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Community Development seeks input on housing

By Bill Howard

Cities face many difficult problems and issues, not the least of them trying to provide decent and affordable housing for those who have that need. As with any issue, allocating very finite resources to virtually limitless needs is no small task.

Every five years, Knoxville's Community Development Department submits a funding request

to HUD, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a variety of housing and community development needs. The next five-year cycle begins on July 1 next year. HUD allocates the funds on an annual basis.

HUD requires each city to have at least two public-hearing meetings to give citizens a chance to voice what they think is the city's most pressing needs. Knoxville plans eight such meetings this

year in preparation for next year's report.

The second was held at Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center on Tuesday, Aug. 20. "Every five years we do a very large community engagement process that helps inform the plan," said Becky Wade, Knoxville Director of Community Development.

"Our mission is to revitalize low- and moderate-income communities, and strengthen all city

neighborhoods," Wade said. "We accomplish this by working with community partners and various sources of funding - federal, state and local. The city of Knoxville does not own any housing; we work with our partners to get the services we need."

Wade explained to the crowd that the city receives funding from HUD's three block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program,

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

According to CD administrator Linda Rust, current-year funding estimates for the three programs are \$1.6 million for CDBG; \$1 million for HOME, and \$150,000 for ESG.

The 20 people in attendance were then given electronic punch-pad devices that enabled

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Seymour beats TKA in 'Battle across the Street'

By Steve Williams

The football rivalry between Seymour High School and The King's Academy - two schools that are across the street from each other in Sevier County - has been renewed.

The Eagles of Seymour came out on top Friday night with a 24-17 win over the "visiting" Lions in the 2019 season opener for both schools.

Senior quarterback Grayson Campbell scored on a 5-yard run for what proved to be the winning touchdown with 7 minutes, 36 seconds left in the game.

Linebackers Michael Nevins and Landon Beeler stood out defensively for Seymour.

Please check the scores and schedules of all local high school teams in Prep Football "focus" on Page C4 in this issue and each week during the 2019 season.

History and fun at annual ETHS fair



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The 2019 East Tennessee History Fair had something for everyone. Here a re-enactor playing General Robert E. Lee watches as troops talk with children. See B1 of this week's paper for additional coverage of the annual event from Mike Steely and Ronnie Collins.

Recode remains in question

By Mike Steely
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Although the city council passed Recode in an 8-1 vote and Planning Director Gerald Green promises to work with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to clean up all the language before the new regulations become the law on January 1, the entire Recode effort may be in limbo.

The November general election of four new council members and a new mayor may see Recode being accepted, delayed, or killed. One of the candidates for mayor, Eddie Mannis, has announced he is opposed to Recode and plans to ask the council to delay implementing the plan if elected.

Mannis also wants to expand the stakeholder committee to "reflect a wider range of the community at large" and include a broader neighborhood representation. Several active neighborhood organizations have opposed the reworking of the city's 50-year-old zoning and building regulations. The current zoning ordinances have been modified, tweaked and modernized over the years and some citizens feel that can continue without a total revamping.

Mannis lamented that Recode was passed by council and said, "The focus now needs to be on making sure Recode is a positive and beneficial thing for the entire city moving forward."

Green has called a meeting of the

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Free Red Line Trolley serving a growing South Waterfront

By Mike Steely
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One week ago something happened in Knoxville that will create commerce and visitation between downtown and the South Waterfront. That Monday the Red Line Trolley began serving the area via a looping route from the Trolley Superstop on Main Avenue south across the Gay Street Bridge, west on Blount Avenue, then north across the Henley Bridge back to Main.. The Red Line is a circle of free transportation that begins and ends in front of the City-County Building.

Why the need to add the additional trolley route?

A growth spurt is happening on the other side of

the Tennessee River. After being wounded by the closing of the Henley Bridge for repairs a few years ago, South Knoxville and especially its waterfront is nowadays booming with business and new residents.

The Red Line Trolley serves the growing residents and businesses in the area. The growth began with the construction of a mixed use complex at the former Baptist Hospital at Blount and Chapman Highway. Also underway is the work on a three-mile river walk from City View Apartments west of the Henley Bridge down Blount and Sevier Avenues to River Edge Apartments near Island Home. Regal Cinemas is now headquartered

in one of the former Baptist buildings on Blount and there are now coffee houses, pizza restaurants, and craft breweries along Sevier.

The public and private investments along the waterfront are drawing more residents that the city wants to lure downtown and in turn encourage downtown residents to visit the emerging area across the river.

Last week Rogero and city officials took the Red Line on its first day of operation and stopped off at Riverwalk Apartments for a visit and to take in the view from some of the riverside apartments. One Riverwalk apartment had a sign on their lawn advertising

that new apartments were available.

"It is such a convenience," one lady said as she and her husband took the Red Line from the City-County Building to their apartment on Blount Avenue. There is a trolley stop near the Gay Street and Blount Avenue intersection and another at the south entrance to Henley Bridge.

The city hopes that employees of Regal Cinema's headquarters and the growing number of residents on the south side use the trolley to dine and shop downtown. From the "Superstop" in front of the City-County Building, Red Line riders can connect

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The Red Line Trolley stops along Blount Avenue to offload apartments dwellers who rode from downtown over to their homes on the first day of the new route's service. City officials are hoping the service will promoted downtown dining and shopping by a growing number of South Waterfront residents and businesses.

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Commissioner defends himself against blogger

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“Recently an internet blogger really criticized Knox County Commission for holding a retreat and accused me of serious personal conflict of interest violations with the Alliance for Better Non-Profits. Normally I would not take the time to respond to every unfounded criticism but I felt like it was pretty important to reply,” Commissioner Larsen Jay told the commission’s work session last week.

Larsen said that in preparing for the commission’s two-day retreat held in July at Johnson College, an event he proposed, he was looking for a facilitator and selected Dr. Jerry Askew, president of the non-profit group of which Larsen is a board member.

Blogger Brian Hornback charged that other commissioners did not know Jay was a board member of the Alliance and that \$3,119.50 was paid for facilitation. Jay’s bio on the commission’s website mentions his membership. The total cost of the retreat was \$4,300 that included funds for a breakfast and two lunches plus snacks and a coffee break, according to Hornback.

The blogger charged that the Alliance for Better Non-Profits was hired without bids seeking competitive proposals.

Jay’s statement followed a report on the commission retreat presented by Chairman Hugh Nystrom who said the discussion there included county topics such as growth, tax incentives,

infrastructure, finances, and communications between departments.

“We came together to think about the future,” Nystrom said.

Askew addressed the meeting briefly saying, “You guys have put out a bunch of fires. If the people of Knox County could have been present they would have been pleased.” The retreat was publicly announced and anyone could attend. He said the priorities coming out of the retreat involved teamwork and asked the county administration to look at the report.

Jay said he looked at various options for a facilitator and found Askew, adding, “No objections were made.” He said the retreat came about when he first

mentioned it last year asking, “What is the essential role and responsibility of local government?”

He said he asked all the other commissioners on their online forum for suggestions as to who would lead the retreat. He said only one person suggested a moderator who was located in Nashville. He said rather than hiring an out-of-town facilitator and creating an additional expense he looked for a local option. He selected Askew whom he described as a well-known and respected facilitator. Jay said that he presented his proposal for the retreat including hiring Askew and repeated, “No objection was given.”

Jay said he passed along the

information to the law department and a contract was approved without objection from them or the county chairman. He said that he disclosed that he was a member of the non-profit organization at a prior commission meeting and online on his county biography and on his own website. He said that disclosure can be seen on the CTV’s April Work Session.

Criticism was written in the blog about the commission holding a retreat and that commissioners should never “look beyond our terms” for the future of the county.

“I find this both absurd and insulting,” Jay said.

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with the other trolley lines or city buses to go just about anywhere in greater Knoxville.

The Red Line takes the route about every seven minutes, looping back and forth between downtown and Blount Avenue. Maybe one day the Red Line might also connect Suttree Landing Park with downtown.

Suttree Landing Improvements Celebrated

A few days before the Red Line began service Mayor Madeline Rogero, city and county officials, employees and citizens cut the ribbon on Suttree Landing Park improvements. The park, opened in 2016, offers river overlooks, a public LED-lit road and Riverwalk and a children’s playground. All along Waterfront Drive, located just off Sevier Avenue, is a two-lane streetscape framed drive

with native plants and trees. The Suttree Landing improvements include a new handicapped-equipped kayak launch, pavilion, floating dock, sidewalks, picnic tables and restrooms. Additional parking for the area was approved by the state recently for visitors to the area to park beneath the James White Parkway Bridge.

The pavilion is 2,600-square feet of covered area with an attached picnic area with tables and restrooms. The addition is a \$2 million dollar project and expands the city’s newest park.

A Gateway Park is being developed at the terminus of the James White Parkway and will become an entry to the Urban Wilderness Greenway and the Baker Creek Preserve. While the Red Line doesn’t serve Suttree Landing Park yet it is within walking distance and the greenway will eventually connect the area of Henley Street with Island Home Park.



City and county officials cut the ribbon, officially opening a new pavilion, kayak launch, floating dock, sidewalks, picnic tables and restrooms at Suttree Landing Park on the South Waterfront. The park is on Waterfront Drive and is part of a growing and booming section across the river from downtown Knoxville. Photo courtesy of Eric Vreeland.

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Correction

It has come to my attention, through social and other media, that in last week’s Publisher’s Position I incorrectly identified 2019 city council candidate Amelia Parker as having dropped the “F bomb” while addressing city council about an issue at a council meeting in 2016. After further review, I stand corrected that it was not Ms. Parker who dropped the “F bomb” and in

fact was another lady by the name of Rachael Wanyoike who spoke at the same council meeting on February 16, 2016. In order to set the record straight you can view the videos of Ms. Parker and Ms. Wanyoike on the Daily Focus section at knoxfocus.com. Again, I appreciate this being brought to my attention in order to correct my error. Steve Hunley, Publisher

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Publisher's Position

Mannis Exhibits Real Leadership



By Steve Hunley, Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

The biggest issue in the coming City of Knoxville elections is, without a doubt, Recode. Knoxville's longest serving mayor, Victor Ashe, has appropriately termed it a massive "rezoning" package and indeed it does affect virtually every property within the city limits. Nor has the city council kept its promises while at the same time relieving itself of the requirement to notify property owners when city government contemplates

some change in that property's status.

Recode has gone through more changes than Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; it has more holes in it than a colander. Unfortunately, all too much of campaigning now comes down to sloganeering, like advertisements for cell phones, toothpaste and breakfast cereals. We hear candidates slogans boldly proclaim "it's for the children," "let's keep Knoxville safe," and proclaiming their strong support for "better roads." The good thing about sloganeering is the very fact it is not specific and makes the reader or viewer feel good. Who doesn't love children, doesn't want better roads and to be safe?

Of the six candidates running for mayor of Knoxville, only Eddie Mannis has produced a comprehensive plan to deal with Recode. Mannis states that if he is elected mayor he would ask the city council at the

new council's very first meeting in December of this year to delay the effective date to allow the new administration appropriate time to evaluate the ordinance with the Metropolitan Planning Commission and staff.

Mannis proposes to "expand the Stakeholder Committee to reflect a wider range of the community at large," intending to "specifically include broader neighborhood representation."

Eddie Mannis says we must "identify and address" all those "changes that are created regarding land use, density, property valuation, and demand on public services with each neighborhood/community."

Mannis also proposes to be certain that Recode conforms with "the most currently adopted land use plans for each community." Eddie Mannis also recognizes the critical need that the City of

Knoxville must absolutely identify any discrepancies between Recode and "the requirements of the State of Tennessee." In essence, Recode must conform to the strictures of State law. Lastly, Mannis says that under his administration, the final information will be reduced to easy-to-understand language that will be widely disseminated to Knoxvilleans, including at libraries, senior centers and through the news media.

In his statement, Eddie Mannis clearly acknowledged neighborhood organizations are vital to the process. "It is critically important that neighborhood groups have a seat at the table and are added to the Stakeholder Committee," Mannis said.

As Mannis stated, there

is no rush to implement Recode. For so important an issue, as well as one that affects every property owner inside the city limits, the process should be cautious, thoughtful and reasoned. That has been largely absent throughout the process and when the government is taking away the rights of citizens that's always a sign something isn't right. Fortunately, State Representative Martin Daniel has said he will try and rectify that in Nashville next year.

The process should be utterly open and transparent and there are no stakeholders more important than the residents of neighborhoods. After all, what would Knoxville be without those neighborhoods?

Sloganeering and lip service to homeowners' associations is to be expected of most politicians and that is what voters are getting from most of the candidates for mayor. Not so with Eddie Mannis. Mr. Mannis has crafted an excellent and thoughtful Recode proposal, as well as proving his determination to stand and fight for what he believes is right. Marshall Stair has given his vote on city council to the current Recode mess throughout the process. Indya Kincannon is nothing more than a rubber stamp for the continuation of Rogero's agenda. Only Eddie Mannis has demonstrated proven leadership by offering that rarest of gifts in politics: an actual solution that benefits the people.

Recode remains in question

Cont. from page 1 stakeholder group on September 25 at 10:30. His notice says that members will be receiving an agenda and a discussion will be held.

The stakeholder committee is charged with identifying key issues to be addressed, review drafts of the ordinance and serve as a liaison between the organizations or groups they

represent. Meetings are held as needed with Director Green and are to be public meetings and open to the public and the press.

Membership of the advisory body is made by the city mayor with council approval. There are about 27 members including the following: Samuel Brown, Rick Blackburn, Michelle Moyers, Terrence Carter, Dr. Caroline Cooley, Mary

English, Duane Grieve, Brian Hann, Chad Hellwinkel, Don Horton, Gayle Atherton, Amy Nolan, Joe Petre, Patrick Phillips, Andy Powers, Jennifer Roche, John Sanders, Matt Sterling, Brian Tapp, Mike Truitt, Stephanie Welch, Dr. Martha Buchanan, Chris Folden, Dave Irvin, Amy Midis, Jim Staley and Brenna Wright.



HonorAir founder Eddie Mannis catches up with patriot and veteran Marshall Duncan at Windsor Gardens.

Community Development seeks input on housing

Cont. from page 1 them to indicate their top three choices about what Knoxville most needs in the areas of housing and community development. All reported they lived in the Inskip area. Of ten such survey questions, two are listed here, with results:

Asked to name Knoxville's three most important neighborhood needs, Public Services (crime prevention, substance abuse/addiction, health, mental health, employment and job training services, recreation, energy conservation) tied with Overall Quality of Life (walkability, safety) at 19%. Tying for third at 17% were Housing Affordability and Cleanup of Blighted Lots and Buildings.

Other choices were Housing Quality and Upkeep, and Public Infrastructure.

Asked to name the city's three most important Public Services needs, Employment and Job Training Services won with 21%. Second was Health Services (including mental health services) at 17%. Childcare was third at 16%.

Other choices were Crime Prevention, Energy Conservation, Fair Housing Counseling, Substance Abuse/Addiction Services, Education Services, and Recreation.

The crowd was then divided into three groups, each of which was given markers and a large white-sheet pad. Each group

discussed and recorded what they thought were the most important needs in their neighborhoods. Street safety, affordable housing, child care, and help for the working poor were among the needs listed.

"All this is part of the report we send to HUD," said Rust.

The current information-gathering process will be completed in September this year, and analyzed the following two months. Next January a public meeting will be held to report the findings. Next spring the draft of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan will be released for public comment. By May 15, with the approval of the City Council, the report is submitted to HUD.

Included with the five-year plan will be a report that indicates what Knoxville's top priorities are for the first year's funds. Such a report is submitted annually. A response from HUD likely takes 60 days or so, according to Rust.

"We take all this info and whittle it down ... break it down to what our goals are, what we hope to accomplish, and why we believe what our priorities are," Rust said. "All activities are covered. We also look at data from various sources. We give a lot of opportunity for feedback."

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Three finalists named for new E-911 Director

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Emergency Communications Board will have a called meeting Thursday to interview three finalists and possibly select a new executive director.

Knoxville Fire Chief Stan Sharp notified The Focus Wednesday that the finalist list includes Brad Anders, Richard Holbert and Jennifer Lanter. Sharp heads the personnel committee for the E-911 board of directors. The three finalists were chosen by a selection committee.

The current executive director, Alan Bull, is retiring. He was chosen to replace Bob Coker who was terminated in 2016.

The meeting is at 8 a.m. in the E-911 headquarters at 605 Bernard Street.

Richard Holbert is communications manager for Rural/Metro AMR in Knox County. Jennifer Lanter is director of E-911 in Loudon County. Brad Anders is a member of the Knox County Emergency Communications Board (E-911), a Knox County commissioner and a lieutenant with the Knoxville City Police Department.

Commission considers \$80M ADA proposal

By Mike Steely
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When the Knox County Commission meets today they will follow up on many items discussed during last week's work session including possibly adopting a 40-year plan to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan.

The proposal would set the cost, over the years, at almost \$80 million or \$2 million per year for 40 years. The figures are the result of a survey conducted by Kimley and Horn on behalf of the county's ADA 504 Coordinator and Strategic Facilities Engineer Cindy Pionke. The cost caught many of the commissioners and audience by

surprise and the length of 40 years to get total compliance was questioned.

Kimley & Horn completed the survey of sidewalks and county facilities and Pionke told the meeting the survey included schools and other facilities along with all sidewalks in the county. She said that 50 to 60% of the sidewalks were not in compliance and 40% of the greenways did not meet ADA requirements. She added that some of the projects needed were county and state projects.

"The county must adopt something, this is the first step," Pionke told The Focus. She told the meeting that the state requires a plan to be in place by the end of this year.

The consulting firm produced a 102-page report and Pionke said the consultants did "a great job." She also said that bringing the county into ADA compliance would be funded by the commission and called today's upcoming action "the first step."

In other business passed along from the work session the commission will consider issuance of \$37,230 in general obligation bonds, giving volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members a break on the county portion of their vehicle tags, and a discussion on setting rules on committee activities that require commissioners who chair them to report once each year.

The renaming of part of Stonewall Street by Sam E. Hill School in Lonsdale saw some discussion as to whether the request needs to go to the planning commission. Part of the street's renaming would be for Gloria Garner.

The health department is asking that Robert Burns and one yet-to-be named person be appointed to the Knox County Air Pollution Control Board.

Several other appointments to various committees, including the sheriff's naming of Carleton "Butch" Bryant to the ethics committee, will also be discussed.

MANNIS: DELAY RECODE IMPLEMENTATION, HAVE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Knoxville, TN August 20, 2019 - Knoxville Mayoral candidate Eddie Mannis today laid out plans for how he would implement Recode, the complete revamping of the City zoning ordinance. It was passed by City Council a week ago but is not scheduled to take effect until January 1, 2020.

"All across the City I hear concerns about Recode," said Mannis. "Citizens are concerned and have questions about the impact to their homes. We need to ensure they are provided all of the available information in an understandable format and that their concerns are heard and addressed."

The process Mannis laid out involves six steps:

1. During the first City Council meeting of the newly elected council, to be held in December 2019, Mannis will ask City Council to delay the effective date to allow the incoming City Council members and the new administration time to evaluate the ordinance with MPC and city staff.
2. Mannis will expand the Stakeholder Committee to reflect a wider range of the community at large—specifically to include broader neighborhood representation. This group, in partnership with the Mayor and city staff, will be responsible for ongoing review of the ordinance moving forward.
3. Identify and address, to the best ability possible, the changes that are created regarding land use, density, property valuation, and demand on public services within each neighborhood/community.
4. Identify the conformance of RECODE with the most currently adopted land use plans for each community.
5. Identify any discrepancies between RECODE and requirements of the State of Tennessee.
6. Provide a summary report, including simple-to-understand fact sheets, that are made available on the city website and distributed widely, to include libraries, senior centers, etc.

"It is critically important that neighborhood groups have a seat at the table and are added to the Stakeholder Committee," says Mannis.

"The issue now is not whether Recode should be passed. That has happened. The focus now needs to be on making sure Recode is a positive and beneficial thing for the entire City moving forward. A measured approach with lots of citizen collaboration with the new administration makes that far more likely," says Mannis. "There is no rush. If elected, my administration will work hard every day to get it right."

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History Fair a huge success

By Mike Steely
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You might say the 2019 East Tennessee History Fair was a historic success, and you would be absolutely correct. The recent "Blast from the Past" held downtown had everything that a history buff, young or old, could want.

"Seems like everything came together just right to make this our best ever!" Cheryl Henderson, executive director of the East Tennessee Historical Society, told The Focus. She said the first history fair was held in 2008 to celebrate the opening of the Museum of East Tennessee History.

"People begged us to make it an annual event," she added.

"We had great publicity, pleasant weather and a great mix of activities. The crowd size is difficult to estimate, people come and go but the event had so many pieces and venues that there's no one snapshot to show the crowd at any time," she said.

"I know the museum alone had about 3,400 visitors and audiences packed the Tennessee Theatre for the vintage film series. There were lines waiting for the bus tours of historic homes," Henderson continued.

"It will be a day or two before we have a fairly good count. We can conservatively estimate about 15,000 in attendance for the seven-hour event," she said.

Henderson said there were about 50 organizations represented by the booths in the Krutch Park extension off Gay Street.

The East Tennessee Historical Society is a regional organization covering 35 counties. The history fair is an effort to draw attention to the work done by those groups to conserve history.

"We try to connect people with history in fun and engaging and meaningful ways," she said.



PHOTO BY RONNIE COLLINS.

Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln appeared at the East Tennessee History Fair as did many other historic characters. Tom and Sue Wright often appear as the Civil War president and his wife at events.

Council to discuss \$1.7M to connect Botanical Gardens to city greenways

By Mike Steely
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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday most of the attention is probably going to be on the day's primary election for a new city mayor and four new council members. The council meets at 6 p.m. as voting will be wrapping up.

There are several items up for second and final readings on the agenda including adding a new subsection to the codes dealing with wireless devices in motor vehicles, and allocating \$1,200 to the 2019 Legacy Luncheon for the Parks and \$1,750 to Ijams Nature Center for their annual Symphony in the Park.

Several final votes are also scheduled for changing the zoning at 414 E. Inskip Drive from R-2 to Office, changing 4330 Papermill Drive from Office to C-6 Commercial, and rezoning properties on Lynbrulee Lane, Northshore Drive, Chimney Top Lane and Brook Avenue.

The council will also discuss allocating \$1.7 million from state funds, with \$340,000 from city funds, to construct a new path connecting First Creek Greenway with the Knoxville Botanical Gardens. Information from the parks and recreation department indicates the path will proceed from the intersection of Winona Street and McCalla Avenue along a 10-foot wide side path to Cruze Street at Martin Luther King. It proceeds through Dr. Hardy Park as an off-street path and turns along McConnell Street at Bethel Avenue to Olive Street. The corridor turns back north and crosses a lot owned by the Housing Authority.

The plan for the trail then goes to the Selma Street intersection with Chestnut and runs along Chestnut to Biddle Street and leaves

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A day at the history fair

By Ronnie Collins

The 12th Annual East Tennessee History Fair in downtown Knoxville was a great mix of Knoxville history exhibitors, children's activities, live music, crafts, tours, films, vintage base ball and much more.

At Krutch Park there was a "History Hound" Dog Costume Contest and the Clayton Country Music Stage. At the Museum of East Tennessee History there was free admission to see the many exhibits on display, including the "It'll Tickle Your Innards," a history of Mountain Dew and its start in Knoxville. The exhibit runs through January 20, 2020.

The area around the museum was full with exhibitors of all things dealing with history, not just from Knox County but almost all the counties in East Tennessee. It even included one group from Georgia.

The history fair is an annual event and there were many people in costume from Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln to soldiers representing the Civil War and many other different war eras.

There was basket weaving, suffragette costumes, and frontiersmen. Many booths had war equipment including some vehicles. There were many demonstrating artisans all day. There was an antique fair and a children's play area.

If you have not attended a history fair you have been missing out. Make sure to put it on your calendar for next year.



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Sherry Byrd and Shioh Hung of the Suffrage Coalition were at one of the booths at the East Tennessee History Fair. The organization is gearing up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.



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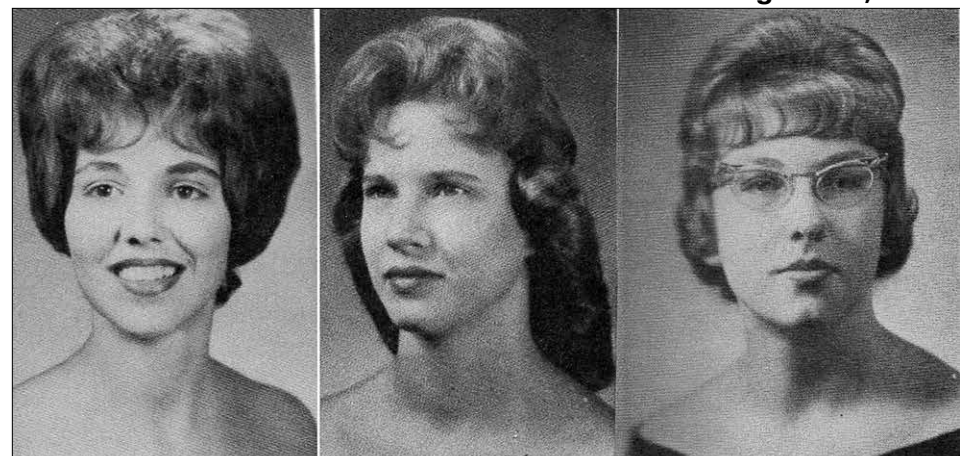
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Picture of "The Aunts" as graduating seniors at Gibbs High School, 1963, Dorothy Stormer Prater, Wanda Shaver Williams and Georgia Ann Major Johnson.

The Aunts

"We thought it would be fun," Georgia answered when I asked her about the day the aunts brought their nieces to school. It was the last day of eighth grade for the three friends--Dorothy Stormer, Wanda Shaver, and Georgia Ann Major. The teenagers came up with the idea to bring their three little nieces with them on their last day of school. The year was 1959.



By **Ralphine Major**
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Dorothy Stormer Prater was a cheerleader for The Eagles. She was married to Earl Prater until his untimely death at the age

of 57. Dorothy had a 42-year career with First Tennessee Bank. She has one son and one grandson. Wanda Shaver Williams had a long career with the Tennessee Valley Authority. She is married to Bill Williams, also known as WBIR's legendary news anchor who was recently inducted into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame. They are parents to a daughter and son (deceased) and have four grandchildren. Georgia Ann Major Johnson and husband Johnny helped to build a successful catering business. They celebrated their

50th Wedding Anniversary in 2015. The Johnsons are parents to one son and two daughters and have six grandchildren.

The teenage aunts graduated from Gibbs High School in 1963. When their school days were over, their friendships remained close. For six decades, Dorothy Stormer Prater, Wanda Shaver Williams, and Georgia Ann Major Johnson have shared life's joys and sorrows. Many memorable moments have been celebrated since their days at Gibbs, but that one day at the end of eighth grade when the aunts brought their three young nieces to school was really special! So are they!!!

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Our Daily Bread

"Give us today our daily bread." Matt: 6:11

Bread is the symbol of all our human needs: food, clothing, housing, health; also of the wisdom we need to earn our bread in the modern world. In this prayer we plead that God will provide for us on a temporary basis. Bread is also the symbol of our eternal needs. That's why Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." We must receive the Bread of Life from His hand every day because it is essential to us. Every time we take communion, we are reminded that His body was broken for us, just like the grain of wheat is crushed to provide us with bread. With this prayer we also ask God to meet our spiritual needs."

This little chapter I took from a book titled, "Trusting in God." I love to cook, but I cannot make bread. My husband was excellent at making bread, his mother

taught him, and she baked bread every morning. I cannot knead, it won't rise for me, if it does rise, then it will flop down for me, my hands get all messy trying to make it behave. I'm including a delicious bread recipe. Hope you enjoy it.

POTATO BREAD

- 1 c. leftover mashed potatoes.
- 1/2c. butter, melted, (one stick)
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. whole milk, lukewarm
- 5-6 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 (1/4 oz.) packs rapid rise active dry yeast

In a mixing bowl of a stand mixer, mix together mashed potatoes, butter, and beaten eggs. Add yeast, sugar, and milk. Mix on low speed until just combined. Let rest for 5 minutes or until bubbles begin to form on top... With the mixer running add flour one cup at a time, until dough comes together. The amount can vary depending on the stiffness of the mashed potatoes. After all of flour has been incorporated, increase the speed of mixer and knead until smooth and elastic, around 5-7 minutes. Alternatively,

turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead by hand for the same amount of time until smooth and elastic. Form into a ball and place in a greased bowl. Turn to coat. Cover and allow to rise in a warm draft-free place until doubled in size, around 1-1/2- 2 hours. Punch down to release air bubbles. Divide in half. Place in 2 buttered 8x4" loaf pans. Cover and let rise again until doubled, 1-2 hours. Bake at 375 deg. in pre-heated oven for 25-30 minutes or until bread sounds hollow when tapped in the middle. Check at 20 minutes and lay a piece of aluminum foil on top to prevent over browning, if needed. Cool on a cooling rack. Yield-2 loaves.

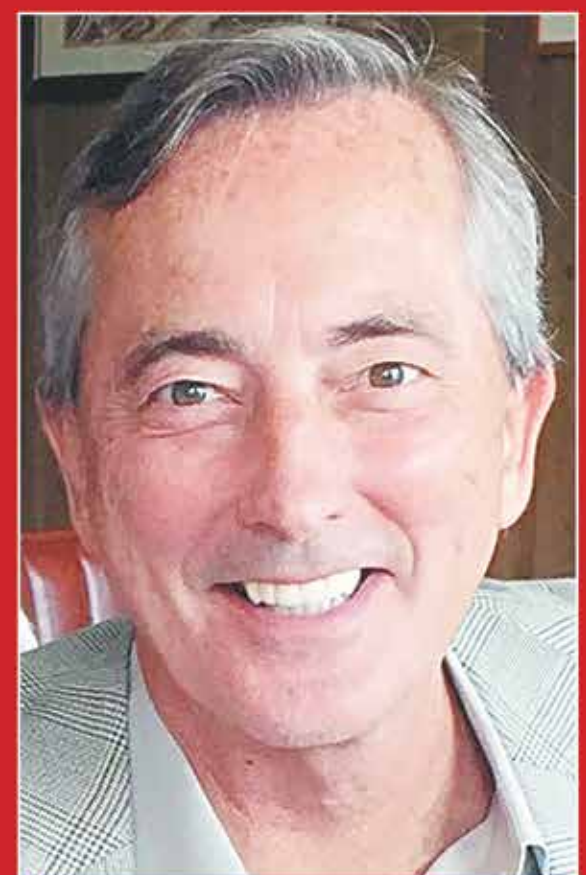
As I've said before, I can't bake bread, so I haven't tried this recipe. It certainly sounds complicated but many of my friends have assured me, it is not. I will take their word for it. Try it, and let me know.

Thought for the day: God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame. Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.

Bob Thomas

City Council



The 1958 Senate Race in Tennessee, II

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Prentice Cooper of Shelbyville, three times governor of Tennessee, had announced he would once again seek to become the Volunteer State's chief executive on New Year's day in 1958. The sixty-two year old Cooper was one of many prospective candidates all of whom were warily circling one another. Prentice Cooper's own announcement seemed to come something as a surprise although he had been considering the race for several months. The former governor's announcement was made in the form of telegrams sent to major newspapers across the state and seemed somewhat rushed. Cooper very well might have been attempting to beat Judge Andrew "Tip" Taylor to the draw, perhaps in the hope Taylor might reconsider and choose not to become a candidate. Cooper and Taylor had a history together; Taylor had managed Cooper's successful 1938 gubernatorial campaign in West Tennessee. Cooper then appointed the twenty-eight year old Taylor as Tennessee's Commissioner of Institutions. Andrew Taylor remained the youngest person in Tennessee's history to serve in a governor's cabinet.

If Prentice Cooper believed an early announcement would bluff "Tip" Taylor out of the gubernatorial race, he was mistaken. Within weeks there would be six candidates for the Democratic nomination in the field, including Edmund Orgill, the mayor of Memphis; Buford Ellington, Commissioner of Agriculture in the cabinet of outgoing governor Frank Clement; and "Tip" Taylor, who seemed to be drawing significant support from his native West Tennessee. Ellington had the advantage of being perceived as the candidate of the Clement organization, which gave him a significant boost in organizing his campaign. Initially, Cooper began his campaign, opening his state headquarters in Nashville's Hermitage Hotel. The former governor made modest trips across the state, sometimes accompanied by his pretty and much younger wife. Despite his age, Prentice Cooper not only had a young wife, but three very young sons, the youngest of whom was only 15 months old.

After pursuing the gubernatorial nomination for a few months, rumors began to circulate Prentice Cooper was being urged to enter the race for the United States Senate seat occupied by Albert Gore. There were numerous reasons why his competitors

and their supporters in the governor's race would have been delighted to see Cooper challenge Gore. Cooper was something of a wild card in the gubernatorial race and while he might not win, the former governor seemed sure to draw a good vote. In a field with as many as six or seven candidates, it was difficult to say just how things might shake out.

Albert Gore was fifty years old and completing his first term in the U. S. Senate. Despite his relatively youthful age, Gore was a veteran of Congress, having served fourteen years in the House of Representatives before toppling Senator Kenneth McKellar in the 1952 Democratic primary. McKellar was about as entrenched as most any incumbent could be when Gore challenged him and to this day remains Tennessee's longest serving senator. Gore entered the Senate as something of a giant-killer and while Governor Frank Clement considered for a time a race against Tennessee's junior senator, he thought better of it. Gore had not drawn a serious opponent by May of 1958 and Prentice Cooper had long wanted to go to the Senate. Cooper had pondered foregoing a race for a third term as governor in 1942 and challenging Senator Tom Stewart. Cooper likely also hoped the venerable McKellar would retire in 1946 and thought about a senatorial campaign once again in 1948.

The rumor about Prentice Cooper switching races was so prevalent by the end of May that he felt compelled to deny them. "I'm in the race for governor of Tennessee and I'm going to fight a good fight," Cooper said.

Cooper was not only being encouraged to run for the Senate by conservative Democrats, but by Republicans as well. Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal, and prominent in Tennessee GOP affairs, had been busy lining up support for Cooper. The Jackson Sun noted petitions qualifying Prentice Cooper to run for the U. S. Senate were being circulated locally. On June 5, 1958 Prentice Cooper made it official. He was withdrawing as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor and entering the primary to challenge Senator Albert Gore. Cooper did a fairly deft about face, saying he had become a candidate for the senatorial nomination because "my opponent has turned his back on Tennessee to further his own political ambitions rather



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee in 1963.

than serve the people who elected him." The former governor was not shy about expressing his dissatisfaction with Gore and said he was "opposed to unsound global give-away theories which not only contribute to unemployment in Tennessee but threaten the very existence of our nation." Cooper complained Gore had joined with Americans for Democratic Action, the NAACP and "Northern liberals" in an effort to "force our children into unwarranted social mixing."

"He helped remove Tennessee as part of the South by joining with Northern zealots who would take away our Southern way of living," Cooper thundered.

Speaking to a press conference from his state headquarters in Nashville, Prentice Cooper said he would begin his campaign immediately and intended to invite Senator Gore to meet him in debate.

Senator Gore had already charged Republicans with interfering in the Democratic primary. Gore took to the floor of the United States Senate to charge Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal and Meade Alcorn, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, had induced Prentice Cooper to make the switch.. Gore had found his target for Smith hotly denied he was injecting himself or fellow Republicans in the Democratic primary. "Senator Gore's attacks upon me as Republican state chairman is typical of his unfamiliarity with what goes on in Tennessee," Smith huffed, "and with his preoccupation with global affairs." Smith pointed out he had resigned as state chairman of the Tennessee GOP in February of that year and claimed to "have retired from politics." Smith could not possibly deny the fact he had urged Prentice Cooper to run for the United States Senate, writing an editorial in the

Journal practically begging the former governor to run against Gore. Smith said that his efforts on behalf of Cooper were done "strictly as a private citizen." Smith readily admitted Cooper's announcement "delighted me" in his capacity as a private citizen. "If we cannot have a Republican Senator in this state," Smith primly declared, "then by all means I am for having a Democrat who is not simply using his position with the state's electorate as a platform from which to become either a candidate for president or global statesman."

Prentice Cooper's announcement he was running for the United States Senate against Albert Gore brought him the immediate endorsement of Citizens for Progress, a group headed by David Harsh, who promptly issued a statement of support for the former governor. Harsh opined Tennessee needed a senator who would be more interested in Tennessee than far away nations most Tennesseans would have trouble locating on a globe. Harsh said he believed "Mr. Cooper has demonstrated sincere interest in our affairs and a thorough knowledge of our problems" and was "thoroughly qualified to perform the duties of a senator."

With only two months until the primary election, Cooper's senatorial campaign got off to a quick start and seemed to be very well funded. It soon became readily apparent Cooper intended to pitch his campaign to more conservative Democrats, a tactic followed by Congressman Pat Sutton who had challenged Senator Estes Kefauver in 1954 with disastrous results.

Neither Kefauver nor Gore had signed the "Southern Manifesto," which been approved by every Southern senator save for Gore, Kefauver and Lyndon Johnson of Texas. The Southern Manifesto, or Declaration

of Constitutional Principles, was a document, which stated the South's opposition to racial integration of public areas throughout the region and was authored by several Southern congressmen and senators.

The document had been signed by 101 congressmen and senators, all Democrats save for two Republicans, Joel Broyhill and Richard Poff, both from Virginia. The only other prominent Southern Democrat who refused to sign the manifesto was House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas.

Gore's refusal to sign the manifesto in 1956 was a sore spot with some Tennessee Democrats, especially in West Tennessee. Cooper's own position was quite clear. The former governor was against the "compulsion to settle social problems" through legislation.

"I do not feel we should force race-mixing," Cooper said, "when elected as your Senator, I will do my best to preserve the Southern way of life and prevent our freedoms from being violated... not as my opponent, who has continually voted with the NAACP." Cooper also sounded the theme much of the foreign aid approved by Congress was "wasted." Noting the United States had spent 70 billion dollars on "our global give-away policy," the former governor claimed at least "52 billion has been wasted." Cooper insisted, "Good will is generated by honest dealing, not by global giveaway."

Senator Gore, with a head of prematurely gray hair, was an adroit and shrewd campaigner, later called Tennessee's "Old Gray Fox." Gore was taking nothing for granted and announced he would campaign in all ninety-five of Tennessee's counties in the two months before the primary election. Despite his vigorous campaign schedule, Senator Gore was careful to note he would travel by

plane to Washington, D. C. should his vote be needed on any vital legislation. "You might say I'll be on the double," the senator said.

Gore had experience in campaigning against an older opponent. When first elected to the United States Senate, Gore had been a youthful forty-four, while Senator McKellar had been almost forty years older. Prentice Cooper was twelve years older than Gore, but with an attractive, much younger wife and three very small sons, the former governor was not as vulnerable as McKellar had been in 1952. Nor was Prentice Cooper ailing as K. D. McKellar was when he faced Albert Gore in the Democratic primary.

Senator Gore had been taken by surprise when Prentice Cooper announced his withdrawal from the gubernatorial race and switching to the Senate race. Gore scrambled to be prepared to meet Cooper's challenge. According to the Nashville Tennessean's political columnist, Joe Hatcher, at least one source of campaign funds for Prentice Cooper came from disgruntled insurance executives who had been displeased by Gore's fierce opposition to a "bill forgiving the companies of an estimated \$124 million in income taxes owed for 1957." Gore had pointed out the bill allowed insurance companies to pay a paltry 7.8% in taxes while other companies were taxed at a whopping 52%.

Joe Hatcher was never an unbiased reporter as he almost invariably followed the line of his newspaper. The Tennessean strongly supported both Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore and the newspaper was highly antagonistic toward Governor Frank Clement. Hatcher gave full credit for Prentice Cooper's shift in campaigns to "the Clement - Ellington machine..."

Hatcher wrote that Cooper's attempted gubernatorial comeback was "a thorn in the flesh of the Clement - Ellington setup," as it would pull votes from Buford Ellington. Joe Hatcher claimed part of the lure to Cooper in making the switch was the promise of the Clement administration and the Ellington organization to provide not only organizational assistance, but also substantial financial help. While it is certainly true much of the Clement organization was not especially friendly to Albert Gore, it was equally true Prentice Cooper was a wealthy man personally and there were enough special interests who had been displeased by Senator Gore's record to supply more than enough cash to run a statewide race.

With Prentice Cooper's announcement he would challenge Albert Gore in the 1958 Democratic primary, the Senate campaign had most certainly become a real race.

Council candidates give views on future of mall

The Knoxville City Primary Election Day is Tuesday and we've asked candidates what they might hope happens at Knoxville Center Mall. Belk announced recently it is closing its store there and the future of the large facility is anyone's guess. Mostly empty now with the departure of Sears and many other stores the once popular shopping center is on the minds of many Knoxville voters.

Answers from candidates were selected at random:

At-Large Seat C candidates

Bob Thomas: I think it is difficult to dictate what a privately held piece of property should be used for. That being said, the fact that it is a large piece of land with plenty of parking and quick access to the interstate seems to shout police and fire department HQs along with the Knox County School System.

Amelia Parker: East Town is still privately owned and past due taxes have been paid.

Therefore, there is no action that the city can take towards the mall itself. To spur economic activity either around the mall or in the mall itself, the city should consider acquiring and upgrading the street surrounding the mall that serves area businesses as well as private residences located behind the mall.

The city could also facilitate discussions with state officials regarding a need to redesign the exit ramps to accommodate a larger traffic flow due to population growth in the area, largely in the county. Otherwise, it is the responsibility of the mall owners to secure the right mix of tenants in the mall to attract a steady stream of customers or to implement a new vision that allows residents to engage that space in a new way. Although malls

are being replaced by online shopping, making it difficult for mid-sized cities to maintain multiple malls, I believe that side of town could maintain those stores with the right mix of retailers to make a visit worth the stop. For too long, that area has been reduced to department stores and a single audience

Amy Midis: Almost anything would be preferable to the current situation at East Towne Mall. Residential or mixed-use developments which include commercial and residential uses would be ideal. The city's options are limited since the property is privately held and the owners are not seeking negotiations with the City over its needs to market the space to new developments. I do not support the idea of a baseball stadium on this site.

Hubert Smith: This is a privately owned business. As a council member, I want to see anything that's legal and successful. It's not a council decision, unless the city is considering purchasing the facility.

David Williams: One must be very creative in bringing old malls back to life. Churches and schools and civic centers have found their way into malls. You have ice skating in Farragut and Bearden why not East Towne? How about a bowling center? How about mixed use? Think of families living near their businesses with schools nearby for their children. Grocery stores and clothing shops would be nearby. It would be a community within itself. Make it easier to get to the mall from other parts of town with better signage and access. Stage special events. Keep the community involved in the rebuilding process.

At-Large Seat A

Lynne Fugate: The Mall is

currently privately owned and the owners are looking at redevelopment ideas. Some malls have become a mix of housing and retail in other communities and that might be an option to consider here. The main focus should be keeping the mall property on the tax rolls and having it become a vibrant, active place that contributes to the quality life for the citizens of Knoxville.

Charles Lomax, Jr.: It is difficult to say what I would like to see happen at Knoxville Center (East Towne) Mall when the property is rightfully owned. I would have a difficult time with someone telling me what I should do with my property, and I try to approach this topic in the same manner. I believe in property rights, but I also believe in being good neighbors. I support the city working with the owners and developers to make the area vibrant again, and I believe that we must think strategically about industries that

could support and contribute to the economic success of the community. The mall was a resource to the community, but it was not the community. East Knoxville deserves retail opportunities, but there might be a better use for the space as well. The owners simply have to be invited to the table to discuss possibilities for what could be.

At-Large Seat B

David Hayes

East Town Mall should benefit the surrounding community and Knoxville as a whole. I have heard great ideas about the potential use of the mall, from utilizing the space to build out a high speed transit system to empowering local entrepreneurs to use the spaces to build up local businesses. East Town Mall has the potential to greatly benefit communities and our local economy, but we must put people over money.

For any new and major development on the property, I would encourage the use of Community Benefits Agreements so community members and workers are at the table with developers to ensure that the revitalization positively impacts the current surrounding community without pushing working class folks out of the area.

Janet Testerman: Traditional malls like Knoxville Center/East Towne Mall are under pressure all across the country. The property is obviously a private investment and the city has no ownership of that property; however, I would like to see the developer and the city come to the table to discuss opportunities for that site and create a vibrant plan. I think a mixed-used development that would include residential would be optimal, much like the emerged lifestyle centers over the past 15 years. These developments allow for a more community-centric area that offers a

smaller footprint for more local and regional businesses as well as green spaces for outdoor recreation and entertainment. With the residential component, this could also be a prime opportunity to increase, not just market rate units, but affordable housing as well, which is a move a number of lifestyle center developments around the country are making in order to stay relevant.

District 5

Charles Thomas: Trends are going away from these kind of malls, and a different approach is necessary. The best alternative is most likely to develop a large portion of the site for residential and affordable housing, which could then provide customers and support for the remaining businesses.

No reply was received from District 5 candidate Charles Al-Bawi at press time.



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Council to discuss \$1.7M to connect Botanical Gardens to city greenways

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the street for a greenway trail between the Shiloh Presbyterian Church to where it connects with the Botanical Garden trail.

Demolition along the route would include removal of concrete curbs and gutters, roadway and concrete sidewalks. When completed Knoxville Botanical Gardens will be connected with 2.1 miles of continuous greenways, interconnecting several schools, parks, churches and the YWCA.

Other agenda items include a resolution regarding limited revisions to the City Sign Ordinance, donating funds to the Design Center for technical assistance,

donating funds to the Workforce Development Program and signing an agreement with the state for access improvements at the I-275 Business Park.

The Old Broadway Sidewalk Project may get a bump in financing with an additional \$105,000 going to Barge Design Solutions, Inc. Fort Kid's revitalization project may see \$29,600 go to Hedstrom Landscape Architecture for design services.

The salary may be set for the judge of the municipal court on a motion by Councilmen George Wallace, Mark Campen and Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders.

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Top soccer teams clash at Bearden Invitational

By Ken Lay
Some of the state's top girls high school soccer teams will be in West Knoxville over Labor Day Weekend for the annual Bearden Invitational.

Games will be played at Turner-Allender Field and Bill Young Field on Bearden's campus. Hardin Valley Academy will also host a pair of matches.

Tournament action begins Thursday with four games. The opening match pits defending District 3-AAA Champion Maryville against powerhouse Germantown-Houston at Turner-Allender Field. Also on the soccer field, the host Lady Bulldogs will entertain Gallatin.

In opening-round games at Bill Young Field, home of the Bearden football team, Giles County plays Catholic at 6 p.m. and Grace Christian Academy tangles with Oak Ridge at 8.

Friday's games at Young Field feature: Central vs. Powell at 4:30 p.m.; Maryville vs. Greeneville, 6; Science Hill vs. Chattanooga GPS, 7:30 and Grace vs. Notre Dame, 9.

Friday's games on the soccer field include: Gallatin vs. Catholic at 4:30; Houston vs. Chattanooga Baylor, 6; Bearden vs. Clarksville, 7:30 and Oak Ridge vs. Giles County, 9.

On Friday at Hardin Valley, the Lady Hawks junior varsity team will host Collierville at 5 p.m. with the varsity match to follow.

Action continues on Saturday with a full slate of games.

Games at Turner-Allender include: Maryville vs. Baylor at 9:30 a.m.; Clarksville vs. Science Hill at 11:30 a.m.; Houston vs. Hardin Valley at 1:30 p.m.; Chattanooga GPS vs. Grace Christian at 3:30; Collierville vs. Baylor at 5:30 and Bearden vs. Hendersonville at 7:30.

Games on the football field include: Greeneville vs. Catholic at 1 p.m.; Bearden JV vs. Collierville JV at 3; Giles County vs. Central at 5 and Notre Dame vs. Powell at 7.

The tournament concludes Sunday with GPS taking on Greeneville at 9 a.m. Hendersonville takes on Collierville at 11. Notre Dame and Central tangle at 1 p.m. and Science Hill takes on Oak Ridge at 3. All of those games will be played on the soccer field.

The lone Sunday match at Young Field will feature Hardin Valley taking on Clarksville. Kick-off is slated for 11 a.m.



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Caden Cummings, forced into action when Halls' starting quarterback was injured at the start of the game, looks to pass as Gibbs defenders move in. Halls won, 32-21.

It's a coach and son 'Cummings Night Out' for Halls

By Steve Williams

Caden Cummings wanted to get in the game, but not this way.

Halls High's sophomore quarterback and son of new head coach Scott Cummings was forced into action after starter Ty Humphrey went down with an ankle injury on the third offensive play of the Red Devils' season-opening game against Gibbs Friday night.

The 15-year-old Cummings, a 5-10, 150-pound lefthander, took the reins and guided Halls to a 32-21 Region 2-5A victory at Ernest Whited Stadium.

"At the beginning of the game I wanted to get in," said Cummings. "I didn't want Ty to get hurt or nothing, but I was up for getting in."

Cummings, who said he never felt nervous, threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Parker Breeden in the opening drive to pull Halls into a 7-7 tie. Caden went on to complete two other long passes in the second half to set up TDs, which he capped with sneaks from the 2. He finished connecting on 7 of 13 passes for 131 yards.

With his dad in his first game coaching at Halls, the young Cummings felt good about

the win and being a big part of it.

"This is huge," said Caden. "Dad said he was proud of me."

But Cummings also pointed out he was inspired and motivated by Humphrey and his "passion."

"I wanted to do it for him. I saw him crying over there. It just hit me and made me see how much this meant for him. We cannot lose."

Coach Cummings called it a great win, particularly being a season opener.

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Webb survives penalties, holds off Austin-East

By Bill Howard

When the two teams in a ballgame seem to be very evenly matched, and the game goes down to the wire, it's often observed that "it's a shame one had to lose."

Such was entirely the case last Friday night at David Meske Stadium as Webb School of Knoxville, on the strength of a 32-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Otto Niendorff midway through the fourth quarter, held off Austin-East High School 3-0 in a non-district opener for both teams.

The game wasn't decided until the very last play, a completion by A-E quarterback Trey Foster that had to score a touchdown to

win the game. When the receiver was tackled well short of the goal line, Webb had survived.

The game wasn't pretty, as Webb was flagged 11 times for 95 yards, often holding penalties that thwarted drives in the Spartans' run-heavy offense. Spartans' coach David Meske was proud of his squad's determination to overcome the miscues.

"We did everything that we had to do to win the football game, except for the penalties," said Meske, who is seeking his eighth state championship in his 35th season. "It's the first game, and getting a little tired and not making a good block. It (the flags) did drive me nuts but I'll tell you this: we had only one

turnover, we didn't give up any big plays, and we had a tremendous amount of first downs."

The teams battled to a scoreless tie at halftime, because of a combination of stingy defense and penalties on both sides. For the half, A-E had but two possessions and 35 total yards on offense.

The Roadrunners finally broke through and scored a touchdown on their first drive of the second half, only to have it nullified by a personal foul call. On second and 10 from Webb's 33, a bad snap sent quarterback Trey Foster scrambling back to the 47. Foster picked up the ball, broke tackles, and danced all the way to the end zone. But it

was for naught.

"They made a field goal and we didn't," said A-E coach Jeff Phillips. "Early-season stuff ... making mistakes." Phillips benched two two-way starters in the first half for internal discipline reasons. "When starters can't play, that's what happens."

The Spartans finally got on the board with 6:31 left in the game when Niendorff connected. On the previous drive, Niendorff missed wide left from 42.

"Otto kicked the field goal but his punts were just as important as the field goal," Meske said. "He got it out of bounds and downfield and did a really good job."

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Christian Academy's Fulford among All-Metro honorees

By Steve Williams

Christian Academy of Knoxville's Gabel Fulford was among 19 Knox County athletes who were named on the 2019 Coaches' All-Metro Track and Field boys' and girls' teams.

Fulford, in his junior year this past spring, was the TSSAA Division II-A state decathlon champion and also won the 110-meter hurdles title at the state meet at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

Other local boys honorees named to the All-Metro team included Elijah Young of South-Doyle, Kiyontae Warren of Austin-East and Jackson Bostick of Grace Christian Academy in sprints.

Catholic's Jake Renfree, Hardin Valley Academy's Miguel Parrilla, Farragut's Jacob Cohen and Bearden's Preston Ruth made the honorary squad in distance events, while Ethan Campbell of Halls, Shea Degraaf of West and Braden Gaston of Central were chosen in field events.

Eight Knox County athletes received positions on the All-Metro girls' team.



As a junior this past spring, Gabel Fulford of CAK took first place in the TSSAA Division II-A state decathlon competition and also won the 110 hurdles event at the state meet. He was among 19 Knox County athletes named to the 2019 Coaches' All-Metro boys' and girls' track and field teams.

They included Niki Narayani of Webb, Kensi Gray of HVA and Catholic's Eleanor Mancini and Callie Tucker in distance events.

In sprints, Webb's Jasmine Jefferson, HVA's Dominique Romain and Austin-East's Blake Blakemore were selected, while Ariya Rice of CAK was honored among field event performers.

A presentation ceremony was held Aug. 1 in the HVA

auditorium, where the All-Metro athletes were each presented a baton emblazoned with their honor.

REQUEST DENIED: The TSSAA Board of Control denied South-Doyle's request to be moved from Region 1 to Region 2 in cross country and track and field at its Aug. 19 meeting.

A LOOK AHEAD: Week 2

football will find Gibbs playing its second Region 2-5A game at Seymour and Austin-East going to Alcoa for an early season Region 2-3A test.

Scott Meadows of Carter and Halls' Scott Cummings will make their home coaching debuts against Campbell County and Karns, respectively.

Central goes to Fulton for the Battle on Broadway, while other headliners will

match Anderson County at Powell, West at Farragut, Grace Christian at South-Doyle, Bearden at Maryville and Webb at McCallie.

to be the Lady Eagles' volleyball coach after being named the school's new girls basketball coach.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Ten

years ago, on Aug. 21, 2009 – Hardin Valley Academy won its first varsity football game ever, going on the road and defeating Carter 7-0 in the season opener. The Hawks had played a junior varsity schedule in 2008.

Zach Clevenger caught a 20-yard pass from Jake Bishop with 4:20 to go in the first half for the game's only touchdown and Ryan Batallie kicked the PAT. Dorian Eskridge had a 24-yard run to start HVA's 10-play, 71-yard scoring drive.

Carter threatened late in the third quarter but Trey Byrd's fumble recovery halted the Hornets' scoring bid.

After a post-game meeting on the field with a proud Hardin Valley head coach Wes Jones, the Hawks ran to the sideline and waved their helmets to their cheering fans.

Sarah Sharp now has two head posts in Gibbs' athletic program. She continues

It's a coach and son 'Cummings Night Out' for Halls

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"We lose our quarterback on the third play of the game. My son Caden comes in and leads us to victory. But it all starts up front with those bigs. I know he would give them all the credit.

"We're learning how to play football and we're learning how to be tougher, learning how to play through some pain a little bit.

"We're making way too many mistakes, but (playing with) a brand new offense, a brand new defense and everything, you're going to have some growing pains with it. The defense, I hope, grew up a little bit. They started off pretty shaky, but then got it together and got a lot of negative plays and made some good adjustments.

"But we're going to pray for our quarterback Ty Humphrey that he can have a speedy return."

The Halls coach said the injury was either a high ankle sprain, possibly a grade 3, or maybe some torn ligaments. "We don't know. He'll be checked out (Saturday) morning."

Troy Davis had given Gibbs a 7-0 lead with a 7-yard touchdown run on the game's opening possession and two field goals (26 and 39 yards) by John-Aidan Pittman in the

second quarter gave the Eagles a 13-7 lead going into halftime.

With about five minutes left in intermission, the start of the second half was delayed for 30 additional minutes because of lightning in the area.

Gibbs' defense started strong in the second half and sacked Cummings on back-to-back plays. Justin Summers and Patrick Spears took him down for a seven-yard loss and Garrison Albino tackled him for a two-yard loss.

But after that possession, things went downhill for the Eagles. In fact, it started with Davis having his second touchdown run of the night nullified by a holding penalty.

Halls took over and a 44-yard pass from Cummings to Jayden White to the Gibbs' 4-yardline set up the Red Devils' go-ahead score, a two-yard sneak by Cummings and the PAT by Jake Marcantel that gave the Red Devils a 14-13 lead with 1:36 showing in the third quarter.

On Gibbs' ensuing possession, punter Spencer Hudson muffed the snap, resulting in a 22-yard loss and setting up Halls at the Gibbs 28. The Red Devils cashed in the field position with a 24-yard field goal by Marcantel to up their lead to 17-13 with 7:56 left in



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Bubba Watson, Halls' 6-4, 340-pound senior defensive lineman, grabs Gibbs ball carrier Ethan Humphries in Friday night's Region 2-5A season opener between the two rivals at Gibbs.

the game.

After the Eagles failed again to move the ball, Cummings hit Tae Rucker with a 32-pass to the Gibbs 2 and then snuck it in from there to make it 24-13.

With time winding down, Gibbs lost a fumble after a pass completion and Brayden Beal recovered it at the Eagles' 45. Halls scored again on the next play with Jake Parris breaking loose for the long run to the end zone. A two-point conversion run by Ty Hurst made it 32-13.

Gibbs' Jonathan Pursiful caught a 14-yard TD pass from backup QB Bryson

Shown in the game's final minute and Shown tackled on a two-point run.

"We got off to a good start," said Gibbs Coach Brad Turner. "We came out in the second half and got off to a good start.

"We've just got to eliminate the mistakes. We had some penalties at crucial times and had two touchdowns called back. Defensively, we can't give up the deep ball.

"Halls is a good football team. I think it was a very hard fought game in the trenches ... I'm proud of our guys for their fight and we'll get better."

Webb survives penalties, holds off Austin-East

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As usual, Webb relied heavily on its ground attack, primarily the workhorse tandem of Grissom Anderson and Elijah Bane. For the game, the pair ran

for 241 yards on 41 carries. Dominic Vance added 51 yards on eight carries.

"They work hard," said Meske, of his runners. They're not gonna run 80 yards but they're gonna run

12 yards hard, and that's what we want them to do."

Passing for both teams was negligible.

After the field goal, the Roadrunners had two more full possessions as Webb was unable to sustain drives. A-E got to Webb's 44 on the second, but four straight incompletions ended the threat.

"We knew we had to hold on to the football to win this football game and give them less opportunities to score," Meske said. They're (A-E) gonna win a lot of football games ... a play here, a play there....we just made a

couple plays at the end of the game. I wanted to get another first down so we wouldn't have to panic."

"We just got to get back to the drawing board and figure it out," Phillips said. "That's just what we have to do. We'll practice this week and see where we are."

Austin-East is right back into the fire this Friday night as they travel to state power Alcoa. Webb hits the road to Chattanooga to play McCallie.

After all that's been said, Vols could finish 5-7 or 10-3

Since Tennessee's Orange and White spring football game on April 13, it's been what many fans refer to as the "talking season."



By Steve Williams

It's the final phase of what has evolved into a year-round football season and does not end until the regular season kicks off, and not a minute sooner.

Seriously, this coming Saturday there will be fans in Neyland Stadium, prior to the 3:30 kickoff of the Vols' game against Georgia State, forecasting how UT will do this year.

"I have a feeling Tennessee is gonna win its first six games and head into the Alabama game unbeaten," says Bill to a stranger sitting behind him as they wait for the Vols to run through the Power T.

"You gotta be kiddin'," replies the stranger. "They'll be no better than 2-4 when they get to Tuscaloosa, and they'll for sure be 2-5 when they head back to Knoxville."

That's an example of a conversation between an extreme optimistic fan and an extreme pessimistic fan. All universities have them, along with the normal optimistic fan, the normal pessimistic fan and the realistic fan.

Yep, five different types of fans make the sports world go round.

Personally, I tend to be a normal optimistic fan, preferring to be a little positive in my outlook on the upcoming season. I'm hoping the Vols will go 8-4 in the regular season and then win their bowl game.

The realistic viewpoint this year, I believe, has Tennessee winning for sure over Georgia State, Chattanooga, UAB and Vanderbilt and coming out on top in three of four "swing games" or the games I believe could go either way – BYU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Kentucky. That would add up to a 7-5 record, including most likely an upset loss in the Blue Grass.

The normal pessimistic fan foresees two of the four swing games to be defeats, thus leaving Tennessee with a 6-6 record.

The extreme pessimistic fan believes UT will lose three of the four swing games and finish 5-7, with no bowl game and a very long off-season for Head Coach Jeremy Pruitt.

I saved one Tennessee fan for last. You know – the one whose blood runs orange. The one who won't go into any game thinking the Vols can't win. He thinks UT really will win all four of the swing games and one more on top of that.

Which one will that be – the Gators in the Swamp, Georgia on Rocky Top, Bama in Tuscaloosa or Mizzou out West?

Any of those four would be sweet and give Tennessee a 9-3 record. And that, adds the extreme optimistic UT fan, would become 10-3 after a bowl victory somewhere in the Sunshine state.

There you have it. In the eyes of all types of Tennessee fans, the Vols could finish anywhere from 5-7 to 10-3.

Now let's see what happens.

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Powell upends Greeneville in season opener

By Alex Norman

It had been more than two and a half years since the Greeneville Green Devils had lost a football game. Their 30 game win streak also included the past two Class 4A state championships. But on Thursday, August 22, the Powell Panthers were finally the team to hand them some disappointment, with a 19-17 victory at Scarboro Stadium.

This was the first high school football game of the season in the state of Tennessee, but Mother Nature had other ideas for a while. Multiple weather delays pushed kickoff back over two hours.

"It was crazy," said Powell head coach Matt Lowe. "We were walking to the tunnel to run onto field when they

shut it down and sent us inside. Especially since it was Week 1. They've been waiting since January and then were put on hold. It's one of those things when both suffer, but it wasn't as bad for us since we were at home. You just hope your kids have enough mental focus to suppress that adrenaline and relax until it is time to get started."

Once the game actually got underway, it started in a promising fashion for the Panthers. On the opening drive senior running back Bailor Hughes picked up 28 yards on one run, and then 16 more by catching a pass from quarterback Walker Trusley on a fourth down wheel route play. But the drive would stall as they turned the football over on downs at the 10-yard line.

Still, the football was deep in the Greeneville end of the field, and when the Panthers special teams blocked a punt, Powell (1-0) had great field position.

A 33-yard pass from Trusley to Adarius Redmond brought the Panthers to the Green Devils four-yard line. From there, senior Eli Owens high stepped over the line of scrimmage, and then barreled his way over the goal line, giving Powell a 6-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Greeneville (0-1) cut the lead in half with a 37-yard field goal from Cej Jones. On their next drive, the Green Devils faced fourth and one from the Powell 31. This was a short yardage play all the way, and Owens was ready for it, coming up from his linebacker position to

clobber Mason Gudger for a two-yard loss. That stop was one of many big plays for the Panthers defense.

"We have best front seven in the state," said Lowe. "We have kids that love playing defensive football. That makes it a lot easier. We have tons of experience. Most of those kids have started since they were sophomores. Those kids love to go get it."

The Panthers' efforts to build on that defensive stop with points were thwarted when Greeneville's Jaden Pruitt intercepted a Trusley pass inside their own 20-yard line. It was a 6-3 game at intermission.

In the third quarter, Hughes scored on a three-yard touchdown run when he beat the Greeneville defense to the pylon. He

gained 98 yards rushing on the night. That score put Powell ahead 12-3, in a game in which they'd never trail.

"I can't say enough about him," said Lowe. "He's a Division 1 athlete with multiple offers as a defense back or a wide receiver. But due to injuries we asked him to play running back, a position he hasn't played since his freshman year. That's not his natural position. He had a great two weeks of practice. He's a team player... a leader. He sacrifices his natural position, made major plays and got us in scoring range on two other drives."

Powell's 2018 season was heavily damaged when forced to forfeit multiple games due to the use of an ineligible player. Their 2019

opener served notice to the rest of the state that they will be a contender in Class 5A this year.

"You try to open your eyes with everything you do," said Lowe. "The bottom line is that you're always trying to win. If you want to have state level program, you've got to play good teams. Our kids did just enough to make sure they won."

He added, "Give credit to Greeneville. They are a great program. Our kids deserve the credit, they've done a great job preparing and being in tremendous physical condition. But this was an exciting way to start season."

The Panthers host another Class 4A powerhouse on Friday night, when Anderson County makes the trip to Powell.

Central overcomes slow start to down Cleveland

By David Klein

It took a little while, but the Central Bobcats found their groove on offense after a shaky first quarter to roll over the visiting Cleveland High School Blue Raiders 51-20. Quarterback Dakota Fawver was 17 for 30 with 298 yards and five touchdowns in the win.

A 25-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dakota Fawver to wide receiver Braden Gaston as the first quarter expired got the Bobcats untracked and gave Central a 6-0. Central had three potential touchdown catches dropped in the quarter.

"We made some good plays in the passing game," Central Head Coach Bryson Rosser said. "A lot of opportunities missed. I think we maybe dropped two or three, substantial passes in the first quarter that could have helped us out. We definitely got to correct that. I'm obviously proud of the guys. We got to work better on the things we've done."

Following an interception by Central's Makhi Anderson, Gaston scored again on a 12-yard run with 5:49 left in the second quarter. The Bobcats converted a 2-point conversion on a Fawver to Liam Fortner pass to take a 14-0 lead.

Running back Shannon Mills also got involved in the Bobcat scoring party as he scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 3:32 left in the second quarter. His score made it 21-0 Central.

Just when it appeared Central was going to run away with the game, wide receiver and return specialist Robert Flowers returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown to cut Central's lead to 21-7. Flowers had all three of Cleveland's touchdowns, adding 15-yard and 59-yard receiving touchdowns in the second half.

"Unbelievable player," Rosser said. "I love seeing all high school athletes do well, not too many plays against us, but love to see them make plays. He's an unbelievable player. I look forward to him doing great things the rest of the season and I'm keeping my eye on him for sure."

Central countered Flowers' kick return with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Fawver to Anderson with four seconds left in the first half to give the Bobcats a 28-7 halftime lead.

Cleveland did not have a good night on the quarterback-center exchange. There were three fumbled snaps and one of those snaps resulted in quarterback Gage Kinsey's safety in the Blue Raiders' own endzone that gave Central two points. Cleveland had three turnovers, two fumbles and one interception in the game.

With 4:47 left in the third quarter, Fawver scrambled left to his weak side and threw a 30-yard touchdown strike to Gaston, who had got behind the defense. It was his third score of the night and put Central up 37-7.

Flowers countered Central's score with a 15-yard touchdown reception to cut the lead to 37-13.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Anderson burned Cleveland's defense for a 68-yard touchdown catch to put Central up 44-13. The touchdown pass gave Fawver his fifth touchdown pass of the day.

"There were two safeties and I split them," Anderson said of his touchdown. "It was wide open. Once we get going, we're unstoppable," Anderson said of the passing game. Flowers continued to be a one-man show for the Blue Raiders. With 6:46 left in the fourth quarter, he took a short slant pass and turned it into a 59-yard touchdown for a 44-20 deficit.

On Cleveland's ensuing kickoff to Central, Central's return specialist Jonathan Mynatt picked up a fumble by another Bobcat player and ran the kickoff back for a touchdown. The 92-yard play ended the scoring and gave the Bobcats a 51-20 win.

Central plays at Fulton on Friday in The Battle of Broadway. "It's always a great game," Rosser said. "Coach Black does a great job with his guys. I completely and thoroughly respect him and his program."

Catholic uses three quarterbacks, runs past Black Knights, 48-0

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School had a short night on the gridiron Friday night and coach Steve Matthews admitted that his team needed a few things up, but he also said he saw plenty of the things he needed to see from his team.

"We needed a game like this to get the cobwebs out," Matthews said after seeing his team make capture a 48-0 victory over Chuckey-Doak before a packed house at Blaine Stadium. "We had a couple of penalties and we missed an extra point and they got a first down when I thought our defense had them stopped."

"Now, we have three road games over the next four weeks against Highlands, in Kentucky, Ensworth and McCallie. That's going to be a tough stretch."

Ensworth and McCallie are now league foes for the Irish (1-0) as they've moved to the Division II-AAA East-Middle Region after capturing two Division I State Championships (4A and 5A) in recent years and reaching the Class 5A State Semifinals last year before losing to eventual state champ Central.

"We're going to be playing some big boys soon so we're going to have to grow up soon. It's not going to get any easier from here."

On this night, however, things would come pretty easily for the Irish, who saw their defense set the town early after kicker Paxton Robertson booted the opening



Catholic running back Samuel O'Leary battles for yardage in a 48-0 win over Chuckey-Doak Friday night in Knoxville. PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

kickoff into the end zone, giving the Black Knights (0-1) the ball at their 20-yard line. On Chuckey-Doak's first play from scrimmage, an errant snap went soaring over quarterback Matthew Palazzo's head. The visitors recovered at their own 3 and were later forced to punt.

From there, it didn't take Catholic long to score as senior quarterback Jack Jancek scampered into the end zone from 28 yards out on the Irish's first offensive play. Robertson's PAT would Catholic a 7-0 lead with 9 minutes, 35 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Irish extended their advantage to 14-0 later in the frame on a 24-yard scoring scamper from Keondre Jarmon.

Jarmon, who finished with 47 yards and two TDs on just three carries, added his second score early in the second frame.

Nicklaus Iverson made it 21-0 before sophomore Kaden Martin took over under center. Martin a transfer from Los Angeles and son

of former Tennessee quarterback and current Volunteers assistant head coach Tee Martin, wasted little time making an impact on the game as he scored on a 20-yard run to make it 34-0 midway through the second frame.

Martin is the newcomer among three quarterbacks as Jancek and Caden Buckles have both started for Catholic at times.

Buckles came in later and he had touchdown runs of 23 and 30 yards respectively.

Matthews is happy to have three talented field generals with the Irish.

"They're all good and they all want to play, but there's only one ball to go around," he said. "But they all pull for each other and they all push each other and they all make each other better."

Buckles agreed.

"We're all good and we all want to play," he said. "But we're all brothers and the one thing that we all want is that (state championship) ring,"

Halls volleyball team opens new era with victory

By Ken Lay

A new era opened on a winning note for the Halls High School volleyball team Tuesday night.

The Lady Devils won their season opener over Karns at home as they downed the Lady Beavers 25-12, 25-20, 25-18 in front of a spirited crowd.

It was also Halls High's first District 4-AAA victory and the first game for new coach Hollie Kilgore, who replaced longtime coach Jerilynn Carroll. Carroll retired after the 2018 season.

As for Kilgore, she couldn't be more excited even though she didn't have statistics available after the match.

"I don't have stats. We don't keep stats, and I know

that sounds terrible," Kilgore said. "But we won and that's the stat that really matters. That's a team stat."

The new coach may not have known the numbers, but she had plenty to be excited about.

"We have awesome seniors and they're all great leaders and they're excited about the season," Kilgore said. "We're excited. This was our first game."

"This was our first win, our first district game, our first district win and it was our first game with real refs."

The Lady Beavers opened a 4-2 lead in the first set before the Lady Devils stormed back and got a big lift from Sloane Baldrige, who took serve with Halls leading 11-8.

She reeled off six

consecutive service points to give her squad a 17-8 lead.

Halls got an additional lift from Morgan Ward, who had four-point service run to give Halls a 23-10 lead. Karns scored a pair of points before Cassie Norris closed things out with an ace.

The Lady Devils opened a 14-8 lead in the second set on an ace by libero Naomi Gribinet. But the Lady Beavers battled back and pulled to within 14-11 as they picked up service points from senior Julie Gray.

The second set was the closest of the night and Karns coach Igor Popov saw some glimpses of things he liked despite seeing his team drop to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the district.

"We're a good team and



New Halls volleyball coach Hollie Kilgore addresses the Lady Devils during a timeout in their season opening victory over Karns Tuesday night. Photo by Ken Lay.

we just have some little things that we need to fix," Popov said. "We're a young team and right now, it's just the little things."

The third and final set was

again tightly contested and Halls surrendered the first point. The Lady Devils, however, didn't trail after that.

Ward sealed the victory with an ace.

Karns got solid performances from Emily Engle, who finished with six kills, and Emma Yarbrough, who had five.

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FARRAGUT <small>D1, Class 6A, R1</small>	vs. Bradley Central W, 37-30	vs. West	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Morristown West	vs. Maryville	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. Bearden	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Jefferson County
HARDIN VALLEY <small>D1, Class 6A, R1</small>	vs. Oak Ridge W, 13-6	vs. Cleveland	vs. Science Hill	vs. Central	vs. Dobyms-Bennett	vs. West	vs. Bearden	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Farragut	vs. Morristown West
KING'S ACAD <small>D2, Class A, East</small>	vs. Seymour L, 17-24	vs. Gatlinburg Pittman	vs. Grace - Franklin	vs. Mt Juliet Christian	vs. Webb School	vs. Friendship Christian	vs. Mid Tenn Christian	vs. Onieda	vs. DCA	vs. Grace Chattanooga	OPEN
CAK <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Volunteer W, 36-16	vs. Clinton	vs. White County	vs. Stone Memorial	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. Notre Dame	OPEN	vs. Boyd Buchanan	vs. GCA	vs. Knoxville Webb
WEBB <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Austin-East W, 3-0	vs. McCallie	vs. Boyd Buchanan	vs. David Crockett	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. CAK
GCA <small>D2, Class AA, East</small>	vs. Stone Memorial W, 34-6	vs. South-Doyle	OPEN	vs. York Institute	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. Trinity Academy	vs. CAK	vs. Boyd Buchanan
CATHOLIC <small>D2, Class 3A, East/Mid</small>	vs. Chuckey-Doak W, 48-0	vs. Highlands Corbin, KY	vs. Ensworth	OPEN	vs. McCallie	vs. Science Hill	vs. Brentwood Academy	vs. West Greene	vs. Baylor	vs. Brentwood	vs. Father Ryan

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I used to read the New York Times, the Washington Post and listen to the news on National Public Radio. Not anymore, though I still listen to classical music on the NPR affiliate, WUOT. Nonetheless, I am well aware of the major news media's offerings because it is impossible to escape their tentacles of disinformation which pervade all areas of our culture.

I'm reading a fictionalized biography about CS Lewis and the writer, Joy Davidson, who would later become his wife. Many know of Lewis as an Oxford don who became the most important Christian apologist of the 20th century. The book is built around the letters that Lewis and Davidson wrote to each other which formed the nucleus of a friendship and then their marriage. If you are unaware

of Lewis' personal life I heartily recommend the movie *Shadowlands* starring Anthony Hopkins as Professor Lewis. In offering writing advice, Lewis told Davidson that "What does not deeply concern you will not interest your reader." In other words, a writer must write from the heart. I agree. Otherwise, the writing reads like pabulum or worse.

It's fanciful to take Jiminy Cricket's advice and "wish upon a star." My grandchildren have yet to relinquish magic in the rite of passage into adulthood. I sometimes wish I could recapture that which was lost. Shakespeare once borrowed from Biblical wisdom and observed we are "twice a child and once a man." In other words, we often come full circle to our beginnings. Perhaps a component of growing older is embracing

this reality.

I wish we were not at each other's throats. But this is a fanciful wish given the hatred and enmity which motivates so many these days. It would be nice to just write about medical issues, travel, the arts or focus on spirituality. But, this is impossible in the maelstrom we find ourselves. Interestingly, this has been done before. In 1775 Thomas Paine perhaps said it best. "Gentlemen cry, peace, peace! But there is no peace, the war has already begun."

So, as painful as it is, I write about what "deeply concerns" me, and I suspect concerns many of you as well.

Propaganda is an integral part of war. Its modern iteration is what we call fake news. Actually, the notion of news has become fanciful, and I wonder if it is even possible to stay informed given the pervasiveness of current propaganda.

I'll give one example of propaganda which came to my attention this week. The New York Times began its 1619 Project. And since the Gray Lady is the de facto leader of the major news media, expect to see their revisionist history of America. Russian collusion did not get rid of

Trump. The Mueller investigation, like the Kavanaugh hearings, were a joke. And white nationalism and white supremacy are so patently absurd, that a rational person discounts the abject lunacy of such a claim. Since nothing is working, progressive-socialists are returning to their bread and butter issue of racism, trotted out by Democrats every 2 to 4 years.

The so-called journalists of the New York Times have been ordered by their editors and owners to promote the notion that America did not begin in 1776, but in 1619, when the first slaves were brought to the New World. As a result, America was founded on racism and is therefore tainted and can only be made great again if it is torn down and rebuilt. This sinister revisionist ploy was the premise of George Orwell's famous dystopian novel "1984."

Apparently, the Democrat Presidential candidates, limousine liberals of Wall Street and Silicon Valley, the left coast and academia ascribe to "White Guilt," another interesting book written some years ago by Shelby Steele. It is amazing that the race hustlers continue to focus on skin color and

denigrate themselves with virtue signaling.

These people must not be students of history or the Bible, because since Deuteronomy people are not held accountable for the actions of others. I am not guilty of racism or slavery and I refuse to accept their ridiculous premise that America is evil because there was slavery in the world in the 17th century. You would think America might garner some credit for fighting a horrible Civil War to abolish slavery, but it's never enough for a liberal. Ask Bozo Beto, Buttlegieg, Kamala Harris, Crazy Bernie, Spartacus or Pocahontas Warren, who see racism everywhere. Even Uncle Joe must dance to the Progressive Pied Pipers mantra of "racism, racism, racism!"

As I gaze out from my porch I see a peaceful forest drinking deeply from a welcome summer shower. Our horses graze in the distance, my kids and grandkids are doing fine, and Becky and I have been blessed with enough. If I didn't turn on the news or read the latest mayhem, I could imagine a utopian existence. But the word utopia comes from a satire written by Thomas More and means nowhere. Henry the eighth

would later have his Chancellor executed because of More's principled stance that no man is above God.

In the 1200s Thomas Aquinas and fellow scholastics articulated a hierarchy of laws which I envision as concentric circles. The universal law of God contains all of creation. Within this sphere are God's divine laws such as the 10 Commandments. A smaller circle encompasses nature's law (natural law). And the smallest circle of function is Man's law, whether it is a constitution or speed limits.

I have lived long enough to acquire a modicum of wisdom, and I am no longer conflicted about what is right. The Democrat loons and the New York Times are wrong. God is supreme, not man. America is not evil, but a source for good. My skin may be white, but I am not a racist. And when you hear this bilge preached, simply push back by saying, "I do not accept your premise." A constructive dialogue may ensue. But, if it doesn't, then do as Jesus' half-brother James advised, "Resist the devil, and he will flee away."

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Punishment for Liars

We're living in a country where lines aren't so easily drawn. Oh sure, the GOP and Democrats have staked their claims to sides of issues. But even in that case, the absolute truth doesn't exist. Plenty of Republicans around the country don't buy in to the president's agenda nor do they agree with some of the moves he's made. The same holds true for the other side; some presidential candidates are so far left that they're nearly falling off the continuum, while others take a more moderate approach. Still, we should have some things set in stone, some rights and wrongs on which we can depend.

My parents taught me not to lie. Now, that's not to say that



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I didn't tell my share of them, but if and when I was caught, punishment was swiftly administered. On one occasion, a pair of my pajamas turned up with holes all over them. It seems that my twin brother had taken scissors and cut small pieces out of the top and bottom. I swore to Mother and Daddy that I hadn't done it, but to no avail. I was spanked, "not for cutting holes but for lying about having done so."

My brothers and I tried to smoke as youngsters. We sneaked cigarettes from our parents' packs or butts from the ashtray. One afternoon, Daddy called us into the kitchen and asked if we were smoking. Of course, we said "no," but he

already had discovered otherwise. He met us in the hall way and flogged us with his belt. He was madder that we had lied to him than that we were doing something so stupid as smoking.

As a teen, I let a girlfriend drive my mother's car during a date. It was no big deal, and nothing happened to the car. Mother was sitting in the kitchen when I arrived home that night. She asked how the evening went and if anything unusual happened. I replied "no," and she demanded the keys. The she told me that she knew I'd let the girl drive the car. For two weeks, I was banned from using the car. Mother told me the punishment might have been lighter if I'd have "fessed up" about the girl. Come to find out, our insurance agent lived in the community and witnessed the girl's driving.

In college, I sometimes grew

weary of attending boring classes. One was Western Civilization. Dr. Allen was the most boring instructor I'd encountered. My test scores were good, but I'd missed class on three occasions, all days I took my twin brother to the doctor following a severe knee injury he'd suffered in a game of touch football. During the final exam, Dr. Allen asked me why I'd missed class so many times. I tried to explain the situation to her, but she believed I was lying. Although my overall average for the course was a "B," the woman gave me a "C" for the term. Just the suspicion of lying was met with penalties. Liar

Now we have a president who lies constantly. By one count, he's told 12,000 lies, an average of more than 10 a day. Lying seems to be a favorite pastime for elected officials. Instead of telling the truth and dealing with

the consequences, our so-called leaders instead lie or reshape the truth. In either case, those lies come back to haunt them at some point because someone remembers them and points them out when a representative says something contradictory. Then, the walk-back begins, but it's too late.

We demand that our children tell the truth. We should expect the same from our leaders. The time has come to disallow any official to lie without punishment. From this point on, we must demand the truth from presidents and congressmen alike. If they fail to deliver it, then punishment should be as swift as it was when we were children. Impeaching them or voting them out of office is imperative. Otherwise, we aren't teaching good lessons to the next generation.



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