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Opposition growing to 'grading' neighborhoods

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Several neighborhood leaders are upset with the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods over a proposal to evaluate neighborhood organizations and also require a lot of paperwork that would include information on membership, leadership, etc.

The idea that the city would grade neighborhood groups at different levels, such as Start Up, Informal, Organized, Proactive, Outstanding or Exemplary doesn't set well with some people, even those who are members of the most active neighborhood organizations.

"It is especially important to know if a group follows best practices and represents the citizens of the neighborhood," the Office of Neighborhoods published in its June 18th newsletter. The city department maintains a list of recognized neighborhoods and that list may be seen on their website.

The question of which neighborhoods groups are recognized by the city came up in April when the Office of Neighborhoods failed to add an organization to their published list of such groups. The group was added back to the list and the Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Advisory Council begin looking into various ways to certify neighborhoods.

"The most unsettling thing is that the city bureaucracy could bury volunteer groups with information requests and all that information is then public record and available to developer's lawyers to peruse," said Lisa Starbuck of the Northeast Knoxville Preservation Association.

Starbuck asked, "Is this effort to get control of neighborhood groups connected to potential fallout from the Recode process?"

"It appears the move to decide who is a legitimate leader of a neighborhood group is

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Inaugural Class of 2019: 1 - Russ Rutherford, 2 - Dean Craig, 3 - Cameron Sharp, 4 - Tammy Eicholz Akard, 5 - James Ralph "Red" McMillan, 6 - Chris Vandergriff, 7 - Jason Julian, 8 - Randy Hall, 9 - Missy Rutherford, 10 - Donnie Cooper, 11 - Ashley Cox, 12 - Stephanie Humphrey Sayne.

A dandy dozen travel Halls High's Road to Fame

By Steve Williams

No telling how many thousands of boys and girls have participated in athletics at Halls High School since it was founded in 1916.

But there are 12 being announced today as the school's very best of all time. They comprise the inaugural class of the "Halls High School Athletics

- Road to Fame."

Drum roll, please ... or maybe it would be more appropriate to toot your horn, since this new sports pantheon chose to be called a Road to Fame instead of Hall of Fame like most others. And with one of the area's oldest high schools being in Halls Crossroads, naming it Road to Fame was a natural fit, too.

So without further ado, in alphabetical order, the inductees are (with their main sport in parenthesis): Tammy Eicholz Akard (volleyball), Donnie Cooper (golf), Ashley Cox (girls basketball), Dean Craig (baseball), Randy Hall (football), Jason Julian (football), James Ralph "Red" McMillan (football), Missy Rutherford (track), Russ

Rutherford (baseball), Stephanie Humphrey Sayne (softball), Cameron Sharp (boys basketball) and Chris Vandergriff (wrestling).

"They are a cross section and a wonderful representation of the athletes that have performed at Halls down through the years," said Jerry Julian, the

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Inskip Elementary ribbon cut on expansion

Lynn Jacomen, Inskip Elementary principal, addresses a large gathering of elected officials, teachers, staff, parents and students during the ribbon cutting Thursday. She spoke about all the new classrooms and features of the 29,000 square foot expansion, which replaces portable classrooms that were used for many years. There's also increased parking, a new playground, and separate bus and car entrances. Photo by Mike Steely.



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The ribbon cutting of the expanded Inskip Elementary School Thursday celebrated the disappearance of the temporary classrooms and the addition of eleven new classrooms plus a new library, media room, music and art room. Add to that a renovated playground and a new place for school bus parking and the school is ready for first day of school this week.

The history of a school in the

Inskip neighborhood goes back to 1912 when two schools, Tindall and Woodlawn, were consolidated and the new school then included grades 1 thru 10. Today more than 500 students attend K-5 grades and the school is among the most diverse in the county. Some 57 percent of the students are African American and a large number are Hispanic.

Many notable people have attended Inskip over the years including HonorAir founder and

Knoxville mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis.

"My time at Inskip will always be one of the most memorable of my life," Mannis said, adding, "Two things stick out from my childhood and I am still intrigued by them today. The sloped hallways were always really cool as a child. It was the first thing you see as you walked in the front door. My favorite is the large circle hand washing fountain right outside the cafeteria. I

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Are public defendants that bad?

In TV shows and movies involving lawyers, the main character may get involved in a case in which someone needs a lawyer and they are currently represented by a public defender. The



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for their work on that individual's case. It would be fair to classify those individuals as public defenders as well.

Are these public defenders bad attorneys though? Absolutely not.

main character may meet up with the public defender to discuss the case and the public defender is portrayed as a total loser and a terrible lawyer. One example of a movie that portrays public defenders this way is My Cousin

Vinny. In fact, they are excellent attorneys and they are great at what they do because they are in the same courts, day in and day out, and are familiar with all aspects of the courts in which they practice.

When someone comes to me and asks whether they should hire me or just go with a public defender, my normal response is, "You will be in good hands with a public defender.

What I can offer you if you hire me, that a public defender probably cannot, is more availability to you. Public defenders have lots and lots of clients, and usually do not have time to meet with you multiple times prior to your court date, or be able to speak with you on the phone when you call. Further, I will be able to spend more time preparing for, and reviewing your case, simply because I have more time to devote to your case."

Let's discuss what a public defender is briefly. When someone is charged with a crime, and they are potentially facing jail time if they are convicted of their charge, and they do not have the funds to hire an attorney, the court will appoint them an attorney.

To me, those are the primary things that a private, hired attorney can offer that a public defender potentially cannot.

You may or may not be surprised to know that, well over fifty percent of people charged with crimes cannot afford to hire their own attorney and so they are represented by a public defender. Public defenders are state employees who are paid a salary to represent criminal clients.

So, to answer the original question, are public defenders that bad? No, absolutely not.

Occasionally, the public defender's office will not be able to represent someone who needs an attorney. In those instances, the court will assign a private attorney from the community to represent the individual and that attorney will be paid by the state

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authorized to speak to city council. Legitimate grievances could be stifled by the process.

"And will grant money or city projects be rewarded based on correct paperwork and going along to get along with the city department? Neighborhood groups will get a 'grade' for complying with that the city deems is the 'best practices.'"

Within the June flyer issued by the Office of Neighborhoods is the information needed from neighborhood groups in order to be recognized. Groups have six months to reply.

Information requested includes most recent copy of neighborhood's bylaws; election process and update of officers, members' and new members' names and contact information; documentation of how voting takes place; and

documentation of how the group votes and achieves consensus with supporting or opposing issues before city council.

The flyer goes on to say that neighborhood designations may change over time and be reviewed each year.

"The process is meant to encourage best practices and provide clarity for organizations. This is a new process and is meant to be fluid to provide opportunities for neighborhood organization to improve on their time," the flyer said. Former councilwoman Carlene Malone, a member of Fountain City Town Hall and Community Forum, has said the Office of Neighborhoods doesn't understand neighborhood associations and called the proposed qualifications "wrong footed."

Jamie Rowe of Fountain City Town Hall said she had

consulted neighbors and they don't like the idea.

"It seems like Big Brother getting into the mix," she told The Focus, adding, "So far the consensus is to just not be listed by the Office of Neighborhoods."

"The idea that we need to be 'graded' is insulting. The city has said part of the reason is that people come to meetings and say they are representing a neighborhood. I've been to lots of meeting with MPC, BZA, City Council, Commission, etc. I've never seen anyone do that.

"If a neighbor represents themselves as the entire neighborhood there would be a lot of pushback by the neighbors and I am certain the e-mails would be sent setting the record straight."

Rowe continued, "Neighborhoods err on the side of caution and are very honest in what they represent to a legislative body. We are

there only protecting our homes and neighborhoods, not making deals to make a lot of money.

"We are trying to prevent encroachment into our neighborhoods, protect downstream property owners from flooding and preserve the character of our neighborhoods."

The Office of Neighborhoods responded Friday to the issue. Debbie Sharp, neighborhood coordinator, said, "We do want to say that there's nothing punitive or limiting about best practices – in fact, just the opposite. The aim is to help neighborhoods improve their engagement and communication and become more effective."

She added, "We will continue to take input and welcome comments."

See the full response by the Office Of Neighborhoods below.

Here's the full response from the Office of Neighborhoods on the proposed policy. The following was received Friday afternoon following a request by The Knoxville Focus.

Neighborhood Recognition through Best Practices

Background: The Office of Neighborhoods frequently gets asked to lead workshops to help neighborhood organizations be their best and advocate more effectively. Topics include how to engage more neighbors, how to run effective meetings, how to be an effective leader, how to recruit more volunteers, etc. Neighborhood groups look to our office for guidance on many different topics and we are happy to gear any training for any neighborhood.

We also get calls from neighborhood leaders, telling us that individuals speak up at City Council or Planning meetings and that it's often unclear if they are speaking on their own behalf, their board's behalf, or their membership's

behalf.

The Office of Neighborhoods staff went to the Neighborhood Advisory Council and asked what they thought about the matter, and the committee thought it would be a good idea to have standards for neighborhood organizations to strive for. A committee worked on this for a few months, researching what other cities do and added what they would like to see in Knoxville. The committee presented their findings to the NAC and people gave additional input. The Office of Neighborhoods wanted to see what folks were already doing, so we put out a survey. As it turns out, many neighborhood organizations were already doing many of the things we were

looking at requesting.

What are we doing?

The initiative is meant to give neighborhood organizations concrete knowledge about what best practices are. The recognition process is meant to acknowledge those organizations that are going over and above. Each year, we give out Neighborhood Achievement Awards and a Neighbor of the Year award; this would be another way to acknowledge the great work neighborhood organizations do, especially considering they are volunteers. Each organization can choose to be a part of this or they can choose not to participate. It is all voluntary.

Why? Neighborhood advocates have asked for ways that groups can become both more effective and also better connected with their members. Some have even said that neighborhood organizations have the ability to make significant changes to a person's property rights through advocating for rezoning without notifying the person. This does not seem to be a best practice.

So we have an opportunity to share ideas of good models that seem to be working well in many communities.

This new initiative is a tool for neighborhood organizations to improve communication with their members, boards, and any governing body they wish to speak to. Any group choosing not to participate will still get the full benefits of the Office of Neighborhoods. Groups going above and beyond will be eligible for extra grant funding. To be considered exemplary, these are groups that mentor other groups; they may be fiscal sponsors for

other groups and therefore they can partner and help with grant funding for other neighborhood organizations' projects.

What is the expected outcome?

Neighborhood organizations will want to strive to be their best for their neighbors. This will improve their communication with their members. In turn, neighbors will be better informed and be willing to speak/vote/get involved. Neighbors will feel more engaged as well as trust in the process as they have been heard.

What do we hope to accomplish?

We hope to get more folks involved in the public process. Give more people the knowledge and know how to be active and speak up. We believe that anyone who is involved is a leader, so we want more people recognizing that they are leaders in their community and they have a voice.

Neighborhood groups that communicate well and follow best practices will be recognized for their efforts. Governing bodies will know that these organizations follow best practices with regard to communicating with their membership/board/neighborhood.

What this is NOT

There has been a good deal of misunderstanding and incorrect statements made about Best Practices. To correct any misconceptions:

- This is not related in any way to Recode Knoxville, an upgrade to the City's zoning ordinance that gives more flexibility to more property owners over how their property can be used.

- This will not change who can speak to a

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Publisher's Position Will Recode Raise Taxes?



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As the City of Knoxville government considers the "Recode" proposal, I've heard that some officials are insisting Recode will not cause taxes to increase. That just cannot be true. While Recode has undergone more permutations than Frankenstein's monster, the supposed purpose of Recode was to increase the "density" of Knoxville, meaning

increase the population. In fact, Terrence Carter of the Knoxville Area Urban League, said the population of Knoxville would increase by some 170,000 people by 2040. According to one former city councilman, the population has increased by about 13,000 folks since 2000. The current population of Knoxville is about 187,000, so Recode, which Knoxville's longest serving mayor Victor Ashe, refers to as the most massive rezoning document in the city's history, would about double the existing population. Yet that would not cause taxes to rise steadily? One would have to be naive to believe that. Think of what it would cost to quickly develop the infrastructure to handle roughly doubling the population and the strain it would cause. Think about the cost to

taxpayers, including those living outside the city limits, through the schools. The City of Knoxville went out of the school business years ago and the school system is run by Knox County. Virtually every school inside the city would be overcrowded, understaffed, and unable to absorb so many new students in such a relatively short period of time. Some schools inside the city limits are landlocked and cannot grow; for the existing school buildings to be expanded, were there enough room, the City of Knoxville would likely have to condemn nearby property to make it feasible. Other new schools would have to be built and a conservative estimate is \$35 million per school and Knox County is already in deep debt. Of course one big aspect of Recode is the notion many people - - - all while

the population is growing at an alarming rate - - - are going to give up their automobiles. More of us, including those of us sixty or older, will ride our bicycles or walk to get our groceries or do our daily errands. Presumably folks living outside the city limits would still be driving wherever they wished and the city government would still be forced to pay for street repairs while considering greatly expanding public transportation since few city residents would still own cars. That is before far leftists on the city council spend tens of millions on "affordable housing" for residents who produce little tax revenue and consume a lot of government resources. And one wonders just who would be attracted to come and live in Knoxville, the Recode utopia? Innovators, entrepreneurs, business people

with vision for the future? Or would Knoxville become a haven for those looking for free housing and to be taken care of? Nothing is free. Somebody, somewhere is paying for it. It might be free to you, but if it is, somebody else is paying your way. Eddie Mannis, who is running for mayor of Knoxville, has pointed out a person's biggest financial asset is usually his or her home. Government needs to be very careful before doing anything that affects every homeowner in Knoxville. Recode is essentially a mass rezoning of the entire city of Knoxville. Only Mannis has called for a common sense approach to the future, with the two other leading contenders for mayor supporting the Recode mess in whatever form it exists in on any given day. Some once-great cities

in America have become blighted; blighted by crime, poverty, with thousands of homes empty and decaying. Once proud buildings deteriorating and rotting as the population has moved away from the city. Knoxville's mayor and city council aren't building a Shining City on a Hill with Recode; they are attempting to build a far left utopian paradise without the slightest idea of what they are doing. It isn't going to be free and taxes are surely going to rise and continue to rise. When the producers leave, meaning those who generate the tax revenue being spent, and all that remains behind are those who soak up those tax dollars through services, could our city become blighted and bankrupt? Soon it will be time for Knoxville to choose their own vision for Knoxville's future.

The HUD Connection

Have we found the real reason for Recode?

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Have we found the real reason for Recode? Last week we concluded The Knoxville Focus Publisher's Position with a question, "What is the real reason for Recode?" We also asked Focus readers to call their city council representatives and ask the question, "Why do we need Recode?" We then asked those Focus readers who called their city council members to let us know what they had learned. Journalism is about asking questions and searching for answers. If you ask those questions from a large diverse community you can learn a great deal. Sometimes the best answers to questions are asked to the people who are affected by new laws rather than the elected representatives who decide what those new laws will be. We learned a great deal this past week. We spoke with a person who also put on their Facebook page, "I have called the city 25 times about my property and how Recode will affect it and left messages for them to call me back and I have never had a return call." This person had questions about their current zoning and the proposed future zoning under Recode. They told us they were being zoned out of business. They could not sell their business at full value and their property had become devalued because of Recode, and they might be stuck with a property they could not do business on but they would have to still pay city property taxes on. This is what five plaintiffs warned Mayor Rogero and city council about last week in a legal demand letter.

economic_development/place_based/other_initiatives It did not take long to see that the text on the HUD website was very much like the text on the Recode Knoxville webpage. On the HUD website we see, "Provide more transportation choices. Develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health." On the Recode Knoxville website we see, "Promote and balance our mobility options, travel by bus, car, bicycle and walking must all be accommodated in an urban community like Knoxville. The desire to increase connections between neighborhoods and destinations, by all modes of travel, continues to grow." It is clear that both HUD and Recode Knoxville want to greatly reduce the use of personal automobiles and get people into Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) buses, riding bicycles, or walking. HUD has grants for cities that increase bus ridership. Knoxville First District City Councilmember Stephanie Welch, who is also on the Recode Stakeholder Advisory Committee, was asked in a radio interview on WETR FM 92.3 recently, "How do we get people to understand that taking public transportation is a good thing?" Councilwoman Welch replied, "I absolutely think it is a good thing and nobody will like my answer on this but I think you have to make it harder for people

to drive. When it is so much easier to get in your car and drive, people don't take public transportation. That is really what it comes down to." Do we see a cause and effect at work here? HUD offers a monetary incentive to get people out of their personal cars and into buses and it is incorporated into Recode. One of the most severe problems with Recode is that the new mixed-use apartments have greatly reduced parking requirements. Are HUD grants the reason why? What other incentives does HUD offer that have found their way into Recode? On the HUD website we see, "Support existing communities. Target federal funding toward existing communities-through strategies like transit-oriented, mixed-use development and land recycling to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of public works investments and safeguard rural landscapes." On the Recode Knoxville website we see, "Promote and balance our mobility options, travel by bus, car, bicycle and walking must all be accommodated in an urban community like Knoxville. The desire to increase connections between neighborhoods and destinations, by all modes of travel, continues to grow." There are HUD grants for mixed-use apartments and Accessory Dwelling Units. Is this why city council has fought so hard to keep Accessory Dwelling Units in Recode despite great public protest? In the Tuesday meeting of City Council on the vote on Recode

there was still no codified language to protect Established Neighborhoods from Accessory Dwelling Units. It was basically "trust us, we'll figure the language out later". It is still not known how many homes in a neighborhood have to opt out for the neighborhood to be protected from Accessory Dwelling Units. If it is not in the Recode Ordinance there is no protection. Most people may not know what Madeline Rogero's job was when she worked for city Mayor Bill Haslam. Rogero was the Director of Community Development where she dealt with HUD grants. It is no coincidence that Rogero's perceived choice as her successor, Indya Kincannon, held a similar position as Special Program Manager doing community agency grants to over 65 Knoxville non-profit entities while working for Mayor Rogero from 2015 to 2018. Should Kincannon be elected mayor in the upcoming city election, no doubt she will continue to support and push Rogero's Recode rezoning plan. Are HUD grants the real reason the zoning consultant Camiros of Chicago

was hired to write Recode because they are HUD grant specialists? What is interesting is that city taxpayers have paid Camiros over \$300,000 for what appears to include a lot of HUD-speak that is found on the HUD website. There is nothing wrong with getting HUD grants. Every city does. But as Knoxville resident Constance Every told city council, "what this whole agenda hides behind is extending downtown Knoxville and being deceptive about it. There's nothing bad about that but don't lie about it, tell the truth about it... Recode is not the answer right now." The public has a right to know what HUD grants and requirements have to do with Recode. This is another area where there has been little transparency. Council has yet to put language in Recode to protect non-conforming uses, which is what grandfathering does. Does council have any intention of protecting Established Neighborhoods from Accessory Dwelling Units? This is the same council that passed an ordinance stating they did not have to notify

property owners about Recode. Council's track record on transparency has not been good. In last Tuesday's vote on Recode, city council made substantive changes to Recode and again violated the Knoxville City Charter in their refusal to send Recode back to the planning commission for their approval. This is at least the second time council has violated the city charter making substantive changes to Recode and not sending it back to the planning commission. The city charter is not a suggestion, it is the law. It is estimated that close to a million dollars of taxpayer money have been spent on Recode and the public is frustrated and angry with the process. Promises are made to protect Established Neighborhoods from Accessory Dwelling Units but are not incorporated into Recode in writing. Mayor Rogero is on record saying this has been the most transparent public process in the history of Knoxville. What do you think?

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Recode final reading postponed two weeks

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Councilwoman Lauren Rider ended hours of new Recode evaluation when she pointed out the current code regarding what vehicles can be parked at a residence was more appealing than its proposed Recode revision. The new regulations would limit the number of vehicles, prohibit commercial vehicles in residential driveways and require screening for campers and trailers if parked in the backyard.

"I'm not sure how I feel about banning school buses," she said.

While Councilman Andrew Roberto and Planning Director Gerald Green suggested sending the change to the stakeholders committee other council members also had questions. Seema Singh asked about trade vehicles brought home by workers.

Carlene Malone of Community Forum told the meeting that the council was "talking about approving an ordinance that you admit is flawed and promising to fix it before it goes into effect." If the huge revamping of zoning regulations is adopted it would take effect

January 1st.

Rider said that she has neighbors with food trucks and she is "not fine with changing things." She then moved to replace the Recode language with the current ordinance, which allows the parking of a school bus or any other one vehicle in a driveway, and the alteration of language was deemed significant by City Attorney Charles Swanson.

Councilman George Wallace then asked Swanson how the council could pass the change without having to send the entire Recode back to first reading. Swanson said that if the change passed, the second reading would, indeed, revert back to become the first reading.

While sending it back the stakeholder committee was suggested Rider said that group cannot assure the change would be added.

Larry Silverstein of Community Forum reminded the council that if the Recode map passes it will need to face a second reading in two weeks and so will the Recode text changes.

Rider moved on with her motion and Councilman Mark Campen seconded the idea. Councilwoman

Gwen McKenzie said she is not comfortable with the Recode change and agreed with Rider.

Planning Director Green asked the council not to insert the change and called the idea "using an old worn out mandate."

When a citizens also reminded the council that some homeowners also park church busses at their homes.

"A lot more work needs to be done on this section," McKenzie said.

A voice vote was split and Mayor Madeline Rogero called for a roll call vote. Voting with Rider to use the current language permitting one commercial vehicle to park at a home were Roberto, Singh, Campen and Marshall Stair. The 5-4 vote inserted the current regulations but also kicked the second reading back to become the first reading.

At that point Roberto went back to some changes he wanted to make and introduced them. The council then voted, for the second time, to approve a "First Reading" and Campen was only "No" vote.

Since Rider's motion was a deemed a major change the matter may have to

go back to the Planning Commission for approval. Whether the council can approve the Recode text in two weeks might also depend on all the other acceptable changes made at the meeting or changes the planning staff may make. Green assured the council that all the changes proposed will be included and ready for the effective date Recode would begin, January 1, 2020.

The council then moved on to consider the Recode zoning map and waded through many changes involving individual properties, some requested by council members and some asked by home and business owners.

Green said that anyone can ask for a neutral change from their current zoning to a like zoning category if their zoning change is different than the current use. He said those changes can be made before the Recode start date.

After many changes were made the Recode Map was approved with one "No" vote and both the text and map's final changes will be discussed when the council meets on August 13th.

Contract for new safety complex approved by city council

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Almost lost among the Recode discussion at the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday night was the council's approval of \$35.5 million dollars for the construction of a new Public Safety Complex in the former St. Mary's Hospital just off Broadway. Messer Construction was hired to oversee the project.

Asked about how much money has already been spent on the project Finance Director Jim York replied "two to three million to date." He reminded the council they had approved \$46.5 million. Deputy Mayor David Bruce said that basically \$40 million goes into retrofitting the former hospital and \$6 million will go into refurbishing the hospital's north property.

Brace said that Lincoln Memorial University is interested in the north building.

Councilwoman Seema Singh asked how much money is allocated to furnish the facility, which would house the police and fire departments, and city courts, and the answer was about \$2.6 million.

Councilman George Wallace asked how Messer Construction was selected and York said that four different teams bid on the project.

York also said the city hasn't issued bonds to cover the project yet, choosing to "pay a little bit out of cash reserves" until bonds are issued and, at that time, the bond revenue would repay the city for the cash used.

"Could there be some hidden cost?" asked Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie, adding how a new Public Safety Complex there would affect traffic in the area. Brace said that while it was a hospital there was more traffic there than a new complex would create.

Asked by Councilwoman Lauren Rider how the city plans to stay within the budget on the project, Brace said he "feels confident" it will. He added there is a \$3.7

million contingency fund set aside.

Councilman Andrew Roberto asked Brace to confirm the city has 120 days grace period to get out of the agreements and Brace said the city "could bump it if it's a game changer" and could "pull back" if something like an environmental assessment report comes back negative.

Councilman Marshall Stair said the current structure "is inferior to a new building" but the reply was the former hospital "has good bones" and it will be stripped "down to a shell" before being renovated.

The council approved the \$35.5 million contract and went on to also approve a \$227,000 addition to a contract with Volkert, Inc., for planning the design, bidding and overseeing construction of the complex. The new amount is \$1,668,960.

The council also approved a \$5,000 donation from Parks and Recreation grant funds to the Fountain City Lions Club to maintain Fountain City Park. They also approved closing a part of Myrtle Street between East Fifth Avenue and a dead-end and deeding the street to the adjacent property owners.

Just over \$510,000 was authorized in an agreement with Merit Construction, Inc. for a new city Vehicle Impoundment project and upping an agreement with Thomas Caldwell, Architect, for design services for the new impoundment site. \$10,000 was added to the agreement for a total of \$52,400 and extending the completion date to May 31, 2020.

Mayor Madeline Rogero's appointments to the Business Advisory Board were approved and the members will be Kevin S. Bachman, Angie Cannon, Rick Cock, Susan Dakak, Garry Ferraris, Helen Harb, Jeremy James, Rodney L. Jones, Jim Klonaris, Delnise Moore, Kathryn Ogrod and Deana Sanabria.

Unclaimed Vietnam Veteran buried with honors

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A Vietnam War veteran with no known family or relatives was buried last week. The 20-year resident of Newport would have been pleased to find that he had a family among fellow veterans as more than 100 people turned out for his service.

Among the crowd were members of all five military branches, their spouses and other well-wishers. The burial of a veteran with no one to claim him could have been a very small service but other veterans were not going to let that happen.

The 2 p.m. ceremonies began with a motorcycle escort and the honor guard taking the casket from the Berry Funeral Home hearse. The chapel at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway was packed and dozens of people stood at attention outside during the ceremony, hearing it on loud speakers. While initially the funeral was announced for 1 p.m. that Monday it actually didn't happen until 2 .m. and, despite the hot weather, people stayed around for the honors.

Specialist 5th Thomas Robert Saulsbury was a New York state native who lived for the past 20 years in Newport. His friend and next-door neighbor Michael Powell promised Saulsbury that he would be buried with military honors and afterwards was presented the American Flag that

draped the coffin.

Rev. Doctor Pat Pollis, chaplain of the Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, Vietnam Veterans of America, spoke to honor the deceased. A Vietnam veteran himself, Pollis described Saulsbury's service to our nation and the medals the soldier received during active duty. Saulsbury was honorably discharged in 1972.

"The write up of him says he has no family to claim him. We can figure out he had a mother and father, siblings we don't know, children we don't know, occupations we don't know, hobbies, his favorite football team, favorite dish we don't know," Rev. Pollis said.

"Then, why are we here?" Pollis asked and paused.

"And what is it that we do know?" he wondered.

"We know that he is a veteran and served his county honorably. He wasn't a nobody he was a somebody. Somebody who put on the uniform of this great United States of America. A somebody who traded his home for the jungles of Vietnam to fight for people he didn't even know," Pollis continued.

"So that one day they might have the freedom that he had as an American," he said.

"We don't know where he went or what he did after the military or what brought him to Tennessee, but whatever it was it caused him to stay,"

Pollis said.

"I say to you today he has a family and we are here. I struggle with the word 'unclaimed' but as long as there are two of us standing we will never be unclaimed. Our vow is to never leave anyone behind," he continued.

"The fact that we are here today in great numbers says so much about who we are, about the state of Tennessee, and about what we understand about what it means to be a veteran. Thomas Robert Saulsbury is claimed, is known for he is one of us," the chaplain concluded.

The flag was removed from the coffin, folded properly and presented to Saulsbury's friend Michael Powell. Outside a 21-gun salute was performed, followed by the playing of "Taps." The honor guard, made up of members of the five military services, moved the coffin to the hearse for transport to the gravesite.

Berry Funeral Home, a sponsor of the Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program, and the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery hosted the ceremonies. Prior to ceremonies dozens of citizens lined the road with American flags for the motorcycle escort and the hearse to pass through.

Several current and past city and county officials were on hand along with active duty and veteran military men and women. The ceremony would have pleased Specialist Saulsbury.

A dandy dozen travel Halls High's Road to Fame

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president of the Halls High School Athletics - Road to Fame, Inc., which he started putting together last year.

The honorees will be introduced at Halls' second home football game of the season on Sept. 6.

Approximately 35 were nominated for the first class. To be nominated an athlete must have competed for three years at Halls High. Their athletic accomplishments after high school also were taken into consideration in the selection process, along with integrity and sportsmanship, said Julian. The 12 honorees were chosen by a seven-member selection committee.

The inaugural class ranges from one athlete

in the 1950s to one in the 2000s. Three honorees played in the 1970s, three in the 1980s and four in the 1990s.

Half of them signed with the University of Tennessee and one played for the New York Yankees.

Here are a few of their accomplishments:

Tammy Eicholz Akard, an outstanding hitter in volleyball, was All-State and a KIL Player of the Year who signed a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University.

Donnie Cooper sparked in golf's spotlight. He was All-KIL 1984-87 and a TSSAA state champion in 1987. At UT he lettered three seasons and was an Academic All-American.

Ashley Cox was a two-time KIL Player of the Year and All-State in girls

basketball in the mid-1990s and signed with LMU, where she led the Gulf State Conference in 3-point accuracy as a junior.

Dean Craig, who attended Halls High from 1974-77, may have traveled the most unusual path on the Road to Fame. All-State in football and All-East Tennessee in baseball, he signed a football scholarship to Vanderbilt, but then chose instead to sign a pro baseball contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Later, however, Craig went to the New York Yankees and played six years. But that's not the end of it. He then signed a scholarship with Carson-Newman and played tight end on the 1984 NAIA national championship team.

Offensive guard Randy Hall led the way for a

bruising ground game as the Red Devils went 15-0 and captured the Class AAA state championship in 1986. The UT signee was named to three different All-American teams and was Gatorade Player of the Year.

Jason Julian was a McDonald's All-American tailback on the 1986 state title team and an excellent kicker who became Halls' all-time scoring leader. The four-sport letterman also was voted Most Athletic in 1988. He went on to start at various positions at UT and was a member of two SEC championship teams.

James Ralph "Red" McMillan, who will be honored posthumously, was Lineman of the Year in Knoxville in 1957 and went on to play at Tennessee Tech, where he was a

first-team All-OVC selection in 1961. He also was inducted into the Tennessee Tech Hall of Fame in 2011.

Missy Rutherford was Most Athletic at HHS in 1977 and an All-State sprinter. She signed with UT, where she lettered four years competing in the 200 and 400.

Russ Rutherford excelled in football and baseball at Halls in the late 1990s and went on to play college baseball at Walters State and the University of Kentucky.

Stephanie Humphrey Sayne was a two-time KIL Player of the Year, All-State three years and co-holds Halls' school record for most strikeouts in a game. She continued her pitching career at UT and was an Academic All-SEC honoree

two years.

Basketball was Cameron Sharp's game and he was KIL Player of the Year and All-State in 2007. He finished his prep career with 1,980 points, 577 assists and 266 steals and earned a full scholarship to Carson-Newman University, where he was a member of the All-South Atlantic Conference freshman team.

Chris Vandergriff was a two-time TSSAA state wrestling champion and had a 27-2 record in 1977. A third-place finish in the SEC tournament highlighted the four-year letterman's UT career. He went on to coach wrestling at Halls for 25 years, guiding the Red Devils to over 300 wins. The Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame made him its first wrestling inductee in 2018.

Broadway Bash was a success

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The final weekend of July saw many events, including the Granger County Tomato Festival, but hundreds of people showed up for the Broadway Bash at the Broadway Shopping Center. The event, with dozens of booths, live music and children's activities, only lasted a few hours but drew many families, businesses, elected officials and political candidates.

Sponsored by the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association, the Broadway Shopping Center, Uptown North Knoxville, Oakwood-Lincoln Park and Historic Fourth and Gill neighborhoods, the day was hot but festive. Children with face paintings were all smiles. The event included food trucks, hot dog vendors, a street rod and motorcycle show and a "Stuff The Bus" School Supply Drive for Fulton High School.

Free bicycle helmets were supplied by the Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee and inflatable slides were sponsored by the Uptown North Neighbors.

Information and vendor booths were provided and manned by the Uptown North volunteers, the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, First Lutheran School, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood, The Original Freezeo, and Cool Cat Billiards & Café.

The event, to promote the growing and improving area of North Broadway, did just that.



Top left, Sparky and George Bove display the new Uptown North Knoxville tee shirt. Many neighborhoods, non-profits, Fulton High School, businesses and volunteers came together to make the Broadway Shopping Center event a bashing success. Top right, Historic Fourth and Gill was well represented at Broadway Bash by Jeff Johnson, Mike Holden, Kaye Osborne and Chris Griffin. Photos by Mike Steely.

Above, City Council members Mark Campen, Andrew Roberto and Lauren Rider enjoyed the Broadway Bash. Photo by Ronnie Collins.



Far left, Mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis and his team joined in the festivities at the Uptown North Broadway Bash on July 27. The event featured live music, food, vendors, and various organizations.

Left, Paula Ellis fits a child with a helmet to help prevent head injuries, a known cause of seizures. The free helmets are provided by the East Tennessee Epilepsy Foundation at various events. See story on A6 in this week's Focus. Photo by Mike Steely.

Neighborhood Recognition through Best Practices

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governing body.

- This will not change how long anyone can speak at a public meeting.
- No one will be penalized for not being able to get the word out to the entire neighborhood in a time crunch. (You just need to communicate that you only had time to meet with the board or executive board. This is good justification for postponement so that you can meet.)

- What this IS:**
- This is voluntary.
 - This is to encourage communication.
 - This is to recognize neighborhoods going above and beyond.
 - This DOES ask that

you specify when speaking to a governing body if you are speaking for yourself, if your board asked you to speak, or if your membership asked you to speak.

- This DOES ask how you notified residents of an upcoming vote.

An example of best practice and how it is helpful:

Members of a neighborhood wanted to make improvements in a local park. They asked the Parks and Recreation Department if these improvements were realistic and was there money. The reply was that they could make the upgrades, but that the neighborhood organization needed to get approval

from the neighbors first. The neighborhood put out flyers to all homes in the boundary. The flyer stated that there would be a vote on improvements to the park, and residents were invited to please come and give input. The meeting happened and all that attended were in favor of the improvements. That was relayed to the Parks and Rec Department, and crews began making the upgrades. Ultimately, not everyone agreed with the upgrades, but all were notified of the neighborhood vote and had the opportunity to voice their opinion. This process provided more thorough and complete feedback than, for example, simply asking a

neighborhood's board for feedback.

Another example of how best practices can be helpful:

A hypothetical: A development is scheduled to come before City Council in two weeks that is not in your neighborhood, but it will affect your neighborhood. You realize you don't have time to communicate to your entire membership/neighborhood, but you do have time to meet with your board. All are in favor of wanting more information because this has come up quickly. The board gives permission to a member of the board to speak to City Council, and this person does so. While speaking,

the person states that he or she did not have time to meet with the full membership and the board is asking for time to put out flyers and hear from other neighbors about the

coming changes. City Council postpones the changes, giving time for the neighborhood to meet with the developer.

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Helmets to prevent epilepsy

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Children were lining up recently at the Broadway Bash not only for the face painting but also to get fitted for a free helmet from the East Tennessee Epilepsy Foundation. Paula Ellis, public education coordinator for the foundation, was fitting helmets on each child, who then received the protective bike gear for free.

The helmet program is an ongoing campaign by the foundation, which serves 24 counties in East Tennessee. Ellis told The Focus that head trauma is one cause of epilepsy that can be prevented.

Other causes of epilepsy are complex but preventing head injuries is one way to combat the disability.

Ellis said that the helmets come from Safe Kids Coalition at a discount. Funding for the foundation comes from donations, sales of items, and the Department of Health. She said the foundation is a member of the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association which also helps support funding.

Ellis' daughter had seizures as a young child. Ellis travels to schools, day cares and businesses across East Tennessee to educate people on seizure first aid and other social issues surrounding the disorder. She keeps up with new research to provide the most up to date information.

This Tuesday, August 6th, the foundation will be handing out helmets at the Bike Rodeo in Gatlinburg during the Gatlinburg Firefighters Association Kids Fire Camp. The foundation will also be at Strike Out Epilepsy on August 23 at 7 p.m. at Smokies Stadium in Kodak. Tickets for that event are \$20 which includes admission, a tee shirt, a buffet dinner and admission to the baseball game. Anyone with epilepsy and their care giver will be admitted at no cost.

The East Tennessee Epilepsy Foundation's mission is to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives. The Foundation is located at 1715 East Magnolia Avenue and the phone number is (865) 522-4991 or (800) 951-4991.



A huge crowd turned out for the ribbon cutting at Inskip Elementary School Thursday including city and county officials, school staff and teachers, and parents and students. Photo courtesy of Knox County.

Inskip Elementary cuts ribbon

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always thought that was the coolest invention ever."

Inskip Elementary was the site of a tragic shooting in 2011 by a teacher who was being dismissed. Principal Elisa Luna and assistant principal Amy Brace were critically injured. Both went on to earn master's degrees from UT. Dr. Luna was the Principal of

Specialist Support and Community Schools for the Knox County School System after being crippled in the shooting and Dr. Brace is the Principal of West View Elementary School. Dr. Luna has moved out of the Knoxville area for health reasons and to be closer to her family.

The \$5 million renovation was celebrated by the

school staff, parents, supporters and elected officials. The project took a few years to complete and the expanded school is now ready to continue its service to a changing neighborhood and student population.



Two small schools were consolidated to form Inskip School. About 1912 a new school, simply known as High School, was built. The building had only three classrooms and an upstairs auditorium and served as a boarding school for some students. It became part of the Knoxville School System and had 1200 students. Drawing by Clifford McFarland for a 1986 History of Inskip School.

2019-2020 Knox County Schools Calendar

August 5 (Monday) First Day for Students (1/2 day for students)

August 27 (Tuesday) In-service (Building) (Student Holiday)

September 2 (Monday) Labor Day – Holiday

September 5 (Thursday) End 4½-weeks Grading Period

September 17 (Tuesday) Constitution Day (Students in school)

October 4 (Friday) End First 9-weeks Grading Period (43 days)

October 7-11 (Monday-Friday) Fall Break

November 5 (Tuesday) In-service Day (PreK-12 System-wide)
(Student Holiday)

November 14 (Thursday) End 4½-weeks Grading Period

November 27-29 (Wednesday-Friday) Thanksgiving Holidays

December 20 (Friday) 1/2 day for students

End Second 9-weeks Grading Period (46 days)

End First Semester (89 days)

December 23 – January 3 (10 days) Winter Holidays

January 6 (Monday) In-service Day (1/2 day--School-based);

Administrative Day (1/2 day– Teacher Work Day);

(Student Holiday)

January 7 (Tuesday) First Day for Students after Winter Holidays

January 20 (Monday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Holiday

February 7 (Friday) End 4½-weeks Grading Period

February 17 (Monday) In-service Day (PreK-12 System-wide)

(Student Holiday)

March 3 (Tuesday) Holiday

March 13 (Friday) End First 9-weeks Grading Period

(Third 9-weeks Grading Period) (46 days)

March 16-20 (Monday-Friday) Spring Break

April 10 (Friday) Holiday

April 13 (Monday) Holiday

April 22 (Wednesday) End 4½-weeks Grading Period

May 21 (Thursday) Last Day for Students (1/2 day for students)

End Second 9-weeks Grading Period

(Fourth 9-weeks Grading Period) (42 days)

End Second Semester (88 days)

May 22 (Friday) Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) –

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Cool Cat Billiards & Café makes family connections easy

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Some people go to great lengths to unplug from life's responsibilities and connect with their family members such as sight-seeing at the Grand Canyon or hiking in the Smoky Mountains. But great family moments and memories can be made here in Knoxville right around the corner at Cool Cat Billiards & Café.

Cool Cat provides a clean, well lit atmosphere that encourages conversation and memories to be made while playing games and eating entrees made from scratch. "I wanted a place where parents and grandparents can reach out and share those 'I remember when' stories with their kids and grandkids," said Jim Broughton, owner of Cool Cat Billiards & Café. His desire was to create a neutral location where families can connect and "build relationships in a safe environment," Broughton added.

"The emphasis here, is this is a billiards room, with a full restaurant and a bar," he explained. Broughton made his establishment - located at 5210 Schubert Road - to be a

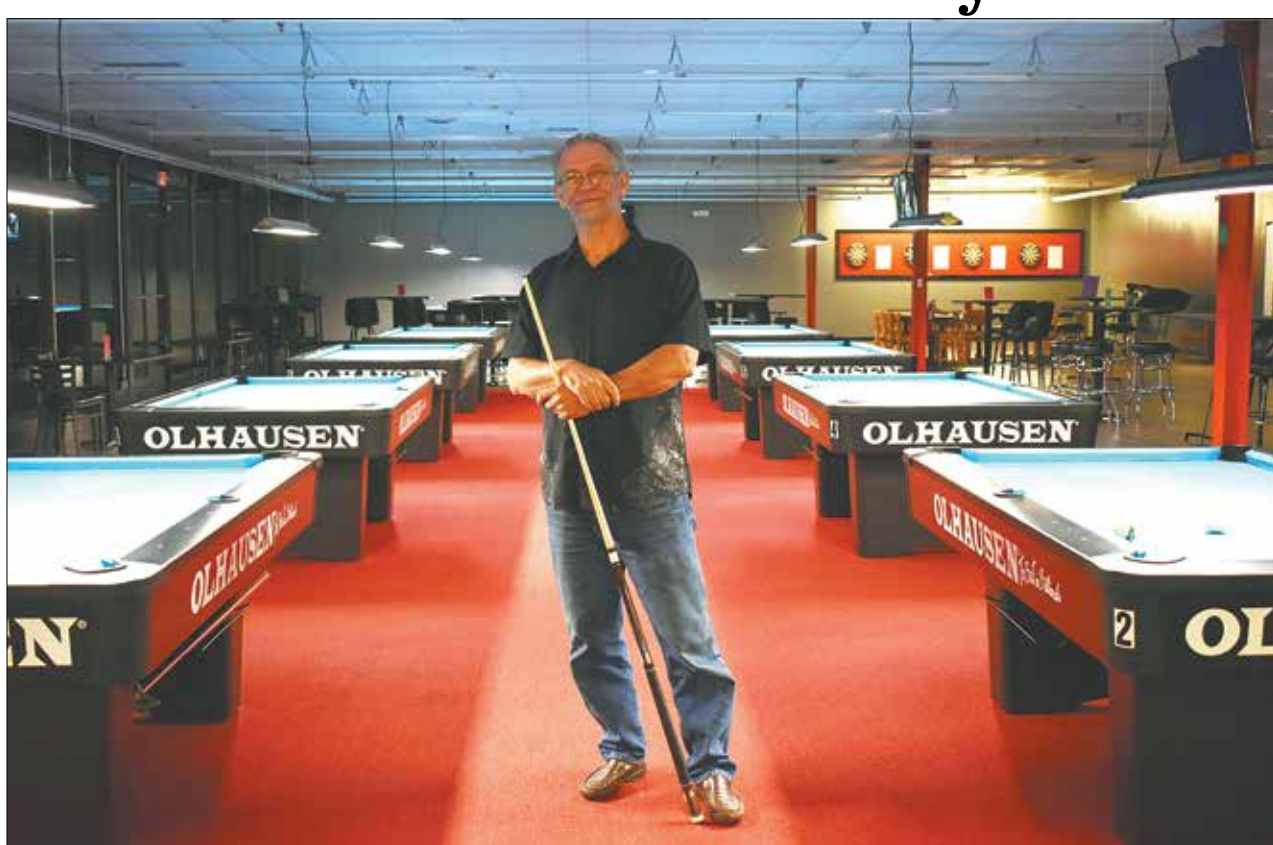


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Jim Broughton, owner of Cool Cat Billiards & Café, proudly stands between professional-class pool tables located off Schubert Road in north Knoxville.

one hundred percent family-friendly, casual restaurant with high-quality food and a small bar on the side, which focus primarily on the bar.

The veteran-owned café is appropriate for children of all ages. They are

welcome to try their hands at soft tip or steel tip darts, play at one of the ten professional-class pool tables, or enjoy an electronic jukebox filled with non-explicit, family-appropriate music. Pool experts competing or explaining the game can be viewed by patrons on three

of the big screen televisions scattered throughout the 9300-square-foot facility. Alongside those screens, others display sporting events.

Fortunately, whatever families choose, their small talk won't be competing with the bells and

sirens of arcade games, or loud, abrupt music, or flashing lights typically found in gaming rooms where pool tables are available. Away from the video games, "when you're playing pool, when a granddad settles in with a grandchild, Papa starts sharing something,"

and connections are made said Broughton. Building this first-class billiards room was a joint effort with his wife Jan who has crafted most of the homemade recipes and is one of the restaurant chefs. Broughton, who is a mechanic by trade, is now doing two things he enjoys. He said he is fortunate "doing what I want to do ... I love this place." Broughton, who began hanging out in a pool hall at age twelve, has played pool on and off throughout his life, and started playing again full time in 2008. He is available to teach group lessons and training seminars for those wanting to improve at the sport. Soon Broughton will be scheduling a Family Scotts Doubles Tournament - which are two-person family teams made up of a parent and a child such as mother/son or father/daughter or two siblings. "A lot of guys come in, and bring their daughters in to practice, or their sons to practice," emphasized Broughton regarding the family friendly ambiance of Cool Cat. The Broughtons know families need to

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Free trolley to South Waterfront starts August 9

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The redevelopment of the South Waterfront in Knoxville is humming along with new apartments, businesses, Regal Cinema headquarters, and the growth of Suttree Landing Park. More and more people want to access the riverfront and the 20-year redevelopment plan seems to be working, drawing more and more people along the three-mile stretch.

On August 9 a fourth KAT trolley, the Red Line, will begin providing free service to the growing hub of interest along the Blount Avenue stretch. The trolley will begin at the South Main and Gay Street stop, cross the Gay Street Bridge, turn right on Blount, and move along the street past Suttree Landing Park to the Henley Bridge. From there it returns to Main Street

downtown.

The idea is to offer a trolley connection on Main so riders can catch the other free trolleys to UT or other routes. Trolley ridership in the city has increased more than 7% from last year.

Employees of Regal Cinemas, residents and workers in the new multi-use complex going up at the former Baptist Hospital Site, or anyone on either side wanting to get to downtown or anywhere else in the area will have a free trolley for their convenience.

In January KAT doubled the frequency of neighborhood bus routes to South Knoxville and now those buses, which require a small fare, run every 30 minutes. About \$200,000 is allocated for the trolley next year and it will run Monday through Saturday and make each stop about every 7 to 15 minutes.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knoxville's South Waterfront is growing and starting in August KAT will begin a free trolley to serve the three mile stretch along Blount Avenue. The growing number of businesses and corporations there and the popularity of Suttree Landing Park is spurring people from both sides of the river to travel back and forth.

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'Is happiness abounding?' — Dr. Angela Easterday Holder

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"I honestly made the "Happiness Abounding" shirt for myself to get through yesterday and to honor Angela Easterday Holder. One day at a time." Those words came from Sarah Beth Crabtree of Crabtree Creations last May shortly after we lost Angela. Soon, people all over the church could be seen wearing the bright red shirt with white lettering. The shirt with Angela's words was a wonderful way to honor her, and I had to have one. Sarah Beth's design looks cheerful, just like the person the shirt memorializes.

"The intent of this shirt and design is to honor the memory of Dr. Angela Holder and to remind us of her never-ending optimism and joy in Christ." Sarah Beth said. "If there are any



Picture of some members of the Holder Connect Class wearing both styles of the "happiness abounding" tee shirts designed by Sarah Beth Crabtree. Photo credit: Steve Ellis; picture provided by Kent Williams.

proceeds made from the sale of this design, they will be donated in her memory to her beloved Wallace Memorial Baptist Church where she tirelessly served to honor her Savior," Sarah Beth added. Focus readers may recall last spring when the Carson-Newman Music Chair and Professor passed away suddenly.

But a simple red tee shirt is helping the music professor's memory live on. "I was deeply touched by the work Sarah Beth did, and I was touched by the overwhelming response people had to it," Tim Holder said about the shirt honoring his late wife. "People have been such a blessing."

Angela was truly an

inspiration to those who knew her. Her impact was far-reaching, her talent amazing, and her sweet spirit immeasurable! A special shirt. A special lady. A special message: "happiness abounding." What better words to live by than those the music professor left for us. Angela is still inspiring us all!

Seen this before

Okay, let me get this straight. The year is 2019; this is the USA; and we're again dealing with issues of race. What in the world happened? I must be in a time warp.

The 1960s became the heyday and the battle fields for that social change. After years of segregation, black people stepped out and demanded their equal rights. They wanted an end to separate bathrooms, water fountains,



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and schools. Folks demanded the right to vote without having to pass a test that even the administrators couldn't get through. They wanted equal footing in a society that was the greatest in the world. Most of

all, the black community wanted the country to put a big period at the end of years of slavery that supposedly ended with the Civil War.

I remember the tension that came with school integration. The first black students arrived at Karns High, and by the time I entered the school only couple of years later, several black students were part of the student population. What we white folks discovered was that humans with different skin color weren't so much different from us. Teens still ate as if they'd been starved; they struggled through a day filled with classes; and after-school activities kept them busy and out of trouble.

They loved families, friends, and girlfriends and boyfriends. Some had difficulties with other students and people in the community. People who

feared "the invasion" of blacks into white communities made no attempts to know folks. They instead dug in to their own prejudices and railed against all of another race. They claimed those blacks were the evil behind every bad thing that went wrong. Folks jeered at them to "go back where they came from."

Sixty years later, the same ugly sentiments are rising. Political leaders demonize people who don't look like them. They use scare tactics that say "the enemy" will take over the country, steal jobs, and live free off the efforts of others. Racist feelings and actions spew over into deplorable actions like the one that occurred in Charlottesville not so long ago. The incidents of hate crimes spike, all with the blessings of a government that remains silent in face of a return to division.

Before anyone states that I don't tell the whole story, I will admit that not every person in these groups is law abiding. Some who cross the border have nefarious reasons for entering the country. Not every individual of a minority community chooses to obey the laws. However, those statements hold just a true for white folks.

All groups have criminals, scammers, and moochers. However, for the most part, communities of all kinds are comprised of people who work hard to make ends meet and to provide for their families. These are the majorities toward whom our attentions should be aimed.

I'm stunned that the same things that plagued the U.S. sixty years ago are once again rearing their ugly heads. One should have thought that we'd have evolved enough to get passed the beliefs of inferiorities of a group based upon its skin color. We're headed for a whole bunch of heartbreak and strife if we are unable to do better. Leaders who spew such hate, bigotry and division must be ignored and ousted. That's the call of the Christian basis on which so many declare this country was founded.

The future holds wonderful challenges and victories for us, but first we must turn toward it and shut the door on the mistakes that were made before. Reliving or reintroducing them leads only to stagnation and continued problems. Let's get on with the making of a better world, not reviving a dysfunctional one.



Rosie's
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Pennsylvania

From the time of the first permanent European settlement in 1643, Pennsylvania has been important for its strategic location, spirit of independence, and economic power. The British gained the colony in 1664, but in 1691 King Charles signed a charter granting Pennsylvania to William Penn in exchange for a debt owed to Penn's father, Sir William Penn. In 1682, Penn founded the colony of Pennsylvania as a refuge for Quakers and other persecuted Christians Philadelphia, whose name means "city of brotherly love" was the city that Penn encouraged settlers to join his "holy experiment".

Enough of Pennsylvania, I want to talk about my home town, Lancaster. Although Harrisburg is the state capitol, Lancaster is the largest tourist attraction of the state. Recently, I was fortunate enough to spend some time there. I got a Whoopie Pie at the Central Market, which is located on the square in Lancaster, a warm homemade soft pretzel in the little town of Lititz, Pennsylvania, and homemade ice cream at the

creamery in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. But, back to Lancaster. It was founded in 1729 but it wasn't long until the Amish and Mennonites realized how arable and lush the farmland was in Lancaster County and many of them drifted there from other states, such as Ohio and Indiana. These travelers also made Lancaster a popular tourist attraction.

The Amish don't like bright colors like orange or red, they prefer blue, green, purple and white. Also they prefer horse and buggies for travel, believing that the automobile was a sign of worldliness. When the buggies become unserviceable or are in an accident, they will take the benches out and preserve them, if they can. I am including a picture of an Amish bench buggy in today's article, which is painted in a light shade of green. I found it in my son's antique shop and fell in love with it. I sit on it and dream of Amish families rolling up and down the hills of Lancaster and it takes me back home.

Thought for the day: I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence I can reach for; perfection is God's business. Michael J. Fox

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Tennessee's 'Unholy Trinity' I.D. Beasley

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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The trio of colorful legislators who exerted enormous influence in the Tennessee General Assembly for decades - - - Walter M. "Pete" Haynes, I. D. Beasley, and James H. Cummings - - - were commonly known in Nashville as the "Triumvirate" or "the Unholy Trinity."

The late John Bragg served in the State House of Representatives for thirty years, retiring in 1996. Bragg remembered the three legislators who all represented rural counties. Describing Beasley, Haynes and Cummings as "a powerful rural coalition," Bragg said the three "could pretty well manage what went on in the General Assembly for many years."

Bragg recalled I. D. Beasley's special talent of mimicry, which became legendary, earning him the nickname "The Mockingbird of Capitol Hill." Reputedly, Beasley could mimic virtually anyone, man or woman.

"I. D. Beasley could imitate anyone," Bragg said, "but especially the late governor Austin Peay. So freshmen lawmakers would get calls late in the evenings from Governor Peay telling them to go down to the governor's mansion to see him immediately.

"Then when they would get to the governor's house, the governor would come to the door and the poor freshman lawmakers would be standing there all embarrassed and red-faced. Governor Peay would say, 'You poor fella, you've been called by I. D. Beasley.'"

It was true I. D. Beasley was a gnome of a fellow, standing about 5'3 and weighing around 230 pounds. Balding, with rimless eyeglasses and a cigar usually stuck in his mouth, Beasley represented Smith County in either the Tennessee State Senate or the House of Representatives from 1921 until his death.

Beasley's brother Clint, who served as Smith County judge, believed I. D. was self-conscious about his height and weight, which impaired his ability to be a truly excellent courtroom lawyer.

If so, I. D. Beasley was not nearly so self-conscious about his appearance while in Nashville. One of the more oft-repeated stories about I. D. Beasley's influence is his hatred of daylight savings time. Beasley, who never learned to drive, missed his bus to Nashville due to confusion over daylight savings time.

When he finally arrived in Nashville, I. D. Beasley promptly introduced a bill making daylight savings time illegal in the State of Tennessee. It was Beasley who wrote the bill which

outlawed religious snake handling in Tennessee.

Beasley was a bachelor and lived at the Walton Hotel in Carthage, Tennessee (which still stands there today).

When friends teased him about being a bachelor, Beasley would glance at his ample stomach and retort, "I wouldn't have any woman foolish enough to marry me."

The legislator from Smith County was a gourmet who regularly ordered "gallons of shrimp and oysters" fresh from New Orleans fishermen; Beasley also purchased "the best of fresh vegetables, beef and pork" from Tennessee farmers. It was not unusual for I. D. Beasley to telephone a friend, one of his several sisters, or his mother to invite himself for dinner, but he did not come empty-handed, invariably arriving with "great paper sacks of food." Once the food was prepared, I. D. would "bury it in a snowstorm of salt and pepper."

Beasley was a man whose friends and family readily admitted had a need for human companionship.

"So long as there was anyone awake to talk to, Beasley didn't sleep." It was said human fellowship was "like food and drink" to the Smith County legislator. Those he loved the most were also those he gave the least rest. A fact confirmed by former attorney general Baxter Key, who said, "He almost drove me wild. One day a stranger came to town looking for me and I. D. told him I was deaf - - - that I could hear only if he shouted at the top of his lungs. That was 30 years ago and I can hear it yet.

"Sometimes, I notice a certain strange quiet in the air and I remember that I. D. is gone," Key sadly confessed. "I miss him."

Beasley's hometown of Carthage was his political bailiwick and there was no doubt of his personal popularity with his home folk. While the story might be apocryphal, it was widely repeated and quite possibly could have happened. Governor Prentice Cooper was being chauffeured back to Nashville when his limousine was stopped in Smith County by an elderly flagman. The flagman refused to allow the governor's big, sleek limousine pass. Easily irritated, Governor Cooper got out of the car and angrily demanded the flagman wave him through. "Listen," the old man snapped, "I wouldn't let you through if you wuz I. D. Beasley."

As to Beasley's astonishing ability to mimic someone, it was said all it took was the legislator hearing a short conversation "and could do it so well



Veteran state legislator I. D. Beasley.

the subject's wife couldn't tell the difference." Once needing an extra vote to pass a bill, I. D. Beasley stood on the steps of the Capitol "impersonating Gov. Austin Peay to a blind legislator and got the man to change his vote." To amuse himself, I. D. would telephone other lawmakers during the evening hours and would sit on the floor of the legislature trying valiantly to hide his mirth, his enormous stomach roiling with hidden laughter, as he watched dozens of his colleagues angrily accuse one another of having double-crossed each other.

No one was safe from I. D. Beasley's pranks and sense of humor. "Mr. Jim" Cummings often roomed with Beasley while staying in Nashville and awoke one night to see an agreeable drugstore clerk frothing from the mouth a foot from his face. The clerk wore a wild expression when I. D. switched on the lights in their hotel room and Mr. Jim leaped out of his bed in terror, grabbing a chair and shrieking, "Kill him! Kill him!"

Bored while sitting inside Nashville's Elk's Club, I. D. happened to spy an eighty-five year-old gentleman who was notorious for his continued interest in the fairer sex. I. D. watched the old man go to his office and promptly snatched up the telephone. Getting the randy old man on the line, I. D. pretended to be one of his girlfriends and said she was on her way to his office. Having an excellent view of the old man's office, I. D. rumbled with laughter as he watched the old gentleman shoo out his callers and begin tidying up his office. I. D. reached for the telephone and made a second call. "This is Governor Peay," the voice boomed, "I'm coming right down to have a look at your books. Won't take a minute. I'm on my way."

Highly alarmed, the old lecher rushed from his office to the sidewalk in

an attempt to head off his girlfriend in anticipation of the governor's arrival. I. D. watched with delight as the old man stood helplessly on the sidewalk, growing more and more frustrated when neither the woman nor the governor showed up.

When I. D. Beasley first arrived in the legislature to represent Smith County, Alf Taylor, a Republican, was governor of Tennessee. Beasley served a total of thirteen terms in the state legislature; eight in the Senate and five in the House of Representatives. Beasley's record of service was only surpassed by that of Jim Cummings decades later. Beasley had no legal name aside from his initials. After graduating from David Lipscomb College, Beasley eagerly volunteered with his friend Baxter Key to fight in the First World War. After returning from France, I. D. taught school for a few years and then decided to go into politics. Beasley won his first race for the State Senate after campaigning throughout his district on horseback.

Beasley maintained a host of friendships, which included Senator K. D. McKellar, Cordell Hull and James A. Farley, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Postmaster General during President Franklin Roosevelt's administration. An amiable fellow most of the time, I. D. Beasley managed to wield influence irrespective of who Tennessee's governor might be. Even Jim Farley was not spared Beasley's sense of humor. Sent to Tennessee by Cordell Hull, Farley attended "Mule Day" in Columbia, Tennessee, one of the largest annual events in the state for Democrats. Returning to his Nashville hotel room after a long day, Farley's telephone rang and he was surprised to hear Hull's voice on the other end of the line. Farley's surprise turned

to abject shock when he proceeded to receive "the most disastrous cussing out" he had ever received in his life. Hull told Farley the Postmaster General in a single day "had undone a lifetime of good works" and demanded he leave Tennessee at once. Farley was positively crushed and told a friend what had happened. The friend replied, "Why, that wasn't Hull. I'll bet it was I. D. Beasley." Beasley was summoned to the room of the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and FDR's patronage chief. The embarrassed I. D. was commanded to perform his impersonation of Cordell Hull, which he promptly did. Farley, a genial Irishman, was delighted and the two became good friends.

Senator Albert Gore was also a Smith County boy and received some political mentoring from I. D. Beasley. Naturally, Gore also received more than a measure of the "I. D. Beasley treatment." When a very young man, Gore had asked a young lady to accompany him to the Lebanon Fair. The girl said she already had a date, so young Albert was only too delighted when he received a telephone call from her saying she had changed her mind and preferred to attend the fair with him. Albert Gore flew to her house and sat on the front porch with her parents, expecting her to come outside at any moment. Eventually, the girl's father said, "Albert, if you're waiting for Sister, you're out of luck. She's already gone to the fair with that boy down

the road." Albert Gore immediately set out to find I. D. Beasley.

It was I. D. Beasley who helped Albert Gore become Commissioner of Labor during the first administration of Governor Gordon Browning. It was Gore rather than Beasley who went to Congress in 1938 after the incumbent, J. Ridley Mitchell, lost a race for the United States Senate. I. D. Beasley quite likely could have won the Democratic nomination to serve in the U. S. House of Representatives, but he refused to consider the notion of leaving Carthage and Tennessee. Instead, Beasley supported Gore. I. D. Beasley loved to travel, although he hated to fly, yet he couldn't wait to get back home to Carthage whenever he was away. At least one friend thought it was a very good thing Beasley never made it to Washington, D. C. "Good or bad, there's no doubt the world would not be in its present condition if Beasley had access to a hot telephone line to Moscow," the friend said.

While I. D. Beasley never married, years after his death, it came to light he had kept company with a Nashville widow. She recalled, "The 50 miles of road between here and Carthage is what came between us." Described as "loveable and gray-haired" when interviewed about I. D. Beasley, she remembered him fondly, shedding a few tears as she recalled him. "He wouldn't leave Carthage and I wouldn't leave Nashville. But don't let anyone tell you I. D. Beasley wasn't a good man, capable of love. He loved everybody." The widow added, "But he ate too much."

Attempting to control his weight, I. D. would curse the cottage cheese he was supposed to eat and would sneak into the kitchen to devour a plate of sausages instead on the last day of his life. A friend drove him back home to Carthage where he died of a heart attack in his room at the Walton Hotel during the early morning hours the next day.

Beasley, "The Mockingbird of Capitol Hill" was only fifty-nine years old when he died on October 26, 1955.

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Authors appear at the Grainger County Tomato Festival



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Bobbi Phelps Wolverson stands behind a display of her books. "Behind the Smile" is a book she wrote describing her many years as a flight attendant including flying soldiers in and out of Vietnam during the war. Wolverson was only one of many authors appearing during the Grainger County Tomato Festival.

By Mike Steely
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It is said to be one of the top festivals in our nation. Founded in 1992 to promote the famous tomatoes grown there the festival has grown to be a major annual attraction. The festival took place last month and even on the first day the grounds of the Rutledge Middle School were already overflowing with visitors.

The festival was alive Friday through Sunday with just about everything you'd expect including the sale of tomatoes, vegetables, crafts,

painting, and even tomato wars behind the facility. The hot weather saw many vendors giving away branded fans and one offered a mist spray which was welcomed by many overheated people.

As live acts played country, gospel and blue grass music, living history costumed characters interacted with guests who toured the crafts and commercial booths. The Rogersville Review and Grainger Today both had booths and so did many Grainger and East Tennessee businesses.

Inside the air conditioning of the school

were many, many East Tennessee authors including James White Fort's Sam Maynard. Other writers and authors there included Sam Venable, Bonnie Peters, Jim Hartsell, Wayne and Ralphine Major, Jean Carter, Betty Martin and many others. The building also hosted the Grainger County Historical Society and Hamblin Genealogy.

Former Knoxville Policeman Arthur M. Bohanan, an award-winning inventor, lecturer, writer and retired forensic scientist, spoke at the festival. A friend and

associate of Knoxville's Dr. Bill Bass, Bohanan is noted for his biography, "Prints of a Man."

Outside booths included the 2020 Census, Tennessee Unclaimed Property, Red Cross, Health Department, face painting, Humane Society, Lions Club, Republican Club, living history long hunter's camp and Civil War encampment, Blood Mobile, Baptist Association, diabetes care, Holston Home for Children, and many other organizations.

Cool Cat Billiards & Café makes family connections easy

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make memories at affordable places, so they price dinners and pool table prices at an excellent value. Tables are ten dollars an hour and daily specials for food, drinks, and tables can be found on their Facebook page. A recent special, "Two for Tuesdays" includes two made-to-order dinners, drinks, and desserts paired with two hours use of a professional table for \$39.99.

Besides welcoming young people with their families, Cool Cat embraces large groups into their smoke and vape free complex. Their tournament-style billiard tables are perfect for student-incentive field trips, and birthday, anniversary, graduation, or

retirement parties. Groups can rent the all-occasion venue for team building meetings, business luncheons, or promotion parties for work. And yes, even weddings and wedding receptions, "We've got a wedding planned for here too," said Broughton. The spacious café can seat up to 145 guests and provides a stage. It's an excellent setting for church group gatherings and fundraisers as well. Closing the establishment for privacy and respect, he explained, "we even had a celebration of life ceremony here."

The manager of a construction crew came in recently and told Broughton, "I want to tell you, and I've been in this

business for a long time, six or eight years, and I travel everywhere, and you've got the best hamburger I've ever eaten in my life."

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KARNS FOOTBALL 2019

Beavers look to be improved on defense in 2019

By Ken Lay

As Brad Taylor prepares to begin his fourth season as Karns High School's football coach, he's hoping that some lumps the Beavers took last year will pay some dividends.

Karns went 3-7 last year and its only Region 3-5A victory was a forfeit win over Powell after the Panthers were deemed to have used an ineligible player. The Beavers also surrendered points by the bundle in 2018 as an inexperienced defense had to find its way through a tough league schedule that included some of the area's most potent attacks including Oak Ridge, Campbell County and Fulton,

Karns could also score last year, trouble was, the Beavers couldn't keep their opponents out of the end zone.

Taylor's hoping that will change early when Karns opens its 2019 campaign at home on Friday, Aug. 23 against Walker Valley.

"One of our strengths this year should be experience on defense," Taylor said. "We scored some points last year but we had trouble stopping other people. The players on our defense have a year under their belt and we really had some games last year that we felt we let get away."

After hosting Walker Valley in their opener, the Beavers face a tough road non-region test at Halls. The Beavers surrendered 54 points in a shootout with the Red Devils at home last season but Halls has a new coach in Scott Cummings who has a reputation as one of Tennessee's top offensive coaches during his time at West High in Knoxville and at Cleveland over the last few years.

"We played Halls last year and that was one of those games that we felt like we gave away early," Taylor said.

The Beavers lost that one 54-42.

"Our big strength is on the defensive side of the ball, especially up front and with our linebackers. Those guys are good players and they have good attitudes and we're all working hard."

Throughout the history of its program, Karns has struggled on the gridiron but

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CARTER FOOTBALL 2019

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Carter High offensive players sprint toward the goal line in one of Wednesday's final practice drills.

Can Meadows' offense give Hornets the spark they need?

By Steve Williams

Scott Meadows is back in coaching after a two-year absence for health reasons, and at 54 years old, he looks recharged.

"I had to retire (according to my cardiologist," said Meadows, Carter High's new head football coach, last Wednesday. "But more importantly, my wife (Patty) told me we needed to give it up for a little bit."

So after his last season at Pigeon Forge in 2016, Meadows served as Athletic Director for Sevier County Schools for two years.

He also went across the country during that time, doing a lot of speaking engagements at coaching clinics.

"I added it up the other day," said Meadows. "There are 12 different high schools I put in my offense across the country. So I've been out of coaching, but I've been coaching coaches, not coaching players."

Fortunately, and most importantly, his health improved.

"My cardiologist cleared me, so I got back into coaching,"



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Scott Meadows observes practice at Carter Wednesday. He has seen a lot of positives from the Hornets during the preseason.

he added.

Meadows has a 137-77 coaching record in 18 seasons, including a state championship at Alcoa in 2000, as he restarts his career.

Now, Carter will get the

chance to run his offense – "a shot gun Wing T," he calls it.

The Hornets averaged only 10.5 points per games last season as they went 2-8 overall and 2-4 in Region 2-5A.

"I always was a traditional

under the center Wing T coach," said Meadows, until opposing teams started stuffing the box with nine and 10 players.

"It was tough to run," he

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Webb Looks to Continue Program's Storied Tradition

By Bill Howard

Going into the 2018 season, Webb School of Knoxville's head coach David Meske had 261 wins and seven state championships under his belt - including three in a row from 2012-14 - in 33 seasons. A 5-5 regular season and second-round playoff loss to Battle Ground Academy last year were below the program's standards.

"Our goal is always to win a state championship," said Meske. "The program has eight and we want to continue that tradition. We're gonna have an uphill climb; we lost some good kids from last year, some speed guys. But right now our kids are working hard. So I think we're gonna be competitive."

In the offensive backfield, the run-heavy Spartans

(7.3 yards per carry last year) will be inexperienced. Junior Joseph Moore (6-3, 185) will be under center as a first-time starter. Most of his handoffs will go to two other first-timers: junior Elijah Bane (5-8, 170), and Grissom Anderson (6-2, 220). Bane played in the secondary last year; Anderson was a linebacker and tight end.

"Our backfield will be all new," Meske said. "If we're not successful running the football, our chances of winning go way down."

The primary receiving targets will be junior Jackson Baker (5-11, 165) and senior tight end Luc Nadaud (6-2, 185). Between them last year, the pair had only seven receptions; the Spartans averaged a mere nine pass attempts per game.

If the Spartans are to win

WEBB FOOTBALL 2019

the East Region of Class AA in Division II, Meske thinks the biggest factor will be the strength of both lines.

"Most of our offensive linemen started for us as sophomores last year," Meske said. "Now they're grown up and they're good football players. The offensive line is our strongest position."

Anchoring the O-line will be Luke Julian (5-11, 250) at center. One guard will be sophomore Leo Bonifacio (6-1, 215), whose potential Meske is high on.

"He's an extremely talented kid; he can play," Meske said.

Junior Jackson Bradley (6-3, 275) will be one of the starting tackles. The other will be junior Brik Boruff

(6-2, 230).

"Both those guys can probably play beyond high school," Meske said of his tackles. "The most improved kid we had last year was Jackson Bradley; he just does an outstanding job."

With a roster numbering only in the mid-30s (and only five seniors), plenty of Meske's kids have to play both ways. Hardly any position is exempt.

Nadaud and Boruff will start at defensive end. Last year Boruff had 38 tackles, two tackles for loss, and a fumble recovery. Senior Devlin Jenkins (6-2, 200) will rotate in at end.

Bradley will play on the inside. Last season he had 25 tackles, two sacks, two

tackles for loss. Freshman Steven Beaty (5-11, 225) will provide D-line depth.

Meske's experienced linebacking corps should be solid. Anderson (42 tackles/three for loss, two sacks, an interception, two forced fumbles) will return as a starter, and will be joined by Bonifacio (30 tackles/one for loss, two sacks, two blocked punts), and senior returning starter Grayson Taylor (6-2, 180), who had 45 tackles last year.

"We're very experienced at the linebacker position," said Meske. "Our front seven is gonna be our strength."

According to Meske, the secondary is likely to be the team's biggest question mark. "The secondary is where we're gonna be the most inexperienced,"

he said.

Baker and Moore will start at safety; Bane will be one of the corners. Senior Nathan Hall (6-1, 175) and freshman Charlie Robinson (5-8, 140) will see playing time; all have limited experience.

"He's gonna be a really good player," Meske said of Robinson.

Standing between Webb and a region championship likely will be Notre Dame High School out of Chattanooga. The Spartans' 29-22 loss to the Irish on the road last year was their lone regional stumble.

Webb beat the other five regional teams by an average of 44-8. The rematch against Dame is at home Sept. 27.

New coach to lead the Lions in 2019

By David Klein

The King's Academy brings back much needed experience from last year. The Lions return 11 starters from last year's 4-7 team. Two starters, Zach Tilley and Bailey Rollins bring needed experience back this fall. Tilley, a senior wide receiver, had nearly 1,000 yards receiving last season and is one of the biggest deep threats the Lions have.

Tilley praised returning junior quarterback Nathan Hoffman. "We work together a lot," Tilley said. "We go down to the church and throw every other time. I've known him since middle school."

Head coach Jonathan Sellers will begin his first full season of head coaching at King's this fall. Previously, he had worked with Matt Lowe at Powell High School after Sellers had graduated from Powell. He was an assistant at Powell, coaching quarterbacks and tailbacks for a few years before he moved with Lowe to King's Academy. When Lowe returned to Powell before the 2018 season, Sellers came with him. His transition to becoming the head coach at King's Academy started about the midway point of last season.

"After the first five weeks at Powell, I got a phone call and they brought me back to King's," Sellers said. "Going from one team to another team, it was odd to show up week six. It was different than anything I had ever

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heard or seen in football."

Sellers had a full offseason to prepare and install his offense. We're excited about getting a full offseason under our belt," he emphasized.

"We had a really good year in 2017 because it was loaded with a lot of seniors," Sellers continued. "Last year, a lot of these guys were brand new, getting to play underneath the lights on Friday night. Last season, they got all the experience. Towards the end of the season you could tell they were starting to get really comfortable."

Sellers emphasized the passing game on offense. "Most of the time we're four wide (receivers) with one back in the backfield," he said. "We love throwing the football deep. We're going to try to score as many points as we can every single Friday night. If we have to do an eight, ten play drive, we can. We've got a lot of talented receivers, a talented tailback. We're wanting to score a lot of points and create some excitement on Friday nights."

On defense, the Lions are a 3-3 stack defense. "A 3-stack can be really confusing for high school kids," Sellers said. "You never know when it's a 3-stack, because there are so many changing variables. We (the offense) get to go against it every day."

Sellers said the biggest improvement from last season to this year's preseason is up front. "Bailey is a big reason why," Sellers said. "He's going to be a 3 1/2 year starter for us. He started halfway through his freshman year and he hasn't left that starting lineup spot since."

Seymour and GP are two big opponents for the King's Academy, Sellers said. "I can't walk into the school without someone bringing those two games up," he added. "It will be two games where we get to see where we're at." Rollins said of the rivalry with Seymour, "This year, we're looking to finally beat them."

Off the field, Sellers wants his players to make an impact. "We want to create a culture where it's a winning culture but at the same time, we're not just winning on the field, we're winning off the field as well," Sellers said. "We're going out into the community and helping and we're just always making a positive impact on the people around us. We're not only building a good football player; we're trying to create that team that's doing well but also working hard in every aspect of life."

The King's Academy Lions open the season at Seymour across the street on August 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Admirals eyeing region title once more

By Alex Norman

The 2019 Farragut Admirals football team brings back some pretty good numbers, with up to six returning starters on offense, and the same number on defense. This grouping includes the kid taking snaps, senior Gavin Wilkinson. He saw his first action as a starter as a sophomore, and has shown a great deal of improvement over the past few years.

"He has the leadership and has the confidence in the players around him," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney, who is entering his 24th season in charge of the west Knox County program. "They understand that he directs the offense and gets the football to the right guys. He's worked on being a more physical runner, and I feel like he has grown up and learned a lot."

The running back position could be seen as one of concern, with the departures of Jaden Gibbs and Isaiah Gibbs, both of whom were big parts of the Admirals offense the past couple of years. But there are enough guys on the roster that have been waiting to get those opportunities. "Seven players will get their looks at running back," said Courtney. "We want to find leaders at that position."

Who will block for them remains a question mark, with three starters from the 2018 offensive line gone to

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graduation. At wide receiver the Admirals have perhaps their best depth on the team, despite the graduation of Tanner Corum.

On defense, the Admirals have rebuilt that line, and most of the players at linebacker and in the secondary return from last year's 6A state quarterfinalist.

The Admirals certainly aren't shying away from facing quality competition out of region play. They face powerhouse Maryville, traditional rival Oak Ridge, West and Bradley Central this season, each of them likely playoff teams.

"People ask me, 'Why do you play teams of that caliber in non-region games?'" said Courtney. "What you learn is that you will be ready come playoff time. This allows our kids to see what they can expect in the playoffs. I have always believed that is the best way to get ready for the playoffs."

Courtney added, "We always play a difficult schedule. We are trying to build chemistry and make sure our leaders and everyone else have bought into the culture. I feel like we can complete for the region title."

The Admirals open the season on Friday, August 23rd when they hit the road to face Bradley Central.

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Maryville at Central among upcoming preseason scrimmages

By Steve Williams

If you're a fan who can hardly wait for the high school football season to get started, this might help.

Check out a preseason scrimmage. Some were played last week and more will be played between Aug. 5 and Aug. 15.

Here are some good ones to consider this week on the local scene: West at South-Doyle, Thursday at 6; The King's Academy at Austin-East, Friday at 6; Volunteer at Powell, Friday at 6:30.

Next week will include: Maryville at Central, Aug. 13 at 6; Gibbs at Webb, Aug. 13 at 6:30; Greeneville at Farragut, Aug. 14 at 6.

DRESS REHEARSAL: The annual KOC High School Kick-Off Classic will follow on Friday, Aug. 16, at Neyland Stadium, starting with the first of eight quarters at 6.

The "mini" matchups in order: Gibbs vs. Webb, Austin-East vs. Campbell County, South-Doyle vs. Bearden, Central vs. Karns, Fulton vs. Farragut, West vs. Carter, Powell vs. Hardin Valley, Halls vs. The King's Academy.

STATE OPENER: The first real high school football game in the state this season will be played at Powell on Thursday, Aug. 22, when Greeneville invades The Jungle to battle the Panthers. Kickoff will be at 7 for the Rivalry Thursday game on MyVLT.

WANT TO REFEREE? For anyone interested in becoming a high school football official, Harold Denton, a supervisor with the local Knoxville Football Officials Association, and Matthew Gillespie of the TSSAA have passed along information on how to get started.

"This page should be a good start," offered Gillespie. "https://tssaa.org/officials-registration"

Denton also suggested coming to a KFOA meeting, where one could actually speak to a supervisor and/or member of



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the KFOA.

"We meet this coming Monday (Aug. 5) and the following Monday (Aug. 12) at West High School - Mini Auditorium at 6 p.m.," said Denton, who added that a prospective official also could "go on our FBook Page - "KFOA - Knoxville Football Officials Association" and get the calendar from there."

Denton added he also could be contacted at 865-256-1948.

RIVALRY RENEWED: After two years, Seymour High and The King's Academy will continue their football series this year, squaring off on Friday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. These two schools are practically across the street (Boyd's Creek Highway) from each other and when Matt Lowe was head coach at TKA in 2016 and 2017, he and his Lions walked single file to the Seymour High field to play the game.

The King's Academy is a Division II (private) school, while Seymour is a Division I (public) school.

TKA also will play at Gatlinburg-Pittman, another Sevier County Division I school, in Week 2.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS: The King's Academy may have been the first football team

to take the field on the TSSAA's official opening day of practice Monday, July 29. Head Coach Jonathan Sellers had his players go out at 12:01 a.m. under the lights.

PREP MASTERS: Lexanne Halama of Farragut was a runaway winner in the 5Star Prep Masters golf tournament last week at Oak Ridge Country Club. Halama fired a 12-under-par 67-65-132 for a 16-stroke victory.

Nate Vaughan of Pigeon Forge took the boys' individual title by carding a 3-under-par 70-71-141.

CAK boys and Farragut girls repeated as team champions.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Forty years ago, Aug. 5, 1979 - West senior quarterback Chico Messer talks about having gained 19 pounds over the summer for the upcoming football season.

"I've had a lot of fun this summer. The harder I worked the more I enjoyed it. I believe I am better prepared than ever for practice."

Messer lifted weights 2 to 2½ hours daily and ran a couple of miles three or four days a week.

Soccer season kicks off with girls jamboree

By Ken Lay

The 2019 high school girls soccer season unofficially begins Saturday with the 22nd Annual KIL Girls Soccer Jamboree at the Emerald Youth Foundation's Sansom Youth Sports Complex.

The event, which is traditionally co-hosted by West High School and Webb School of Knoxville, kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with matches on two fields.

Each game will be 30 minutes in length: 30 matches include Hardin Valley Academy vs. Halls and Gibbs vs. Fulton. At 9 a.m., Campbell County will take on Halls High's junior varsity squad and the Lady Cougars JV side will tangle with Gibbs High's JV squad.

At 9:30, Hardin Valley will tangle with Anderson County and Gibbs will entertain Morristown East. At 10, Campbell County's varsity squad will face ACHS's JV team. At 10:30, Anderson County will play Halls and West will play Central.

At 11 a.m., Morristown East will play the Lady Bobcats and Campbell County will play the Halls JV team. At 11:30, Farragut's JV side will play Morristown West's JV team and West will play South-Doyle.

The skills competition will be at noon on both fields.

Matches resume at 1 p.m. with Farragut's varsity squad taking on the Lady Cherokees and the West JV team playing Anderson County's JV. At 1:30, Webb will play William Blount and Alcoa will tangle with Morristown West. At 2, the Lady Rebels JV side will entertain the Lady Trojans JV team and Farragut's JV team will play William Blount.

Action concludes at 2:30 with West playing Alcoa and Farragut playing Morristown West.

Admission is \$5. Children under six are admitted free and proceeds go to defer insurance costs for high school players.

Beavers look to be improved on defense in 2019

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the Beavers have had varying degrees of sporadic success at times.

But no one now associated with the program can ever remember the Beavers ever winning a postseason game, including Taylor, who previously served as head coach at Bearden.

"I don't think we've ever won a playoff game," Taylor said.

That's something senior offensive and defensive lineman Neyland Fendley would like to see come to an end.

"I would really like to see us finish games this year,"

Fendley said. "We couldn't finish games last year and that really hurt us.

"We've worked extremely hard this year and we need to learn to finish games. I would like to see us make the playoffs and I really want to win a playoff game. We've never won one and we've been playing football over there for 60 years. This is the hardest that we've ever worked in the offseason."

Senior Jalen Tucker, who will move from wide receiver to quarterback on offense and play in the secondary on defense, agreed.

"We can play with these

teams, we lost a lot of games at the end last year,"

Tucker said. "I would like to go to the playoffs and win at least one playoff game this year."

Key players for the Beavers include Fendley; Tucker; Chase Hill (senior, center); Logan Ewing (junior, offensive guard); Trey Hawkins (senior, wide receiver); Zach Forsythe (senior, fullback/defensive end); Jacob Landsman (senior, inside linebacker) and Trey Harper (senior, cornerback).



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Pruitt: Fall camp is 'most exciting time of the year'

By Ken Lay

It's football time in Tennessee --- again. The Volunteers made it official when they opened fall camp late last week and coach Jeremy Pruitt is eager to begin his second season at the helm in Big Orange Country and he calls this the best time of the year. "It was sitting here last night reflecting on it, I don't know the exact number of how many fall camps this is for me, but I know one thing is, for me this is the most exciting time of the year," said Pruitt, who inherited a program in shambles last season and managed to guide the Vols to five wins last season. "To get an opportunity to take 110 young men and to grow with the coaching staff and everybody that's involved; and get a chance to create a team. "Nobody knows what that team is going to

be. You have to create your identity. You have to come together. And there's lots of things that go into fall camp. It's one of the few times that there's not as many restrictions when it comes to the time you can spend with your players."

At Thursday's season-opening press conference it was evident that the Tennessee coaching staff, including Pruitt, are beaming with confidence as the Big Orange have 18 returning starters from the 2018 squad that pulled a monumental upset Southeastern Conference victory at Auburn.

And Pruitt has already put the 2017 campaign in the rear view mirror.

"I have confidence in our football team," Pruitt said. "I have confidence in our coaches, the plan we have, the way I've seen our guys work in

the offseason to change their bodies, eat what they're supposed to and be in the classroom.

"We're not concerned about last year. I don't think about last year. Last year ended in November."

Tennessee may have several starters back but Pruitt said that the Volunteers must be able to continue building depth and noted that preseason training camp is a time to get back to basics and the fundamentals of football. One of those fundamentals is taking care of the football.

"When you talk about winning football games, the first thing you have to be able to do is not beat yourself," Pruitt said. "So something that we really have to focus on is we have to be a smart football team. We have to know what to do, be able to do it and execute.

"One thing to me is just the ball. When you didn't

turn the ball over in the Power Five, you have a 73 percent chance to win the game. You turn the ball over one time and it's 51 percent."

The Vols must protect the ball and be able to force turnovers to be successful.

Tennessee took the first practice field for the first

time Friday afternoon. It was the first of 28 rehearsal sessions before Tennessee welcomes Georgia State to Rocky Top.



Tennessee football coach Jeremy Pruitt addresses the media Thursday at his annual season-opening press conference. The Vols began practice Friday in preparation for their season opener against Georgia State on Aug. 31.

Can Meadows' offense give Hornets the spark they need?

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said. "So we try to use the entire field now.

"In the traditional wing T, you do have a passing game, but it's not quite as effective as this particular offense."

Upperclassmen will be filling just about all of Carter's starting positions in 2019, but there is one exception. The Hornets will have a freshman at quarterback in Chandler Wilson, a 5-11, 175-pounder.

It's an exception, but not an issue, according to Coach Meadows.

"Chandler has all the tools to be a great QB," he said. "I know he's considered a freshman, but he definitely doesn't play like a freshman. He takes coaching great and does everything that we ask him to do."

A key returning player on offense is senior running back Ken Cox (6-1, 175), a first-team All-Knox County honoree last season.

Other projected starters on offense include running back Nick Davidson and wide receivers Austin Ramsey and Gabe Harper.

Davidson was injured early in the season last year and had to have knee surgery, said Meadows. "He had a great sophomore year. We got Gabe off the basketball team and I think he's going to have a really big year."

The team's "Y receivers" is a committee that includes tight end Logan Jernigan, Preston McNew and a couple of others. "I feel real solid about that group," said Meadows.

The Carter coach said he's also

pleased with all five of his offensive linemen - Zac Davis, Tim Flack (6-2, 280), Elijah Brown, sophomore Parker Gentry and Richard Melton.

Defensively, senior linebacker Blaine Galyon was one of the team's top players last fall. Other projected starters on that side of the line are linebacker Hunter Willard and outside linebackers Jaquan Daniels and Christian Wallace.

Up front will be Caleb Daugherty, Flack and Jernigan. Starters in the secondary are expected to be Ramsey, Cox, McNew and Anthony Stocker.

Caleb Chunn returns as place-kicker.

"Defensively, this unit is very physical, likes to run to the ball and they show a heck of a lot of effort," said Meadows.

The Carter program has had four different head coaches in the past five seasons, including interim coach Vic Wharton last year, and needs stability.

The school's administration hopes Meadows will be the answer.

"They called me about the job on three different occasions after it opened up," said Meadows. "I don't live too far from here. I've been to home games here. I've seen the crowds. I played against them a couple of years. I know what kind of athletic ability they've always had here. The fan support and everything, I just think this can be a special place."

The Hornets open the season at Rhea County on Aug. 23 and will play their home opener against Campbell County on Aug. 30.

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The Doctor is in

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Infestations

Ticks are disgusting creatures, especially the large “fat” ones on your dog. I have the same visceral opinion of maggots and blood worms, the latter we recently found in our pasture.

There is a principal in physics which holds that nature abhors a vacuum. By analogy, everything in nature serves a purpose or it withers away like unused muscles.

I once asked a UT entomologist if he knew the purpose for ticks. He could not think of a single reason for these disgusting creatures. I later found out that guinea hens eat ticks, and if you have a tick infestation a farmer advised me to buy a couple of guinea hens to take care of the problem.

Some years ago, toward the end of my traditional

practice, I admitted a patient with a stroke and was shocked to find the neurological consultation I’d ordered being done through a television hook up with a consultant in Atlanta, carried to the bedside by a robot!

Telemedicine has become a reality. And now, I extend my presence beyond traditional areas of care as I offer Skype and FaceTime interaction with my patients. I continue to do house calls, but a lot of care is extended by telephone, email and text communication. As Aldous Huxley said, “It’s a Brave New World.”

Last week I received an email and picture from a patient vacationing in Maine. The terse message was, “Is this a blister?” I’ll spare those of you with

a sensitive stomach, but the picture was not a blister. Furthermore, a blister does not cause chills and fever, which predated the nasty looking rash. Twenty minutes later the situation became clearer when I learned my patient had been hiking in the Maine woods endemic for, no infested with, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and the tick borne spirochete which causes Lyme disease.

Lyme disease was originally described in a clustering of children in Lyme, Connecticut. These children were thought to have juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. After considerable study the tick borne illness, which now bears the eponymous name, was added to the list of tick associated diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis to name a few. I don’t want to get lost in the medical weeds, but it’s best to just avoid ticks. And since the tick which causes Lyme disease can be as tiny as a poppy seed, I recommended my patient and spouse do a very careful body check of each other.

We hear much these days about infestation with rats and even drugs

in Baltimore, according to Elijah Cummings’ description of his own district. I never realized the word infestation was racist. It wasn’t until Trump stated the obvious about Democrat-run cities like Baltimore. Apparently, the President hit a nerve describing rats in Baltimore, rat borne illnesses rampant in Kamala Harris’ Los Angeles, feces and needles on the streets of Nancy Pelosi’s San Francisco and homelessness in numerous other Democrat-run cities. I guess the truth hurts and must be deflected with cries of “racism, racism, racism” because cries of “Russia, Russia, Russia” didn’t destroy Trump.

I had visions of infestation as I surveyed stages full of loons masquerading as Democrat Presidential candidates. I realize millions have a visceral reaction to Trump, but a rational person cannot embrace the utterly ridiculous positions of these candidates.

Who can vote for essentially open borders, Medicare for all including healthcare for illegal aliens, reparations, \$100 billion housing for people with black skin and the vacuous AOC’s apocalyptic Green New

Deal.

The Democrats virtue signaling that they want to save the planet rings hollow because they have been unable to fix the cities they have controlled for the last fifty years. They don’t need more power; they need less power, and a perpetual parliamentary back bench position in government where they can crow but do no harm.

Newt Gingrich is a former Speaker of the House and university professor, writer and historian whose reasoned observations of American politics I find compelling. He believes the 2020 election will be between patriotism and racism. Actually, I think we are already there. It’s hard to tell whether racism is just a replay of the old Democrat canard or whether the New Democrat Party actually believes the AI Sharp-ton ruse. Perhaps if you see racial hues in everything, you are a racist.

Just like its citizens, America is not perfect nor without sin. The preamble to the United States Constitution says “In order to form a more perfect union...” We will never be perfected, but ours is a good and noble land. I disagree with

the Democrat Presidential candidates who espouse nothing inspiring in their pseudo debates. Perhaps their quest for power and their hatred for Donald Trump force them and their media handlers to pander to their utterly lunatic base and bash the rest of the country.

Some years ago I read a historical perspective of Western Civilization from Rome to present day by Francis Schaeffer. I was intrigued by the title *How Then Should We Live*, which was more a statement from the prophet Ezekiel and God’s directive than a question. I recommend the 25th anniversary republication of Schaeffer’s book as a very readable and digestible overview of western civilization. However, the theological and philosophical conclusions of this book are of even greater importance.

How should we then live in this troubled age? We must speak the truth in love, have compassion for the lost, seek wisdom and truth in the Bible and remember God is always with us.

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Finding surprises in Quebec

My wife and I camped on our way to Canada recently to see the whales that come into the St. Lawrence River in the province of Quebec. While we found Quebec to be much more

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Obviously the United States wants to remind citizens entering our nation that it is not legal here except in a few states.

All of the signs and billboards in Quebec are in French but the stop

signs are the same design and color as our signs. We changed the automatic setting on our SUV to reflect kilometers rather than miles and were tickled to see we were going 101 kph, but that’s only a bit over 60 miles per hour.

Gasoline is also sold by the liter so it’s a bit confusing unless you’re just simply filling up. Shopping or buying anything is based only on the Canadian

currency, but you get more cash for the U.S. dollar, about \$1.35 in Canadian. There are no Canadian pennies or dollars or two dollar bills. The dollar currency is a coin and the two-dollar coin is a silver coin with a brass coin insert in the middle. By the end of our stay we had enough coins to buy a meal on our way back toward the U.S. Border.

Anyone traveling to Canada should exchange the U.S. currency as soon as possible because, even though our dollar is worth more there, many places will not accept anything but Canadian. We found a campsite there our first night that was willing to give us \$1.20 in exchange for our dollars so they made a nice profit on exchanging a \$100 bill.

Two years of French class many, many years ago in high school, does not equip



PHOTO BY LETTIE STEELY.

The Montmorency Falls near Quebec City is 272 feet tall and the park, for an admission fee, permits you to walk up almost to the falls. For another fee you can take a cable car to the top or zip line from one side of the falls to the other.

anyone for the French-only section of our neighboring country. Finding someone that speaks English is sometimes difficult, even at places like McDonald’s. You have to ask and they’ll find someone who can communicate, somewhat, with you. One restaurant

that caught our eye in a small Canadian town was the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet there but it wasn’t a KFC it was a PFK. That’s “Poulet Frit Kentucky” or “Chicken Fried Kentucky.”

We were in a supermarket shopping for camping food and supplies and

chanced across a couple of items that we didn’t expect. Among the various French Canadian brand foods were many things related to the United States, like Coca Cola, but also one product that rang of pure Tennessee. At the end of an isle

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ESTATE OF DARRELL RUSSELL LOGSDON
DOCKET NUMBER 81965-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DARRELL RUSSELL LOGSDON who died Apr 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF AMOS C MANZER, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA M NAUSLEY; EXECUTRIX
1247 LONGHOLM COURT
CHATTANOOGA, TN. 37405

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from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF DARRELL RUSSELL LOGSDON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALVA LOGSDON; ADMINISTRATRIX
2727 WOODS SMITH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALFREDDA MALONE
DOCKET NUMBER 81930-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALFREDDA MALONE who died Oct 23, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF ALFREDDA MALONE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER MALONE; CO-EXECUTOR
5003 CADACE CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

PATRICIA A MINOR; CO-EXECUTOR
6951 CARDINDALE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF AMOS C MANZER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 81969-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of AMOS C MANZER, JR. who died Jun 13, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF AMOS C MANZER, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA M NAUSLEY; EXECUTRIX
1247 LONGHOLM COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THEILIA C MIZE
DOCKET NUMBER 81959-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THEILIA C MIZE who died Jun 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF THEILIA C MIZE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA PHILLIPS; EXECUTRIX
7317 WILLETTE COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE RADER, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 81976-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BOBBY JOE RADER, SR. who died Jun 19, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 25 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE RADER, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WANDA L RADER; EXECUTRIX
8212 GLENROTHES BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LUCILLE WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 81987-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29TH day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUCILLE WRIGHT who died Mar 23, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 29TH day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF LUCILLE WRIGHT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRENDA W. SLATE; EXECUTRIX
2775 OLD CLUB ROAD
LOUDON, TN. 37774

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

- Bid 2879, Truck Service Bodies, due 8/28/19;
- Bid 2880, Diesel Engine Repair Service, due 8/30/19;
- Bid 2881, Asphalt and Concrete Repair Services, due 8/27/19;
- RFP 2882, Voting System, due 9/4/19

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

Finding surprises in Quebec

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there we found a large display of "Little Debbie" products, a product of McKee Bakery in Collegedale just north of Chattanooga.

Other surprises we found during our week or so in Quebec included finding no internet or cable TV service in campgrounds, no "right on red" at most traffic lights, flashing green traffic lights permitting left turns instead of a caution light, and sometimes many, many miles (or kilometers) between towns. The coastline along the river in Quebec reminded us a lot of the Oregon and Washington coasts with lots of highway hills, bluffs, and small towns here and there. Our GPS was wrong a few times and we got turned around and redirected. That can be difficult if you're pulling a camper. But we had no traffic incidents on the trip and very little rain.

We camped first in west Montreal and took a poorly-guided bus tour. We camped in Baie-Sainte-Catherine to watch the whales in Tadoussac on the St. Lawrence, and spent

a couple days at a campground in West Quebec. We found Old Quebec City interesting and went to the part built above and behind historic fort walls there.

Just west of the city is the Park de la Montmorency waterfalls and park, where you can take a zip line from one side of the falls to the other or ride a cable car to the top.

If we visit eastern Canada again I think we'll fly up, take a tent, and rent a car. The trip to and from there was all right but just too long for older folks. The pain of camping each night here and there made the trip tiring, the language problem persisted while there, and the 3,000 plus miles to and from was pretty exhausting.

Like most vacations it was interesting and it's great to get away from home for a couple weeks but even nicer to get back to Knoxville without incident, sleep in our own bed and try to catch up on lawn care, our two cats, our sons and their families, and have three days to recover from a long trip.

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