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Howell, Smith Rally CAK to Victory over Grace Christian

By David Klein

Stewart Howell rescued CAK. The 6'1" sophomore who primarily plays wide receiver for the Warriors made the defensive play of the game. With CAK leading 36-29 and 1:20 left, the Grace Christian Academy Rams faced a 4th-and-goal at the CAK 6. Rams' quarterback Luke Kirby threw it to Jonah Duggins. Duggins tried to throw back to Kirby, but Howell batted away the pass. CAK took over and ran out the clock for the win.

"I played outside linebacker all of my middle school years," Howell said. "I guess it showed tonight."

It was a tale of two halves as CAK rallied from a 22-8 halftime deficit. Grace Christian established its running game early in the first half as the Rams would accumulate 121 yards rushing on 21 carries. Running back Andrew Sorrells ran for two touchdowns, a 10-yard touchdown and a one-yard touchdown.

"He was determined to have a good game," Rams Head Coach Randy McKamey



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

CAK running back Alex Dalton (middle with ball) scores CAK's first touchdown in the first quarter of Friday night's game.

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Is Tennessee a paper tiger or for real?

By Steve Williams

Butch Jones has put Tennessee football back on the map. But can he keep it there?

That will be answered on the field in the 2016 season, which opens Thursday night with a visit from Appalachian State.

The Vols' rise into the pre-season Top 10 has more to do with expectations and potential than solid past results.



PHOTO BY HAYLEY PENNESI / TENNESSEE ATHLETICS

Tennessee Head Coach Butch Jones is a picture of determination during the Vols' come-from-behind win over Georgia last season at Neyland Stadium.

Tennessee, in fact, hasn't beaten a Top 10 team since the 2006 season under Phillip Fulmer, who was forced to step down in 2008. The closest to achieving that was when Jones guided the Vols past No. 11 ranked South Carolina in 2013, his first season at UT.

Butch's record against Top 25 ranked teams over the past three years also is a meager 3-13.

So how did Tennessee earn its Top 10 preseason rankings?

Evidently, prognosticators are impressed with the Vols' present roster after four strong recruiting classes in a row by Jones and were influenced by last season's close losses to Oklahoma and Alabama - two of the four national playoff qualifiers - as much or more than the wins over Georgia and Northwestern in the Outback Bowl.

For most Tennessee fans, this season appears to be boom or bust. Finishing short of Atlanta and the SEC championship game would be a letdown.

Last year's season reviews were mixed. While many were happy to finish with a six-game winning streak for a 9-4 record, I was firmly in the camp that felt the season could have been so much, much more.

In three of Tennessee's losses - against Oklahoma, Florida and Arkansas - the Vols led by as much as 13 points. UT also led in the fourth quarter against eventual national champion Alabama but bowed 19-14. Conservative play on both sides of the ball contributed heavily in the comeback losses.

While it is hard to be critical of a coach who has done so much good for the program and put Tennessee in a position to win

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Mall sale to revitalize area

By Mike Steely
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Several representatives of Knoxville Partners met with three Knox County officials Friday at Knoxville Center Mall and Councilman Nick Della Volpe said the new mall owners are beginning phase one there.

Della Volpe, along with State Representative Eddie Smith and Ronnie Collins, President of the Alice Bell Neighborhood Association, met with Patrick King and Brent Engle of Henry Wallace, and several others to discuss what future the failing mall may have.

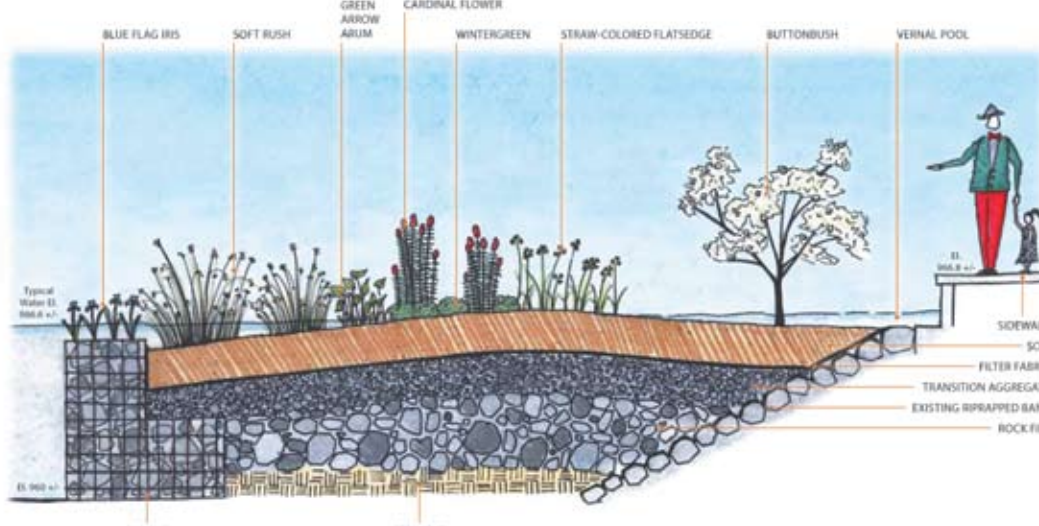
"Don't expect anything overnight," Della Volpe told The Focus. He said that the first step for the new owners, who officially purchased the mall on Friday, August 19, talked about fix ups, pothole patching, fixing an escalator, and stabilizing things. He said they also discussed brush removal along I-640 and possibly a new building in the mall area for additional retail.

"They said they were going to meet with Mayor Burchett and with neighborhood and community groups to see what people want there," Della Volpe said. He added that the new owners were invited to the East Towne Business Alliance meeting September 7th.

"Looks like we finally have someone who is focused and not just a caretaker holding it just to get rid of it," he said.

Laura Sievers, Manager of Knoxville Center Mall, confirmed that the management is now under Knoxville Partners.

"We're excited!" she said Friday afternoon.



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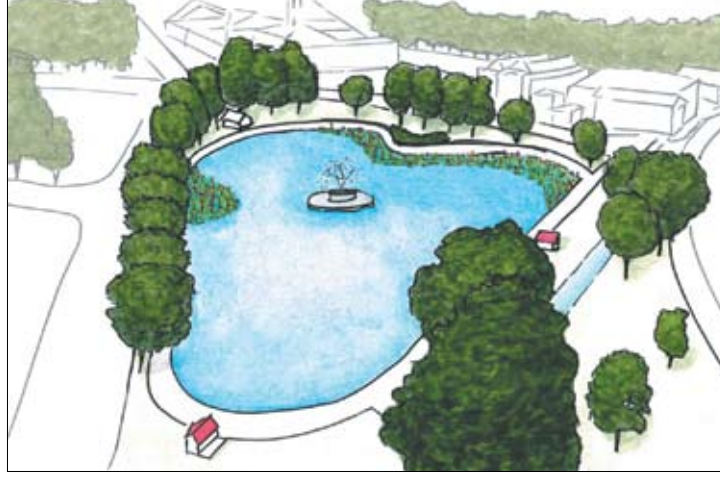
Native-plant small wetland is next step in Fountain City Lake restoration

The City of Knoxville has invested more than \$260,000 updating and repairing the water-quality infrastructure at Fountain City Lake.

At a public meeting Thursday night at Fountain City Park, environmental engineering firm LDA Engineering shared with residents, Lions Club members and lake enthusiasts a proposed design for a new wetland area on the lake's northern end - the last major step needed to fix Fountain City Lake's decades-old problems.

The addition of the wetland would eliminate a shallow, stagnant zone of water that for years has been conducive to thick algae growing. LDA's design calls for introducing native wetland plants, such as blue flag iris and cardinal flower, that would reduce algae-feeding excess nutrients.

The wetland would make good use of the quality spring-fed water by helping to support aquatic life and soften the



hard outline of the lake, creating a more natural setting, LDA Senior Project Manager Stefanie Farrell said.

Joe Walsh, the City's Parks and Recreation Director, agreed that the wetland would be a beneficial new amenity for Fountain City Lake - both in terms of aesthetics and functionality.

"We knew restoring the lake to good health would be a long process, but we're nearing completion, and the City is pleased by the progress we've made

with the help of the Lions Club and LDA," Walsh said. "This wetland would create new habitat for wildlife, and it would complement the lake's beauty. We think lake visitors will enjoy it."

In the past two years, the City and its contractors have repaired a leak in the earthen berm that surrounds the lake. Crews have repeatedly drained, cleaned, treated and taken measurements of the lake, and inappropriate species of fish have

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Advantages and Disadvantages of a Living Trust

Before we get into the advantages and disadvantages of a living trust, let's define exactly what we mean by the term living trust.



By **Jedidiah McKeehan**
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What is a living trust?

A living trust is a legal device people use to place their assets (property, resources, estate, holdings,

goods, and other valuables) into this trust and then have a trustee manage those assets. In the state of Tennessee, a trustee can be the same person who originally owned those assets or somebody else.

What are the advantages of having a living trust?

The number one reason for people to have a living trust is to avoid going through the probate process, which can be contentious, expensive, and lengthy.

You or the trustee, and then eventually the backup trustee, will take over the management of those assets in a living trust. So if you die, those assets are already in a trust so you don't actually own them, and therefore you don't

have to divide up your assets according to the State laws. The trust maintains ownership, which may be managed by the successor trustee.

What are the disadvantages of a living trust?

Well, living trusts are complicated.

You have to get every single asset out of your name and into the name of the living trust.

You have to pay to get the

trust set up, usually through an attorney that specializes in estate planning.

And sometimes, living trusts just end up causing more of a headache. The probate process is more straightforward. Plus, people are generally more familiar with the probate process than they are with the trust process.

Deciding on whether or not to create a living trust is not one that should be taken lightly or alone. There

are many resources online to aid in your decision.

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been relocated. Algaecide has been sparingly added.

Earlier this month, work was completed on the lake's fountain system and pumphouse to increase aeration, which helps control algae growth by adding oxygen to the water, agitating the water and reducing stagnation.

In addition, the improved system can remove the dirtiest water from the bottom of the lake and also skim floating algae and debris from the lake's surface.

A City crew also has installed new lakeside signs, reminding visitors that feeding the wrong food to the lake's waterfowl is harmful – both to the ducks and to the water quality. Visitors often bring bread, grain or pet food from home to feed the ducks. If visitors want to feed the ducks, they should only give them the food pellets available at lakeside dispensers.

Farrell hopes Fountain City Lake visitors recognize the environmental harm that comes with overfeeding the

waterfowl.

"Visitors can do their part to further help reduce algae and keep the ducks healthy by refraining from feeding the ducks and allowing the lake's natural ecosystem to care for itself," she said.

Some Fountain City residents at Thursday evening's presentation expressed enthusiasm for the wetland design, saying it would beautify the lake, improve the water quality and provide educational opportunities for children. Others expressed concerns about the cost of future maintenance and about changing the shape of (and decreasing the size of) Fountain City Lake.

The wetland would be less than two-tenths of the 1.1-acre lake. The area proposed for a wetland is the shallowest and most problematic part of the lake.

Anyone wishing to comment on the wetland design proposal may do so by contacting Walsh at jwalsh@knoxvil-letn.gov or at 865-215-4311.

City Council Residents oppose Historic Overlay for Parkridge

By **Mike Steely**
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Back in February the Parkridge Community Organization's Board of Directors requested that the Historic Overlay there be extended to the majority of their neighborhood. Since then Kaye Graybeal, Knoxville's Historic Planner, has been working on the suggestion by surveying the homes there and their historical importance.

Some 600 homes in Parkridge are already designated as part of the National Register of Historic Places; many of the dwellings there were designed by Frank Barber.

But not everyone favors the idea of extending the more-restrictive historic preservation regulations to cover the area. Kennie Riffey spoke to the City Council during public forum earlier this month and said she's

organizing opposition to the change and plans to pass a petition against it.

Parkridge is bordered by I-40, Magnolia, Hall of Fame Drive and Cherry Street. The East Knoxville area includes Caswell Park, O'Connor Senior Center, the Municipal Stadium, and Chilhowee Park.

Riffey, a resident of East Fifth Avenue, said that a large number of the 2,274 residents there object to the historic overlay and said the change is being pushed by the community organization which only has 50 to 60 members.

"People think they can vote on it," she said, adding that the residents don't realize that the change would only require the planning commission recommendation and a vote by the city council—not the approval of those living there. She said

that many residents live "on a modest income and could be displaced" if the historic overlay is adopted because it would restrict improvements to their homes.

"I want you to listen to the people who live there. I want to start that conversation," she said.

Planning staff spokesman told Riffey and the council that Graybeal is willing to sit down and talk with the residents.

Riffey said the effort to extend the district is being promoted by "a small group of investors and people who live in the existing historic overlay area."

A Historic Overlay district requires all exterior changes or additions to be approved by the Historic Zoning Commission. Following the meeting Riffey talked with Councilman Daniel Brown about the matter.

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Publisher's Position

More State Tax Dollars Out the Window



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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The embarrassment in Tennessee over the failed TN Ready test has barely faded when auditors from the State Comptroller's office have released a scathing report about mismanagement inside the Achievement School District. As described by reporter Andy Sher from the Chattanooga Times Free Press, the Achievement School District "now has its own flunking grade from state Comptroller watchdogs."

The Achievement School District was supposed to be working with several

public schools that are failing, as well as more than twenty other failing schools in cooperation with or run by charter groups. The offices for the Achievement School District was hurriedly moved from Memphis to Nashville and Commissioner of Education Candace McQueen's office has announced the hiring of a "fiscal director, fiscal manager, accountant, account tech, federal programs director and federal programs manager." All of this information was related in Andy Sher's story in the Chattanooga daily newspaper.

Apparently, the ASD certainly needs an accountant, as the Comptroller's report indicated almost \$6,000 was paid to folks no longer working for the Achievement School District. The report, when pared of bureaucratic language, blessed out the ASD for numerous deficiencies in keeping track of expenses and not following procedures, or in some instances, not even having procedures in place as required by state

law. Worse still, the ASD evidently didn't follow the law with state and federal funds, which I imagine, would put some of those funds at risk.

When all is said and done, \$721,000 of federal money was obtained and spent while the ASD was not in compliance with the law.

To say the very least, this is a mighty embarrassing situation for the State of Tennessee and the Department of Education. It raises the question of just who is minding the store? Clearly the legislature ought to be firing up some of its committees and start asking some hard questions. Eventually, there are going to be enough of these highly embarrassing episodes and regular folks are going to start asking just what the heck is going on. Whether local, state or federal, tax dollars are collected from you and me. It all comes from the same pot and sooner or later, the pot is going to start to boil.

Media Bias Becoming More Ridiculous

At least one new poll of independent voters indicates some 38% of those surveyed now believe the media in the United States is biased and pushing Hillary Clinton. Independent voters are some of the most important in any election and are often-times referred to as "swing" voters because they go back and forth between political parties and candidates. The evidence of that particular bias is everywhere for anyone who gives more than a cursory glance to newspapers, online news and the television news. There are a few exceptions, but the bias is becoming more ridiculous and in some instances, positively unhinged.

To be fair about it, many news organizations aren't even pretending to be

objective or fair. The three broadcast television news networks - - - NBC, CBS, and ABC are all pro-Clinton. Newspapers like the New York Times and the Washington Post are also avidly promoting Hillary Clinton. Now some woman at the Huffington Post has published a column claiming swimmer Ryan Lochte must be a Trump supporter because of his behavior in Brazil. For the record, from what I understand, Lochte voted for Obama last time. "Comedian" Stephen Colbert has also been trying to compare Lochte to Trump.

One problem with the mainstream media is they believe they are far smarter than the rest of us; anyone who disagrees with them is ignorant, a bigot or unfeeling. For the most part, the media is quite content in its own cocoon of smug self-superiority. While they claim to support the middle class in this country, nothing could be further from the truth. Most of them would be absolutely horrified to be thought of as middle class and I was struck by writer Ann Coulter's comment

about "the working class versus the smirking class." These folks not only think they are smarter than you and I, but they also know what is best for all of us collectively. They ignore what they don't wish to see and are perfectly content deciding everything for everybody. It never seems to occur to them that the government cannot give anyone anything it hasn't first taken from someone else. There are those who advocate redistributing the wealth in this country and only the smirking class is wise enough to divvy everything up. One thing is certain: they sure as shootin' don't intend for it to be you or me.

Unfortunately for the media, more and more people are paying less and less attention to them. The credibility of many news organizations is little better than that of a notorious Madam and sadly, there's little difference between the two. They are both pandering and selling their wares and it's beginning to get a little worn out.

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Bits of News About Local Education

By Focus Staff

Knox County Schools ACT Results Remain Above State Averages

The ACT released results last Wednesday for the Class of 2016, and though the Knox County Schools experienced a slight decrease from those scores posted for the Class of 2015, the district remains above the State of Tennessee average in all subject areas:

- English 20.4 (19.6 State average)
- Mathematics 19.7 (19.2 State average)
- Reading 20.9 (20.3 State average)
- Science 20.4 (19.9 State average)
- Composite 20.5 (19.9 State average)

The Knox County Schools composite average ACT score decreased from 20.7 for the Class of 2015 to 20.5 for the Class of 2016 and the school district experienced a slight decrease in all subject areas assessed

(English, Math, Reading, and Science), but the overall trend for scores since 2013 has been positive. The district continues to place a priority on testing all students, with 3,922 students tested in 2016—approximately 300 more than last year.

Resmondo Awarded for Excellence

Congratulations to Gresham Middle School science teacher Nicole O. Resmondo, who has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

"Being honored with the Presidential Award is confirmation and celebration of my passion for science and science education," Resmondo said. "It is humbling to be recognized with so many outstanding educators that share the enthusiasm and motivation to work with students, parents, and administrators to produce lifelong learners and possible future scientists. With

the support of my family, supervisors, and students, I have learned to keep setting high expectations and the joy of watching students reach them."

Resmondo has been an educator for the past 13 years. She most recently spent one year teaching sixth grade mathematics at East Hamilton Middle High School. This year, she is returning to Gresham Middle School to teach sixth grade science and sixth grade Honors Science. She has also taught at Sterchi Elementary School in Knoxville.

Nicole is on the Tennessee State Science Standards Writing Development Team to implement new science standards in the 2018-2019 school year. She has worked as a professional development presenter in her Knox County District and the Association for Middle Level Education. Nicole has also worked on the National Youth Science Foundation Camp Selection Committee. She has worked with the University

of Tennessee's VolTeach program as a mentor teacher; has been a department chair; and is on the school leadership team.

Nicole has a B.S. in elementary education from the University of Central Florida. She is certified in kindergarten through sixth grade

elementary education and is currently working to certify in middle grades at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



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County Commission

What happens to the Safety Center with the new commission?

By Mike Steely
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When the four new Knox County Commissioners are seated September 8th they will take part in choosing a chair and vice chair, have a hand in committee appointments, wrestle with a new employment policy and naming members to the Safety Center Committee.

Two of the commissioners on the Safety Center Committee are leaving the commission and last week both Mike Brown

and Jeff Ownby voiced a desire to remain on the committee as citizens. Brown recommended that the committee remain as currently made up.

"The RFP (Request for Proposal) is back and has not been vetted," Brown said during the commission's regular meeting. He called for a special meeting of the committee to "tweak" the proposal.

"I want the Safety Committee to review and make recommendations back to the commission," Brown said.

Apparently only one reply was received in a bid to operate a Safety Center where mentally ill people arrested for minor offenses could voluntarily go instead of going to jail. The center could also temporarily house drug and alcohol offenders.

In other action the commission passed an approval for a TIF tax break for development of the Pryor Brown Garage. Developer Rick Dover plans to turn the historic parking facility into residential apartments

and retail shops. The tax break passed without discussion.

The last meeting of the current commissioners also saw outgoing Property Assessor Phil Ballard honored and heard that Finance Director Chris Caldwell was named Public Administrator of the Year by the American Society of Public Administrators.

Jim Wright, Jr. was named to replace Jim Jennings on the Sheriff's Merit Board and Cortney Piper was

reappointed to the board of Visit Knoxville.

Outgoing Commissioner Mike Brown announced that the South of the River merchants will be holding its "Second Saturday Sells Day" starting in September.

Chairman Dave Wright reminded the commission and the four elected candidates in the audience that Swearing In will take place September 1. New members of the Board of Education will also take the oath during the ceremonies.

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big again, I still feel there are two areas where Jones can improve.

One, he needs to own up to his mistakes when he makes them and quit being too stubborn to change. I respect a coach who's big enough to admit he's wrong or willing to make a change for the better.

Secondly, Coach Jones, trust the very things that attracted you the most to come here – the passionate Tennessee fan base and great atmosphere of a UT home game. The sea of orange. Lean on it. Ride it. Go for it inside the 1. You know what I'm talking about.

Go Big Orange!

City Council

Auction houses, Northwest Sector Plan, PlanET

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council may discuss changing the city regulations that permit auction houses in various commercial districts. The resolution, sponsored by council members Nick Della Volpe, Finbarr Saunders, Daniel Brown and Brenda Palmer, asks the Metropolitan Planning Commission to review current regulations and report to city council where the business category can operate.

The discussion began at the last council meeting on an appeal

by the American Legion Post on Ruggles Ferry Road so the old school building there could be sold and used as an auction house. The MPC denied the Commercial Zoning request but the council voted to approve the request.

The American Legion is again on the council's agenda, on second reading, to approve the zoning change. The veterans want to sell the building so it can relocate further west to better serve its members. The problem with current city zoning regulations is that auction houses are only

permitted in C-4 zones.

A new motel may be authorized, on second reading, behind the Ingles Market on Cedar Lane along Pratt Road if the council agrees to a request from the planning commission.

The Northwest Sector Plan comes before the council for final adoption as does a resolution to allot \$25,000 to execute an agreement with East Tennessee Quality Growth to "carry forward the work of PlanET as the convening organization." Some citizens have opposed PlanET and the use of PlanET in city

and county language in adopting apparently so is the city council.

sector plans.

Changes along Parkside Drive involving a rezoning request will come back before the city council after several delays. Auto dealer Samuel Furrow is asking that a vacant lot between Parkside and Cogdill Road be rezoned to C-6 to permit the parking of cars there. Opponents along Cogdill and adjoining neighborhoods are concerned about changes in their neighborhood and may attend and speak on the request.

The planning commission is split on its recommendation and

apparently so is the city council.

The Knoxville City Code may be changed to transfer duties of the Director of Public Service to the Director of Plans and Reviews and amend the definitions of the Public Officer, Codes Official and Director of Plans and Review and Building Inspections. The change may make the codes enforcement more efficient.

Several rezoning requests may also be considered for properties along Chapman Highway, Palmer Street, North Broadway, Callahan Drive and North Gallaher View Road.

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said of Sorrells. "He's just a junior. He's our work horse."

Grace started the scoring on a 79-yard touchdown pass on a broken play. Kirby fumbled the snap, avoided CAK's pass rush and threw the football to Ben Andrews, who had gotten behind the Warrior defense. Andrews ran untouched for the early Grace lead.

CAK answered with Alex Dalton's 2-yard run with 10:32 left in the second quarter. The Warriors' West Shuler ran for a 2-point conversion and an 8-7 lead.

From there, it was all Grace the rest of the first half as Sorrells scored his two touchdowns. CAK committed 10 penalties for 91 yards in the first half and finished with 13 penalties for 126 yards for the game.

Despite the penalties and the first half offensive inefficiencies, CAK's senior quarterback Cole Smith rallied the Warriors in the second half. Facing a 2nd and 25, Smith eluded the Rams' pass rush to scamper 44 yards for a touchdown. CAK cut the Rams' lead to 22-15 with 9:39 left in the third quarter.

"It was a broken down

play. I was just trying to make a play with my feet. I was telling the guys, we got to stay even keel all night," Smith said of his team bouncing back from the early deficit.

After Smith's touchdown run, the Warriors' defense made an interception to get the ball back. Hayden Tanner stepped in front of a Kirby pass to thwart a Rams' drive.

From there, the Warriors passing game showed signs of life as Smith completed three passes in a row for first downs. Facing a third and 1, Smith found Howell in the corner of the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown pass. Kicker Isaac Gallegos made the extra point, and the Warriors tied the game at 22 to end the third quarter.

Grace rallied back at the beginning of the fourth. Sorrells ran for 19 yards and Kirby completed a 31-yard pass to Eli Nordhorn. The Rams finished the drive on Kirby's 17-yard touchdown pass to Sorrells, his third touchdown of the game, as Grace regained the lead 29-22.

Getting the ball back, Smith again worked his magic. He ran for a 36-yard

touchdown straight up the middle to tie the game at 29.

Smith was the leading rusher of the ballgame with 101 yards, part of his 389 yards of total offense, out of 447 total yards by CAK.

Grace Christian's drive stalled, and CAK got the ball back. This time Smith found Luke Simpson for a 55-yard touchdown pass as CAK regained the lead for good 36-29 and set the stage for Howell's late game defensive heroics.

"He's a stud," first year CAK Head Coach Travis Mozingo said of Howell. "Stewart Howell's got a good football pedigree; he understands what it is to make a big time play. He's a big time player, offensively and defensively for us," Mozingo added. Howell's older brother Davis played wide receiver at CAK under former Warriors' Coach Rusty Bradley.

CAK improved to 2-0 and opens Class 3A, Region 2 play Friday at Scott Co. Grace Christian fell to 0-2 and opens its Class 2A, Region 2 play Friday at Oliver Springs.



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Our Neighborhoods

What you may not know about the Tennessee Theatre

By Mike Steely
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Yes, the sign went back up and once again the proud and historic Tennessee Theatre on Gay Street downtown has its name proudly and more brightly lit. The majestic theatre has a long history of film and live events that continue today as Hal Holbrook will be there later this month and Bob Dylan performs in October.

Yet, as many times as you may have been to the Tennessee or passed it while walking or driving downtown there's probably a lot you don't know about that building.

For instance the "T" and "E" were removed from the theatre's marquee in the 1999 film "October Skies" when Jake Gyllenhaal as Homer Hickman walked downtown "Indianapolis." The sign simply read "TENNESSEE."

Becky Hancock, Executive Director of the Tennessee Theatre Foundation, served as General Manager of the theatre from 2001 until 2007 and returned as Executive Director in 2013. She said much of the history of the theatre has been lost. A book by Jack Neely recounted some of its history after he pored through old newspaper articles about the structure.

She said an early newspaper employee kept a note of all the different marquee postings and discovering that, thanks to the person's relative, helped supply some history.

"Five different national theatre chains have owned it over the years," she said.

Many people don't realize that the stage is actually two stories up from the floor and in early years all the props, steamer trunks, and even animals for performances were raised by block and tackle by mule from the back of the building on State Street.

"The tale is that when a mule died they stopped loading that way," she said.

When Tom Mix, the early



The exterior of the Tennessee Theatre has changed much over the years but the interior has been restored to much of its original appearance.

movie cowboy, brought his rodeo circus there in 1933 all the animals and equipment had to enter through the front door.

As the Tennessee was being built, silent movies were being shown but by the time it opened in 1928 "Talkies" were available. The soundtrack of the films were on Vitaphone records and were played in sync with the movie. The organ was used, then, only for pre-show entertainment.

The first movie to play the theatre was "The Fleet's In," starring Clara Bow.

The theatre began as a section of the Burwell Building and became the first building in Knoxville to be air conditioned. It had 2,000 seats and the interior was designed in the Spanish Moorish style but with elements reflecting various places from around the world that included French-style chandeliers.

Major renovations over the years were uncovered and restored and in 2003 and efforts were taken to restore the interior close to the original design. It had been refurbished in 1966 with new carpet, a larger concession stand, decorate mirrors and a fresh coat of paint. The seating was upgrade this year as well.

The theatre now has an elevator and bathrooms upstairs.

Hancock said the original projection room was encased with bricks to fire-proof it because films back then were nitrate based and very flammable.

While the theatre is known for its live performances movies are still shown on special occasions. "It's a Wonderful Life" plays during the Christmas season and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" always draws a crowd of fans who often dress as a character in the movie.

"I'm committed to continue to show movies. That's our history and an affordable way for people to see our beautiful interior and introduce kids to the theatre," Hancock said. The theatre occasionally partners with the city or groups like the Boys & Girls Club for events.

Hancock says she works several months out, setting up Broadway productions on the calendar first and then dates for the Knoxville Symphony and Opera. She said that performers, like Dylan or others, fill in the dates around the other events.

The theatre can also be rented by promoters or organizations.

The marquee and upright sign were upgraded by the Pattison Sign Group with 5,700 new LED lights and sockets installed, the electric lines replaced, cosmetic damage repaired and new paint was added. The current signs were created during the theatre's \$28 million restoration in 2005.

You can get more information on the unique Tennessee Theatre at www.tennesseetheatre.com or by calling (865) 684-1299.

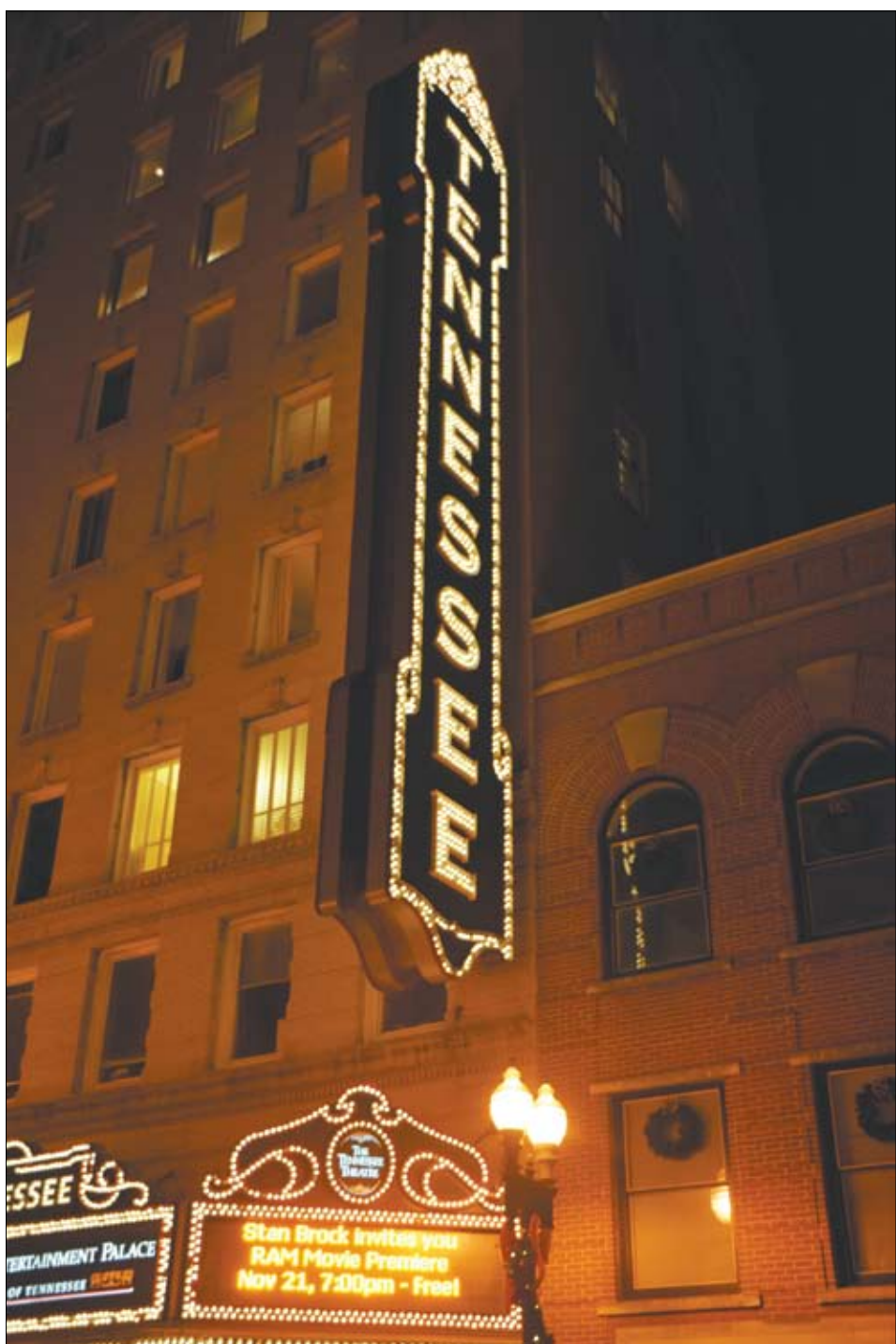


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On Wednesday, August 31, everyone is invited to come to the 600 block of South Gay Street for a free public celebration, countdown and re-lighting of the Tennessee Theatre's refurbished and re-installed marquee and vertical sign. The festivities begin at 8 p.m.

The Tennessee Theatre's first movie was "The Fleet's In" starring Clara Bow. It came at the end of the Silent Movie period and early "Talkies" were accompanied by a Vitaphone recording.



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Cooling Off

By Joe Rector

Weather forecasters predict that temperatures will cool into the 80's in the coming days. The summer of 2016 has been the hottest we've had in the last few years. Perhaps global warming is finally giving us a preview of what's in store if our pollution of the planet continues. At any rate, we have had a steady stream of days with highs in the 90's. I don't pay attention to the "feels like" temperatures because 90 degrees is plenty hot without add-ons. A pool in the backyard is the place where we retreat to escape those blast-furnace temperatures. As a child, we turned to different things for cooling off.

At home, we resorted to using a water hose or sprinkler for relieve. Jim and I put on our bathing suits and ran in and out of the spray. Sometimes, we'd put on masks and walk straight into the water blasts. One downside to the activity was that the water attracted bees and wasps, and they shooed us inside with stings. Another was that we wore bare spots in the yard with constant stomping in the same place.

We also walked across a hayfield next to the house to

reach a small creek. A long board reached from bank to bank, and we sat on it and held imaginary club meetings. Before long, we broke out the snacks and ate peanut butter crackers and washed them down with water or Kool-Aid. That place offered at least a few minutes of relief from the scorching temperatures.

Just up the road passed the railroad tracks, a small bridge spanned Ball Camp Pike. We boys gathered our fishing poles and walked to it. The bridge was so low that we had to stoop to pass under it. For a couple of hours our backs stayed hunched over as we fished for small blue gill. Just drowning worms was okay as long as we could remain by the water and out of the sun.

As we grew up, our neighborhood gang of boys biked across the ridge and toward Beaver Creek. Arriving at our destination, we parked our bikes at the edge of the field, trekked across the land, and skinny-dipped in the water, which was much cleaner than it is today. Eventually, the group reluctantly dressed and biked home as our clothes stuck to wet skin. The bonus was the dampness felt especially good as we

traveled down the roads.

When all else failed, we sat under one of the sprawling maple trees in the back yard and hoped for a breeze or a cloud-filled sky. The sound of thunder spiked our hopes of a summer shower that would drop the temperatures. For one of the few times in our lives, we boys sat as still as possible to keep from melting in the heat. The fact remained that after those showers the combination of the sun and humidity returned and turned all outside into a sauna.

Too many people now whine about hot weather. Most never experienced a life where the only cooling thing in the house was a small box window fan or wide opened window with a screen to stop mosquitoes from getting inside. Air conditioning has put an end to people's ability to tolerate any kind of warm temperatures. What they fail to remember is that in only a few days, temperatures will begin to drop until they plunge. Frigid conditions will replace hot ones. Then they'll gripe and complain about how cold it is. That's when I might join them because I never warm up until the spring thaw. I'd rather cool off than warm up.

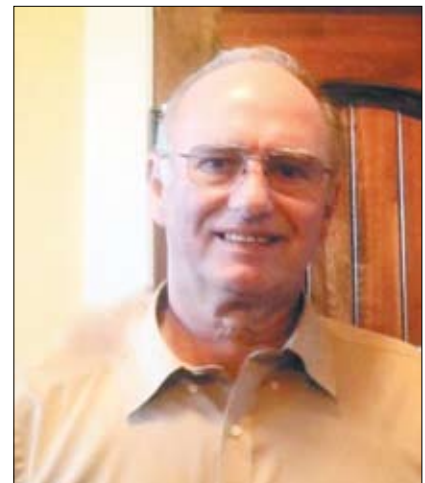
Jerry

By Ralphine Major

As we each worked to make the most of our "wait" time, the gentleman sitting beside me commented on our differing backgrounds. He was a psychologist, the lady across from us was a teacher, and I was a writer. The psychologist went on to tell about the various livelihoods of people he had met each time he had been there. At that moment, we all had one thing in common. We were sitting in Jerry's waiting room while our vehicles were being repaired.

The wait was never boring! While work was happening in the garage, there was plenty of action in the waiting room. The numerous Shriners' plaques covering the walls spoke volumes about Jerry. It was his main charity. Jerry could multitask better than anyone I had ever seen. He could oversee a ten-bay garage, answer the phone, order repair parts, write up service tickets, and handle walk-in customers without missing a beat. But, that was not all he did. Jerry would often find a seat in the waiting room and talk about cooking and recipes as well as any chef!

Anyone who talked to Jerry very long learned about his love of fishing, a hobby that occupied many of his days off from work. Sometimes, Jerry would



Picture of Jerry Scott, courtesy of the Scott Family

talk about his family and his dogs. Over twenty plus years, we learned much about the man who would come out to the parking lot and check on a noise or headlight at no charge or tell you if a repair needed to be scheduled.

Last year, Jerry told me that I could write about him when he retired. Sadly, Jerry Scott passed away suddenly in early June. The Fountain City Auto Clinic owner and operator had been part of the area's business community for more than 48 years! His family is continuing on with the business for the customers of Fountain City. Jerry was a good friend to so many of us; and that is priceless! Jerry Scott was a very special person, and he will be greatly missed.



Rosie's World

Unknown Beautiful Thoughts

Every once in a while I come across a beautiful thought and I feel that I should share it with others. The following is an example:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve... I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things... I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy... I was given poverty, that I might

be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men... I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life... I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for--but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

These words are attributed to an unknown Confederate soldier and published on Google under "A Creed For Those Who Have Suffered." There are many articles written by people who went through harrowing events in their lives and wrote about them--but they forgot to sign their name! Perhaps they were on a lonely battlefield with only a

pencil and an envelope or paper towel and wrote words that came to their mind, not realizing that they would be carried down through the ages. Or, perhaps they were in a hospital room gasping for breath, when suddenly they found the strength to write down a thought that entered their minds.

An Irishman (or woman) wrote these words:

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May the rain fall soft upon your fields,

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Blessings to the people who passed their thoughts unto others. Their name doesn't matter but their words will always continue to nurture and comfort us as we meander through life.

Thought for the day: Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Langston Hughes, American poet, novelist and social activist.

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The 1948 Governor's Race in Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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As Tennessee entered the summer months of 1948, Governor Jim Nance McCord and Gordon Browning battled for the Democratic nomination to be chief executive of the state. Any campaign waged by Gordon Browning quickly became hard fought and the genteel McCord found himself hard pressed.

Governor McCord had the support of Tennessee's ruling faction inside the Democratic Party, led by senior United States senator Kenneth D. McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County machine. Yet McCord had a heavy burden to carry inside the primary, having induced the state legislature to institute a state sales tax. While 70% of the new sales tax went to fund education and children received free textbooks for the first time in the state's history, voters did not seem especially grateful. Crump had long been opposed to a state sales tax, but had finally allowed himself to be persuaded by McCord. The governor campaigned all across the state, reminding folks of the many benefits brought about by the revenue generated by the new tax. Nor did Gordon Browning pound McCord for the sales tax; in fact, the former governor readily admitted he would not urge the legislature to repeal the sales tax. Still, the wily Browning knew the voters who bitterly resented the tax would hold Jim McCord accountable. Gordon Browning had no objection to allocating the money himself, once he was governor.

Browning quickly scotched rumors that he would urge the repeal of the sales tax. The former governor wrote the editor of *The Parisian*, a weekly newspaper in rural West Tennessee, flatly stating, "These reports are put out by my enemies and it is not true that I will advocate repeal of the sales tax. "It is a figment of their brain when they circulate these rumors," Browning snapped.

Governor McCord, uneasy about the reaction of the voters to the sales tax, had been steadily traveling across Tennessee for a variety of events well before officially announcing his candidacy for a third two-year term in April of 1948. He flew to Bristol to attend a birthday celebration of General Julius Howell, a 102-year old Confederate veteran, "believed to be the lone surviving member of Gen. James Longstreet's famed corps."

The governor was the keynote speaker for the Democratic State Convention on April 15. The Democratic State party chairman, J. Frank Hobbs of Lawrenceburg, was especially close to Senator McKellar, and opponents of Jim McCord quickly questioned the choice of the governor. Hobbs pointed out the keynote speaker was usually a governor or senator

and noted that Senator Tom Stewart had been the keynote speaker in 1940 and Governor Prentice Cooper had served the same role in 1944.

As Gordon Browning continued to bitterly assail Ed Crump and the Memphis Boss responded with his usual huge paid advertisements in Tennessee newspapers, Governor McCord, speaking in Chattanooga, dared Browning to explain to the voters the details of Browning's own falling out with Crump in 1937. McCord demanded to know "what it was E. H. Crump told him to do that caused the split." The governor told his audience, "He can't tell you that because Mr. Crump made no demands and Browning knows it. Browning broke with Crump because of his own lust for power and the unit vote bill which he put through the legislature proved it."

Jim McCord was also the first candidate in Tennessee's history to release a filmed commercial to "a score or more" movie theatres in the state. The film featured the governor speaking directly to movie audiences, promoting his candidacy for reelection. The films were distributed the last two weeks of the campaign.

Tennessee newspapers began taking sides in the primary. The *Chattanooga Times* came out for Gordon Browning, as did the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* and the *Nashville Tennessean* constantly urged the former governor's election. The editorial endorsing Browning in the *Chattanooga Times* expressed its opposition to machine rule in Tennessee.

"The *Chattanooga Times* has a sincere liking for Gov. Jim Nance McCord," the editorial read. "He is one of the most amiable and personable men we have had in the governor's office for many years. But there is no prospect that he will ever stand up against Mr. Crump or even Mr. Frank Hobbs when the issue is the people versus the politicians."

The editorial in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* sounded the same theme, while reassuring voters that Browning possessed "great ability as a public administrator."

"We believe that Browning, as governor, would break the Crump machine and restore Tennessee affairs to public control.

"We believe, in short, that Browning would now make one of the best governors in Tennessee history."

It was a far cry from the 1938 election when even the *Tennessean* had deserted Browning and the former governor had been thoroughly denounced by virtually every daily newspaper in the state for the very same issue of dictatorship and heavy-handed tactics.

McCord tried hard to remind voters precisely why they had rejected Gordon



PART 2

Former governor Gordon Browning (left) and Congressman Estes Kefauver (right) in 1948.

Browning at the polls so decisively in 1938. In his second speech during the primary campaign in Cleveland, Tennessee, the governor tried to raise the specter of the hated county unit bill, which Browning had forced through the legislature over the furious opposition of both Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump.

"I ask you, Mr. Browning, is it your intention now to change the constitution of Tennessee in order that you might again pass the unit bill and make it constitutional, so that you might become the dictator of our state?"

McCord then hurried off to attend the annual Rhododendron Celebration at Roan Mountain, along with Senator Tom Stewart and Stewart's opponent, Judge John Mitchell.

Browning kept up his verbal barrage, pounding E.H. Crump. The former governor demanded to know if Crump would support the winners of the August Democratic primary. The Republicans were fielding serious candidates for both the governorship and the United States Senate and Browning suspected that Crump would refuse to support him and Congressman Estes Kefauver if they emerged as the victors of the primary campaign.

"I have never voted for a Republican in my life," the Memphis Boss sputtered, "and never expect to."

Few missed that Crump's statement was not a flat denial. The Memphis Boss did sniff, "There is no need for Browning to concern himself about the Democratic nominee. Jim McCord will beat him badly August 5th."

The war of words between Gordon Browning and Crump continued to escalate, especially when the Memphis Boss published enormous advertisements in many of Tennessee's daily newspapers. One of the milder passages in the Crump ads was the Memphis Boss's assertion, "Browning has about as much chance to beat Jim McCord on August 5th as a one legged grasshopper has in a turkey field."

Crump revived the details of Browning having proposed one of the bigger trades in Tennessee politics; namely

that Browning wanted to run for the U. S. Senate in the 1938 special election, if Crump would support him and Lewis Pope for governor. In turn, Browning would

support Crump in 1940 against Senator McKellar. It was a preposterous proposition, especially as Crump loathed Lewis Pope and it was quite unlikely that he would turn on his friend, K. D. McKellar. Although Browning vehemently denied Crump's version of his visit to the Memphis Boss in 1937, there was more ring of truth in Crump's account than Browning's own. After recounting Browning's proposal, Crump concluded one ad with, "In some respects Browning is a very, very bad man. In others, he is worse."

Crump reminded readers that in 1936 Gordon Browning had said, "that I was an honorable and worthy man; Memphis a fine and well governed city, and that 'The only people who have any grievance against Mr. Crump are those who want dishonesty in state government.'"

The Memphis Boss reprinted remarks made by Browning as he campaigned for governor in 1936 in Tiptonville.

"Two years ago when Mr. Crump aided in my defeat for the Senate I did not whimper about it and did not attempt to criticize him and abuse him for his action. Two weeks ago my opponent thought that Mr. Crump was sprouting wings. He was a gentleman, a statesman and a scholar to Dossett then, but when he came out for me, Mr. Crump suddenly became the state's worst enemy. I am getting tired of demagogues running around the state trying to prejudice the country against the city. I want to get rid of that sort of humbug for it has no place in Tennessee politics."

Browning was hardly embarrassed by the reminder and in fact, while speaking at Madisonville, declared he believed the Crump advertisements were helping his campaign. It was there Browning tried turning the issue to whether Crump would support the winners of the Democratic primary. Campaigning in Benton, Browning chortled, the Crump ads were "the best advertisement I've had during the campaign for governor."

The former governor cited the Crump advertisements as proof the governor's race was between "Crump and me", rather than between "McCord and me."

The bitter fight between

Crump and Browning certainly did overshadow Governor McCord, who kept plugging the sales tax in his campaign appearances. While speaking in Union City, McCord predicted if the sales tax were not repealed during the next four years, there would not be a single poor school building or "ramshackle" school bus in Tennessee.

E. H. Crump's newspapers also generated favorable publicity for Congressman Estes Kefauver. One of Crump's ads compared Kefauver to a raccoon rummaging around in a drawer. Kefauver showed up wearing a coonskin cap and declared that while he might be a raccoon, he was not Mr. Crump's pet coon. Thereafter, a live raccoon began a part of the traveling Kefauver road show.

Senator McKellar, having returned to Washington, D.C., issued an announcement he would cast his own absentee ballot for Governor Jim McCord and Judge John A. Mitchell for the United States Senate. Yet, for the first time in two decades, much of the McKellar organization simply ignored the senator's wishes. Many of the most important McKellar supporters in the state refused to abandon Senator Tom Stewart for Judge Mitchell. Herbert S. "Hub" Walters, Tennessee's Democratic National Committeeman and millionaire businessman, was as close to Senator McKellar as anyone, but he backed Stewart. Tennessee's "Unholy Trinity" in the state legislature - - James "Mr. Jim" Cummins of tiny Woodbury, Tennessee, I. D. Beasley of Carthage, and Walter "Pete" Haynes of Winchester, all worked hard for Tom Stewart. McKellar, frequently ill, could do very little to bring his friends and supporters in line for an obscure judge from Middle Tennessee. Stewart had worked steadily at his job and had done quite a few favors of his own for

Tennesseans.

Ed Crump had overreached and it had backfired.

Election brought disaster to the McKellar - Crump combine. Senator Stewart and Congressman Kefauver were running neck and neck until the returns from Shelby County came pouring in; Stewart received almost no votes in Shelby County. Kefauver received more than 27,000 votes in Shelby County, although Judge Mitchell handily carried Crump's domain. Gordon Browning got more than 20,000 votes in Shelby County, although he lost badly to Governor McCord. Twenty precincts in Shelby County opted to support either Kefauver or Browning, or both.

McCord had carried only upper East Tennessee, where Senator McKellar's organization was quite strong, and Crump's Shelby County. Gordon Browning won decisively. Estes Kefauver won the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate with a plurality of the vote.

Governor McCord was gracious in defeat.

"I made a clean campaign and accept the verdict of the party, and shall lend every aid to its complete success in the November election," McCord promised.

In Washington, when queried by reporters about the extent of the defeat of Governor Jim McCord and Judge Mitchell, Senator K. D. McKellar seemed stunned.

"There is nothing for me to say," McKellar said, before adding, "Three of the best Democrats in the state were defeated. That's all."

Senator McKellar was obviously referring to Jim McCord and John Mitchell in his statement, which begged the question of who was the third Democrat? He never did elaborate as to whether he meant his colleague Tom Stewart or his friend E. H. Crump.

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Fired county employees may have NO right to appeal **Fryer Talk**

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On the same day that the county settled with a former employee, the Knox County Commission voted to possibly change the "Personnel Plan" to permit employees to be fired without reason and have no appeals.

Dee Anne Reynolds, former Finance Manager for the Metropolitan Planning Commission agreed to accept \$800,000 in an offer from the county. She was dismissed by former MPC Director Mark Donaldson after she stood up for another woman who had charged sexual harassment.

Last Monday the County Commission passed, on first reading, a large revision to the employee policy that would apply to most county employees except for the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Basically the changes say that county workers fall into the "employee at will" category and may be dismissed for no cause.

"Knox County is under no obligation to follow these steps in sequence or even follow them at all," the proposed changes read. "Knox County reserves the right to terminate anyone's employment immediately without warning."

The current county employee manual reads:

"If you feel wronged by an employment action or decision, including disciplinary action such as a warning, suspension or termination you may file an appeal. You may not file an appeal about your salary, your benefits, your hours of work or a reduction in force."

The policy then details how appeals could be filed and how they would be heard.

The change in the employee regulations apparently came after the state attorney general notified the county that Tennessee is a "Right to Work State" and the language should be changed. The Focus learned there were several "letters of opinion" about the state law and the change involving county employees.

Commissioner Brad Anders noticed that change, or addition, to the proposed changes and spoke up about it, asking J. Myers Morton, Deputy Law Director, for his comments about the loss of the right to appeal a dismissal.

Morton explained the "at will" category but added that the change is "a very gray area" and said a court could "say differently."

Anders cited a situation where an employee may run for office or

support an opponent and asked if a political firing is permitted.

Morton replied that at-will employees can be fired and given no reason and added that could result in a civil rights suit. Anders again questioned the removal of the right to appeal language.

The change gives the right for elected department officials to adopt their own standards and rules outside the "Personal Plan" and apparently exempts elected officials from the regulations.

Other changes with the plan, which could be incorporated into the employee handbook, includes the addition of two fifteen-minute breaks each day for nursing mothers with children up to one year old, rewrites the sexual harassment, drug use and background check sections, and prohibits electric vapor cigarette use inside county buildings and vehicles.

The new employee rules must be passed on second reading in a regular commission meeting and that next meeting will see four new commission members. Morton said the proposal is to bring the county in compliance with state law.

The East Tennessee Community Design Center is pleased to announce the next in a series of informal conversations about community design, called Fryer Talks. The event will be August 30, 5:00 -7:00 p.m., at Dead End BBQ, 3621 Sutherland Avenue, Knoxville.

Fryer Talks are periodic forums, hosted by ETDCD, to engage the community in exploring relevant design issues in our region, and to remember a key founder, Gideon Fryer, who loved exploring ideas.

This talk, sponsored by RMX Technologies, LLC, will focus on best practices in zoning, in anticipation of a major update of the City Zoning Ordinance being conducted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. MPC executive director, Gerald Green will kick off the discussion and attendees will enjoy a free-flowing discussion. More info at: <http://contact/2bFbA1R>

The authority to change Knox County employee policy

Deputy Law Director J. Myers Morton informed The Focus Thursday that County Law Director Bud Armstrong authorized him to provide the following legal authority for reducing the Grievance Procedure for Knox County employees.

He quoted the Tennessee Court of Appeals decision that public employees without tenure or civil service protection are "employees at will."

"There are also cases in which the courts have determined an employee manual or handbook can form a contract between the employee and the employer. Under those circumstances the employee is no longer an employee at will," Morton said.

"Where county commission has hired an employee in a valid exercise of its authority a county may not unilaterally terminate that employee unless expressly authorized. Nor may a county mayor defund or abolish an entire county department without the approval of the county commission," he noted.

He noted several rulings authorizing changes including Tennessee statutes, a number of Tennessee Attorney General opinions and that county officials have the authority to adopt separate base personnel policies.

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Bearden gets defensive, routs Powell 57-20

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's football team got a little defensive Friday night in Powell.

The Bulldogs forced four first-half turnovers and quickly cashed the Panthers' miscues into points en route to a 57-20 victory in a non-region game on a sultry night at Scarbro Stadium.

Defense might've stolen the show early for the Bulldogs, but it was the Bearden

offense that threw the first haymaker against the host Panthers (0-2).

The Bulldogs (2-0) took the opening kickoff at their own 6-yard line. And that could've spelled disaster for the visitors.

But it didn't. Bearden marched 94 yards on eight plays. That drive ended when quarterback Dawson Houser threw a 16-yard scoring strike to Colton Tyler. John Matthew Lee's extra point made the

score 7-0 with 9 minutes 33 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Bearden's defense went to work when it got its first chance. Powell sophomore quarterback Carson Cole lofted an interception on the Panthers' sixth offensive play and Alex Majoras returned it for a score.

Powell fumbled on its next possession and that set up Houser's second touchdown pass, a 26-yarder to Jordan Ferguson to make

the score 21-0.

Bearden's defense added a safety and Ty Warren closed out the first quarter scoring with a short touchdown dash inside the final frame to make it 30-0.

Powell scored a pair of touchdowns early in the second stanza. Cole threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Smith and later scored on a 4-yard touchdown plunge to help the Panthers pull to within 30-14 with 7:22 remaining

until halftime.

Bulldogs Coach Morgan Shinlever said the win was a complete team effort.

"We're getting to the point where we can really feed off each other both offensively and defensively," said Shinlever, whose team has racked up 116 points in its first two games. "Whenever you get points from your defense, it's always going to make things easier for your offense."

"We had a good week

of practice and our practice was better than it was during preparation for Karns."

When the dust had settled by halftime, Bearden had a 50-14 lead.

After surrendering the first 14 points of the second frame, the Bulldogs scored 20 points over the next three-plus minutes.

Ferguson caught his second touchdown pass of the game. Warren had

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Talented youngsters help put Cherokees back in win column

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan didn't want to talk about the past Friday night. That's understandable. The present is looking pretty good and the future mighty fine.

A freshman and sophomore combined for three touchdown runs in South-Doyle's 34-3 win at Karns as the Cherokees ended a 12-game losing streak and enjoyed their first win since the 2014 season.

South-Doyle hardly looked like a team that would struggle throughout another football season. The Cherokees' talented youngsters are growing up and they have some veterans contributing as well. Now 1-1, with a season-opening loss to Central in the rear view, South-Doyle is looking forward to its first region test this week against visiting Heritage.

"We don't live in the past," said Duncan. "The past is the past as far as wins and losses are concerned. This football team has lost one game and has a chance to be very good."

"I thought we played pretty good tonight in all three phases of the game."

We're anxious to get ready and play Heritage and see what the future holds for this team."

Karns, rebuilding under new head coach Brad Taylor, showed flashes of promise as it dropped to 0-2. The



PHOTO BY JACK WITT

Karns senior Chance Schubert looks for running room against South-Doyle's Jake Harper (2) and the Cherokees' defense Friday night. South-Doyle rolled to a 34-3 win.

Beavers will have a realistic chance of breaking the win column this week when they host winless Clinton.

Freshman Elijah Young scored on runs of two and six yards and sophomore standout Ton'Quez Ball hauled in a 55-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Caleb Wender as South-Doyle pulled away from Karns. Senior running back Kent'ta Tanner also tallied twice for the Cherokees on runs of three and 43 yards.

Sam Frazier kept Karns from being shut out with his 37-yard field goal late in the first half that pulled the Beavers within 20-3.

Tanner's sprint down the left sideline on the first play after intermission dimmed the Beavers' comeback hopes.

The Cherokees opened

the game with an 18-yard run by Jake Harper and their drive included a TD pass to Ball nullified by a holding penalty.

Karns put together three first downs on its first possession, but its march stalled at the South-Doyle 28.

Trailing 7-0, the Beavers had a big play turn sour early in the second quarter when tight end Drew Weaver caught a 27-yard pass from Daniel Kitts but fumbled and linebacker Devonte Gunter recovered at the S-D 45. Two plays later, Wender hit Ball over the middle and he broke to the outside and couldn't be caught. Austin Morse's PAT kick made it 14-0.

A trick play by South-Doyle late in the second quarter may have been the call of the game. Facing

fourth-and-10 at the Karns 48, the Cherokees, in punt formation, snapped the ball to the up-back, AJ Nunn, who is a backup QB, and he threw a 41-yard pass to Ball for a first down at the Karns 7. Tanner finished it off two plays later to extend South-Doyle's lead to 20-0.

Linebacker Clarence Jackson sacked Daniels on the first play of the second half to put Karns in a hole. An interception by Austin Shuler halted Karns' next possession and the Cherokees' offense responded with a 77-yard scoring drive and Young's second TD for the final score of the game.

"I believe a team learns more from Week 1 to Week 2," said Coach Duncan, "and we made some great strides from last week to this week."

A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

Key region games highlight Week 3 in prep football

By Steve Williams

High school football dives into region play this week and several key games are on the schedule.

Through the first two weeks of the season, only one region contest had been played locally, with Oak Ridge winning big in a Thursday night TV opener at Clinton in Region 3-5A.

Hardin Valley, which had a week to rest up after a tough loss at West, will test unbeaten Bearden in Region 1-6A in Thursday night's TV game on MyVLT.

Maryville, which was scheduled to play at Fulton in a TV clash this past Saturday night, will visit its head coach's old stomping grounds Friday night at Jefferson County in another Region 1-6A contest. George Quarles, the Red Rebels' highly successful coach, played his high school ball at Jefferson County.

West, which rolled to a 34-7 win at Sevier County with Drake Peer taking over the quarterback reins, will host Halls to highlight Region 2-5A action. Both teams are 2-0 overall.

In other Region 2-5A play, Gibbs goes to Powell,

with both teams seeking their first win, and South-Doyle hosts Heritage.

Farragut and Oak Ridge will match 2-0 records at Blankenship Field in a Region 3-5A headliner that will be telecast on WBIR. Karns also will entertain Clinton in Region 3-5A action.

Catholic, the defending Class 4A state champion, will be seeking to avenge last season's loss to Central when it invades Fountain City and Fulton travels to Anderson County in Region 2-4A matchups.

RODGERS RETURNS:

Catholic star wide receiver Amari Rodgers, who went out with an injury in the season opener against Morristown West, made his presence felt quickly in the Irishmen's 45-0 win over Christ Presbyterian Academy Friday night at Vanderbilt.

The game was called by lightning with over nine minutes remaining in the third quarter.

"We played well tonight and got off to a good start," said Catholic Coach Steve Matthews via e-mail. "The first play of the game was a touchdown pass from Chase Cunningham to Amari Rodgers."

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Central High's Bailey Maybrier (27) battles for the ball with Julia Powers in the Lady Bobcats' 2-0 victory over the Lady Eagles at Dan Y. Boring Stadium on a night when Central celebrated the 30th anniversary of the school's girls soccer program.

Central off to fast start in landmark season

By Ken Lay

In a year that's seeing Central High School celebrate the 25th anniversary of its girls soccer program, the 2016 Lady Bobcats may be making their own march toward school history.

The current Lady Bobcats have yet to be saddled with a loss as they've won seven of their first eight games.

Central (7-0-1, overall, 3-0 in District 3-AAA) picked up its most recent win over William Blount Thursday night in Maryville.

Senior Bailey Maybrier scored five goals Thursday night to lead the Lady Bobcats to a 6-4 victory over the Lady Governors. In addition to winning in Blount County last week, Central (which got another goal from Lexie Reins Thursday) picked up a 2-0 district home win over Gibbs Tuesday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

The Lady Bobcats, who also have district victories over Clinton and Black Oak Ridge rival Halls, helped some past players and coaches celebrate the 30th anniversary of the school's first win on the soccer pitch for the girls program.

That victory actually occurred on Sept. 3, 1991 and Tuesday was supposed to be the home opener for the 2016 Lady Bobcats but Mother Nature had other ideas.

Central opened the 2016 campaign on its new turf field at home against the Lady Dragons on Monday, Aug. 15. That match was moved to Fountain City when Clinton's field was soaked by rain.

Tuesday saw the return of former coaches including Tom Green (who started the program and later returned to assist Pat Berry), Berry and longtime assistant Ray Smith.

Former players Dawn Turpin Walsh, Taryn

McLean, Allison Lore, Lori Hipsher Hurd and Jessica Hipsher Stafford were also honored before the match against the Lady Eagles (0-1-1 overall, 0-1 in the district).

Following the ceremony, the 2016 Central squad recorded a 2-0 win over a young Gibbs side that mustered only four shots against Lady Bobcats' goalkeepers Chloe Maxey (who started and played the first half) and Ashton Blair, a freshman, who finished the match in net.

Central coach Bill Mize was pleased with his team after the crucial league win.

"We're 6-0-1 and we'll take that," Mize said after his Lady Bobcats shut out the resident girls high school team from Corryton. "This is our best start in a long time.

"This was a special night for our program."

Mize has deep ties to Central High School girls soccer. He's been an assistant coach and is in his second stint as the head man. He coached one season while Berry was undergoing cancer treatment. Mize's daughter also played at Central several years ago.

The Lady Bobcats scored early against the Lady Eagles. It was Blair who gave CHS a 1-0 lead when she tallied in the fifth minute.

Maybrier added a second goal for the Lady Bobcats in the 59th minute.

Mize noted that he's rotated Blair and Maxey (a senior) in goal all season and judging from the team's early success, the formula has worked nicely.

"We've used both Ashton and Chloe all year and both have done a good job," Mize said.

The duo certainly impressed Gibbs coach Jason French, who also lauded the Lady Bobcats for a stellar effort.

"I knew [Blair] was really good," French said. "Both of their keepers are really good. Unfortunately, we didn't really test them all that much.

"We have a young team. I have a lot of freshmen and sophomores and they have to learn the difference between high school and middle school soccer. They [the Lady Bobcats] are good, man. They're quick and they're physical. They've got a good team."

Key region games highlight Week 3 in prep football

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"I was glad to see our players overcome the adversity in the news from last week (forfeit to Morristown West for the use of an ineligible player), and we're looking forward to playing an excellent Central team."

BOBCATS FALL: Central (1-1) went on the road for the second time and was handed a 17-13 loss by a tough Campbell County ball club.

"Our team played really well and gave everything they had," said Central Coach Bryson Rosser via e-mail. "We just didn't make enough plays throughout the game to be in a position to win. We had opportunities and just came up short. We were expecting a physical and tough contest from Campbell County and they did a great job. We will continue to get better and get prepared for a huge region game (this) week."

QUARLES' INSPIRATION: Maryville Coach George Quarles says his dad, Bill Quarles, has been an inspiration in his career. "My dad was a head basketball coach at Jefferson

High School in Jefferson City in the early 70's," noted Quarles recently via e-mail.

"He never gave me any coaching advice, but I watched how competitive he was (and is) and that always inspired me. I never want to disappoint my dad.

"He was always kind of superstitious, so I learned not to be superstitious," added George. "I work hard at not being that way. Ha ha."

George Quarles played football at Jefferson County High from 1982-84. He was a wide receiver and defensive back his sophomore and junior seasons and the Patriots' quarterback his senior year.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Nearly 30 years ago, on Sept. 7, 1996, Davey Gillum had a big night in Anderson County's 47-23 win at West. Gillum had two touchdowns in a 34-point outburst in the second quarter and finished the night with 172 yards rushing on 19 carries and three TDs for the 2-0 Mavericks. Today Gillum is Anderson County's head coach.

Farragut, HVA play to early-season draw

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School girls soccer coach Dennis Lindsay knows that his talented and battle-tested squad must take advantage of its scoring chances in District 4-AAA matches.

But he also knows that the Lady Admirals didn't do that Wednesday night.

Farragut outshot rival Hardin Valley Academy 9-3 in the latest meeting between the two powerhouse programs, which have combined to win the last five district and region tournament championships.

But when the dust had settled after 80 minutes of intense competition the two squads left HVA deadlocked in a 1-1 draw.

"We had our chances. That's for sure," Lindsay said. "You've got to score when you have those chances."

Farragut (2-0-1 overall, 1-0-1 in District 4-AAA) controlled the tempo and held a territorial advantage throughout the first half. The

Lady Admirals also mustered six shots in the opening half while the Lady Hawks (1-0-2, 1-0-1) mustered just one shot that landed on frame over the first 40 minutes.

But Hardin Valley sophomore goalkeeper Taylor Mauck stopped all shots she faced before halftime and the teams slugged through a scoreless first period despite the fact that Farragut generated several scoring chances off of set pieces such as corner kicks.

Morgan Carbaugh, Farragut's sophomore netminder, made three saves in the contest.

And it seemed that Lindsay was satisfied with the draw.

"We're no slouches but we just played a good team over there," he said. "They're a talented team and they're well-coached.

"But you have to take advantage of your chances. We had a couple of really good chances in the second half."

The Lady Admirals finally broke through when Eryn Hill buried a 35-yard free kick in to the back of the Lady Hawks' net in the 43rd minute.

"That was a great shot," Lindsay said of Hill's marker. "It was right where it needed to be."

HVA would answer a short time later when Gwen Breslin took a pass from Bailey Sipos and promptly banged it past Carbaugh to knot the game, 1-1, in the 51st minute.

HVA coach Nick Bradford knew his team had its struggles on this sultry late-August night but said that the equalizer was a thing of beauty for his side.

"Our goal tonight came from great individual play," he said after watching the Lady Hawks play two championship-caliber teams on back-to-back nights.

Hardin Valley and Powell also played to a tie Tuesday night in a battle of defending district champions. The Lady Panthers won the

Lady Admirals cruise past young Bearden squad

By Ken Lay

It took less than an hour for the Farragut High School volleyball team to sweep past rival Bearden in the District 4-AAA opener for both teams at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Thursday night.

But Lady Admirals coach Susan Davidson is still looking for improvement from her squad, which hasn't lost a regular-season district match in more than two years.

"We had some hitting errors. I counted nine or 10 times that we hit the ball out long," Davidson said after her squad notched a 25-11, 25-9, 25-13 victory over the Lady Bulldogs. "We have two young setters and they're setting for some of our more experienced hitters and I think that's where some of our hitting errors are coming from.

"It's early but overall, I'm extremely pleased. We had those hitting errors and we'll have to get back into practice and work on those things. But it was a fun night for us."

The night was anything but fun for Bearden first-year coach Linda Sanchez, who has only two returners with varsity experience from last year's team that reached the Class AAA State Tournament.

"We not only lost players to graduation," said Sanchez, who inherited the program from Zach Forгани, who is currently completing some college course work. "We lost some players to other schools and then we had some other players who just didn't want to finish playing here.

"Farragut is a good team and this is a tough year for our girls. But that doesn't change the level at which we want to compete. We hold these girls in high regard and we want them to play well."

Thursday night's 2016 league opener marked the third consecutive year that the Lady Bulldogs (1-9 overall, 0-1 in District 4-AAA) and Lady Admirals played their first league match against each other. It was also the

third straight year that Farragut (10-2, 1-0) made short work of its Kingston Pike rival.

In each of the last two years, Bearden has bounced back to make a deep post-season run.

The Lady Admirals have reached the state tournament in each of those three years and they've played for the Class AAA Title in 2014 and 2015.

Farragut has high expectations but Davidson said that she fully expects the Lady Bulldogs to get better.

"Bearden is scrappy and I expect them to continue to improve with their new coach," she said.

This night, however, belonged to the Lady Admirals, who were scarcely challenged in the 54-minute match.

Senior Alexis Parker, an Indiana commitment, had 17 kills, three blocks and seven digs. Anne Abernathy, who has committed to Wingate, added seven kills, three blocks and two digs.

It was also a big night for setters Sydney Cherney (who finished with 19 assists, 10 points and three aces) and Allison Yander, who scored 14 points (including two aces).

Senior libero Madi Howell (a Clemson commitment) had nine digs and three aces for the Lady Admirals, who face two tough road tilts early this week.

Bearden's Claire Wilson had 15 digs. She and Kristin Dowling are the lone returners for the Lady Bulldogs.

Farragut plays District 3-AAA power Anderson County in Clinton today (Aug. 29) at 6 p.m. The Lady Admirals then travel to Maryville to face the Lady Rebels Tuesday before hosting Heritage Thursday.

Maryville, which features Bearden transfers Logan Kael and Chesney McClellan, looks to compete for the district title along with Farragut, Heritage and Hardin Valley Academy.

District 3-AAA Tournament title in 2015.

"We knew that this was going to be tough," Bradford said. "We knew that coming in and we knew that was going to be the case even if we didn't play a tough game the night before."

Wednesday's match was originally scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18 but rain pelted the area and forced it to be played this week.

For her part, Breslin, a junior, said that she wanted to be the one to turn the tide.

"I wanted to be the one to help us tie the game or win it," she said. "There was definitely more motivation after they scored."

Wednesday night's draw at HVA now means that the top four teams (the Lady Hawks, Farragut, Bearden and Maryville) each have a draw on their respective league records.

Bearden and Maryville played to a scoreless tie on Thursday, April 18.

Halls edges Austin-East 41-38

By Alex Norman

The Austin-East Roadrunners and the Halls Red Devils each opened the 2016 schedule with a victory.

After their meeting on Thursday, August 25, only the Red Devils could still boast that they were undefeated.

In an entertaining early season matchup, Halls rallied for a 41-38 victory.

"Our kids refuse to quit fighting and play with everything they have," said Halls head coach J.D. Overton. "Senior leadership and experience play an enormous role in this."

The Red Devils received the opening kickoff, drove to the A-E 9 yard line, but would get no further. They settled for a Briggs Marcantel field goal, and took a 3-0 lead.

The Roadrunners wasted no time getting into scoring position when Shannon Cozart returned the opening kickoff inside the Halls 10. Three plays later, Austin-East quarterback Darius Harper found Cozart alone in the middle

of the field for a 7-yard scoring pass play. A faked extra point try for two didn't work, and A-E had a 6-3 lead with 5:42 to go in the first quarter.

The Red Devils answered with a 52-yard drive, punctuated by a two yard touchdown run by Cooper Cook. The drive was saved when on 3rd and 15, Caden Harbin found Matthew Runge-Gold on a 25-yard pickup. It was 10-6 Red Devils with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter.

After forcing a 3 and out from the Roadrunners defense, the Red Devils offense was looking for more. Harbin ran for a first down on a fake punt option on 4th and 4 near midfield. Then, one 4th and 2 from the A-E 10, Harbin threw it to a diving Runge-Gold in the end zone. It was Runge-Gold's 4th touchdown of the young season. With 8:47 left in the first half, Halls was in control 17-6.

The Roadrunners drove into Red Devils territory, but Colton McMahan sacked Harper for a 9 yard loss, and Austin-East would punt

a couple of plays later.

Halls (2-0) went three and out for the first time on the evening, and got a break when a low punt went through a maze of bodies and eventually stopped at the 32 yard line.

The Roadrunners offense only needed nine seconds to turn that great field position into points when Harper, a verbal commitment to Coastal Carolina, hit Cozart in the middle of the field, and Cozart outran the Halls defense to the end zone. The two point conversion attempt was no good, and it was a 17-12 game and that was the score at the break.

In the third quarter both offenses once again scored early and often. First it was Harper with a short pass that Kashif Warren turned into a 72 yard scoring play only 66 seconds into the half, as A-E jumped out to an 18-17 lead.

A couple of minutes later, the Harper to Warren combo worked on another big play, this time 54 yards, and with 8:45 left in the third quarter, A-E was on top 25-17.

But Halls struck right back when Runge-Gold returned the kickoff 79 yards to the A-E 6. The offense stalled but Harbin would find the end zone with a gusty 19-yard run on fourth down. The conversion was no good, but Halls was within two.

A short field goal from Briggs Marcantel put Halls up 26-25 with 2:34 left in the third quarter. But now the Roadrunners offense was clicking. Harper called his own number, ran 22 yards up the middle, breaking a couple of tackles, and Austin-East (1-1) was back in front 31-26.

In the fourth, the Roadrunners would extend the lead on another big play from Harper, this time a 52 yard slant to Cozart, and with 10:43 to go, Austin-East was up 38-26.

On 4th and goal from the 3, Harbin ran into the end zone and with 7:27 to go it was a 38-33 game. That was also the third successful 4th down conversion of the game for Halls.

"The 4th down conversions you

mention were important because 2 of them were on 4th and goal, which we scored," said Overton. "Our kids are resilient due to our off-season program and senior leadership/experience."

With 2:34 to go Halls got the ball back at their own 39. On 2nd and 5 from the Halls 49, Cook took a handoff, broke multiple tackles, and ran 43 yards to the A-E 8. A couple of plays later, Cook fell into the end zone from a yard out with 1:28 left. The 2 point conversion was true, and it was 41-38 Halls.

The Roadrunners would have to go 82 yards in 81 seconds to win. On 4th and 5 at the A-E 35, Harper would be sacked, and Halls would run out the clock.

"Our offense has been incredible since the first couple of games last season," said Overton. "We averaged over 35 points per game last season, with all of our receivers and running backs off that team back. Caden is the only new skill player, and he is more than capable to run our offense."

Halls golfers topple Farragut at Fox Den

By Steve Williams

Halls High's boys golf team continues to enjoy beating Farragut this season.

The Red Devils' latest victory over their old nemesis also took place on the Admirals' home course at Fox Den Country Club.

Alex Hodge, Halls' lone senior, and Anthony Basilio, one of four juniors, each shot a three-over-par 39 to lead Thursday's win.

Longtime coach Bill Warren's Red Devils totaled 159 to Farragut's 167. Maryville (171) and Lenoir City (180) completed the team scoring.

Cameron Page, a junior who transferred to Farragut from Florida this summer, took medalist honors with a 35. Teammate Steven Haremski had a 38.

While Farragut had the top two individual scorers, Halls won with balanced scoring and depth.

Ryan Hall, a junior who has committed to the University of South Carolina, came within a foot of scoring an eagle on his final hole, the uphill No. 3. He tapped in for a birdie to finish with a 40. MTSU commit Jake Hall posted a 41.

"It's always special when we play Farragut because they're the ones who put us out of our region the past couple years," said Halls' Will Collins, who shot a 43. "Anytime we can play Farragut, especially at their home course, it's special. We like to beat them every time we can."

Prior to Thursday's match, Halls had defeated Farragut



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Halls senior Alex Hodge putts in Thursday's match at Fox Den Country Club. Hodge shot a 39 as the Red Devils continued their winning ways this season.

this season en route to winning the PrepXtra Masters at Tennessee National Golf Club in Loudon.

"The Tennessee National is where we're having the region tournament (2-AAA) this year, and we got a win there, so that was big," said Collins. "That's where it'll end up mattering the most."

Although Halls won, Collins said, "It was not our best day. A lot of us didn't keep it in the fairway, which is kind of key out here. It's a tight golf course, especially

with the greens the way they are. You really can't hit a lot of shots out of the rough and expect them to stop."

Collins said his team overcame its accuracy issues by "just grindin'."

In girls' play, Farragut prevailed with a two-player total of 85. Halls and Maryville tied at 90 and Lenoir City totaled 94.

Farragut's Domitille Chambon and Halls' Shelby Liford each shot 42 to share medalist honors. The Lady Admirals' Emily Keeling had a 43.

Dr. Tom Kim Charity Golf Tournament to honor humanitarian Bill Williams

Golfers and supporters of The Free Medical Clinic of America who participate in this year's 8th Annual Dr. Tom Kim Charity Golf Tournament will have the opportunity to honor a TV news legend and outstanding East Tennessee humanitarian, former WBIR-TV Channel 10 news anchor Bill Williams.

The tournament is scheduled for Wednesday morning, Sept. 21, at the newly renovated Egwani Farms Golf Course in Rockford. Proceeds from the event will go to the Free Medical Clinic, which provides free treatment for uninsured working adults throughout Knox and neighboring counties.

Individuals, companies and organizations wishing to participate in or support the Dr. Kim tournament can do so by going to the clinic web site, www.freemedicalclinic.net, and click on the charity golf tournament link at the top or bottom of the home

page. Those interested can sign up as a sponsor, register as a player or as a team, donate merchandise or gift cards to be presented as prizes to tournament winners, or submit cash donations.

Sponsorship levels include Eagle (\$5,000), Birdie (\$2,500), Par (\$1,000), Media (no set dollar amount), contest (\$500 per contest) and hole (\$100 per hole). Eagle sponsors are entitled to two teams, while Birdie and Par sponsors get one team. Participation fees are \$500 per team, or \$125 per individual. Supporters and participants are asked to sign up and pay their fees by August 31. All teams and players who register and pay fees by September 19 will be accepted; however, late registrants may not receive a golf shirt.

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Bearden gets defensive, routs Powell 57-20

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another short touchdown run and Matt Carr returned another interception for a score with 2:22 remaining until halftime.

Shinlever noted that he was pleased with the way this squad bounced back after permitting Powell to score two touchdowns.

"We knew Powell had some playmakers and you saw what they could do when we got a little

lackadaisical with our schemes," he said.

While the defense came up big for the Bulldogs, they also had a potent and balanced offensive attack.

Houser completed 13 of his 16 pass attempts and amassed 204 yards and threw for three touchdowns. Ferguson had six receptions for 116 yards and scored twice while Tyler finished with a pair of catches (including the

game's first touchdown).

On the ground, Warren had 12 carries for 85 yards and two touchdowns.

The lopsided margin gave Shinlever a chance to use some younger players. D.J. Cox had a late 1-yard touchdown, run for the Bulldogs, who finished the game with 422 total yards.

Powell scored its last touchdown on Cole's 48-yard scamper early in the final frame.

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ALCOA Class AAA, R2	vs. Webb W, 38-13	vs. William Blount W, 45-7	vs. Loudon	vs. Maryville	vs. Scott	vs. Heritage	vs. McMinn Central	OPEN	vs. Kingston	vs. Red Bank	vs. CAK
SEYMOUR Class 4A, R1	vs. King's Academy W 42-27	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 28-9	vs. Sullivan South	OPEN	vs. Sullivan Central	vs. Sullivan East	vs. Cherokee	vs. Scott	vs. Grainger	vs. Volunteer	vs. Greeneville
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CARTER Class 4A, R2	vs. Halls L, 23-27	vs. Jefferson County L, 22-40	vs. Union County	vs. West	vs. Central	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Fulton	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Catholic	vs. Gibbs	vs. Anderson County
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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Celebrating Life

My friend always said she wanted to stop traffic on Kingston Pike, and last week she did. Not only did Chris stop traffic in West Knoxville, she caused people to pause in reverence as her horse drawn hearse left Mann's Heritage Chapel and traveled down Kingston Pike with a motorcycle police escort. Even workers at Krispy Kreme lined the sidewalk to witness something that hasn't been seen in a century.

I never know where my stories will come from, but they always arrive. When my kids were young we often watched a movie called The Neverending Story. Sometimes that's what I imagine as another story presents itself to me. Perhaps someday all my stories will be told, but it hasn't happened yet.

I love Christmas movies and one of my favorites is A Christmas Carol starring Patrick Stewart of Star Trek fame. This rendition begins with an 1840s funeral procession replete with a

horse drawn black carriage just like we experienced on Kingston Pike.

Funerals are for the living. We gather to pay respect to the deceased, but more importantly to support the deceased's family - and each other. When I hosted a book signing for my novel, "Epiphany," I was astounded that so many people showed up out of love and respect rather than for my prose. As I greeted each of them and signed books, I imagined what a funeral might be like for me.

John Donne, in his poem "For Whom the Bell Tolls," once said, "Any man's death diminishes me." While that may be true, some deaths might seem as a release from suffering or the end of a hopeless persistence. However, it seems that the death of a child is different and confounds our human sense of fairness.

A tragedy recently occurred in our family when one of my daughter's students was killed by a reckless driver. I didn't know Fallon, but I felt empathy

through my daughter's pain. In trying to make sense of the seemingly senseless, my daughter lamented, "Children expand our hearts and in so doing leave them wide open to breaking." I believe to be fully human we must love and be loved, even if it makes us vulnerable to pain. The philosophy of the song "I Am a Rock" by Simon and Garfunkel is not an option.

Perhaps the oldest story in the Bible is the book of Job. No one knows the author of this wisdom writing or when it was written. I suspect the story originated in a predominantly aural society millennia before Christ, and was finally recorded in Hebrew scripture around 500 BC. It deals with the suffering of a righteous man and explores the "theodicy question," of Divine justice.

We still struggle with life's seeming unfairness. Perhaps the Greek philosopher Epicurus read of Job's ordeal in the 4th century BC when he asked how an omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God could allow evil to occur. Later, in the 5th century AD, Augustine would ask, "If there is no God, why is there so much good?"

Charles Templeton was a contemporary of Billy Graham. Templeton was flummoxed by what he considered tragic injustice and this led to a crisis of faith. He ultimately renounced God and died a demented broken man. Graham

surrendered his life to trusting in God just like the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky who said, "If anyone prove to me that Christ was outside the truth, then I would choose to remain with Christ rather than the truth." Is this blind faith or the choice of a better way to approach life?

Words often pop into my mind for no explicable reason. Most would find this odd; my wife does. The ancients thought that dreams were a conveyance for communications from the eternal. I'm not so sure because dreams seem so haphazard to me. I once dreamed I was elected Pope and Becky was "Pope-ette!" Like I said, dreams are odd, and I believe occur as the mind sorts through events of the day, culls most thoughts and stores some experiences alongside other memories. Perhaps the words that pop into my mind are like the memory associations of dreams.

As my friend was placed respectfully in the carriage by pall bearers, the word caisson came to me. I first heard this word in the march "and the caissons go rolling along." A caisson is a



before the new order relegated so much of medicine to new definitions of "care." Her "joie de vie" (joy of life) never left her though her health waned as

two-wheeled cart designed to carry ammunition. Later, as I studied medicine, I discovered a caisson is also "a watertight chamber used in underwater construction." Workers building the Brooklyn Bridge labored on the foundation deep beneath the East River inside a watertight compartment after high pressure had forced the water out. Unfortunately, the high pressure caused excessive nitrogen to be dissolved into the worker's circulation. Then, when they came up from their labors the nitrogen bubbled out of their blood stream causing strokes, rupturing lungs and causing severe abdominal pain known as the bends. The same phenomena can occur in scuba diving unless one is aware of the physics of decompression and avoid prolonged time under water at excessive depths.

My friend and patient was a nurse whose lifelong passion was caring for others. She epitomized the way her profession is remembered,

infirmities gained on her through the years. In the end she did not linger, and that is a blessing. The same can't be said for the young lady named, Fallon, taken too young by any human calculation.

I have no explanation for why some die young and others drink deeply from the draft of life. Nor do I have an explanation why the life force continues into debility and beyond medical cure. What I have learned is that the universe is majestic and life is tenuous and precious. It is our job to love and be thankful for each day we're granted. This is the meaning of life and the only way we can make any sense of the otherwise inexplicable.

(If you liked this essay, perhaps you'd like my book of essays entitled, Well...What Did the Doctor Say? The book is available online at Amazon as well as Barnes&Noble.com. A great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer!)

Hobo Visits the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Hobo the Wonder Dog joined Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash for a walk down the Little Pigeon River a few weekends ago. Superintendent Cash is excited and committed to the next generation of park enthusiasts as they will be the ones to forge the future of our national parks. Hobo and I encourage you if you have the opportunity to hike with Superintendent Cash; he is energetic, lighthearted, spirited, and enthusiastic about the future of our national parks. You can't help but be excited about the park when you are in the company of Cassius Cash, he



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

is inspiring and enlightening to everyone he meets. Visit www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/gsmnp-hike-100.htm to learn more about the Smokies Centennial Challenge - Hike 100 and opportunities to hike with Superintendent Cash.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park with about ten million visitors to the park annually. I estimate there are at least one hundred thousand dogs visiting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with their families each year. Hobo the Wonder Dog explores the dos and don'ts and ways to enjoy your dog in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park:

Opportunities for pets while visiting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park:

- Dogs are allowed in campgrounds, picnic areas, and along roads
 - Trails you can hike with your dog are the Gatlinburg Trail and the Oconaluftee River Trail
- Remember, when in public with your dog you represent all dog owners and the park is no different. Dogs must be under control at all times, on a leash no longer than six feet, excrement disposed of in a trash receptacle or removed into the wood line at least fifteen feet from any public use area. I advocate having good manners, social skills, and basic obedience for your dog. Mastering the basics ensures a pleasurable time is had by all as it opens a world to explore and enjoy with your dog.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park has prohibited dogs on backcountry trails since

the 1930's for various reasons. However, I would encourage you to enjoy the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the areas open to dogs. The most memorable observation we made on our hike was the infectious and vibrant personality of Superintendent Cash and his commitment to the youth as the next generation of our national parks.

Hobo the Wonder Dog gives the Great Smoky Mountains National Park four paws up for the enthusiasm, cleanliness, and beauty along the Gatlinburg Trail. From the sounds of the Little Pigeon River, to the mystery of old chimneys and cemeteries; this two-mile walking trail is worth every step. Hobo and I hope to see you on the Gatlinburg Trail on our next visit to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Life is better with a dog! Woof!

Motorcycle club helps children's home

For the second consecutive year Smoky Mountain Children's Home is the recipient of a donation from the Widows Sons Motorcycle Riding Association, a group of caring individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. Mark "Macky" McIntyre, President of the Dragons Chapter of the Widows Sons Riding Association of Sevierville, along with the Hillbilly Chapter of Robbins, Tennessee, have established this fundraiser for the benefit of the Children's Home coinciding with their annual rally, which was held June 24-26, 2016.

The Dragons and the Hillbilly Chapters—both of the Masonic Motorcycle Riding Association—held their annual rally at the Sevier County Fairgrounds, representing 14 states and Canada. In all, approximately 200 people attended the three-day event

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By Rose Davidson

on your next visit to any participating restaurant: No Way Jose's restaurants, the Iron Boar Saloon, Blaine's Grill and Bar in Gatlinburg and JT Hannah's in Pigeon Forge. (I

received my free dessert there. Great food! That's for another column!) From that point, you will begin earning 10% cash back on every food purchase. So every time you dine, you earn! You can choose to use your card each time for a 10% discount, or you can save up for later. Now that the introductions and details are out of the way, let's get to the food! Many of you know I am a California transplant and am used to a Mexican restaurant on every corner. Therefore, I'm a bit picky when it comes to Mexican food. I'd say that No Way Jose's does a good job at capturing the authenticity of California-style Mexican food. If you want a more authentic Mexican-style food experience, you should go to El Paso's in Sevierville.

For the light eaters, there is a wonderful Chicken Fiesta soup: chicken simmered in broth with corn, cilantro, jalapenos and roasted bell peppers for only \$3.25. Salad

choices range from \$3.95 for a garden salad to other various entrée salads in the seven dollar range such as Chicken and Avocado salad, Taco Salad, or a Sizzling Fajita Salad. A great shareable appetizer is the Macho Nachos—a tempting pile of cheesy crunchy goodness. The Taquitos, shredded beef or chicken, are a meal in itself. Each taquito is quite large and served with a tasty side of chili con queso, for only \$5.95. I had to take one home with me. I haven't tried the burritos but they look more than ample and I am pleased to say they serve a vegetarian burrito. The fajitas range from \$11.95-\$15.95 for all the usual meat proteins, but if you want vegetarian fajitas, they have a delicious version for \$10.95 with



Give the Chicken and Lime Enchilada a try sometime!

broccoli, carrots, red bell pepper and green beans. It goes without saying that the tacos are tasty. So I'll move forward and tell you there are many entrées that stand out at this restaurant. One of my favorites, for only \$8.95, is the Chicken and Lime Enchilada. They roast and hand pull chicken, combine it with cheddar and jack cheeses, cilantro, lime sauce and top it with a sour cream sauce. Decadent! Another terrific enchilada dish is the Sweet Corn and Chicken Enchilada for \$9.95. They use shredded chicken baked in creamed corn with red and green peppers and sour cream sauce. Other notable savory specialties are the Chili Relleno, Baja Chicken and Shrimp, Arroz con Pollo, Flautas and more, all served with

a delectable sweet corn masa cake. Fried Ice Cream is always a sweet way to end the evening. They roll scrumptious vanilla bean ice cream in coated corn flakes and ground cinnamon, fry it, top it with chocolate sauce and whipped cream for only \$4.25. Other yummy options are the Caramel Flan topped with grilled pineapple and whipped cream (\$3.35), as well as their Vanilla Bean Sundae with chocolate mousse, raspberry sauce, whipped cream, drizzled chocolate and caramel with fresh churro sticks. (\$4.95) *Muy dulce!!!*

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which highlighted Smoky Mountain Children's Home as their charity beneficiary. Widows Sons Riding Association boasts of six chapters in Tennessee, with numerous other chapters throughout the United States.

Mr. McIntyre presented Dr. Walt Mauldin, Executive Director of SMCH, with a check for \$3,500 raised by the rally attendees, exceeding the amount raised last year of \$2,000. Next year the chapters have committed to raising \$5,000 at this annual event. "Macky" McIntyre stated, "It is an honor for us to partner with Smoky Mountain Children's Home in caring for less fortunate children and youth. Hopefully, we will help to positively affect these young lives toward a better future by the contributions we provide."

Dr. Mauldin said, "Sevierville and Sevier County, along with surrounding counties, are tremendously benevolent towards Smoky Mountain Children's Home, as this motorcycle riding association so clearly demonstrates. The Dragon Chapter and the Hillbilly Chapter have demonstrated what caring for children is all about: becoming intentionally and actively involved in preparing our children and youth for a better future...a future which blesses them and their community...a future for which they can be proud."

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