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Foothills Title Services opens new office

Randy Smith voted Commission Chairman

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Randy Smith, a graduate of Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee with a degree in Business Management, has been chosen by the Knox County Commission as its new chairman. Smith, the 3rd District commissioner, won over John Schoonmaker in a 7-4 vote with Commissioners Carson Dailey, Schoonmaker, Bob Thomas and Ed Brantley supporting Schoonmaker, the 5th District Commissioner. The selection came in a 4 p.m. special session of the commission last Monday.

Smith, who has been serving as vice chairman, received votes from Commissioners Evelyn Gill, Michelle Carringer, Smith, Hugh Nystrom, Brad Anders, Charles Busler and out-going Chairman Dave Wright.

Smith assumed the position and oversaw the election of a vice chairman. The elected county officials selected 7th District Commissioner Charles Busler. The 6-5 vote saw Busler win out over Michelle Carringer with Schoonmaker, Busler, Wright, Dailey, Thomas and Brantley supporting Busler. Gill, Carringer, Smith, Nystrom and Anders voted for Carringer, the 2nd District commissioner.

The commission then set about naming members of various committees including those of Cable TV, Court, Finance, Insolvency, Rules and the Joint Education Committee.



PHOTO BY ROSE KING.

Kelsea Andrews, Sue Smartt, Rebecca Cook Pruitt, Troy Brown and Elena Brown at Foothills Title Services' Open House last week.

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With the formal opening of the company's third office at 3208 Tazewell Pike Thursday, Foothills Title Services now has three branches in our area.

Attorney Troy D. Brown founded Foothills in 1997 after serving in Desert Storm and Bosnia where he flew KC-135s with the Air Force. A UT law school graduate, he opened his first office in Maryville. The Blount County office is at 121 Station Drive and his other Knox County office is at 516 Ebenezer.

Why would an attorney choose the title business? "My intention was always

to go into business. I felt a law license would give me an advantage compared to my competition regardless of which business I chose to pursue," Brown told The Focus.

When asked what is unique about Foothills Title Services, Sue Smartt, Closing Agent for the Tazewell Pike office, was quick to reply.

"It's our customer service. There are so many underlying conditions to a title search," she said, adding that they specialize in working with buyers and sellers and dealing with estates.

"If you don't ask the right questions, you don't get the

right answers," she said.

"And having an attorney on staff sets us apart," she pointed out. Smartt comes to Foothills Title Services after several years as owner of Acquire Title. The Fountain City lady is joined in the Tazewell Pike office by Kelsea Andrews and Rebecca Cook Pruitt.

The company is a full-service title company handling all aspects of real estate transactions to include title searches, title insurance, commercial and residential real estate closings, and 1031s. Clients have followed Smartt to the new location and she said the best type of business is repeat customers and

referrals.

Smartt said that Brown did most of the remodeling of the Tazewell Pike office.

"We accomplish excellence through our combination of service, convenience and legal knowledge," Brown said, adding, "Our goal is to inspire utmost confidence such that from the initial order request to post-closing documentation our clients rest assured that we are taking care of their every need."

You may contact the Tazewell Pike office of Foothills Title Services by calling (865) 312-6212 or reach Smartt on email at Sue@foothillstitle.biz.

Proposed controversial policies sent back to board unchanged

By Pete Gawda

At their last meeting the Knox County Board of Education could not decide on the wording for two proposed controversial policies on student harassment and employee harassment. Therefore, they sent the policies back to the policy review committee for further consideration. After considerable discussion at their Wednesday, September 20 meeting, the policy review committee sent those two proposed policies back to the board of education with the wording that had been recommended by legal counsel.

The committee's discussion centered around **Continued on page 2**

Coalition will bring community together for Mental Illness Awareness Week



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Helen Ross McNabb Center held a groundbreaking for the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center last Friday. This pre-arrest diversion program is the result of significant collaboration from the Governor, the State's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Knox County, the City of Knoxville, KCSA, KPD and the DA's office. Members of the Safety Center Committee, which began an effort that became the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, pose behind shovels during the ground breaking Friday. Many other committee members are not pictured.

The Behavioral Health Awareness Coalition and the Helen Ross McNabb Center will present the annual Community Day at Market Square in Knoxville on Friday, Oct. 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Day is a free event, open to the public, which works to raise awareness, reduce stigma and provide information regarding mental health resources in our community. Attendees can sing and dance along with music provided by The Kincaid Band and WIVK 107.7 FM will emcee the event. There will be food, face painting, door prizes geared toward raising awareness and celebrating diversity and so much more!

More than 30 organizations from the Knoxville

area will be at Community Day with booths to provide information about their services.

Community Day is a traditional part of Mental Illness Awareness Week. Mental illness affects one in five individuals in the country. MIAW is designed to promote a better understanding for mental illness in our area. For more information regarding Community Day contact Pamela Coleman, 865-544-3841 ext. 4105.

The Helen Ross McNabb Center is a not-for-profit provider of behavioral health services in East Tennessee. Since 1948, the Center has provided quality and compassionate care to children, adults and families experiencing mental illness, addiction and social challenges.

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MPC's Rural Retreat ordinance may be rejected

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At least one of the three major changes to Knox County's zoning ordinances may go down to defeat or be postponed as the county commissioners have many questions about regulating "Rural Retreats" on farmland.

The proposal would regulate special events on agricultural, residential, planned residential and transition zones under a "use on review" permit. The regular commission meeting today will feature a public hearing on the issue.

The commission eventually passed the subject on to tonight's meeting in a "no recommendation" motion during work session last week, but not before several commissioners expressed their opinions and asked several questions.

Attorney John King addressed the commission in favor of the ordinance and said he has clients interested in creating a retreat or venue and have no problems with the ordinance.

The MPC's Mike Brusseau told the commission that the planning commission has received several calls over the past five years from people wanting to use their rural land for events. He said the proposed ordinance was created to give those folks an option.

Chairman Randy Smith asked Brusseau if the ordinance permitted tent or RV camping and the staff member answered it is not intended to permit permanent events.

Commissioner Carson Dailey expressed his support of the ordinance adding "this will be a help to the people in my

district" but he had some reservations about the 300-foot setback requirement between an event and adjoining properties and wondered if existing retreat events would be grandfathered in under the proposal.

Dailey also repeated his proposal that appeals for waivers should go to the Board of Zoning Appeals or the county commission instead of the MPC.

Commissioner Hugh Nystrom said the county commission is not allowed to regulate the use of agricultural land under state law and asked for "additional clarification."

"Agri-tourism already has a right to do this," he said, adding, "We don't want to regulate our farmers."

Several people spoke on the subject including two women who want to purchase rural land to

be used as a non-profit meditative retreat. On-going events would apparently fall under other regulations and the proposal is for occasional events such as weddings, get-togethers, etc.

"We cannot pass this with anything to do with agriculture," Commissioner Charles Busler said.

Michelle Carringer commented that the proposal doesn't "clarify farms being exempt by state law" and suggested the ordinance be rewritten.

Tonight's regular meeting will also take up the second reading of two other zoning changes concerning where to allow "supportive housing" in the county and whether to permit self-service storage facilities as a use-on-review in Neighborhood Commercial zones.



UT's Extension Agent Neal Denton told the commission that the "Rural Retreat" proposal in agricultural land seems to conflict with state law. Attorney John King (seated) also addressed the issue. Photo by Mike Steely.

At What Age Can You Legally Get Married in Tennessee?

It isn't very common in this day and age and in this country for individuals to get married when they are extremely young. It used to be much more common. You may have



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heard of individuals getting married before they have even turned 18 years old.

But what is the age at which individuals can legally get married in Tennessee today? Well, Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-3-105 states that it is unlawful for individuals to get married who are not at least 16 years of age. That is actually older than it used to be. The law used to say that if you were 15 years old, you could get married as long as you had parental consent to the marriage.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-3-106 now states that if anyone wants to get married who is under the age of 18, they have to get parental consent to the marriage

by their parent or legal guardian.

If anyone somehow does get married before either the bride or the groom is 16 years old, then that marriage can be annulled

(meaning the law views the marriage as having never happened), if either of the parties desires to back out of the marriage.

I have no idea how often 16 years olds (meaning they are possibly sophomores in high school!) are chomping at the bit to get married, but if they want to get married, in Tennessee it's legal for them to do so.

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Proposed controversial policies sent back to board

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definitions of types of harassment. The proposed policies prohibit harassment on the basis of "age, sex, national origin, disability, religion, race, color, creed, or any other federally identified protected area.". Community members had petitioned the board of education for a broader definition of sex to include "perceived gender, sexual orientation."

The school system's legal counsel, Gary Dupler, offered the opinion that the word "sex" was legally sufficient and did not require further elaboration. "If a man exhibits effeminate traits or vice versa, that is not something you can discriminate against someone for," Dupler said. "That has been part of federal law for a long time. We are saying stick to these well defined

legal terms." He cited similar policies for other large school districts in the state that used the same language as Knoxville's proposed policies.

"The community feels strongly about the extra language," Jennifer Owen said. She contended that its removal is perceived in the community as harassment and asked what harm it would do to leave the extra language in the policy "If we create a hostile environment by removing these words we are defeating the policy," she said. "These are not limiting parameters," she said, referring to the proposed language. "They are minimum parameters."

Patti Bounds stated that the idea is to protect everyone but stay as concise as possible.

"This is not a moral issue, it is a legal issue," said Tony

Norman. "The state legislature is our boss, we want to obey our boss."

Bounds agreed, stating that the school board only has the authority given by the state legislature. "That is where the battle needs to take place," she asserted.

"Our purpose is to keep local schools in local control," Owen said. "Our local people want the language kept in. If we keep our schools in local control we have to consider what the local community wants."

Turning to other business the committee recommended the policy on appointment of hearing officers be changed to allow for appointment of hearing officers every two years instead of the current one year. Proposed policy changes must pass two readings by the board of education. Another

proposed policy change would not require two readings for minor changes to policies.

Without much discussion the committee proposed a number of other policy changes that clarified wording or modified policy to conform with current laws. The topics of these policies include student transportation management, student goals, objectives and educational opportunities, the student counseling program, health services, physical examinations and immunizations, medication, school social work services, child abuse and neglect, school nutrition and student records.

While policy review committee meetings are open to the public, usually no one attends but the press. At this meeting several interested citizens were present.

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Publisher's Position

Ambulance Provider Questions Raised Again



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According to 7th District County Commissioner Charles Busler it may well be AMR, Knox County's ambulance service provider, is not in compliance with its current contract. That is embarrassing enough, but even more embarrassing is the fact the Knox County Commission just voted to extend

that same contract for an additional five years. Technically, the extension is for six more years, as Commissioners were encouraged to rush through an extension a year early.

Last Monday, Knox County Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong answered a series of questions posed by County Commissioner Charles Busler. Busler, a critic of the existing contract with AMR, had urged his colleges to slow down the process and consider asking for bids from other companies. Knox County would have retained the right to reject any and all bids and it is entirely possible AMR might well have kept the contract. The big difference is the process would have allowed for Knox County to choose the bid that was best for the

citizens and taxpayers of our community.

Busler had sent a letter to Armstrong posing several questions and wondering if AMR was in compliance with the existing contract. Commissioner Busler raised three questions, which Law Director Bud Armstrong answered. Busler raised the question of the "quantum merit theory," which was used by AMR to charge a property owner after responding to a call made by a renter. Armstrong told Busler the quantum merit theory as applied by AMR was not valid, as the law means the person who made the call must be the individual receiving the benefit. Some ambulance providers had tried to legalize the quantum merit theory by approaching the Tennessee General Assembly

to pass a law that could be enforced; the legislature refused. Simply put, the person receiving the service is responsible for paying the bill.

Busler also pursued the notion that when AMR publicly forgave a charge to Busler's constituents Mr. and Mrs. Tim Patt at last month's commission meeting when the contract was approved, was the company setting a precedent? Armstrong said at the very least others charged similarly would be able to file a grievance. Busler asked if the ambulance provider could charge for "additional charges." Armstrong replied the contract specifically states all charges are included and there cannot be any "add ons."

AMR has also apparently

raised its rates while the contract calls for a committee, which would include a member of the Knox County Commission, to review any rate increases to customers before the rate change would go into effect. As it turns out, no such committee has ever been formed and the increase was never reviewed by anyone. Nobody from the mayor on down thought to review the contract or create a committee as called for in the contract; instead there was a rush to extend a contract a year in advance. Wow!

Commissioner Charles Busler deserves commendation for doggedly pursuing what he believed to be right and looking out for the people's interest. Unfortunately, he did not have enough support last month from

his fellow commissioners. There are many fine people on the Knox County Commission and the dialogue last Monday, at the very least, raises some mighty big questions. Hopefully Busler will have more support from his colleagues today and in the future. Had some powerful people not have been in such a hurry to renew this contract a year early before next year's elections, perhaps the commission could have done its job, reviewed the current contract with AMR, asked if AMR was in compliance and opened the contract for bids, ensuring the best deal for citizens and taxpayers.

The end result thus far is the clear indication that sometimes it is better to slow down and get it right the first time.

6th District candidates answer questions

By Mike Steely
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Recently The Knoxville Focus asked a dozen questions of all the primary winners in the five races for Knoxville City Council. Each race will have two candidates on the ballot, the first and second place primary winners. The General Election is November 7 and early voting starts October 18.

Answers from the candidates may have been shortened in some cases and not all of the total questions and answers are included. Responses are by alphabetical order based on the candidate's last name.

Gwen McKenzie and Jennifer Montgomery, 6th District candidates for city council, replied to the questions this week.

What will be your focus as a council member?

McKenzie: My focus will be working with

stakeholders and the community to revitalize several areas across the 6th District which will position the district for expanded growth and encourage economic development. Downtown revitalization was a huge success on many levels and can serve as a blueprint to accomplish this.

Montgomery: I think maintaining affordable, attractive jobs and creating a unique city are most critical to continuing Knoxville's steady economic growth. I think Knoxville is a highly attractive city and would like to encourage development of our unique assets here.

Do you support Mayor Rogero's policy on dealing with immigrants and Knoxville being a "Welcoming City?"

McKenzie: In the 6th District particularly our diversity has grown tremendously over the past 5 - 10 years. I am in favor of Knoxville



Gwen McKenzie

being a "Welcoming City" and helping, not displacing anyone with a desire to become a US Citizen.

Montgomery: I often talk about how to welcome new excitement, interest and investment in the Sixth District while keeping the good ideas and initiatives that we already have. I have the same consideration for the city.

What are your thoughts on expanding the Historic Zoning in Park City?

McKenzie: My concern is



Jennifer Montgomery

for the residents who can't afford to maintain the historical zoning standards, increased property taxes or rent will lead to gentrification and potential displacement of our residents (primarily minorities) out of the 6th District.

Montgomery: I am in favor of expansion. As the Parkridge Community Organization President I have been involved in some difficult conversation in our neighborhood about this

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McKenzie and Montgomery face off in the 6th District

Gwen McKenzie and Jennifer Montgomery emerged from a huge field of 13 candidates vying to replace term-limited Councilman and former Interim Mayor Daniel Brown. Rev. John Butler and David Gillette ran an almost tie for third place with about 11% each.

McKenzie pulled 22.24% and Montgomery pulled 17.28% of the Primary Vote. The November 7th General Election will see the two face off.

McKenzie is a lifelong 6th District resident, a community activist, and a board member of the Knoxville Urban League. She's the wife of former Knox County Commissioner Sam McKenzie.

Montgomery is president of the Park City Neighborhood Association, a local business owner, and her family has lived in the 6th District for three generations. She has a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.



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Summit Hill residents may get promised bus shelter

By Mike Steely
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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday one of the resolutions they'll take up is obtaining property for a KAT bus stop project on Summit Hill Drive. The council is being asked by the Department of Engineering to authorize the mayor to purchase or condemn, if need be, three tracts of real property. The Summit Hill Stop Project has been promised for several years and the need there is a bit different than in other parts of the city. The transit system cut service there from four stops an hour to one stop, limiting

service to the elderly and handicapped residents of Summit Hill Towers. The residents were promised a special shelter on Summit Hill Avenue downhill from their large apartment building and a better way to get there and back for the bus or trolley.

A few weeks ago KAT announced that seven shelters in the city have been installed so far this year and 19 more are scheduled as projects for next year. The planned shelter projects include new ones at Fort Dickerson Park and Island Home Avenue, Kirkwood in East Knoxville, four shelters on Cumberland Avenue, two at Harriet Tubman Street

at the Change Center, four along Magnolia Avenue, four at Clinton Highway and Merchants Drive, and the new shelter on Summitt Hill Drive.

The council is being asked to authorize \$78,550 to the property acquisitions for the Summitt Hill shelter project.

In an unrelated transit resolution the council may authorize the mayor to enter an agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for an accelerated bus corridor project on the Broadway Corridor.

Greenway projects are on the agenda as well. The mayor may be approved to apply

for a \$2.3 million grant from the state to build the Northwest Greenway Connector. If received it would be matched with \$466,287 in city funds.

An easement to the Vestal Greenway at 4111 Martin Mill Pike could be approved for \$700 from Bonnie Comfort Allen. The Vestal Greenway project is also involved in another easement at 115 Ogle Avenue.

The council may also approve another five-year lease with Knox County and Young-Williams Animal Center and the council may give the Boy Scouts \$5,000 from police funds in an ordinance requested by the Knoxville Police Department.

Another \$140,000 is being requested by the police department to be donated to the Family Justice Center to help fund operations there.

The Office of Redevelopment is asking the council to authorize \$1.5 million for construction of the Suttree Landing Park Boathouse and Pavilion.

The meeting should see the second and final votes on the city's new parking ordinance and votes on whether or not to allow multi-dwelling structures as a use permitted on review in Commercial Zones C-3 and C-6 zones.

6th District candidates answer questions

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zoning tool. I fear about the potential that affordability, tenant's rights, and diversity would be negatively impacted by the expansion. I have lived in the existing 20 year old overlay for 15 years and don't have any evidence of these concerns, specific to the H1 overlay.

Please comment on the push for more bus shelters along Magnolia and MLK.

McKenzie: I am in favor of additional bus shelters as this is the primary mode of transportation for many people in this area (going to work and medical appointments). Until I volunteered to give out water on a 90+ degree day to people waiting in the sun for the bus I took the need for shelters for granted. I'm thankful to Vivian Shipe who championed this cause bringing

awareness of this need.

Montgomery: I like the idea that public transportation would be a more reasonable option for people, in inclement weather. I think the installation of shelters can be a complicated real estate process which may be lengthy.

Please comment on the Police Advisory Committee's disagreement with the Police Internal Review decision.

McKenzie: I attended this meeting and emotions were very high especially after hearing personally from the young lady involved and her family which had an impact on everyone. I hope that the Committee will confidentially interview other officers at random to get their perspective of how they would have handled this situation as part of their continued review. I personally spoke with two good friends who work for KPD regarding this

incident and outcome and did not get the response I anticipated.

Montgomery: I think PARC provides an important opportunity for accountability and responsibility for the decisions made by members of the Knox County Police Department. I often ask people if they know the name and contact information of their neighborhood police officer. Some do and some don't. I think everyone should. It's important for police officers to be concerned stakeholder in our communities and to be viewed in that way. PARC can be a step in that direction.

What do you think of changing election laws to permit the districts to elect city council members rather than the top two facing city-wide election?

McKenzie: I strongly believe districts should be

able to have the final "vote and voice" on who represents them. Campaigning in the district and now city wide I get this question all the time and overwhelmingly citizens think this doesn't make sense and that Districts should select their own representatives.

Montgomery: I think that the districts are important components of the city. Leadership should be mindful of the needs of the citizens in the districts but also the greater good of the city.

How do you feel about short-term rentals in residential zones?

McKenzie: In talking to residents in areas where they suspect properties are being purchased and renovated for short-term rentals I share their concerns for safety first and foremost. Not knowing who is staying in your neighborhood

at any given time could be dangerous ESPECIALLY for our children with that said I currently am not in favor of short term rentals in residential zones.

Montgomery: I am a real estate agent. So, I'm generally interested in property rights. I have been considering the question of how the right to offer your property to guests is different than the right to offer it for lease? Beyond property rights, I've been considering more practical property management differences between short-term rental and longer term leasing. In a lease, relief from, for example, a loud tenant would often require a longer term than a loud shorter term guest. I think continued workshops have allowed more time for consideration of this debate.

I have heard evidence that the short-term rental

market in Knoxville, at this point, has resulted in relatively few negative consequences. I am concerned about the possibility of future concentrations of short-term rentals in residential districts as a natural outcome of growth in the market for them. These kinds of concentrations may prove to bring a complicated situation in which the needs of the guest community must be balanced with the needs of the resident community. However, I think regulations should be based on well-intentioned reason and experience. Short-term rentals are a popular alternative lodging for tourists in residential areas here and other places and should be available in Knoxville.

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Dirty tricks in the STR debate?

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You'd think that allowing or not allowing Short-Term Rentals would be a slam dunk decision in Knoxville. Either you regulate them or you don't, but it's a lot more complicated than it seems.

Someone is muddying the waters on the issue in their opposition to allowing homeowners to rent

out their homes or rooms in their homes, which is currently "illegal" here. The unknown person is calling 311 and the city to report at least a dozen homeowners who currently rent to temporary visitors.

The Metropolitan Planning Commission will tackle the proposed ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals, in its October 12 meeting. The

matter was sent back to the MPC by City Council on August 29th along with several questions and comments.

Opinions on the in-home business vary from no regulations at all to reasonable control by the city or the absolute prohibition of such businesses in residential areas.

In the past two weeks the debate between

supporters and opponents has heated up both on social media and in city government because of the sudden increase in complaints. Until this month, only five complaints had been lodged about short-term-rentals during the past few years.

"Complaints were registered with 311 indicating short-term rentals were operating within residential

zoning districts, which led to our departments following up and investigating. The notices of violations were sent after confirming the short term rentals were actively advertising their businesses within residential zoning districts," Peter Ahrens, Director of Plans Review and Inspections, told The Focus.

"We don't know who these particular calls came

from. After the last workshop that city council had on the issue, Peter and I were approached by a gentleman who was very determined in his opposition. He told us that he was going to go online and look up as many as he could identify and file complaints about them," Jesse Mayshark, Knoxville's Director of Communications, told The Focus. **Continue on page 4**

Stepping back in time

By Pete Gawda

"Let the past touch your soul" and return to a an earlier, simpler era by visiting the Museum of Appalachia which is located about 20 miles north of Knoxville off the Clinton exit of I75.

While the museum has modern buildings which house one of the largest collections of Appalachian artifacts on shelves and in glass display cases, what makes the museum unique is what is outside these buildings. Located on the 60 plus acres of the museum grounds are over 30 log cabins and log farm buildings that were moved from their original sites and rebuilt to resemble an Appalachian farming community. The cabins are so realistically equipped with furniture and household items of their particular time period that is makes a visitors feel like they are intruding into someone's private home.

The nonprofit museum, which is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, was founded in 1969 by John Rice Irwin, an east Tennessee educator and businessman man with a love for preserving history. It started humbly with Irwin's first acquisition at a local auction of an old wooden horse-shoeing box and grew to become what the Tennessee Blue Book describes as "The most authentic and complete replica of primitive Appalachian life in the world."

One of the earliest and most primitive cabins is the Dan'l Boone Cabin, so called because it was used as a set for the television series "Young Dan'l Boone." However, the cabin has no connection with the famous



frontiersman. It was originally located in the Rosedale community in the New River section of Anderson County and called the Patterson Cabin. It was built in the early nineteenth century and has wooden shutters over the windows, a dirt floor and a stick and mud chimney.

From about that same era is Irwin's Chapel Log Church which came from the Hamburg community of Madison County, North Carolina. It boasts a simple steeple, a pot bellied stove and a rocking chair for the preacher.

The Mark Twain Cabin is more substantially built than the Dan'l Boone Cabin with glass windows and a stone chimney. It was originally located in the Possum



PHOTOS BY PETE GAWDA.

Top: The Peter Homestead House was built in either the late 1700s or early 1800s and originally stood near Lutrell. **Above:** This upstairs bedroom in the Peters Homestead House looks as if the original occupants will soon be returning to go to bed.. The house was built in either the late 1700s or the early 1800s and was originally located near Lutrell.

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Workshop teaches neighbors how to fight blight

The City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Codes Enforcement team, in cooperation with the Office of Neighborhoods and other City departments, is conducting a five-part series of workshops focused on the challenges posed by blighted properties and how to address them.

Blight includes neglected or abandoned houses, overgrown and dirty lots, abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping areas and other so-called attractive nuisances that exacerbate vandalism and crime. A Neighborhood Codes Enforcement FAQ is located on the City's website at: <http://bit.ly/NeighborhoodCodes>.

"This workshop will be especially useful to members of established or emerging neighborhood organizations seeking to systematically address blighted properties," says Office of Neighborhoods Coordinator David Massey.

Workshop participants will examine the nuts and bolts of City codes enforcement, which frequently begins with a call to 311. 311 Director Russ Jensen says that roughly half of all service requests received by 311 in August 2017 were codes related. Sixty to 70 percent of those service requests were entered by inspectors **Continue on page 2**

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Workshop teaches neighbors how to fight blight

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themselves. "The Codes Enforcement team is proactively fighting blight in our neighborhoods by putting in service requests when they see violations," says Jensen.

Workshop participants will learn how and why properties become blighted and hear about efforts that address and remediate blight, including place-making projects and the City's Blighted Property Redevelopment Program (BPRP), which provides loans to help fund renovations of qualifying properties that put those houses

back on the tax rolls.

Fight The Blight Workshop sessions are 5:30 - 7 p.m. consecutive Thursdays, Oct. 5, Oct. 12, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2, at the City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center at 3131 Morris Ave. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

To register, fill out this online form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fight_The_Blight

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Don Williams

There were no flashing lights, little fanfare, and barely any movement on stage. The simple setting seemed to match the artist and his music.



By Ralphine Major
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It was during the seventies and eighties. Usually, I preferred another record album over concert tickets. But, I had a change of heart when Don Williams came to town. Another record album would have to wait. Some of my co-workers chided me about being a fan of the singer who wore a crumpled felt hat instead of other country music artists of the day who appeared more sophisticated. In my mind, their favorites did not compare to Williams who sang his slow tempo songs as if he had all day. They often seemed to fit the category of easy listening as much as country.

In his Knoxville appearance, Williams and his small band sang

many of his hit songs. Some of his best known recordings include "I Believe in You," "Till the Rivers All Run Dry," and "You're My Best Friend." The small band was all he needed for the amazing harmony and accompaniment for which he was known. I remember him asking the audience if the music was too loud. It definitely was not.

That was more than 30 years ago, and I had not listened to a Don Williams song in quite awhile. After his recent death, I heard them again. I had forgotten how the quality of his voice accents each word as if it were the most important one in all the lyrics. It is uncharacteristic of me not to have taken a picture at the concert, but I do not remember taking one. Recently, I dug through our stash of long-play record albums and found several of the late Don Williams. One of his best hits albums still had the price on it--- \$4.99. Don Williams truly had a style all his own. For his fans, the unique style of the country music legend will likely be appreciated for years to come.

Stepping back in time

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Trot community near Pall Mall in Fentress County and was the home of the famous author's parents.

Visitors can see how our ancestors made brooms and rope in the reconstructed broom and rope shop which came from Clinchport, Virginia. They also get a look at how saddles and other leather products were made and repaired in the leather shop which came from near Rogersville.

Nestled, among the working gardens and pens for farm animals are a corn crib, smoke house,

blacksmith shop and a cantilever barn which originally stood near Seymour. The loft of this barn projects over the ground floor on all sides giving an open area to house farm implements and wagons. Up the hill from this barn is a mid twentieth century farm sawmill powered by a John Deere tractor. There is also a molasses mill turned by real horsepower which squeezes juice out of sugar cane to be cooked into molasses in a metal pan over a nearby fire.

What Appalachian village would be complete without a moonshine still?

The museum's still has the added authenticity of having been constructed by famous moonshiner Marvin "Popcorn" Sutton.

Where do moonshiners sometimes wind up? In jail. The museum's 6 by 9 foot steel jail cells, which each house four prisoners, came from Madisonville.

In the Display Barn the visitors can see an old country store and post office.

The signs of Harrison Mayes are also on display. After the Kentucky coal miner survived a mining accident in 1918 he spent 70 years constructing and

placing religious signs on the side of highways all over the country.

In one of the display buildings is a large collection of the unique wood-carvings of James Bunch of Madisonville. During the 15 year period he tended for his bed ridden wife, he took up whittling with his pocketknife and created a wide array of intricate wood carvings.

The museum hosts a variety of special events and is a popular spot for weddings.

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Congressman Finis J. Garrett

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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For more than two decades, Finis James Garrett represented a West Tennessee district in Congress. Garrett was a talented politician and his rise was meteoric. Winning a seat in Congress when he was barely twenty-eight years old, he rose to become the Minority Leader of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Finis J. Garrett was born in Weakley County, Tennessee on August 26, 1875. At the age of eighteen, Finis Garrett was already the editor of a newspaper. Garrett did much of the work himself; reporting, as well as setting type and printing the paper. Garrett's job with the newspaper enabled him to help pay for his education and after graduating from college, he became the principal of the Como Public School. He later accepted a position teaching for the Milan school system. While teaching, Garrett was furthering his own education, studying the law.

Finis J. Garrett passed the Bar examination in 1899 and by 1900, he was appointed Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court. Garrett's appointment as Clerk and Master enabled him to earn a good living and in 1901 he married Elizabeth "Bess" Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett had two children together; a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Burns.

In 1904, Garrett challenged incumbent Congressman Rice A. Pierce. Pierce had been a Confederate cavalry officer during the Civil War and had something of a spotty record in being able to hold on to his Congressional seat. Evidently Pierce had difficulty in entrenching himself; he had first been elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1882, but lost his reelection bid inside the Democratic primary two years later. Pierce came back four years later to win again in 1888. Pierce managed to hang on until 1892, when he lost again. Apparently Rice A. Pierce was nothing, if not determined. He waited another four years before running for his old seat in Congress and won the election of 1896.

Rice A. Pierce managed to remain in Congress for eight years before Finis J. Garrett challenged him in the Democratic primary. The old Confederate veteran attempted to paint Garrett as a mere callow youth, while he was an experienced and dedicated congressman, mature in years and wisdom. It did him little good. Finis J. Garrett won the primary and ended Congressman Pierce's political career.

Garrett won the Congressional primary just weeks before his twenty-ninth birthday. He would remain in Congress until 1928 when he decided to run for the United States Senate.

Finis J. Garrett was profoundly conservative. Garrett was a strong supporter of states' rights rather than almost any intervention by

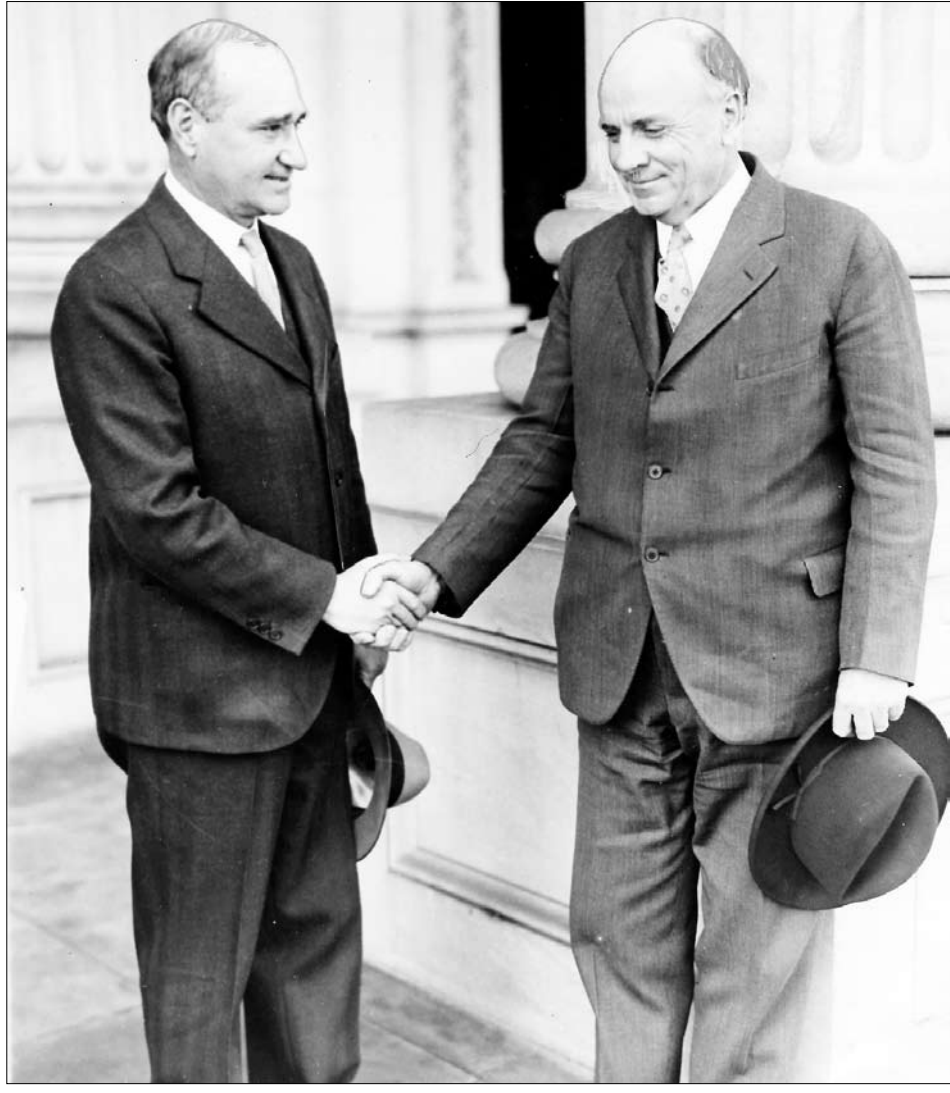
the federal government. Congressman Garrett was opposed to Congress granting suffrage for women, taking the position that each state should decide whether or not to allow women to vote. Garrett was similarly opposed to legislation protecting children in the workplace. Congressman Garrett was even opposed to federal grants for road and highway construction, as he believed it would eventually lead to the federal government controlling state roads.

Finis J. Garrett's inherent conservatism did not impede his ability to be elected by his fellow Democrats in the House of Representatives as Minority Leader. His two immediately predecessors had also been Southerners; Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama and John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. After having served as Chairman of the House Insular Affairs Committee, he was the Democratic candidate for Speaker of the House in 1923. The Republicans held the majority inside the U. S. House of Representatives throughout the decade of the 1920s and every two years, Finis J. Garrett would be nominated for Speaker by his party. Garrett remained Minority Leader for the rest of his time in Congress.

Had he chosen not to run for the United States Senate in 1928 and opted to remain in the House, Finis J. Garrett quite likely could have been Speaker of the House in 1931. Evidently Garrett was either unhappy in the House, languishing in the minority, or yearned for other challenges. Had he been elected Speaker, much of history would have changed; John Nance Garner would not have been vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt and considering Garrett's conservatism, how would he have reacted to much of the New Deal?

Garrett had wanted a judgeship, but although a Democrat, President Woodrow Wilson refused to appoint the Tennesseean. Wilson said Garrett was "our strongest man" in the House of Representatives and disliked the idea of losing him. Finally, Wilson relented and nominated Garrett to a federal judgeship, but the Republicans in the Senate refused to act upon the nomination.

In 1922, the House was seriously considering anti-lynching legislation sponsored by Missouri Republican Leonidas Dyer. Several Westerners in Congress believed the bill to be unconstitutional, including Senator William E. Borah of Idaho. Borah was one of the most respected members of the United States Senate, a progressive Republican considered something of a constitutional expert in Congress. The recalcitrant Westerners allied themselves with Southerners and Garrett told his colleagues, "Whatever you people in the West decide to do in



Congressman Finis Garrett of Tennessee (left) congratulating Congressman John Box of Texas (right) in 1929.

working out your problem, we people of the South will understand."

Tennessee politics was sharply divided during the decade of the 1920s. The Republicans had ceased to be a significant factor since the defeat of Governor Alfred A. Taylor in 1922. Austin Peay dominated the governor's office and was allied with a faction of the Democratic Party headed by newspaper publisher and former U. S. senator Luke Lea. Opposed to Peay were Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization, and Nashville Mayor Hilary Howse. Howse headed the potent political machine inside Davidson County. Peay had been elected to a third two-year term over strenuous opposition from former State Treasurer Hill McAlister. McAlister had been supported by Senator McKellar, Crump, and Mayor Howse.

Many believed Governor Peay would challenge Senator McKellar inside the Democratic primary in 1928. A Peay candidacy would have been a real threat to McKellar, as the governor was highly popular, especially in much of East Tennessee where the senator was also very popular. McKellar was less popular in Middle Tennessee and the contest very well would have likely come down to West Tennessee.

Peay denied he was interested in running for the U. S. Senate in 1928 and fate made it a moot issue, as the governor died suddenly October 2, 1927 from a cerebral hemorrhage. He was only fifty-one years old. By that time, Congressman Finis J. Garrett had already announced that he was running for the United States Senate.

Issuing a statement from his hometown of Dresden on July 4, 1927, Garrett made the usual concession he had been urged to become a candidate by scores of citizens all across the State of Tennessee. Congressman Garrett announced he would challenge K. D. McKellar in the 1928 Democratic primary more than a year before the election.

Luke Lea had offered his support to Garrett, if for no other reason that he very much wanted Henry Horton elected governor. Lea figured

if the Shelby and Davidson county political machines were busy trying to reelect McKellar to the Senate, they could not devote all their time, energy and resources into the gubernatorial race. Since Peay's death, Speaker of the State Senate, Henry Horton had been the acting governor and while Lea had been highly influential during Peay's administration, many considered the former senator chief executive in all but name during that of Horton.

Henry Horton had little political experience and was in his first term in the State Senate when his colleagues made him lieutenant governor. Horton had never run a statewide campaign and it appeared certain Hill McAlister would run again and considering that McAlister had quite nearly defeated Austin Peay, Lea knew the former Treasurer would be a formidable candidate. There was every reason to believe Hill McAlister would run an even stronger race against Horton.

Lea's strategy was to keep McKellar, Crump, and Hilary Howse busy with the senatorial contest while he did all he could to elect Henry Horton governor in his own right.

Finis J. Garrett made several tours of Tennessee to introduce himself to thousands of Democrats who had either no or little knowledge of him. A thickset man, balding, yet stately, Garrett was an excellent speaker. The Congressman almost casually revealed the late Governor Peay had promised to support him in his senatorial campaign, but of course with Peay dead that same support was negligible.

Running against McKellar was an uphill battle for any aspiring politician. McKellar had defeated Lea and just about every other politician of note in Tennessee to get to the United States Senate to become the first U. S. senator ever popularly elected by Volunteer State voters. Senator McKellar quickly established a routine he kept up for the next thirty-six years. McKellar promptly answered all inquiries from Tennessee the same day they were received and performed innumerable favors for countless Tennesseans. Senator McKellar was well liked and respected by his constituents. He had earned a reputation for

looking out for Tennessee and Tennesseans.

Finis J. Garrett and Kenneth D. McKellar were personal friends, a fact both readily acknowledged, yet their political philosophies were almost diametrically opposed to one another. Both had loyally supported President Woodrow Wilson and both were very much for American participation in the League of Nations. McKellar had been very strongly in favor of an amendment to the U. S. Constitution giving women the right to vote, an approach deeply opposed by Finis J. Garrett. Garrett was opposed to any effort to amend the Constitution to grant women suffrage.

Garrett was more supportive of big business than McKellar, who tended to view Wall Street and private power companies with deep suspicion. Finis J. Garrett was also not especially friendly to organized labor, while Senator McKellar considered himself a friend to labor.

Just before the primary election, Congressman Garrett came to Kingsport, where he spoke to an audience gathered at the Doby's-Bennett High School. McKellar was quite strong in traditionally Republican East Tennessee and Garrett knew to win, he had to whittle down the senator's expected margin in that section of the state.

Garrett flatly accused McKellar of being a tool of the Memphis machine, which he said was equaled "only by Tammany Hall and the Republican machine in Philadelphia" in the entire country. Congressman Garrett pointed out that while he considered McKellar a friend, they had very different ideas in approaching problems and legislation. "If McKellar is right on many issues," Garrett said, "then I am eternally and forever wrong."

The Congressman complained he had become "the target of labor leaders in Washington" due to his votes against organized labor in Congress. Garrett was sharply critical of McKellar for having voted for a bill regulating child labor. Once again, Garrett thundered such legislation belonged to the purview of the individual states. It was clear Finis J. Garrett believed Senator McKellar was something akin to a

dangerous radical.

Garrett lamented McKellar's refusal to debate him, noting sadly there had been a time when Tennessee senators had gladly defended their own records. The Congressman complained McKellar had not bothered to make a single speech since declaring himself a candidate for reelection. That had been McKellar's speech in Gallatin, Tennessee opening his reelection bid.

McKellar was confident and had every right to be. When the votes were tallied, the senator beat Finis J. Garrett by a two-to-one margin. McKellar even ran quite strongly inside Garrett's own Congressional district, carrying four of the nine counties comprising the Ninth District. McKellar won Davidson, Knox, and Hamilton counties; his majority inside his native Shelby County was ten to one.

Finis J. Garrett accepted his defeat with good grace and had not so bitterly attacked McKellar so as to offend the senator. That helped when Garrett was nominated to serve as a judge on the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals later that year by President Calvin Coolidge. This time the United States Senate confirmed Garrett's nomination, which was strongly supported by Senator K. D. McKellar.

When Senator Lawrence D. Tyson died suddenly in the summer of 1929, Garrett was briefly mentioned as a possible appointee to the vacancy. The appointment would be made by Governor Henry Horton and the press speculated the most likely possibility was Luke Lea, followed by Finis Garrett and a few others. Some even believed Horton considered resigning as governor to allow his successor to appoint him to the senatorial vacancy. There was little reason to believe Finis J. Garrett would give up a comfortable lifetime appointment for the uncertainty of accepting a temporary appointment to the United States Senate. In the end, Governor Horton did appoint Lea, who imperiously rejected the appointment. Horton finally appointed Chattanooga candy maker and businessman William E. Brock.

Following his appointment to the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, Finis J. Garrett and his wife continued to live in Washington, D. C. The former congressman would turn up at social events, especially those with some connection to Tennessee. Garrett would be present for several testimonials for Senator McKellar over the years.

Nominated to the bench by a Republican president, Garrett was nominated to serve as presiding judge of the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals in 1937 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Finis J. Garrett remained on the court for twenty-five years, finally retiring on September 15, 1955, due to failing health. Garrett did return to Tennessee occasionally, but like so many other congressmen and senators, he lived in Washington, D. C. Even after retiring from the court, he and Bess did not return home to Tennessee.

On May 25, 1956, Finis J. Garrett died at his home in Washington, D. C.

He finally came home to Tennessee.

Escape is futile

The announcement just came over the intercom, "Teachers, the Internet is going to be disconnected. Don't panic!" I laughed to myself and thought, "How ridiculous is that?" The smile on my face lasted only a brief time. Then, the feelings of discomfort crept in until I, too, fretted over having no connections.



By Joe Rector
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for my six-month check-up for skin cancer. The office lost its Internet connections, and the "system was down." Things slowed to a crawl, and the silence there was akin to that of a funeral home. Receptionists and bookkeepers lamented that they couldn't do their jobs; the records that were available for my visit were half-printed, having ended with the shutdown. The nurse asked if I knew what I was there for, and I told her a check-up, but she had no idea what the typing on my chart indicated since it stopped halfway through.

When I think about such events, the fact that we've turned over too much of our lives to technology is apparent. Most of us walk around with a cell phone either tucked in our pockets or squeezed in our hands. Should cell service temporarily go

out, the conniption fits and profanity-filled tirades begin. For some reason, we think that having no cell phone is a danger to life. As much as the folks in Houston might dislike it, most of them have discovered that they can survive without a cell phone. It wasn't that long ago when owners of these wonders of technology were few and far between. Now, even elementary school students have them. What in the world is so important to a seven-year-old that he needs a phone? If illness occurs, the office has phone service available.

Because the Internet service is out at school, my students weren't able to type final drafts of essays they were writing. I told them to use blue or black ink and to write them. One student commented, "We're going old style!" So much work is pecked out on computers that some students have lost the ability to write in a manner that can be read. They don't worry about grammatical mistakes because the "checker" warns them of grammatical and spelling errors. It's as if they have turned over thinking to a machine.

Even our appliances at home run on what I call "high technology." I don't mind at all looking in the refrigerator to discover

what items should be bought at the store. Having some screen come up on the door of the appliance where items can be listed and synced to my phone is overkill. No matter how many buttons I push, the dishwasher never runs, and to answer questions, yes, I push the start button. These days, if a sensor or "board" goes out on a washer or dryer, buying a new appliance is almost cheaper than buying the part. If the power goes out, nothing works, and when it returns, resetting clocks and cable boxes and timers can take an eternity.

Don't get me wrong. I think technology is a good thing. Being able to type up a column, attach it to an email, and deliver it to the editor beats banging on an old typewriter and lickings stamps and envelopes. My complaint is that we humans have turned over too much of our lives to technological advances. Kids don't play outside as much anymore; we have so many television channels but still can't find anything to watch, and we receive contact from all sorts of people and organizations, even while we sleep. Just unplugging for a while would do all of us a favor. That being said, I'll sit and wait for the Internet to come back so I can send this column in. Escape in futile.

Dirty tricks in the STR debate?

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Focus.

"I don't know if he did that but in the two weeks after that meeting we suddenly get a dozen new complaints," Mayshark said, adding, "It is also worth noting that these complaints were only about zoning violations. None of the complaints have alleged any neighborhood nuisances like noise, garage or other disturbances."

City Council Attorney Rob Frost said he wasn't aware of any complaints until he heard about them in the news. Mayshark said Frost may not have known about the complaints but that each council member had been sent copies of complaints.

"I told them that unless there was action or some kind of direction from the council the notices of violations would have to be sent," Mayshark said. Copies of the notices were also sent to the council members.

People receiving the notices of violations have a 120-day compliance period and Mayshark said that if the council takes no action in November it will affect the violation notices. Violators could face a misdemeanor conviction if they continue to rent to short-term visitors.

Aside from paying for a business license and paying the visitor taxes, similar to the hotel-motel businesses, the proposed regulations says homeowners would also be required to meet safety and health standards and limit parking and the number of guests.

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OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

Sultana, 1800; Titanic, 1517

By Randall Baxter

During the Civil War, many East Tennessee citizens joined a Union Cavalry group. They ran into a seasoned Confederate group and were captured. They spent the rest of the war in a prisoner of war camp in Alabama. They were lucky it was not Andersonville.

With the war over, they were released and given tickets to go north on the Mississippi if they could get to Vicksburg. Five dollars for non-officers and ten dollars for officers.

The Government contract for transportation was a very lucrative opportunity for the owners of a paddle boat called The Sultana.

A ship that was licensed for about 325 passengers was loaded with about 2500. And up the Mississippi they went.

It was April, 1865. The river was swollen with melting snow and spring rains. The current was strong. Many of the passengers had to go north for discharging before returning to their beloved homes. Many were returning to the Knoxville area.

It was noted that you could tell the difference between the prisoners of war who were from Andersonville, versus the others.

The reason for the explosion has been debated for years. What is known is that one of the boilers exploded, causing sympathetic explosions of the other boilers. Men were scalded to death, burned to death or simply just blown up. It was reported that many of the East Tennessee survivors of the POW camps were packed in to the boiler room area, unable to escape. Was it capitalistic greed or terrorism?

The boilers must have been working very hard to go up the river, overloaded.

The Sultana blew up on April 27, 1865,

about seven miles north of Memphis, Tennessee, claiming as many as 1,800 lives, according to historical estimates. I have seen some lower estimates of 1547. The Titanic claimed fewer — 1,517 — when it sank 45 years later.

But the momentous events of April 1865 — Lincoln's death and Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender among them — all but eclipsed the deadliest maritime disaster in US History.

I have a lifelong friend, Ray Hodges, many of you readers probably know him. This business, civic and church leader from East Knoxville read an article of a few weeks ago about the defacing of a monument on 17th Street. He reminded me of another monument placed by the survivors of the Sultana explosion in South Knoxville. His grandfather survived the Sultana explosion. He woke up in a tree possibly saved by ex-Confederate soldiers who came to the rescue at the scene of the disaster. This surviving union cavalry man, who survived the war and the Sultana explosion, had five grandsons serve our country in World War II.

The ship sunk, and the river changed course over time. The ship is now underground, west of the Mississippi, in Arkansas.

Not many people know of the disaster, and its effect on East Tennessee. The Civil War had ended, Lee had surrendered, Jefferson Davis had been captured, Lincoln had been assassinated, John Wilkes Booth had been captured, and our nation was mourning the deaths of over 600,000 of its children.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS



Farragut High School boys and girls golf teams: (back row left to right) Steven Haremski, Antonio Farinella, Chad Homan, Lance Simpson, AJ Rinehart, Connor Price. (front row left to right) Aynsleigh Martin, Lexanne Halama, Emily Keeling, Jennaly Nolan.

Farragut sweeps at district golf tournament

By Ken Lay

MARYVILLE --- Connor Price did not have Farragut's top score at the District 4 Large Schools Golf Championships. But he had his best round of the 2017 season and sank a crucial putt.

Price, who fired a 78 in the 18-hole event on Monday, Sept. 18, drained a final short-range shot to force a playoff with Maryville at Lambert Acres.

The Admirals would claim the district crown on the first extra hole.

"Connor Price had a personal best and he made a putt to force

a playoff with Maryville," said Admirals first-year coach Kathy Nagy. "We have great respect for the Maryville team."

"They're a great team. The thing that I'm proudest of is that our boys set a goal to shoot under 300 [as a team] and we were able to do that. The boys fired their lowest score of the season."

Farragut and the Rebels both post a score of 296 in regulation. The Admirals, however, would prevail on the first playoff hole. Farragut's team would combine to shoot a birdie and a pair of pars. Maryville managed

two pars and two bogeys.

Low Medalist honors went to Matthew Copeland of the Rebels. He fired a 3-under 69 and edged Farragut's Antonio Farinella by a single stroke.

"Antonio had his personal best for the season," Nagy said.

Other Farragut scorers included Lance Simpson (73) and Steven Haremski (75).

The Admirals and Rebels both qualify for Tuesday's Region 2 Tournament Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. Catholic

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Carter's Hayes impressive winner at Morristown

By Steve Williams

Cooper Hayes carded a 69 to take individual honors and led Carter High's golf team to the Large Division District 2 golf title at Morristown Golf and Country Club Monday.

"I was impressed with Cooper's ability to play bogey free golf and shoot 3-under-par on a difficult golf course that had recently airfied the greens," said Carter Coach Chad Grubb.

Teammate Jake Mynatt finished second with a 72. The Hornets' 305 team total also included an 81 by Ethan Rimmer and an 83 by Alex Cameron.

The Region 1 tournament will be held today at Morristown.

Seymour's Carson Atkins (78) and South-Doyle's Jacob King (79) qualified as individuals.

Katy Daniels of Seymour earned a berth in the girls' region with a 92.

SWEEP FOR CAK: Christian Academy of Knoxville boys captured the Division II-A District 1 championship.

The Warriors were led

by Aaron Frazer, who shot a 74. Other team members are Jackson Hughey (77), John Meadows (77), Mitchell Deeson (81) and Eli Hinton (81)

Webb School, led by Palmer Bradshaw's 73 and Reece Britt's 75, was the runner-up.

Grace Christian Academy, getting a 77 from freshman Michael Human and a 79 from Avery Alexander, also qualified for this week's region tournament, which will be held Tuesday at Three Ridges Golf Course.

Qualifying as individuals were First Baptist Academy's Preston Conner, Logan McPherron and Carson Wyrick, The King's Academy's James Lynch and Concord Christian's Chase Johnson.

CAK also captured the girls' team crown as Madison Grubb shot 84, Allie Cooper 85 and Kennedy Smith 98.

Alexis Hartwig led runner-up Webb with a 91. GCA also qualified as a team.

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Halls' 20-under-par 268 is no fish story!

By Steve Williams

When talented Halls High School golfer Jake Hall was asked if he had another extracurricular activity he participates in, he said he fishes a little bit.

"I really don't do much honestly," added the senior Red Devil. "Golf is my favorite thing to do."

Jake does it well and so do his teammates. So well, in fact, the results are sometimes hard to believe.

Like last week, when Halls' top foursome combined for a 20-under-par

268 to blister the field in the Large Division District 3 tournament at Millstone Golf Club in Morristown.

Runner-up Powell finished 56 strokes back at 324. Anderson County (344) was third. All three teams qualified for the Region 2 tournament, which will be played Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa.

Halls, coached by Bill Warren, is seeking a second straight TSSAA state championship.

Jake Hall led the Red Devils' district dominance with a seven-under-par 65.

Anthony Basilio added a 66, Ryan Hall (no relation) a 67 and Andy Cofer a 70.

The all-senior squad has never recorded a better team score in high school. Jake's round was his best-ever at Millstone.

"I've probably played that course 10 to 15 times," he said. "I was just staying calm out there and letting the birdies come to me. I hit it pretty good all day. I ended up making some putts at the end of it."

It was not, however, his all-time best round ever. The MTSU commitment

shot an opening-round 60 in the Beaver Brook Country Club tournament championship flight last summer prior to his junior season. That 10-under-par score, which included a bogey on the par 3 No. 4 hole, still stands as the tournament course record.

"I was actually playing with him there," said teammate Will Collins. "It was like he was in another world. He didn't miss a lot of shots that day."

So Collins wasn't surprised by Hall's 65 in the **Continued on page 3**



Jake Hall gets ready for some practice on the putting green Wednesday outside the pro shop at the Beaver Brook Country Club. Hall took medalist honors and the Halls Red Devils put together a sizzling team performance to win the Large Division District 3 golf title last week. Photo by Steve Williams

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A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

The King's Academy has state title hopes

By Steve Williams

The King's Academy football team had an eye-opening win in Week 2 this season when the Lions defeated Grace Christian Academy 21-6.

"They're one of those programs we're trying to be like," said Matt Lowe, who is in his fifth season as head coach at TKA, a member of the TSSAA's new Division II-A classification this year.

"Our kids were excited and there were a lot of people here that night. That was a big momentum swing for this football team. The kids have continued to kind of ride that wave."

The King's Academy, which had an open date in Week 6, is 4-1 this season and scheduled to host Concord Christian School this Friday. The Lions' lone loss came at Greenback, one of the state's top Class 1A teams, in Week 4.

"We have a great group of senior leaders," said Coach Lowe, a former Powell High standout and head coach. "They were not only working hard themselves in January and February, they were bringing their teammates with them. They were making sure everybody was in the weight room and right there beside them."

"I've said it for many years, whenever some of your most talented players are your best leaders, you are going to have a great chance to have an extremely good team. That's what I think is happening here."

The King's Academy has 26 players on its roster, and while that may seem like a small number to some, "That's a big number for us," said Lowe with a laugh. "When I got here there were 16."

The front seven on defense and the offensive line are the strengths of the team.

"It's a unique situation for us to have depth and talent up front and in the offensive line," said Lowe. "In the past, we've been more gifted in the skill department. This year it has flipped around."

Jonathan Atchley, Shawn Hamilton, Brandon Anderson and Chris Akporoghene (6-4, 280) make up the front four, with the linebacker corps including Jake Weekly, Cole Lusby and Levi Hall.

The Lions' front seven had a special challenge in their Week 5 game at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy when it went against Darius Hylick, who was nationally ranked with 900-plus yards in four games. The Lions held Hylick to 31 yards on 14 carries, said Lowe.

The most experienced in the the offensive line are Akporoghene at left tackle, Atchley at right tackle and Hamilton at right guard. Playing the left guard position are Michael Huffaker and sophomore Bailey Rollins (6-6, 300).

Senior Cody Wyllins rushed for 316 yards in the 35-21 win at Mt. Juliet to raise his season total to 858 yards. He has scored 11 touchdowns.

Lowe also has a lot of confidence in his four-year starter at quarterback, Brandon Burgess (6-5, 220).

Defensively, Lusby leads the Lions with 62 tackles. Hall has 38 stops and Anderson 34.

"Six or seven teams are in contention for the Division II-A state championship and hopefully we've put ourselves in position to be one of them," added Lowe.

HEADLINERS: Several region matchups will be played this week, starting with Rhea County at Knoxville Catholic in the MyVLT Rivalry Thursday game.

Friday attractions will include Science Hill at Farragut, Dobyms-Bennett at Bearden, Central at Halls and Powell at Campbell County.

NOISEMAKERS: Powell improved to 5-1 with an impressive 42-22 victory over visiting Lenoir City in the Battle of Panthers and Grace Christian Academy knocked off Class 1A state power Greenback, 21-7.

Meanwhile, Fulton fell from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 41-12 loss at Maryville, and in another Week 6 attraction, Knoxville Catholic bowed to Brentwood Academy, the state's top rated team, 50-14.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Twenty-five years ago, on Sept. 18, 1992 - Chad Pennington, 6-1, 155-pound sophomore quarterback led Webb School to a 21-10 win over Goodpasture.

Pennington directed drives of 90 and 91 yards after the Spartans trailed 10-7 at halftime and threw the go-ahead pass to Robbie Pope on the last play of the third quarter.

Coach David Meske praised the second-half defensive play of John Williams and Geoff Kannady.

(Pennington went on to play college ball at Marshall and several seasons in the NFL).

The Streak Lives... Farragut edges West 14-9

By Alex Norman

For the Farragut Admirals, this won't go down in the history books as one of their finest victories.

But the end result is what matters.

On Friday, September 22nd, the Admirals escaped with a 14-9 win over an undermanned visiting West Rebels squad.

"A win is a win," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney. "It was Homecoming. I thought we were ready to play, but you have to give West credit. They are beat up and had some players in there that hadn't started this year. They came in with a great game plan and got us on our heels. We hung in there in the second half and made plays when we had to."

The game was scoreless into the second quarter when an Admirals error gave West a short field. Jaden Gibbs fumbled a punt, and West's Will Eggleston recovered at the Farragut 33. A few plays later, West (3-3) quarterback Myles Everson tossed a touchdown pass to David Ledbetter. The play covered 29 yards, and West had a 7-0 lead.

Things went from bad to worse for the Admirals on their next possession when

sophomore quarterback Gavin Wilkinson was shaken up and had to leave the game.

He would be replaced by junior Jake Evans. On the Admirals next possession, a snap went over his head and into the end zone. Evans did the smart thing and fell on the ball instead of trying to pick it up and run, which might have resulted in a West touchdown. However, it did give West a safety and a 9-0 advantage.

West had a chance to really put a stranglehold on the game on their next possession, driving down inside the Farragut 10. But Cade Burkey picked off Everson at the 2. That 9-0 score carried both teams to intermission.

In the second half, the Farragut (6-0) defense started to take over the game. Early in the third quarter senior linebacker Alex Williams anticipated an Everson pass perfectly, picking him off and running it back 30 yards for the score. The extra point was no good, but the Admirals trailed 9-6 and had the momentum.

The Farragut defense forced a 3 and out and it looked like they took the lead on an Evans to Isaiah Gibbs touchdown. But a penalty wiped away the score. Later

on that drive the Admirals would get the football to the West 1, but penalties backed them up, and they'd eventually turn the football over on downs.

The game would change on another play by the Farragut defense, once again by Williams.

With West driving, Everson threw over the middle, but Williams wrestled the football away from a West receiver at midfield, and took it back 49 yards for a touchdown.

That was two pick-6's for Williams, and Farragut had a 14-9 lead with 1:55 to go in the third quarter.

"There's a couple of things we checked into and he (Williams) got the right read and jumped it," said Courtney. "I'm glad for him because he's worked hard to be a starter this year and he's made the most of his time."

In the fourth quarter, the Rebels had their chances to re-take the lead. Facing 4th and 1 from the Farragut 47, Everson tried to run for the first down but was stopped at the line by Caleb Kuhn.

Later in the fourth, West had 4th and 5 from the Farragut 37, and Everson once again couldn't shake free of Kuhn. He was sacked and Farragut took over at their own 46 with 2:33

remaining.

The Admirals punted the football back to West, and the Rebels took over on their own 12 with 1:27 to go. West needed a touch-down to win. On their second play of the possession Everson was picked off by junior Wyatt Lucas, and that ended the competitive portion of the evening.

"I saw the play before that, he was looking at my side," said Lucas. "I was ready for him to come back to my side. He threw it late, I headed to the ball, and I got it."

Farragut has now won 18 straight games, a streak that dates back to the middle of the 2016 season, which of course ended with a state championship.

"Coach Courtney has been talking about that all year, that we are gonna get the best that everyone has got," said junior linebacker Neyland Harmon. "We just gotta come out firing, not underestimate anybody, and be ready."

The Admirals will look to stay undefeated on Friday when they host Science Hill, while West tries to bounce back with a home game against Clinton.

Bearden Overcomes Penalties, Light Outage to Down CAK 48-10

By David Klein

On homecoming night, the Bearden Bulldogs shook off 10 first half penalties, seven in the first quarter, to score two touchdowns against the visiting Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) Warriors in the last 1:35 of the first half. Bearden's two touchdowns at the end of the first half led to 41 straight points in a 48-10 victory over the Warriors.

In addition to the first quarter penalties, the stadium lights went out briefly, forcing the teams to play in the fading light for about seven minutes of the first quarter.

"We didn't come out very sharp," Bearden Head Coach Morgan Shinlever said. "It's kind of an odd game. We were having issues with the lights. It's homecoming. It took our kids a little while to get focused and zoned in on what we wanted to do. I felt like once we settled down and were able to play our expectation football that we were able to get things rolling."

Following an 8-yard touchdown run by the Warriors' Stewart Howell in which he flipped into the end zone and gave CAK a 10-7 lead with 1:35 left in the half, Bearden scored in two plays. Bulldogs' quarterback Collin Ironside hit receiver Hayden Candela in stride as he got behind CAK's defense for a 71-yard

touchdown catch, and the Bulldogs retook the lead, 14-10.

Rather than taking a knee or running the ball, the Warriors decided to pass after Bearden used their final timeout. Bulldogs' defensive end Colten Tyler leapt into the air and intercepted Howell. Two plays later, the Bulldogs scored again on Ironside's six-yard touchdown pass to London Stephney. Bearden led 21-10 as the first half expired.

"Collin put a great ball on my back shoulder," Stephney said of his touchdown catch. "It's good to see us connecting like that. I feel like we're gaining confidence every week, everyday. I feel like we can win a regional championship," he added.

"We started off bad," Ironside said. "Once we stopped getting penalties, we started moving the ball."

Not only were the Bulldogs committing penalties,

the Warriors were feeling generous in giving flags as well. CAK had five penalties in the first half, and an illegal shift penalty negated a Warriors' touchdown in the first quarter, but the Warriors were able to get on the board first with a 20-yard field goal by Zander Tonkin for a 3-0 CAK lead.

Bearden shook off an interception and scored on a 15-yard touchdown run by Sam Coffin to take the lead 7-3 with 5:32 left in the second quarter.

In the second half, it was all Bearden. Stephney scored his second touchdown of the game on a 3-yard shovel pass to put Bearden up 28-10.

On its next possession, Ironside threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Klenck, who got behind the defense, and the Bulldogs led 35-10.

"As long as we keep him clean and give him a pocket so we can see downfield, I like what we're capable of doing in the passing

game," Bearden Head Coach Morgan Shinlever said. "Collin's continued to improve each week of the season; so has our pass protection and our route running, so it's starting to materialize," he added.

Bearden was not done yet. Dawson Houser ran for a 40-yard touchdown with 7:44 left in the game to put Bearden up 42-10. Backup quarterback Eli Snyder threw a 91-yard touchdown pass to Kahlil Abdullah with 1:35 left in the game to make the final score 48-10 Bearden.

For the game, Ironside was 13 of 19 for 220 yards and four touchdowns. Bearden had 311 yards passing and 123 yards rushing for 434 total yards. CAK only had 183 yards of total offense.

Bearden improved to 4-2 and plays Region 1-6A opponent Dobyms-Bennett at home Friday. CAK fell to 0-6 and plays Silverdale Academy at home.

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Lady Bobcats post dominant win at District Tournament

By Ken Lay

MORRISTOWN --- Central High School's girls golf team won the District 3 Large Schools Championship in impressive fashion on Monday, Sept. 18 at Millstone Country Club.

The Lady Bobcats' duo of Alyssa Montgomery and Madilyn Newman shot a combined total of 135. Central bested runner-up Halls by a staggering 25 strokes.

Lady Bobcats coach Tony Patterson wasn't surprised to see his girls come away victorious on the par-72 golf course in Hamblen County.

"I felt pretty confident going into the district tournament but I certainly didn't think that we were going to

shoot 9-under par," Patterson said. "I don't remember any girls team shooting 9-under since I've been here.

"I'm extremely proud of these girls. They're happy to have won a district championship but they know that there's plenty of work left to be done and they know that there are bigger prizes left to win."

Montgomery, a junior, won Low Medalist honors as she fired a 7-under 65. Newman, a freshman, also finished under par as she carded a 70.

The next postseason stop for the Lady Bobcats is the Region 2 Large School Tournament Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. Patterson said

that the course will present a challenge for almost all the competitors.

"Green Meadow is a private course and a lot of these kids haven't played it much, if at all," Patterson said."

Central will be joined in Maryville by district foes Halls and Campbell County. Farragut, which won the District 4 Title early last week, will also be there along with Maryville and Catholic.

Patterson thinks a region championship (and an automatic bid to the state tournament) is a possibility.

"These girls have both been on the big stage," Patterson said. "They work hard and they love what they do."

The Lady Devils took

second at the District 3 Championships, got a 70 from Shelby Liford. Halls, which finished with a team total of 160, had Savannah Johnson and Ashley Gideon both shoot 90. Only one of those scores counted in the team score.

Campbell County (178) took third to secure the final team regional bid. Katie Wells led the Lady Cougars with an 84 while Masynn finished with a 94.

Individual qualifiers included: Jordan Comer (Anderson County, 86); Susan Henderson (Oak Ridge, 99); Destiny Thompson (Union County, 101); Keyanna Thompson (Oak Ridge, 119) and Micayla Dominguez (Gibbs, 120).



Central High School golfers Madilyn Newman (left) and Alyssa Montgomery celebrate their district tournament title along with Lady Bobcats Coach Tony Patterson. Central beat Halls by 25 strokes to claim the championship in Morristown -Photo Submitted.

Halls' 20-under-par 268 is no fish story!

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district. "Not at all," said Will, who shot 74. "Jake is a really good ball striker. If he can get the putts going in, he'll go low."

Maryville and Farragut are expected to be Halls' chief challengers in the region, particularly Maryville, which will be playing on its home course.

"It definitely gives Maryville a little bit of an advantage, but if we all play to our fullest potential, I

think we'll still pull it out," said Collins.

"Usually in two practice rounds you can kind of get a feel for it. A lot of it is more for getting a feel for the greens and the way you can chip in to them than just the layout of it, and seeing how the ball will react."

Halls was expected to get in a couple of practice rounds over the weekend.

Jonah Stooksbury (72) and Nathan Keel (78) were best for Powell. Anderson County was led by Michael

Renner's 78.

Individual region qualifiers included Oak Ridge's John Estep (74) and Jacob Parton (76), Campbell County's Carter Wells (77) and Jacob Ridenhour (82), and Union County's Seth Bates (79).

The Region 2 team champion and top three individuals not on the winning team will advance to the 36-hole TSSAA Large Division state tournament at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester Oct. 3 and 4.

Farragut sweeps at district golf tournament

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High posted a 306 and claimed the final team spot.

Michael Ray led the Irish with a 1-under 71. Taylor Ray carded a 77. Dakota Dickinson had a 78. Walter Pickering and Ryan MacDonald each posted an 81 with only one of those rounds figuring into the team scoring.

Individual region qualifiers included: Bryson Morrell (Bearden, 71). Hardin Valley Academy had Jeremy Jones (73) and Spencer

Dodson (74) advanced.

Lady Admirals win title: It was truly a banner day for Nagy's programs. The Lady Admirals also claimed a district championship. They edged Maryville by six shots.

Farragut's Lexanne Halama claimed Low Medalist honors, firing a 71. Emily Keeling finished with a 75.

The Lady Admirals finished with a team total of 146, followed by Maryville (152) and Catholic (163).

Farragut, the Lady Rebels

and the Lady Irish move on to the regional tournament at Green Meadow.

Kennedy Noe led Catholic with a 74 while Amelia Rechter had an 89.

Bearden (169) narrowly missed the Region 2 Large Schools team tournament. The Lady Bulldogs will, however, send a pair of individuals to Blount County. Emma Brown carded a 78 and Emma Kammann posted a 91.

Hardin Valley Academy's Jenna Galbraith advanced with an 89.

Carter's Hayes impressive winner at Morristown

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Madison Buchter and TKA's Hannah Sayne qualified as individuals.

L&N STEM Academy's boys team finished second behind Alcoa in the Small Division District 3 golf tournament on Sept. 11. L&N's

Reece Walker shot a 78 for fifth place.

Sydney Rockwell of L&N came in fourth place with a 106 score in girls' play, while Northview Academy took the team title.

Rockwell went on to qualify for the Small Division

state tournament by shooting a 99 for sixth place in the Region 2 tourney on Sept. 18. Alcoa's boys and Northview's girls each had the top three individual finishers as they captured top team honors in the region.

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Central to honor Bud Bales

By Ken Lay

Central High School will honor long-time baseball coach Bud Bales on Friday, Oct. 6.

Bales, who coached the Bobcats from 1974-2000, was recently inducted into the Tennessee Secondary Sports Athletics Association Hall of Fame, will be honored when Central's football team takes on Carter at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

The school wishes to invite those who played for Bales with the Bobcats. Families of these former players are also

invited to attend.

The evening begins with a dinner in the CHS cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. The school will also recognize Bales and his players at the end of the first quarter of the Bobcats' 2-5A showdown against the Hornets.

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	WEEK 1 Aug. 17-19	WEEK 2 Aug. 24-26	WEEK 3 Aug. 31-Sep. 2	WEEK 4 Sept. 7-10	WEEK 5 Sept. 14-16	WEEK 6 Sept. 21-23	WEEK 7 Sept. 28-30	WEEK 8 Oct. 5-7	WEEK 9 Oct. 12-14	WEEK 10 Oct. 19-21	WEEK 11 Oct. 28-30
AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 28-0	vs. Brainerd W, 43-20	vs. Kingston W, 36-6	vs. Fulton L, 14-20	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 31-13	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 L, 13-21	vs. Seymour W, 23-15	vs. Jefferson County L, 7-35	vs. Halls L, 28-44	vs. South-Doyle L, 28-31	vs. Fulton	vs. Central	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County
CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High W, 33-19	vs. Fulton L, 0-41	vs. Sevier County L, 6-20	vs. Hardin Valley L, 7-26	vs. Seymour W, 28-12	vs. Clinton W, 17-0	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs
GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 0-28	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 12-20	vs. David Crockett W, 21-20	vs. Campbell County L, 21-41	vs. Morristown East W, 42-28	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	vs. Carter	vs. Central
HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell L, 15-26	vs. Karns L, 21-39	OPEN	vs. West L, 16-24	vs. Carter W, 44-28	vs. Austin-East L, 13-31	vs. Central	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour
SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 8-13	vs. Clinton L, 8-13	vs. Carter L, 15-23	vs. Cherokee L, 21-28	vs. Central L, 12-28	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 L, 20-23	vs. Gibbs W, 20-12	vs. Bearden L, 14-27	vs. Sevier Co. L, 24-41	vs. Carter W, 31-28	vs. Seymour	vs. Halls	OPEN	vs. Central	vs. Powell
FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central W, 41-0	vs. Powell W, 35-8	vs. Austin-East W, 20-14	vs. Karns W, 40-0	vs. Maryville L, 12-41	vs. Carter	vs. Clinton	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
KARNS Class 5A, R3	vs. Cocke County L, 34-41	vs. Halls W, 39-21	vs. West L, 6-38	vs. Powell L, 19-21	vs. Fulton L, 0-40	vs. Scott W, 30-7	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Campbell County	OPEN	vs. Seymour	vs. Clinton
POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls W, 26-15	vs. Cumberland County W, 42-13	vs. Fulton L, 8-35	vs. Karns W, 21-19	vs. Clinton W, 17-0	vs. Lenoir City W, 42-22	vs. Campbell County	vs. West	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. South-Doyle
WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 3-17	vs. Hardin Valley W, 6-3	vs. Karns W, 38-6	vs. Halls W, 24-16	vs. Oak Ridge L, 13-23	vs. Farragut L, 9-14	vs. Clinton	vs. Powell	OPEN	vs. Fulton	vs. Campbell County
CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 42-49	vs. Baylor W, 56-24	vs. Eagle's Landing L, 10-55	vs. Cleveland W, 33-7	vs. Soddy Daisy W, 49-48	vs. Brentwood Academy L, 14-50	vs. Rhea County	vs. West Greene	vs. Walker Valley	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City
BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West W, 17-3	vs. Cleveland L, 23-28	vs. Jefferson County W, 23-0	vs. S-Doyle W, 27-14	vs. Science Hill L, 21-35	vs. CAK W, 48-10	vs. Dobyns-Bennett	OPEN	vs. Farragut	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Morristown West
FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 27-21	vs. McMinn County W, 36-14	vs. Morristown West. W, 33-10	vs. Oak Ridge W, 41-0	vs. Jefferson County W, 33-6	vs. West W, 14-9	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyns-Bennett	vs. Bearden	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley
HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 20-21	vs. West L, 3-6	vs. Heritage W, 44-26	vs. Central W, 26-7	vs. Morristown West W, 36-14	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyns-Bennett	vs. Bearden	vs. Farragut
Concord Class A, East	vs. Zion Christian L, 6-12	vs. Lookout Valley L, 6-20	vs. Mt. Juliet Christian L, 7-47	vs. Mid Tenn Christian L, 8-50	vs. Grace Baptist L, 18-60	vs. DCA L, 10-48	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 W, 21-6	vs. Mid Tenn Christian W, 12-6	vs. Greenback L, 12-23	vs. Mt Juliet Christian W, 35-21	OPEN	vs. Concord Christian	vs. Grace Baptist Chattanooga	vs. Friendship Christian	vs. DCA	vs. Ezell-Harding
CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC) L, 11-28	vs. Greenback L, 7-42	vs. Notre Dame L, 10-41	vs. Lenior City L, 21-41	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 10-34	vs. Bearden L, 10-48	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Boyd Buchanan
WEBB Class AA, East	OPEN	vs. Asheville NC W, 26-16	vs. Ensworth L, 14-35	vs. McCallie L, 22-49	vs. GCA W, 48-27	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Boyd Buchanan	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. CAK	vs. Silverdale Academy
GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa L, 14-30	vs. King's Academy L, 6-21	vs. Boyd Buchanan W, 42-3	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb W, 27-48	vs. Greenback W, 21-7	vs. Happy Valley	vs. CAK	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian



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Christian Academy of Knoxville | GABE KITTS
Seymour | DAVID ROBBINS
Powell |
| CAM BLAKELY
Knoxville Catholic | BRADLEY BOOHER
Bearden | DREW CAPTAIN
Central | BRIGGS MARCANTEL
Halls | JACOBEE SMITH
Austin-East |
| JAKE BROWN JR.
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Concord Christian School | ANDREW MCNATT
Grace Christian Academy | BRADLEY SISLER
South-Doyle |
| | MYLES EVERSON
West | CADE GRIMM
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Webb School | ROBQUEZ THOMAS
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Intentional Living

If you are reading this essay you will know that the calculations of a so-called Christian numerologist, who predicted the end of the world on Saturday, September 23, 2017, was wrong. I guess it is possible that the world will end the day after this essay is submitted (Friday), but I think it is highly improbable, so I will not take an apocalyptic attitude and proceed with my thoughts.

People have been predicting the end of the world since the dawn of recorded time. In recent years a book interpreting celestial events (Four Blood Moons), as portents of the end, made me think of the hype surrounding the end of the Mayan calendar in 2012 or the Y2K meltdown which never occurred at the dawn of the 21st century.

The Bible is full of soothsayers and apparently they still exist today. Modern diviners predict apocalyptic global warming based on dubious computer models under the guise of irrefutable science. Science is a questioning discipline and to say that there is no longer any doubt takes one into the realm of pseudoscience. Doom and gloom and "end of the world" pronouncements are frequently used to frighten people and to sell advertising on news networks or to manipulate people for political gain.

I am not a fundamentalist so the Bible is less a book of facts for me than a book of truth and wisdom as well as the greatest extant history of a people (Hebrews). And since we are all related, the Bible's piercing truths are relevant

to us all. Jesus was once asked when the end of the world would occur. His answer has become known as "the little apocalypse." If you're curious - and you should be - read the Master's answer to the question in Matthew 24:3-36 or Mark 23:3-27 or the shortest version by fellow "internist" Luke in 21:7-28. You doubt that Luke was an internist in spirit? Read Luke 1:1-4.

It takes considerable effort and time for me to resist the world and intentionally seek a higher level of awareness. Since I am but a man it is an arduous journey to that lofty plane I seek. The pursuit of truth has led me to the concept of intentional living through contemplation, reason and prayerful consideration of the world and my place.

It has always puzzled me why anyone would choose a perspective that there is no inherent meaning to their life and that they function within an impersonal and uncaring universe. In a nutshell, this is existentialism. I choose a larger reality, one that is larger than I or anyone else can fathom. This is not sophistry, but a rejection of solipsism and hubris (good words for the week).

Blaise Pascal was a

17th century French mathematician who wrote the equations defining fluid mechanics. His principles make the power steering of your car function and your brakes work. He felt a need for more than mathematics and science and decided to leave his profession and pursue his relationship with God. Pascal is most famous for the so-called "Pascal's wager" articulated in his Pensées (thoughts) published posthumously. Pascal said that reason can not decide whether God exists or does not. He says that if you live as if God exists, when you die you gain all. If you gamble that God does not exist you lose everything at death.

Socrates said much the same in 400 BC when he was on trial for treason. He told his prosecutors that if they executed him he would either blink into oblivion or awaken in Paradise and would then get to meet his hero, Homer, who wrote the Iliad. Perhaps Darth Vader, "in a galaxy far far away," was unaware of Socrates's logic as he struck down Obi-Wan Kenobi whose essence then became more than Vader could ever imagine.

Humans are constructed with curiosity and a desire

to understand things. The two fundamental questions of life are where did we come from? and what is our purpose? Science can help with the first question, but cannot answer the second. I believe humans search for meaning. This desire or need to find our place and purpose is built into the fabric of our DNA. The Master once asked, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" That is misguided purpose in a nutshell.

Since the late 1800s a debate has raged within Protestant Christendom. The debate surrounds the interpretation of the Greek word koinonia found in the second chapter of Acts. One group interprets Acts 2:44-45 to mean that social, economic and now environmental justice are the mechanisms to transform the world. The other group believes that the way to transform the world is from the inside out with each individual who will then work to transform the world. I ask why does it have to be one or the other and not both?

Again, some may question my topic for a health and wellbeing section in the Knoxville Focus. Actually, I believe the question

of purposeful and intentional living is more fundamental to the human experience and health than an essay on, for example, the differences between degenerative and inflammatory arthritis. These can be summed up in only a few words: if you are stiff and sore you may have degenerative arthritis; if you are stiff and sore and your joints are red, hot and swollen you may have an inflammatory condition like rheumatoid arthritis. The question of purpose is far more complex.

There is a Hindu philosophy that says there are many paths to a mountain-top. I know my pathway to enlightenment and salvation. Others must choose their own path. It is not my job to judge them, which implies condemnation. And since God made us mortal and fallible, I suspect that He/She/Spirit cuts us a lot of slack.

The answer is to intentionally "Seek and you shall find." This is a profound truth and promise. "It will make life better now and there is the hope of then."

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Local logo creator pursuing career in design

Deby Videla, a local girl from Sevierville, designed a logo that was chosen for the 2017 Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival T-Shirt. The design Deby created was actually submitted during the 2016-2017 T-Shirt Design competition. It was one of two designs that the staff of the Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival picked out as winners that year.

"It was so well done we decided it would be the 2017 design at the same time we chose the 2016 design," said Shane Reman, SMSWF Productions Director. "The idea of the guitar center hole with the strings encompassing the state of Tennessee as well as the mountains in Gatlinburg, simply says it

all." Deby attended Sevierville Primary, Sevierville Middle School and graduated from Sevier County High School in 2015 as the Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Miguel and Elizabeth Videla. Not only is she very talented in art and art graphics, she is bilingual. Every art class she could take she took while she was in school.

When Deby was 13 years old she stumbled across an art contest while surfing the internet in which she entered a picture of a bunny rabbit she had painted. Needless to say when her dad received a \$300 check in the mail for the bunny winning 1st place, they were all pleasantly surprised.

Chosen as one of the top four students who would participate in the 2015 Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival, Deby will never forget when an older man passed by her paintings and said he had to have one of them.

"What a great feeling it was to sell one of my paintings," remembers Videla. She sold 4 or 5 pieces at that show.

Her dad, seeing she was very skilled in drawing encouraged Deby to enter the field of architecture at the University of Tennessee. She is now in her third year and loves designing buildings. Deby finds 3D modeling to be a lot of fun. Art will always be her hobby.



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