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City celebrates Cumberland renovation completion

By Ken Lay

The City of Knoxville had plenty to celebrate Thursday afternoon as area elected officials gathered to mark the end of a project that took over two years to complete.

The city had a ribbon-cutting on a hot and humid afternoon to celebrate the virtual completion of the renovation of Cumberland Avenue, a venture that took more than 28 months to finish.

The celebration was held at the Howard Baker Center.

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam conceived the idea to renovate the area commonly known as The Strip when he was Knoxville's City Mayor. He was on hand for the celebration Thursday and he commended Mayor Madeline Rogero for continuing the work that he officially began in 2007.

"I would like to thank and commend Mayor Rogero for continuing what we began and for seeing this thing through," Haslam said. "During my 14 years of public service as a mayor and governor, I've learned one thing.

"That's that hard stuff is hard and that you don't meet much resistance



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

The City of Knoxville celebrates the completion of the Cumberland Avenue Construction Project with a ribbon cutting. Dignitaries at the ceremony included: Councilman Daniel Brown; Director of Redevelopment Anne Wallace; Deputy to the Mayor Bill Lyons; Governor Bill Haslam; Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero; Councilman Nick Pavlis; and Vice Mayor Duane Grieve.

until you start to change things. People don't complain if you leave things the way they are. But that all changes when you start to change things. It would've been easy for Mayor Rogero to abandon this project, but she didn't."

Rogero went ahead with the project and the Cumberland Avenue Streetscape

Project began in April of 2015 and its purpose was to make the street safer and more pedestrian friendly. It was also intended to establish a more efficient connection to the downtown area.

"I first came here to be a professor at [the University of Tennessee] 40 years ago, and that was my first

experience with Cumberland Avenue," said Bill Lyons, Deputy to the Mayor and Chief Policy Officer. "Cumberland's not been working for a long time.

"It wasn't working as a connection to downtown, not working for businesses and not working as a front door for UT. We wanted to make this an area to come

to and not an area to go through. Redoing Cumberland would set the stage for the next half-century or more. It will set the stage for UT's campus beautification, starting with this, its front door."

Cumberland Avenue has been narrowed to three lanes and now features left-turn lanes at the

intersections. The area has wider sidewalks and a new utility infrastructure.

Anne Wallace, the city's Director of Redevelopment, oversaw the \$25 million project which was completed on time.

"We will plant some trees once the weather cools down," said Wallace, who was emotional during her remarks to the crowd, which included University of Tennessee dignitaries as well as present and past city council members, county commissioners, area business owners and four former mayors. "When I was hired, I was told that they wanted someone who would wake up every morning and think about Cumberland Avenue.

"What I didn't know was just how many times that I would wake up in the middle of the night and think about it. I want to thank my husband and my family for sticking with me through this. This is truly a great day."

Rogero called the project "a total and complete team effort" and she noted that it couldn't have happened without the area's property and business owners.

Pay raise for future council members passes

By Mike Steely
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Only Councilman Marshall Stair opposed raising the pay of council members in 2019 from \$19,000 to \$24,000 per year.

"I'm just very satisfied," he said of the current pay, adding, "It's a fair salary for a part-time position." He was the only one to comment on the pay raise which was sponsored by council members Nick Pavlis, Brenda Palmer, Mark Campen and Vice Mayor Duane Grieve.

No current council member would be serving when the pay bump goes into effect. Five members are term limited this year and the other four have terms that expire in two years.

The council took time to honor the late Jean Price Teague who served on the council for three decades. The Second District councilwoman was a

strong advocate for neighborhoods, served on the West Hills Neighborhood Association and was a member of Community Forum. Grieve, who serves the same district, said it was an honor to work with her.

Bike sharing is coming to Knoxville and the council voted to authorize Mayor Madeline Rogero to execute a "Master License Agreement" with Zagster Inc. to own, operate, maintain and market bicycles on city property.

Erin Gill, director of the Office of Sustainability, told the council the shared bike program would allow local people and visitors to "explore the city in an active way." She said that Zagster will own the bikes and have access to city right-of-ways. The city and Legacy Parks will be working with

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Wanda Day, Collections Officer with Knoxville's Finance Department, was honored during a meeting of the Beer Board Tuesday. City Recorder Will Johnson presented Ms. Day with a plaque for her years of service. Council member Brenda Palmer noted that Day, who is retiring, makes all the beer applicants feel comfortable.

Movies on Market Square voting is now open

Knox County Public Library's Movies on Market Square is gearing up for its 14th season of family-friendly outdoor movies in the heart of downtown Knoxville. On six consecutive Friday nights from September 8-October 13, the public is invited to bring the whole family, including their favorite, well behaved, four-pawed, tail-wagging companion, to see a free movie presented by Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union.

The public will decide the lineup through an online vote at www.knoxlib.org/movies, or at polling stations at all Knox County Public Library locations and at Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union's downtown branch located at 301 Wall Avenue. Contenders include movies in the following categories: A Return to the 1980s, Disney Faves, Dystopia, Halloween, and Superheroes.

Voting runs through August 24 at www.knoxlib.org/movies.

The winning lineup will be announced on August 31.

Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union has returned as the presenting sponsor of the popular series. Knox County Public Library also is grateful for additional support from its sponsors: Lusid Media, Downtown Knoxville, Pilot Flying J, the City of Knoxville, KUB, Springboard Audiovisual, GO Knoxville! WBIR, and B97.5.

The Library produces Movies on Market Square to highlight its vast movie and music collection. With over 13,000 titles of feature films, documentaries, TV shows, and how-to films, the movie collection is one of the most popular circulating collections at the Library. Downloadable resources of ebooks, audiobooks and streaming music have grown in popularity and continue to be a focus of collection development for Knox County Public Library.

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What does the Child Curfew Statute Actually Say?

So most of us have heard that a child curfew law has been passed in Tennessee. In Tennessee, the child curfew statute is Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1702.



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parent, if the child is on an errand, if the child is at an actual job, or going to and from a school activity. There are some other exceptions when minors can be out past

class of misdemeanor in Tennessee, but still punishable by a \$50.00 fine and up to a maximum of 30 days in jail.

What's interesting about this law to me is that it applies to 18 years old, who are considered adults in the United States. When someone is 18, they can be charged with crimes as adults, and can serve our country in the military, yet apparently they are still supposed to comply with curfew laws in Tennessee.

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What does that statute say? If someone is 17 or 18 years old, they can't be out in public past 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or 12 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

If someone is 16 or younger, they are not to be out in public past 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or 11 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

If a parent or guardian knows that a child is out past these curfew times, then they are breaking the law. Of course, there are exceptions to this law. If the children are with a

curfew, but those are some of the main ones.

So what's the punishment if the curfew law is violated? The police have choices as to what they can do. They can either take the child home, issue a summons and demand that the child and their parents go to juvenile court, or take the child in to custody and transport them to the juvenile detention center.

If a parent is charged with allowing a the curfew law to be violated, they can be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, the lowest



Stephen Hunley and Jonathan Dean perform a set on the opening night of the 6th Annual Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival in Gatlinburg last Thursday. The four-day event offered over 150 shows and three ticketed concerts.

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the company, at no cost to the city, on distribution of the bikes downtown and the company may also offer tricycles and bikes for the handicapped.

The bicycles will carry advertising art for local companies, have lock stations and each bike will have a GPS system. When asked about the bikes being stolen and about insurances Gill's reply was, "It's their risk, not ours."

The council also passed several applications for grants from the federal and state governments aimed at purchasing electric buses, replacement support vehicles, congestion mitigation, air quality, facilities and urban transit.

They voted to allot \$783,190 to the Young-Williams Animal Center for care and welfare of animals in the city, granted payments in lieu of taxes to the Stockyard Lofts project

which will, when completed along Willow and Central, offer 152 apartments, 10 of which must be for medium-income people.

Outdoor dining is becoming very popular and the council voted to permit several restaurants in and around Market Square to use public space for tables and chairs. The outdoor seating was approved for Nineteen Square, Asian Kitchen, the French Market, BCB Restaurant Group, Nama and Kaizen Kitchen. Artist John Medwedeff was contracted to create a work of art in front of the main entrance to the State Street Garage for \$60,000.

On first reading the council approved rezoning several properties including a lot on Pratt Street near Cedar Lane for a hotel. The members also corrected a mistake in the one-year and sector plans for property on Tillery Road, south of Clinton Highway, from

commercial to low density residential.

The council also voted to rezone a portion of the Knoxville Centre Mall parking lot from SC-3 (regional shopping center) to RP-2 to permit the construction of an apartment complex. The nine acres are located on the west side of the mall near JCPenney.

Several citizens were named by Mayor Rogero to the Business Advisory Board. They are Mackey Brownlee, Phyllis Burns, Jody Collins, Lisa Cyr, Wade Esau, Deidra Harper, Charles Houston, Raul Rangel, Josh Smith, Tommy Smith, Kira Frazier-Jones and Mary-Ann Stackhouse.

The council also approved giving East Tennessee PBS \$7,500 from the General Fund toward events surrounding "The Vietnam War: The East Tennessee Story," and allocated \$2,500 to the United Way to sponsor "Give A Day Knoxville."



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Candidate Forum set for Alice Bell Church

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Several neighborhood associations are coming together to sponsor a Candidates Meet and Greet today at Alice Bell Baptist Church at 3305 Alice Bell Road.

Ronnie Collins, president of the Alice Bell /Springhill Neighborhood Association, has invited the public to attend and chat with 4th and 6th District candidates although other district candidates may attend. He said the candidates won't speak but will be there to visit with voters.

Early voting in Knoxville to select the candidates to fill five seats on the City Council ends Thursday and the Primary Election is Tuesday, August 29.

Collins said that the 7 p.m. gathering is being co-hosted by Fountain City Town Hall, Historic Sutherland Heights, Historic Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association, Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Association, and the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association.

Early voting in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts is being held at the City-County Building, Downtown West, Love Kitchen, New Harvest Park and

the Cecil Webb Recreation Center and began August 9th.

Clifford Rogers, Administrator of Elections, told The Focus last week that turnout is higher than in a comparable city primary in 2009 probably due to the large number of candidates. More than twice the number of voters have cast a ballot already but Rogers said even if 7,000 were to vote that would only be 10 percent of the eligible voters in the city.

"But the turnout is more than you'd expect to see without a mayor's race on the ballot," he said.

Rogers said he expects to see a candidate emerge as the frontrunner in each district but the contest between the second and third place candidates may be very close. The two candidates with the most votes in each district move on to the general election.

Rogers also said that several 5th District voters have showed up to vote but cannot because there's no race in that district, where Councilman Mark Campen holds the seat for two more years.

Surprisingly the largest

number of district voters was, in the first week, in the 2nd District where Duane Grieve is term limited, according to Assistant

Administrator Chris Davis. Four candidates face off in that West Knoxville race. Many expected the 6th District to get the largest

turnout with 13 candidates in the race to replace term-limited Councilman Daniel Brown but turnout there was third behind the 2nd

and 4th District, where five candidates seek to replace Councilman Nick Della Volpe.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Candidates for City Council's 3rd District seat, to replace term-limited Brenda Palmer, spoke at the Norwood Neighborhood Homeowners Association meeting. They are, left to right, De'Ossie Deon Dingus Sr., James Edward Corcoran, Seema Singh Perez and Jody Mullins.

Early voting so far heavier than before

By Mike Steely
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As of Thursday evening there were 1623 people who had voted in the city's early voting for five council seats with an additional 354 absentee ballots cast.

Cliff Rogers, Administrator of

Elections, told The Focus that the numbers are "well ahead" of where it was in the last non-mayor race for five councilmember but said he sees the numbers as "lackluster."


The heaviest voting took place at the Downtown West polling place followed by New Harvest

Park and The Love Kitchen.

"We expect to see the voting increase this week and especially the last three days," Rogers said.

Early voting ends Thursday followed by the Primary Election Tuesday, August 29th.



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Karns Family Dentistry

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By Mike Steely
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"After living and working out of the area for 24 years, we are happy to be back in my native East Tennessee" Dr. Dale Pittenger said. He and his wife Gina are both dentists and purchased Karns Family Dentistry two years ago.

"We met in dental school and were married the day before we graduated" he says, recalling his days at UT Memphis. "We balance each other in terms of strengths and weaknesses. We make a good team."

"This is our fourth and LAST dental practice and now that we are back in God's country, I'm glad to be home," the Knoxville native said.

Dr. Pittenger was chosen to attend additional training at Langley Air Force Base as a Captain in an Advanced Education in General Dentistry program, training that goes well beyond dental school.

Dale and Gina are proud to own a Karns "mom and pop" business as many dental offices are now becoming corporate-owned entities. They have spent the last two years renovating and upgrading the family dental practice to provide a wide array of services.

"There's no substitute for developing personal relationships with your patients. It helps us better understand their desires and expectations. We want our patients to be informed to make great decisions about their oral health."

He added, "We are excited to practice conservative dentistry



Doctors Dale and Ginger Pittenger invite you to their family practice at Karns Family Dentistry. (Photo courtesy of Karns Family Dentistry)

with modern technology to deliver quality care."

Dale and Gina enjoy hiking the beautiful Smokies, camping and motorcycle trips on his Harley. Both have made international dental mission trips.

Karns Family Dentistry is

located at 7443 Oak Ridge Highway and you can call them at (865) 691-8166, visit them at www.karnsfamilydentistry.net or on Facebook. Their office is open Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and alternating Thursdays.



New Harvest Park Farmers Market to host Pepper Jubilee

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will host its first-ever Pepper Jubilee on Thursday, Aug. 31. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will ring the bell at 3 p.m. to kick off the family-friendly event, and Parks and Recreation's own Wendell Kirkland will serve as the guest chef.

The market, which runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and is open to the public, will be held at the park located at 4775 New Harvest Lane.

"I'm going to have a number of delicious foods, including a turkey stir fry that's been marinated in Cajun, garlic and lemon, which you can eat all day long," said Kirkland, who recently published the "Living on Wildlife" cookbook. "It will make your tongue slap your brains out as it tries to get another bite."

The festival will highlight peppers, which are currently in season right now, and feature all types from mild to spicy and everything in between - including varieties that folks can't find at the grocery store.

The event will also include: a stuffed pepper cooking contest for adults; a tongue twister contest for the youngsters; a children's bubble station; canned salsas and famous hot sauces.

More activities to be announced on the Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/newharvestfm

The farmers market participates in the Fre\$h Savings program, which works in conjunction with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Under it, participants who spend up to \$20 per transaction at the market will get a matching amount in tokens to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the market.

For more information on the program visit: hwww.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/our-work/hunger/info-2015/fresh-savings-shop-smarter-eat-healthier.html.

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Odysseo to make Tennessee debut

By Jennifer Erickson

Tennesseans have the unique opportunity to experience the Montreal-based equestrian artistic extravaganza, Cavalia Odysseo, in Nashville, Tennessee from August 30 through September 10.

This Cavalia company show has traveled internationally to sold-out crowds and combines Cirque du Soleil with equestrian arts. Founded by Normand Latourelle, Cavalia Odysseo offers stunning artistry, visual effects and acrobatic horsemanship.

The matinee and evening performances will take place under the football field-sized "White Big Top" that is being staged near Opryland. During the show the audience will experience over 65 horses from

12 different breeds perform a wide spectrum of maneuvers with a supporting cast of 50 riders, acrobats, aerialists, musicians and vocalists.

The horses arrived at their Middle Tennessee vacation farm last week after concluding an engagement in Canada. During this time, they have been allowed to fully recharge their minds, bodies, and spirits in preparation for another series of performances.

The Cavalia team works around the clock to maintain the safety and well-being of their equine co-stars. They are transported in box stalls, which offer room to move around freely. The caravan stops every five hours to water and feed and perform wellness checks. If a new performance location is over 20 hours

from the current location, then traveling by flight is preferred.

Once the horses arrive to their retreat, they enjoy twice daily turn outs, daily bathing and grooming, and specialized meals that includes grain and Timothy hay from home. A true treat for them, according to their grooms, is feasting on the native Tennessee grass. As this grass is richer than their normal fare, the horses are carefully monitored for tolerance to this special type of pasture that is new to their palate.

One of the stars that will perform in Nashville is Diamante, a Lustiano that is known for his mastery at everything and ability to fill into different roles if needed. Andaluz is another Lustiano that does upper

level dressage movements and can perform "airs above the ground." And then there is Don Miestro, a Percheron and Hanoverian cross that works with a rider conducting breathtaking "under the belly" tricks while at a gallop.

These are but a few examples of the 65 four-legged stars that will begin their performance schedule under the White Big Top on August 30. For more information, please visit cavalia.com.

Pictured: The horses of Odysseo stretch their legs upon arriving at their temporary home in Franklin, Tennessee last week. Photo by Jennifer Erickson.

Jimmy Hyams talks UT Sports

By Mike Steely
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"I think that Tennessee is going to win about eight games this year," Jimmy Hyams told the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association recently. He went on to comment about the upcoming UT schedule and other matters. Tennessee faces Georgia Tech in the season opener on September 4th.

Art Cate introduced Hyams by saying that the popular personality came to UT in 1984 and worked his way up to Assistant Sports Director. Cates said the best decision that Hyams made was in 1998 when he left the News Sentinel and began cohosting "the most popular sports talk show in the state."

"They've had a lot of injuries, most of those on the offensive line. They've got some depth there and



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Jimmy Hyams speaks about the upcoming UT football season to the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association.

I think they will be able to overcome [Georgia Tech]," Hyams said, adding, "I think you're going to see a team that runs the ball effectively."

"The quarterback situation—I think Quinten Dormady is going to be the starter. I'd be surprised if he's not," he said, going on to talk about the wide

receivers, the line, and other positions.

"They've got a wide receiver coach named Kevin Beard. He's not that far removed from being a player. He actually played on Miami and on the team that played here in Knoxville in 2001. What he does is he wears cleats to practice because

if the receivers don't run the routes right he runs it for them," Hyams told the crowd.

He said that the addition of Brady Holtz and Walt Wells to the coaching staff is an improvement. He said the defensive line was decimated by injury last year but, if they stay healthy, will

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Maynardville welcomes independent authors

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Most libraries don't stock books by independent writers but Maynardville makes a celebration of them with its Thunder Road Author Rally. The event is being held Saturday, September 9, and the free event will have booths for authors who want to attend.

Chantay Collins said the event has been a huge success and has filled a need for those writers. The rally started when library employee Jessica Raley joined the Knoxville Writers Guild. Both Raley and Collins went to an independent author's event in Knoxville.

They returned and got an agreement with Maynardville Library to accept books by self-published writers.

"We are now one of the

largest holdings for independent authors," Collins said.

Raley said independent authors began coming to the library to sign and sell books and soon the "Thunder Road Author Rally" was born.

"It started with a small group and it's just grown," Collins said.

Last year fans and authors came from as far away as West Virginia and Missouri.

Among the authors planning to attend are Bonnie Peters, J.K. Ensley, and A. H. Richardson. New authors include Dazie Max and Kim Todd.

The event will offer door prizes and the chance to purchase signed books. Author Rally t-shirts will be available for \$15.

"Coming to the rally lets people know that they

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Stevens of The Illustrated Author website.

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Jimmy Hyams talks UT Sports

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do well this year. "That defense last year was awful," he said.

Hyams said he asked Defensive Coordinator Bob Shoop mid-season last year if Shoop's scheme should be more complicated or less complicated and Shoop said, "Definitely not more complicated."

"Whenever Tennessee was scheduling the Georgia Tech game they wanted to make sure it was going to be the opener. They did not

want to play Georgia Tech in week two, three, seven or eight," he said, "because Georgia Tech runs this triple option which is very hard to defend."

"Tennessee has had the spring and all of August to make sure they are ready to stop this triple option," he added.

"If they can get by that one they can go on and have a pretty good year," Hyams said.

He said the only game on the schedule that he didn't like to look at is the game against Alabama. "Other than that I think they have a chance to beat everybody else on the schedule," he said.

He concluded by saying that his experience had offered him the privilege to interview great athletes.

"I'm having a good time every day when I wake and go to work to seek out stories, interview people and I'm very fortunate."

Changes coming to East Towne Mall

By Mike Steely
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Whether you call it East Towne or Knoxville Center, changes are coming for the mall property.

The once-popular shopping center has suffered from the commercial shopping areas moving north and west. New owners of the I-640 and Millertown Pike facility are wrestling with ways to keep stores, attract new ones, and now seem to be thinking outside the box with some new ideas.

Tuesday's City Council meeting saw the passing, on first reading, of an

ordinance to approve a planning commission recommendation to rezone part of the shopping mall's property to permit construction of apartments. The change, from SC-3, Regional Shopping Center, to RP-2, Planned Residential, passed unanimously.

Patrick King, of development firm Henry & Wallace, provided some updates to stakeholders and interested citizens recently in an email, thanking them for their continued support.

"Nine acres on the west side of the property

is being rezoned to allow 230 apartment units. I think we have two readings and then we'll be good to go," King wrote.

"We already have ten plus developers looking at that site to add apartments. If someone were to close on that property today we would still be three years out before we'd see apartments," he wrote.

"We have a restaurant group looking at three of the outparcels," he continued.

"Cannon and Cannon, a civil engineering firm, is working with us to

improve the roads. We've done schematic designs to get feedback from the city and TDOT. It took a few drafts but we now have a plan that everyone at least have signed off on," he noted.

He also said plans are underway to open a tasting room at the mall.

"I assure you we are committed to this project's success and we are devoting tremendous resources to find tenants that are going to breathe new life into this project," he concluded. "It's going to take a long time."

MPC director explains Recode Knoxville

By Mike Steely
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When The Knoxville Focus asked Gerald Green, director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, which would be a priority - short-term rentals, cell towers, historic zonings or streetscapes, Green's answer was "Yes."

"It's not an easy thing, planning for the future," Green said at a recent community meeting.

Green spoke at the East Knox Community Forum and detailed the process of the ongoing Recode Knoxville effort to revise zoning codes in the city and county.

"It is a long-term process," he told the audience at the Burlington Library, adding that a draft may be available in a year or so. He noted that the current zoning ordinances are 60 years old and don't address the current and changing needs of the city or county. Recode Knoxville will allow the city to adopt modern standards to help shape the city for



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

MPC Director Gerald Green speaks about changes coming for zoning in Knoxville and Knox County. He spoke before the East Knoxville Community forum and will address Knox County Commissioners today.

the next few decades.

MPC's 15-member board is appointed by the mayors of both jurisdictions and serves as an advisory board to both the county

commission and city council. The MPC staff offers recommendations to the MPC board and also takes on studies requested by either government departments.

Green said there are currently 44 different zoning districts in the area, 12 business districts and 11 residential districts. The consulting firm Camiros Ltd. has been hired by the city to study changes to the current zoning ordinance and Green said that plan, which started in February, may take two years to complete.

"How do we make these (zonings) standard, fair and understandable?" Green asked.

He suggested strong community involvement during the Recode Knoxville project. More information can be found and feedback given at www.recodeknoxville.com.

Green will address the Knox County Commission today at 4 p.m. prior to the commission's work session. He'll talk about the work of the MPC for the county.

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The Last Vestige of the Crump Machine: Clifford Davis

Part One

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Edward H. Crump, long the political boss of Memphis and Shelby County, began to seriously fade in the summer of 1954. Increasingly weakened by heart disease, the Memphis Boss had been active in politics almost to the end. When former governor Prentice Cooper began sounding out a possible race against Senator Estes Kefauver in the spring, Crump had barked Cooper "couldn't win." Crump snapped a senatorial bid by Cooper would be nothing less than "a waste of time and money." The Memphis Boss was not necessarily for Kefauver, whom he had strongly opposed in 1948, and suggested four potential candidates to run against the senator. Crump named Walter Chandler, a former congressman and mayor of Memphis, along with Congressman Jere Cooper of Dyersburg, John Heiskell, the attorney general for Shelby County, and retired brigadier general Everett Cook. None of the men mentioned by Crump was interested in running against Kefauver. Interestingly, Crump did not name Clifford Davis as a prospective candidate for the U. S. Senate race. Davis had been the congressman from Shelby County since 1939 and showed no sign of slowing down. Davis had replaced Walter Chandler when the Memphis Boss had summoned Chandler home to become mayor of Memphis. Crump's failure to consider Davis was indicative of one of several things; the Memphis Boss did not believe Clifford Davis was of senatorial stature, Davis wished to remain in Congress, or Crump felt that Davis was ineffective. The latter is likely true as Crump was pondering removing Clifford Davis from Congress before he died.

The relationship between Crump and Clifford Davis had seen its ups and downs. Davis had been genuinely and personally popular in Memphis and Shelby County. Crump likely did not much appreciate the fact Davis had been the sole candidate supported by the local Ku Klux Klan to survive an effort by the machine to beat the KKK at the height of its power in the 1920s. Crump and his machine had fought a pitched battle with the Klan ticket for control of local politics. Crump managed to defeat the entire Klan ticket save for Clifford Davis who was elected city judge. Like Crump, Davis had been born in Mississippi. Davis attended the University of Memphis and earned a law degree and became the executive secretary of Memphis Mayor Rowlett Paine. Davis and Crump remained on opposite sides for a time while the Memphis Boss sought to consolidate his influence in Shelby County. Crump

cobbled together a coalition of middle class Memphians, labor and African-Americans to create a formidable bloc of voters. Crump, despite being powerful, was not yet the kingpin of local government and sought to oust Mayor Paine in 1927. The Memphis Boss selected Watkins Overton to run against Rowlett Paine and Clifford Davis to run for vice mayor. The vice mayor also served as Commissioner of the fire and police departments; Davis was eager for a promotion and readily agreed to run on the Crump ticket against his former employer. Shrewdly, Crump had crafted a ticket with broad appeal to most Memphians, including candidates like Clifford Davis who had switched sides.

Rowlett Paine lost to Overton and the entire Crump ticket was elected and the Memphis Boss extended his control over both the city and county governments. Overton eventually tired of Crump's domination of city hall and resigned in 1939. The city commission appointed Congressman Walter Chandler mayor and Crump backed Clifford Davis to take Chandler's place in the U. S. House of Representatives. Davis had served quietly in Congress for fourteen years and while Crump's life was ebbing, his political influence remained strong inside Shelby County. As the Memphis Boss considered replacing Clifford Davis in Congress, a dramatic event occurred, which saved Davis' congressional career. Puerto Rican nationalists smuggled firearms into the gallery of the House and opened fire on congressmen in the chamber. Five congressmen were wounded, including Clifford Davis, who was shot in the leg. Congressman Alvin Bentley of Michigan was the most seriously wounded, shot in the left side, quite near his heart. Even after a successful operation, Bentley's doctor gave the congressman only a "50 - 50" chance of survival, saying, "He is now in the hands of the Lord."

Congressman Ben F. Jensen of Iowa was hit in the left shoulder, while George H. Fallon of Maryland was shot in the hip. Alabama congressman Kenneth Roberts had been sitting on the floor of the House when he was shot in the left leg. Cliff Davis had been shot through the calf of his right leg.

An outpouring of sympathy and support descended upon the wounded congressmen, including Clifford Davis, causing Crump to decide against replacing him.

E. H. Crump died on October 16, 1954 and his political power went with him. Most of Crump's contemporaries and allies



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Congressman Clifford Davis showing Shelby Bailey, Tennessee's contestant in the 1954 Miss America pageant, the sights at the Capitol.

were either dead or inactive. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, Crump's political partner for decades, had been confined to his hotel suite in Memphis following his defeat by Congressman Albert Gore in 1952. The Crump machine was leaderless following the Memphis Boss's death and quickly disintegrated. By 1960, Clifford Davis had been in Congress twenty years and was virtually the last vestige of the old Crump machine.

Davis' seniority brought him the chairmanship of the House Public Works Committee where he was able to help pass the self-financing bill for the Tennessee Valley Authority. That particular bill was highly important to the future of TVA and encountered stiff opposition from private power interests across the country. Congressman Davis organized a series of "informal dinner meetings" for fellow congressmen to promote the self-financing bill. Declaring he was campaign for "public education" of his colleagues, Davis hosted the first dinner at Washington's old Congressional Hotel. Preferring to meet with smaller groups, Clifford Davis sought to feed and lobby groups of 20 - 25 congressmen at a time. Davis also sought out reporters, giving interviews promoting the TVA self-financing bill.

Despite his chairmanship of the House Public Works Committee, the aging congressman was apparently not making the kind of progress he might have liked and was reported to be increasingly "downright irritable" when the topic of the self-financing bill came up. Tennessean reporter Lois Laycock detailed a luncheon meeting of the Tennessee House delegation in the Capitol indicating the Memphis congressman's short fuse. One of his colleagues wondered when Davis intended to bring the bill to the floor of the House, causing the congressman

to snap, "I'm going to designate Joe Evins to take over management of the bill."

Congressman Carlton Loser of Nashville evidently did not notice Davis' irritation and pushed the matter, asking, "Well, when are you going to bring it up, Cliff?" "If you'd like," Davis growled, "I'll designate you."

According to Laycock, Clifford Davis had been grousing about allowing someone else to manage the TVA bill for sometime. Evidently, Congressman Davis "resented suggestions that the bill be brought to a vote early in the session when some members of the delegation thought it would have a better chance of passing." Davis was also troubled when Congressman Howard Baker, a Republican, reported he was having difficulty in securing votes from GOP members of Congress. Several months later, Davis was personally urging Republicans to back the bill with little seeming success. The fact no other member of the Tennessee House delegation accepted Davis' offer to surrender management of the TVA bill likely indicated all recognized the obstacle of trying to pass the legislation without significant GOP support. Nor had Congressman Davis' position been helped when the TVA Board of Directors approved a rate increase of 28% in Memphis and Shelby County. Quite naturally, that made folks unhappy back home and Cliff Davis heard about it from his angry constituents. Davis urged the Board to set aside the increase and may have deliberately slow walked the bill in an effort to put pressure on the Directors. The increase was viewed with dismay by many members of the Tennessee Congressional delegation. Senator Albert Gore wryly noted the timing of the increase "certainly will not help" in passing the

self-financing bill. Yet another obstacle to passage of the legislation was the hostility of the Eisenhower administration to TVA. Congressman Robert E. Jones of Alabama wrote one Eisenhower advisor and bluntly urged a halt to "the Eisenhower-Adams (presidential assistant Sherman Adams) wrecking crew's attempts to destroy TVA." Eisenhower's White House adamantly insisted on the House adopting a series of "restrictive amendments", which would have the effect of limiting the ability of the TVA Board of Directors to administer the financing plan. Congressman Davis had little success in convincing Republicans on his own committee to support the plan and been told repeatedly they would not vote for the legislation without the amendments.

The original bill had not restricted action by the TVA Board of Directors, but passage by the House was considered slim, at best. The congressional supporters of TVA in the House were ready to accept a watered-down version of the bill, but with the opposition of the Eisenhower administration Clifford Davis was having a very difficult time indeed. The pressure on Congressman Clifford Davis only increased, compelling him to make a public promise to bring the TVA self-financing bill to a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives by February 1, 1959 or resign his seat in Congress. Davis' self-imposed deadline came and went.

Clifford Davis was likely ailing and there were whispers of his fondness for alcohol. Davis had missed more votes than any other member of Tennessee's House delegation during 1958; the congressman had missed 12 out of 30 recorded votes during the House session. Davis roused himself and went on the attack, charging private

power interests were behind efforts to attach crippling amendments to the TVA bill. One such amendment regulated the area of TVA's power service boundaries, causing Congressman Davis to bellow it was merely the "opening wedge" to destroy the self-financing bill.

"If they get the service limitation amendment through," Davis said, then they'll try for an amendment giving the secretary of the treasury control over the issuance of TVA bonds." After making predictions on other possible amendments to the TVA bill, Congressman Davis said darkly, "The opponents of this bill will not be satisfied until they destroy it." Davis leveled an accusation against Robert Merriam, an aide to President Eisenhower, of working with the private power special interests to attach amendments to the TVA bill. Davis pointed to literature distributed by the National Association of Electric Companies to Republican members of Congress and some Southern congressmen believed to be sympathetic to private power concerns. That same literature strongly supported the concept of limiting TVA's service areas. Robert Merriam had proposed just such a limitation in TVA's service area, a point Congressman Clifford Davis thought not to be a coincidence. Davis had recently presided over hearings on the self-financing bill and noted the private power interests had allied themselves with the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce. Davis had been both surprised and aghast when several Southern Democrats, who represented districts outside of TVA's service area, supported the limitation amendments. Worse still, Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, emerged as the leader of the limitation forces. The coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans was formidable and Davis lamented, "I've never seen a more disciplined group." Congressman Bob Jones told his constituents "some of the country's most prominent champions of private enterprise and states' rights" were lobbying hard to eliminate both with the TVA bill. Jones complained "...they want the TVA frozen, hamstrung and contained within its present territory and not to be allowed to expand a yard, much less a mile."

Congressman Clifford Davis, the most visible remaining cog in the old Crump machine, had his hands full.

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The Eclipse of August 21, 2017

It has been widely reported in the news for months. A total eclipse is set to take place on August 21, 2017--the first one in 38 years!

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Some schools are closing for the afternoon or the entire day. Many businesses will be closed.

Millions of protective eyeglasses have been purchased for viewing the eclipse, and some have been recalled.

The highly anticipated event may only last around two minutes in most locations across the United States.

Already, dozens of meteorologists are scheduled to be on location at several sites from the west coast all the way to the east coast.

The city of Sweetwater in East Tennessee is reported to be a prime spot for viewing this amazing event.

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Picture of a sunrise, by *Ralphine Major* us of His greatness. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1 KJV

Two Minutes

Well, thousands of folks prepared for the upcoming eclipse by purchasing protective glasses that allow them to look at the event without fear of damage to eyes.

Then, Amazon sends out an email to tell them that the glasses that they bought are fake and not compliant with standards for protection. Now, either it's too late to get new pairs or the ones available cost more than a small fortune.

Businesses and schools are closing their doors to accommodate people who wish to share the big event with their families and friends. Cities are planning activities throughout the day. The predictions are that thousands, perhaps even millions, are hitting the highways to find perfect viewing places for the eclipse. Some motel rooms have been reserved for years; the few that are left are going for as much as \$800 per night. People in neighboring counties are renting houses for thousands or RV spaces in their yards for \$200. As



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someone said recently, "This reminds me of the expected flood of people who were going to descend on Knoxville during the '82 World's Fair."

Amy and I thought about

traveling to Gallatin for a better look at the eclipse for about a second and a half. We, too, bought eclipse glasses several weeks ago, and yes, we received the Amazon email warning about them. Reports that as many as 100,000 visitors would invade the town kept us from doing so. The Interstates will be packed, and the smallest fender bender will cause gridlock and leave folks fuming and sitting in their cars as the sun and moon cross paths. Amy has a doctor's appointment in Lenoir City in the morning, so we are leaving early and hoping that we can get back home before traffic snarls.

We've made the decision to stay home during the eclipse. My plan is to sit by the pool for the day. I'll experience the eclipse by floating in the water as the darkness comes, or I might watch it on television

since I don't have safe eye protection and have no intentions of making milk carton viewers. Yes, I'm a spoilsport, but the fact is that I'm not good in heavy traffic. My road rage is too likely to rear its ugly head to the point that I curse someone who cuts me off or drives like a moron. Besides, the way the weather has gone the last few weeks, it would be my luck to fight my way to a better viewing place only to have clouds and rain sweep in and obscure any view.

The next eclipse that will pass close to Tennessee occurs in May 2078. It's a sure bet that I won't be around for it since that year would put me well over 100 years of age. Still, I'm not interested in spending a day trapped in crowds of people. Besides, let's be honest; the eclipse lasts about two minutes, give or take a few seconds. When the next one occurs, maybe I can look down from heaven at the event without worrying about my eyesight or traffic jams. Alternatively, I might look up from another place that will make the solar eclipse look pale. Regardless, I'm going to forego this eyewitness opportunity.

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Powell takes back Emory Road with 26-15 win at Halls

By Steve Williams

Powell High posted its biggest football win in years Friday night and its post-game celebration looked like one you would see after a state championship game instead of a season opener. Coach Rodney Ellison's Panthers clawed Halls 26-15 before an overflow

crowd at Dink Adams Field, spoiling the Red Devils' debut on their new turf field. "This was huge for our team, our school and our community to come out here in a big rivalry game to open the season," said Ellison. "Most importantly we're 1-0, but obviously, being at Powell, anytime that you beat your rival,

Halls, that's a big win and we're just glad that we're on the good side of it this year." With the Powell victory, the Battle of Emory Road proved to be alive and well. It had been awhile since the Panthers had come out on top in one of Knox County's top rivalries. Powell cheerleaders posted a mission statement

on their pre-game run-through sign: "Taking Back What's Ours. #We Own Emory Road." And their boys made it happen. "It's great. We own Emory," said Alvin Stacy, Powell's 6-foot, 290-pound junior nose tackle who collapsed the middle of the Halls line most of the night. "It's been a long time, but this is a new Panther

Nation. It's playoff bound and we've got more wins coming up. This is just one of many." Two sophomores – quarterback Walker Trusley and Bailor Walker – hooked up for an 84-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second half to give the Panthers a lead they would never surrender. "We did not play well at

all, turning the ball over and having some bad special teams' play," said J.D. Overton, Halls' head coach. "We had some misalignments that led to them breaking a long touchdown. We played about as poorly as we've played since I've been here. "But give Powell credit. They're much improved. **Continued on page 2**

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD



PHOTO BY LEXIE GILLAND / FUL.COM

Knoxville Catholic's Josh Brown carries the football in the Irishmen's 49-42 loss at Maryville Friday night. Cooper Mays (78) blocks on the play, while Luke Walker dives for the tackle.

Lady Irish outlast Farragut in five-set thriller

By Ken Lay

When Catholic High School opened a big lead in the first set of its season-opening volleyball match at Farragut, it looked as though the defending Class AA State Champion would cruise to an easy win over the Lady Admirals, who have three consecutive second-place finishes in the Class AAA State Tournament.

But there would be no easy victory for the Lady Irish before a packed house at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. Catholic would prevail but it wouldn't come easily as the Lady Irish would

post a 25-17, 19-25, 27-25, 22-25, 15-7 victory over the Lady Admirals.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Catholic High School's Olivia Cunningham prepares to serve in the Lady Irish's 25-17, 19-25, 27-25, 22-25, 15-7 victory Thursday night at Farragut. Cunningham had 21 kills to lead Catholic to a big early-season win over the Lady Admirals.

they got a late spark from a freshman, who was playing in her first high school match. With the Lady Admirals and Catholic locked in a 4-4 tie in the decisive fifth set, the visitors took a 5-4 lead on a side-out and high school rookie Cassie Kuerschen took the ball and served up nine consecutive points (including three aces) to give the Lady Irish a 14-4 lead.

Farragut would have one final gasp as junior Caroline Bower pulled the Lady Admirals to within 14-7 before Catholic won the game with a side-out.

"Cassie is a freshman and she was great in that last game," Lady Irish coach Brent Carter. "She had a rough service night early. But she really bounced back and came through late.

"This was a great match and this is the first time that we've beaten Farragut in the two years that I've been at Catholic. They're a great team and we've really had some battles with them. They had beaten us in every tight match that we've had."

In addition to Kuerschen's late service surge, the Lady Irish got some stellar performances Olivia Cunningham, Meredith Bonee, Olivia Kozemko and Maya Alves.

Cunningham had 21 kills and Bonee finished with 16 and added 14 assists. Kozemko had 30 assists and Alves finished with 17 digs.

Farragut coach Susan Davidson, who saw her young squad drop to 3-1, said that she was pleased with the Lady Admirals' effort.

"This was a great match and both teams really left **Continued on page 2**

Catholic (1-0), which recently moved to Class AAA after three consecutive trips to the Class AA State Championship Match (including a win in the finals in 2016) started fast but the Lady Irish finished even stronger as **Continued on page 3**

Maryville extends streak to 91 games over Knox teams

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic almost brought an end to Maryville High's long win streak over Knox County teams in football Friday night.

But the Red Rebels, playing their first game under new head coach Derek Hunt, pulled out a 49-42 win over the visiting Irishmen.

It was Maryville's 91st consecutive win over a team from Knox County, dating back to the 2000 season. Halls was the last Knox County team to beat Maryville, posting a 21-14 victory in 2000.

"Both teams played extremely hard," said Catholic Coach Steve Matthews Saturday. "Maryville made the plays in the end to win. "We have some mistakes we need to clean up, which

we'll work on this week," added Matthews. "Dashon Bussell was outstanding for us with three touchdowns on the night."

Bussell had touchdown runs of 64 and 67 yards and also caught a 57-yard TD pass.

Catholic led 28-21 at halftime and was up by 14 points on two different occasions in the showdown of state powers.

Isaiah Cobb's 1-yard touchdown run with 1:29 remaining in the game lifted Maryville to the victory. It was Cobb's fourth TD run of the game.

The Irishmen play at Chattanooga Baylor this week.

In other Week 1 highlights, Central rolled past Tennessee High 33-19, Farragut prevailed at Bradley County 27-21, Austin-

East shut out Gibbs 28-0 and The King's Academy blanked Silverdale 35-0.

"It was a great team win on the road to start the season," said Bryson Rosser, Central head coach. "We grew up in all facets of the game. Our quarterback, Dakota Fawver, had a great game. Jalynn Clemons and Xavier Washington led the way on defense."

Karns lost a 41-34 thriller at home to Cocke County. The Fighting Cocks knocked down a Karns pass in the end zone on the final play of the game.

"Offensively, we moved the ball, and had several young men make plays for us," said Karns Coach Brad Taylor. "We just needed a couple of stops defensively that we didn't get.

"Hats off to Cocke County.

They played hard and physical. We are very pleased with the way we competed all the way to the end. We can build of that kind of effort."

The Beavers will try to bounce back this Friday against Halls.

"Halls is coming off a tough loss to a much improved Powell team," said Taylor. "They will be eager to get back to the winning they've become accustomed to. They will be a tough opponent."

Meanwhile, Fulton will play its season opener Friday at home against Central in the Battle on Broadway.

"We are really looking forward to our opener with Central," said Rob Black, Fulton head coach. "They

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Week 1 of the 2017 high school football season is in the books and Careacter Star Athletes from the 20 schools in The Focus' coverage area are listed here. The awards are based on attitude, careacter, grades, community service and performance.

Dave Moore, founder of the Careacter Star Athlete program, expressed his appreciation to the schools and head coaches for submitting their honorees, as this program takes on a new format in recognizing these recipients.

- DAVID ACTON
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- BRANDON BURGESS
The King's Academy
- ALEX DALTON
Christian Academy of Knoxville
- ETHAN DANIELS
Carter
- AARON DYKES
Hardin Valley Academy

- DAKOTA FAWVER
Central
- CAMERON FLANARY
Bearden
- BRYSON GARRETT
Karns
- HUNTER GREEN
Webb School
- ALEX HART
Powell

- JALEN JONES
Gibbs
- RAFE KEYES
Concord Christian School
- HUNTER LAM
Halls
- DANIEL LEADBETTER
West
- JAKE MAHONEY
Knoxville Catholic

- RYAN MEDDERS
Grace Christian Academy
- JOHN NETHERTON
South-Doyle
- JAZINE PELCHER
Austin-East
- JOEY SMITH
Fulton
- NAAMAN WEBB
Seymour

McMahan 'tunes up' for Carter football season

Will McMahan stands out at Carter High football games, particularly at halftime. He's the guy playing a saxophone and marching in the school band in his football uniform, a rare sight indeed.



By Steve Williams

both." McMahan believes that's not true at all schools.

"I look at myself as completely an outlier to what typical high school bands and football programs want their band members and football players to be," he said. "Most bands don't really want their students involved in football because it takes away from band time and vice versa.

"I like being able to do things, and everything I do, I try to be the best at it."

McMahan said "sometimes you lose great musicians to football in high school." He hopes what he's doing at Carter, being involved in both football and band, will encourage others to do both.

Carter has band rehearsals Mondays after school from 4 to 6:30 p.m. McMahan is at football practice during that time and has to make up the band work he misses the next day in class. The band's saxophone section, which he heads up, meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so he has to get caught up and also learn what others in that section are doing.

"Sometimes it can be a hard thing to do," he said. "It's hard to balance, but I feel like I do it well."

McMahan would relish doing both band and football in college, if such an opportunity came along. But he if had to choose one



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Carter' High football player Will McMahan was injured early in Thursday night's season opener against Anderson County, but was still able to perform in the band at halftime. As an offensive lineman, the versatile senior doesn't like sacks, but he loves the saxophone. McMahan is scheduled to go to KOC this week, said Carter Head Coach Derek Witt.

over the other, he would select band, because "I see how people get seriously hurt sometimes in football. I understand my limitations in football and I know what I can do."

McMahan has received interest from colleges in football, band and academics.

"Whatever door God opens up for me is where I will go," he said.

"I want to be a surgeon when I grow up and major

in pre-med."

Kristin Arp, in her second year as the Carter band director, said: "Will has been a super asset to our organization. He works harder probably than any kid I know to be able to do both. He's fully committed to football and also fully committed to our organization. I know I can count on him for anything and I know he will be there. He's just one of those kids that you really don't have to worry

about. He's always responsible and very hard working."

Derek Witt, Carter's head football coach, also has Will in his Principles of Engineering class.

"He's a real intelligent kid," said Witt. "He probably has the highest ACT score on our football team, and his GPA is up there as well. There's no doubt about it that he's a very bright individual."

Coach Witt recalled

McMahan's versatility as he tried track and field for the first time this past spring.

"Will couldn't find the event he wanted, so it seemed like he tried them all," said Witt. "He ran the 800, the 300 hurdles and the high hurdles. He threw the shot and discus, and I believe he ran the 1600 as well. He was just looking for that event that suited him best. He'll try anything."

Anderson County outpaces Carter 55-27

By Alex Norman

On Thursday, August 17th, Carter and Anderson County lit up the scoreboard early and often in East Knox County. In the end the Hornets just didn't have enough defense to slow down their guests, as the visiting Mavericks won 55-27.

Anderson County (1-0) couldn't have written a better script. They won the opening toss yet deferred possession. On the third play from scrimmage Carter quarterback Kobe Wilson was flushed from the pocket, and retreated to his own end zone, where he would be tackled for a safety.

Less than a minute into the game, it was 2-0 Anderson County.

After these teams traded quick possessions, the Mavericks took over on the Hornets 47. Facing a 4th and 13 from the 25, quarterback Stanton Martin found Dalton Wilson in the end zone for the score. That made it 9-0 midway through the first quarter.

It took a little while but

the Carter (0-1) offense got going after that. A 78-yard drive finished up with a Wilson to Dylan Hensley strike from 15 yards away. With 5:36 left in the first quarter, it was a 9-7 game.

It looked like the Mavs would expand their lead but a fumble inside the Carter 15 gave the football back to the home team.

It only took one more opportunity for the Mavs to get back into the end zone however. Martin faked the handoff, kept the football, ran up the middle and then carried a couple of defenders over the goal line. That 24-yard scamper made it 15-7 Anderson County with 11:49 to go in the opening half.

The Hornets, needing to get some momentum back, took a risk and went for it on 4th and 1 from their own 35. That led to the most entertaining play of the night. Wilson took the snap, fumbled, picked it up, ran through the line, fumbled again, picked it up again, and then sprinted past the Maverick defense

for the touchdown. With 8:51 to go in the second quarter it was 15-13.

After a Maverick field goal, it was time for the Hornets special teams to make a play. Issac Scarborough caught the football on one side of the field, ran to the other side of the field, got to the sideline and was gone. Officially a 95-yard kickoff return but he probably went 125 yards to get to pay dirt.

Carter was on top 20-18.

After Martin was intercepted by Cyrus Allen, the Hornets would start at the Mavs 33. Three plays later, sophomore Nicholas Davidson powered his way forward for 14 yards and a score. With 2:32 to go in the half, Carter was rolling 27-18, and seemed to have all the momentum.

But the Mavericks got a Martin to Michael Carroll touchdown pass in the final seconds of the half, and it was a 27-25 game. They scored the opening touchdown of the third quarter as well, making it 32-27 and Anderson County was back



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

At age 3, Jcion Askew may have been as much of a fan of the cotton candy as he was of the Carter Hornets in their season opener. Jcion has a brother on the Carter team.

in front.

Carter's defense came up huge on the Mavs' next possession, holding Anderson County on 4th and 4 from the 6. But then Wilson was called for intentional grounding in the end zone. That was the second safety of the game forced by the Mavs defense, and it was 34-27.

And when Stanton Martin

ran 61 yards for the score on the Mavs' next possession, it was a 41-27 game.

Carter couldn't keep pace, and the Mavericks went on to win 55-27.

This Friday Carter looks to bounce back with a road trip to Cocke County, as Anderson County hits the road to face William Blount.

Maryville extends streak to 91 games over Knox teams

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are a talented bunch. We will have to play disciplined football in all phases of the game.

"The Fulton vs. Central rivalry goes way back. This game should provide plenty of electricity and with no doubt be worth the price of admission."

Webb School also will play its season opener this week, hosting Asheville, N.C.

Other games involving local teams in Week 2 include Brainerd at Austin-East, Seymour at Clinton, Cherokee at South-Doyle, Powell at Cumberland County, Cleveland at Bearden, Farragut at McMinn County, Concord Christian at Lookout Valley and Greenback at CAK.

Tough opening loss doesn't dash HVA's hopes

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key is that we have to stay healthy. Any time you play [Class] 6A football, it's a grind and you have to stay healthy.

"We need to continue to build quality depth on both the offensive and defensive lines. We also have to replace Gavin Greene at quarterback."

The battle to replace Greene has been competitive. Junior Grayson Vaughn battled during spring

practice and the summer workouts saw freshman Zak Acuff enter the fray.

Jones said that the 2017 edition of the Hawks is blessed with speed.

"Our biggest strength is team speed," he said. "This is probably the quickest team that we've had."

"We also have experience in the secondary and we have experience at the skill positions."

Top players for the Hawks include: Dykes (a senior

running back and defensive back who rushed for 1,483 yards and 15 touchdowns last season); Nolan Brown (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Brandon Fontenot (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Cody Green (senior, running back/defensive back); Colby Green (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman/linebacker); Elijah Richardson (senior, running back/defensive back); Lock Hardin (junior,

running back/linebacker); Luke DeFur (junior, wide receiver/defensive back/quarterback); Vaughn; Smith; Cartez Campbell (a junior transfer from Karns who will start at both wide receiver and defensive back); Acuff; E.J. Campbell (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Keenan Sloan (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Jake Neuman (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Dawson

Hardesty (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) and Cameron Shofield (senior, offensive lineman).

The Hawks were competitive at Oak Ridge Friday night, but crucial penalties and turnovers would prove to be HVA's demise in the heartbreaking one-point loss to the Wildcats before a packed house at Blankenship Field.

"We played like a team that had played five seniors

tonight," Jones said after his team missed a potential game-tying extra point after Colby Green fell on a teammate's fumble with 21.5 seconds remaining in the game to make the score 21-20. "We had a lot of mistakes and we had a lot of big penalties."




"I'm not making excuses. We had a chance to tie the game late but we didn't make plays [throughout the game], and you have to make those plays."

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 AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 28-0	vs. Brainerd	vs. Kingston	vs. Fulton	OPEN	vs. Halls	vs. Scott	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman	vs. Pigeon Forge	vs. Northview Academy	vs. Alcoa
 CARTER Class 5A, R2	vs. Anderson County L, 27-55	vs. Cocke County	vs. Seymour	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Halls	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Fulton	vs. Central	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County
 CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High W, 28-0	vs. Fulton	vs. Sevier County	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Seymour	vs. Clinton	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs
 GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 0-28	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. David Crockett	vs. Campbell County	vs. Morristown East	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	vs. Central
 HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell L, 15-26	vs. Karns	OPEN	vs. West	vs. Carter	vs. Austin-East	vs. Central	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour
 SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 8-12	vs. Clinton	vs. Carter	vs. Cherokee	vs. Central	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County	vs. Karns	vs. Halls
 SOUTH DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Heritage L, 16-31	vs. Cherokee	vs. Gibbs	vs. Bearden	vs. Sevier County	vs. Carter	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	OPEN	vs. Central	vs. Powell
 FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central	vs. Powell	vs. Austin-East	vs. Karns	vs. Maryville	vs. Carter	vs. Clinton	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
 KARNS Class 5A, R3	vs. Cocke County L, 34-41	vs. Halls	vs. West	vs. Powell	vs. Fulton	vs. Scott	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Campbell County	OPEN	vs. Seymour	vs. Clinton
 POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls W, 26-15	vs. Cumberland County	vs. Fulton	vs. Karns	vs. Clinton	vs. Lenoir City	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. South-Doyle
 WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Karns	vs. Halls	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Farragut	vs. Clinton	vs. Powell	OPEN	vs. Fulton	vs. Campbell County
 CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 42-49	vs. Baylor	vs. Eagle's Landing Christian Academy	vs. Cleveland	vs. Soddy Daisy	vs. Brentwood Academy	vs. Rhea County	vs. West Greene	vs. Walker Valley	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City
 BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West	vs. Cleveland	vs. Jefferson County	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Science Hill	vs. CAK	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	OPEN	vs. Farragut	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Morristown West
 FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 27-21	vs. McMinn County	vs. Morristown West	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Jefferson County	vs. West	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Bearden	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley
 HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 20-21	vs. West	vs. Heritage	vs. Central	vs. Morristown West	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Bearden	vs. Farragut
 Concord Class A, East	vs. Zion Christian L, 6-12	vs. Lookout Valley	vs. Mt. Juliet Christian	vs. Mid Tenn Christian	vs. Grace Baptist Chattanooga	vs. DCA	vs. King's Academy	vs. Cosby	OPEN	vs. Ezell-Harding	vs. Friendship Christian
 KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 35-0	vs. Grace Christian Knoxville	vs. Mid Tenn Christian	vs. Greenback	vs. Mt Juliet Christian	OPEN	vs. Concord Christian	vs. Grace Baptist Chattanooga	vs. Friendship Christian	vs. DCA	vs. Ezell-Harding
 CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC)	vs. Greenback	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Lenior City	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. Bearden	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Boyd Buchanon
 WEBB Class AA, East	OPEN	vs. Asheville NC	vs. Ensworth	vs. McCallie	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Boyd Buchanon	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. CAK	vs. Silverdale Academy
 GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa L, 14-30	vs. King's Academy	vs. Boyd Buchanon	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Greenback	vs. Happy Valley	vs. CAK	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian

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Beauty

If you're not careful, you will miss the beauty in the world that is right beside you. Lately, due to the daily drumbeat of hatred from the media, the alt-left, alt-right and some in between, I have found it difficult to remain positive and hopeful for our country. I feel it is my civic duty to stay informed and engaged, but sometimes I find it necessary to temporarily retreat from the insanity for my soul's sake.

Being semi-retired you might think I have more time for writing and reflection. Actually, my days are packed and my "do list" fills up before the 2nd cup of coffee each morning. Sometimes I wonder how I ever got anything done when I was working full-time. When my contractor dropped by to check on things, he found me digging holes for shrubs. I told him I've been thinking about going back to full-time medical practice so I can get some rest.

A recent family wedding was an occasion for an extra hour or so to myself because my wife was

helping the wedding director with last-minute details. Of course everything went fine, but I feel for families who are under such pressure to put their best foot forward at weddings. No wonder that some people just run away and get married rather than submit themselves to the social gauntlet.

A friend of mine has repeatedly recommended that I visit the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA). So with time on my hands, I did. Years ago I served as a docent at the museum, giving tours and explaining artwork. However, it had been some time since I was inside, though not infrequently I have driven by the beautiful KMA building, an architectural gem in our community.

Now, before my critics start to whine, I admit I am not a highly trained art historian. However, I ascribe to what I call the Count Basie philosophy. Namely, "If it sounds good, it is." And Ferguson's corollary to Basie's musical aphorism is, "If it looks good, it is." In other words, don't let anyone tell

you what is good or what is beautiful. If you don't like something or if you find something beautiful have the courage of conviction to say so. I admit that I detest kale. But, I find the Knoxville Museum of Art beautiful and full of treasures.

You enter the KMA interior space on the middle of three floors. The museum displays its permanent collection as well as varied other exhibits. I believe the more you know about something the more you can appreciate it. (I actually hated coffee when I first tried it.) At one time in my life I found the paintings of the Dutch school, such as those by Vermeer, especially engaging. Then as my appreciation and taste evolved, I was struck by the 19th century impressionists who tried to capture on canvas fleeting elements of light. I admire Knoxville's own impressionist, Kathryn Wiley, showcased at the KMA, who has a lovely palette and paints scenes reminiscent of the expatriate impressionist, Mary Cassatt. And I have come to appreciate nonrepresentational abstract art, such as that by Rothko, finding color and form, rather than subject, intriguing.

As I strolled through the museum I came upon the area of sculpture and artistic constructions. Michelangelo is probably most noted for his paintings of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. However, he felt that sculpting was the highest art form and liked to sign his paintings, "Michelangelo,



sculptor." He imagined the form encased within stone and his job was to chip away the extraneous rock to free the figure within.

The first sculpture in the KMA is a larger than life construction of the back of a man's head entitled Back of Evan #3. It was striking. But more impressive was another figure of a woman, who appeared to be in her 70s, holding a newborn and entitled Madonna and Child. As I studied the incredibly lifelike figure I thought back to the first time that I encountered a street mime on the Rambla in Barcelona, Spain (the same boulevard attacked by Islamic terrorists last week). As I stared and stared at that "frozen man" on the Rambla, I wasn't prepared for his wink. He scared me to death, and I almost wet my pants.

The KMA has other treasures. As part of the permanent collection the work of former Knoxville-ians, Joseph Delaney and Julie Warren Martin, are presented. Though I don't

particularly care for Delaney's style, I do appreciate him because he was once my patient. And I actually prefer my own Julie Warren Martin sculpture more than the monumental piece at the KMA.

Yes, I've been in more famous museums such as the Louvre, the Prado and Washington's National Museum of Art. However, none of these had a Thorne room collection of miniature dioramas, an art form of which I was unacquainted.

So what should we do in 2017 in the midst of a world in flames and a national crisis of conscience? Should we run away to a monastery or escape to a fantasy world of People magazine and reality TV? There are many examples of monastic escape throughout history. Should we be so tolerant of the surrealistic landscape painted by the media that we abandon our principles and go along to get along? Or perhaps we should take the Hamlet approach and "take

up arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them"?

My emotions have run the gamut. I don't believe any option is absolute. I believe in civic responsibility of being informed and acting within the rule of law as codified in our republic. At times I am a warrior. At times I retreat to a museum. I retain my principles and remain intolerant of racism, bigotry, Nazis and the tyranny of political correctness that is so destructive.

But, perhaps there's another choice of action. I find solace and solutions in scripture and prayer and service to others. I find beauty in the wisdom, prose and poetry of the Bible. And as the poet Keats once said,

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

Its loveliness increases; it will never

Pass into nothingness."

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Unwanted Medication Collection on Saturday

Members of the East Tennessee Regional Medication Collection Coalition will be on hand to collect and properly dispose of unwanted medicines Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fountain City Food City parking lot, 4805 N. Broadway.

Medicines can be dropped off at this location ONLY during the event. At all other times, Knox County residents can bring old or unused medicines to the Knoxville Police Department Safety Building at 800 Howard Baker Jr. Ave. The Safety Building is open 24 hours a day, seven days

a week.

This event is sponsored by: the Knoxville Police Department, Knox County and City of Knoxville Solid Waste Offices, Knox County Health Department, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, UT Academy of Student Pharmacists, KUB, Metro Drug Coalition, Hallsdale Powell Utility District, Knoxville Academy of Medical Alliance, WBIR, Food City and Moe's Southwest Grill.

For more information visit www.medicationcollection.org/.

Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center one step closer to serving community

The Helen Ross McNabb Center is excited to partner with Knox County in providing pre-arrest diversion services through the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, which is one step closer to serving the community following the recent grant award to Knox County.

The Helen Ross McNabb Center will provide 24/7 medical care, behavioral health intervention and group counseling services through BHUCC. The program will offer a chance for treatment for people who would otherwise face arrest and jail time for minor, nonviolent offenses.

"We need to decriminalize mental illness and substance abuse," said Candace Allen, senior director of intensive adult mental health services. "BHUCC provides an opportunity for treatment in lieu of incarceration, when appropriate."

The building itself will be a safe and secure environment and clients can stay and receive mental health and addiction services for up to three days.

This program will be unique because every client will leave with a plan for follow up care. The discharge planning will include specific case management services in

order to help clients follow through with the needed care.

"The Helen Ross McNabb Center is dedicated to providing mental health and addiction services to the community," said Leann Human-Hilliard, regional clinical vice president. "The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center has been made possible through many community partners and we are thankful for the support of Knox County, the City of Knoxville, KCSD, KPD and the DA's office."

The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center is expected to open by the end of the year.



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