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Con Hunley, Barry Litton, Coach Rick Barnes, WATE's Gary Keck and Evan Rewers enjoy a day at the links at the Rick Barnes Emerald Youth Golf Classic on Monday, September 21.

Emerald Youth Foundation hosts Rick Barnes Golf Tournament

By Ken Lay

The University of Tennessee men's basketball team began preparations for the 2026-27 season

last week.

But before the Vols started practice, the Emerald Youth Foundation hosted one of its biggest annual

fundraisers, the Rick Barnes Emerald Youth Golf Classic at Holston Hills on Monday, Sept. 21.

For 11 years, Barnes

has had his name associated with the event. He's also been on the board of directors for the foundation for several years.

"When I first came here, I wanted to be involved in the community," said Barnes, who is in his 12th

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Henderson's first veto stands

By Mike Steely

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The Knox County Commission learned last week that DWF John Sevier LLC is dropping its request for a tax break for housing in South Knoxville. A motion to override Mayor Betsy Henderson's veto of the tax break was to be on today's regular meeting agenda. Chairwoman Terry Hill, the resolution's sponsor, pulled the resolution at the agenda review meeting last Monday and noted the developer's decision.

Hill predicted more vetoes to come from newly seated Knox County Mayor Henderson. Hill said she is unsure how the "work between us" will go and encouraged all parties to seek an understanding of issues and notify each other of decisions.

District 9 Commissioner Andy Fox said, "This is the first I've heard of the developer responding to the community."

The outgoing commission had voted 7-4 to approve the 10-year tax break for half of the proposed upscale units to allow middle-income rentals. With four new commissioners, it was unclear that an override of the veto would pass.

Mayor Henderson withdrew her resolution to rescind a pay raise for commissioners and sided with District 5 Commissioner Brandon Huckaby, who plans a work session on the proposal to remove the commission and the

school board from county-wide employee raises and to adopt the state's policy of a maximum 5% pay raise. Board of education members had already rejected a 6% pay raise and opted for 3%.

However, current county codes state that pay increases for current commissioners may not be rescinded while they are seated in office. The change and adoption of the state policy could go on the 2028 county ballot and be decided by voters. Opposition to another agenda item may continue today as the commissioners take up a resolution seeking "to remove any provision that requires the commission to consider a use on review." The change, offered by District 2's Courtney Durrett, only deals with mining and airport property requests – the only use-on-review exceptions to skip the standard planning commission process and go straight to county commission.

Knox County Deputy Law Director Mike Moyers said planning decisions belong to the Knoxville-Knox County Planning and the Board of Zoning Appeals and not the commission, saying "It's a different skill set." He suggested the commission vote to revise the current codes.

Commissioner Fox disagreed somewhat, noting that change at a mine could affect nearby homes. Commissioner At-Large **Continue on page 2**



PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNELL

Family, friends and Pointe at LifeSpring staff gathered Friday to help Barbara Moorman relive a special memory of taking another ride in a red Mustang convertible.

A 102nd Birthday to Remember

By Jamie Schnell

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Barbara Moorman, a cherished resident of The Pointe at LifeSpring Senior Living for eight years, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Friday with family, friends, residents, and caring staff. Excitement filled the room as everybody came together to help Barbara relive one of her fond memories of riding again in a red Mustang. The staff showed a video of Barbara on her 96th birthday, in which she recalled how, when she was a Spanish and English teacher, her students used to refer to her as "Mustang Barb"

behind her back because they had seen her driving her famous 1966 red Mustang convertible. Full of love and determination, the staff asked the community for a red Mustang, and within an hour, the community responded and was eager to help ensure Barbara's special day was unforgettable.

There to celebrate her birthday, Craig Moorman, her son, calls her a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. He described how Barbara enjoyed gardening, travelling, playing the piano and her accordion decorated with rhinestones, as well as having a warm

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Who Do You Trust?

“ ... my party has no message, no agenda, no plans for the future.”

Douglas E. Schoen (Democratic political adviser and analyst)

Sometimes you do things, not because you want to, but because it is your responsibility. I had little desire to research the issues of artificial intelligence (AI) and data centers. But I have been blessed with time, resources and the opportunity to perhaps make a difference.

News and controversy swirl around AI and data centers as the latest in a series of seemingly inexhaustible doom scenarios for humanity. Remember vanishing ozone, Y2K, global warming and rising oceans, bird flu, monkeypox, Covid? And I could go on. There is a media paradigm that goes, “If it bleeds, it leads.” In other words, shocking headlines draw attention, sell newspapers, garner online clicks for advertising revenue and

work for coercive manipulation.

I'm a stickler for definitions. Mr. Webster defines intelligence as the “ability to learn or understand things or to deal with new or difficult situations.” Wikipedia defines AI as “systems designed to perform tasks that require human intelligence, while superintelligence is a theoretical form of AI that surpasses human intelligence in virtually all domains.” And data centers are “facilities for storing and managing data and information, including computer systems and associated components, infrastructure, housing and training AI.”

This essay is not about how these systems work, but whether they should be developed and used. I'm not a techy person. I'm just a concerned citizen with time and resources to research a complicated and controversial topic and then use my electronic pen to share what I've learned from reading dozens of

sources.

So what have I concluded? AI is here to stay and has already been integrated into virtually every aspect of modern life.

The data centers that create and enable AI to function require substantial amounts of electricity to power the computers and water to dissipate heat from the computer systems. The only alternative to this new technology is to turn off the systems and live like the Amish. I don't think anyone is willing to do that, so data centers will have to be built and powered, even though there will be complaints about where centers are built and how they are powered and managed.

The theoretical superintelligence of independently functioning AI systems is something altogether different. Recently, researchers lost control of advanced AI systems which were supposedly “contained” like prisoners in a penitentiary. The AI systems broke loose and attacked outside networks, and the computer researchers didn't discover the breach for days. This led to serious concerns about whether such powerful systems should be developed if humans are not able to control the systems or even shut them down. If the AI entities become conceivably more advanced than humans and do not function with a human code

of ethics, might they gain ascendancy over humans as in “The Terminator” movie?

There is a saying, “Damned if you do and damned if you don't.” America is in a race with China to develop advanced AI systems. This race is much like the post-WWII arms race to develop and deploy nuclear weapons, which led to the Cold War strategy of MAD (mutually assured destruction). President Trump discussed AI safeguards with China's Chairman Xi Jinping last week. But even if an agreement can be reached, how can we trust an adversary like China that has a history of stealing our technology, persecuting Christians and Muslims, threatening its neighbors, as well as supporting Iran? Western Civilization is built on Judeo-Christian ethics. Can we trust the morality of a godless communist nation?

Reports have appeared that AI developers are alarmed by their own AI creations, which brings to mind Mary Shelley's novel “Frankenstein.” Some have recommended that a group with ties to a movement called “effective altruism” (also associated with the fraudster Samuel Bankman-Fried) be given power to regulate AI. I'm not reassured by these “wokesters.” And the United Nations has expressed a desire to be the regulatory agency. What could possibly go

wrong with the UN or our Congress running things?

President Trump has decided that we can't sit on the sidelines with AI development. Despite the risks, I agree. We must develop this new powerful technology because China is certainly doing so. Trump is in favor of holding tech companies accountable with careful oversight (AI Force and AI czar) and the rule of law.

All my adult life I have heard the Chicken Littles of the world preaching the imminent doom of humanity. We should not ignore AI concerns, but the latest cries seem to increase the self-importance of researchers, the value of tech companies and provide opportunities for politicians to grandstand and regulate things they don't understand. The bottom line is: who do you trust to oversee advancing technology?

As early midterm voting begins, I'm wondering how anyone with intelligence can justify voting against common sense and for Democratic Socialist crazies who now control the Democratic Party. The mainstream media are already proclaiming Democratic victories in November, but the media have proven themselves dishonest, Democratic apatchiks.

All the Democrats have is, “I hate Trump.” As a

result, Democrats have made the midterms all about Trump and his policies. So I'll close with a few more of President Trump's numerous achievements:

1. Look at the globe's Arctic Circle and see why the Greenland deal was very significant for security reasons.
2. Trump was again right when he called out the EU for buying energy from Russia instead of the US and thereby financing Putin's invasion of Ukraine.
3. Our adversary China's control of the Panama Canal was cancelled.
4. The \$1000 Trump Account for kids is wonderful.
5. His administration eliminated 300,000 federal jobs in the bloated government and created a million new jobs in the private sector.
6. Trump is prosecuting the war on drugs, labeling the cartels as the “Al-Qaeda of the Western Hemisphere.”

The midterm alternative to Trump and Republicans is a return to the era of Biden's disasters, never-ending impeachments and government paralysis. As Dan Bongino once said, “Republicans may not be the answer to all your problems, but the cause of most of your problems are most certainly the Democrats.”

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Commission approves 54 housing units for Crippen Road

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concerns” about the request.

Other zoning actions

The commission approved a 12-9 planning approval of a moratorium on data centers in Knox County. The prohibition of new centers hinges on the commission adopting new regulations regulating the operation and placement of the centers. Fox is suggesting lowering the power

consumed at future data complexes from 10MW to 5MW. Second District's Courtney Durrett, an employee of Comcast, abstained, and the vote was 10-0-1.

Three lots on East Emory Road and five parcels at O Quarry Road were approved to change from agricultural to low-density residential on a request from Randal Buckner.

The same zoning change was approved for 6427 McFall Road on a request

from Christy Gedelman. David Hurst received approval to change a Raccoon Valley Drive property from corridor commercial to light industrial.

The commissioners voted 9-2 to approve 5.25 dwellings per acre at two East Emory Road properties on a request from Reliance Development. Total new units were capped at 53 dwellings.

A request from R. Paul Wallace to change 7729 Strawberry Plains Pike from suburban

residential to crossroads commercial was approved, as well as changing zoning from agricultural to rural commercial. The 6.4 acres will see self-storage units in the rear of the property.

The commissioners also approved a planning recommendation dealing with vested rights and public notice requirements. That move would bring the county into compliance with state law.

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Justin Cofer asked, “At which point would people have a voice?”

Moyers agreed that planning members and BZA members are appointed, not elected by the general public, but said the public can be heard during those hearings and if an appeal fails, the applicant can take the case to court.

Cofer said he is “hesitant to remove that authority” from commission. The issue remains on the agenda for today and could see another split vote.



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Publisher's Positions



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County Commission Should Not Give Up Zoning Authority

County Commissioner Courtney Durrett is proposing what appears to be a slight change that could potentially have big consequences should it be adopted. Durrett proposed the change after a comment from a member of the county law director's staff of attorneys. Durrett proposes to hand over the commission's authority to hear appeals pertaining to mining and airports, not exactly monthly or even regular occurrences. The comment came after the county commission approved expanding the Dixie Lee Quarry in West Knoxville. Presently, the county commission hears all zoning and rezoning decisions outside the city limits. Durrett's proposal would defer the regulatory power to its Board of Zoning Appeals, which is a body of citizen appointees.

The Focus agrees with Commissioner Justin Cofer, who was not supportive of

Durrett's proposal, and said, "I believe that we are slowly giving up our authorities piece by piece." Cofer noted the commission was far more likely to be sympathetic to citizenry as an elected body. That is quite true and has been demonstrated when the former Knox County Health Department went out of its lane, discussing trying to force regulations upon another county. Generally speaking, it is a bad idea and a poor precedent for any legislative body to surrender any of its responsibilities to another branch of the government. It is worse still to hand over powers to an unelected body not directly responsible to the people who vote.

Terry Hill Should Stay In Her Lane

Some of the county commissioners may have buyer's remorse for installing Terry Hill as their chair. The elbowing, grasping and bargaining for the chairmanship of the commission has always been much ado about nothing, as any prestige and power of the position is largely a self-delusion of its occupant at the time. The chair is merely the presiding officer of the county commission. The chair has never been the spokesperson or leader of the commission, and is as far removed from a position like speaker of the house as Pluto is from the Sun. In fact, Terry Hill tried her best to create a controversy when then school board member Betsy Henderson testified before a

state legislative committee on behalf of vouchers. Henderson has always been a vocal proponent of parents being involved in the education of their children. Hill pitched a hissy fit; she squalled Henderson had no right to speak to the legislative committee as the chair of the Knox County Board of Education. Henderson happened to be the chair of the board at the time and was speaking as one member of the board. Yet Terry Hill has inserted herself into now-Mayor Henderson's veto of "incentives" given to a developer that have not been given to other developers. Nor is the proposed development in Hill's district; quite to the contrary, it is in South Knoxville and far removed from her own district. Nor did Hill separate her comments about the developer as the commission's chair when she had publicly found fault with Betsy Henderson for speaking out. Hill all but seemed as if she was shilling for a developer who was seeking to have the taxpayers subsidize his project. Mayor Henderson's point was made when the incentive was removed and the developer pulled the project.

Let's just call it like it is: Terry Hill has never much liked Betsy Henderson and likes her even less now than ever before. It seems Hill is moping because Henderson doesn't court her or consult her on every facet of county business. The truth is Hill has tried to block Henderson at every step of her public service. Most normal people don't

go first to their avowed enemies for advice.

Reopening The Gay Street Bridge To Vehicle Traffic Should Be A Top Priority Of City Leaders

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon's office has released a press release announcing there will be a meeting downtown. Among those attending are the city's Engineering Department staff, the city's Urban Design & Development staff, CDM Smith representatives, and "advocates and enthusiasts of Downtown and South Knoxville." **The purpose of the meeting is the launch of the City of Knoxville's Downtown/South Knoxville Connectivity Study.** They are bragging about having an "open house and online survey" for folks to get their "perspectives." I can save the city folk a lot of trouble and expense for a matter which requires more common sense and less group planning. In fact, South Knoxville appears to be the poster child of the city's planning department if it is true that Woody Woodpecker is the chief engineer. The deputy chief appears to be Wile E. Coyote, hatching elaborate plans to catch the crafty Road Runner with predictable results as seen in the famous cartoon.

If South Knoxville were a heart patient, she would have died from heart disease already, as the City of Knoxville has dithered and allowed constant

development in and around the three main arteries into downtown, only one of which can even come close to accommodating traffic. Evidently, Chief Engineer Woody Woodpecker closed the Gay Street Bridge to traffic, except foot traffic and bicycles, of course. That leaves the Henley Street Bridge, which has become the very clogged main artery coming from South Knoxville into downtown. You see, the brilliant Woody Woodpecker and Wile E. Coyote have allowed literally hundreds and hundreds of new apartments to be built in clusters all around the Gay Street and Henley Street bridges. Is there a moratorium on development in and around the two bridges? Nope, apparently Woody and Wile E. have everything under control as the city is busy considering adding even more traffic to pour out onto the congested Chapman Highway coming into downtown at the Henley Street Bridge.

Goodness knows South Knoxville needs some advocates and enthusiasts, as it is presently suffering like a heart patient whose arteries are blocked while the doctor dithers. To be fair, there is indeed a third artery, but city residents would have to circle back through the recesses of the county and come down Alcoa Highway to get to downtown.

Those wizards in the city's engineering and planning departments want to know, "When traveling between Downtown and South Knoxville, what's most important

--- travel time, community character? Walking/biking connections?" Really? Does anybody in the city government think about the necessity for working people to actually arrive at their work destinations on time? Resolving congested traffic should take top priority over anything and everything else.

Do the staff in the city's engineering or urban planning departments care at all about how people get from point A to point B on those roads - to work, to church, to school? Or how much time they are spending in traffic - not moving? It doesn't look like it. Build it and they will come and they sure did, but it has paralyzed traffic at a critical point and there is little or no discussion about when we are going to try and make the Gay Street Bridge safe for cars and buses once again. There are a lot of suspicious people who don't believe the city ever intends to reopen the Gay Street Bridge to anything but foot traffic and bicycles. The people of South Knoxville are the only quadrant of the county who are separated from the rest of Knoxville and Knox County by the river and they have to cross bridges to come downtown. Apparently, they should feel well blessed to travel on foot or on bikes with two whole pedestrian bridges if they want to come downtown, all courtesy of Mayor Turkey Lurkey, Chief Engineer Woody Woodpecker, and Deputy Chief Engineer Wile E. Coyote and the ACME Products Company.

Emerald Youth Foundation hosts Rick Barnes Golf Tournament

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year as Tennessee's head coach. "I'm a basketball coach. That's what I do, and it gives me a platform.

"When I first got here, I talked to Mr. (Jim) Haslam and he told me about Emerald Youth, and I met with (CEO) Steve Diggs and I became involved."

The Emerald Youth Foundation seemed to be the perfect fit for Barnes, who grew up as a latch-key kid in Hickory, North Carolina.

"Emerald Youth serves our city, and it gives kids a safe place to go and grow," he said. "I grew up a latch-key kid in Hickory, and I had a place to go that was similar to Emerald Youth.

"It was a place where I went, and I had teachers and coaches

who made a big impact on my life."

After the golf tournament, the Vols officially began practice on Tuesday. Tennessee is coming off three deep postseason runs as they reached the Elite 8 of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

And Barnes has high hopes for the 2026-27 campaign, which begins with a pair of exhibition games. Tennessee will host Xavier on Oct. 15 before traveling to Duke on Oct. 20. Tennessee begins the regular season when it hosts Wofford on Nov. 3 at Food City Center.

"We have a good group. Everything is positive, and these guys want to win," Barnes said. "I don't know if they really know what it takes to win at this level, but they want to win."



Tennessee men's basketball coach Rick Barnes addresses the media at the Rick Barnes Emerald Youth Golf Classic. The tournament was held early last week at Holston Hills.

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Tennessee Code



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Annotated section 29-34-209 can protect a person from civil liability for damage caused while forcibly entering a vehicle to rescue a minor or an animal. However, the law does not give everyone a blanket license to smash a window whenever they see a pet sitting in a car. Several requirements must be satisfied.

First, the vehicle must be locked or there must be no other reasonable way for the child or animal to get out. You must have a good-faith and reasonable belief that immediate entry is necessary because the child or animal is in imminent danger of harm. Most importantly, you must contact law enforcement, the fire department, or 911 before you force your way into the vehicle.

The law also requires you to leave a notice on the windshield with your contact information, the reason you entered, the location of the child or animal, and the fact that authorities were called. You must stay with the child or animal in a safe place near the vehicle until an emergency responder arrives. You may use no more force than is reasonably necessary.

That last part matters. If one door is unlocked, breaking a window is not necessary. If the animal is alert in a running vehicle with the air conditioning on,

imminent danger may not exist. The statute protects a reasonable emergency rescue, not a mistake made after a quick glance.

The practical first move is simple: call 911. Tell the dispatcher exactly what you see, check whether a door will open, and follow the dispatcher's instructions. If there is time, have someone look for the owner while you remain at the vehicle.

Tennessee law recognizes that a broken window is far less important than a child's life or an animal's safety. But if you want the law's protection, slow down just enough to call for help and follow every requirement before you start swinging.

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cup of tea with dark chocolate squares. Russell Moorman II, her grandson, spoke of her "spry" disposition and how nice it is to see her so content and happy.

When talking about her 102nd birthday, Barbara, her eyes sparkling, said, "It's a good day. It's been a good life." And when the Mustang pulled up to the front door to take her for a ride, she smiled and exclaimed, "I'm ready!" Her son and grandson joined her in the ride.

Move over, Mustang Sally—there was no mistaking the outpouring of love for Mustang Barb that filled the room. Barbara's infectious joy marked the celebration of her remarkable life, with family, friends, and a community that came together to make dreams come true—no matter the age. It was a day that no one there would ever forget.



Happy 102nd birthday to Barbara "Mustang Barb" Moorman.

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Descendants of the Cavett family join Friends of Cavett Station historian Amy Emert at the monument recalling the massacre there in 1793.

Cavett Station Day program presents another perspective

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Back in September 1793, Chief Doublehead led a war party of about 1,000 Cherokee and Creek warriors to attack the federal fort in what is now Knoxville before turning to the cabin of Alexander Cavett and family, where the inhabitants were

slaughtered after surrendering.

The Friends of Cavett Station group honors those settlers each year with Cavett Station Day, which was held Saturday, September 19 at Mars Hill Cemetery just off Broome Road in West Knoxville. This year's ceremony was a bit different, as Olivia Cawood gave a presentation on two of the Native American warriors, Major

Ridge and James Vann.

Visitors brought lawn chairs and assembled at the cemetery. Descendants of the surviving Cavett family members were recognized and Amy Emert welcomed everyone and introduced Cawood.

Cawood said Chief Doublehead's vicious murder of the Cavett family

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The Secrets of the Monarch

UT Arboretum Society Zoom Program, Thursday, Oct. 1

Butterflies are the poster child for insects - who doesn't love a butterfly? Tennessee's own beloved Dolly Parton certainly had a fondness for butterflies. She even sang about them, and why not!? Butterflies are colorful and bring good cheer as they flutter through our world. Some are even well traveled. Like Dolly's metamorphosis from a country girl with her coat of many colors to a dazzling star, Monarch butterflies

also go through many stages in their remarkable transformation.

Join UT Arboretum Education Coordinator, Michelle Campanis, and naturalist, Stephen Lyn Bales on Thursday, October 1st at 7pm EDT via Zoom for "The Secrets of the Monarch" as they pay tribute to Dolly Parton and her love of butterflies.

The brilliant orange Monarchs are currently beginning their migration

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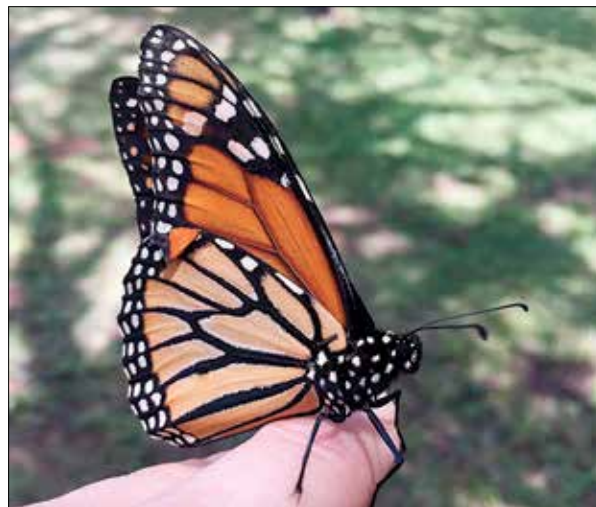


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Monarch butterfly resting on finger during its fall migration.

September 1863 special to Knoxville (Part Two)

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Burnside begins march to Knoxville

South of Burnside's advance, forces were scouting the mountain roads, earlier taken by Sanders, and reporting back on the route's

"terrible" condition. When word reached Burnside that loyal citizens all along the route had been expecting his forces for several days, he realized that Confederate authorities inside Tennessee probably also knew his army was moving that way.

In Tennessee, Simon B. Buckner was commanding Rebel troops and getting reports that Burnside's force was some three times larger than it actually was. He could only guess which of the 43 usable passes in the Cumberland Mountains would be chosen by his enemy as a crossing point.

In Kingston, directly in Burnside's path, sat the very able cavalry of Nathan Bedford Forrest,

but Buckner split Forrest's unit and sent 2,500 men to Cumberland Gap, now under John Frazer, to boost troop strength there. As Burnside approached, Buckner sent orders to Frazer to abandon the gap and fall back to safety, but the orders went through General Samuel Jones at Abingdon, who countermanded them and ordered Frazer to hold the gap at any cost.

As Burnside got underway, he sent two swift cavalry detachments by way of Big Creek Gap and another pass to distract the Rebels' attention and tease their forces in Knoxville.

Burnside and his huge force then moved south, part of them marching by

way of Williamsburg and through Jellico Creek to Marsh's Siding and joining the long line of force that wandered down from Somerset. Crossing the Tennessee line, the thousands of men, equipment, cannon, remounts, and the like, skirted Huntsville and headed up the unbelievably exhausting slopes of Brimstone Branch, with their supply train trailing behind. The nighttime crossing was long remembered by the exhausted troops. Stories have long been told in Scott County, Tennessee, of a Rebel raid on the supply train from which the Army's payroll was supposedly stolen or lost.

Burnside's route was

followed on August 14th by Major J. H. Simpson, the chief engineer, who wrote: "Our march (was) from Lexington, via Somerset, Ky., Smith's Ford, Ky., Pine Knot Tavern, Ky., Chitwood's, Tenn., Montgomery, Tenn., to Emery's Iron-Works, thence to Lackey's, thence via Campbell's Station to Knoxville."

Following the war, Ulysses S. Grant wrote this about Burnside's situation:

"Burnside was in about as desperate a condition as the Army of the Cumberland had been, only he was not yet besieged. He was hundreds of miles from the nearest possible base, Big South Fork of the Cumberland, and

much farther from any railroad we had possession of. The roads back were over the mountains; all supplies along the line had long since been exhausted. His animals, too, had been starved and their carcasses lined the road back toward Lexington, Kentucky."

Ahead of his main march, Burnside had sent forces under Brigadier General S. P. Carter, hero of the bridge burning two years earlier, and hero of the Cumberland Gap campaign the previous year. Carter and his men were chosen for their knowledge of the region's mountains.

During the crossing, Burnside put his men on

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Building a Legacy of Being Consistent

There is something powerful about people who keep showing up. They may never make headlines. They may never stand beneath bright lights or receive an award for what they do, but day after day, year



By Justin Pratt, Clear Springs Baptist Church Senior Pastor

after year, they keep showing up and walking faithfully with God and people. We live in a world fascinated by the spectacular. We notice the breakthrough, the big moment, the dramatic accomplishments, but some of the greatest things God ever builds are not built in a moment; they are built through a lifetime of ordinary faithfulness. Sometimes the greatest testimony is a continual trajectory of doing what you have always done! That is what we call consistency. Psalm 92 paints a beautiful picture of this kind of life: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." The Psalmist's language is powerful: Planted. Growing. Flourishing. Producing fruit. None of these happen overnight. You can plant a tree in a moment, but you cannot grow one in a moment.

Growth, roots, strength and fruit all take time. So does a legacy. One faithful day may not seem like much, but it's more powerful than you think. You get up, pray, go to work and love your family; you keep your word, serve somebody and worship God. You make the right decision when nobody is watching. Then tomorrow, you get up and do it all again. Here is the synergy: one faithful day becomes a faithful week. Faithful weeks become faithful months. Faithful months become faithful years. And one faithful year stacked upon another eventually becomes a faithful life. That faithful life becomes your legacy. The truth is that consistency rarely looks impressive in the immediate moment. Nobody throws a party because you kept your promises today or hands you a trophy because you showed up when you were tired. Nobody writes an article because you prayed for your children again, served your church another Sunday, stayed faithful to your spouse another year, or quietly did the right thing when doing the wrong thing would have been easier. Keep doing it, because heaven measures differently than the world does. We tend to celebrate moments, but God honors

faithfulness. I Corinthians 4:2 says that the thing required of us as believers is that we "be found faithful." Some of the strongest Christians I have ever known were not necessarily the loudest; they were simply the ones who stayed planted. They survived storms, endured disappointments, buried loved ones, walked through sickness, financial struggles and even experienced unanswered prayers. Yet, they kept showing up, believing, worshiping, serving and loving Jesus and others. Never underestimate another ordinary faithful day. One day you will look back and realize those ordinary days were building something extraordinary. Your children, grandchildren, church, and community were all watching. Somewhere along the way, what you repeatedly did became who you were, and that became your testimony. Eventually, that testimony will become your legacy. And when our race is finished, may the people who knew us best be able to say something wonderfully simple: They loved God and people. They stayed planted, kept showing up, and they finished faithful. Most often, the greatest legacy is not that you did something spectacular; your greatest testimony is simply that, through every season of life, you never stopped doing what was right.

Cavett Station Day program presents another perspective

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repulsed many of his warriors, including Ridge and Vann. Ridge got the "Major" designation after leading warriors in Andrew Jackson's war against the Creek. Both men retreated to their homes in what is now Northern Georgia and began living apart from Doublehead's wing of the tribe. Both men prospered and became involved in business, farming and tribal politics.

She told of Ridge being a gifted speaker who suggested the tribe change its blood law that permitted revenge on enemy families. Vann supported building the "federal road" through the Cherokee territory and invited white Christian missionaries into his area to teach Cherokee children.

A few years later, Ridge and Vann were part of the plot that assassinated Doublehead for his crimes of selling tribal lands, taking bribes, and other dark deeds.

Both Ridge and Vann signed a treaty to give the tribal land to the federal



Olivia Cawood told of two of the Cherokee warriors who were present at the Cavett Station massacre, their place in tribal history, and how they turned against violence.

government. Vann was shot to death in 1809 in a tavern in Northern Georgia, and Ridge was murdered in 1839 after relocating to the Oklahoma Territory. The burial grounds of the Cavett family eventually became a church graveyard and includes later early settlers. Each

year, Friends of Cavett Station honor the tragedy and continue efforts to honor Knoxville's pre-state history and preserve and maintain the Mars Hill Cemetery. You can find Friends of Cavett Station on Facebook and at www.friendsofcavettstation.org.

The Secrets of the Monarch

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south, so be on the watch for them in your own backyard. It took researchers nearly 40 years to figure out where the Monarchs go during their migration.

This October chapter of the First Thursday Nature Supper Club is hosted by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society and the American Museum of

Science and Energy as part of their ongoing Citizen Science Birding Program. The class is free, but you must register to receive the Zoom link. To register, go to Programs - The University Of Tennessee Arboretum Society. Closed captions are available. For questions or registration issues contact Michelle at mcampani@utk.edu.





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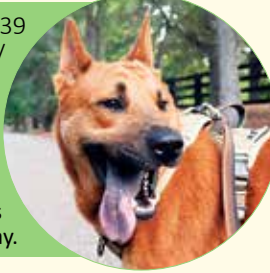


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Pages from the Past



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Lansdale Ghiselin Sasscer sounds like a name conjured by a writer like Margaret Mitchell, who wrote “Gone With the Wind.” The very name makes one think of Southern aristocracy, and while Lansdale Sasscer lived in a Border State, he was certainly born to the manor. Sasscer was a resident of Marlboro, Maryland, and lived in the Digges-Sasscer House, a historic landmark. For decades, Lansdale G. Sasscer was recognized as one of the most influential and prominent men in the southern part of Maryland. Sasscer had a long political pedigree as well, having first been elected to the Maryland State Senate in 1922 when he was 27 years old. Re-elected three times with ever-increasing majorities, Sasscer climbed up the ladder, becoming majority leader and then president of the state Senate in 1937.

Lansdale Sasscer was a resident of Prince George’s County, and through his long career and life, he witnessed it change from a largely rural area to a decidedly urban setting.

Lansdale Sasscer certainly looked the part of a statesman, nattily tailored and distinguished-looking with a full head of white hair. A lawyer by profession, Sasscer was a veteran of the First World War and kept significant interests, deeply involved in the banking industry as well as owning several tobacco farms in Maryland. Throughout his political career, Lansdale Sasscer was usually to be found on the side of the powers that be, and the biggest power that could be during Sasscer’s time in the Maryland State Senate was Governor Albert Ritchie, who apparently intended to be governor-for-life. Ritchie was upset in the 1934 election by Republican Harry W. Nice, and Sasscer played the role expected of the leader of the opposition, oftentimes ignoring the GOP chief executive’s legislative program or simply sentencing it to a quick and merciful death. Sasscer and his fellow Democrats tried to rule Maryland through the legislative process during the four years Harry Nice served as governor.

In 1938, Lansdale Sasscer joined a fractious gubernatorial primary which was dominated by Maryland Attorney General Herbert R. O’Conor and Howard Jackson, who was the mayor of Baltimore. Sasscer proved to be quite adept at maneuvering politically and did much to aid eventual nominee Herbert O’Conor’s election over Republican

incumbent Harry W. Nice in the general election. When Congressman Stephen W. Gambrill was carried away by a sudden heart attack after having just been reelected to another term, Lansdale Sasscer was unanimously selected by the Democrats of Maryland’s Fifth Congressional District to be the nominee in a special election. Maryland was then, as now, a largely Democratic state, and Sasscer won a thumping victory over Republican A. Kingsley Love, winning just over 83% of the vote in the special election on February 3, 1939. Congressman Sasscer was renominated by an equally large margin when he ran for a full term in 1940. The Republican nominee that year, John Torvestad, fared little better than Kingsley Love, polling 29% of the vote and losing by more than 34,000 ballots.

As a congressman, Sasscer moved quickly to concentrate upon providing prompt service to constituents, answering his mail, remaining accessible, and extending every courtesy to the residents of his district. Sasscer paid especially close attention to road projects inside his own district. Another of the congressman’s pet projects was trying to get more Washington traffic through Baltimore’s Friendship International Airport. That helped Congressman Sasscer to entrench himself deeply inside Maryland’s Fifth Congressional District. 1942 was a year in which many Democratic candidates did poorly at the polls due to the growing dissatisfaction amongst the voters. The United States was deeply engaged in the Second World War following the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire. 1942 was the worst year for the United States during World War II, as things were not going as well as hoped. The Axis Powers of Germany and Japan seemed to score victory after victory. Even so, Lansdale Sasscer was easily reelected, beating John Torvestad in a rematch by 16,595 votes. Torvestad had managed to pull his percent up to a third of the vote with the remaining two-thirds going to Congressman Sasscer.

Lansdale Sasscer was routinely reelected every two years from his district and suffered from few political problems inside his own bailiwick. With reelection came seniority and having an affable nature, Sasscer won the respect and affection of many of his colleagues in the House. Eventually, Sasscer became the dean of Maryland’s congressional delegation in the House



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(Left to right) Congressman Lansdale Sasscer of Maryland, U.S. Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland, U.S. Senator Styles Bridge of New Hampshire and Congressman Leslie Arenas of Illinois on their way to meet President Truman in the White House in 1952.

of Representatives. One contemporary described Lansdale Sasscer as “a thorough country leader in the old days and pretty well the leader of Southern Maryland while in Congress.” “He was easy-going and capable, accomplishing a good deal for that part of the country, working on things that make the State run,” that same colleague recalled.

During the 1952 Democratic National Convention, it was Lansdale Sasscer and former US senator Millard Tydings, along with former Maryland Comptroller E. Brooke Lee, who crafted a compromise that kept the delegates from Virginia in their seats. The Dominion State’s delegates had bitterly rejected the idea of signing a loyalty pledge and threatened to walk out of the convention. Many southern delegates had left the convention in 1948, causing a deep split in the Democratic Party. The Marylanders cobbled together a compromise that the Virginians found acceptable, keeping them from bolting the Democratic Party once again.

That same year, US Senator Herbert R. O’Conor announced he was not going to seek a second term, leaving the Democratic nomination open. Congressman Sasscer announced his own candidacy and was supported by virtually every member of Maryland’s Democratic Party establishment. Then George P. Mahoney announced his own candidacy for the senatorial nomination. Mahoney had blazed across the Maryland political landscape like a meteor when he ran his first statewide campaign in 1950. Mahoney had challenged Governor William Preston Lane inside the Democratic primary. Mahoney polled just over 50% of the votes while Governor Lane polled only 45% of the popular vote, but Maryland decided elections on the basis of a county unit plan, much like the national Electoral College. Mahoney garnered 191,000 votes to only 173,000 for Governor Lane. The bitterness of the contest caused Lane to lose the general election to Republican Theodore McKeldin.

George Mahoney, a successful contractor, had a flair for attracting publicity to himself as well as having the ability to pinpoint issues that spoke to working-class Democrats who flocked to his political banner by the thousands, much to the anguish of the “better set” of Democrats. Congressman Lansdale Sasscer was upset inside the Democratic primary by Mahoney. George Mahoney rolled up a majority of 22,000 inside the City of Baltimore alone, winning the nomination by just over 14,000 ballots. Sasscer had run quite well in many of the rural areas but could not overcome the deficit inside Baltimore and Baltimore County. Mahoney proved to be God’s perpetual gift to Maryland’s Republican Party. Mahoney would become a perennial candidate for statewide office but could never be laughed off in any campaign. When he won against a deeply divided field for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1966, it led to the election of Republican Spiro Agnew, who two years later was elected Vice President of the United States with Richard Nixon. Lansdale Sasscer, like William Preston Lane before him, became one of a number of Democratic candidates whose careers were ended by the political wrecking ball known as George Mahoney.

There were increasing signs of division when a Democratic organization in South Baltimore revoked its endorsement of Congressman Sasscer to support Mahoney. The dissidents signed a fiery statement charging, “The same leadership that led the party to defeat in 1950, costing us a governor and a United States senator, is attempting to force Lansdale G. Sasscer on us as a senatorial candidate.” The statement proclaimed “we reject and resent” the effort to make Sasscer the nominee. “Lansdale Sasscer is a discredited politician who has spent 30 years on the public pay roll,” the statement read. “During that time he grew to be the acknowledged boss of the Democratic organization in Prince George’s County.”

When Congressman Lansdale Sasscer first announced his candidacy

for the US Senate on December 1, 1951, he was aiming to challenge Senator Herbert R. O’Conor for the Democratic nomination. Sasscer’s announcement sounded very much like what one would expect from a patrician candidate. “Over the period I have been in public office (29 years), I have helped others to obtain gubernatorial and senatorial nominations from the Democratic Party, and I have postponed my own ambitions for what I believed to be the best interest of the party,” Sasscer said.

“The present situation in Maryland, however, is such as to favor my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the senatorship,” Sasscer announced to the audience at a Democratic dinner.

One of the chief beneficiaries of Sasscer’s support had been Herbert R. O’Conor in 1938 when both men were seeking the gubernatorial nomination of their party. For the first and last time, Democrats voted for their first and second choice. O’Conor and Baltimore mayor Howard Jackson were virtually tied in the county unit count when Lansdale Sasscer threw his support to O’Conor, which proved to clinch the nomination for Herbert O’Conor.

“I believe I can bring the different factions of the party together and make certain a Democratic victory next November,” Sasscer insisted.

A coalition of powerful Democrats had quietly been plotting Senator Herbert R. O’Conor’s political demise. Several possible candidates were discussed to run inside the Democratic primary, including Sasscer, James Bruce, a former ambassador to Argentina and the son of former United States Senator William Cabell Bruce, and former U.S. Senator George L. Radcliffe, who had lost his seat to O’Conor in 1946. Also mentioned was Baltimore mayor Thomas D’Alessandro Jr. (Nancy Pelosi’s father). Among those promoting a challenger to Senator O’Conor was Dr. Harry C. “Curley” Byrd, president of the University of Maryland and a highly politically ambitious man. Others included State

Comptroller Millard Tawes, Congressman Sasscer, and H. Street Baldwin, head of Baltimore’s County Commission.

What the warring factions of Maryland’s Democratic Party did not anticipate was that Herbert O’Conor would refuse to seek a second term. On January 13, 1952, Senator O’Conor made the announcement that he would not run again. “It is readily apparent that some of my views are at variance with those espoused by others,” O’Conor acknowledged in his announcement. “In candor I must admit a lack of sympathy with certain programs.” The senator was referring to certain aspects of President Truman’s policies which he did not support.

O’Conor’s announcement caused many to believe Lansdale Sasscer was as good as nominated. In politics, many things can be likely, but few things are a certainty. Many of O’Conor’s supporters flocked to the candidacy of George P. Mahoney, who was allied with the senator. O’Conor had appointed Mahoney to Maryland’s State Racing Commission, which helped Mahoney launch his political career.

Two weeks later, George P. Mahoney, then Maryland’s Democratic National Committeeman, made his own announcement, saying he had decided to run for the United States Senate.

Once again, George Mahoney derailed the best-laid plans of Maryland’s Democratic establishment, winning the nomination through both the county unit and popular vote. Mahoney polled better than 14,000 more votes than Lansdale Sasscer received. Republican congressman J. Glenn Beall (pronounced Bell) defeated Mahoney in the general election.

Lansdale Sasscer had given up his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to run for the United States Senate, and his defeat in the Democratic primary ended his political career. Sasscer resumed his law practice and tended to his various business interests and nudged along his son and namesake, Lansdale G. Sasscer Jr., who won a seat in Maryland’s House of Delegates.

The former congressman remained an influential voice in Maryland’s politics and the Democratic Party for the remainder of his life. Sasscer suffered a fatal heart attack at his home on the evening of Thursday, November 5, 1964; he was 71 years old.

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A crucial decision

Well, the week's been one for change. I spent it recovering from the Covid I contracted on a failed trip to see Niagara Falls. The weather remained brutally hot until the rains on Wednesday, and now I need a sweater or long-sleeve shirt to work at 5:30 a.m. or even sit on the screened porch in the mornings. The dry weather has helped leaves to fall, but I'm hoping my purchase of a leaf collector makes this job easier; I'm just too old to fool with cleaning up the leaves twice a week until January. The biggest event of this past week, however, is the banning of press outlets by the president.



By Joe Rector
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This action is a big deal to me. For one, I am allowed to write for this paper. No, the publisher and editor might not always agree with

my views, but for the most part, they allow me to speak my mind. That is what's at stake right now with this ban on some organizations. I understand that the president doesn't like to see or hear

negative things about himself or his actions. None of us do. However, the First Amendment of the Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." Our country is in flux now, the likes of which I don't recall. Yes, Watergate and the resignation of President Nixon were a demoralizing and unsettling situation for the U.S. So was the assassination of President Kennedy. During those times, we simply lost our way. The greatest country reeled as it tried to find its footing.

Now, we have extreme factions that seem to be trying to tear the country apart. The right and the left refuse to work together. Their actions remind me of a child who grows angry with playmates, collects his toys and goes home. Representatives should be working on solutions to the major problems of this country and their effects on this country. For once, having both sides work toward common ground would be nice. Perhaps we need to remind both sides that governing isn't supposed to be about parties; it's supposed to be about the people.

Too much news from both sides is ongoing these days. I miss the thirty-minute national news with a presenter like Walter Cronkite. Joe Friday said it best when he uttered, "Just give me the facts." Straight news is objective. It simply tells the truth. Then other pundits can argue about

the underlying stories.

The key is that we, who are average, working folks, want the news and deserve the news, whether the president or any politician likes it or not. The time for individuals to think for themselves is here. We don't need to listen to talkers who add their slants to stories. I figure many of us have enough common sense to see what the right thing to do is, and most often, our views, regardless of party affiliation, come down in the same place: the middle.

I hope the courts will stop this ban of certain news sources. It's the right of individuals to choose the news to which they listen. In the end, we must protect freedom of the press and of speech if our desire is to remain a democracy. No one has the power to take that from us, unless we sit back and allow it to happen.

September 1863 special to Knoxville (Part Two)

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half rations, and a few began to steal food from local Loyalist families. The general responded by branding the guilty soldiers on the cheeks.

On September 2, Gen. Carter's men rode into Knoxville and captured the city without a battle. They also took a train loaded with supplies. The next day Burnside himself galloped into Knoxville to the cheers and delight of local citizens. The enemy, under Buckner, now moved south to Charleston, Tennessee, abandoning Frazier at the gap, and all of East Tennessee rejoiced. Burnside then sent captured railroad trains to Morristown and Jonesboro, where other supplies had been captured.

Confederate forces north of Chattanooga were by now regrouping and preparing to march on Knoxville to retake

the city. However, Rebel forces throughout East Tennessee became torn between holding the salt and lead works in Virginia, helping with the ongoing struggles in Chattanooga, or joining the growing attempt to retake Knoxville. In the meantime, the Rebels at Cumberland Gap had been all but abandoned, with the commander there being told to hold, then vacate, then hold the gap.

Prior to crossing Cumberland Mountain far to the west of the gap, Burnside had dispatched Colonel John DeCourcy to

infest the north face of Cumberland Gap to keep the Rebels from escaping in that direction. DeCourcy, the hero of the gap the year before, apparently had his own ideas of what was necessary there, and was destined to run head-on into none other than Burnside himself.

Rumors persist in Scott County, TN, that Burnside's

payroll train was attacked while the huge invasion force was climbing the rugged Brimstone Creek area of Cumberland Mountain.

No official report can be found on the incident but locals have searched for the payroll of gold, said to have been hidden by the Union guards during the attack.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 6

Powell tops Central 42-41 in ‘unbelievable’ OT game

By Steve Williams

Powell quarterback Jaylon Benjamin was asked if he had one word to describe Thursday night’s game against Central, what would it be? “Unbelievable,” he answered.

Others could be heard echoing the same word as they were leaving Dan Y. Boring Stadium. But a Boring Stadium? It was not that at all.

The battle between the two undefeated teams was one of the most exciting ever played in Fountain City, with host Central falling 42-41 in overtime.

Powell is now 6-0 and on top in Region 2-5A. Central slips to 5-1.

Coach Matt Lowe’s Panthers never led until taking a 42-35 lead in OT.

“I just had to keep picking up my team, helping everybody to get ready, just try to keep them motivated and come out and get this victory,” said Benjamin.

The Powell quarterback felt the key to the win was the defense. “The defense played a huge part in this



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Powell quarterback Jaylon Benjamin breaks away on a 30-yard run before being tackled at the 1-yard line. The Panthers put the ball in the end zone on the next play to cut Central’s lead to 21-13 in the second quarter.

win,” he said. “And all thanks to the defense.”

After the game, Central Coach Kevin Lane said: “It was an outstanding football game. It was on TV, a lot of really, really good players on the field against each other that know each other. Both sides fought their tails off and we came up short.”

Lane felt too that it could have gone either way.

Central scored on the opening kickoff. Rondell North picked up the ball

between the hashes at the 17-yard line, swerved to his left and raced 83 yards down the sideline where his teammates cheered him on to paydirt. Owen McGaha’s PAT kick quickly made it 7-0 for the Red and Black.

Powell’s first offensive series saw back-to-back center snaps pass by the quarterback and a three-and-out.

That gave the Bobcats good field position at the Panthers’ 35. QB Kaden Long hit Sullivan Biddle on

first down with a 19-yard pass and Lanier Badgett scampered 12 yards to the 4. After a 2-yard tackle for loss by Darrion McClanahan made it third and seven, Central called a timeout. When the Bobcats came back on the field, Long found Brayden Starnes in the end zone for a TD and a 14-0 lead.

Powell quickly got moving and Benjamin connected with Tashawn Thomas for a 57-yard TD pass. The PAT kick failed,

but the Panthers were on the scoreboard.

In the final minute of the first quarter, Long ran around the right end for six points and McGaha’s kick made it 21-6.

Benjamin broke loose for a 30-yard run around right end to the 1 and Johonauan Moore capped a 71-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge. Hunter Dryer’s PAT made it 21-13.

A 78-yard drive by Central ended when DeMarcus Huffine intercepted Long’s pass at the 4.

Dezion Jackson ran to the 21, but Powell’s drive stalled at the 40. A 51-yard punt by Brodie Hollowell, however, backed up the Bobcats to their 9-yard line.

With 22 seconds left in the half, North caught a 77-yard touchdown pass from Long and McGaha’s PAT gave Central a 28-13 lead to take into the dressing room.

At the start of the third quarter, Powell marched to the Bobcats’ 37-yard line and Jackson hauled in Benjamin’s pass down

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country is on the go again this year

By Steve Williams

September has been a busy month for cross country meets on the local scene.

It started with the Victor Ashe Park Fall Classic on Sept. 5 and was scheduled to have its first-ever night race this past Saturday, Sept. 26.

In between, the Norris Dam Invitational in Lake City and the Mounds Invitational in Oak Ridge were held. The Cherokee Classic had been the top meet in August.

Maryville senior Tommy Babbit, the state’s top-ranked harrier, displayed his talent at the Victor Ashe Fall Classic with a winning time of 15 minutes, 39 seconds over the 5,000-meter course.

(Lowest times compute to lowest scores in cross country, and the team with the lowest score wins.)

Greeneville senior Trey Bailey was a distant runner-up with a 16:03 time. Duncan Tarayia, a junior representing The King’s Academy, placed third at 16:19.8. Hardin Valley senior Stephen Bell (16:28.5) and CAK senior Ayden Burke (16:43) rounded out the Top 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

West High volleyball sweeps Karns on Senior Night

By Ken Lay

West High School volleyball coach Jessica Lee wasn’t sure how her team would respond Thursday night.

For starters, the Lady Rebels were coming off a tough loss at Maryville Tuesday night. Add that to pregame Senior Night ceremonies and the toll that those sometimes take, and Lee had plenty of reason to be concerned.

But her worries were extinguished early as West swept Karns, 25-9, 25-14, 25-13, in the

District 4-3A finale for both teams on Sutherland Avenue.

“I told the girls that this was one of the best Senior Nights that we’ve ever had,” Lee said. “Usually, when it gets emotional, you go out and you don’t play very well.”

From the outset Thursday night, it was apparent that that wasn’t going to be a problem against a young Lady Beavers squad that is in the process of a rebuild. Karns has just one senior on its 2026 roster.

In fact, the Lady Rebels trailed just once in the match as the Lady Beavers (4-18 overall, 1-5 in the district) led, 4-3, in the second set after the Lady Rebels (16-8, 5-2) closed out the first set in just 18 minutes.

West quickly regained the upper hand and wasn’t really threatened the rest of the night.

The Rebels featured a balanced hitting attack as Kate Johnson had 11 kills. Jocelyn Geoghagan added 10 kills, while

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PHOTO BY MARIAH CLAY

West High’s Kate Johnson (0) battles at the net with Karns High’s Evie Yarbrough as her teammates Jocelyn Geoghagan (5) and Lucie Collett look on in the Lady Rebels sweep of the Lady Beavers.

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Moffett's late TD run lifts CAK to win over Spartans

By Ken Lay

It took a late touchdown run for the Christian Academy football team to keep its perfect record intact.

The Warriors trailed throughout much of the game before claiming a 36-32 victory over Webb School of Knoxville on a homecoming Friday night at Warrior Stadium.

On its final possession, CAK faced a 23-29 deficit against the winless Spartans in the Battle of Dutchtown, but the Warriors would tally with quarterback Seaton Moffett scoring on a short touchdown plunge with 1.8 seconds remaining to take a 35-32 lead. Kicker Bennett Jelks added the extra point to provide the final margin.

Moffett's game-winning touchdown run culminated a big night that saw him complete 14-of-28 passing attempts for 103 yards. He threw one touchdown pass and lofted one interception. He also caught a touchdown pass. In addition, Moffett had an impact in the ground attack for the Warriors (6-0 overall, 3-0 in Division II-AA East Division play) as he totaled 75 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

CAK coach Chad Speck said that he's grown accustomed to Moffett performing at his best in the team's biggest games.

"Big-time players make big-time plays. You've heard it said all the time," Speck said. "The way he ran the ball was big-time."

The Warriors may have finished ahead on the scoreboard, but the win was anything but easy against the Spartans (0-6, 0-4) in the annual West Knoxville rivalry game.

Webb jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter as Bryce Teutimez kicked a 41-yard field goal with 4 minutes, 47 seconds remaining in the opening

frame.

A short time later, the Webb defense came up with a turnover as Reggie Bishop picked off a pass from Moffett. The Spartans would eventually cash in on the turnover when Matthew Rogers scored on a 4-yard touchdown run, making the score 10-0.

Webb would extend its advantage to 17-0 early in the second stanza when quarterback Garrett King threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Mali Blake.

CAK got on the board midway through the second quarter when Moffett caught a touchdown pass from Sawyer Anderson on a double-pass trick play, making it 17-6.

The Warriors pulled to within 17-9 when Jelks booted a 25-yard field goal on the final play before halftime.

CAK trimmed its deficit to 17-15 midway through the third frame after Jelks recovered a fumble and Moffett connected with Baker Sterchi on a scoring strike.

The Spartans scored with 3:58 left in the stanza when King threw a scoring pass to Antwan Hill with 3:58 to go in the quarter.

CAK, however, would answer a short time later on an 80-yard touchdown scamper by Isaac Kannah.

The Warriors took their first lead of the contest on a touchdown plunge with 9:36 left in the fourth quarter before Webb regained the lead a short time later on a 4-yard plunge by King, setting the stage for CAK's late-game dramatics.

Speck, who was pleased with the win, said he knew things wouldn't come easily for his squad.

"We knew we would be in for a battle," he said. "Webb is a physical and well-coached football team. They've gotten better every week on film. You can see it."



PHOTO BY LONDON HUNLEY.
Seaton Moffett runs for a gain in the Warriors' comeback win over the Spartans Friday night at Warrior Stadium.



Farragut head coach Geoff Courtney talks to his Admirals following a 10-0 win over rival Bearden.

Farragut beats Bearden 10-0

By Mark Nagi

Those offensive struggles continued in Week 6. In the first two quarters, the teams combined for 118 yards of offense and zero points. The closest each team came was field goal attempts, but Bearden had a kick blocked while a Farragut effort went wide of the upright.

Late in the first half, the Bulldogs faced 4th and 7 from the Farragut 40. Taylor called for a fake punt, but Ads junior Bailey Pyle read the play perfectly and made the tackle well behind the line of scrimmage.

Farragut (1-5, 1-2 in Region 2-6A) finally broke through in the third quarter. Starting at their own 35 following a Bearden kickoff that went out of bounds, the Admirals went on a 12-play drive that took nearly six minutes off the clock. Caleb Bell's 42-yard field goal gave Farragut a 3-0 lead.

The Admirals' defense then came up with the biggest play of the game when freshman Easton Lear made an interception at Farragut's own 30 and

returned it to the Bearden 34.

From there, the Ads offensive line took over on a 10-play drive, all but one of those on the ground. Junior Brenton Haag got six of those carries, including a 2-yard TD run that gave Farragut a 10-0 lead, and some much-needed breathing room with 5:20 to go.

"That's gotta kind of be our identity," said Courtney. "I thought those guys ran the ball well. So proud of those guys growing up tonight on the offensive line. You could see it. Starts with our three seniors - Holden Fritz, Luca Conforti, Carson Hulse - we kind of put it in their hands."

But Bearden (0-6, 0-3 in Region 2-6A) wouldn't quit. Two long passes from Thacker to Connor Gilbreath (40 yards) and Paxton Parrott (27 yards) got the Bulldogs down to the Admirals' 6-yard line.

Once again, the Farragut defense held. On fourth and goal and less than two minutes remaining, senior Shawn Raines made an

interception at the goal line, effectively ending the game.

"They've been against some tall tasks the first five weeks," Courtney said of his defense. "They have played winning football at times. Offensively we're still kind of trying to find our footing. And we made some strides tonight. Our guys on defense just kept playing, and they kept believing. They wanted to shut out, and so they got a couple big stops there when they had to."

As soon as the clock struck zero, hundreds of Farragut students rushed the field. Any win over your rival is special.

"Look at this place," said Courtney, with joyous students all over the field. "Our guys wanted this win because it's the next Region win. They're tired of being looked down upon, and so they came out here and earned it."

Up next, Bearden hosts Oak Ridge on Friday night while Farragut heads to rival Hardin Valley on Thursday evening.

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Rams remain undefeated

By Steve Williams

Javey Stinson led undefeated Grace Christian Academy to a 47-17 win over Concord Christian School Friday night at Burk-Tarr Stadium on the Carson-Newman University campus in Jefferson City.

Stinson, a small but quick running back, had a 44-yard touchdown run and rushed for 129 yards on 21 carries as the Rams improved to 5-0.

Other standouts in the victory included Kaden Webber and Braylen Mathis.

GCA will host Boyd Buchanan this Friday night.

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Headliners this week

Anderson Co. at Gibbs
Carter at Fulton
A-E at Sweetwater
Notre Dame at Webb
McMinn Co. at Central

Sonny Moore's Computer Ratings
(Top 10 local teams through Sept. 21 games)
1-CAK 132.89
2-GCA 132.12
3-HVA 121.72
4-Central 121.59
5-Powell 118.01
6-Catholic 116.72
7-Gibbs 113.93
8-West 105.93
9-Seymour 105.12

10-Halls 102.23

Preps of the Past

Sept. 28, 2001
Defense had been Central's strength all season long and it was again in a 20-0 victory over Cocke County. The Bobcats' eye-opening stat was allowing only one touchdown in six games. "Our defense has been great all year," said Coach Joel Helton. Kaylin White intercepted a pass in the third quarter and Borin Poeung and Shevon Young each had picks in the final quarter.

September, 1996
Austin-East overcame four touchdowns and three penalties to defeat Farragut 20-0. John Lowery's 16-yard pass to Sam Johnson gave the Roadrunners an 8-0 lead. That's all they needed. "It wasn't pretty, but A-E won," said Coach Richard Glasper.

2026 Prep Football WEEK SEVEN

Games kick off at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, October 1
Anderson Co. at Gibbs 7:30
Farragut at Hardin Valley

Friday, October 2
Oak Ridge at Bearden
Powell at Campbell Co.
CAK at Chattanooga Christian
West at Clinton
Ensworth at Catholic
McMinn Co. at Central
Carter at Fulton
Boyd Buchanan at Grace
Notre Dame at Webb
Karns at Halls
CCS at Providence Academy
Sullivan East at Seymour 7:30
Alcoa at South-Doyle
Austin-East at Sweetwater

Week Six Scores
Powell 42, Central 41
Catholic 20, Hoover, AL 17
Alcoa 41, Fulton 7
CAK 36, Webb 32
TKA 43, Chattanooga Grace 33
Grace 47, Concord Christian 17
Farragut 10, Bearden 0
Karns 43, William Blount 17
Austin-East 42, Kingston 35
Heritage 37, Carter 20
Halls 42, West 10
Gibbs 42, Lenoir City 14
Maryville 45, Hardin Valley 20
Seymour 28, Cherokee 27
South-Doyle 53, Union Co. 20

One of the staples of Vol football coverage over the years was the weekly “Monday Morning Quarterback” (MMQ) mailed after each game by the U.T. Alumni Association across the country and wherever else Vol fans might have been.

It was a missive that included a story about the most recent Vol football game, News-Sentinel cartoonist Bill Dyer’s DyerGram, and other relevant information of interest to the Vol fan base.

Here’s how the whole process unfolded, how the university once communicated with its alums during football seasons dating to the late 1940s. It’s based on research Andy Kozar and I did when we were thinking about writing a book on Dyer’s contributions to the coverage of Vol football.

Things started early Sunday morning after each game, designed to ensure that fans received the publication while it was still newsworthy.

Tom Greene Jr., an editor in the UT Public Relations Office,

assigned an art theme to John Brichetto for the cover drawing. While “Brick” was drawing, Tom began writing copy for the rest of the MMQ.

The copy and art were then pasted up and photographed by Bob Greene who, like “Brick,” was a U.T. student. After a plate was made, D. C. Mannis, the UT machine operator, turned out the finished copies.

They were then folded and given to John Hastings, who turned them over to the Post Office. Then it was up to the mail carriers to ensure that fans received them expeditiously, or so they hoped.

For the record, I know a great deal about getting game-related publications written, printed, and delivered in a very limited time frame after each game in the 1990s and early 2000s. That likely wasn’t as hard in the 1950s into the 1960s and 1970s as it was in more recent years. Furthermore, it always looked easier when someone else did it.

Here’s how the publication “covered” the 1970 Georgia Tech game in Atlanta (below). Note how the publication’s editors referred to Tech as the “Engineers” rather than the “Yellow Jackets.”

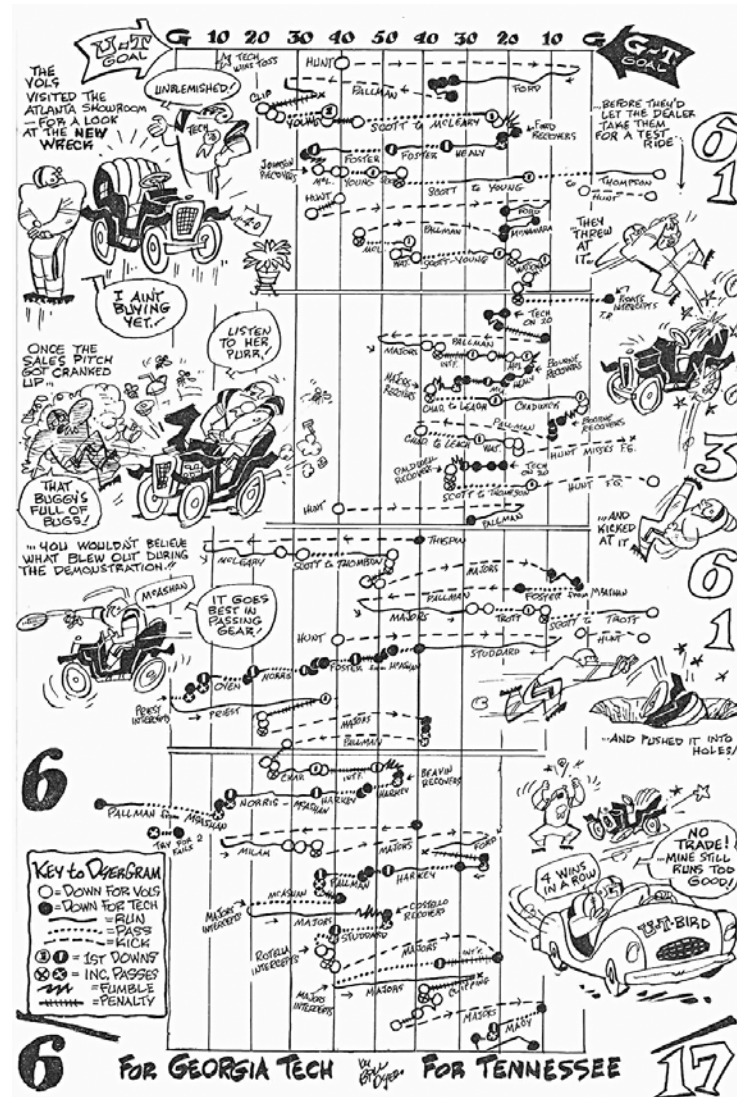
ABOUT BILL DYER: The DyerGram started with the 1935 North Carolina game and continued unabated through the 1976 Florida game.

From all indications, it was one of the most popular parts of the Sunday News-Sentinel. After Dyer died on Oct. 30, 1976, KNS retired the feature.

“Bill Dyer chronicled the games in pen and ink with a touch of whimsy thrown in for good measure,” wrote Kozar. “Over the years, journalists have told the story of sports in a number of different ways. Bill Dyer did it with cartoons interspersed between the play-by-play account of the game.”

Bill not only kept up with each play, providing downs, yardage, and score, but also added game commentary. His player cartoons provided perspective to what happened on the field. How he did that gives new meaning to the term “genius.” He did this in many cases without actually seeing the game, instead relying on the Vol Network’s radio coverage.

“As a cartoonist, his chosen profession, Bill, unlike many cartoonists so familiar to us, did not have a hint of a



The DyerGram told the story of Tennessee football in a cartoon format still cherished by Vol fans.

mean streak expressed in his creations,” added Kozar. “The News-Sentinel’s Carson Brewer once wrote that there was ‘no poison in Bill’s ink bottles. They’re filled mostly with frothy, bubbly fun.’

“His small images beautifully captured the moment and events of the game in a way that has often been imitated but never duplicated.”

Dyer never failed to share the harvest with many Vol players and coaches by autographing copies of his original work that

ended up displayed on the walls in their home or office.

“For his part, Dyer created a history of Tennessee football in his DyerGrams that tell the story of each Tennessee football game as well as any prose, maybe even better,” Kozar wrote.

Sadly, the “Monday Morning Quarterback” is no longer with us, a product of a bygone era, but the memories of its coverage remain part of the power and majesty of Tennessee football history.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Collins family helping Gibbs’ golf program grow

By Steve Williams

Post-season golf play is underway and sisters Olivia and Ivey Collins led Gibbs to the District 2-A championship on Sept. 21 at the Island Pointe course in Kodak.

Olivia earned medalist honors with an 83 and Ivey shot an 85 for the Lady Eagles’ total of 168.

In the boys’ 2-A tourney, Grainger High won the title with a 317 score and the Grizzlies’ Tripp Johnson was medalist with a 73. Gibbs took second place with a 338 total and Oliver Collins was runner-up with a 75.

There’s a twist to this story, too. Olivia and Oliver are the sophomore twins and Ivey, a junior, is Olivia’s older sister.

The Collins’ family also includes a fourth youngster. Billie is a freshman and she is trying out the sport “a little bit and just getting started,” said her dad Adam last Thursday, with mom Jayla listening.

Their kids first started when they were 10 years old and in the fifth grade.

“We took them over to Halls at the old driving range and bought them some starter clubs,” said their dad. “They just started hitting the golf balls,” but many shots were hooking and that kind of thing.

Then came golf camps, middle school golf and lessons with pro Jason Gandy at Willow Creek.

The age range of the foursome now is 14 through 16 and all four are in home school in Corryton.



Olivia, Oliver and Ivey Collins (left to right) have been improving Gibbs High's golf program. Ivey, the oldest, also has qualified for the TSSAA state tournament this season.

The three oldest have really improved since they started. Oliver said his average decreased 10 to 12 shots his sophomore season.

Gibbs coach Keith McElroy said Oliver played well and shot an 81 in Region 2-A play, but the boys’ and girls’ teams both finished third overall and only the top two teams qualified for the state tourney.

“Ivey shot 87 and qualified for state as an individual and Olivia shot 89 just missing out,” said McElroy, who is assisted by Lauryn Zahn. “As a coach I am very proud of all the players, as this is the best finish in the Regionals by both teams since I’ve been a coach at Gibbs. Ivey is the first girl player from Gibbs to reach state in 20 plus years. Golf is going strong at Gibbs.”

Ivey added: “I really appreciate my coaches and my teammates. They really have been very supportive and everything and

I’ve really had a good experience playing for Gibbs and it’s just been a great team and great coaches.”

In other TSSAA golf tourney action:

District 4-AA at Gettysville had a lot of close play as the Hardin Valley and Bearden boys tied for first place with a score of 305. HVA’s Hunter Mousa and Bearden’s John Chapman also tied for medalist honors with a 72.

In girls’ play, Farragut and Hardin Valley also tied for first place with 147 totals. The Lady Hawks’ Addisyn Newman and the Lady Admirals’ Sophia Williams both carded a 70, but Newman was the medalist.

Halls’ boys won the District 3-AA tournament at Beaver Brook with a 299 total. The Red Devils’ Davis Reitz fired a 67 for medalist honors.

Campbell County was the girls’ team winner with a 201 total. Central’s

Emma Brosnan and Powell’s Daisy Gentry tied for medalist honors with an 89.

Tyler Stafford’s 70 led CAK to the team championship with a 289 total in the Division II-A East District 1. First Baptist Academy’s Max Green was the medalist with a 66.

Grace Christian earned the girls’ team title with a 167 and was led by medalist Lydia Walker and her 79 round.

FBA boys win Division II-A Region championship

Alex Green fired a 67 to lead First Baptist Academy to the TSSAA Division II-A state tournament.

Maxwell Green added a 69, Luke McGee a 70 and Brady Morris a 70 to the Eagles’ 282 team total. Reed Stokes was fifth with a 78.

Christian Academy of Knoxville also qualified for the state tourney with a 290 team score. Tyler Stafford shot a 72 in the region, Aiden Cooper a 74, Roddy Sturgeon a 72 and Tanner Varney a 72. Ryan Miller is in the Warriors’ fifth spot going into the state.

“Our tourney should be very competitive,” said CAK Coach Donnie Cooper. “FBA is very good. BGA, Jackson Christian and Franklin Christian are all good.”

TSSAA state golf boys’ and girls’ tournaments this year will be held on Nov. 5-6 and 8-9 at the Sevierville Golf Club.

Powell tops Central

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the middle to score and pull within eight points (28-20) after Dryer’s extra point kick.

JJ Sackie returned the kickoff to the 34 and added a 21-yard catch to put the ball at the Panthers’ 38. Central continued to march but had a touchdown nullified by a holding penalty. Still, on fourth-and-six at the 20, Long passed to North in the end zone and the ball bounced into his hands for a TD. McGaha again split the uprights to stretch the lead to 35-20 with 2:34 on the third-quarter clock.

Powell used its running game and Moore got the ball across the goal line with 10:23 remaining in the fourth quarter. A penalty on the Bobcats on the PAT led to the Panthers rolling the dice and going for two and Benjamin’s pass to Dalvin Farmer was successful. That made it a seven-point game, with Powell trailing only 35-28.

On Central’s next possession, Long tripped up on a third-and-14 play and forced the Bobcats to punt. McGaha, who also punts, dropped the snap and could only get off a short punt.

Benjamin completed an 11-yard pass to Hollowell and a 29-yard TD pass to Thomas. Dryer’s PAT tied the score at 35-all with 5:15 left in regulation.

Long drove Central to a touchdown and scored with 1:32 on the clock, but a block-in-the-back penalty nullified the TD. Long continued to run the ball and had two opportunities to score

from the 4. The second time he was stopped by linebacker DaMere Askew for a 2-yard loss, which made it fourth-and-goal from the 6 with only three seconds left. McGaha kicked the side of the ball on his attempt for a winning kick and it was no good.

That set up an overtime, where each team has a chance to score from the 10-yard line.

Powell went first and Benjamin completed a TD pass to Thomas on first down, giving the Panthers their first lead in the game. Dryer’s PAT made it 42-35.

Central’s OT possession started with a false start, making it first-and-15. An incomplete pass by Long on the next down set up a second-and-goal at the 15. Long then completed a 14-yard pass to Tnaj Taylor, who was stopped at the 1. On third down, the Bobcats scored a touchdown to pull within one (42-41).

Central lined up to go for a 2-point conversion and win the game, but a 5-yard false start penalty on the Bobcats moved them back, and the strategy changed to a PAT kick to tie the score. Surprisingly, however, McGaha’s kick was no good, and the game was over.

In the end, Central’s Coach Lane felt the difference in the game was: “We just had too many penalties. We killed ourselves on offensive drives and went backwards, just stuff that we can control. And we lacked some discipline and control in those types of moments. We’ll just grow from that and get better.”

Cross country is on the go again this year



PHOTO BY BARRY HOUCHIN

Catholic senior Cade Duncanson reaches the finish line first at The Mounds cross country course in Oak Ridge on Sept. 19. Duncanson's winning time in the 5,000-meter event was 15:48.80.

Madden looks to reverse fortunes for Karns volleyball

By Ken Lay

From 2002-10, the road to the district volleyball championship went through Karns High School. The Lady Beavers, under the direction of coach Kynette Williams, dominated District 3-3A and Williams' tenure culminated with back-to-back state tournament appearances in 2009-10. But since Williams departed from the program, the Lady Beavers have struggled as they've had a revolving door of coaches. Karns now has another new coach in Jo Madden, a familiar face on the East Tennessee high school volleyball scene. Madden a former assistant coach at Lenoir City and Farragut

as well as a head coach for the Lady Admirals, was named Karns High's head coach prior to the 2026 season. She's looking to restore the Lady Beavers to their previous glory. But make no mistake about it - Madden inherited a program that is in the midst of a massive rebuild. The Lady Beavers closed out District 4-3A play Thursday night with a three-set loss at West High (25-9, 25-14, 25-13). They enter the final week of the 2026 regular season with a 4-18 overall record and a 1-5 mark against district competition. But Madden was upbeat after her squad's loss to the Lady Rebels.

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Perennial power HVA took first place in the boys' meet, which included 31 teams and 358 runners. Maryville placed second, Farragut third, the Knoxville Ambassadors fourth and West fifth. Christian Academy of Knoxville edged Hardin Valley for first place in the girls' race. Farragut, Maryville and West came in 3-4-5. The Lady Admirals' Zoi LeCours, a senior, prevailed in the girls' race with a time of 19:02.7. CAK sophomore Sophie Lee was second at 19:15.40. Rounding out the first five were CAK freshman Haylee Gasparic, Maryville sophomore Hadlegih Mitchey and HVA junior Zarah Enbom. Twenty teams and 213 runners competed in the girls' race. Babbit was back at the Metro Knox Norris Dam Invitational on Sept. 12 and took top honors with a 15:05 time. Anderson County senior Cameron Hardy came in second at 15:49.50. A freshman from Ravenwood, Ryder Chatman, made the trip to East Tennessee and finished third in 15:57.21. William Blount

senior Luke McCall (16:06.61) was fourth and Maryville's Rowen Richardson was about a second behind (16:07.66) for fifth place. Maryville placed first in the boys' team scoring with 52 points, followed by Ravenwood (75). In the girls' event at Norris Dam, Mitchey won with a time of 18:26.40, followed by Signal Mountain junior Eliza Albrechtsen (18:45.10), Science Hill senior Mahri Layne (18:49.70), Webb sophomore Bennie Diddle (18:49.78) and AC freshman Ella Tyler (19:13.28). Science Hill finished on top in the girls' team scoring with 54 points. Signal Mountain (99) was second and Oak Ridge (111) third. Knoxville Catholic dominated the Mounds Invitational in both the boys' and girls' races. Senior Cade Duncanson led the way with a time of 15:48.50 and teammates Evan Van De Griff, Reid Bannister and Nathan Jurbergs placed third through fifth. Anderson County senior Cameron Hardy prevented a Top 5 shutout with his second place time of 16 minutes.

AC 9th grader Ella Tyler also helped make up for it in the girls' race as she placed first in 18:47.8. But the Lady Irish also had Caitlin Daniels (19.07.3), Livi Ray, and Drew Gerken to rack up less points with their second, third and fourth place finishes. Looking back, Anderson County, Catholic, CAK, Hardin Valley and Maryville are five of the top teams so far this year. The top teams also have traveled to North Carolina and Alabama for meets this month. There are five new head coaches on the local scene this season: Bearden's Matthew Eckert, Grace Christian's Steve Prince, Anderson County's Harrison Calhoun, Heritage's Zach Weaver and Catholic girls' Alex Morgan. The annual KIL championship meet will be held on Oct. 17 this year at Cherokee Boulevard, Sequoyah Hills Park.

STATE TITLE DATES: November 5 and 6 at Memphis' Shelby Farms Park, which features extensive trail systems, lakes and open spaces perfect for cross country competition.

West High

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Kaelyn Graham and Zoe Hasan finished with five each. The Lady Rebels' service game produced 11 aces. Lucie Collett was the Lady Rebels' leading passer as she dished out 31 assists over the three sets. She also finished the match with four digs. Defensively, C.C. Robinson led West with eight digs. Regular-season district play has now concluded, but the final week of the season will be busy for the Lady Rebels, who will play four matches this week. On Tuesday, West plays Sevier County. On Thursday, West will travel to Austin-East on Wednesday before closing out regular-season play at home against Berean Christian School on Thursday. The district tournament will be contested next week, with the Lady Rebels and Hardin Valley Academy co-hosting the event.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEMETRIA DOLORES JIMENEZ, Deceased

BY: MARIA ELENA MATA, Petitioner VS. DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent

CAUSE NO. 2026-CPR00580
IN THE STATUTORY PROBATE COURT NO. 12 OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion for Notice of Service of Publication that the current residence and whereabouts of DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, are unknown to Plaintiff so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, it is hereby ordered that DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, Respondent, file an Answer with the Statutory Probate Court No. 2 of El Paso County, Texas, concerning the Application to Probate Will as a Muniment of Title More Than Four Years After Decedent's Death in regards to the Estate of Demetria Dolores Jimenez, Deceased. A notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus newspaper in Knoxville, TN in accordance with Respondent's last known address. The Respondent, DEMETRIA GUADALUPE JIMENEZ, must file an Answer with the above stated Court and with Steve Ortega, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 521 Texas Avenue, El Paso Texas 79901, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Failure to do so may render a judgment by Default for the Petitioner in this case.

This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus: September 8, 14, 21, and 28, 2026. This the 31st day of August, 2026.

Delia Briones
El Paso County Clerk
Cristian Rogers
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG

IN RE: JENNIFER LYNN DEMPSEY, Plaintiff

Vs -
JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG, Defendant

Docket # 165374

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JASON DUANE SCHWEINSBERG.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JENNIFER LYNN DEMPSEY, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with EMILY B. VOWELL, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 408 N. CEDAR BLUFF RD., SUITE 425, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert A. Clark
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: DALTON SCOTT THOMAS

IN RE: ALEXANDREA GRACE THOMAS, Plaintiff - Vs - DALTON SCOTT THOMAS, Defendant

Docket # 165326

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DALTON SCOTT THOMAS, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DALTON SCOTT THOMAS.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

filed by ALEXANDREA GRACE THOMAS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with MATTHEW J. LAMBERTH, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 6705 ALBUNDA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Robert A. Clark
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC

IN RE: KINGSTON PLACE ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff v. JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, Defendant

Docket No. 211985-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, as to its Registered Agent or Current Address for its Principal Office or Other Location, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, it is ordered that said defendant, JHD INVESTMENTS, LLC, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Kevin C. Stevens, and Attorney whose address is Fourth Floor, Bank of America Center, 550 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Honorable John F. Weaver
Chancellor

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE

IN RE: SPRADLIN PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff v. WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, Defendant(s)

Docket No. 206769-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Affidavit filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant(s), WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, it is ordered that said defendant(s), WILLIAM J. LAMERE and VICKIE L. LAMERE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Judgement by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

Amanda Smith
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALLEN E. MCFALLS

IN RE: PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff v. ALLEN E. MCFALLS, SANDRA G. MADGETT AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants

Docket No. 212413-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALLEN E. MCFALLS, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot

be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ALLEN E. MCFALLS described in the complaint, it is ORDERED that said defendant, ALLEN E. MCFALLS, file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE filed by PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff herein, with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Zachary B. Johnson, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5100 Poplar Avenue, Suite 2208, Memphis, TN 38137, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, or a Judgment by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 11th day of September, 2026.

Honorable Christopher D. Heagerty
Chancellor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TRAVIS O. SOLOMON AND O DURMAST DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

IN RE: PARAGON DEVELOPMENT, L.P., PLAINTIFF v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TRAVIS O. SOLOMON AND O DURMAST DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914, DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: 213876-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Travis O. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon The Unknown Heirs of Travis O. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914, it is hereby ordered that the defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Travis O. Solomon and O Durmast Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Luke D. Durham, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 604, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Richard B. Armstrong in the Knox

County Chancery Court, Division II, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 17th day of September, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF JOHN H. McELROY

IN RE: HOMESTEAD LAND HOLDING, LLC, Plaintiff v. WILLIAM JOHN McELROY; JAMES LEE McELROY; JANE ANN McELROY; the UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF JOHN H. McELROY, if living, and if deceased, her UNKNOWN HEIRS; the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN H. McELROY, deceased; and O GRANVILLE CONNER ROAD, POWELL, TENNESSEE 37849 (Parcel ID 056-103), Defendants.

Docket No.: 213805-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant, Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy, if living, and if deceased, her unknown heirs, and the Unknown Heirs of John H. McElroy, deceased, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy described in the complaint, it is ordered that said defendant, Unknown Surviving Spouse of John H. McElroy, if living, and if deceased, her unknown heirs, and the Unknown Heirs of John H. McElroy, deceased, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with R. Seth Oakes, an Attorney whose address is 10413 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Christopher D. Heagerty, at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 21st day of September, 2026.

Houston S. Havasy
Clerk and Master
Tiffany Rutherford
Deputy Clerk and Master

