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UT honors exemplary community advocates, collaborators, alumni

The Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences held their 5th Annual Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, October 11 at the UT Visitors Center. The ceremony was opened by TPTE Department Head, Dr. Sherry Mee Bell. Community Recognitions were presented by Dr. Bell and Joan Grim.

Honorees included alumni, collaborators and community advocates.

Outstanding Alumni

Dr. Samuel Odom completed his bachelor's, master's, and educational specialist degrees at the University of Tennessee before going on to complete his doctorate in special education at the University of Washington. He is the former Director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he remains as

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Jennifer Owen, 2nd District Knox County Board of Education representative and newly named Outstanding Community Advocate, hops into the frame with Joan Grim, TPTE faculty member and CEHHS/GSE Community Relations Committee member, at the annual TPTE award ceremony held last Thursday.

Early Voting Starts Wednesday

By Mike Steely
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Early voting starts across the state this Wednesday and if you thought there's only Democrat and Republican candidates on the ballot, think again.

The Knox County ballot lists the Republican candidate at the top of each section and the Democrat candidate second. But below those partisan candidates is a surprising number of Independents running for office. If you choose not to vote for a candidate you may write in a name in each race.

For instance, in the Governor's race Bill Lee and Karl Dean top the list and the below them are 26 other candidates.

The same is true for the U. S. Senate candidates which start with Marsha Blackburn and Phil Bredesen and then list six other people seeking that office.

The U. S. House race to replace retiring Congressman Jimmy Duncan lists Tim Burchett and Renee Hoyos plus four independents.

Voters will decide between two partisan candidates in the state races with three exceptions. For the state Senate, Randy McNally faces Stuart Starr in the 5th District and, in the 7th District, Richard Briggs and Jamie Ballinger are the only names on the ballot.

Several state representative seats are on the ballot for this general election. In the 13th District incumbent Eddie Smith faces not only former representative Gloria Johnson but also Independent Zachary Houk.

In the 14th District incumbent Jason Zachary faces Justin Davis.

In the 15th Democrat Rick Staples has no Republican opponent.

In the 16th Bill Dunn faces Kate Trudell and in the 18th Martin B. Daniel faces Democrat Greg Mackay.

In the 19th District Knox County Commissioner Dave Wright faces Democrat Edward Nelson and Independent Michelle Westover.

Justin Lafferty, Republican, faces Democrat Coleen Martinez for the 89th District seat.

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Williams honored by Careacter Star

By Ken Lay

Knoxville Focus sports-writer Steve Williams has a long career and on Friday night, he was honored by Careacter Star, an organization founded in East Tennessee to recognize student-athletes for academics, community service and character.

Williams, who has been with The Focus since 2008, was named Careacter Star Sportswriter of the Year and acknowledged for his work and dedication on the field before Gibbs High's 24-17 victory over the host Red Devils Friday night.

The Careacter Star Athletes of the Week in Knox County and Seymour are published weekly in the Knoxville Focus during the school year.

The organization was founded nearly two decades ago by Coach Dave Moore, a former head football coach at

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PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Seconds before the presentation of the East Tennessee Careacter Star Sports Writer of the Year award, honoree Steve Williams of The Knoxville Focus has a surprise for Dave Moore (left), who originated the Careacter Star Athlete award 15 years ago. Like athletes sometimes reveal what school they are going to sign, Williams wanted Moore to know he was signing up with his team. Athletic directors Meagan Booth (Halls High) and Jeff Thomas (Gibbs High) take part in the presentation ceremony.

MPC fails to heed protests of Farragut Hills Estates, Pond Gap residents

By Pete Gawda

In spite of their protests at the Thursday, Oct. 11 meeting of the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, residents of Farragut Hills Estates and Pond Gap were unsuccessful in their attempts to stall planned developments in their communities.

Several rows of Farragut Hills Estates residents, dressed in red, appeared at the meeting to protest Ahimsa Assets' proposed development on the east side of David Lane, southeast of Grovedale Drive. This 9.3 acre plot is part

of Farragut Hills Estates. David Gamble, spokesman for the area residents, stated that deed restrictions prevented the increased density of the proposed development. He was informed that the MPC was not bound by deed restrictions. The MPC voted to recommend the Knox County Commission approve the requested change from agriculture/low density to planned residential at a density of three dwelling units per acre. The item had been postponed from last month in order for developers and residents to meet and discuss the issue.

David Williams, president of the Pond Gap Neighborhood Association, unsuccessfully presented a video that voiced the area residents' opposition to ECG Acquisitions' planned 110 unit multi-dwelling development on the west side of Hollywood Road, south of I-40/I-75. Those objections included increased traffic on a street where area residents say speeding is currently a problem. Arthur Seymour, Jr., speaking for the developer, said the area was perfect for this type of affordable housing and that it was close to schools and public transportation. In

spite of the opposition, the MPC approved the development plan for the proposed project.

After some discussion the MPC voted to postpone for 30 days consideration of the closure of Lecil Road between Asheville Highway and Ruggles Ferry Pike. Some commission members expressed a desire to hear why the fire department was opposed to the closing and were also concerned that one of the affected property owners had not signed off on the closure.

The MPC approved closure of several alleys and streets between Clifton

Road and Chillcothe Street. The affected streets and alleys exist on paper only and the surrounding property is vacant land. The City of Knoxville requested these closures as the first step in a proposed Knoxville Community Development Corporation project to build housing for the elderly. Objectors to the proposed project were informed that this is only the first step and that a concept plan must come back to the MPC for approval.

Sidewalk modifications were approved for Westland Place which is located

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Why You Should Not Avoid Jury Duty

Every few months I get a phone call from someone I know telling me that they have gotten summoned for jury duty and asking me how they can get out of it.

My answer is always the same: you should not try

to avoid jury duty if at all possible.

Here are the reasons I say that:

1. It is incredibly unlikely that even if you are summoned for jury duty you will actually ever serve on a jury. Typically, you will have to attend the first day of jury orientation and then they will tell you to call in to a number every day after 5:00 p.m. and there will be a message telling you whether you need to show up the next day. Because so few cases



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actually make it trial, you may never (and probably won't) have to go back after the first jury orientation.

2. If you do end up on a jury, it is something that you will remember for the rest of your life. Now I'm sure it may not be

exciting to sit on a jury for a low level car accident case, but can you imagine sitting on the jury for a murder trial? That would be a quite intense and memorable experience.

3. If you do get picked for a jury, it is not likely to be a multi-month commitment like the O.J. Simpson trial. Most trials are completed in one day. The very rare case may take two or three weeks, but the normal length for a trial is one to two days.

So when you get that jury notice, do not think that

you're about to miss work for some crazy amount of time.

You do actually get compensated for every day that you have to report for jury duty, however, it is a paltry sum of money. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 22-4-101 you will likely receive either \$10.00 or \$11.00 per day for every day you have to show up for jury duty. If you are on a jury that is sequestered (that means they put you up in a hotel and cut you off from civilization while the trial is going on) then you get \$30.00 a day.

Jedidiah McKeenan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, divorce, custody, personal injury, landlord-tenant, civil litigation and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

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on the northeast corner of Westland Drive and Morrell Road.

The MPC approved the concept plan and use on review for Eagle Bend Development's proposed Neals Landing Unit 2 on the northern end of the existing Neals Landing Road, north of Asheville Highway. This proposed 25.1 acre subdivision would have 125 lots. The concept plan for DJC Properties' proposed 7 lot Feliciana subdivision on the northeast side of S. Northshore Dr., south of Sandpiper Lane was approved.

Speaking once again, Seymour defended Roger Sellers' request to expand his RV business located on the south side of Strawberry Plains Pike and the east side of Huckleberry Lane. Seymour stated that there are other businesses nearby. Acting on the recommendation of staff, the MPC denied the request,

stating a desire that commercial activity should not be increased in that area.

However, developer Scott Davis was more successful in his request. The MPC voted to recommend that the Knox County Commission change the zoning from agriculture to planned residential and allow development of three dwelling units per acre on 11.62 acres located on the northwest side of Gray Road, northeast of McCloud Road.

Also successful was Leconte Holdings' request for a sector plan change to general commercial and a request that the MPC recommend that the Knoxville City Council change the zoning to highway and arterial commercial on 2.4 acres located on the southeast side of Westland Drive and the northeast side of I-140.

The MPC voted to recommend that the city council

change the sector plan and zoning to allow for office buildings on Frank Sparkman's 0.34 acres on the south side of Midland Avenue at Dryad St. Also approved was Cate Road Development's request for a recommendation that the county commission change the zoning to planned residential at 5 dwelling units per acre on 8.01 acres located on the northwest side of Schaad Rd and the northeast side of Grassy Creek Way.

Terry Romans is one step closer to a proposed self-storage facility on the south side of Washington Pike at the intersection of Murphy Rd. and Washington Pike after the MPC approved his development plan.

Robert D. Burris received approval of his development plan for three detached dwellings on the west side of Pelleaux Rd., south of the intersection with Reflection Bay Dr.

Central Streetscape project hits a snag

By **Mike Steely**
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More than \$217,000 is being added to a street project by the City of Knoxville because of some unexpected problems due to the age of the route.

The council voted to add the funding, bringing the total project total to \$4,956,597, in an agreement with Southern Contractors, Inc., for the North Central Street Streetscape Project. The request was made by the engineering department and passed Tuesday night.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider asked Anne Wallace, deputy director of redevelopment, to explain the need for additional funds. Wallace said the project is still on target to be completed by March of next year and said the street was built in the late 1800s. She said old storm water pipes need replacing and the street depth became an issue.

Wallace said the city needs to increase the asphalt depth and widen the trenches along the route.

The council also recognized the 200th performance of the Kerbel Shrine Circus in Knoxville and representatives of the shrine, led by Potentate Terry Vittetoe, attended the meeting. The circus performed last week at Thompson Boling Arena.

Approved was a resolution in support of full funding in Washington for the Land and Water Use Conservation Fund. Carter Hall spoke to the council and said the national fund was normally extended by congress but was allowed to expire on September 30th. The fund is used by various agencies to preserve public lands.

The council also voted to appoint Curtis Brown, Sr. to the Knoxville City Golf Course Advisory Committee on a request from Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie.

Postponed for two weeks was an appeal by the Alice Bell/Spring Hill Neighborhood Association of a planning commission approval of expanding The Legends subdivision at Washington Pike. The idea is to give neighborhood homeowners and the developer, Maddox Companies, more

time to meet again and discuss plans and objections.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee was hired to administer services for the city's self-funded employee medical program at an estimated annual cost of \$670,605. The company was also hired to provide a dental benefits program for employees for three years at an estimated cost of \$89,100.

OptumRX, Inc., was approved for pharmacy benefits management for eligible employees.

An agreement with McKinnon Construction Company, LLC., for the 600 Block of Market Street Project was approved for \$493,515.

The Vol Navy Dock near the UT Boat-house is being rebuilt and the council voted to contract with the Public Building Authority to do the project for \$500,000.

In other action the council voted to authorize the mayor to apply for a state grant for the Knoxville Transit Authority for replacing its radio system, granted \$1,200 to Legacy Park's 2018 Legacy Luncheon, \$1,250 to the East Tennessee Design Center's 2018 Awards Gala, gave \$9,250 from the Save Our Sons budget to Project Grad for its college programs, and \$20,000 from the Office of Community Relations Save Our Sons budget to SEED to continue its program providing career readiness training.

The planning commission is being asked to amend and update the Knoxville-Knox County Major Road Plan and amend the General Road Plan.

The council also approved five zoning requests for properties on East Depot, Central Avenue Pike, Fennel Road and Rudy Street.

Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders, chairing the meeting as Mayor Madeline Rogero was attending an Opioid Crisis Conference in Washington, D.C., reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings on Recode Knoxville. He called the effort "the first total rezoning in 50 years" and said that the community participation so far has had more than 55 public meetings and received more than 750 comments.

Early Voting Starts Wednesday **Cont. from page 1**

Early Voting Precincts

Early voting basically runs from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and there's one new location for North Knox County voters, at 314 Merchants Drive, between Outback Steakhouse and Subway.

The West Knoxville polling place moved to 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40. Other early voting places include the City-County Building in the Small Assembly Room, Love Kitchen at 2418 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, New Harvest Park at 4775 New Harvest Lane, the Meridian Baptist Church South at 6513 Chapman Highway, Farragut Town Hall at 11408

Municipal Center Drive, the Carter Library at 9036 Asheville Highway, the Halls Recreation Center at 6933 Recreation Lane and on the Karns Senior Center at 8042 Oak Ridge Highway.

Registered voters may vote at any of these early voting precincts. Saturday hours vary depending where you choose to vote and the last day of early voting, November 1st, the polls will stay open until 9 p.m.

You can get more information by calling the election commission at (865) 215-2480 or online at www.knoxcounty.org/election.

Williams honored by Careacter Star

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Sunbright, Knoxville Catholic and Lenoir City. Moore founded Careacter Star with the help of former Tennessee football coach (and current athletic director) Phillip Fulmer and the late Pat Summitt, the legendary women's basketball coach and winningest coach in NCAA basketball history.

The organization also annually recognizes coaches and sportswriters for their contributions to high school athletics. It has its roots in the Volunteer State but is now a national program.

Moore said that Williams was a natural winner for the award because of his tireless efforts over decades of covering high school sports and athletes in East Tennessee.

"I first met Steve years ago when he was working for the Knoxville Journal and I was coaching at Knoxville Catholic," Moore said. "He's a great writer, He's always been fair and that's not just with my teams.

"It was with other teams. If you read his work and you don't know him, you know that he cares about people and has a true passion for

what he does. He'll exhaust every avenue and do what he needs to do to get the story that he needs to get."

Williams' passion and skill for his craft are undeniable but Moore said that Steve's personality and character truly set him apart.

"He's a great writer but he's also a good man," said Moore. "I saw his care for the athletes when I first met him."

Williams, who began his journalism career in his hometown when he was a student at Clinton High School, joined The

Knoxville Focus in 2008.

His early days as a sportswriter began at the Clinton Courier-News, which is currently part of the Republic Newspapers Chain. He began working there in 1967.

He then worked at the Knoxville Journal from 1973-1988.

"I've been very blessed to be involved with his school athletics and let me say, that I'm glad that The Focus picked up the ball and started running the Careacter Star Athletes of the Week," Williams said. "I'm honored to receive this

award from the organization."

Williams, who officiated baseball, softball, football and basketball in the TSSAA, hung up his whistle in 2014 and now devotes his full attention to covering the area's top games and high school stars.

"I've been honored and blessed to be involved in high school athletics for 50 years; it's a labor of love."

He relished the opportunities to work in both capacities and continues to pursue his writing with dedication and passion.

"It's what I do," he said.

While Moore said that the honor was for Williams, the longtime football coach said that he also wants The Knoxville Focus to relish the award.

"The award is for Steve," Moore said. "He's extremely deserving and he represents The Focus.

"But it's for the whole crew at The Focus. I'm extremely pleased that they run our Careacter Star athletes every week. But it's also for [managing editor] Rose [King]. It's for [editor] Marianne [Dedmon] and it's for [Publisher Steve] Hunley."



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a Senior Research Scientist and the co-director of the National Clearinghouse on Autism Evidence and Practice. Dr. Odom is the author or co-author of over 175 journal articles and book chapters, and has edited 10 books on early childhood intervention and developmental disabilities. His current research focuses on treatment efficacy for elementary and high school youth with autism spectrum disorder.

Dr. Odom's significant contributions to the field have been recognized both nationally and internationally. He is the recipient of the Arnold Lucius Gesell Prize from the Theodor Hellbrugge Foundation in Munich, Germany, for his career achievement in research on social inclusion and child development. He is also the recipient of an honorary doctoral degree from Stockholm University. He is currently a visiting professor at Stockholm University and San Diego State University.

Michael Robinson graduated with a bachelor's degree in geography and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction of the Social Studies from the University of Tennessee.

He is currently a Social Studies Teacher at Houston High School in the Germantown Municipal School District, where he is also the Social Studies Department Head, a mentor teacher, and a member of the Houston High School Teacher Advisory Council. He is a member of the National Council for Geographic Education, the National Education Association, the Germantown and Arlington Education Association, and the National Council for the Social Studies, where he serves as webmaster.

Mr. Roberson has received numerous accolades for his teaching, including the 2016 Humanities Tennessee Outstanding Educator Award and the 2014 National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teaching Award. He has also received travel awards to study aspects of historical interest in Germany, China and Korea.

Cathy Stubbs graduated from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in special education, and continued to complete her Master of Education and Educational Specialist degrees.

She has worked in various special education roles since 1980, and served as Director of Special Education for Newton County Schools before her retirement in 2009. She currently works as a special education records auditor for Newton County Schools in Newton County Georgia.

Ms. Stubbs serves on the Dean's Board of Advisors for the University of Tennessee's College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. Additionally, she is the treasurer of the Friends of Newton Parks board, and volunteers at Middle Ridge Elementary School in Covington, Georgia.

Outstanding Collaborators

Mike Brewer is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and is in his 24th year of employment in Blount County Schools. His career in education in Blount County includes serving as a math teacher at Carpenters Middle School, an assistant principal at Friendsville Elementary School, an

assistant principal at William Blount High school, and now the special education coordinator for the district. In his current position, Mr. Brewer oversees the transition from school to work program and student interns.

In his work in Blount County Schools, Mr. Brewer serves as chair of the Foster Care Review Board. He is a Sunday School teacher at Dotson Memorial Baptist Church and enjoys golfing in his free time. He and his wife, Tracy, have a son, Hunter, who is a senior at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Heather Casteel is a three-time graduate of the University of Tennessee, having most recently completed her doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies in 2018. She currently serves as the visual arts content area specialist for Knox County Schools and is an adjunct instructor in Theory and Practice in Teacher Education. Prior to becoming a content area specialist, she was an art teacher at Christenberry Elementary School in Knox County.

Ms. Casteel serves as chair of the Tennessee Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor Council. She is also a member of the Tennessee Art Education Association and the Knoxville Museum of Art Education Committee. She has presented her work at both local and national conferences, including the National Art Education Association's annual conference. She was recognized by the Tennessee Art Education Association as the 2018 Administration and Supervision Art Educator of the Year.

Jennifer Sobota earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and Secondary Education from Butler University in Indianapolis, and has also earned her master's of education and educational specialist degrees from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate Tennessee.

Ms. Sobota currently works at Maryville High School, where she teaches Spanish and serves as a edTPA lead trainer for world languages. She also serves as the intern coordinator, the Key Club advisor, and the Spanish Honor Society sponsor at Maryville High School. Prior to joining Maryville High School, Ms. Sobota taught at West High School, where she was recognized as the Teacher of the Year in 2012. She is also a member of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Outstanding Community Advocates

Mike Edwards earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the University of Tennessee. He is a former retail developer who served for 17 years as the CEO of the Public Building Authority of Knox County and the City of Knoxville. Since 2002, he has served as the President and CEO of the Knoxville Chamber. Under Mr. Edwards' leadership, the Knoxville Chamber was named the 2011 Chamber of the Year by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. The Chamber holds a Five-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In 2011, Mr. Edwards was appointed to the Tennessee State Board of Education as the representative for the Second

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Dr. Samuel Odom



Michael Roberson



Cathy Stubbs

Outstanding Collaborators



Mike Brewer



Heather Casteel



Jennifer Sobota

Outstanding Community Advocates



Mike Edwards



Jennifer Owen



William (Bill) Woodrick

District. He was reappointed by Governor Bill Haslam for another five-year term in 2016. In addition to these positions, he serves on the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the board of the UT-Battelle Development Corporation, the UT Graduate School of Medicine Board of Visitors, and the Great Schools Partnership Board of Trustees. He is a Ford Fellow focusing on regional sustainability and regional education partnerships.

Jennifer Owen graduated from Morristown-Hamblen High School, West in Morristown TN. She completed a degree in education at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with teaching certifications in instrumental music and English. Her teaching career began in Morgan County Schools, where she taught music at all grade levels and English in grades 9-10. She moved to Knoxville in 1996 and taught instrumental and general music in grades K-8 until 2014.

She served as secretary and newsletter editor for the Knox County Education Association and was a liaison who shared legislative information between colleagues and legislators. During this time, she began realizing that advocating for students and public schools from inside her classroom was not enough.

Jennifer was elected to the Knox County Board of Education, representing the

Second District, in 2016. Prior to election, she expressed three goals for the Board:

1. Make decisions in the best interests of the students;
2. Work to attract and retain great educators and give them autonomy to make instructional decisions in their classrooms; and
3. Repair relationships and trust with our community by being representative, accountable, and transparent.

She is a tireless advocate for public schools.

Bill Woodrick is a graduate of Mississippi Southern University, Gallaudet University and Mississippi State University. Mr. Woodrick was a teacher and vocational counselor at the Mississippi School for the Deaf before joining the faculty of the Special Education department at the University of Tennessee in 1967.

While on the faculty, Mr. Woodrick assisted in the development of programs to prepare rehabilitation specialists, interpreters for the deaf, and services for disabled students. He directed programs among 15 southeastern states to establish interpreter training and access to postsecondary educational programs for deaf and hard of hearing students. He also served as consultant to rehab centers across the nation and as an expert witness.



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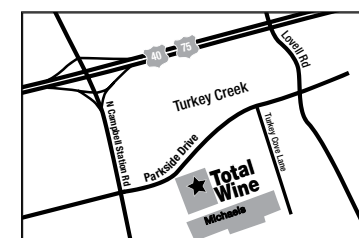
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Getting to know GLENN JACOBS



Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talked to The Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely.

The Knoxville Focus is sitting down with several city and county officials, residents and community leaders for a series of casual chats that will, hopefully, let you get to know them on a personal level.

Our first chat was with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

You've been mayor for several weeks now. How is it going for you?

I've had a good time, met so many wonderful people. We're trying to get out there but also we're looking at policy and things we're trying to accomplish. We've incorporated a couple of things here I'm proud of. We're going to have an employee of the month for the county, a newsletter for the employees.

Of his weekly Facebook report to citizens Jacobs said, "I believe in transparency and people knowing we're out there doing stuff. A few weeks ago Commissioner (Larsen) Jay put together a picnic for all the elected officials and I said I'd bring banana pudding. My wife was busy so I had to make the banana pudding. It was excellent and everybody enjoyed it."

How is being mayor affecting your family and business?

I've stepped out of my business. My son-in-law runs it and it is in good hands. My wife is busy; she has a real estate business now. I wish we saw each other more, I'm busy and

she's busy. We were at the Salvation Army recently and we actually both were sponsors of that event, and this allows us to do things like that.

Tell me a little bit about your family.

My wife, Crystal, is actually the reason we live in East Tennessee. We've been married for 23 years. Her stepmom owned Cowboy's On The Water in Dandridge. I have two daughters I'm very proud of and they are both nurses. One just became a nurse practitioner and the other has her MBA in healthcare administration. We have two grandkids, a granddaughter and grandson.

We have lots of dogs, a couple birds and two turtles. My son-in-law works with me and my other son-in-law works at CarMax.

What are your hopes for the county or working with the city?

When I look at where we are and what we have economically I think that Knox County can become a global player in research and development with ORNL and Y-12 and with the things going on at UT. We can take advantage of that to attract firms in that sector of the economy. One thing we don't have is a huge swath of flat land that you could build big industrial applications on. But I think that if we look at things on a smaller footprint we could certainly do that.

We can have some really great opportunities for everyone over the

next decade.

We have to have good relations with the city. I'd go further and say we have to have good relationships with the counties in our region too. If we're going to compete in the global aspects we have to use all the assets of East Tennessee. We're stronger when all of us work together I think.

Do you have time for hobbies?

Not really. The animals are probably our biggest hobby. We have about nine dogs. When we lived in Jefferson County we had a farm and people kept dropping off dogs, we didn't have the heart to take them to the pound. We would bring them in and take care of them.

What do you see as the main accomplishment in your life?

Hopefully that's mostly ahead of me. I think that every day we are growing as human beings or going the other way. I've very proud of my daughters. In the end parents can only do so much. I'm proud of some of the community involvement we've done as well. I'm not very introspective.

When people meet you the first time how do they see you?

Some people see me as the wrestler on TV. That's good and bad because sometimes you have to overcome the stereotype. I hope that after they talk to me a few minutes

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Lawsuit settlement proposal on commission agenda

By Mike Steely
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An addition to the Knox County Commission's Work Session agenda for tonight may get more attention than any other item. Recently Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs held an impromptu press conference and announced his support for a "settlement" of the lawsuit between the law director's office and the pension board.

He indicated he would ask the commission to agree to the declaration and three commissioners, Brad Anders, Randy Smith and Larsen Jay, have added it to the agenda.

The resolution as added reads "Consideration of the Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Settlement Proposal approved by the Knox County Retirement

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Sheriff says jail needs expanding

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There's no question that the Knox County Jail needs to expand to house the increasing number of inmates. An overpopulation of prisoners being held pending trial and those jailed after convictions are placed at the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility in East Knox County and the downtown holding center.

Sheriff Tom Spangler may be new to the position but has already made staff changes and discussed the need to expand with county commissioners and the media at detention center on Maloneyville Road last Wednesday for a presentation and a tour of the facility.

He said expanding the facility to adequately meet present and future needs could cost \$20 to \$40 million. Built in 1994 to house 676 inmates adding with bunk beds brought the currently has the capacity of 1036 inmates. In 2016 the jail

exceeded capacity and the inmate population continues to grow at 8% each year.

When the commission will be asked to fund an expansion isn't known yet but Spangler is giving the funding body fair warning that it is needed and has been talking with Mayor Glenn Jacobs about how to find it, possibly without raising taxes.

Spangler and his chief deputies spoke about the opioid crisis adding to the jail population and the sheriff said overcrowding is leading to problems in keeping staff. The growing number of older inmates has stressed medical needs and the jail now has inadequate laundry and kitchen facilities. The sheer population growth in the county is also adding to the number of inmates.

Another problem that overpopulation causes is the classification of types of inmates and can lead to housing non-violent offenders

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The 'Wright' Connection

"I'll be glad when Christmas is over," he said. His words were followed by his familiar smile. A soft chuckle hovered over the congregation, many



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Leadership Development at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. Before entering the ministry, the Harriman native worked 11 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory as an accountant.

He is a graduate of Roane State Community College and The University of Tennessee. After being called into the ministry, Darrell went back to school at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian Leadership. He served on staff at Grace Baptist for 17 years. In 2014, Darrell joined the staff at Wallace. He has been married to Robin Davis Wright for 33 years. Robin often leads classes

in women's ministry. Darrell and Robin have three children and one special granddaughter. The Wrights have traveled to the Holy Land several times, so it is not surprising that one of Darrell's favorite quotes is from Jesus: "No one comes to the Father but by me." Focus readers may follow their journeys online at Footsteps of Paul 2018.



Picture of Darrell and Robin Wright from April 2018 in Ephesus with the famed Library of Celcus in the background, courtesy of Darrell Wright.

"Darrell is a huge asset to our church family. He is committed to growing people in their relationship with Christ and discipling new believers," Dr. John Green, lead pastor at Wallace Memorial, shared. "He and Robin have a huge heart for people; and everywhere they go, Darrell runs into someone he knows." According to Green, that has happened so often that it has become a joke among the staff. "He and Robin make a great team," the pastor continued. "They really give their hearts to love Christ and love people."

representing Captain James Carson, whom the sheriff is reappointing to the ethics committee. Supporters of permitting Sheriff Uniformed Officers to continue adding vacation days to their monthly retirement in the future apparently believe that the actions of the mayor and commission might sway Weaver's decision. Within the "settlement" that Mayor Jacobs approved is language providing each of the six deputies named in the suit \$5,000 for private attorney fees. The former commission voted down a similar resolution in a 5-5 vote. Two new commissioners replace two who voted

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satisfying?

they realize I'm just a regular person. I also realize that I'm a big guy and my wife tells me I probably intimidate people without trying to because of my size, so I'm always cognizant of that.

Do you think that, in the future, we will have a city-county metro type government? There are so many duties that are already shared by both governments.

I don't know, that would be up to voters. My perfect plan is that we would have a consolidated government but different services. Your urban center, etc., but nothing would change except for some services. The debt structures are different, the pension are different. I live in the county and you've have to convince me my taxes are not going to go up. As long as we could save money overall, wonderful, but if we can't than I wouldn't be for it.

Have you looked into an eventual county-wide fire department?

Right now we haven't, it would be extremely expensive. I know those discussions are going on.

What's the one thing in your position as mayor is the most

The things I like best so far is going around to the high schools talking to the seniors. Or when we get a company here and one expands I'd say WOW. That hasn't happened to me yet. This is an awesome place, the zoo is awesome and they really impressed me. Someone said it's an awesome zoo for Knoxville but it's an awesome zoo for anywhere!

What's your favorite meal or place to dine?

Actually my favorite meal is hamburgers and French fries. I was talking to someone from out of town and they asked me where they should eat and I think I named about twenty hamburger places. I can't pick one of them, there's a lot. Knoxville is a "foodie" town. The Inskip Grill has a pretty killer burger and Litton's has Thunder Road burgers.

How would you like to be remembered?

As mayor I'd like to be remembered as helping everyone work together and made the county the best place it can be. As a human being I'd like to be remembered just as a decent guy.



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Lawsuit settlement proposal on agenda

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and Pension Board on September 24, 2018, and accepted by the Knox County Mayor on October 2, 2018."

The law department has said that neither the mayor nor the commission has the power to settle the lawsuit. The legal action is now before Chancellor John Weaver and a ruling is expected in November.

Adding to the work session meeting are three attorneys who want to speak to the settlement agreement. They are Herbert Moncier, Al Holifield and Steve Garrett. Moncier entered the legal action recently

representing Captain James Carson, whom the sheriff is reappointing to the ethics committee.

Supporters of permitting Sheriff Uniformed Officers to continue adding vacation days to their monthly retirement in the future apparently believe that the actions of the mayor and commission might sway Weaver's decision.

Within the "settlement" that Mayor Jacobs approved is language providing each of the six deputies named in the suit \$5,000 for private attorney fees. The former commission voted down a similar resolution in a 5-5 vote. Two new commissioners replace two who voted

against the resolution and one of new commissioners, Larsen Jay, is a sponsor of the added agenda item.

In other action the commissioners will consider adding Matthew Warren to the audit committee and select someone to serve on the ethics committee and board of zoning appeals.

The sheriff is asking to amend a three-year agreement with Securus Technologies for inmate communications and management systems, asking Securus to provide Knox County with at one time \$250,000 payment.

The sale of the Andrew Johnson Building to BNA Associates, LLC for \$6 million is again being postponed until November at the request of the procurement department.

Indoor self-storage unit

standards is also on the agenda at the request of the planning commission.

The commission may also discuss an understanding between the Knox County Clerk and Trustee regarding combining services, locations and personnel at satellite offices.

Fifty-five items are on the agenda and Chairman Hugh Nystrom and other commissioners will decide which to discuss and which to pass on a "consent" vote that requires only one motion and vote.

The meeting starts at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building at 400 West Main Street. Applicants for the commission's choice of ethics committee members will be interviewed at 6:30 p.m.

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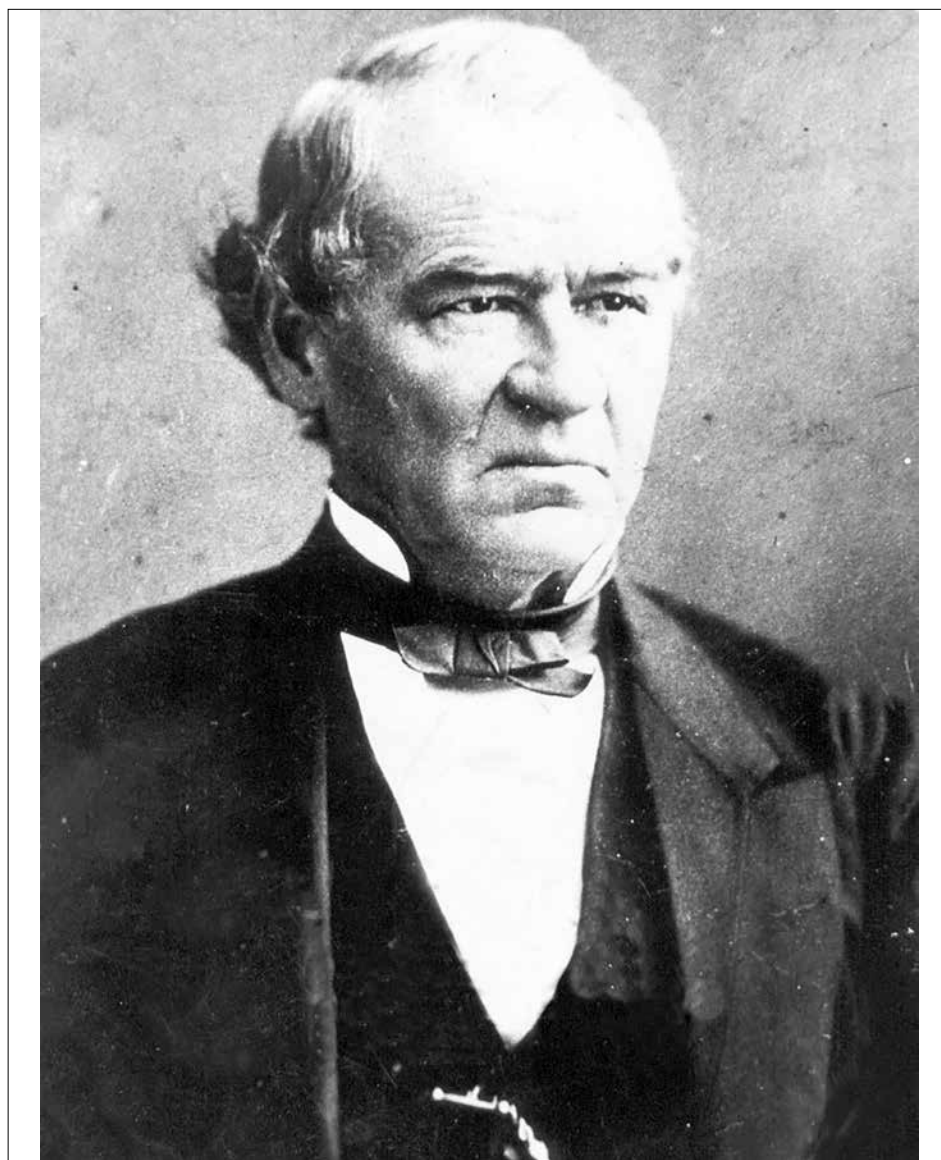
Governor Andrew Johnson easily overcame the powerful opposition of the Whig Party in Tennessee, as well as the more conservative elements in his own Democratic Party to win election to the United States Senate in 1857. Nor was Andrew Johnson satisfied to merely remain in the Senate. At the 1860 Democratic presidential convention, Johnson's sons and friends worked to win him the nomination. The Democratic Party, like the nation, was too divided. Northern Democrats managed to nominate Stephen Douglas, while Southern Democrats supported the candidacy of Vice President John Breckinridge of Kentucky. A fourth party, the Constitutional Union Party, held a convention in Baltimore, which nominated former Tennessee U. S. senator John Bell as its candidate. Bell actually carried Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky in the fall election. The winner of the presidential election was former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln. Unlike Andrew Johnson, John Bell eventually drifted to a point of view that aligned him with Confederate forces.

Andrew Johnson was a stubborn man, if not downright obstinate. Johnson gave a speech from the Senate floor that was much better received in the Northern states than his own Tennessee. Bellowing, "I will not give up this government", Johnson pledged he "intended to stand by it", a promise he kept. Johnson urged his fellow citizens to "rally around the altar of our common country" and "swear by our God, and all that is sacred and holy, that the Constitution shall be saved, and the Union preserved." When Southern Democrats in the Senate promised to resign their seats in the event their states were to secede from the Union, Andrew Johnson was puzzled. Ever the politician, Johnson reminded Jefferson Davis, then a senator from Mississippi, that if Southern Democrats were to remain in their seats, the Democratic Party would have control of the Senate. Johnson reminded his colleagues, the Senate could easily remain a check and balance against any action taken by President Lincoln. Johnson returned home to Tennessee where the people were considering a referendum on secession in a special election. Johnson stumped against secession, speaking numerous times. Cognizant of the passionate beliefs held on both sides, Andrew Johnson realized his speechmaking might cause an attempt on his life. Undaunted, Johnson frequently spoke, but not before laying a pistol on

the lectern. Tennesseans voted not to leave the Union in the February referendum, but by June of 1861, opinions had changed and Tennessee seceded. The threat to Andrew Johnson's life became greater still and the senator fled, along with his family. Johnson was the only U. S. senator to remain in the Senate after his state had seceded from the Union. Johnson's term expired in 1862 and President Lincoln made him military governor of Tennessee. The Senate rapidly confirmed Johnson's appointment and he held the rank of brigadier general. Confederates, made livid by Johnson's refusal to side with the Confederacy, seized the governor's personal property and his home, which was used as a hospital. The Confederates did show the Johnson family courtesy inasmuch as they allowed the Johnsons to pass through their military lines to join the governor in Nashville.

Andrew Johnson did his best as military governor of Tennessee to mitigate the influence of the Confederates. Johnson ordered newspapers openly or aiding the Confederate cause to be closed. Governor Johnson insisted all public officials in Tennessee take a loyalty oath to the Union. There was also reason to believe President Lincoln gave Governor Johnson's views great consideration. Although little remembered today, when Abraham Lincoln first issued his Emancipation Proclamation, Tennessee was exempted, at the particular behest of Governor Andrew Johnson. Although a slaveholder himself, Andrew Johnson finally came to the conclusion the institution of slavery must end. "If the institution of slavery seeks to overthrow it (the government), the Government has a clear right to destroy it," Johnson concluded. While Johnson was reluctant to see former slaves fight alongside Union troops, he supported the idea of drafting former slaves into the Army. Over time, Andrew Johnson recruited almost 20,000 former slaves or free blacks into the Union army.

Andrew Johnson did not long remain military governor of Tennessee. Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for reelection in 1864, opposed in the fall election by one of his own generals, George B. McClellan. Lincoln's vice president, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, expected to run again with the president, but Lincoln had other ideas. Perhaps thinking about the eventual end of the Civil War and bringing the country back together, Lincoln



Former President Andrew Johnson circa 1875.

considered running for reelection with a Democrat. Lincoln, originally elected as a Republican, campaigned for reelection on the National Union Party ticket. Simon Cameron, the powerful and corrupt Secretary of War and former U. S. senator from Pennsylvania, tried to nominate by acclamation Hannibal Hamlin for vice president once again, but his resolution was beaten by the assembled delegates. Hamlin was nominated, as well as Andrew Johnson. Johnson led on the first ballot and won the vice presidential nomination on the second ballot.

At the time in our history when Andrew Johnson was the vice presidential nominee of the new National Union Party, it was quite unusual for a candidate to actually campaign for the office; in fact, many considered it unseemly for a presidential or vice presidential nominee to campaign for votes. It never bothered Andrew Johnson to appear unseemly and he made a campaign swing through Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Johnson imposed his will on Tennessee, tightening the loyalty oath around the necks of his opponents in the Volunteer State to the point where many were disenfranchised. Not surprisingly, the Lincoln - Johnson ticket prevailed in Tennessee by 25,000 votes. Johnson's heavy-handed tactics were so obvious Congress refused to count Tennessee's electoral votes. Fortunately, the Lincoln - Johnson ticket had won the election without Tennessee's electoral votes.

Never taking his eye off Tennessee, Andrew Johnson was delighted when Union troops once more occupied East Tennessee. Voters had ratified a new state constitution and one of Johnson's last acts as military governor of Tennessee was to certify the election results. Johnson's swearing-in as vice president should have been a glorious personal occasion for

the Tennessean, but he had attended a social function the night before and had imbibed a little too freely. Upon arriving at the Capitol, Johnson approached his predecessor, Hannibal Hamlin, wondering if the vice president had any whisky. Hamlin proffered a bottle of whisky and Johnson took some liquid courage to steel his nerves. If Johnson was attempting to appease his hang over by taking a couple of drinks, it did not have the desired result. Johnson gave a rambling speech, which was an embarrassment. Many in the press flatly accused the vice president of being drunk. Johnson was mortified by the accusations of the press and kept a very low profile, largely refusing to come to the Capitol. Abraham Lincoln defended Johnson, saying, "I have known Andy Johnson for many years; he made a bad slip the other day, but you need not be scared; Andy ain't a drunkard."

Andrew Johnson remained vice president for little more than a month. Johnson met with the President on April 14, 1865 and later that night Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth. What Andrew Johnson did not know was Lincoln's assassination was part of a larger conspiracy, the intent of which was to murder the vice president and Secretary of State William Seward as well. The attempt on Seward's life was quite nearly successful; Johnson's intended assassin, George Atzerodt, decided to get drunk instead of killing the vice president. Not unlike many members of Congress at the time, Andrew Johnson lived at a boarding house while in Washington. Vice President Johnson was asleep when a fellow boarder woke him to tell him Lincoln had been shot. Johnson hurried to the stricken president's bedside where the Tennessean snarled, "They shall suffer for this." Abraham Lincoln slipped away the next morning and Andrew Johnson was sworn in as President

of the United States sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Contrary to what some expected of the mercurial Tennessean, the occasion of his swearing-in saw Andrew Johnson conduct himself with the dignity of a president. Johnson, clearly understanding the gravity of the situation, was quite solemn throughout the ceremony.

Andrew Johnson's presidency was a turbulent time and the obstinate Tennessean found himself surrounded by enemies. Johnson followed his own policies and as a Democrat, the Republicans in Congress, especially the radical Republicans, sought to impeach him. Johnson survived impeachment by a single vote in the Senate.

Johnson sought to be the presidential nominee of his party in 1868, although there was little doubt he would lose to the expected GOP nominee, General Ulysses S. Grant. The Democrats rejected Johnson's bid to seek election in his own right and Andrew Johnson returned to Tennessee after leaving the White House. Relations between Grant and Johnson were glacial. Grant refused to ride in the same carriage as Johnson to his inauguration; that hardly mattered at all to Andrew Johnson, who refused to attend General Grant's inauguration, period.

While it appeared politics was through with Andrew Johnson, it soon became clear Andrew Johnson was not through with politics. Some in Tennessee worried Johnson would run for governor or the U. S. Senate. The Republicans no longer politically controlled Tennessee and Democrats had won the state legislature in 1869. It soon became readily apparent Andrew Johnson would be a candidate for the U. S. Senate. Johnson, saddened by the death of his son Robert from suicide and bitter from his years in the White House, was driven to seek what he believed would be vindication. Johnson came within

one vote of winning election to the Senate. Thoroughly hated by many Republicans and not a few Democrats, a coalition of Democrats and Republicans thwarted Johnson's senatorial ambitions by backing Henry Cooper, who was elected. The final vote in the Tennessee legislature was 54 for Cooper and 51 for Andrew Johnson.

Johnson attempted another political comeback in 1872 when Tennessee was electing a Congressman-At-Large. Johnson intended to be the Democratic nominee, but was rebuffed by the party bosses, who favored Benjamin F. Cheatham, a former Confederate general. Stubborn, Johnson ran for the congressional seat as an Independent. While the former president finished third in the balloting, he had the pleasure of seeing General Cheatham lose to the GOP nominee, Horace Maynard.

Nor had Andrew Johnson given up his drive to win vindication from his people and his political ambitions. Anticipating the Tennessee legislature electing a senator in 1875, Johnson began a campaign swing through Tennessee. It was to be Andrew Johnson's last campaign. Johnson quickly won the support of Tennessee's farmers and campaigned on behalf of candidates for the legislature who would be friendly to his senatorial candidacy. The elections were a sweeping success for Democrats, who won ninety-two seats in the General Assembly to only eight for the Republicans. Johnson traveled to Nashville to personally lobby legislators on his own behalf. There was a host of opposition to the former president's candidacy, which included a former congressman, three Confederate generals, and a former governor. Johnson led on the first ballot and his opponents realized the only way to stop the former president from winning a seat in the U. S. Senate was to coalesce around the candidacy of a single man. Ballot followed ballot and on the fifty-fourth ballot, Andrew Johnson was elected to the United States Senate by a single vote.

Johnson had received the personal vindication he had so doggedly and relentlessly pursued. His election was hailed nationally and he was greeted in Washington by many of his former colleagues warmly. Senator Johnson attended a special session of the Senate where he made his last political speech. That summer, Johnson suffered a stroke. A second stroke two days later claimed the life of one of Tennessee's most colorful political figures. Andrew Johnson's last words spoken on the floor of the Senate were, "...may God bless this people and God save the Constitution."

Andrew Johnson remains the only former president of the United States to win election to the U. S. Senate after leaving the White House.

I dare you

Over the past couple of years, the partisanship and resulting animus between political sides has increased to a level that makes me wonder if our country will ever be all right. Politicians have managed to fracture the very



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people that we don't know well and change that situation.

Once we've become familiar with those people, our goals are to find ways to offer help to them. Oh, yes, some people won't need anything, and if that

arises, we should choose someone else. For a block of individuals, financial help might be the key issue. Others could possibly need emotional support as they struggle with some area in their lives. Perhaps the most important help for others is simply having someone who will listen.

Each of us needs to find someone to help. These days, that shouldn't be such a difficult undertaking. The individual that we search out shouldn't be a family member or friend. Instead, the subjects for our projects should be folks we either don't know at all or only know in passing. Yes, co-workers that are not well known can be included.

We don't want to announce to them that we are about to help them with some situation. No, our goals are to get to know our choices well enough to know what they might need. Doing that will require a great deal of work. We have to spend time with folks enough to discover what areas of their lives

need our help. Now, by help, I am not at all suggesting that we interject our opinions on what person should or shouldn't do or what that we impose our values on them. No, we simply need to find

What is most important about this exercise is that each person who initiates it should observe the differences that his actions make. Does the one helped feel better? Does a friendship blossom? What things are learned by both people involved? Finally, has the act of reaching out to another person made a difference in how he is perceived?

This exercise takes a little effort and time. The benefits might be unmeasurable. In either case, I hope that we all might learn to be a bit more patient and empathetic with those whom we try to help. Who knows? We might help heal the great divide that now eats away at our country.

If you are brave enough to accept this challenge, let me know how it turns out. You can remain anonymous, but send an email to joerector@comcast.net to let me know how things went...good or bad.

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with questionable violent offenders.

The growing number of mental health inmates and the increasing population of female prisoners also adds to the problem. More than 300 female inmates are currently housed there.

Spangler said he's trying to deal with the increasing inmate population. Three new pre-trial positions have been added as well as a substance abuse liaison. He indicated that the jail is experimenting with video-court options.

Of the 12,742 inmates last year, 2,308 were Knox County arrests, 9,862 were Knoxville Police Department arrests, 408 were UT Police arrests and 164 were arrested by marshals.

Overcrowding at the downtown jail, used to hold inmates prior to their trials, includes about 116 inmates being transferred there and back from Maloneyville Road each



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The Chronicles of Narnia

C.S. Lewis was a British writer and theologian. He is best known for his children's classic series, "The Chronicles of Narnia." He was born in Belfast, North Ireland. His time in public schools was not particularly happy and later he wrote how schoolboys were mistreated. His university life

was interrupted as he volunteered to join the British Army. He was brought up in the Protestant church of Ireland but, as a teenager, he said he lost his faith. Later, he felt compelled to accept the experience of faith. In his book, "Surprised by Joy," he writes that he came to Christianity, "kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every direction, for a chance to escape." This describes thousands of people in this day and age. Hundreds of quotes are attributed to Mr. Lewis, and I will list a few:



Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler and six Knox County Commissioners go over the facts and figures about overcrowding at the Maloneyville Road detention center.

day. "We can't wait for years down the road," Spangler told the commissioners about the need to expand the main facility.

If the Maloneyville Road detention facility exceeds

capacity the county could be fined \$1,000 per excess prisoner each day.

Sheriff Spangler said that when he started on the force in 1980 the only jail was downtown and, he added, "It was already

overcrowded." The sheriff added that the meeting Wednesday for the commissioners, Mayor Jacobs and the media is part of his campaign promise to be open with the public.

Isn't it funny that day by day nothing changes, but, when we look back, everything is different.

No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good.

No one ever told me how grief felt so like fear.

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'Team effort' nets runner-up finish for Lady Gryphons golf team

By Ken Lay
 MANCHESTER --- It took a total team effort for the L&N STEM Academy to claim a runner-up finish in the 2018 Division I Small Schools State Golf Championships last week at WillowBrook Country Club.
 The Lady Gryphons finished second, 30 shots behind tournament

Champion Summertown, which fired a team total score of 313 over 36 holes. L&N STEM was second (343) and edged Sale Creek by two strokes in the team standings.
 Madilyn Newman shot a 4-over 76 in Tuesday's opening round and was in third place overall after the first 18 holes. She shot 81 on

the final day of the season and her two-day total of 157 was good enough to help her hold onto third place.
 In the opening round Emma Patterson had a 22-over 94 and helped the Lady Gryphons grab second place in the first round.
 Patterson would endure some struggles Wednesday and would card a 101 and

finish the tournament with a two-day total of 195.
 But senior Sydney Rockwell, who played in last year's State Championships as an individual, shot a 92 and shaved eight strokes of her opening-round score. Her second-round total helped L&N STEM hold on to second place in the team standings.

"It was a great accomplishment," Lady Gryphons coach Mark Waxmonsky said of his team's showing in West Tennessee. "Madilyn was third after the first day and held on to third place."
 "Emma had our second best score on the first day and it was good enough to put the team in second, one shot ahead of third place.

On the second day, Emma ran into some trouble on a couple of holes but Sydney played well and helped us hold onto second place by two shots. Emma's score on Day One and Sydney's score on Day Two meant that all three girls' scores figured in the total score. It was a true team effort to finish state runner-up."



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Farragut's Matt White (20) Benji Cheatham tackle Bearden's Makai Williams in the Battle of West Knoxville Friday night. The Bulldogs knocked off the previously unbeaten Admirals 17-13 at Bill Young Field in Bearden.

Gibbs runs past Halls 24-17 for fifth straight win

By Steve Williams
 Gibbs High senior quarterback Dalton Wright scored all three of his team's touchdowns Friday night, but his biggest play of the game may have been recovering Halls' on-side kick with four minutes to go.
 The Red Devils never got the football back and Gibbs got away with a 24-17 Region 2-5A win at Dink Adams Field.
 It was the Eagles' fifth straight victory after losing their first three games of the season and puts them solidly in third place in the region at 3-1. They'll face another rival this Friday at Carter.
 Wright, who operates Gibbs' triple option attack, twice snuck over the goal line from the 1 and also ran in from 12 yards out. But he said the offensive line was the key to the win.
 "The o-line took over and dominated up front and let the running backs run all over them," said Wright, who totaled 56 yards rushing on 17 attempts.
 First-year head coach Brad Turner echoed his quarterback's comment and praised left tackle Jacob Arnwine, left guard Jared Bowling, center Mason Allen, right guard Alex Mase and right tackle Cameron Tabler for their play. Allen is the lone returning starter of the unit.
 "We said before the game we got to win it up front and I think our offensive line and offense did a really great job of getting a push and being physical," said Turner.
 "Defensively, we gave up some

Bearden edges rival Farragut, 17-13

By Alex Norman
 For the first time since 2012, the Bearden Bulldogs won the Battle of West Knoxville. On Thursday, October 11, Bearden beat rival Farragut 17-13, a win that put the Bulldogs in control of their own destiny in Region 1-6A with only two weeks left in the regular season.
 "I think it is justification of what our kids are doing and how they have bought in," said Bearden head coach Morgan Shinlever. "It gives them the reassurance that what we are doing is the right thing, and that their hard work is paying off."
 The first drive of the game was a lengthy one for the home team. The Bulldogs started at their own 20, and kept the football for over nine and a half minutes. They went for it on fourth and 3 from the Farragut 31, converting when Collin Ironside hit Matt Carr for

a six-yard gain. Eventually, Connor Cross knocked home a 37-yard field goal on the final play of a 17-play drive, and it was 3-0 Bearden.
 Farragut (8-1, 4-1 in Region 1-6A) responded with a long drive of their own. Early in the second quarter the drive stalled, but Daniel Bethel picked up the slack. His 33-yard field goal evened the score at 3.
 When Bearden got the football back they wasted no time in attacking the Admirals defense. Caleb Wilkins burst through the middle of the Farragut line, and ran 45 yards to the Admirals 35.
 On fourth and inches Bearden went for it. Collin Ironside hit his brother Addison for a five-yard gain and a first down. That drive culminated with a tough three-yard touchdown run by Wilkins, making it 10-3 Bearden with 7:12 remaining in the first half. Wilkins had 19 carries and a game high 158 rushing

yards.
 "We told our offensive line and running backs that we had to be physical and had to be able to run the football effectively to open up the passing game," said Shinlever. "If we established the ground game we believed we could stay balanced and put enough points on the board to win. The offensive line and Caleb took to that challenge. They wanted to be the more physical team and I think they proved that."
 After forcing a three and out, the Bulldogs went back to work, starting a drive at their own 37. A 25-yard toss from Ironside to Carr was followed by a 24-yard hookup between those two Bearden standouts, and Bearden had the football at the Farragut 7. But a couple of plays later, the Admirals defense came up with a huge play. An Ironside pitch was knocked down by sophomore linebacker

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Renfree, Catholic All-American, leaves KIL pack behind

By Steve Williams

There was a close race for second place in this year's Knoxville Interscholastic League Cross Country Championships, but Jake Renfree took top honors by a wide margin.

The Knoxville Catholic senior, who had a breakout season on the national level last fall, finished 49 seconds ahead of the pack on the Cherokee Boulevard course Saturday, Oct. 6.

Renfree covered the 5,000 meter run in 15 minutes, 44 seconds.

Only five seconds separated the second through fifth-place finishers. Farragut junior Joshua Ebbert (16:33) was second, West's Jordan Thomas (16:35) third, Bearden's Preston Ruth (16:37) fourth and Farragut's Eli Sharp (16:38) fifth.

It was the first KIL cross country title of Renfree's prep career. Last season he took second place behind three-time champion Carter Coughlin of Webb School.

"Conditions have been hot and humid at every race, so Jake's times have not been spectacular, but based on what he is doing in practice, it's clear that he is way ahead of where he was at this time last year," said Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil



Knoxville Catholic senior Jake Renfree runs to his first KIL Cross Country championship Oct. 6 at Cherokee Boulevard course. Renfree finished his junior season last fall with a fifth place showing at the Foot Locker national meet in San Diego.

last week.

Renfree won the Trinity / Valkyrie Invitational Sept. 15 in Louisville, Ky., a meet that O'Neil said always attracts a lot of the top talent from the Midwest. In that race, the Catholic standout covered the three-time champion Carter Coughlin of Webb School.

"Trinity / Valkyrie was a big race for us, and Jake got the win despite being a bit under the weather and the heat index being 100 degrees," recalled Coach O'Neil.

"Overall, things are going really well, and I'm excited to see what Jake can do once we move into championship season."

After placing fourth at the state last year, the unheralded Renfree finished a surprising fifth in the Foot Locker national finals in San Diego, earning All-American honors.

Renfree has taken official visits to Notre Dame, Furman and Stanford and was planning on making a decision (this past) weekend, added O'Neil.

Rounding out the Top 10 in the KIL boys race were

Nathan Worley of Bearden (16:50), Parker Greene of West (17:03), Seth Jinks of L&N STEM Academy (17:05), Bannon Evans of Webb (17:06) and Justin Thompson of Karns (17:09).

The 11th through 15th place individual finishers were all freshmen and four of them were from Hardin Valley Academy, with the youngsters combining to lead the Hawks to the boys' team championship.

That up-and-coming foursome included Nathan Hillis (17:11), Kaden Keller, Mitchell McCown and Isaac Legult. Finishing right in the middle of them in 13th place was Catholic freshman Spencer Stovall.

HVA's title team also included sophomore Nate Lawson, junior Brock Mullins and sophomore Alex Brittain.

Hardin Valley and Farragut each totaled 66 points in team scoring, but the Hawks won the tie-breaker, thanks to better finishes by their sixth and seventh runners, Mullins and Brittain.

Bearden (98) took third place, followed by Catholic (99) and Webb (133).

Fourteen schools had complete teams in the competition. A total of 176 runners were in the boys' field.



KIL girls cross country champion Niki Narayani of Webb will be among high school athletes competing in the Region 2 Championships Thursday, Oct. 25, at Victor Ashe Park.

Narayani leads Webb's veteran squad to KIL title

By Steve Williams

A veteran Webb School girls team captured the Knoxville Interscholastic League Cross Country championship Saturday, Oct. 6, and appears headed for a TSSAA record seventh state title in a row.

Four seniors and one junior made up the Lady Spartans' top five harriers.

Niki Narayani finished comfortably in first place with a time of 18 minutes, 26 seconds over the 5,000 meter run at Cherokee Boulevard.

Two other seniors also placed in the Top 10 for Webb - Taylor Cosey (19:36) coming in fifth and Lindsay Holliday (19:54) eighth.

Coach Bobby Holcombe's squad also had junior Kamryn Krishnan and senior Caroline Ross contributing to its team score of 46 points.

Knoxville Catholic junior Eleanor Mancini came in second place in a time of 19:01. Hardin Valley Academy sophomore Cathryn Jarret placed third in 19:06. West freshman Marley Townsend took fourth at 19:11.

After Cosey, Farragut sophomore Cathy Hu came in sixth (19:42) and Catholic's Callie Tucker seventh (19:49). Following Holliday in the Top 10 were HVA's Ellie Bachmann (19:58) and Kensi Gray (19:59).

Farragut finished second in the team scoring with 53 points. Rounding out the top five girls' teams were Hardin Valley 62, West 67 and Bearden 116.

Ten schools had complete teams in the race. A total of 130 girls ran.

Local coaches recognize district standouts

Lady Irish return to volleyball's grand stage

By Ken Lay

Coaches from two area high school volleyball districts recently honored the top players in their respective leagues.

The all-District 3-AAA team was selected after the regular season. Heritage High School won both the regular-season and tournament championships. The Lady Mountaineers also won the Region 2-AAA Tournament Thursday and qualified for this week's Class AAA State Tournament. Farragut was regular-season, district tournament and regional runner-up.

The Lady Admirals (32-14) lost in the state sectionals to Dobyns-Bennett in Kingsport Thursday night.

Heritage's Kailey Keeble was the district's Most Valuable Player. Farragut's Caroline Bower was named Hitter of the Year. Sydney Cherney, of the Lady Admirals was Defensive Player of the Year. Hardin Valley Academy senior and Maryville College commitment Morgan Smithson was named Server of the Year. The Lady Hawks, who reached the state tournament in each of the last two seasons, were eliminated by Farragut in the district tournament semifinals.

Area players to receive first-team honors included: Cherney, Bower and Smithson.

Hardin Valley's Drew Brooks and South-Doyle's Madison Reiter received second-team honors while

Honorable Mentions went to South-Doyle's Lindsay Sterchi, Hardin Valley's Courtney Coffy and Farragut's Maddie McLemore.

Cherney, Reiter and HVA's Savanna Bowen were all recognized as senior scholar athletes.

In District 3-AA: Catholic High School took all the championships, including the regular-season district title and the tournament championship. The Lady Irish also won the Region 2-AA Title and swept Greenville in the state sectionals Thursday night.

Catholic, which won the Class AA State Title in 2016, will be making its fifth consecutive appearance in Murfreesboro. The Lady Irish posted runner-up finishes in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

Their all-district standouts included: Olivia Cunningham (the league's MVP); Cassie Kuerschen (who was Defensive Player/Libero of the Year); Rachel Bazzon, Sasha Cain, Carlee Hart, Maddie Vanderhooven and Maya Alves.

Lady Irish coach Brent Carter was named Coach of the Year. Central's Clarke Blakemore was named Rookie of the Year.

She was joined on the all-district's first team by teammates Grace Cochran and Cameron Flatford. Carter's Kallie Powell and Briel Norman were also named to the first team, along with Fulton's Hannah Hobby and Tekeya Akins.

Carter's Kayli Alton was given an honorable mention.

Central soccer makes return to Region Tournament

By Ken Lay

When Central High School girls soccer coach Bill Mize and his Lady Bobcats embarked on the 2018 season, the goal was to reach the Region 2-AA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Central reached that objective Tuesday night when it defeated South-Doyle 4-0 in the District 4-AA Tournament Semifinals at Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City.

"We came into the season wanting to make it district final. We knew that if we did that we would make it back to the region," said Mize, who guided the Lady Bobcats to the Region 2-AA Championship and to state sectionals for the first time in school history in 2017. "We're pretty happy. Our goal was to make it to the [district] final."

Central, which beat Catholic to claim the regional crown last year, was the second seed in this year's district tournament. The Lady Bobcats did fall short of the district title this season when they dropped a 3-0 decision to the top-seeded Lady Irish 3-0 Thursday night at Blaine Stadium.

But Central enjoyed its district semifinal match especially after

catching a break early when a South-Doyle player picked up a red card midway through the first half. That forced the Lady Cherokees to play the rest of the match with 10 players.

"That was unfortunate that they got that early red card and had to go a player down," Mize said. "If that hadn't happened, this game would have been a lot more competitive. It would've been a lot closer."

But the coach also applauded his squad for its effort.

"We played pretty good soccer and we got a hat trick from Kyleigh Haught," Mize said. "But give South-Doyle credit, they really play hard."

Haught scored on a penalty kick in the 20th minute. She also tallied twice in the second half. She scored in the 53rd minute from close range and that fired another one in approximately three minutes later from about 30 yards out.

Central got its other marker from Kaitlynn Decker late in the opening half.

South-Doyle coach Adam Massie was disappointed to see his team's season come to an end but was pleased with his team's effort in its final match of the season.

"I thought we played really well

and I thought we fought really hard," Massie said. "We did all we could."

The Lady Bobcats will travel to Ernest White Stadium in Corryton to face Gibbs Tuesday.

Kickoff for the regional semifinal elimination match wasn't set at press time.

The Lady Eagles won their second consecutive District 3-AA Tournament title when they beat Grainger Thursday night.

In District 2-AA: Seymour defeated rival Sevier County 1-0 to win the district tournament Wednesday night. The Lady Eagles, who reached the state tournament in 2017, will host a region tournament Tuesday night against Elizabethton.

In District 3-AAA: Powell defeated Oak Ridge 2-1 to win the district. The Lady Panthers will host Hardin Valley Academy Tuesday night at Powell Middle School. The Lady Hawks picked a victory over the Lady Panthers earlier this season.

The Lady Hawks dropped a 2-0 decision to Maryville Thursday in the District 4-AAA Championship Game. HVA, which played the Rebels to a 2-2 draw during the regular season, was the top seed in the district tournament via goal differential.

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Eli Purcell. He would recover the football at the 13 yard line with 1:49 remaining in the half.

A deep ball from Gavin Wilkinson to Jaden Gibbs brought Farragut inside the Bearden 38. On fourth and 8, Wilkinson hit Jaden Gibbs again, this time for a 12-yard gain and a first down. But the drive would end when Wilkinson was sacked by Ty Serritt. He fumbled, A.J. Simon recovered with 11 seconds left, and the Bulldogs took a seven point lead into intermission.

In the first half Bearden (7-1, 3-1 in Region 1-6A) held the football for 17 minutes and 41 seconds to only 6 minutes and 19 seconds for Farragut. But the Admirals got the football first in the second half, and Isiah Gibbs returned the kickoff 48 yards to midfield. The Ads had fourth and inches from the Bearden 7, converting when Wilkinson fell forward

to the 6 on a quarterback sneak. Two plays later, Isiah Gibbs fought through a couple of defenders and dove into the end zone. With 8:12 to go in the third quarter, the game was tied at 10.

After Farragut forced the first Bearden punt of the game, the Admirals started their next drive at their own 10 yard line. Eventually, they'd have fourth and 8, and try a 46-yard field goal with Bethel. He drilled it right down the middle, and Farragut had their first lead of the night, 13-10 with 11:14 remaining.

"It was one of those things where we didn't say anything, we just had to respond," said Shinlever. "We knew that there was a lot of football left. We didn't do anything out of ordinary. We had success moving the ball, and just had to go out and execute."

The pendulum did indeed swing back to the Bulldogs on their next

drive. It was capped by a six-yard hookup from Colin Ironside to Addison Ironside for a touchdown, and with 6:36 to go, Bearden led once again, 17-13.

But Farragut wouldn't quit. They drove inside the Bearden 10 yard line. And just when it looked like they'd be in position for a go ahead score, a personal foul penalty and an unsportsmanlike penalty backed them all the way to the 38 yard line. They would eventually turn the football over on downs, the Bulldogs ran out the clock and had the victory.

The Farragut Admirals are now in their bye week, while Bearden prepares for a trip to Hardin Valley for another game with major Region implications.

"Now we have to refocus," said Shinlever. "Our kids understand the mission isn't finished. They have had the goal of winning the region and we have to refocus to do that."

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Clinton and Campbell County have renewed playoff hopes

By Steve Williams

Add Clinton and Campbell County to the list of high school football teams that now have playoff hopes.

The playoff window opened for the two Region 3-5A teams when Powell had to forfeit six wins recently for using an ineligible player this season.

The Panthers' victories over Clinton and Campbell County are among the forfeits.

Two weeks remain in the regular season. The top four teams in each region qualify for the playoffs.

Clinton closes with road games at Campbell County and Karns and there's a possibility the Dragons could post a 3-3 record in the region and finish 4-6 overall.

Campbell County could end up 4-2 in the region and 6-4 overall in a best case scenario. On the other hand, the Cougars, who have home games left against Clinton and West, could stagger in 2-4 and 4-6.

Karns finishes with home games against Seymour and Clinton and the Beavers could wind up 2-4 in the region and 4-6 overall. That would be a great



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Fernando Frances, who was ruled ineligible by the TSSAA two days before, leads the Powell Panthers onto the field at West High prior to the Oct. 5 game against the Rebels, showing how the Powell players truly support one another. Powell had to forfeit six wins, but on this night the Panthers prevailed 36-21.

way to end the season, but it still probably wouldn't be good enough to get in.

West currently is 2-2 in the region and 3-5 overall. The Rebels host Fulton in this week's Rivalry Thursday TV game on MyVLT and travel to Campbell County in their regular season finale.

Fulton and Oak Ridge – each 4-0 in region play and 7-1 overall – have already locked down playoff berths. The Falcons and Wildcats will play for the region championship in Week 11 at Oak Ridge.

The best Powell can finish is 2-4 in the region and 3-7 overall. The Panthers travel

to Oak Ridge this Friday and play at South-Doyle in Week 11.

WEEK 9 HEADLINERS:

South-Doyle can wrap up the Region 2-5A championship Friday night with a win at Central. The Cherokees are 5-0 going into their final region game and

7-1 overall.

The Bobcats, which lost their first two games of the season, come into the showdown riding a six-game win streak. They are 4-0 in the region and will host Gibbs in their final region game in Week 11.

Other top attractions this Friday include Gibbs

at Carter, Halls at Sevier County, Bearden at Hardin Valley and CAK at Webb.

SHORT RIDE HOME: As he was leaving the Halls stadium Friday night after a win over the Red Devils, Gibbs Coach Brad Turner was asked how long the bus trip back to Corryton would take.

"Seven minutes," he replied.

How long would it take after a loss?

"I probably would walk," he answered.

The Gibbs vs. Halls rivalry doesn't have a name, like the Battle of Emory Road (Halls vs. Powell) or the Battle of Black Oak Ridge (Central vs. Halls).

"We just have to say Halls," said Turner.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Thirty-five years ago, Oct. 14, 1983 – Gibbs snapped Maynardville's six game unbeaten streak with a 26-14 win on the road. Mike Ball ran for two touchdowns and 78 yards on 11 carries, while teammate Brad Conley threw a 59-yard touchdown pass to Justin Horner and also scored on a four-yard run. The win lifted the Eagles to 2-5.



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Gibbs High running back Ethan Humphries was a tough guy to bring down for the Halls Red Devils Friday night. The Eagles notched their fifth win in a row, 24-17.

Gibbs runs past Halls 24-17 for fifth straight win

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tough plays, but we came out at the beginning of the second half and held them on two straight series and I think that's what helped us win as far as defensively."

Ethan Humphries, a 5-10, 190-pound junior, was Gibbs' workhorse, gaining 102 yards on 19 carries.

"Ethan hadn't practiced all week and went out of the game early last week with a lower back injury," said Turner. "He came to us on Thursday and said, 'Coach, I'm going to play for the team.'

"It was a game time decision and we decided to let him play. He came to us after the first run and said, 'Coach, I'm good.'"

Senior wide receiver Sheldon James was a standout for Halls, catching seven passes for 115 yards. Quarterback Ty Humphrey completed 16 of 25 passes for 212 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

"Two completely different (offensive) styles going at it and their defense did a really good job," said Jeremy Bosken, first-year Halls head coach. "We had some discipline issues on

short yardage stuff and we kind of shot ourselves in the foot, but tip of the hat to them."

Halls dropped to 1-3 in the region and 2-6 overall. After the game, Bosken said he believes his team and Sevier County will be vying for a playoff berth at Sevierville this week.

After a scoreless first quarter, Wright chalked up his first TD on a plunge from the 1, capping a 66-yard march in 12 plays. Humphries sparked it with a 24-yard misdirection run.

Sophomore John-Aidan Pittman kicked the first of his three PATs and Gibbs led 7-0 with 8:31 on the second quarter clock.

Halls answered quickly. Humphrey hit James with a 45-yard pass over the middle to the Gibbs 20. On a third-and-12 at the 22, Nathan Hoyle made an over-the-shoulder catch deep in the end zone. Briggs Marcantel's extra-point kick made it 7-7.

A roughing the passer foul aided Gibbs' next possession. Humphries made a good grab of a slightly errant pitchout and gained 10 yards to the 8. The drive stalled, but Pittman kicked the first field goal in his

prep career – a 23-yarder from the left hash mark – to make it 10-7 with 1:23 remaining in the half.

Two receptions by Jake Parris and a 29-yard catch by James set up Marcantel's 23-yard tying field goal with 24.4 seconds to go.

Gibbs' Clytavious Barnes had a long punt return to the Halls 36 early in second half. Humphries, dragging a tackler, picked up 24 yards to the 12. Wright cashed in on the next play, faking a dive and carrying the ball into paydirt. Pittman's kick made it 17-10 with 8:36 left in the third.

On the opening play of the fourth quarter, with TJ Holmes getting a good block on the corner from Ethan Campbell, Holmes sprinted 32 yards to the Gibbs 7. But two plays later, a costly fumble backed up Halls to the 28. Marcantel's field goal kick was short on a 45-yard attempt.

The Eagles delivered the knockout punch when Barnes ran for 11 yards and Halls was flagged for a facemask penalty. That put the ball on the Halls 28. Wright cashed in from the 1 and Pittman's PAT made it 24-10.

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Farragut announces 2019 Hall of Fame inductees

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School recently announced the 2019 inductees for its Sports Hall of Fame.

The athletes and coaches will be enshrined at a dinner on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2019 in the school's commons area.

Female athletes to be honored include: Margaret Morris Baudendistel (Softball, 2006); Kristi Robinson Tudor (Volleyball and Basketball, 2002); Gina Recher Rouse (Cross Country and Track and Field, 1998) and Kathy Perez Wolski (Cross Country and Track and Field, 1984).

The male athletes to be inducted early next year include: Craig Cobb Baseball, 2003; Bill Clements (Basketball and Baseball, 1983); John Bland (Football and Track and Field, 1985); Tommy Johnston (Golf, 1989) and Tim Boyd (Swimming, 1977).

The 1959-60 Lady Admirals basketball team will also be recognized at next year's ceremony. That

team won the Knox County Championship.

Two coaches will also be enshrined in 2019. Harold "Herky" Payne, who coached football and baseball and worked at the school from 1979-1997, will be enshrined along with David Moore.


Moore, who retired from coaching following the 2018 softball season, also coached the boys junior varsity basketball team and the volleyball team during his tenure at the school, which began in 1984.

Moore continues to teach Drivers' education at Farragut and currently serves on the Hall of Fame selection committee.

The service award for 2019 will go to Rod Rzezutco. Rzezutco is the longtime public address announcer for the Admirals and Lady Admirals soccer teams.

This year's special speaker will be former Farragut High and Major League Baseball player Michael McKenry.

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	WEEK 1 Aug. 16-18	WEEK 2 Aug. 23-25	WEEK 3 Aug. 30-31	WEEK 4 Sept. 6-7	WEEK 5 Sept. 13-14	WEEK 6 Sept. 20-21	WEEK 7 Sept. 27-29	WEEK 8 Oct. 4-6	WEEK 9 Oct. 11-12	WEEK 10 Oct. 18-19	WEEK 11 Oct. 25-26
TSD	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	vs. South Carolina W, 58-22	vs. South Carolina PPD	vs. Carolinas (NC/ENC) PPD	vs. Mississippi L, 6-48	vs. Georgia L, 60-42	vs. Carolinas (NC/ENC)	vs. Middle TN Heat	OPEN
AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 30-12	vs. Wayne (OH) L, 20-56	vs. Kingston W, 36-14	vs. Fulton L, 0-34	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 30-9	vs. Scott W, 52-0	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman W, 32-21	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 50-22	vs. Northview Academy	vs. Alcoa
CARTER Class 5A, R2	vs. Anderson County L, 7-49	vs. Cocke County L, 15-22	vs. Seymour W, 14-0	vs. Jefferson County L, 3-28	vs. Halls L, 7-37	vs. South-Doyle L, 13-35	vs. Fulton L, 0-43	vs. Central L, 7-43	OPEN	vs. Gibbs	vs. Sevier County
CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High L, 16-19	vs. Fulton L, 9-18	vs. Sevier County W, 40-6	vs. Hardin Valley W, 35-20	vs. Seymour W, 35-0	vs. Clinton W, 35-14	vs. Halls W, 49-17	vs. Carter W, 43-7	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Gibbs
GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 12-30	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-31	vs. David Crockett L, 28-55	vs. Campbell County W, 34-27	vs. Morristown East W, 33-17	vs. Sevier County W, 22-20	vs. Seymour W, 13-7	vs. Halls W, 24-17	vs. Carter	vs. Central
HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell W, 1-0	vs. Karns W, 54-42	OPEN	vs. West L, 0-35	vs. Carter W, 37-7	vs. Austin-East L, 9-30	vs. Central L, 17-49	vs. South-Doyle L, 10-45	vs. Gibbs L, 17-24	vs. Sevier County	vs. Seymour
SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 7-21	vs. Clinton W, 35-34	vs. Carter L, 0-14	vs. Cherokee W, 20-17	vs. Central L, 0-35	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 21-58	vs. Gibbs L, 7-13	vs. Sevier County L, 16-28	vs. Karns	vs. Halls
SOUTH-DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Heritage W, 52-3	vs. Cherokee W, 61-21	vs. Gibbs W, 31-7	vs. Bearden L, 7-34	vs. Sevier Co., W 42-7	vs. Carter W, 35-13	vs. Seymour W, 58-21	vs. Halls W, 45-10	OPEN	vs. Central	vs. Powell
FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central W, 18-9	vs. Powell W, 21-10	vs. Austin-East W, 34-0	vs. Karns W, 70-14	vs. Maryville L, 20-35	vs. Carter W, 43-0	vs. Clinton W, 51-8	vs. Campbell County W, 56-0	vs. West	vs. Oak Ridge
KARNs Class 5A, R3	vs. Cocke County L, 26-50	vs. Halls L, 42-54	vs. West L, 14-42	vs. Powell W, 1-0	vs. Fulton L, 14-70	vs. Scott W, 48-22	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-48	vs. Campbell County L, 21-43	OPEN	vs. Seymour	vs. Clinton
POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls L, 0-1	vs. Cumberland County L, 0-1	vs. Fulton L, 0-1	vs. Karns L, 0-1	vs. Clinton L, 0-1	vs. Lenoir City L, 0-1	vs. Campbell Co. L, 0-1	vs. West W, 36-21	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. South-Doyle
WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 0-9	vs. Hardin Valley L, 12-15	vs. Karns W, 42-14	vs. Halls W, 35-0	vs. Oak Ridge L, 21-27	vs. Farragut L, 6-21	vs. Clinton W, 13-7	vs. Powell L, 21-36	OPEN	vs. Fulton	vs. Campbell County
CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 10-31	vs. Baylor W, 35-16	OPEN	vs. Cleveland W, 35-28	vs. Soddy Daisy L, 7-17	vs. Brentwood Academy L, 3-40	vs. Rhea County W, 30-12	vs. West Greene W, 49-6	vs. Walker Valley W, 49-7	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City
BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West W, 9-0	vs. Cleveland W, 28-20	vs. Jefferson County W, 28-0	vs. South-Doyle W, 34-7	vs. Science Hill L, 21-28	vs. CAK W, 47-0	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 33-30	OPEN	vs. Farragut W, 17-13	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Morristown West
FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 34-0	vs. McMinn County W, 47-7	vs. Morristown West W, 42-7	vs. Oak Ridge W, 20-14	vs. Jefferson County W, 51-21	vs. West W, 21-6	vs. Science Hill W, 23-21	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 42-20	vs. Bearden L, 13-17	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley
HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-23	vs. West W, 15-12	vs. Heritage W, 49-0	vs. Central L, 20-35	vs. Morristown West W, 51-10	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County W, 38-35	vs. Science Hill L, 3-17	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 35-17	vs. Bearden	vs. Farragut
KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy L, 20-48	vs. Grace Christian L, 21-70	vs. Mid Tenn Christian L, 7-45	vs. Greenback L, 14-63	vs. Mt Juliet Christian L, 14-29	OPEN	OPEN	vs. Grace Baptist CH L, 20-35	vs. Friendship Christian L, 14-63	vs. DCA	vs. Ezell-Harding
CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC) L, 7-44	vs. Greenback L, 20-63	vs. Notre Dame L, 28-44	vs. Lenior City W, 34-20	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-24	vs. Bearden L, 0-47	vs. Silverdale Academy L, 0-1	vs. GCA W, 34-21	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Boyd Buchanon
WEBB Class AA, East	vs. Evangelical Christian L, 10-13	vs. Asheville, NC L, 10-35	vs. Ensworth L, 3-17	vs. McCallie L, 7-27	vs. GCA W, 43-7	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame L, 22-29	vs. Boyd Buchanon W, 55-7	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 35-7	vs. CAK	vs. Silverdale Academy
GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa L, 0-49	vs. King's Academy W, 70-21	vs. Boyd Buchanon W, 42-7	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb L, 7-43	vs. Greenback L, 14-48	vs. Happy Valley W, 31-7	vs. CAK L, 21-34	vs. Notre Dame L, 7-35	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian

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Standing in the gap

Perhaps by the time you read this essay, my daughter in Portland, Oregon will be bringing her second daughter into the world. And what a landscape awaits my fifth grandchild. Antifa blocks city streets in Portland and accosts citizens. Becky and I thought seriously about postponing our visit to celebrate the arrival of our new grandchild. Hillary Clinton, the titular head of the Democrat Party, says Republicans no longer should be treated with civility, as former Attorney General, Eric Holder, incites violence, stating that you should "kick" Republicans. Senate Democrats even say that the presumption of innocence must be discarded (!) as leftist mobs storm the Supreme Court building screaming and pounding on the doors as Justice Kavanaugh is sworn in. If you think there

is comparable culpability on both sides, contrast the people at a Trump rally with violent leftist mobs and Democrat rhetoric.

"These are the times that try men's souls," wrote Thomas Paine from Valley Forge December 23, 1776, after the Continental army had suffered a disastrous defeat by the British. Continuing, Paine wrote, "The summertime soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country." America has faced tribulation before. The Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the World Wars of the 20th century and the Depression are prime examples. We've come through dark days, and I pray that people will step up and exercise their civic duty of voting to oppose this new crisis of the left's hatred and despicable Democrat tactics.

As I look across the landscape of America I have several questions: Why aren't Democrats decrying revolutionary mobs running through the streets threatening citizens? Are Democrats scared of their base? They should be. During the French Revolution Robespierre was the darling of the mob, until the mob turned on him and cut off his head. Why is intolerance of ideas now the accepted policy of political correctness on college campuses? Perhaps academia no longer believes in freedom of thought and speech. Or are they afraid of what they've created and just want to keep the tuition dollars flowing in to support their paycheck?

I have answered one of my many questions. Schumer, Pelosi and their Democrat wannabes are driven by the Siren's Song of power, privilege and prestige. Democrats think they can use and control the mob. They are mistaken. They are ignoring history and turning a blind eye to "Campus chaos [which came] to Congress" during the Kavanaugh hearings.

I have said that Trump was not my first, second or even third choice for President. He is an imperfect man just like the rest of us, but I am now convinced he is the right person at the

right time for America. I once voted for Democrats, but actually Democrats have morphed into something completely different than FDR or John Kennedy. Don't be fooled by what they still call themselves. They march under the Democrat ensign, but their true colors were revealed by the utterly despicable Democrats of the Senate Judiciary Committee. And given what I have learned from the Hillary Clinton investigations, the revelations of intelligence agencies corrupted by Brenner, McCabe and Comey, the soft coup engineered by the Washington swamp, the exposure of the now totally dishonest media, and the hatred emanating from anti-American leftist mobs, I can no longer even consider voting for a Democrat candidate at any level. I hope that someday this changes when the Democrat party returns to policy and renounces insanity.

The prophet Ezekiel quoted God who sought someone, "...who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it..." Trump defied the polls, the media, the swamp, the Democrats, academia, Hollywood, the never-Trumpers and was

elected President. In the last two years Trump has kept his campaign promises - a rarity for elected officials. His Tax Cut revitalized the economy, his policies have driven unemployment to a fifty year low, he cancelled the terrible Iran nuclear deal, he replaced job-killing NAFTA with USMCA (United States Mexico Canada Agreement), he entered negotiations with North Korea for denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, he's put two justices on the Supreme Court and has stood up for the rule of law and against the mob. If we lived in a sane world, Trump's Republicans would hand the Democrats a historic defeat in the November 2018 election, in repudiation of their despicable behavior and their socialist/leftist class warfare. Trump is de facto "standing in the gap."

I fear for my country, my children and my grandchildren. Unfortunately, too few understand the pernicious nature of the Left. Let me pause and reiterate. There is a big difference between liberalism and the modern left. On some issues, many would find me quite liberal. If you missed my essay explaining the difference between the liberalism of John Kennedy Democrats

and leftists today read my essay Learning Philosophies which ran the week of September 17, 2018 at knoxfocus.com.

I learned long ago that there are three options when confronting a bully or a wrong. You can fight injustice. (My crooked nose attests to my pug-nacious nature.) You can compromise and change your principles. In other words, go along to get along. Or you can run away, ignoring what is right and essentially turn a blind eye to something not affecting you ... yet.

My time is about over, so if the mob comes for me I can say it's been a good run; I've lived a good life. However, in the meantime I will not "go gentle into that good night," as Dylan Thomas wrote. And I will not "shut up" as Democrat Senator Mazie Hirono demands.

My wife Becky has adopted the motto, "Get informed, get inspired and get involved." I have. I listen to my wife who encourages me. It is my time to "stand in the gap." You can do so as well. Don't be a "summertime soldier." Get informed and do what's right. VOTE your conscience!

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UT Arboretum Society offers second and third in series on medicinal plants

Boost your health and learn basics of essential oils

The UT Arboretum Society is offering two more classes in the three-part series on different aspects of using medicinal herbs. The classes, to be held at the UT Arboretum Auditorium at 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge, will be presented by Kathy E. Burke Mihalczco, owner of Erin's Meadow Farm in Anderson County near Oak Ridge.

Cost for each program is \$10 for UT Arboretum Society members and \$15 for non-members. Registration is required and can be done online

at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/>. Online registration is preferable but registration can also be done by mail. Checks can be sent to Janet Bigelow, 10626 Forest Crest Road, Knoxville, TN 37922. Please indicate on the memo line for which class you are registering.

Mihalczco is a past president of the Oak Ridge Farmer's Market and a regular contributor on WBIR-TV's "Morning with Fox 43" in Knoxville. She has presented programs for the Dogwood Arts Festival, Healthy Living Expo, UT Gardens and the Memphis Botanic Garden. To learn

more about Mihalczco, visit <https://www.erinsmeadowherbfarm.com/>.

"Boost Your Health and Vitality with Herbal Teas" is the next in the series and will be held Tuesday, October 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The connection with health and diet is well known, and herbs can play an important part. One of the best ways to benefit from the properties of herbs is to drink them as tea. Learn about herbs to boost health and how to brew tea from both dried and fresh herbs. Teas and plants will be available for sale after the program. Registration is required and can be done online at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/>.

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"A Beginner's Guide to Using Essential Oils Safely and Effectively" will be held Thursday, November 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Essential oils are very popular, with good reason, but navigating through all the marketing slogans, pyramid schemes and gimmicky claims can be challenging. Participants will learn how to make informed choices on using essential oils without the "hard sell" of any particular brand. Information will be presented on what essential oils are, their therapeutic properties, safety concerns and application methods. Oils will be available to sample



Kathy Mihalczco tells a class that learning about plants triggers your intuition for healing.

and purchase after the program. Registration is required and can be done online at <http://utarboretumsociety.org/new-series-of-3-classes-on-medicinal-herbs/>.

To learn more about these programs or the UT Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on the program, call 865-483-7277.



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Agape Café at St. Paul UMC

St. Paul UMC - Fountain City hosts monthly programs during the fall and winter season called the Agape Café, in which speakers, musicians and organizations are invited to present, play music or speak on a topic about which they are passionate.

On October 24th, Lloyd Keeling with the American Red Cross will speak on the topic of "Emergency Preparedness for the Home." Dinner is served from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., and the program begins at 6:15. Dinner is low-cost: \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children, and \$20.00 family maximum.

By providing a place of support, celebration and encouragement for the expression of talents, passions and interest, St. Paul UMC is seeking to develop a sense of welcome and inclusion in our neighborhood and community.

Commissioner Dailey meeting with constituents

Commissioner Carson Dailey will be meeting with the citizens of the 9th district at G&D Deli Market, 612 Tipton Station Road, October 30, 2018 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to meet with your Commissioner.

Cuts for Hattie fundraiser

Trenditions Hair Salon in Halls is sponsoring the fundraiser Cuts 4 Hattie. Hattie is the 16-month-old daughter of John and Melissa Halter. She has been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and recently received a bone marrow transplant in Nashville. Melissa is a teacher at Brickey McCloud Elementary School and her grandmother, Angie Harrod, is the former principal at Adrian Burnett. This event will be held on October 21, 2018 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the salon located at 6823 Maynardville Highway, Knoxville, TN 37918. The staff at the salon are donating all proceeds for haircuts and spa services. Call to make an appointment at 865-922-0452. There will also be a rummage sale, bake sale, and hundreds of dollars worth of baskets that will be raffled. Food items will include hot-dogs, drinks, Cruisin Cone and Snow Cone Eddie. Bidding for the awesome silent auction items starts at 7 p.m., Friday the 19th, on the Cuts 4 Hattie Facebook page and will close at 2 p.m. the 21st as the bidding comes to a close. 100% of all proceeds will go to the family to help pay for medical expenses.

If you are unable to make it to the event you may still donate to the family at Hope-4Hattie.com

Heiskell Community Center meeting

A public meeting for the Heiskell community regarding Rural/Metro coverage in Heiskell will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Heiskell United Methodist Church, 9420 Heiskell Road in Heiskell. Jerry Harnish and Jeff Bagwell with Rural/Metro will be available to take questions on impact and/or any changes to coverage in Heiskell after the opening of the new station in Powell.

Historic Ramsey House rockin' the classics

Rockin' the Classics II Saturday October 20 from 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Do you have a

classic or vintage car, motorcycle or tractor that you would like to show off? Come to Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville and still have plenty of time to get to the Vols game. There will be trophies, door prizes and food and snacks. Bring a comfy chair and enjoy classic rock 'in roll and country music presented by Nashville recording artist Tedd Graves and the All Stars. This event is free to the public. Cars/Trucks \$25, Motorcycles/Tractors \$15 Hit and Miss Engines Free. Purchase entry tickets at www.ramseyhouse.org or call (865) 546-0745.

Homecoming at Bells Campbell UMC

Bells Campground United Methodist Church will hold its annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Service will start at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be at noon. Bring a covered dish and help us celebrate.

Toastmasters Club meeting

Fountain City Toastmasters Club will hold an Open House meeting on October 18th, 2018 at 6:45 pm. The meeting will be held at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Merchants Drive, Knoxville, in room s-242.

Flash Black will be the featured speaker. Mr. Black is a Toastmaster District 63, International Speech contest winner. He also portrayed Felix in the 2013 Powell Playhouse presentation of The Odd Couple.

Rochelle Cordova, local radio talk show host, will direct a special edition of Table Topics.

Come join the fun, enjoy some light refreshments, meet members and learn more about Toastmasters.

Toastmasters is a non-profit global organization whose mission is to help members improve their communication and leadership skills in a non-threatening setting.

To learn more, visit <https://1266.toastmastersclubs.org/>

New Beverly Baptist Church

Join us from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. October 27th for a fun evening of inflatables, popcorn, soft drinks, and lots of decorated trunks with treats!

Everyone Welcome! Only children will be allowed to trunk or treat.

PK HOPE IS ALIVE monthly meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite the public to the monthly meeting on October 16. The group will meet at 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Kern Methodist Church in their Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830. This month the guest speaker will be Melissa Grater, a Speech Pathologist at Methodist Medical Center who is employed by Covenant Health. Melissa will be talking about swallowing and how care-partners can recognize problems. PK Hope is Alive thanks Acadia Pharmaceuticals for providing lunch again this month.

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