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Trustee announces increased tax freeze eligibility for seniors

Sign-up events scheduled for October

Knox County Trustee Justin Biggs is excited to announce increased tax freeze eligibility for Knox County's Senior Community. Trustee Biggs proposed to Knox County Commissioners the income limit per Senior (65+) household be increased from

\$44,940 to \$60,000, which is the maximum allowed by the state. A tax "freeze" will keep a person's property tax at the same rate that the property is currently assessed at. The tax can go down (based on new assessments) but will NOT increase during the freeze. The new eligibility is effective immediately.

Trustee Biggs is bringing tax

statements early; historically, they arrive in the middle of October. He and his team are preparing for them to come in the last week of September. All of this is an effort to give taxpayers more time to plan. This will not change when taxes are due.

"I'm excited to bring this to our senior community at a time when inflation has strained most

everyone, but especially our senior adult community," Trustee Biggs said in a statement.

"Our team in the Trustee's Office is always working hard and looking for ways to serve Knox County better. I appreciate the County Commission's assistance and know they, too, recognize how important it is to help our seniors keep as much money

as possible.

"In addition, I want to remind our veterans you too may be eligible for tax relief and encourage you to reach out to our veterans coordinator."

The trustee's office will be hosting sign-up events at local senior centers during the following dates and times.

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PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

First responders gathered around the September 11 Memorial on the City-County Building lawn to pay tribute to the lives lost because of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

City observes 23rd anniversary of 9/11 with touching, patriotic service

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The service Wednesday at the 9/11 Memorial in downtown Knoxville drew a large crowd that included relatives of some of the victims of the four attacks on our nation.

At 8:46 a.m., the First Baptist Church next door chimed its bells at the time when the first airplane hit the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001. The program began with two patriotic songs from the S.O.U.L.S. Youth Choir and included bagpiper Kelly Anne Shipe and the playing of "Taps" by

Philip Troutman.

Knoxville Police Chaplain Pam Neal spoke and Knoxville Fire Chaplain Paul Trumpore led the prayer. Various first responders walked to and surrounded the black granite monument installed on the lawn of the City-County Building in 2003.

Police Chief Paul Noel, Fire Chief Stan Sharp, Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon placed a wreath at the monument. Before and after the touching event, local officeholders and visitors exchanged well wishes and talked.



Above, the S.O.U.L.S. Youth Choir. Left, KFD Chaplain Paul Trumpore and Philip Troutman.

Election admin: Vote early, avoid Nov. 5 crowds

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While other places may expect some Election Day disruptions, the Knox County Election Commission doesn't foresee any problems except for a very large turnout. For that reason, Election Administrator Chris Davis is urging voters to take advantage of additional early voting places during fourteen days from October 16 until October 31, excluding Sundays.

Two voting places have been added: the Gibbs Ruritan Club at 7827 Tazewell Pike in Corryton and the Baker Center on the UT Campus at 1640 Cumberland Avenue. The Baker Center will only be open the last week of early voting, October 28-31. Davis said Wednesday



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County Election Administrator Chris Davis held a news conference following Wednesday morning's election commission meeting. He urged voters to take advantage of the long early voting period prior to the November general election.

that the Farragut location has changed to the Village Green Shopping Center in the former Stein Mart at

11437 Kingston Pike. The additions bring the number of Knox County early voting locations to twelve.

The ballot, according to Davis, will be one sheet with two sides. Voters will have either four or five local races in their area, plus state and federal races. City voters will also have two referendum items dealing with how city elections are held.

He said that between 310,000 and 350,000 voters are expected and noted that absentee ballots may be requested but must be returned by mail to the election office. He noted that out-of-state licenses will not be accepted at the polling places, a problem some newcomers have seen, but that a photo ID issued by the State of Tennessee (such as a driver's license) or by the Federal Government (such as a passport) will be honored.

Davis said the

commission is looking for additional Election Day poll workers and urges voters to check with his office to know where to vote. Any early voting location can be chosen but on Election Day, each voter must go to their assigned precinct.

Anyone wanting to do a voter registration drive is urged to contact the election commission soon.

"There are going to be long lines," he said referring to the general state and

federal election on November 5. More information is available by visiting www.knoxvotes.org or contacting the election commission at (865)215-2480.

Information released Wednesday by the election commission indicates that Knox County voters 55 years old or older comprise 65.22% of the voting public. Republicans make up 56.23% and Democrats are 43.77% of Knox County voters.

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CLINTON, TENNESSEE

City ballot referendum called undemocratic

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The Knoxville City Council Movement held a "Vote No" presentation Saturday evening at the Clinton Chapel AME Church in Mechanicville. The event featured At-Large Councilwoman Amelia Parker and Nzinga Bayona Amani as speakers. Amani walked the two dozen attendees through the various reasons to oppose the upcoming referendum regarding city elections and took comments and questions and used a slide show at various points.

Two referendums are on the November 5th ballot. One referendum item would move District Five council elections to the same dates as all the other council seats are elected. The second would have all council seats be chosen by all city voters, eliminating the district or "regional" selection of each council seat.

Parker said the rush to get Councilman Andrew Roberto's referendum proposal passed city council in an emergency vote. She was the only vote against it.

Amani said that if the referendum fails the city would comply with the new state legislation which "protects the minority, poor and working-class" voters. He also said that the city is currently ruled by "corporate Democrats" who are not progressive. He detailed past city voting regulations which included a past at-large policy that effectively blocked Black council members until the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

When asked how Parker and Councilwoman Seema Singh were elected under the past ballot that saw candidates chosen by district and then elected city-wide, Amani said, "We organized across the city." He said the City Council Movement would do the same if the Roberto proposal wins.

He compared the proposal to a Jim Crow type of election.

Parker said the proposed charter change contains language that could see a primary candidate elected city-wide with 50 percent plus one vote without having to go to the general election.

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Reason Cecil's Grocery, Part 2

From a distance



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Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part series that was originally published in the September 26, 2016, issue of Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture.

I am now 69 and have gone to Barnes since my first haircut. My two sons and one of my grandsons got their first haircuts there, too. I have always said the problems of the country could be solved better in Barnes Barber Shop than in Congress.

Not far from Burlington were other businesses

owned and operated by locals, such as Parker Esso (later Exxon), Sherrod Amoco, Troutman's Grocery, and Sonners Drug Store.

Now, only Barnes Barber Shop survives, down from five barbers to 85-year-old Ernie Barnes and his daughter, Debbie. All the empty stores now front on Martin Luther King Blvd., formerly McCalla Avenue.

Blaine Farmer, who owned and operated the hardware store, was always helpful and friendly. When you would buy some nails (or anything else), he would always say, "That will be about 60 cents" (or some other figure). The price was always less than you expected and always an even number. I wonder how he settled up his sales taxes with the state.

What happened in Burlington and East Knoxville happened all over the country. Our government grew bigger, more dictatorial,

less personal, and more removed from control by the people; businesses grew bigger, less personal, and customers had to deal with people in India or some other foreign country when there was a problem.

Government contracts, tax breaks, and favorable regulatory rulings usually went to the biggest companies. Almost every industry, especially if it was highly regulated by the federal government, ended up in the hands of a few giant corporations.

There was a time when a man could start almost any small business, and while he might not have gotten rich, he could at least make a decent living.

A poor man could start a gas station, but now it would cost him a small fortune. Last year, a principal at a South Knoxville elementary school told me, "Congressman, you would not believe all the permits and regulations

my husband and I had to go through to open a one-man sign shop."

The Democrats in Congress passed the Dodd-Frank law several years ago, supposedly to rein in the big banks that caused the recent Great Recession. Since then, the five largest banks have doubled their percentage of total U.S. deposits from roughly 22 percent to over 44 percent, and several hundred small banks have gone out of business. I have been told it is almost impossible for a bank to survive now if its deposits total less than a billion dollars.

Government regulators have an easier time (and feel more important) dealing with one giant business than with 100 small or medium-sized ones. And only giant firms can afford the staff necessary to keep up with the thousands of rules and regulations.

We now live in a country where most of the

businesses in the fashionable areas of almost every city are the same. Ours is a computerized, impersonal world, and perhaps it can't be turned around.

But the great interest in buying more locally grown food is encouraging. It will be a long, slow, difficult process, but I hope we can begin to make our country kinder, more humane, and less impersonal.

Those in government could and should lead the way by reducing power at the distant federal level and placing more things under local control. We need more leaders who will try to make it much easier for businesses like Reason Cecil's Grocery and Blaine Farmer's Hardware to survive.

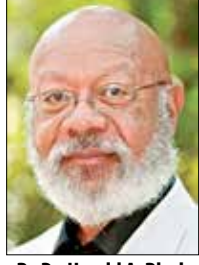
While this article was published in *Chronicles Magazine* eight years ago, it is even more applicable today. Government actions

during the COVID scandal caused several hundred thousands of small businesses to go under (and several Big Pharma executives to become billionaires). Liberals continue to make the federal government bigger and more bureaucratic. This is great for the biggest businesses in every industry but very harmful to small business and the little guy. Millions started "working" at home spending even more time on their computers and less time in face-to-face meetings. Social media has, in some ways, become very anti-social. We need to move in a kinder, more humane direction, becoming more of a front porch nation instead of one that gives even more control to a distant, very impersonal government.

-John J. Duncan Jr.

The stupid party strikes again!

The Democrats govern by raising taxes and increasing handouts. How do the Republicans govern? The answer is very badly. The Republicans are in the majority in the House of Representatives and all spending bills originate in the House. So why has spending increased to where this year's deficit is an astounding \$2 trillion? It's simply because Republicans are incapable of getting their act (and it is an act) together. Speaker Mike Johnson has a better chance of herding cats than getting the dysfunctional Republicans



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introduced legislation for a continuing resolution (CR) to continue funding the government. Mind you, the Republicans have had all year to pass those spending bills. Johnson's continuing resolution would have kept government spending at its current levels for six months and included Chip Roy's SAVE Act, which requires proof of citizenship

to act in concert. Consider the annual kabuki dance known as the budget. Since the Republicans have neglected to pass the 12 spending bills before the September 30 deadline, Johnson

introduced legislation for a continuing resolution (CR) to continue funding the government. Mind you, the Republicans have had all year to pass those spending bills. Johnson's continuing resolution would have kept government spending at its current levels for six months and included Chip Roy's SAVE Act, which requires proof of citizenship

to vote in federal elections which is already illegal, because it was clear that many Republicans were not going to vote for the continuing resolution without the SAVE Act attachment so Johnson included it. Understand that with the addition of the SAVE Act, the Democrats were going to vote against the continuing resolution. It might have passed the House but Chuck Schumer and the Democrats in the Senate would have defeated the bill. Anyway our president in absentia said that he would veto it in the unlikely instance that it reached his desk. I guess he would have come back to D.C. from the beach. Without passage of the continuing

resolution, the government would go through another semi-shutdown. Only this time, the Democrats would be blamed if the CR had passed the House. So did the House Republicans pass the CR? No. Johnson was forced to withdraw the bill because over a dozen Republicans including our own Tim Burchett said that they would vote against it. Burchett is against CRs, period, saying that it is "terrible legislating." Indeed it is but in today's House, what is a better alternative? Perhaps our congressman can tell us how his better legislating can pass a budget. Some Republicans were against the CR because it continues funding at the current level of spending, prompting one dissident to say, "We have been in the majority for this term and have not cut a cent." Again, indeed

but how do you cut a cent with the Democrats in control of the Senate and the White House? Others were against the bill because of its six-month timetable. The hawks moaned that the six-month CR would limit increases in military when additional spending is necessary to combat all the threats in today's world. The Pentagon agreed as did many prominent Senate Republicans. Thus you have Republicans who won't vote for the CR because it does not contain additional spending, albeit for the military, versus Republicans who want to cut the budget. Did I mention herding cats?

Also Johnson favors a six-month CR that would have put the budget decisions in the hands of a new Congress with perhaps majorities in both the House and the Senate and

a Republican president. A three-month CR would have left spending with this Congress that would not have approved any budget anyway.

Mind you there is an election in November. If the Republicans cannot pass either a budget (which is impossible) or a CR (which seems equally impossible), the blame for a government shutdown will be squarely on their shoulders. Tim Burchett is in a safe district but Republicans who are in competitive races may face angry voters. If the Republicans can't get their stuff together when they are in the majority then why send them back to Washington? The only reason to vote for a Republican is the specter of Democrat majorities in the House and the Senate along with a President Harris.

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Publisher's Positions



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City Council Members Should Be Elected By District

Region [ree-juhn] noun
Definition: 1. usually regions, the vast or indefinite entirety of a space or area; or something compared to one.
2. a part of the earth's surface (land or sea) of considerable and usually indefinite extent.
3. a district without respect to boundaries or extent.

The Knoxville City Council, in its attempt to avoid allowing voters to choose their own representatives by district while still having three council members elected at-large, has used curious language in wording the language of the referendum question.

It refers to the "regional" council members, who are certainly a part of the earth's surface of considerable and indefinite extent. The city council and Mayor Indya Kincannon seem desperate not to allow districts to choose their own representatives but rather prefer to have every member elected citywide. It is the last vestige of an admittedly racist system that was designed to allow voters citywide to either keep a representative of the Black community off the council or to ensure the representative of the Black community met the approval of the largely White population citywide.

Make no mistake about it, we have people serving on the Knoxville City Council now who were not the choice of the people of their own district. The entire purpose of having districts is to allow the people who reside inside the boundaries of those districts to choose their own representatives. What the city council and sponsor Andrew Roberto is doing is using sleight of hand and the well-used tool of simply renaming something and giving it an entirely different meaning. Roberto and the majority of the Knoxville City Council wish to make district elections meaningless, if not

ban them altogether and they are not being honest with the voting public. If they were being honest, why not simply call it exactly what it is? That is proof of a weak argument or in this instance, one they strongly suspect people would dislike if they understood it. It is a deliberate and premeditated attempt to fool the people. Obviously, Andrew Roberto and the other members of the city council don't want to come right out and say they don't want any district representation on that body. They talk around it and avoid that topic altogether. Keep in mind that three members of the city council are already elected at large, meaning that every voter inside the city limits can vote and choose their at-large representatives.

The objection of the city council and Indya Kincannon was when state Representative Elaine Davis sponsored long overdue legislation to return the city government to the people by allowing the six members of the city council supposedly elected by districts to truly be elected by district. Previously, the two top vote-getters in the primary went on to the general election, which was citywide rather than held inside the district. The Davis Bill passed the

General Assembly, returning democracy to Knoxville and the coming referendum is a response by the powers that be inside the City of Knoxville to skirt the law and democracy.

The powers that be like a city council that is subservient to the mayor. They like a weak legislative branch in the face of an all-powerful executive branch. No chief executive, whether it is the president of the United States, governor or mayor, is always right. The very genius of the American form of government lies within the three separate branches of the government, none of which are supposed to be subservient to the other. It protects the people from any excesses from one particular branch of the government. It is the very essence of our Republic and the beating heart of our democracy.

ABC Debate Unfair To Trump

Irrespective of where readers fall on the recent presidential debate there is good reason to question what was NOT asked of the candidates who wish to serve as our president. There was not a word mentioned about the murder of Hersh Goldberg-Polin and other Israeli hostages

by the Hamas terrorists. There was no question about how either Trump or Harris would deal with Iran, which may be just weeks away from having nuclear weapons. Iran is already having its proxies attack American forces repeatedly, more than 200 times.

There was not a word uttered about the ability of Joe Biden to continue serving as president. ABC is owned by Disney and one can easily understand why the network would not want either "moderator" to ask questions about China.

The bias of the mainstream media was on full display as the hosts only fact-checked one candidate, Trump. As pointed out by the New York Post Kamala made the claim "There is not one member of the United States military who is in active duty in a combat zone in any war zone around the world. . ."

WRONG. American troops in the Middle East are definitely in a combat zone. As pointed out, Iran and its proxies have been attacking us. Three American soldiers were killed this past January by a drone attack.

Kamala the Chameleon warned Americans watching the debate that they were going to hear "a detailed and dangerous plan called Project 2025

... " WRONG. Trump has said over and over again he does not accept Project 2025, which is the product of a think tank not affiliated with Trump or his campaign, he doesn't believe in it, and would not implement it if he is reelected.

Kamala claimed she had not banned fracking while serving as Joe Biden's vice president. According to Kamala, she overturned that by being the deciding vote on the Inflation Reduction Act, which not only did not reduce inflation but was jam-packed with woke goodies and bloated spending, which drove up inflation. What was in the bill with reference to energy production was put in to get the vote of Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who later called it "bull-t." "So they're gonna basically starve us out of energy that we have a tremendous, abundant supply of because of their aspirational thoughts?"

The list goes on, but neither "moderator" ever corrected her. I like to think ours is a country with an ingrained respect and admiration for fair play. Unfortunately, that day seems to have come and gone in the mainstream media.

Voters face changes in city elections

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When voters inside Knoxville go to the polls on November 5th they will cast ballots for president, senate, house, and state races. They will also decide how future local city council races are held.

Two referendum items are on the ballot for city residents, one to put the Fifth District races into the same rotation as all the other council elections and one to decide if the city will follow the changes the state legislation mandated or choose to elect all council seats city-wide.

The "everyone votes" proposal, championed by Second District's Andrew Roberto, replaces "districts" with "regions" with the footprint of each area remaining the same. The state law, introduced by state Representative Elaine Davis, forbids the uses of "districts" so the proposed charter change uses "regions."

The proposal was passed by council with only one "No" vote by At-Large Councilwoman Amelia Parker and backed by some Sixth District residents and the City Council Movement. The group supports the state mandate which specifies the council

members being elected by districts only. Her effort to get that option on the ballot failed in a council vote and she vowed to oppose the at-large election of council members.

Roberto hosted a public meeting advocating the option where everyone votes on all "regional" elections and about two dozen people attended the session Thursday at the Bearden United Methodist Church. Some of the opponents attended as well and they and other citizens had questions and comments. NAACP President Rev. Sam Brown, who supports the referendum, was also in attendance and spoke on the proposed ballot measure.

Roberto opened the meeting by explaining the proposed city charter change calling it a "hybrid" of the current election procedure the city voters have used since 1969. He said that other council members will hold similar meetings in their district in favor of the referendum initiative.

"The way you voted over the last 50 years is not going to happen," he said, adding that city council candidates would need to reside in that region and the top two vote-getters, selected by all city voters, would move on to

an "everyone votes" general election and hold office for four years.

Brown referred to Rep. Davis, who is not a city resident, and said, "Her aims do not align with ours." He praised the current diversity on the city council and said the change will continue that diversity.

Knox County At-Large Commissioner Larsen Jay said that a similar procedure in the county would not work well and developer R. Bentley Marlow, who lost in an at-large bid for city council, questioned if West Knoxville's active voter participation would sway other "regional" contests. He also questioned the cost of the proposed election changes.

Roberto responded that 15 other cities, including Morristown, have adopted a similar system. One attendee said that a previous "All District" policy in Knoxville kept African Americans off the city council. Brown countered that momentum and organization could insure equal representation. Another attendee responded that under the new system a high "white turnout" could happen and the diversity could be harmed.

Knox County Audit Committee may extend Pugh CPA contract

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The Knox County Audit Committee will meet Thursday at 9 a.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building and discuss re-hiring Pugh and Company as the county's outside audit company. The one-year extension of the current contract is on the agenda and, if not, the service would go out for bids. Financial Director Chris Caldwell will speak on the subject and the audit committee may vote on a decision.

The meeting will be the first audit session for new commissioners Angela Russell and Shane Jackson, who join

Commissioner Larsen Jay on the body. Other members include Chairman CPA Jim Morrison and CPA Matthew Warren.

The committee will hear from Caldwell for a financial update and from Ron McPherson or Chris Simons for a school report. Pugh representatives will also give an external audit report and Zac Fullerton will present the Internal Audit Report that will include proposed audit plans, a control risk summary, a hot line report, recommendations and an update about ongoing investigations which may be presented in a closed session.

The committee will also set its upcoming meeting date for December.

Tax freeze eligibility for seniors

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Senior Center.
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Combating substance abuse ‘like a game of whack-a-mole’

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All4Knox met for its annual session Tuesday at The Foundry near World’s Fair Park and heard Kym Laube of HUGS, Inc., speak about the ongoing substance abuse problem in our nation. The New York resident brought 33 years of substance abuse knowledge to the local organization.

All4Knox is a combined Knoxville City and Knox County effort, along with more than two dozen local organizations, hospitals, mental health and youth

groups, that continues to create and coordinate a cohesive and multi-factor effort to end substance abuse.

Laube was preceded in her remarks as keynote speaker by a welcome from Sharena Cathey, All4Knox coordinator and substance misuse response coordinator for the Knox County Health Department. Cathey introduced Judge Chuck Cerny who memorialized the August 25th death of Judge Duane Slone.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs told the gathering that the effort is to adapt to the ever-changing situation

of substance abuse and to educate the community about the risks.

Following Laube’s remarks, the agenda turned to updates and plans for accessing treatment, housing, judicial diversion, prevention and education, and standards of practice. The audience also heard an update from the All4Knox Overdose Fatality Review Team.

Laube spoke about her teenage years and her addiction and described herself as “a woman in recovery.” She said she was sentenced to drug rehab and encountered the HUGS



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

A large audience of All4Knox listens to Kym Laube, executive director of HUGS, Inc., speak about combating substance abuse. The joint city-county organization met Tuesday at The Foundry to hear updates on the local effort.

program. Now, as executive director of that program, she stresses prevention among children.

“Community kids need you to give them a piece of

the puzzle they didn’t even know was missing,” she said, adding, “Ninety percent of all addictions begin in the teen years.”

She described the effort

to combat the problem as a “game of whack-a-mole,” and added, “There’s always going to be a next big substance.”

City ballot

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Amani said that if the ballot proposal passes that the heavy-voting areas of North and West Knoxville will overwhelm the other areas and the city will be controlled by “wealth and white men.”

State Representative Sam McKenzie sent a video of his support of a “No” vote and said, if passed, the referendum would take away diversity.

Amani said that the City Council Movement is trying to build a slate of candidates for next year’s city election. He also said that the CCM is planning candidate and voter training sessions on September 23 and October 13.

The state-mandated change, supported by the City Council Movement, would elect each council member by local district with the three at-large members chosen by all Knoxville voters.

Voting “No” would adopt the district voting with the top two winners moving on to a general election, which CCM says is more democratic.

City council to continue to add homes with rezonings at Tuesday meeting

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Much of the Knoxville City Council’s meeting Tuesday again deals with zoning and housing as the city needs more affordable residences.

On the agenda is \$4.2 million for Phase Three of the Western Heights infrastructure improvements. The funds are for the Knoxville Community Development Corporation and the project, when funded, may be completed in 2027. It will include more residences and the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club there.

The Western Heights development, the city’s largest housing project, will include multifamily units for rent based on a flat rate below market rates with adjustable rental rates where renters pay 30 percent of their monthly

income.

KCDC will tackle phase three next, but the start date hasn’t been set. A KCDC press release from August 2023 said phase three would be completed in 2027.

The council may also vote to finalize approval of a change from RN-1 to RN-4 for 962 North Gallaher View Drive for the construction of 24 townhomes. Other zoning changes before the council include properties at 5303 Jacksboro Pike and 3225 Essary Drive with requests to change from RN-1 to RN-2; 1214 Callaway Street from RN-2 to RN-4; and 6504 Deane Hill Drive from General Industrial to Office.

The council may also add standards for residential structures to the Commercial District Design Standards in the C-G-1 (General Commercial) zones.

Three appeals are before the

council. Jeremy Greenhouse for Liquid Environmental Solutions is asking that a Zoning Appeals Board decision be overturned for 1307 Galway Street. William Burton is appealing a planning commission decision for a special use of height in the Northshore Town Center Master Plan and Overlook Owners Association Inc. wants a planning commission decision overturned that approved a new primary structure at Zero West Hill Avenue and Zero Locust Street.

The council may also approve a grant from the state’s Emergency Management Agency for \$145,000 to repay the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency for salaries and operating expenses.

CDM Smith Inc. may be contracted for engineering services for the East Greenway Drive Bridge Repair Project for

\$70,400. Gresham Smith Inc. may get \$55,995 for the Boyd’s Bridge Pike Bridge Repair Project. Joseph S. Key II may purchase a house and lot at 1209 Forest Avenue for \$131,100 under the Homemakers Program.

Goodwill Industries may get \$218,400 to manage recycling, customer assistance and educational services at five locations in an annual agreement.

Ordinances on first readings include an amendment to the Operating and Capital Budget and the closures of Dooley Street and an unnamed alley, both from former McCarty Avenue to Baldwin Avenue.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will name Renee Kesler to the Historic Zoning Commission and Vice Mayor Tommy Smith will name Clarence Mc Dowell to the Knoxville City Golf Course Advisory Committee.



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Old Saws

There is an old saw that goes, "Lies, damn lies and statistics." I am no statistician, but I know that "lies and damn lies" certainly apply to the mainstream media (ABC, NPR, NYT, etc.). The Founders are surely rolling in their graves that the First Amendment protects these scurrilous operatives.

The latest fabrication by the Associated Press (AP), the NYT and others is that JD Vance said school shootings have become a "fact of life." Vance's full statement regarding the Winder, Georgia, murders is, "I don't like that this is a fact of life, but if you are a psycho and you want to make headlines, you realize that our schools are soft targets. And we need to bolster security at our schools." The AP withdrew their report, but not before Kamala repeated the lie. Vance is right, our kids are targets and the media lies.

I understand mistakes, but repeatedly misinforming is not a mistake; it is purposeful. I'll cite two other

examples of journalistic "misinformation."

After the August 2017 violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, over removing Civil War statues, President Trump said, "There were very fine people on both sides" of this issue. But he specifically said he was "not talking about neo-Nazis and White Supremacists" and said they should be "condemned totally" (Snopes). And yet Kamala continues to repeat this lie.

And on January 6, 2021, Trump said, "I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard," as guaranteed by the First Amendment. Democrats ridiculously allege that Trump was inciting a riot. The Biden/Harris Department of inJustice continues to persecute Trump with their lawfare.

A saw is a proverb or maxim. An example is all politicians lie. They certainly

exaggerate and present their positions in the best possible light. President Trump is a lot of things, but he is not a politician. He's a businessman, a CEO, a conservative, a successful former president and I could go on. Politicians rarely tell you what they really believe, especially during election season. This is certainly true of the flip-flopping Kamala and her socialist sidekick. The saying, "It is what it is" defines Donald Trump. There is no subterfuge. And this is what threatens Democrats and leftist journalists who now proclaim freely that Trump is an existential threat - to them - and he must be destroyed. Trump is a threat to the ruling class of Washington, D.C., and the elitist America-hating media of the "left coasts." He threatens their power and gravy train.

In the last week, two friends have asked me why people are so blind to Kamala's border disaster with crime, drugs and 300,000 children who have been lost by ICE (immigration, and customs enforcement), perhaps to child labor and trafficking. And how can anyone trust Kamala with the economy that she and Biden damaged? They printed and spent money we didn't have which made every dollar in your pocket less valuable through inflationary pressures.

I have thought long and hard about why Democrat progressive socialists and

I see the world so differently. Since I am trinitarian at heart, I envision three possible explanations for this conundrum.

The first is the uninformed crowd. I am engaged in the news and politics, but others are working, taking care of their kids and don't have time to search for the truth which is often elusive. Those totally oblivious might also be in this group for different reasons.

The second explanation for what I call reality-blindness is the misinformed, a perspective Democrats scream about, but actually promote. Unfortunately, the veracity of a statement or an issue is difficult to determine because the media and their fact-checkers have repeatedly been shown to be liars.

The last explanation for reality-blindness is ideologically informed, where someone's ideology so colors their vision of the world that they are no longer capable of objective observation or reasoned discernment. The patriot Thomas Paine once said, "To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason, is like administering medicine to the dead." Examples of such lost souls are Liz Cheney, the ABC debate inquisitors or the talking heads of MSNBC, like Rachel Maddow.

"If you know, you know" is a modern saw that gained popularity with a pop song of the same name. It refers to an inside joke or something

known only by a chosen few. Two thousand years ago the Gnostics claimed to have special or exclusive knowledge of the truth. The message of the Good News is simple and available to everyone. It does not require special knowledge, secret handshakes or a religious studies doctorate. Christianity is the belief in Jesus Christ, and so the Gnostics became extinct.

Kamala Harris says her values haven't changed but promises change from what we've seen in the last four years of the Harris/Biden administration. What proof does she offer? Bernie Sanders knows Kamala well. Bernie recently said Harris is just saying what she must to get elected. However, I've watched Kamala manage the border, champion Bidenomics and encourage Biden on the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal. If you know, you know.

By comparison, I also know of President Trump's policies, his presidential record, numerous speeches, rallies and news conferences. Trump is the antithesis of everything that is wrong with the Harris/Biden administration, the media, the deep state, the corrupted DOJ and FBI, and the progressive socialist Democrat party.

Americans hate injustice which we witnessed in the ABC debate. The so-called moderators were political operatives. If there was ever

a doubt about the media, a fair-minded person would see the overt bias. Kamala will not have ABC media hacks to cover for her if - God forbid - she is elected and has to deal with Putin or China's Xi Jinping.

In the final analysis, debates rarely produce a knockout punch as happened in the Trump/Biden debate. Everyone expected that Trump would debate three liberals, and as long as Kamala didn't fall down, she would be declared the victor.

Ferguson's saw is, "There's a reason for things." There is no doubt that every American was better off four years ago. So ask yourself, why do the media and Democrats not want to make America great again?

If America chooses its president on the basis of personality and emotion of a 3 on 1 ambush instead of policy and years of observational reality, make no mistake, there will be generational consequences.

But take heart. My favorite news blogger Don Surber's conclusion of President Trump's less-than-knockout performance at the debate: "There will be good days. There will be bad days. There will be better days. But in the end, the American people will do the right thing."

I pray Surber is right.

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Senior Spotlight

O'Neals Celebrate Diamond Anniversary

Two Knoxville residents who met by chance at the very first Shoney's restaurant recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Shoney's on Rutledge Pike.

It was February 1964 when Darlena Taylor and her friend Linda stopped at the Charleston, West Virginia, Shoney's drive-in restaurant - the first in the nation. Linda soon left Darlena with her car to go out with her boyfriend, effectively stranding Darlena as she couldn't drive stick shift.

Fortunately for Darlena, Michael O'Neal was at the same Shoney's at the time with his



cousin, Kenny. Mike initially tried to get Kenny to go talk to the stranded Darlena but he was too shy.

That is when Mike decided that he would go talk to her according to daughter Marilou.

The two hit it off as "Dad drove her home and they have been

together since."

The couple got married in West Virginia on August 28, 1964, and moved to Knoxville in 1984 where Mike was a tool and die maker and Darlena was a payroll manager at Proffitt's. They enjoy attending God's Family Fellowship in Cleveland, Tennessee, when they can.

Several family members and friends gathered at the Rutledge Pike Shoney's to celebrate with the O'Neals last month with cake, photos and lots of memories. They have two daughters, three granddaughters, four grandsons, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.



Darlena and Mike O'Neal in an artist's rendition of their wedding picture and at Shoney's last month celebrating their 60th anniversary.

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To make your appointment for immunizations or the CarFit program, call the Center at 865-523-1135.

This event is free and open to the public!



The Wallace Women's Spirit Lifters widows ministry at an event August 27. Spirit Lifters cling to the scripture, Psalm 62: 1-2 "For God alone my soul waits in silence, from him comes salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."

Wallace Women Lifting Spirits

Even in the hardest moments in life, we notice beauty comes from ashes if we embrace the opportunity to look for it. That is how the Spirit Lifters ministry was founded in 2021. After covid and an abundance of isolation, the Wallace Women of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church recognized the need for widows to have a

place of community where they could walk alongside others who were in same season of adjustment.

"It is important for everyone to be reminded that we all still have purpose and can continue to thrive," Chelsea Murphy of Wallace Women told The Focus.

In August, Spirit Lifters gathered and designed beautiful fresh flower

arrangements and delivered them to homebound widows as well as other ladies in the church and community who needed their spirits lifted. As each flower arrangement was distributed, Spirit Lifters were in full force encouraging and lifting up others in conversation and prayer. Carolyn Jensen was instrumental in the Spirit

Lifters' founding and currently heads up its leadership team. She along with 8-10 other women meet quarterly to pray and plan monthly activities.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Spirit Lifters monthly events at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, email wallacewomen320@gmail.com.

Disappointing summer

I've blinked my eyes, and the summer is gone. For the first time in my life, I'm saying it's about time this season from hell ended. Normally, I declare that the hot months are my favorite ones, but life this year has been less than enjoyable.

Oh, just being able to go outside without freezing is wonderful, and Daylight Saving Time is something



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that should be used all year long. The pool has provided relief from the scorching temperatures, but for the first month it was opened, the cooler weather lingered well into the latest days of spring. Icy water isn't too good on old joints and hearts.

This summer, the temperatures were so high on many days that going to

the pool offered no relief. Everyone has been in water that feels the same temperature of bath water. So, too often I spent evenings in the air-conditioned family room. My television watching turned into an obsession with YouTube.

Special occasions have been disasters this summer. My birthday is close enough to Memorial Day that our family plans a weekend at home. We spend time in the pool or find something of interest to do. This year, the

get-together was canceled when I contracted Covid. Amy's birthday weekend was also ruined when I came down with Covid for a second time this summer. In addition to these misfortunes, a trip to see Lacey in middle Tennessee was nixed after I nearly severed my left ring finger while using a table saw.

Amy and I will celebrate a special anniversary in December, and we booked a tour of New York City with a company with whom we'd traveled before. During the summer months, the tour guide let us know the trip had been canceled due to not enough participants. We always save our summer vacation for after Labor Day so that the crowds aren't so thick

on the beach. Right this moment, I should be sitting under an umbrella with sand on my feet, a drink in my hand, and a book on my tablet. Instead, I'm sitting on the porch at our house and recovering from my second bout with Covid. Amy is in the house after becoming the disease's latest victim.

Even my favorite activity, mowing, has been spoiled this year. Several days of mowing tee boxes at Knoxville Municipal were washed out by the flooding rainstorms in the area. At other times, drought-like conditions have turned the lush grass areas into burned, crunchy dust bowls.

We're into the close of summer, and I hope better

days are on the way. Lacey and Dallas have treated us to a stay at a cabin on the river close to Biltmore. I'm excited to be well so that we can go. Keep your fingers crossed that no more disasters or disappointments are lying in wait for us.

Let us also hope that our researchers and doctors can find a strong vaccine that can kick Covid's butt. This virus has taken too many lives and ruined many good memories for people. I know that I'm old and crotchety, and perhaps my complaints are a result of realizing that not too many more adventures are possible. The balm for all of this is the performances of the football team on the hill. Go Big Orange!

September Artist Trading Card Meeting Next Monday

The O'Connor Senior Center will host a regular monthly Artist Trading Card meeting on Monday, September 23 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Knoxville. These 4th Monday meetings are free and open to anyone interested in making and trading ATCs. Refreshments will be served.

No art experience is required. The goal is to have fun, create something

and connect with others by trading and sharing cards. History and background of ATCs, instruction, materials, prompts and creative ideas will be provided by Tim Wiegenstein, Creative Aging Teaching Artist. No age requirements apply for this program; ATCs are for any age, and intergenerational events are encouraged.

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Pages from the Past



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The election of 1946 carried numerous Republican candidates into Congress on a tidal wave of dissatisfaction with war-time regulations still in place following the Second World War. No loss was as personally galling to President Harry Truman as that of Frank P. Briggs in Missouri. When Truman was elected to the vice presidency in 1944, he resigned his seat in the United States Senate in January of 1945. Missouri Governor Phil Donnelly appointed Briggs to fill the vacancy caused by Truman's resignation on January 18, 1945. Briggs was, of course, a Democrat like Harry Truman. Frank Briggs was from Macon, Missouri, and by profession was a country editor. Briggs was the owner, publisher and editor of the Macon Chronicle-Herald. Briggs was also involved in local politics, having been the mayor of Macon for a short spell and a decade in Missouri's State Senate.

James Preston Kem was a white-haired, mustachioed prosperous lawyer from Kansas City, although he had been born in Macon, Missouri. Kem specialized in corporate law and was by all accounts an excellent attorney. Kem dabbled in politics and had a reasonably high profile locally, serving as the head of the association of attorneys in Kansas City, as well as the chairing the Jackson County Republican Party.

Kem began to methodically build up support to run for the United States Senate, traveling the highways and byways of the many more rural counties in Missouri. James P. Kem faced four opponents inside the GOP primary for the senatorial nomination, including a former congressman and a state senator. Kem swept past his opponents in the Republican primary to win the right to face Senator Briggs in the general election, winning over 54% of the ballots cast.

TIME magazine, the premier news magazine of its day and read by millions, thought a GOP swell was building in the Show Me State and unless the wobbly Pendergast machine that had birthed Harry Truman and the comparable Democratic machine in St. Louis could produce enough votes to stave it off, Kem might very well win. Briggs campaigned on support for Truman while Kem deftly played upon the dissatisfaction of so many voters. Described by TIME as "neat, conservative, colorless," Kem hit the Democrats over price controls and criticized "left wingers" and the Democratic big city political machines.

The GOP tide was indeed rising and Kem beat Senator Briggs decisively on Election Day. While Briggs carried Kem's

home county of Jackson (Kansas City), he only barely won by little more than 3,000 votes. The other big machine in St. Louis failed to perform at all, as James P. Kem won the City of St. Louis by just under 6,000 ballots. Kem beat the dickens out of Briggs in St. Louis County, winning quite nearly 67%. When all the returns were in, Kem had won by more than 60,000 votes. Two years previously, Forrest C. Donnell, then governor, won Democrat Bennett Champ Clark's seat by defeating state Attorney General Roy McKittick by exactly 1,900 votes. To the chagrin and humiliation of Harry Truman, Missouri had two Republican United States senators.

Once in the Senate, James P. Kem proved to be one of the more conservative members of that body. A caustic critic of the political machines in his home state, Senator Kem was also a persistent critic and opponent of President Harry Truman. Kem routinely opposed much of the Truman Administration's agenda. Senator Kem's hostility to Truman's foreign policy caused his own political opponents to label him an isolationist. TIME, owned by Republican Henry Luce, took a staunchly internationalist line and the news magazine rarely failed to miss any opportunity to remind readers the Missouri U.S. senator was an isolationist. The description isn't entirely accurate, as Senator Kem was highly skeptical of spending on foreign aid, oftentimes considering it a waste of taxpayer money. It was more apt to describe James P. Kem as one of those senators who questioned spending programs, demanding to know precisely what good it did Americans.

Kem was one of those senators who gathered at the antique-filled parlor of Senator Clyde Reed of Kansas at the state-ly Stoneleigh Court, a handsome apartment house much favored by Washington's ruling class. Reed answered the door and immediately told his colleagues, "Now boys, this isn't a drinking party." The purpose of the meeting was to consider a program to counter the proposal being offered by Michigan's Arthur Vandenberg, who received considerable positive attention from the new media of the day as he was a formerly bitter isolationist who had seen the light and become an internationalist in his foreign policy outlook. While the GOP was in control of the Congress from 1947-1949, Arthur Vandenberg replaced Tom Connally of Texas as chairman of the prestigious Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Vandenberg was one of the progenitors of the "bipartisan foreign



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Senator-elect James P. Kem of Missouri and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, in November 1946.

policy" in the United States Senate. The Senate was considering a European Recovery Plan, which was hoped would rebuild war-torn Europe following the devastation wrought by the Second World War and stave off the march of Communism.

Kem, along with colleagues such as John W. Bricker of Ohio, C. Wayland "Curly" Brooks of Illinois, Majority Whip Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska, and sixteen other senators came to Senator Reed's spacious living room to discuss strategy. Many of those attending discussed what came to be known as the "Marshall Plan," named for the former general and secretary of state. Many senators were distrustful of the State Department controlling the distribution of the massive financial aid the plan would spend in Europe. Even Arthur Vandenberg thought the Truman Administration would have to accept some significant changes to the plan if the Senate was going to approve it.

The media of the day was very much in favor of the Marshall Plan. Congressman Max Schwabe of Missouri pointed out that of 145 speakers given airtime by the radio networks, 120 were in favor of approving the plan, while less than 20 had been against it. "The conclusion is inescapable, that the American people have been permitted to hear only one side of the proposal during most of the time they are listening to the radio," the congressman huffed.

American farmers were mostly in favor of the Marshall Plan, as much of the spending would go to feed the hungry Europeans, giving them a bigger market for their crops.

Much of the opposition to the Marshall Plan and spending \$5 billion of American taxpayers' money came from the Midwest. Bennett Champ Clark had been one of the more vehement opponents of internationalism while in the Senate. James P. Kem remained opposed to the program from the beginning until the end, describing it as a wasteful "rathole."

Senator Kem's constant pursuit of the remnants of the Pendergast machine

in his home of Kansas City was still blazing during his first year in the U.S. Senate. While Kem was winning the GOP nomination for the Senate, Congressman Roger Slaughter, who represented the district whose most famous resident was Harry Truman, had been beaten in his own Democratic primary. The congressman had gotten politically crossways with Truman, who insisted the machine replace Slaughter. Congressman Slaughter's defeat spawned an investigation that quickly accumulated substantial evidence of fraud and other unsavory practices by the machine. Senator Kem, delighted by the scandal inside the Democratic primary, constantly needed Truman's Attorney General Tom Clark (whom Truman later appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court) about his failure to pursue the investigation. Kem repeatedly demanded the Justice Department look into the case. A local grand jury opened 34 ballot boxes from the Democratic primary election out of the 255 Kansas City precincts and found a "deliberate, calculated and premeditated plan" to "miscount, steal and buy votes." Seventy-one individuals had already been indicted by the grand jury which also announced, "It is our belief that Roger C. Slaughter was deprived of the nomination by a fraudulent miscount of votes and other types of fraud."

While Harry Truman was sleeping inside his suite of rooms at the Muehlebach Hotel, unknown persons entered the Jackson County Courthouse in downtown Kansas City. Once inside, they literally blew the door to the election commission's vault using nitroglycerin and proceeded to steal every scrap of the evidence accumulated by the grand jury investigation.

Four years later, Senator Kem complained, "Not one gun, not one barrel of gasoline, not one ton of rubber has been withheld from Marshall Plan countries which were shipping [war] materials ... to Russia and her satellite nations."

Since the advent of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, Missouri was largely a solidly Democratic state with outposts of Republican counties. Forrest Donnell lost

his reelection bid in 1950 and Kem geared up for what he knew would be a difficult campaign in 1952. President Harry Truman endorsed state Attorney General J. E. "Buck" Taylor over Stuart Symington, who had held a number of posts in the Roosevelt-Truman administrations, including being the first secretary of the Air Force. Married to the daughter of Republican Congressman James W. Wadsworth of New York, Symington was an erudite, handsome and wealthy former businessman. Symington easily beat Taylor in the Democratic primary.

Senator Kem repeated a habit from his 1946 campaign where his driver let him out of the car a mile or so outside of a town, allowing him to walk in without any fanfare. Kem waged a well-funded and hard-hitting campaign, touting his six-year record in the Senate. Farmers, perhaps recalling the senator's ferocious opposition to the Marshall Plan, were solidly behind the candidacy of Stuart Symington. Kem likely would have had a better chance of being reelected had Buck Taylor won the nomination.

When Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan snapped that Senator Kem was against "nearly everything the farmers needed" and boastfully added if anyone doubted it, he would be happy to document his accusations about Kem's voting record. Kem thundered, "I'm putting you on notice right now that, libel laws being what they are, you'd better document them very thoroughly." Secretary Brannan found it prudent to back down rather quickly.

TIME, remembering the senator's opposition to internationalism, barked Kem "is not popular, has no appeal to independents and is out of step with Eisenhower on foreign policy."

One of the more unusual features of the 1952 Missouri Senate race was a series of three debates between Kem and Symington. Dwight D. Eisenhower eked out a win in Missouri by approximately 30,000 votes, but Senator James P. Kem lost to Symington. Both machines in Kansas City and St. Louis reported

heavy majorities for the Democratic candidate. Senator Kem carried a number of rural Missouri counties but lost by 150,000 votes.

Evidently, Jim Kem was one of those rare politicians who never considered an attempt to return to public office. Kem accepted his defeat and never looked back. After his term in the Senate expired, Kem established a law office in Washington, D.C., and became a successful lobbyist. Kem became one of those former officeholders who never went home, preferring to remain in the Washington, D.C. area. Perhaps, for some, having been rejected by one's own people, one feels less connection to one's home state. As his business was then in Washington, Kem bought a farm in the Virginia countryside, raised Angus cattle and earned significantly more money than he had as a senator while lobbying.

In 1964, Kem had an automobile accident while driving from work to his Middleburg farm. Kem's car, for whatever reason, left the road and hit a tree. The accident put him in the hospital with a fractured nose, left elbow and a dislocated hip. "His spirits are wonderful," Mrs. Kem reported, "but he can't put any weight on his legs yet. The doctors say he ought to be walking about Christmas time."

The former senator never really recovered from the accident and died the following February in 1965 at age 74. Although he served only one term in the Senate, the U.S. Senate is a rather exclusive club and getting elected in the first place is quite a feat. Jim Kem never compromised his principles.

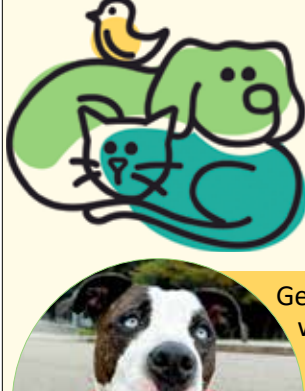
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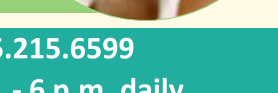
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ESTATE OF JACK WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 89476-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of JACK WILLIAMS who died were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DELENA LOIS AKERS DOCKET NUMBER 89855-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DELENA LOIS AKERS, who died February 26th, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 9 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN BRANSFIELD DOCKET NUMBER 89762-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA ANN BRANSFIELD, who died February 19, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN BRANSFIELD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MAUREEN HELEN HUMMEL
9123 WESLEY PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACKIE LYNN CARTER DOCKET NUMBER 89885-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the ESTATE OF JACKIE LYNN CARTER, who died September 28, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IRIS L. DANIEL DOCKET NUMBER 89954-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect to the Estate of IRIS L. DANIEL who died March 4, 2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CALVIN JOE DAVENPORT DOCKET NUMBER 89939-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of testamentary in respect of the Estate of CALVIN JOE DAVENPORT, who died July 3, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Knox Chancery Court, Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF CALVIN JOE DAVENPORT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID BURR DELANEY DOCKET NUMBER 89867-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DAVID BURR DELANEY who died June 16, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID BURR DELANEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WESLEY BRUCE DELANEY, ADMINISTRATOR
2976 LINCOLN BLVD.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHERWIN HARRIS DOCKET NUMBER 89426-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SHERWIN HARRIS, who died FEBRUARY 14, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB HOLSTAD aka NANCY L. HOLSTAD, aka NANCY E. HOLSTAD DOCKET NUMBER 89887-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of NANCY ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB HOLSTAD aka NANCY L. HOLSTAD aka NANCY E. HOLSTAD, who died August 5, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims



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ESTATE OF GREGORY LEE SNOW DOCKET NUMBER 89947-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GREGORY LEE SNOW, who died August 4, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GREGORY LEE SNOW

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINNY SNOW, EXECUTRIX
1201 ASHWOOD PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL STALANS DOCKET NUMBER 89926-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN MICHAEL STALANS, who died June 23, 2024, were issued to Ann Catherine Stalans by the Probate Division of the Knox County Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JOHN MICHAEL STALANS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANN CATHERINE STALANS
2220 DUCK COVE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SIDNEY LEE WALLACE, JR., M.D. DOCKET NUMBER 89927-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of SIDNEY LEE WALLACE, JR., M.D., who died July 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9 day of September, 2024.

ESTATE OF SIDNEY LEE WALLACE, JR., M.D.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SIDNEY LEE WALLACE, III
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF NANCY ELIZABETH LIPSCOMB HOLSTAD aka NANCY L. HOLSTAD, aka NANCY E. HOLSTAD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SCOTT CAMERON HOLSTAD 623 MAIN STREET MCSHERRYSTOWN, PA 17344

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE ANTHONY LONG DOCKET NUMBER 89968-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE ANTHONY LONG, who died on July 17, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF GEORGE ANTHONY LONG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL LONG
4505 FOOTHILLS DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANDREW WILLIAM MAXEY DOCKET NUMBER 89149-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of ANDREW WILLIAM MAXEY, who died Feb. 28, 2019, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF ANDREW WILLIAM MAXEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HELEN S. MAXEY, ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
3625 GINNFAIR ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY LEROY NORMAN DOCKET NUMBER 89425-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of

SEPTEMBER, 2024, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY LEROY NORMAN, who died December 14, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication; or

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

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF JERRY LEROY NORMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AUTUMN BETH NORMAN, EXECUTRIX
100 SNOOKY LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

PATRICK R. MCKENRICK, ATTORNEY 1019 ORCHID DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ESTATE OF SANDRA FAYE RAWLINSON DOCKET NUMBER 89921-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters of administration in respect of the Estate of SANDRA FAYE RAWLINSON, who died on April 23, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA FAYE RAWLINSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ADAM J. CARR, ATTORNEY 109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2A SEVIERVILLE, TN 37862

ESTATE OF DARCY LU ROGERS DOCKET NUMBER 89771-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, letters testamentary (or letters of administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of DARCY LU ROGERS, who died June 18th, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Probate Division, of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

ESTATE OF DARCY LU ROGERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES LAWRENCE
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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Powell, Bearden notch big district wins

By Ken Lay

The stakes became a little higher last week as local teams either began or continued the district portion of their respective seasons.

One of the top matchups pitted Powell against Central Thursday night at Scarbro Stadium in Powell and the host Lady Panthers prevailed, 4-2.

Powell's Sifa Morgan had a hat trick against the defending district champion Lady Bobcats. Avery Smith scored the first goal

in the match for the Lady Panthers.

Jessica Cable, Powell's first-year head coach, hasn't been with the Lady Panthers long, but she knew this was going to be one of the biggest matches on the schedule for her side this season.

"We had several conversations leading up to that game because we knew it was going to be a big game against a good team," Cable said. "It was a big district game and the girls were really up for it.

"I'm really proud of them

for the way they fought. They battled until the end."

Paige Branam scored both of Central's goals in the match.

Powell opened the week Tuesday with a 9-0 victory over Campbell County in a district match Tuesday night.

Smith found the back of the net four times against the Lady Cougars. Anna Sanchez had a hat trick, while Abigail Reiche and Kylie Jekels each tallied a marker.

Central also had a lopsided victory Tuesday night

as it blanked Carter, 9-0, at Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City.

Farragut and HVA play to scoreless draw: Turkey Creek rivals Farragut and Hardin Valley Academy had their annual regular-season District 4-3A showdown Thursday night at HVA. The Lady Admirals and Lady Hawks tied, 0-0.

Earlier in the week the Lady Admirals notched a 4-1 victory in a league match on Tuesday.

Ava Upshaw scored twice for Farragut. Kennedy

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Powell's Sifa Morgan runs past Central's Ivy Miller Thursday night at Scarbro Stadium in Powell. Morgan had a hat trick in the Lady Panthers 4-2 District 3-3A victory over the Lady Bobcats.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lethgo and Halls spoil Hardin Valley's Homecoming

By David Klein

The Halls Red Devils spoiled a homecoming game Friday night at Hardin Valley. Red Devils quarterback Amari Lethgo threw for four touchdown passes and ran for another as the Red Devils beat the Hawks 36-14.

The Red Devils got on the board first with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Lethgo to Brody Rogers with 6:13 left in the first quarter. Rogers beat the Hawks' safety in the left corner for the touchdown.

A little later, a fumbled punt by Hardin Valley set up Halls nicely in Hawks' territory. Lethgo found Rogers for a third down conversion. On 2nd-and-goal from the Hawks' 1-yard line, Lethgo took a shotgun snap, faked the handoff to Marcus Moore, then ran around the right side untouched for the touchdown. Halls led 14-0 with 11:55 left in the second quarter.

"All of the linebackers went for the fake handoff so I knew I could just walk in the endzone," Lethgo said.

Hardin Valley finally got on the scoreboard with a Dylan Umansky pass to Isaac Shelby with 3:43 left in the first half. That cut the lead to 14-7 Halls.

Answering the Hawks' score, Lethgo passed for his second touchdown to Landon Vest with 49 seconds left in the first half to make it 21-7 Halls and halt the Hawks' momentum.

To start the second half, Hardin Valley forced a three-and-out and forced Halls to punt from its own territory. The Hawks took advantage of a short field and quarterback Riley Matz threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Michael Stewart Jr. to cut Halls' lead to 21-14.

"Matz just got back this week," Hardin Valley Coach Tyler Wynn said, explaining Matz's prior absences for broken fingers. "(He's) about three practices in. From a continuity standpoint our kids are working hard. It's (Matz) his first time under the bright lights," Wynn added.

Following a successful field goal, Halls recovered an onside kick and had the football 1st-and-10 at the

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PHOTO BY JOSHUA WILLIAMS

Jayveion Morgan (18) and a swarm of Carter Hornets stop South-Doyle's Jeremiah Smith Friday night in their 52-20 win over the Cherokees.

Carter racks up points, penalties in win against S-D

By Ken Leinart

There is a certainty in every football game ever played: One team will win and one team will lose.

Carter High School's Green Hornets opened Region 2-4A play Friday night with a 52-20 homecoming victory, hosting South-Doyle for the both school's region openers.

As with all contests featuring a winning side and losing side, one side will be

happy and the other side, not so much.

The surprise came Friday night on who was happy and who wasn't.

"You know what they say? You can't quote silence," an agitated Carter Head Football Coach Todd Helton said after the game.

"I'm proud of the way our kids battled, but that was a sloppy, ugly game. We have strived to clean up this stuff. We'll come back on

Monday and we'll fix it, but I am extremely disappointed in all of our penalties. We have to quit letting (bad) moments turn into quarters, We have to limit that stuff and we haven't had that in the first three games."

The Green Hornets finished with almost 200 yards in penalties and they ran the gamut from illegal procedure to personal fouls.

"Hey, kudos to Coach (Larry) Headrick and his

guys," Helton said. "They had a good game plan to slow things down. They're young, but they have a great team."

While South Doyle Head Football Coach Larry Headrick wasn't exactly "happy" with the loss, he was optimistic.

"We're playing with a bunch of youngsters and I understand everybody else is like, 'We're playing

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High School Football

Grace Christian beats Warriors to go to 4-0

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy already has topped its win total of last season.

Five new coaches on the staff, including the Price twins, have made a difference.

The new and improved Rams clicked in the passing and running game for a 35-14 win over Christian Academy of Knoxville Friday night in a Division II-AA battle of rivals.

Four touchdown passes by senior quarterback Weston Edmondson and some determined running by sophomore Terrion Thomas led GCA, now 4-0 overall and 2-0 in region play.

CAK (1-3, 0-2) fell behind 21-0 in the first half but fought to the end.

"I think the key to the win tonight was how we played as a team," said GCA Head Coach Justin Price. "Defensively, we were playing at a high level and getting some stops. And then offensively, just the way we executed so many plays. We had

three really long drives in that first half.

"Just that team effort. When you're playing a good team like CAK, it takes offense, defense and special teams and I felt like tonight our kids played at a high level in all three areas."

CAK Head Coach Chad Speck said: "They whipped us man. They physically were the better team tonight."

Thomas ran straight ahead for Grace Christian's first touchdown on fourth down and a half yard to go in the opening quarter. Blake Perkey caught three passes for 38 yards early in the drive; the last being a 20-yarder on an inside slant. Luis Damus kicked the first of five PATs to give his team a 7-0 lead.

CAK drove to the GCA 23 but a fourth-and-three pass fell incomplete.

Braden Ray caught an 11-yard TD pass from Edmondson and knocked over the pylon to get into paydirt and make it 14-0.

GCA put together another long

scoring drive, going 79 yards, but Thomas' 3-yard TD run was nullified by a holding penalty. The Rams still had 15 seconds before intermission and Edmondson connected with Kaden Webber, who displayed soft hands catching a 13-yarder over the middle to cap a 20-play scoring drive.

The Warriors scored on their first possession of the second half on an 18-yard touchdown run by Seaton Moffett. Jacob Briggeman kicked the extra point.

Perkey restored Grace Christian's 21-point advantage with a 32-yard TD catch from Edmondson.

CAK pulled within 14 points midway through the fourth quarter when Ward Sterchi hauled in a 9-yard pass from Shepard Strange.

CAK tried an onside kick to no avail.

Thomas consumed time with short gains and tacked on a 22-yard catch to the CAK 25. Four plays later, Ray scored again with a 20-yard catch from Edmondson



PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

Grace Christian's Terrion Thomas runs with determination in the Rams' 35-14 win over CAK Friday night at GCA. Three Warriors work to stop him on this play, including Silas Fulford (11).

with 4:13 left.

A skirmish on the sideline broke out at 2:34 when GCA 8th grade running back Javy Stinson was stopped for no gain. Two personal fouls offset, but a CAK player was ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Coach Speck's post-game message to his team was: "Essentially

that I loved them and it hurts and it's supposed to hurt. But I love them and I love coaching them. We got to get better. We played much better in the second half than we did the first. We've got to do that right from the start."

CAK will back at home against Lakeway Christian in Week 5, while GCA hosts Notre Dame.

High School Football Scores + Schedule

WEEK 4 RESULTS

AC 48, Fulton 27
Alabama 50, TSD 6
Cleveland 32, Farragut 7
Ensworth 35, Catholic 0
G-P 24, Austin-East 6
Gibbs 58, Seymour 28
Carter 52, S-D 20
Central 33, Ooltewah 7
GCS 35, CAK 14
Halls 36, HVA 14
Webb 35, N. Dame 6
Lenoir City 37, TKA 14
Maryville 35, West 14
Oak Ridge 35, Karns 0
Powell 38, Heritage 0

WEEK 5 GAMES

Kickoff at 7 unless noted

Thursday
Carter at Halls

Friday
Austin-East at Alcoa
HVA at Bearden
Lakeway at CAK
Webb at Chatt. Christ
Powell at Clinton
Karns at Heritage
Chatt. Grace at TKA
G-P at Fulton
Notre Dame at GCA
Central at West
AC at Seymour
Gibbs at S-D
KCHS at Briarcrest

Saturday
Arkansas at TSD, 4 pm

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Will Powell unseat West this season?

By Steve Williams

Powell is starting to look like it could be the team this season to make a trip to Chattanooga and the Class 5A state finals.

Coach Matt Lowe's Panthers are currently 3-1 with their lone loss (28-25 to Anderson County) being on the road in the season opener when they didn't have one of their best players (RB/DB Carson Wheeler) eligible to play that night due to a one-game TSSAA suspension.

Since then, Powell has beaten Farragut 35-7, Oak Ridge 35-7 and Heritage 38-0.

The Panthers will play at Clinton this Friday.

Powell's region title hopes may come down to another battle with West in the final week of the regular season. That game would be played in The Jungle.

The Rebels, who have won back-to-back state titles, are 2-2, with

both of their losses coming at the hands of strong Class 6A teams Bearden and Maryville.

DOWN TO TWO: Brad Turner's Gibbs Eagles defeated Seymour last week for their fourth win without a loss. Grace Christian Academy remained undefeated too with their win over CAK.

Knoxville Catholic had been unbeaten until Friday when they bowed to Ensworth 35-0.

WEEK 5 HEADLINERS: Carter at Halls and Gatlinburg-Pittman at Fulton.

GIBBS HONOREES: Senior quarterback Warren Axton completed 9 of 15 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns and ran 13 times for 36 yards and one TD to be named Offensive Player of the Week after Gibbs' win over Seymour.

Senior DB Maddox Brackfield

earned the defensive award, recording nine tackles, two hurries and had a 33-yard interception return.

THEY'RE BACK: Maryville's team had begun to look like a George Quarles production, after outscoring its first three opponents by a total of 141-0. The competition was a little stiffer in Week 4, but a 35-14 win at West wasn't nothing to sneeze at.

Derek Hunt, the current Maryville head coach, was on the Sports Animal's post-game wrap up show Friday night and had this to say: "We just want to win. I wanted to make sure our guys understood. I don't care about goose eggs necessarily as long as we win the football game. We just want one more point."

ANOTHER HONOR: Hall of Famer Todd Helton was recognized as an

honorary captain for the Carter football team in the Hornets' game against visiting Gatlinburg-Pittman in Week 3.

STATE LEADERS: The state's No. 1 ranked teams in each TSSAA classification after Week 3 games:

Class 1A: McKenzie, Class 2A: East Robertson, Class 3A: Alcoa, Class 4A: Upperman, Class 5A: Page, Class 6A: Oakland, Division II-A: Jackson Christian, Division II-AA: Christ Presbyterian, Division II-AAA: Baylor.

WORDS FROM TSSAA: Fans are encouraged to enjoy the games with a spirit of sportsmanship, as these events represent not only their schools but also their communities.

Carter racks up points, penalties in win against S-D

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with sophomores, too," Headrick said.

"But 80-percent of our team are underclassmen. We lost our starting quarterback. We lost our backup quarterback. We're on our third string quarterback. We're battling injuries and we're still out here competing. And when you do that with a young football team the future is bright

"Not at one point tonight did our football team quit, start chirping at each other. You know, it was like, 'Hey, let's compete.' I ask them to compete. I ask them to give great effort, to be great teammates and that's what they're doing. I couldn't ask anything more from them.

"As coaches we're putting them in position to make plays and they're there to make the plays but it's just like ... an inch away, they're right there. They're going to end up making those plays and when that happens ... We're going to be a really good football team."

The first quarter served as an overview of how the game would play out. Carter flashed its potent offense,

stingy defense, and (on this night) penchant for penalties.

Carter senior Decorieon Brown took the opening kickoff from the five to the Cherokee 13. The Hornets scored in three plays, but also drew the first penalty on the night.

Brody Sparks connected with Jody Scruggs from 13 yards and after Gavin Thomas nailed the kick it was 7-0 with 10:07 to play in the first quarter.

That first, short, drive also highlighted the scrappiness of the Cherokee defense, especially junior Trey Lane.

Sparks would connect with Gabrielle Dennis (6:21 mark) for a score and Scruggs added a 22-yard score (14.9 seconds) in the first quarter to build a 21-0 lead after Thomas's extra points.

Carter would add 10 points in the second quarter. Thomas made a 24-yard field goal with 8:22 left in the first half.

The Hornets had a first and goal at the four, but South-Doyle's Lanes made a couple of big stops and Adrian Kimberlin came up

big to force a fourth and goal from the seven.

The Cherokees put together a scoring drive to cut into the 24-0 lead, aided by a spectacular throw and catch between sophomore quarterback Cade Carr and senior Nathan Thompson on a third and 10. The catch covered 11 yards, but the Cherokees added some more ground due to a Carter penalty when Carr was tagged hard after the throw.

That set up a Carr to Kamariron Rice 18-yard touchdown. Rice battled two Green Hornet defenders in the back corner of the end zone for the grab.

Isaiah Mitchell nailed the point after and made it a 24-7 game with 5:30 in the half.

Carter's Gabe Dennis pulled a hat trick in the first half, getting three interceptions. The third one set up the hosts at their own 30-yard line with 1:06 to play in the half.

Sparks led a masterful drive connecting with three different receivers on sideline routes to set up a seven yard score with Brody

Martin for a score. Sparks went to Martin four times during the drive before the touchdown.

Thomas made it 31-7 with 2.5 seconds left in the half.

The Cherokees slowed the Carter offense in the second half, though the Green Hornets did run off a 10-play scoring drive with Sparks hitting Martin again for the score.

Thomas made it 38-7 with 5:58 to play in the third.

The Cherokees battled back with a 15-play drive. Carr looked like a different player in the second half as he led the Cherokees on a 71-yard drive that was capped with a Jayden Norris nine-yard score.

That was the South-Doyle motto the entire game. No matter what, they kept their heads high and battled. It was something Headrick addressed with his players after the game as well. The 15-play drive was epitome of that.

The two-point conversion was stuffed by Jake Coffey. With 56 seconds left in the third quarter Carter led 38-13.

Then Jody Scruggs

happened.

Again.

Scruggs had been making positive runs all night, getting plus yardage even when it looked like the Cherokee defense had him hemmed in.

On a first and 10 from their own 36 Scruggs got the call. Sixty-four yards later he scored, breaking through the middle, veering left and then out racing everyone.

"He's (Scruggs) special. He does extremely unique things with the ball in his hands," Helton said. "You see things and you're like, 'Oh, it's stopped.' He just understands spacing. He just does it.

Thomas added the point after and with 35.5 second in the third Carter was up 45-13.

Both teams would add a score in the final stanza.

Carr led an eight-play drive (helped by two Carter penalties) and then took a legitimate hard shot as he released a four yard score to Jeremiah Smith, who made a spectacular grab for the score.

Mitchell made it 45-20

with the kick at the 9:23 mark.

Carter drove 80 yards in eight plays for the final score, Spark tucking the ball on a one-yard plunge, for the game's next to last score. Thomas would put up the final point of the night with the extra point and a 52-20 final.

The Hornets travel to Halls next week for a non-region contest.

South-Doyle will host Gibbs in a region tilt. For Headrick and the Cherokees it's another challenge for a young squad.

"In our first four games we played one at home and three on the road," Headrick said. "We're going to battle and we're going to do things the right way. We're going to work every day.

"Like I tell them, it's a process and you gotta trust the process and we're going to get better. We challenge them everyday to get better, be better today than you were yesterday, be better minute to minute, second to second, be better than what you were."

A 'neutral site' venue for the Mid-South

Many Tennessee fans have no idea where Crump Stadium was located, for whom it was named, and what significance it holds in University of Tennessee football history. With the days of the Vols playing in Memphis likely in the rear-view mirror, an explanation is in order.

Crump Stadium was located near downtown Memphis, next to Memphis Central High School, 1301 Linden Avenue at S Cleveland Street. It was built in 1934 under the auspices of the Works Projects Administration, better known as the W.P.A. The venue was named for former Mayor Edward Hull Crump in 1934. He was known as the "Red Snapper" and was the famed political boss in Shelby County and across the state of Tennessee. "Boss Crump" said he was "flattered" by being so recognized, but allowed that such honors should really be handed out posthumously.

After a season-ending tie 0-0 between Tennessee and Ole Miss in December 1936, the city decided to market the stadium as



PHOTO FROM HISTORIC-MEMPHIS.COM.

A capacity crowd watches as college football action takes center stage at Crump Stadium in Memphis.

a "neutral site" venue to bring in teams and fans from across the Mid-South. There were frequent match-ups between Tennessee and Mississippi, Tennessee and Mississippi State, and the Rebels against Arkansas, with a Texas-Arkansas game also played there.

The Vols played Ole Miss 15 times at Crump Stadium and Mississippi State five times before major athletic events in the Bluff City moved to a new stadium on the Fairgrounds in 1965.

In 1938, University of Tennessee President Dr. James D. Hoskins had offered Bob Neyland some free coaching advice

shortly before the Ole Miss game, again in Memphis, when the Vols were 9-0 and headed to the Orange Bowl. UT historians James Riley Montgomery, Stanley John Folmsbee and Lee Seifert Greene shared the story.

"It was Hoskins' custom from time to time to walk down in the afternoons and watch football practice, often accompanied by J.P. Hess," they wrote.

"Hoskins' mind seemed to be on something — I don't think he spoke on the whole trip down there to the field," Hess recalled.

"I want you to go down next Saturday to Memphis and beat Ole Miss 50-0," Hoskins told Neyland. Even

in those days, the margin of victory was a big deal.

"Well, all right, Doctor, we'll try to do that," Neyland replied just before the duo left.

The final was 47-0, a result apparently satisfying to all parties. The authors noted that the Sugar Bowl committee might have influenced Hoskins' attitude when it said, "Tennessee had not won by large enough margins throughout the season."

Under rookie head coach John Howard Vaught, Ole Miss handed Tennessee a 43-13 defeat there in 1947, the worst defeat in Bob Neyland's coaching tenure. There was also

a 16-13 loss a year later, also in Memphis. Neyland remembered both defeats, and the next three games were settled by scores of 35-7 in 1949 in Memphis, 35-0 in 1950 in Knoxville, and 46-21 in 1951, this game played in Oxford.

Over the years, Crump Stadium joined Shields-Watkins Field and the Orange Bowl as having the worst press boxes in the country, this dubious designation having been voted on by the Football Writers Association of America. The new press box built in 1962 in Knoxville was designed to alleviate that problem, at least to Neyland's way of thinking. Nothing apparently ever happened to change the writers' view of the other venues.

There were other memorable moments on the Crump Stadium green-sward. In 1954, sophomore tailback John Terrill Majors made his Vol debut in a 19-7 win over Mississippi State, scoring on an 80-yard run. Marvin West remembered being the only media member to recognize Majors, having been in a geography class with him that fall. That quick disclosure might have brought Marvin an instant dose of credibility with older media members.

In November 1959, Tennessee went to Memphis to play Ole Miss

the week after the Vols had won 14-13 over LSU in one of the titanic upsets in Vol gridiron history. Tennessee head coach Bowden Wyatt had told a friend the night before the game the Rebels would win decisively, and they did, 37-7, breaking open a 10-7 game in the second half. That game started an Ole Miss win streak that lasted until 1967. It also started a three-game Vol losing streak to end the decade of the 1950s.

Mississippi State won 7-6 in 1962, with MSU assistants and former Vols Ken Donahue and Majors overseeing the State defense.

The Vols won their Crump Stadium finale in 1964, in a night contest against Mississippi State. The final was 14-13, a verdict giving Doug Dickey his first SEC win at Tennessee. Carl Ellis stopped MSU's Hoyle Granger on a two-point play that gave the Vols the edge. A crowd of 24,609 was in attendance.

In 1965, the Vols played Ole Miss and UCLA in the new stadium and have played there ever since.

The echoes of Crump Stadium are not far away, however, as games at the old stadium created their share of memories contributing to Tennessee legend and tradition.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The Tennessee Smokies deliver a pitch to Birmingham in their final home stand in Kodak on Sept. 11 and will return to Knoxville next spring to begin a new chapter in Double-A professional baseball.

Newcomer says Smokies' move to Old City 'sounds like fun'

A lot can happen in 25 years. Good and bad. Funny and sad.

The Smokies' baseball move back to Knoxville next spring will be bittersweet; a treat for Knoxvilleans, but a bummer for some of the folks in Kodak and their Sevier County neighbors.

But it's just 22 miles. It could be much worse. Think of some of the cities in the past that lost their baseball team.

This move is nothing like the Dodgers leaving Brooklyn to go to Los Angeles in 1958.

The Smokies' first name will change again — from Tennessee to Knoxville. That's no big deal. Most fans just call them the Smokies.

This reporter made a trip to Smokies Stadium during the final homestand last week to ask some questions about the move. I spoke to fans and ushers; all the way up to long-time PA guy George Yardley and Tennessee Smokies President



By Steve Williams

Chris Allen.

And I took some pictures, too. Who knows what's going to be on this infield and outfield ground another quarter of century from now?

When I walked into the stadium on Wednesday night I noticed an older man sitting on the back row by himself with a good view of the right side of the infield as the Smokies played the Birmingham Barons. After a few minutes, I introduced myself and asked if I could come back and get his take on the Smokies moving away, after I took some pictures while I still had daylight. He said sure.

It turned out he was a perfect choice to offer an unbiased opinion.

James Wikstrom and his wife, who had family in the area, had "downsized" and moved south to Dandridge, a small town in Jefferson County not far at all from Smokies Stadium. Wikstrom said he had lived in

Minnesota for 50 some years and watched a lot of Twins' games. And from there he had lived east of Cincinnati for 18 years and went to a lot of Reds' games.

"My personal feeling is I'm okay with the move," he said. "It appears that the powers that be, the people with the finances, decided that they wanted to move back to the roots of the Knoxville Smokies and I will be one who will go to games there. Some people who are out in this area (Kodak) seem a little hesitant — 'Well, I don't want to drive into Knoxville,' etcetera. But it's not that far and I'm a baseball fan, so a new venue in an interesting area — the Old City of Knoxville — sounds like fun to me."

Wikstrom has already been down to Knoxville to scout it out.

"I've been down there several times watching the field as it's constructed," he said. "It's convenient to the Old City and I think it will be a place where,

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George MacIntyre Talks Future with Vols

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel produces quality quarterbacks. He did it everywhere he's been.

Most recently it's been Hendon Hooker and Joe Milton, both of whom you'll find on NFL rosters.

So when Heupel offers a scholarship to a signal caller, you know that he expects big things. Brentwood Academy's George MacIntyre is ready to join Heupel and the Vols in 2025, and fulfill the promise he's shown as a 5-star prospect.

"Tennessee just felt like home to me, the way they support their quarterbacks," said MacIntyre. "Coach Heupel, his system... I really like the system. I know I'll have the same offensive coordinator, I will be under Coach Heupel's offense the entire time I am there. Here I have had four offensive coordinators in four years. It has been tough. I was definitely looking for some stability in college."

Speaking of that stability and that system, MacIntyre is excited for the possibilities ahead, and running one of the most dynamic offenses in the sport.

"Efficient. Every play makes sense," says MacIntyre. "They like to throw it down field. You have to have a run game if you are going to have a pass game. They are very well rounded, and the efficiency is off the charts. Just kind of running their offense. They kind of recruit a prototype to run their offense the best. I don't think they will hold anything back play call wise. I'm just gonna take it day by day and enjoy it while I am there."

"I think he and Coach Heupel got along really well," says his father, Matt MacIntyre. "Heupel is a quarterback and has got a little swagger to him. George saw that right-away. Being in state was a big deal to him. Everywhere he goes, people know he is going to Tennessee. I think he

really enjoyed the family feel in Knoxville as well... Everyone did a good job of recruiting him. But Tennessee did a little bit better job. I really think it came down to Coach Heupel and his offense as well."

George MacIntyre isn't only a football standout. In fact, it wasn't until his sophomore year that he truly fell in love with the sport of football. Until then, basketball was his favorite.

"He is a competitor. Doesn't matter what the sport," said Brentwood Academy head coach Paul Wade. "He is a competitor. hates to lose... probably hates to lose more than he likes winning to be honest. I think that is what separates him from others. Unbelievable skills. Great football IQ. He can throw the football a long way. His competitive nature is second to none."

"I think I have a competitive edge to definitely match anyone I am playing against," says MacIntyre. "I think I am prepared usually to go out there and do what I do."

He's obviously not afraid of competition. Nico Iamaleava is the current starter, with 4-star Jake Merklinger playing behind him, and 5-star Faizon Brandon already committed for the Class of 2026. But competition should bring out the best in him.

"It'll be fun to watch him as he grows and excels at that level, having superior athletes around him at every position and see how well he really does play," said Wade.

Listed at 6'5½" and 190 pounds, MacIntyre will have to bulk up in college, which is not uncommon. He turned down Alabama, Auburn and Clemson amongst others to stay in state.

"I would say the state's buzz has been great ever since I committed," said MacIntyre. "Very welcoming and supportive. Lot of orange in the state and I'm glad to be going there."

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

White sizzles in CAK's close loss

Warriors have had to deal with injury bug this season

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville's boys golf team was 'white hot' last Thursday. Bryson White's 5-under-par 31 over nine holes at Oak Ridge Country Club was one of the season's best performances among local high school golfers.

After his birdie on the first hole and a par on the second, he strung together five straight birdies. His impressive round ended with a par and bogey. White, a senior and Tennessee Tech commit, was the top medalist as he led the Warriors (147) to second place, one shot behind Maryville (146). Oak Ridge (154) finished third. "Bryson is controlling his golf ball really well right now," said Coach Donnie Cooper. "Thursday was one

of those days when he was able to cash in on some really good iron shots by making some putts." Other individual scores for CAK were a 36 by Tanner Varney, a 39 by Cooper Russell, and 41s by Tyler Stafford and Reeves Underwood. Looking at CAK's season as a whole, however, Coach Cooper said, "We have been hit by the injury bug. I have had one with a broken hand, one with a broken thumb, one missed

several matches with a bad back and one has had a hip injury. "Fortunately, we have depth and a couple of kids have stepped up and performed really well for us," added the CAK coach. "We have played several matches with only two or three of my top six available to play." Christian Academy has an away match scheduled today (Sept. 19) against Lakeway Christian as the regular season nears an end. District tournament

play starts Sept. 26. CAK has one of the top boys golf programs in the state, with nine state championships, one runner-up showing and 12 appearances in all. In girls' action at ORCC, Maryville's top two players totaled 74, while CAK came in second place with a 77. Oak Ridge was third at 106. The Lady Warriors' Ava Iverson finished in a three-way tie for individual honors with a 37 and teammate Alexis Fishel carded a 40.



CAK golfer Bryson White holds up his impressive scorecard that shows his six birdie shots on holes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 at the Oak Ridge Country Club Thursday.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

West High's Amy Carlevato serves in Tuesday's District 4-3A match in Marble City. The Lady Rebels lost three close sets to rival Bearden despite leading in all three games. West was wearing special uniforms to show support to those battling childhood cancer. Photo by Ken Lay.



Short-handed Lady Bulldogs sweep West High

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School is two matches into the District 4-3A portion of its schedule. And the Lady Bulldogs now know first-hand what they already knew --- nothing comes easily in the league. The Bulldogs picked up a key early season road victory Tuesday night as they swept West High on Sutherland Avenue. Bearden overcame deficits in each set to earn a hard-fought 25-23, 25-23, 25-20 win over the Lady Rebels. The Lady Bulldogs were short-handed as they were without the services of junior middle blocker Ella McDonald and senior outside hitter Makiyah Greenlee, both injured. "This was a typical district match and our kids had to battle hard," Bearden coach Kaitlyn Davidson said. "We had two girls out. We were missing two starters. "We're 2-0 in the district but it hasn't been easy. We had to beat Hardin Valley in five." The Lady Rebels (11-7 overall, 0-1 in the district), clad in special uniforms showing their support for the battle against childhood cancer, opened a 2-1 lead on an ace by L.A. Starmer. They later won 9-7, and

from there it was a back-and-fourth affair with the Lady Bulldogs holding a slight edge the whole way. West, however, tied the match, 21-21, as it recorded a side-out before Starmer served up two consecutive points to knot the set. Bearden would finish off the set and took a 1-0 advantage in the match. In the second set, the Lady Rebels started fast and opened a 12-6 lead, thanks to five straight service points (including an ace by Alice Rausch, who finished the match with eight kills, four aces and two digs. Rausch would later give the Lady Rebels a 16-12 lead with a kill. West would later lead, 22-20, before the Lady Bulldogs closed out the set by scoring five of the next six points. In the third and final set, West opened an early 5-2 lead when Bearden was called for a lift. The Lady Rebels would later take a 9-5 lead before Bearden (11-6, 2-0) stormed back seven consecutive points to pull ahead, 12-9, on an ace by Lydia Kerr. The Lady Rebels would lead one last time, 15-14, before the Lady Bulldogs did enough to close out the set and match with a late run. West suffered a tough league

loss, but even in defeat, Lady Rebels coach Jessica Lee was pleased with her young squad's effort. "We're a really young team," Lee said. "I don't have a lot of girls with varsity experience but the girls play hard. We can fight back and we've dug ourselves some holes and we've done a good job getting out of those. "But we have to learn how to play when we're up." Junior outside hitter Alyssa Spradlin had a monster match at the net for the Lady Bulldogs as she totaled 20 kills and one block. Defensively, she came up with eight digs. Sophia Reichert added nine kills, one block, nine digs and 20 assists. Brooke Dawson, Bearden's libero, finished with 21 digs and five service aces, while Lyla Sutton had four kills and one block. Mya Thurston chipped in with nine assists and four digs. For the Lady Rebels, Starmer had 17 assists, while Keya Patel dished out 10. Ceil Bankston posted eight kills. Defensively, Bella Bohleber and Emily Takonis had 10 digs each and Zoe Hasan had eight digs. The Lady Rebels bounced back Thursday night as they defeated Central, 25-20, 20-25, 25-16, in Fountain City.

Lethgo and Halls spoil Hardin Valley's Homecoming

Cont. from page 1 Hawks' 40-yard line. Lethgo threw a short pass to Drew Ross and he took it down the middle of the Hawks' defense for 40-yard touchdown. Hardin Valley would block the extra point, but Halls created some distance and opened a 30-14 lead. Halls tacked on another touchdown, a 3-yard pass from Lethgo to Rogers in the right corner of the end zone to make it 36-14 Halls with 3:23 left in the fourth quarter. Hardin Valley did not have any comebacks in

them this night. "We gave their players a reason to stay in the game because of us," Halls Coach Brent Hughes said of the game. However, Hughes pointed out the positives from the Red Devils in the fourth quarter. "When we do what we're supposed to do up front and allow our athletes to be special, as you can tell, special things happen." Halls (3-1) hosts Carter Thursday night in a non-district game while Hardin Valley (1-3) plays a district game at Bearden Friday.

Powell, Bearden notch big district wins

Cont. from page 1 Dade also chipped in with an unassisted goal and Lyla Mitchell scored off an assist from Courtney George. On Tuesday, the Lady Hawks lost at home, 2-0, to Webb School of Knoxville. Pearce Groer and Mary Mac Emery provided the offense in the match for the Lady Spartans, who have only surrendered three goals all season. Webb was also in action Thursday as it opened Division II-AA East Region play with a win at home with a win over Chattanooga Baylor on Senior Night. The Lady Spartans honored Groer and Abby Weigel, their two seniors on Thursday. **Lady Irish fall to Baylor:** Catholic came up on the short end of a 1-0 decision against the Lady Raiders Tuesday. Catholic played Maryville to a 1-1 draw Thursday at home. Catholic (7-3-2) got its lone goal of the match from Natalie Stobb. Jenna Clements was credited with an assist in the match. **Bearden topples West:** The host and three-time defending Class 3A state champion Bulldogs opened their league schedule with a 5-1 win over the Lady Rebels Thursday night at Turner-Allender Field. Bearden led, 2-0, at the half as Halle Bibee found the back of the net twice in the first 40 minutes of the match. West pulled to within, 2-1, as Lillyann Freeman converted a penalty kick. Bearden's second-half goals came from Kennedy Lucas, Jayla Blue and Carson Stivers. The Lady Bulldogs routed Jefferson County, 7-0, on Tuesday to open the week.

Newcomer says Smokies' move to Old City 'sounds like fun'

Cont. from page 3 if you choose to go to an evening game, you can go down early, spend some time in the Old City, and go to a ball game. It sounds like a good time to me." What about the parking? "Well, yes there's been some speculation about parking, but with the amount of money that's being invested, I'm sure they have studied parking and apparently there are existing lots that will service the stadium. Who knows, maybe there will be some lots that have a shuttle service. It remains to be seen." Wikstrom also saw on a newscast that the new

stadium will have a retractable pitcher's mound. "So that being a multiple-use stadium when it's not being used for baseball, the mound will drop below the playing service and not be an obstruction of soccer games and other events that they have there," he said. "I thought that was an interesting tweak on the new stadium." The Knoxville baseball team played at Bill Meyer Stadium for many years before making the move to Kodak. The old stadium, which was located in East Knoxville just a couple of blocks north of Magnolia Avenue, was in need of much repair. On the lighter side of my trip to Smokies Stadium last week, I asked one usher where Homer the Hound (the Smokies' friendly mascot) was? "Oh, he had to go to the veterinarian tonight." This usher also told me he had been working in "Guest Relations" for the Tennessee Smokies for 15 years, and I asked him if he recalled any special or unusual moments over the years. "I remember the game when there was a streaker," he said. I mentioned that to another usher, and he laughed and said, "I'm glad I wasn't here that night."

I spotted Mike Wyatt in the stands. The former teacher and basketball coach at Carter Middle School, who lives in Kodak, was an usher the first 10 years of the ball park. "I was (Smokies manager) Ryne Sandberg's bodyguard," said Mike, remembering the many people who wanted to get an autograph of the former great Chicago Cubs second baseman. "He would tell me to let them know he would get with them after the game." Allen said Bryan Webster, current Assistant General Manager of Stadium Operations, has been the longest employee at

Smokies Stadium. "He was an intern at Bill Meyer Stadium and has been here and seen it all through the 25 seasons." Yardley started as Knoxville's public address announcer at Bill Meyer in 1998 and has missed only one season at Smokies Stadium. He said the working conditions and technology have been the biggest changes over the years. One example of that is Yardley had to climb a fire-escape to get on top of the roof at Bill Meyer Stadium to get to where he and others in the media worked.

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