brooks Burnette for a 16-yard gain to the Bulldogs 18.

Eventually, this 15-play,

80-yard drive ended with a one-yard TD run by Wyatt Drummy, tying the game at 7 early in the second quarter.

Late in the half, the Admirals drove into Bearden territory again, but Duncan threw a pass that he'd like back. The ball was tipped and then Sam Tummins collected it for an interception.

The game was tied at 7

at intermission.

The second half began with Bearden converting on an onside kick but turned the football over on downs. After an Admirals punt, Bearden moved the football 75 yards in 12 plays, with Thompson scoring on a one-yard TD run.

It was 14-7 Bearden with 3:12 to go in the third quarter.

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Powell ends Halls' win streak, 34-17

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never catch up, but its assortment of breaks kept the Red Devils in the contest deep into the third quarter.

Taylor's 32-yard field goal cut Powell's lead to 13-10 in the second quarter.

Following the FG, Coach Hughes surprised Powell with an onside kick that the Red Devils recovered at the Panthers' 36-yard line. Halls drove to the Powell 19, but defensive end Steven Soles deflected and intercepted a pass that flipped the field. Keshawn Jackson would end up scoring on a 6-yard run with 24.6 seconds left in the first half and upped Powell's margin to 20-10.

Lethgo hit wide receiver Tres Scates with a pass right on the money for a 55-yard gain to the Panthers' 18 in the third quarter and Kameron Bates capped a 10-play drive with a 2-yard TD run that pulled Halls within three points (20-17) with 3:29 on the third quarter clock.

Powell matched that scoring march with one of its own - 80 yards in 14 plays. Rodgers had runs of 20 and 23 yards before Jackson scored his second TD from the 2 that gave the Panthers a two-score lead again (27-17).

After a 56-yard punt by Taylor rolled to the Powell 4-yard line in the fourth quarter, the Panthers marched to midfield and then Jackson broke tackles on a 49-yard gallop to paydirt for his third TD with only 1:48 remaining.

"I feel like Powell's athletic ability and physicality showed throughout the game," said Halls' Coach Hughes. "We had opportunities to go punch for punch and match for match. But when it came time to make the actual play, we unfortunately just came up short."

"Hopefully, we can move on and learn from this, regroup and then understand that we've got a lot of football left."

With the region win, Powell is now 2-0 and 4-2 overall. Halls is 0-1, 5-1.



PHOTO BY RANSOM WAYMAN

Powell sophomore quarterback Deuce Rodgers celebrates in Powell's 34-17 win at Halls Friday night. Rodgers carried the ball 17 times for 228 yards and two long TD runs.

Spartan Strong: Webb pulls away from CAK

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Will Kelley put the ball on Webb's three. Two plays later Lincoln Rich took it in to cut the lead to 14-6.

"Give them all the credit in the world for their scheme and what they do with it," said Mahoney.

The Spartans made it 21-6 early in the second when Wagner, on third and goal from the six, hit Harvey Niendorff for the score.

But CAK cut it to 21-12 with 5:04 left in the half when Troutt floated a pass to Kelley that he hauled in just inside the right sideline of the end zone. The 11-play 71-yard drive was helped by three Webb penalties.

"The officials hurt us," said Mahoney. "I'm gonna call it like it is... calls weren't clearly explained. All in all there were some things that happened ...we just move on."

A 21-12 halftime score would have kept CAK very much alive, but a late-half turnover was a killer.

A fumble by Troutt was recovered by Webb's Mason Testerman, and the Spartans had the ball on CAK's 19 with 43 seconds to go. On second and 18 from the 28, Wagner hit Baxter Johnson for the



PHOTO BY JULIA LINKOUS

CAK captains (left to right) Aiden Troutt, Christopher Cook, Sloan Helton and Austin Delp at the pre-game coin toss Friday night.

score, and the half ended 28-12, Spartans.

Webb's second-half D, helped by a continuous clock in the fourth, snuffed out any further Warriors' comeback. Four second-half possessions by CAK resulted in three punts and a loss of possession on downs.

"We did a good job with our staff at halftime," said Mahoney. "Being able to adjust and creating third and long situations ... great

job by our defense."

"They fly around, they play physical, they play it the way you're supposed to play," said Speck. "You gotta give them a ton of credit, they're a physical bunch."

Webb put the game long away on the second half's opening possession when Wagner found Johnson wide open for a 38-yard score and 34-12 lead.

For the game, Wagner was 8 of 19 for 166 yards and four touchdowns. He

also threw a pick. Hill carried 13 times for 79 yards in Webb's balanced offense.

"What we were able to do is attack both through the air and the ground," said Mahoney. "It's a good combination to have."

Troutt's completion numbers were very good: 17 of 21 for almost 81 percent, for 126 yards and a touchdown. Kelley had four catches for 79 yards and a score.

The Warriors' running game never got on track. CAK gained a mere 19 yards on the ground.

Webb linebacker Cooper Cameron had nine tackles which included a sack and a tackle for loss. Defensive lineman Ari Klasky had four TFLs for the Spartans.

The Division II AA-East Region win kept Webb perfect at 6-0 overall, 4-0 Region. CAK fell to 3-3 overall, 2-2 Region.

"Still plenty of games to go, great chance to get to the playoffs," said Speck.

Friday night CAK travels to play Regional foe Chattanooga Christian. Webb hosts Brainerd (from Chattanooga) in a non-regional contest.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Son's 'grit' makes former CAK head coach proud

By Steve Williams

It's been a different football season for the Mazingo family.

After last season, Travis Mazingo was told he would no longer be the head coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

It didn't take long for a new coaching position to come his way, as he joined the Maryville College staff as an assistant coach in charge of the Scots' outside linebackers.

Mozingo is still on the CAK faculty as a Social Studies teacher and he still comes to the Warriors' games on Friday nights, but as a dad and fan.

Travis' son, Maddox, a 6-foot, 180-pound junior inside linebacker, has been a defensive standout this season.

Coach Mazingo was on his way to North Carolina (Brevard College) when emailed by this reporter Saturday, kidding about who this Mazingo guy (Maddox) was? I expected a reply from a proud dad and that's exactly what I received.

"Recruiting and cheering on Friday nights has been a little adjustment for me, to be sure," said Travis. "My Saturdays are filled with coaching (rather than watching) football.

"As far as Maddox goes, I'm as proud as any dad could be over their son ... Not of his performance on the field, but his grit as a young man.

"It's not easy to be a 'coach's kid' and even harder to be a 'fired coach's kid' - but he does an exceptional job.

"To see his hard work and perseverance in the last seven months has been an encouragement to me."

Maddox has been a Player of the Week nominee for the past two games. He had 13 total tackles (two solo stops, 10 assists and one tackle for loss) in CAK's win at Lakeway Christian in Week 5.

In Friday's loss to unbeaten Webb, Maddox had 14 total tackles (three solo stops, 10 assists and one TFL).



CAK's Maddox Mazingo with his dad Travis this season.

FIRST VICTORIES: Week 6 saw Karns and Austin-East notching their first wins of the season. The Beavers edged host Fulton 7-6 in a game that reportedly ended with a "skirmish." Karns' Lee Warren also got his first head coaching victory.

Austin-East notched a 46-14 win over visiting Pigeon Forge.

Seymour came close to getting in the win column, but the Eagles saw Cherokee come from behind in the fourth quarter to enjoy a 33-30 victory. Both teams came into the game 0-5.

TOP ATTRACTIONS: West will host Alcoa Friday night in a Battle of Unbeatens. The Rebels will be going after their 22nd straight win. Bearden also goes to Maryville to highlight the Week 7 schedule.

BACK IN ACTION: Gibbs and Knoxville Catholic, both 4-1, had open dates in Week 6 and should be well rested for their Week 7 games. The Eagles will travel to Campbell County, while the Fighting Irish visit MBA.

"You scale back practice a little bit," said Gibbs Coach Brad Turner, regarding the open date week. "We actually take Friday off. We'll heal up a little bit and rest the legs and still try to get our stuff in that we have to get done. Not much contact and try to stay in shape.

"Taking Friday off gives

the players a chance to go and watch another game or have a long weekend with their family."

TERRIFIC TROUTT: With CAK's 65-51 win at Lakeway Christian in Week 5, it's no wonder the Warriors' Aiden Troutt filled up the stat sheet. He was 25 of 30 passing for 361 yards and five passing TDs; six carries for 21 yards and two rushing TDs; one reception for 16 yards and one TD (That's 398 total yards, eight TDs, and one two-point conversion for a total of 50 points!)

RETURN SPECIALIST: Bearden's stats through the first four weeks of the season showed the Bulldogs have a big-play kick returner in Tory Beaufort. He had returned 15 punts for 163 yards (10.9 average) and eight kickoffs for 294 yards and one TD (36.8 average).

SPORTSMANSHIP: Throughout the season, the TSSAA has been encouraging all spectators, both in the stands and watching from home, to cheer on their teams with enthusiasm, maintaining the spirit of good sportsmanship. Remember, courtesy, fair play, and respect for opponents and officials are not just part of the game, they are the game. Show your team spirit, but do so with class.

Keeping fans breathless until the game ended

There were 53 tie games across the history of the Tennessee football program. The tie game went out of fashion after the 1995 football season.

In 1955, Bowden Wyatt's first season, Tennessee and Georgia Tech fought to a 7-7 deadlock on Shields-Watkins Field. Wyatt was disappointed. "It was tied when we started. We wanted to win," he said, but Tennessee partisans saw it as a positive, a building block for what was to come in 1956 and 1957, an SEC title in 1956 and a Gator Bowl appearance in 1957.

There were three ties early in Doug Dickey's Tennessee career that indicated Dickey had the Vols on the right track. A fourth tie, the 17-17 deadlock in the 1968 season opener against Georgia, was significant enough to be the lead story in the next week's Sports Illustrated, written by Dan Jenkins.

There was a 3-3 stalemate in 1964 in which the Vols were heavy underdogs on Homecoming Day at Tiger Stadium. Steve DeLong, the 1964 Outland Trophy winner and a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, led a goal line stand that is revered by those who remember being at the game, seeing it on

television, or who have only seen pictures or videotape. A year later, the Vols and Auburn tied in Knoxville, 13-13. A missed extra point by both teams and two interceptions by Auburn defensive tackle Jack Thornton helped seal the outcome.

Later that season, perhaps the most famous tie in Tennessee history took place at Legion Field in Birmingham, when the Vols squared off against defending national champion Alabama.

The Vols and Tide were locked into an intense defensive struggle going into the final seconds with the scoreboard reading, 7-7. Alabama was in the shadow of the Vol goal at the south end, needing only a field goal to win.

Sophomore signal-caller Ken "Snake" Stabler, who made a career of leading last-second drives for winning points, lost track of the downs, trying to kill the clock to set up placekicker David Ray for the game-winner. It was a good premise, but bad execution. It was fourth down, not third, and the ball went over to the Vols.

Tennessee captain Hal Wantland said, "Alabama tied us." That statement caused many Vol fans to believe Tennessee had its "swagger" back.

The 1968 Georgia game was an equally memorable deadlock, with the Vols pulling out the tie by scoring eight points on a

touchdown and two-point conversion after time had run out. Bubba Wyche led the way, throwing a TD pass to wide receiver Gary Kreis as the final horn went off, then hitting tight end Ken DeLong for the tying two-pointer.

There were two ties in 1974. One came in the season opener against UCLA, the day an injured Condredge Holloway returned from the hospital to lead the game-tying drive. The other came the regular season finale at Vanderbilt, when Condredge found wide receiver Larry Seivers for the tying (and controversial) two-point conversion.

Tennessee and LSU tied in 1982, 24-24, on a night LSU had vendors selling T-shirts commemorating what they had hoped would be LSU's 500th victory.

The Vols refused to cooperate, however, and LSU ended the evening at 499 wins. That game led to a memorable Vol victory the next week, the 35-28 win over Alabama in Bear Bryant's final appearance in Knoxville.

In 1990, Tennessee garnered a "good tie" against Colorado in the season opener in Anaheim Stadium, twice coming from 14 points down in the fourth quarter. At Auburn a few weeks later, Tennessee led 26-9 starting the fourth quarter, but Auburn scored 17 points to escape with a tie. It was a "good tie" for Auburn, a bad one for the



Steve DeLong (65) celebrates a Vol victory with teammates Frank Emanuel (50) and Joe Graham (72).

Vols.

In 1995, a 26-26 tie in the opener against UCLA had the feeling of a loss, as the Bruins came from 16 points down to tie the game. Later in the season, Tennessee tied Georgia Tech on a Carlos Reveiz field goal from 51 yards out. That one felt like a win.

The conventional wisdom would tell us that ties were always exciting, keeping fans breathless until the game ended.

That was not always the case, however, as witnessed by the 1953 Tennessee-Alabama game. The game, telecast by NBC, ended 0-0, with network

programming executives repeatedly expressing their displeasure over the course of the game to announcers Lindsey Nelson and Mel Allen, alums of Tennessee and Alabama, respectively. The tie game is no longer with us but has left us with a treasure trove of memories

- CROSS COUNTRY -

Admirals are third and Smith sixth at Southern Showcase

By Steve Williams
Farragut took third place in team scoring and Knoxville Catholic junior Keegan Smith finished sixth in the individual competition in The Southern Showcase hosted by Huntsville High, Ala., on Sept. 16. Seniors Matteo Tonnos and Braden Ebbert led the Admirals, who chased champion Belen Jesuit Prep of Miami, Fla. Catholic came in eighth in the field of 38 teams. Smith posted a quality time of 14:49.4 in the 5,000-meter race. Senior Joshua Ruiz of Belen Jesuit Prep won with a PR time of 14:38.8. Tonnos and Ebbert were clocked in 15:05.7 and 15:14.3, respectively, in the field of 270 runners. In other Sept. 16 action, Karns' Rowen Moser-Bryan (17:37) and Rylee Gifford (20:06.8) swept top individual honors at the Johnson University meet. Gibbs' Will Spierdowis came in third, while Hannah Kramer took second behind Gifford to give Karns a 1-2 showing. Oak Ridge swept top team honors. Karns and Central came in second and third behind the OR boys.

L&N's Nika Davenport placed eighth and Addie McCarrell came in 10th to lead the South-Doyle girls to second place ahead of third place Karns. Webb dominated at Cherokee Farms as seniors Colin Eckerman (15:15) and Anna Graves (18:29) posted winning times. Webb's girls also prevailed in the team scoring ahead of GPS and Bearden. In the Norris Dam State Park meet on Sept. 9, Webb sophomore Carolina Areheart won in 18:07 ahead of teammate Jazzlyn Garmer (18:14) and West's Kate Robinson (18:16). The Lady Spartans won the team event and the Knoxville Ambassadors were runners-up. Owen Johnson (16:18) led Science Hill to the boys' title. Zach Vickers of Webb was second and West sophomore Nicholas Burke placed third in the field of 261 runners.

KIL CHAMPIONSHIPS: The annual local meet will be Saturday on the Cherokee Boulevard course.

- HIGH SCHOOL GOLF -

Bearden teams seek post-season honors

By Steve Williams

High school district tournament play in golf gets underway this week and the Bearden boys and girls are expected to be contenders for top honors after having a "solid (regular) season," according to Coach Tyler Lane.

Bearden will be competing in District 4-AA Tuesday at the Egwani Farms Golf Course in Rockford.

The BHS boys' team couldn't have gotten off to a better start as it won the 5Star Preps Masters tournament championship at Three Ridges in late July, coming from behind in the final round to nip perennial state power CAK by one stroke.

The Bulldogs also took runner-up honors at the Mike Mills Morristown Invitational and the Cats and Dogs Invitational at Williams Creek.

Individual highlights during the season included senior Jaden Morrell tying for first place in the Cats and Dogs tourney and placing eighth in the Prep Masters.

Junior teammate Bryce Harmon finished second at the Mike Mills tournament and sixth in the Prep Masters.

Harmon also shot a six-under-par 30 in Bearden's 9-hole match last week at Oak Ridge.

"We're not sure if that's a school record, but it's gotta be close," said Coach Lane.



Jaden Morrell



Maya Hira



Bryce Harmon

Bearden's girls team, which is led by senior Maya Hira, will be seeking its third district title in a row, said Lane. The Lady Bulldogs won the Cats and Dogs Invitational this season.

"It should be an exciting end of the season," added Coach Lane.

Other schools in District 4-AA are Farragut, Hardin Valley, Heritage, Karns, Lenoir City, Maryville, Oak Ridge, South-Doyle and William Blount.

This year's Region 2-AA tournament, which will include the top teams and individuals from Districts 3-AA and 4-AA, will be held at the Three Ridges Golf Course on Monday, Oct. 2.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Halls junior Lauren Davis will lead the Lady Red Devils into today's District 3-AA tournament at Three Ridges. Davis is the reigning 5Star Prep Masters champion.

Other schools in District

3-AA are Anderson County, Campbell County, Central, Clinton, Fulton, Gibbs, Powell and West.

Seymour is in District 2-AA, which will be hosted by Morristown West.

District 2-A tourney play, which will be hosted by Cumberland Gap, includes four schools from Knox County - Austin-East, Career Magnet Academy, Carter and L&N STEM Academy.

DIVISION II: Six District 1-A local schools are expected to be represented in this tournament Tuesday, starting at 8 a.m. at Three Ridges: Berean Christian, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Concord Christian, First Baptist Academy, Grace Christian and The King's Academy.

- GIRLS' SOCCER -

Central clinches district title despite loss at Oak Ridge

Bearden continues to roll, Gibbs takes two

By Ken Lay

Central High School's magical 2023 soccer season hit a road bump Thursday night — sort of. The Lady Bobcats lost their first match of the season.

That was, however, only part of the story, as Central got to celebrate before they left Oak Ridge.

Despite falling 4-3 to the Lady Wildcats, the Lady Bobcats clinched the regular-season District 3-3A Championship and earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming district tournament.

Central (12-1 overall, 4-1 in the district) closed out league play at Oak Ridge (10-1-1, 3-1).

The Lady Wildcats and Powell (6-5-1, 3-1) each have a district match against Campbell County this week. If Oak Ridge and the Lady Panthers win their respective district finales, there would be a three-way tie atop the final standings with the Lady Bobcats winning due to goal differential.

Central, which is the smallest Class 3A school on the Knoxville Area soccer scene, nearly completed a perfect run through the

league schedule. The Lady Bobcats came up just a bit short, but they still have plenty to be happy about.

"It's a big deal," Central coach Bill Mize said. "We're the smallest 3A school in Knoxville. We're proud of where we are. We've got some really good players and I'm proud of the way fought tonight."

The game marked the first time that Central had trailed in a match all season.

The Lady Wildcats were never behind Thursday after taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by Hayven Laurendine in the 15th minute.

Aniya Fisher extended Oak Ridge's advantage to 2-0 before the Lady Bobcats got on the board

on a goal by Edie Wilds, who tallied on a header in the 25th minute.

The Lady Wildcats' Lilah Kim scored two more goals in the first half to give Oak Ridge a 4-1 lead by halftime.

Paige Branum scored twice for the Lady Bobcats in the second half.

Lady Eagles post a pair of shutouts: Gibbs had a pair of non-league victories last week and didn't surrender a goal.

The Lady Eagles defeated South-Doyle 2-0 Thursday night as Kacie Cruze and Raylea Powell found the back of the net.

Gibbs (8-3-1 overall, 1-1 in District 4-2A) blanked Fulton Tuesday night,

posting an 8-0 victory.

Karleigh Dean and Natalie Teague scored two goals each. Dean also had three assists against the Lady Falcons. Julianna Bridges, Ella Daugherty, Lauren Freeman and Powell also tallied for the Lady Eagles.

Gracie Underwood assisted on two Gibbs goals against Fulton, while Cruze and Teague dished out one each.

Lady Bulldogs win two: Bearden High continued its dominant run with back-to-back victories on Tuesday and Wednesday, posting 9-0 victories over Maryville Wednesday and William Blount Tuesday.

Against the Lady Rebels,

the Lady Bulldogs led 6-0 at the half.

Tyler Roth scored twice. Jayla Blue Maci Ritzman, Kylie Lucas, Bre Mendoza, Cason Stivers, Sohalya Larson and Claire Radcliffe all scored for Bearden (10-0 overall, 3-0 in District 4-3A).

On Tuesday against the Lady Governors, Roth had a hat trick and Roth scored twice. Ritzman, Lucas, Mendoza and Reagan Mackley also scored for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Admirals edge Hardin Valley: Farragut outlasted the Hawks, 1-0, Thursday. It was Farragut coach Jessie Stephens Burkhart's first win over her former team.

Bearden bests rival Farragut

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"(Thompson) is only a sophomore and he is so gosh darn good," said Jones. "He will find a crease and get through there and get vertical."

With less than nine minutes to go in the game, the Farragut special teams stepped up with their second blocked field goal of the night. Landis Devila got a hand on the kick and Landon Collins ran it back 65 yards for the tying score.

Earlier this season, Bearden (3-2, 2-0 in Region 2-6A) lost close games against West and Alcoa in which they led in the

fourth quarter. This time, Bearden would shake off that misfortune.

"That was a huge momentum swing," said Jones. "You are trying to keep your still relatively young football team with energy and effort. They still believed."

After each team punted the football, Bearden had a chance to go back in front. Facing 4th and 1 from the Admirals 36, the choice was obvious. Thompson broke through the line, then broke free, taking it all the way for his third score of the night, making it 21-14 with 2:36 to go.

"Our game plan was simple. Line up and try to win at the line of scrimmage," said Jones. "Run the football and only throw it when we had to. I challenged our offensive line at halftime, felt like Farragut's defense played harder than our offense. They answered that challenge."

An interception

by Bearden's Ethan Couvertiere and the Admirals' first snap of the next drive sealed the victory.

Bearden will try to win their fourth in a row on Friday night in Maryville, while Farragut looks to get back to .500 when they host Bradley Central.

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