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Central High adding four to Wall of Fame

By Mike Steely
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Four new members will be added to Central High School's "Wall of Honor" when the alumni and guests assemble at Gresham Middle School Thursday, November 8th. The four join a host of other former Central students as the former students and staff hold the 17th Annual Wall of Fame Dinner which begins at 6 p.m.

Why Gresham? The historic middle school had been the home of Central High School. It was called Central because

it was in the heart of Fountain City, once the largest unincorporated community in Tennessee. Knoxville annexed the community in the 1960s. The high school was moved over to its current location at 5321 Jacksboro Pike in 1971. Some of the best known Central students include Roy Acuff, Kelsea Ballerini, Ashley Capps, Red Graves, Frankie Housley, Bill Snyder, Eddie Mannis, Con Hunley and Tommy Shumpert.

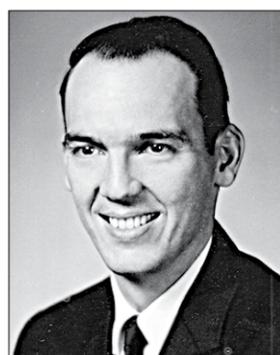
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Sandra Martin



Suzanne Matheny



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Stuart R. Worden

calling R. Larry Smith at (865) 922-5433 or Jean Payne at (865) 688-4165. The Wall of Fame dinner and honors are sponsored by the Central High School

Alumni and Alumni Association. Being honored this year are Suzanne Matheny, Stuart R. Worden, Jack Lee Thurman and Sandra

T. Martin. Matheny is a member of the Class of 1961 and a noted church and symphony vocalist, accomplished university director,

key person in community activities and Fountain City's Woman of the Year for 2017.

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'Pumpkins for Piggies' called for by Hooves & Feathers

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What are you going to do with those leftover pumpkins from Halloween?

Rather than trashing them why not donate them to Hooves & Feathers Farm Animals Humane Society? The new non-profit organization is collecting for their pigs and these pigs love to eat pumpkins which are a good source of vitamins and minerals for them.

Unpainted pumpkins can be taken to the Hooves & Feather farm at 2551 Cunningham Road through November 16 or you can drop off the pumpkins at Central Filling Station at 900 North Central Street on November 3 at 11 a.m. or November 4 at 6 p.m.

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Pigs love pumpkins and would love you to donate leftover Halloween pumpkins, squash and hay to "Pumpkins for Piggies" at Hooves & Feathers, a new non-profit rescue organization. You can take them to the group's Cunningham Road location or the Central Filling Station after Halloween. See story for dates.

Commission deals with contract for video jail visitation

By Pete Gawda

At their meeting on Monday, Oct. 25 the Knox County Commission dealt with video visitation at the jail and considered discussing the proposed pension board settlement.

During the public forum four people spoke in favor of either eliminating or reducing the use of jail video visitation and allowing in person visitation of prisoners. The commission took no action on their requests. However, in a related matter, the commission approved amending the contract with Securus Technologies, the company which provides the facilities for video visitation. The amendment includes a one time additional development payment of \$250,000 to the county, provides for commission percentage changes and deals with unstalling software.

An effort to have the proposed pension board settlement placed on the evening's agenda was unsuccessful. During the public forum time attorney Herbert Moncier, on behalf of the 636 people who would be affected by the settlement, urged that the matter be placed on the evening's agenda. "This litigation has to stop," Moncier asserted. He said the court needs

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Can the mayor and commission 'direct' the law director?

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In a special called session of the Knox County Commission a majority of members voted to direct the Knox County Law Director and his staff and designates to dismiss the lawsuit against the Retirement and Pension Board.

In three paragraphs of a resolution supporting Mayor Glenn Jacobs in his attempt to end the long-running legal battle seven of the commissioners voted to support a "settlement" drafted by the pension board.

The problem is that there's a disagreement as to who's in charge. The mayor and

commission seem to think the law director works for them. The law director, an elected Constitutional official, actually works for the people of the county. Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong's position is that he is the sole legal representative and neither the mayor nor the commission have the power to decide legal disputes.

The mayor failed to get a 2/3 vote during a work session this month as Commissioners Carson Dailey, John Schoonmaker, Dave Wright and Charles Busler voted against having the settlement proposal placed on commission agenda. Mayor

Jacobs then called a special session for Thursday afternoon, the same day that many of the commissioners had made reservations to attend a Tennessee Counties Service Association meeting in Chattanooga. Several cancelled reservations so they could attend the called session and others attended but left in time to make the special meeting.

Dailey's wife was injured in a fall on the trip and so Dailey was out for the special session. Schoonmaker stayed at the TCCA meeting.

Busler read a statement at the beginning of the special session Thursday. He said that while he values

the service of the sheriff's uniformed officers that only Judge John Weaver is empowered to resolve the legal dispute.

"Why can't we wait for the judgement?" Busler asked.

Busler said that he is not convinced that the pension board had the authority to alter the Uniformed Officers Pension Plan and added that if the unused vacation time is added to the monthly pension along with an annual three percent raise, the 75% pension could expand to between \$40 and \$60 million.

He added that if he voted

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Judge Weaver asked to dismiss commission action

The Knoxville Focus learned Friday morning that the Knox County Law Director has filed a motion with Judge John Weaver to dismiss action by the commission in special session Thursday.

Weaver will hear the motion this morning at 9:30 a.m. Law Director Bud Armstrong's motion contends that the commission and the county mayor lack the power to direct his office to drop the lawsuit.

Judge Weaver now has, according to Armstrong, all the information needed and a ruling on the entire case may be issued prior to November 12th.

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Central High School



Class of 1958 celebrates

On Friday, October 5, 2018 the Central High School Class of 1958 met at the Bearden Banquet Hall to share memories and catch up on the lives of fellow classmates.

"It was a wonderful time with good friends and good food!" Kaye Galyon told The Focus.

Pictured above are: (Front Row L-R:) Lois Cassell Cockrum, Kay Haslett Stokely, Brenda Bittle Hickey, Shirley Burchfield Mays, Ann McKissick Scroggie, Marty Raley Trewhitt, Kaye Nicely Galyon, Elaine Hawkins Ridgel, Helen Moulton Lifford, Joanne Turner Wallace, Nancy Fielden McMillan-Cross, Carolyn Hutchison Wallace and Virginia McFadden Dougherty.

2nd Row L-R: Gloria Houser Tarver, Barbara Blackmon Ruble, Emily Pearson Jones, Helen Cogdill Northcutt, Barbara Gildard Owens, Carol Ward, Barbara Barnes Ironside, Linda Serrit Cummins, Charles Harrington, Faye Johnson Jones, Sharon Schneider Britts, Doris Stringfield Powers, Polly Ridner Passmore, Johnny Cecil, Bill Fryar, John Vettori, David Borden.

Back Row L-R: Sam Tipton, Hugh Ruble, Aubrey Dalton, Robert Wade Baker, Larry Jenkins, Richard Mynatt, Clayton Webster, Charles Goan, Warren Kerley, Terry Cooper, Jerry Clark, Bobby Leatherwood, Eddie Tallent, Charles (Chuck) Whaley and Mike Pelton.

Wall of Fame

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Worden, Class of 1949, was a captain in the U. S. Army, a long-time insurance and investment executive and civic leader.

Thurman was in the Class of 1952, a military cryptologist, leader in industrial management at Oak Ridge and Levi Strauss and Company, a Fountain City Town

Hall chairman and Fountain City's Man of the Year for 1984.

Sandra T. Martin, Class of 1973, was the founder and owner of the largest commercial interior design firm in East Tennessee, graduate of Leadership Knoxville, adjunct university professor and remains active in many civic affairs.

Why Do They Call It a Durable Power of Attorney?

A power of attorney is a document executed by someone who desires to have individuals have the power to complete tasks for them while they are still alive. Someone who has a power of attorney for you, can access bank accounts, file tax returns, participate in lawsuits, among other things on your behalf, while you are still alive.

You often hear the word "durable," placed in front of power of attorney though. Why include that word? What does it mean? Does it change the definition? Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-6-102 defines this and states why the term "durable" is so often included.

The statute states, "A durable power of attorney is a power of attorney by which a principal designates another as the principal's attorney in fact in writing and the writing contains



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the words, 'This power of attorney shall not be affected by subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal,' or 'This power of attorney shall become effective upon the disability or incapacity of the principal,' or similar words showing the intent of the principal that the authority conferred shall be exercisable, notwithstanding the principal's subsequent disability or incapacity."

So there you have it. The power of attorney is "durable," in that its execution will survive any future disability or incapacity (but not death) of the person executing it.

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Six neighborhoods receive city grants

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Six organizations have been awarded grants as part of the city's Neighborhood Small Grants Program. The program encourages neighborhood improvements and urges resident leaders to become involved in issues, problems and opportunities.

Mayor Madeline Rogero mentioned the six winners Tuesday and recognized many of the awarded neighborhood leaders.

The Office of Neighborhoods advertised the

availability of grants and held three pre-application workshops before accepting applications.

While recognizing Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp's efforts in the program Rogero announced the following:

\$2,500 to the East Tennessee Community Design Center to support Fairmont Emoriland Association's "Pollinator Garden" project;

\$2,540 to the Design Center to support Historic Holston Hill's Community Club efforts to boost their "Sense of Place" by

restoring the historic pillars and obelisk street markers;

\$3,000 to the Design Center for South Haven Neighborhood Association's Placemaker design for the intersection of Lancaster Drive and Sevierville Pike;

\$3,000 to the Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization for a Habitat Restoration and Educational Outreach Program to help them become a certified wildlife habitat.

\$3,000 to the Parkridge Community Organization to create a natural playscape

area in Parkridge Park to include an educational area for all ages; and

\$3,000 to the Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association for a "Butterfly Habitat" helping them to become a certified butterfly habitat.

In total the awards came to \$17,040.

An independent volunteer six-person evaluation committee of local citizens conducted site visits to all applicant organizations and met to advise the Office of Neighborhood about who should receive the awards.

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to know as soon as possible what action the commission is taking. Commissioner Brad Anders made a motion to put the pension settlement

on the agenda. Commissioner Dave Wright stated he could not support the motion since not everyone who would want to be involved in the discussion was prepared to speak that night. Also several

commissioners said they had canceled previous commitments in order to be present for the special meeting called for Thursday, Oct. 25 to consider the settlement. Therefore Commissioner Anders withdrew his motion.

Turning to other action, Mary Linda Schwarzbart was named to the ethics committee. Cecil Anderson was named to the board of zoning appeals and Matthew Warren was appointed to the audit committee.

The commission approved the first reading of an ordinance to repeal

or replace certain county codes in order to comply with current state law. They also approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend county code regarding standards for indoor storage facilities. In addition, the commission approved several zoning changes that had been recommended by the metropolitan planning commission. The following new county roads were accepted: Chariot Lane, in Bridgehaven; Calvert Lane in Johnstone Phase I; and Havenstone Lane, also in Johnstone Lane Phase I.

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on the "settlement" he might be in direct conflict with the Charter and "I could be charged with an illegal act." Busler then told the clerk to mark him absent and he rose from his commission seat and left the meeting.

The third revision of the resolution had been presented to the commission just prior to the meeting. It not only "directs" the law director to dismiss the suit but attempts to limit the law department from any future action against the pension board, the executive director and staff of the pension board, employees, advisors, legal counsel etc. without the written authority of the mayor and commission.

Attorney Chuck Burke

was called on to speak by Commissioner Larsen Jay. Burke said that under private acts and a 1990 charter revision the pension board "still has the authority" to alter its pension calculations. He said that post severance pay must be counted as compensation.

Quizzed by Commissioner Evelyn Gill, Burke said in 2016 the sheriff determined how much an employee would get in retirement. He also said that 43 days of unused vacation days over the last two years of employment was adopted by the pension board because it was used by other county employees.

He also said that the pension board voted recently, on first reading, to officially adopt the 43 day policy.

Commissioner Brad Anders said Burke's remarks were "the best presentation" the body has seen on the issue.

"This is not a binding statement, just a statement from the commission to the judge," Anders said, then added, "This is a well thought out plan." Anders then moved to pass the resolution and Commissioner Justin Biggs seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dave Wright took issue with the proposal saying the commission "was just handed" the proposal. He asked if "what we have before us is the same that was emailed to us, the mayor's proposal or the one handed out."

Chairman Hugh Nystrom responded that what was being considered was what

was handed out just before the meeting.

Wright then asked to speak to attorney John Valliant, Jr. who prepared the resolution. Valliant had left the assembly room but returned a short time later. Wright also said that no one in the county has a more difficult job than uniformed officers.

Commissioner Randy Smith asked the law director about the power of litigation and Armstrong said that that duty "is not assigned in whole or part to any other offices" in the county. He told Smith and the other commissioners they were "directing the law director."

"All these lawyers are not going to litigate this case in a public forum," Armstrong said.

"This lawsuit," Wright said when Valliant returned, "has upset me to no end." Wright said Judge Weaver has ruled the mayor had control of the administration but the law director administers the legal aspects of the county.

Valliant responded that the law director is there "just to give advice."

Armstrong countered that the pension board has "spent all this money to delay a Chancellor ruling and are now trying to 'comingle' the language in the proposed settlement.

Valliant said "Knox County promises" the uniformed officers the pension plan.

"All this paperwork is to ask us to tell the law director what to do," Wright said. He said the main issue is

whether or not the pension board followed the charter.

"The mayor can't ask for it to be dismissed; only the court can answer. I cannot support this in its present form," Wright said.

Jay said that the commission is simply asking the law director to settle the case, adding, "We will not resolve this case tonight. We were not asked or consulted whether to continue spending taxpayer money. Now your chief officer is saying 'Stop.'"

He called for a vote and only Wright voted "No."

Voting yes were Smith, Jay, Nystrom, Biggs, Anders, Gill and Michele Carringer. The crowd of sheriff's employees stood and applauded.

Schoonmaker leaves pension board as commission further splits on suit

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In the Knox County Commission meeting last Monday one item almost got overlooked. Commissioner John Schoonmaker, a member of the pension board, has resigned that position after months of frustration.

Schoonmaker, one of four commissioners who voted not to discuss a "settlement" approved by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, is also showing his disapproval of the matter in another action. The date of the special called meeting by Jacobs to bypass the failed motion to approve falls on a pre-scheduled trip by several commissioners to attend the Tennessee County Services Association's annual Fall Conference in

Chattanooga.

Several other commission members cancelled their reservations to attend the conference but Schoonmaker decided he'd go rather than attend the special session. Former pension board and commission members Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas were also critics of the board's policy and left the board when their terms expired. They were replaced with new commissioners Larsen Jay and Justin Biggs who both voted to consider the settlement of the suit proposed by Mayor Jacobs.

Schoonmaker told The Focus on Thursday that he will elaborate on why he resigned at the next county commission work session. Mayor Glenn Jacobs called

the special session of commission because his efforts failed to receive a 2/3 vote in commission to place the "settlement" on the regular agenda. A special session could see the commission agree with the mayor and pass the resolution with a simple majority.

The 6-4 vote at the work session, where 8 votes are required to add an item, saw Schoonmaker siding with Commissioners Dave Wright, Charles Busler and Carson Dailey. The vote presumably would be the same in the special session but the matter would pass.

This morning at 9:15 Chancellor John Weaver will again hear pleas from both sides of the issue and may determine who actually has the power in the confusing

and confounding matter involving uniformed sheriff officers.

Attorney Herb Moncier, who stepped in to represent one of the officers and now says he represents all of the retirees and non-retirees in the sheriff's department, told the commission last week that "the court is looking for direction from the commission."

He asked the commission to act that evening and Commissioner Brad Anders moved, and Commissioner Michele Carringer seconded, to discuss and approve the "settlement" but Commissioner Wright said he was not prepared to speak on the matter yet. Anders withdrew his motion.

That's when Commissioner

Randy Smith mentioned that someone needs to be named to replace Schoonmaker on the Pension Board. He asked Schoonmaker if he wanted to explain why he resigned and Schoonmaker declined to comment yet.

By some calculation if the vacation pay for an sheriff's uniformed officer can be included in their retirement it could cost the county about \$ 15 million dollars in additional taxpayer dollars. That includes an annual 3 percent increase in retirement. One charge against the "settlement" is that it allows retiring officers to take the vacation pay as a "cash out" in their final paycheck and then also adds the vacation pay to their retirement.

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Former Trustee Mike Lowe ordered to pay \$1.78 million

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Convicted former Knox County Trustee Michael Lowe, who admitted to paying two ghost-employees, has been ordered to pay the county \$1.78 million. Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong announced the decision Friday.

Lowe was convicted of making false claims while serving as Trustee in the form of salary and benefits to Delbert E. Morgan for services not performed. Lowe and Ray M. Mubarak obtained false and fraudulent payments

from Knox County paid to Mubarak as an employee while Mubarak was actually working at his business, Tennessee Mortgage Connections. The violations took place between 2004 and 2008.

Lowe pled guilty in 2015 to felony theft and was sentenced to a year in jail and was then fined \$200,000. He was released in October of that year on 10 years of probation. Last year the law director's office filed suit and on October 18th a summary judgement was issued by Chancery Court.

He was the only doctor in our rural community; he was kind; and he was Rada's dad. Rada was my childhood friend from first grade through high school. The country doctor's qualifications were sufficient for me. Now, it is truly fascinating to learn from Rada and her siblings about the challenges and hardships their father endured on his journey to becoming a doctor.

Alvis David Simmons was raised in Puncheon Camp in Washburn, Tennessee, where his family farmed the rocky valley. Simmons and his five siblings were raised in a one-room log cabin, though another room was eventually added for the kitchen. "Daddy remembered studying by



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the oil lamp and watching snow blow through the cracks of the logs," Rada said. "He and his brothers and sisters really did walk miles in the snow to go to school."

Daughter Sylvia recalls that their father

went through the eighth grade twice because Washburn High School was not ready to open, and he did not want to lose what he learned. "Aunt Millie told me Dad ran to school while other brothers and sisters walked," Sylvia said.

Simmons graduated from Washburn High School and attended Lincoln Memorial University (LMU). "After graduating from LMU, Dad taught and coached at Washburn to save money to go to medical school," older



Picture of Dr. A. D. Simmons taken for his graduation from LMU, courtesy of the Simmons children.

son David recalls. Then the depression hit, and the aspiring doctor lost all his money in the bank. His uncle, Dr. Willis Idol, loaned him the money for medical school, and Simmons later worked with his uncle. Rada adds, "Daddy also remembered his family growing and selling tomatoes to buy

him a train ticket to go to medical school."

The sacrifices of the man my family knew as "Dr. Simmons" are amazing. It is a joy to share with Focus readers in the coming weeks more about his journey in becoming a beloved country doctor.

'Pumpkins for Piggies' called for by Hooves & Feathers

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Stephanie Solomon, executive director of Hooves & Feathers told The Focus that she and other volunteers will be at Central Filling Station those days to meet and greet people. They also need squash and hay and urges everyone to volunteer or donate.

Hooves & Feathers is a rescue organization located at the former Beaver Creek Stables in Halls. The group bought the farm, abandoned for three years, in April of this year and spent a month fixing it up. They opened in May and

currently have 66 rescue animals, everything from pigs and chickens to cows and emus.

"I was with Horse Haven and I've been in rescue for 17 years. We take in all kinds of farm animals and work with the state and Knox County to accept abused and stray animals," Solomon said.

"There was no place for these animals to go," she said, explaining how she got involved in the effort. She said when she worked with Horse Haven she noticed the need of other farm animals as well. Hooves &

Feathers provides rescue, shelter, rehabilitation and adoption services.

"We're all volunteers and are funded by donations," she said.

"We've been so grateful for our acceptance by Halls— it's been great," Solomon said, adding that many residents are happy to see the abandoned property being used by the organization.

"We can always use donations and volunteers," she said. Volunteers must be 14 years or older and a parent or guardian may need to attend orientation

with minors.

Farm animals at Hooves & Feathers are cared for and offered for adoption.

Board members and directors at Hooves & Feathers include Terry Holley, Ann Shanks, Lisa Sessoms, Jenny Lindsey, Debra Linde and Beth Ogle.

If you miss the Central Filling Station collection days you can leave your donation at the front gate with a note with a note containing your name, telephone number and mailing address. Hooves & Feathers will make sure you receive a "Thanks You"



Clyde and Delmer are two pot bellied pig mixes available for adoption at Hooves & Feathers in Halls. Photos courtesy of Hooves & Feathers.

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Getting to know Knoxville Police Chief EVE THOMAS

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

Chief Eve Thomas joined the police department in 1993 and, over the years, has held various duties as an instructor, patrol officer, Assistant Public Information officer, and the Domestic Violence and Terrorism Instructor. In 2008 she was promoted to Deputy Chief and assumed her role as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division.

When Chief David Rausch resigned this year to become the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Thomas was named Police Chief by Mayor Madeline Rogero and became the first woman to hold the post.

How is your position working for you so far?

It's been really good. I've been with the department 25 years and the people I work with know me. I came onto the force the same time as Chief Rausch and so did my Deputy Chiefs Ron Green and Kenny Miller. It was a good class.

Chief Rausch was notable for his work with the community and with the Police Advisory Meeting, will you continue that approach?

The work in the community goes on continuously. It's been a work in progress and we need to keep it there. We've got to keep working at the good will we've built up.

How has your position affected your home life?

I've had to pare back on my interests. I love to kayak and I've had to cut back. My family, both my boys, have grown up with me on the force. I'm very careful to share my time when I'm with them. I make time for my family and they



PHOTO BY JOHN FUGATE.

Police Chief Eve Thomas sits down with Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely in an informal talk and visit about several topics.

understand.

What brought you to Knoxville?

I was born in Evanston, Illinois. My family moved to Lenoir City where my father worked for Maremont Muffler Corporation.

What are your hopes for the city?

Continuing what we started with community engagement way back when Chief Keith ran the department. Chief Rausch continued that and did it really well. My vision for moving that forward is encouraging people to take ownership of their own community. We have communities in the city that do that but I'd like to see all the communities involved. In that they don't let the non-welcome elements in. We're always there for them but we'd like to see the communities take ownership.

For instance, when I was a little kid and something was wrong our neighbor down the walk would yell at me just like my mom would. Everybody should know what's going on around them. We attend all the community watch program meetings and have an assigned officer to each of them.

What are your hobbies or outside interests?

I collect challenge coins issued by the police department and I've got marathon

medals, I've ran more than 20 now and I collect those. I'm not fast or competitive but it's an accomplishment. I run every morning; it gets my blood to flow.

What do you see as your main accomplishments?

My family. I've accomplished a lot professionally as well. I'm very proud to be a police chief and I'm proud of my sons as well. I've raised two kids to grow up to be responsible adults.

Are you staying in touch with Chief Rausch?

Oh, yes, I got an email from him yesterday. He comes back in town for several things. He was here for a Leadership Conference. We've been friends for twenty five years

How do you think other people see you?

I think other people see me as a powerful female. I really appreciated it when the mayor appointed and she said it was due to my merit.

If you could do anything over in your life what would that be?

I started my years at UT to be an engineer but it seems life has kind of worked out for me.

Do you think the city and county will move to a metro form of government?

Seems like economically it would happen but I just don't see that coming. The

sheriff and I are both new and we have a great relationship but I don't see that happening.

What's the one thing in your position that's the most satisfying?

It's the ability to communicate with the community. You saw that with Chief Rausch and I'm the same way. Perception plays a big part and it's very satisfying to be able to go out into the community. I can go out to the community, or council person, and say, "This why we do what we do."

Maybe we can do it better. I learn ways in talking to people that we can improve policing. I have that ability on a big platform now.

What's your favorite food or favorite place to eat?

I have never been to Yassin's but I need to go there, everybody's talking about it. My favorite food is pizza and my favorite pizza place is Big Ed's. We usually go as a family and it's a great place to eat but Oak Ridge is a far place to go eat. Both my boys love pizza and we used to go to Big Ed's once a week.

How would you like to be remembered?

I'd like to be remembered as a good police officer, a good person overall and someone who cares.

Early Voting sees heavy turnout

By Mike Steely
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As of Thursday more than 67,246 people have chosen to vote early. In some cases lines formed inside and outside voting precincts off and on during the days.

Chris Davis, assistant administrator of the election commission, told The Focus that the 67,246 total has already exceeded the total 54,967 turnout in 2014's off-year voting. The early voting in the last presidential election was only 66,992 in the county.

"We're halfway through and we've already exceeded our expectation," he said. He also noted that in some precincts there have been an unusually high number of different voters.

"We've seen lots of younger people voting," he said.

The Downtown West polling place lead, as usual, in the number of voters, totalling 18,479. Farragut reported 12,666 votes, New Harvest Park 7,163, Halls 6,341, Merchant's Drive 5,921, Karns 5,326, South 4,203, City-County Building 3,301, Love Kitchen 2,261, and Carter reported 1,585.

Add the absentee ballots of 2,970 and the total would be 70,216 so far.

It is estimated that 60 to 75% of the ballots will be cast during early voting, which ends November 1. The general election on November 6 will add to the total and this "off-year" election may be memorable.

City council deals with drainage and homelessness

By Pete Gawda

Drainage and homelessness were two issues that occupied a good portion of the Tuesday, Oct. 23 meeting of the Knoxville City Council.

An agreement was reached in the appeal by Ronnie Collins, president of the Alice Bell/Spring Hill Neighborhood Association against the Metropolitan Planning Commission's approval of expansion plans for The Legends at Washington Pike. The matter had been postponed so residents could meet with the developer and try to work out an agreement. Coming into the meeting, agreement had been reached in seven areas. There was still disagreement about drainage.

The residents were asking for enhanced stormwater controls, claiming there was already significant flooding in the area and that the proposed development would only increase the problem. Arthur Seymour, Jr., attorney for the developer, stated that the city's stormwater ordinance was very strict and comprehensive and that the developer had complied with it. Residents were requesting a detention area. Robert Campbell, engineer for the project, stated that a detention area, which simply holds water would not be sufficient. He said what was needed was a retention area that would release accumulated water over a short period of time. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the plans would be designed to allow for a 20 percent reduction of the peak flow allowed by the city ordinance.

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Thoughts of Autumn

Rosie's World

It is that time of the year again. Nestled between the torrid days of summer and the icy days of winter

is the time to relax, enjoy, and be amazed by the riotous colors of the season. There is something about this season that makes one want to wax nostalgic and think about past autumns, ruminate on present autumn days and wonder

about future autumn hours. How fortunate we are to have changing weather season, football season, and cooler weather season in the lovely month of October.

Why does Fall/Autumn have two names. Autumn, a Latin word first appears in English in the 14th century. In the 17th century Fall came into use and meant the act of taking in crops. By the 19th century Fall became an "Americanism" primarily used in the U.S.

and frowned upon by the British. It doesn't matter what it's called, it is the most beautiful time of the year.

I must include, my favorite autumn poem which is also a beautiful, haunting song, sung by many, but my favorite rendition is by Nat King Cole. I can't let a year go by without including this:
Autumn Leaves
The falling leaves drift by the window
The autumn leaves of red and gold

I see your lips, the summer kisses
The sunburned hands I used to hold.
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And soon I'll hear old winter's song.
But I miss you most o all, my darling
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Exhausting lies

The past weeks have been exhausting. No, working hasn't been difficult; home is still the same, even with son Dallas and his dog Harvey staying with us for a while; the grass has slowed down so that I can keep up with it now. What's just plain sucked all the energy from me is the political scene and the lies that dominate it.

The Kavanaugh debacle filled the airways with lies. The Republicans and Democrats both spun every aspect of the affair to their own advantages. Allegations by Dr. Ford rocked everyone on both sides of the aisle. The problem became figuring out how to confirm a man who had been accused of sexual assault. If the victim were as credible as all declared, how could Kavanaugh be confirmed? If he had been unjustly accused, apologies were owed to him.

On the heels of that event came the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. Saudi Arabia took time to cover their tracks in the commission of this murder. With the entire world watching, Saudi leaders lied over and over as they struggled to find a story that would stick. Next, some government officials tried to tie Khashoggi to extremist groups in an effort to discredit the horror of his death. What remains is the fact that the man entered the Saudi consulate in Turkey and never came out. Neither the leaders from the Middle East nor the ones in our country can put a spin on this story that will make it acceptable.

What is most important to all politicians is that their sides come out on top. For some reason, "the common good" has been erased from the workings of the government. In its place, the self-serving actions of

representatives who are hell-bent on keeping their jobs are witnessed every day.

Right now, the airwaves are bombarded with political ads paid for by candidates or PACs. They spend millions of dollars telling voters that opponents running for office are liars. The worst about individuals is spread across television screens; however, most of the stuff consists of half-truths or out-and-out lies. Our politicians now appeal to the public's baser instincts.

Even the executive branch of the government is filled with lies. Leaders of government departments have been caught using "alternative facts." They've lived in luxury at the taxpayers' expense, and when questioned about their actions, these people either swear they didn't know the acts were wrong or that someone else led them astray. Their actions defraud the American people and damage the agencies which they oversee.

When we were children, our parents told us that lying was bad. It was that simple. Some of us were punished for fibbing. As parents ourselves, we've passed along to our children the wrongness of telling lies. How are they to believe us when after witnessing the folks who lead our country telling untruths or bending facts to support their agendas?

According to legend, George Washington stated he could not tell a lie when asked if he cut down a cherry tree. The principle of telling the truth is, in large part, firmly fixed in that story. How disgusted the first president would be if he were to experience the rapid-fire lying that has become part of the country's leadership. We owe it to ourselves to demand better from the country's elected officials and to insist that they serve as models of truthful individuals. In short, we need the president and our representatives to speak out and be true leaders.

City council deals with drainage, homelessness

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As another step in the city's program to deal with homelessness, the council approved a \$170,000 contract with Vinson Guard Service to provide security for the homeless gathering area under the overpass on Broadway next to the Salvation Army. While stressing that the action that evening dealt strictly with guard services Mayor Madeline Rogero elaborated on the city's program for the homeless. The mayor said the idea was to fence and pave the area and put in water fountains, toilets, benches and tables. The guard service was to open the area in the morning, keep the homeless safe during the day and close it at night. At that time the homeless were expected to go to KARM, the Salvation Army or other shelters to sleep. She said the city has allocated funds for social workers to help the homeless get the government services that are available for them and to coordinate with KARM and other outreach groups. "I think we are doing the right thing at this point," she said.

David Hays stated that the city was trying to push through the program without input from the homeless and that community organizations had very little input. He urged support for the homeless bill of rights. "Make sure these folks get what they need," Hays said. His remarks drew applause.

Turning to other action, the city council authorized transfer of \$9,250 from "Save our Sons" to Project Grad and transfer of \$20,000 from that

same source to Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development. (SEED). The council also approved expenditure of \$17,040 in Neighborhood Small grants to support community-building activities planned by six neighborhood organizations.

The developers' agreement dealing with the old Supreme Court building at 719 Locust Ave. was amended to revise deadlines to allow the developer adequate time for the project. Council also took action that would allow construction to move forward on the project.

The council confirmed the reappointment of Dasha Lundy to the Historic Zoning Commission.

During the public forum several people drew applause as they spoke in favor of the Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) union in its contract negotiations with management. The mayor stressed that by law the city cannot enter union negotiations. She said that action is taken by a private corporation made up of executives of KAT.

Prior to the council meeting, the council, sitting as the beer board approved four beer permits and held an administrative hearing for The Main Event. The Main Event had been cited for the sale of alcohol to a minor, the second such citation this year. The matter was sent to a hearing officer. In addition, the beer board adopted new letter size forms for application for beer permits and temporary beer permits.



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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate

Part Five

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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William Gannaway told it." "Parson" Brownlow had been elected governor of Tennessee in 1865, taking the oath of office four days before General Robert E. Lee tendered his surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. Governor Brownlow was engaged in a heated reelection campaign against former congressman Emerson Etheridge. The Parson had pledged vengeance against the rebels and Brownlow had kept his word. The governor was a genuinely austere man, bragging he had never tasted liquor, save for medicinal purposes, disdained playing cards, refused to attend the theatre, and "never courted any woman except his wife."

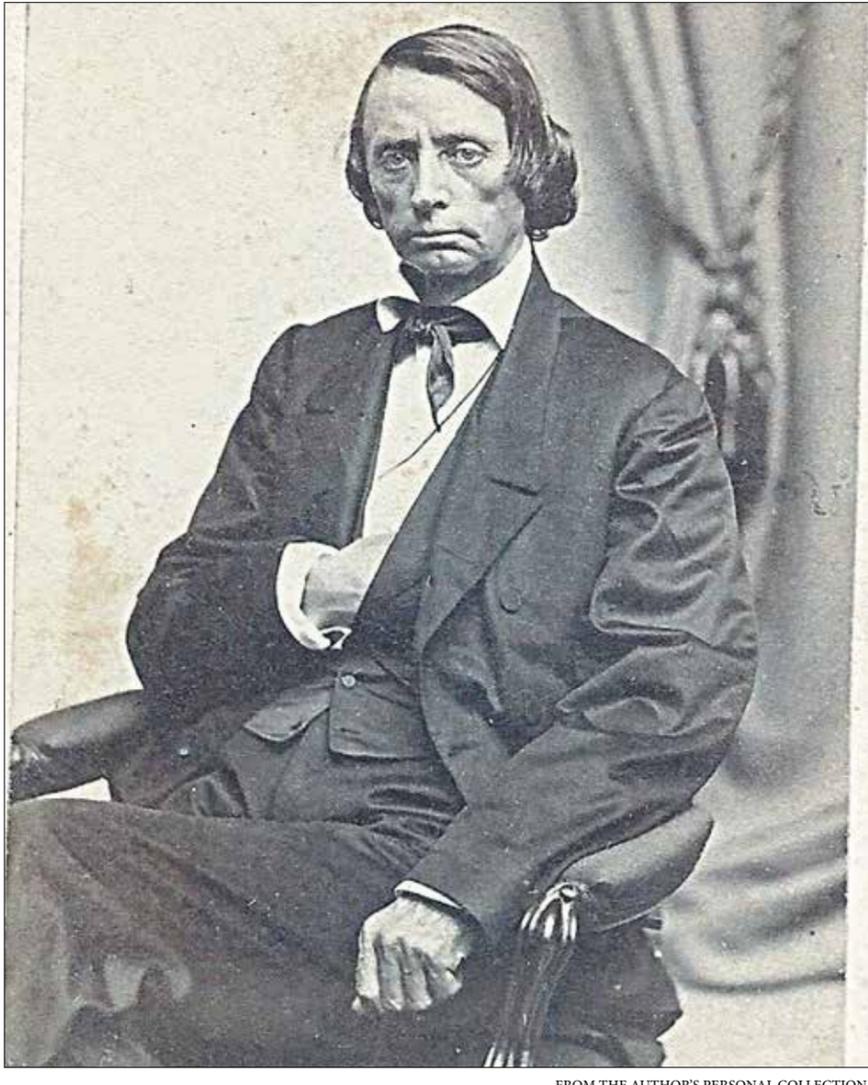
Brownlow sought a second two-year term as governor in 1867 and faced serious opposition in the person of Emerson Etheridge. A powerful and gifted speaker, Etheridge, like Brownlow, had been an adamant critic of secession and had also been a member of Congress from West Tennessee. Etheridge had become an outspoken critic of Governor Brownlow and the 1867 gubernatorial campaign quickly became heated and violent. Brownlow had allied himself with the Radical Republicans opposed to President Andrew Johnson. Emerson Etheridge was a conservative Republican who believed Johnson's policies would help Tennessee to return to its pre-Civil War status. The legislature had given Governor Brownlow an almost insurmountable electoral advantage inasmuch as the election machinery in the state was almost entirely in the Parson's hands. Brownlow denounced Etheridge in his newspaper with his own lively brand of invective, describing his opponent as little more than a "party scullion." Brownlow derided Etheridge as "the Thersites of the stump" and accused his opponent of being "the trafficker of the most foul, vulgar and filthy slang ever spewed by an obscene mind upon the hustings." Etheridge was well able to defend himself and cried the Brownlow administration was nothing more than an "ignorant, brutal and irresponsible despotism."

Etheridge claimed his election would end the "meanest tyranny which was ever hatched in the foul air of distempered times." Brownlow was ailing and was unable to campaign on his own behalf, having to rely upon surrogates to speak for him. Congressman William B. Stokes met Emerson Etheridge in debate where they excoriated one another. Etheridge finally sniffed. "Mr. Stokes says he is not educated. He need not have

The Parson was ailing during his reelection campaign and was not able to speak on his own behalf, while Etheridge was one of the most gifted public speakers in Tennessee at the time. Brownlow used surrogates to speak, urging his reelection. Governor Brownlow was not afraid of controversy; in fact, he regularly courted it. Brownlow had infuriated former Confederates by insisting former slaves be given the right to vote. It was Brownlow's opinion "a loyal Negro was more deserving than a disloyal white man." Nor was Brownlow loath to use any means necessary to accomplish his goals. When he sought to have the state legislature ratify the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, a small minority of legislators loyal to President Andrew Johnson, who opposed the amendment, tried to leave the Capitol. Brownlow had the Sergeant-At-Arms arrest at least two recalcitrant legislators who sulked in a committee room. The legislature voted 43 - 11 to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment, but one of the legislators who had been arrested refused to sign the document and resigned his office in protest. It merely delayed the ratification briefly, as his successor was happy to sign the ratifying document. Governor Brownlow gleefully sent along Tennessee's ratification to the Fourteenth Amendment, along with a gloating note to President Andrew Johnson, stating, "My compliments to the dead dog in the White House."

While Emerson Etheridge campaigned gamely, he surely realized there was little hope of victory. Both Etheridge and Brownlow were Republicans, albeit from very different factions of the party. With former Confederates unable to vote, Brownlow assured his reelection to a second term as governor by organizing a state guard. The governor appointed General Joseph A. Cooper to head the guard, which was ostensibly charged with "protecting" the voters. In reality, the guard did little more than antagonize and intimidate the opposition. Brownlow won a sweeping reelection, winning 74,848 - 22,548 for Etheridge.

William G. Brownlow was never ashamed of his methods. He ruled Tennessee as he had once debated a fellow clergyman, the hapless Adam Pryne in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brownlow snapped at the Reverend Pryne, declaring him to be "an unwashed, unmitigated, unregenerate and God-forsaken abolitionist who, if you will dare show



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Senator William G. Brownlow of Tennessee

yourself South and repeat your wholesale abuse of slaveholders and your vile reflections upon the virtue of Southern ladies, shall be treated to a coat of tar and feathers and rode out of town on a rail by free Negroes and Northern prostitutes who are filling our towns."

Governor Brownlow, especially hated by former Confederates, began receiving serious threats against his life. Congressman Samuel Arnell, the beneficiary of Brownlow having thrown out several hundred votes inside Arnell's Fourth District, had quite nearly been assassinated. Violence was increasing in Tennessee through the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by former Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Members of the Klan were no less shy in hiding their motives than was Governor Brownlow. The Grand Cyclops of the Tennessee Ku Klux Klan sent a threatening letter to the governor. General Forrest left little to the imagination when he stated in a newspaper interview he did not for a moment believe that Brownlow's government had "any legal existence." General Forrest warned if the Brownlow administration committed any overt "outrages", the governor and his cronies would "be swept out of office existence and not a Radical will be left alive." Forrest later joined several other signatories in petitioning the governor. The General and his friends promised to cease their activities if Brownlow would agree to restore the right to vote to former Confederates. Governor Brownlow refused to consider the idea and instead insisted the legislature give him more enforcement powers and set about reconstituting his state guard. The legislature promptly gave the governor new powers enabling him to throw out voter registrations in Tennessee. Brownlow also demanded federal troops be sent

to Tennessee to station at the polls in twenty-one counties. Brownlow's new powers came in handy as he was supporting General Ulysses S. Grant for president in 1868. Nor was the governor afraid to use them. Brownlow purged the entire voter registration roll in Lincoln County. Congressmen William J. Smith and Lewis Tillman, both Radical Republicans, had been defeated in the election. The congressmen believed Klan members had intimidated and threatened enough voters to cause their defeat. Governor Brownlow agreed and threw out enough ballots from Coffee, Marshall, Fayette and Tipton counties to elect Smith and Tillman.

The fiery Parson did not seek a third two-year term as governor in 1869, but rather had his eye on the U. S. Senate seat held by David T. Patterson, who was also Andrew Johnson's son-in-law. Brownlow wanted to go to Washington to aid the Grant administration and the legislature easily elected the governor over the opposition of Congressman William B. Stokes, 63 - 39. Before leaving for Washington, Brownlow sold the Knoxville Whig. Brownlow departed Nashville for the nation's Capitol, leaving behind his record as governor and there are many who believe William Gannaway Brownlow was Tennessee's worst chief executive.

Brownlow was not one to doubt himself. The Parson once made the statement, "If I had been allowed to hunt up about 200 anti-slavery agitators in the North...if I had taken these Northern fanatics and an equal number of our Southern, God-forsaken, hell-deserving secessionists and disunionists...I would have erected a common gallows and we would have none of the troubles which afflict the country today."

Despite his election to the United States Senate, Brownlow's health had not improved; in fact, it was rapidly deteriorating. Brownlow

was unable to give speeches on the Senate floor, necessitating his comments to be read by the Clerk of the Senate. Brownlow was a strong supporter of the Enforcement Act of 1870, which was designed to give the president greater authority to enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. More specifically, it was drafted to keep organizations like the Ku Klux Klan from threatening the voting rights of former slaves and free blacks. The bill outlawed any attempt by state officials to discriminate against any person on the basis of race or color. The bill also gave federal courts the ability to enforce the legislation. President Grant was empowered to use the federal army to uphold and enforce the terms of the legislation, as well as allow federal marshals to file charges against those who would commit election fraud, attempt to bribe or otherwise intimidate voters. The bill did not go far enough to suit Senator Brownlow, or for that matter, many of the Parson's colleagues in Congress. The Congress approved the Second Enforcement Act of 1871, which gave President U. S. Grant the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in the government's efforts to curtail and destroy the Ku Klux Klan and other organizations like it. Brownlow was an enthusiastic supporter of the second enforcement act.

Senator Brownlow could not have been especially pleased by the political turn in Tennessee. Much of what the Parson had done as governor was steadily being undone by his successors. Tennessee was drifting back toward the Democratic Party, while the Republicans were slowly relinquishing their hold on the Volunteer State. Weak and ill, William G. Brownlow could accomplish little as a member of the United States Senate. With the state government under the control of the Democrats, Brownlow knew he could not be reelected

to a second term in the Senate. Perhaps Brownlow did not wish to be reelected to the Senate as his health was worsening and he was getting old. For once in his life, William G. Brownlow left quietly. Departing Washington, D. C., Parson Brownlow returned to his home in Knoxville. Clearly, Brownlow did not intend to be idle or simply retire. The former senator bought an interest in the Knoxville Chronicle. The Chronicle was published by William Rule; a friend of Brownlow's and the elder man had been a mentor to the younger publisher. Rule obligingly changed the name of the newspaper to the Knoxville Whig and Chronicle.

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Dr. Rothwell spoke with The Focus recently at the Clinton Highway office. Coming from a background in general care and trauma surgery, Rothwell said the idea started in Sevierville with Smoky Mountain Urgent Care and it became so successful that the doctors quit their practices to devote their time fully to expanding their Urgent Care.

"We were well received and our patients enjoyed it," he said of the concept of providing most services then only offered at hospital emergency rooms. "Access to a person's primary care can be difficult during busy times of the year. Here a

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Dr. Rothwell said the offices take most insurance as well as Medicare and even offer a cash discount to help people who have no insurance or simply want to pay for the visit. "A visit to an emergency room could cost \$1,000 or more," he said. "Why pay for an emergency, when it's not?"

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Seymour's historic state run ends with overtime loss in title match

By Ken Lay
 MURFREESBORO --- In its third trip to the Class AA State Tournament, the Seymour High School Lady Eagles soccer team made some school history. The Lady Eagles, who made their second consecutive trip to Murfreesboro, came up just short of winning their first championship as they came up on the short end of a 3-2

overtime decision against Beech in the title match Saturday afternoon. Seymour (19-4) saw its championship hopes dashed when Jill Fuqua's goal lifted the Lady Buccaneers to victory in the 96th minute of the match. The Lady Eagles won the District 2-AA Championship and claimed the Region 1-AA Title before clinching a second consecutive trip

to Murfreesboro by beating Central in a Section 1-AA match for the second consecutive season. Seymour scored first in its first-ever state championship match. Anna Pendleton tallied to give the Lady Eagles a 1-0 lead in the 31st minute of the game. Beech (15-7-2) answered on a marker by Kendra Mueller in the 60th minute.

Seymour regained the lead when Emma Houser made it 2-1 in the 69th minute. Mueller answered again in the 70th minute and her second marker made it 2-2 and would eventually send the game to overtime where the Lady Bucs would prevail and avenge an earlier 2-1 loss to Seymour earlier this season. The Lady Eagles

advanced to the title match with a 2-0 victory over Nolensville. It was the 10th consecutive shutout for Seymour. Houser had a goal and an assist against the Lady Knights. Tyler Taff scored the game's other goal. Seymour opened tournament play with a 7-0 win over McMinn Central. Taff had a hat trick. Abbie Biddle scored twice while

Sydney Wolfenbarger had a goal. Pendleton also scored and had an assist in the quarterfinals. Emily Glaspie also had an assist against McMinn Central. **Lady Bulldogs fall in semifinals:** Bearden saw its 2018 campaign come to an end in Thursday night's Class AAA semifinals at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex. **Continued on page 2**

Farragut quarterback Gavin Wilkinson looks for a receiver as Hardin Valley linebacker Luke Defur rushes from the right in the Region 1-6A title game Friday night at Bill Clabo Field. The Admirals prevailed 28-0.
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Fulton edges Oak Ridge 21-13, wins Region title

By Alex Norman
 In 2017, Oak Ridge came to North Knoxville and won the Region championship on Fulton's home field. Last Thursday night, the Falcons returned the favor. In a matchup of the top two teams in the state in Class 5A, Fulton beat Oak Ridge 21-13 to secure the Region 3-5A title, and home field advantage throughout the playoffs. It was the first time in program history that the Falcons beat the Wildcats at Blankenship Field. "That was a tough place to play and a big stage," said Fulton head coach Rob Black. "It's just awfully good to come back home with a victory." Things looked good for the Fulton Falcons on their first drive of the game, but a short field goal was wide to the right. They ate up nearly five minutes of game clock over 16 plays, and had nothing to show for it. But the drive proved that they could move the football effectively. After the Falcons defense forced a Wildcats punt, Fulton (9-1, 6-0 in Region 3-5A) started their second drive at their own 47. A 26-yard hookup from Xavier Malone to Jashaun Fenderson gave the Falcons a first and goal from the Oak Ridge 6. On the very next play, running back Deshawn Page ran around the left side untouched, and with 2:29 left in the first quarter, Fulton had a 7-0 lead. "Getting the lead early was huge," said Black. "We knew coming in that Oak Ridge was a second half team so every point matters." Early in the second quarter Oak Ridge tied the game. Quarterback Herbert Booker fell over the goal line on a one-yard plunge. Booker looked to be down before he crossed the plane, but the touchdown stood. After a Fulton punt, a Deshawn Page sack of Booker forced a fumble that the Wildcats recovered at their own five yard line. They would have to punt, and the Falcons had tremendous field position, starting their next drive at the Wildcats' 32. Two plays later, Malone rolled out to his right, winged the football to Page, and Fulton was back on top. Their 26-yard hookup gave Fulton a 14-7 lead with 6:19 to go in the half. "We ended up catching them in a blitz that we've seen and they were trying to catch us on the backside," said Black. "Xavier did a good job buying some time, set his feet and hit Page for a strike." In the final minute of the first half, Fulton's drive stalled at the Oak Ridge 25. They had a fourth and 16. Malone had time to throw and zipped a pass to Fenderson, who caught it at the Oak Ridge 1. Fenderson fought off a defender and stretched the football. **Continued on page 2**

Farragut downs Hawks 28-0 for Region 1-6A title

By Steve Williams
 Farragut High's football team got the last laugh in the race for the Region 1-6A championship this season. The Admirals sailed past Hardin Valley Academy 28-0 on a damp, cool night Friday at Bill Clabo Field to take the title and No. 1 seed. Just the week before, HVA had knocked off Bearden to put Farragut back in contention. The week before that, the Admirals' title hopes had been dimmed in an upset loss at Bearden. It's funny how things sometimes go in the Wild, Wild West Knox County. "That's why you have to get ready to play every Friday night," said veteran Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney, whose team had an open date last week after its loss at Bearden. "We didn't play our best against Bearden and Bearden played pretty good. Hardin Valley had been on a roll and we knew they were a good team

and they beat a good Bearden team. We knew we had to be at our best to beat them." Farragut finished 5-1 in the region and 9-1 overall. HVA (4-2, 6-4) ended up third in the region and Bearden (4-2, 8-2) fourth. Courtney said the Admirals "played as a team" in the win over Hardin Valley, which defeated Farragut last year. "Everybody contributed on both sides of the ball and special teams," said Courtney. "Several guys made plays tonight; it wasn't just one or two. Everybody did what they were expected to do. It meant a lot to these kids to win that game, especially after losing to Bearden." The Admirals started fast against the Hawks. On their opening possession, Kyle Carter took a pass from junior quarterback Gavin Wilkinson down the left sideline 70 yards to the Hardin Valley 15-yard line. An 11-yard pass to Tanner Corum put the ball

at the 1. But Farragut lost a fumble in its backfield on fourth and 1 and came away with nothing. Sophomore defensive back Matt White helped change that quickly, setting up the first touchdown with an interception at the HVA 21. Carter bulled in from the 3. Left-footed Daniel Bethel's PAT kick made it 7-0 with 7:25 on the first quarter clock. Josiah Lambert misfired on a 39-yard field goal attempt on the Hawks' ensuing possession. Early in second quarter, Hardin Valley senior quarterback Grayson Vaughn ran 34 yards to the Farragut 9, but a holding penalty on the Hawks nullified it. Farragut followed with its second score. Wilkinson's 18-yard TD pass to Wyatt Lucas was right on the money, as he put the ball in a small opening against defender Nick Filipkowski. That made it 14-0 with 4:33 left

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Veteran Lady Demons to dedicate season to fallen coach

By Ken Lay

Halls Middle School's girls basketball team suffered through some growing pains last season as it had the youngest team in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

The Lady Demons, who won just three games in 2017-18, also had their long streaks of James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament semifinal appearances snapped.

Many of the players from last year's squad are back but one important person did not return and Halls will play this season with heavy hearts, The Lady Demons will dedicate the season to the

memory of head coach Richard Lee, who passed away last summer after a bout with cancer.

Lee, a longtime teacher at Halls, coached golf, basketball and track and field at the school during his tenure there. He died in July, leaving a huge void at the school and in the girls basketball program.

Lori Cook, a 1994 Halls High School graduate who played for the Lady Demons under Neil Walker, takes the reins for the Halls program and she said that she has some big shoes to fill.

"We're playing this season for Richard," Cook said. "He had a great impact on a lot of kids. He had a great personality."

The Lady Demons warmed up in #LeeStrong t-shirts before their exhibition game against Gibbs at Powell High School. They went on to defeat the Lady Eagles.

Cook said that Halls will honor Lee and have a purple-out during its game against Whittle Springs on Monday, Nov. 5.

Halls has seven returners from last year's squad and Cook said that she hopes her team can make a giant step forward after taking its share of lumps last season.

"We only won three games last year, so one of the goals we set for this year is to win 10 games," she said. "We're still kind of

inexperienced because two of my best players didn't play last year.

"They should've made the team last year, but they've never played middle school basketball. Our strength is speed. And if you look at [Wednesday] night, our strength was rebounding. We had 35 rebounds."

The Lady Devils, however, didn't shoot well against the Lady Eagles.

"We shot 20 percent and that includes two-pointers, three-pointers and free throws," Cook said. "We'll have to work on our shooting."

Top returners for the Lady Demons include: Keira Everett

(eighth grade, point guard); Leah Prate (eighth grade, forward); Brenna Taylor (seventh grade, center); Raegan Corvette (seventh grade, guard); Ava Mullins (seventh grade, forward); Amy Love (seventh grade, forward/center) and Megan Biliter (seventh grade, point guard).

Key newcomers are Sophie Tharpe (eighth grade, guard); Ella Tharpe (Sophie's twin sister, who is also a guard and an eighth grader) and Nyalee Seiber (eighth grade, forward).

Halls opens its season today (Oct. 29) at home against Vine. Tip-off is slated for 4:30 p.m.

Sherrod, Demons look to bounce back after tough times in 2017-18

By Ken Lay

As Nathan Sherrod prepares for his season as Halls Middle School's boys basketball coach, his expectations are relatively modest.

That's because he's looking for his team to improve as the 2018-19 campaign progresses but he knows that his team won't have all that long to make an impact in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

But none of the 16 teams will have the luxury of waiting. The season begins today (Oct. 29) for most schools in the league, which adds Gibbs and Hardin Valley this season.

"We moved the season up two weeks this year and we play all of our conference games before Christmas," Sherrod said. "We don't have a conference game during Christmas Break."

"After Christmas, we play our Halls Tournament and then we start the [James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball] Tournament in early January."

The Demons, who went 2-17 last season, will face a tough home test when they host Vine today at 5:30 p.m. The Golden

Bears won it all in 2017 and finished second to Bearden last year. But both the Bruins and the Golden Bears lost in the quarterfinals of the tournament after both enjoyed first-round tournament byes.

Vine lost to seventh-seeded Farragut, which made the championship game. Bearden lost to ninth-seeded Gresham, which cut down the nets as county champions in 2017-18.

That shows just how stiff the competition in Knox County is.

"I'd say that it's one of the top leagues in the state," Sherrod said. "You have to come to play every night. We're just looking to get better and we want to compete in every game that we play."

The Knox County teams will be able to show just how they stack up against the other middle school teams throughout the Volunteer State. Sherrod said the top three teams in the Knox County Tournament will move on to the East Regional of the TMSAA Tournament and could earn a shot to play for a State Championship.

He noted that he has some hot-shooting guards and said that he looks for

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Young HVA harriers are winning and gaining experience

By Steve Williams

Sometimes in sports, inexperience and youthfulness is used as a reason for a team's lack of success.

The Hardin Valley Academy boys cross country team has those characteristics this season, but the Hawks have in no way been unsuccessful.

Three freshmen and two sophomores combined to lead HVA to the Region 2 Large Class team championship Thursday at Victor Ashe Park.

Farragut finished second with three seniors and two juniors.

Maryville, with one senior, three juniors and one sophomore in its top five, came in third.

Hardin Valley totaled 68 points, Farragut 78 and Maryville 100.

"It (being so young) makes me feel good because I know that we're going to keep on improving, and by the time we're all seniors, we're going to be crushing it I think," said Kaden Keller, Class of 2022.

While the youthful Hawks were doing their thing behind him, Catholic senior standout Jake Renfree, who recently committed to sign with Notre Dame, defended his region title with a time of 15 minutes, 52.9 seconds over the course on a cool, cloudy day.

Maryville junior Tommy Ward (16:24.5) placed second, West senior Jordan Thomas (16:38.7) third and Bearden senior Preston Ruth (16:39.8) fourth.



Hardin Valley freshman Mitchell McCown closes his eyes as he comes down the home stretch of the Region 2 Cross Country race Thursday. "I was sprinting after all that running and I decided to close my eyes so I could focus on sprinting as fast as I could," he explained. "It was a straightaway so I knew I wouldn't run into anything." McCown finished 10th to help the young Hawks team capture the championship. In all of the excitement after the race, Mitchell exclaimed: "I closed my eyes and I was in another dimension!"

Saturday's TSSAA meet at Percy Warner Park in Nashville will be an eye opener for Hardin Valley's young squad.

"I've never actually run at the state course," said Keller, who led the Hawks at the region with a ninth place showing (17:03.8). "I don't know the competition either."

The two other HVA freshmen, Mitchell McCown and Nathan Hillis, finished 10th and 12th, respectively. Sophomores Nate Lawson and Alex Brittain came in 17th and 20th.

Keller said he and his teammates like to "out battle" each other when they're competing.

"That just makes us better I think," he said.

Away from the course, the Hawks get along well together, added Kaden. "We're actually pretty good friends."

A couple of weeks ago, Keller said six members of the team even had a "tent sleep out."

Looking ahead, Keller said, "It's nice just to know we're only freshmen and have so much more time to improve. "But we're never going to hold back. We're going to keep improving. We're not going to just settle with where we are now."

Hardin Valley Head Coach Bryan Brown said he tries to not treat this young group any different.

"I try not to put too much pressure on them," he said.

"We knew coming in they were going to be pretty good, but I wanted to be sure we did not put too much pressure on them and it seems to have worked so far."

"I think we can be at the state meet for a few years to come with this group. It'll be a big learning experience for them (this) week for the future."

Juniors Miguel Parrilla and Brock Mullins ran in HVA's sixth and seventh positions during the region. Other team members include freshmen Isaac Legault, Daniel Blackston and Asa Mazow.

OTHER BOYS' ACTION: Alcoa (40 points) won the Small Class and L&N STEM Academy (43) was second.

Gatlinburg-Pittman's Emerson Fulton took individual honors in Small Class with a time of 17:04. Three L&N runners - Seth Jinks, Jackson Sparks and James Defreese - also qualified for state along with Austin-East sophomore Shawn Prater.

In the Division II East Region, Chattanooga Christian, led by champion Edimo Ninterestse (16:42), breezed to the team title with 19 points. Webb (60) and CAK (74) also earned state berths.

Individually, the Spartans' Bannon Evans placed second and Will Miller ninth and CAK's Andrew Cross 10th to qualify for state.

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There, the Lady Bulldogs (18-5-2) dropped a 1-0 decision to Collierville.

Elizabeth Slavinski scored the lone marker of the match for the Lady Dragons in the 30th minute.

Even in defeat, Bearden interim head coach Ally Hale was pleased with her side's effort against Collierville.

"Honestly, I think both teams came into the game ready to play," said Hale, who continues to coach the Lady Bulldogs while Ryan Radcliffe remains on administrative leave. "At this point in the season, it's the best four teams in the state."

"So it's about having fun and enjoying the experience. We had a great year and I look forward to seeing what we can do next year."

Bearden closed the

2018 season on the Volunteer State's grand stage. The campaign saw the Lady Bulldogs go undefeated in District 2-AAA for the second consecutive season. They also cruised through the Region 1-AAA Tournament and beat one-time District 4-AAA rival Hardin Valley Academy 3-0 in a State Sectional match to punch their ticket for a return trip to the Midstate.

Since joining District 2-AAA, Bearden has not lost a conference match.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals after beating Brentwood in a penalty kicks shootout.

The two teams played to a 1-1 draw in regulation and overtime before the Lady Bulldogs advanced via a 5-3 victory in the shootout.

The match may have officially been a draw, but it seemed like a huge

victory for the Lady Bulldogs, who lost to the Lady Bruins 1-0 in last year's state quarterfinals.

"That was big for us because it was a confidence boost for us after we lost to them last year," Hale said. "We scored a goal less than one minute into the game and it was a great strike from Hannah Wilson."

Hale also had high praise for senior goalkeeper Maggie Jones, who made 15 saves against the Lady Bruins. Jones also came up big during the shootout.

"Maggie did a great job during the game and she saved some big PKs for us after we made all of ours."

Brentwood's Elle Scott scored the equalizer late in the first half.

Taylor Cross was credited with the game-winning goal in the shootout.

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over the goal line. It was 21-7 Falcons at intermission.

The second half was a slugfest in the rain. Booker had to leave the game after getting his left arm hit by a Fulton helmet on a tackle. Malone had a pass picked off by Isaiah Johnson deep in Oak Ridge (8-2, 5-1 in Region 3-5A) territory. Oak Ridge backup quarterback Mitchell Gibbons led the Wildcats on a long touchdown drive which brought Oak Ridge within eight points when Gibbons threw for a score to Kai Reese Pendergrass with 2:01 remaining.

Page recovered an onside kick, but Fulton couldn't move the football and had to punt. With 1:15 to go, Oak Ridge started their final drive at the Fulton 48. But on fourth and 5 from the 43, Gibbons hit Pendergrass for a first down. A couple of plays later, Gibbons went for it all. But Fulton's Shamond Moreland was there to pick him off at the two yard line. That sealed the win for Fulton. "Big moment for him (Moreland), big moment for our team," said Black. "He's focused at practice. Every rep matters to him. He's come up big for us a few times and none bigger than that."

This is the Falcons first Region title in



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Just like the Region 3-5A championship, the ball is up for grabs between Fulton's DaShaun McKinney and an Oak Ridge Wildcat. The Falcons brought home the title after a 21-13 win.

three years. "The bell was ringing tonight and we answered it," said Black. "That makes me proud. I think we are on a mission. I like our attitude and I like our toughness."

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Three Halls players and head coach ejected in win at Seymour

Penalty includes one-game suspension from next game

By Steve Williams

Three players from Halls and two from Seymour were ejected for fighting in the two teams' high school football game Thursday night at Seymour High School. Halls High head football coach Jeremy Bosken also was ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct after "a major fight broke out" with 1:38 left in the third quarter, according to the Officials' Game Report that was submitted to the TSSAA. "We have been investigating this all day," said TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress Friday afternoon.

"He (Coach Bosken) will have to sit out the next game and the school will be fined." Players who are ejected for fighting also have to sit out their next game, according to TSSAA bylaws. According to the officials' report, the ejected Halls players were No. 4, No. 7 and No. 8. The Seymour players ejected were No. 54 and No. 70. Halls won the game 25-0. The Red Devils are scheduled to play at David Crockett High, which is located in Jonesborough, in first round action of the Class 5A playoffs this Friday night. The Focus on Saturday

offered Coach Bosken the opportunity to comment on the incident. His reply: "No comment. Sorry it is still under investigation." The Focus also contacted Halls Athletic Director Meagan Booth Saturday for a comment. "We are in conversations with the TSSAA to appeal all ejections from Thursday night," stated Booth. "We support our coach and players, regardless of the outcome of those appeals." Bosken previously was the head football coach at David Crockett. He's in his first season as head coach at Halls. As of Saturday afternoon, however, Bosken will not get to coach against Crockett and three Red Devil players will not get to play. **POWELL WINS FINALE:**

Powell, which had to forfeit six wins this season for playing an ineligible player, ended its season with a 27-13 win at South-Doyle Thursday night. Powell High was notified by the TSSAA of its sanctions and fines prior to the Panthers' game at West during Week 8. The Panthers' games at West and Oak Ridge were emotional. Tracy Heard, who has a son on the Powell team and shared photos with The Focus this season, made the following statement after the game at South-Doyle: "It wasn't teary eyed emotional after the game. I think all the kids went through the emotions during the last two games (at West and Oak Ridge). "Coach Lowe gave them all the time they needed

with their family and friends afterwards. The kids were just laughing and taking pictures with each other. I think being able to end on a win after everything they went through was what the boys needed to end their season. "The students rushed on to the field afterwards and everyone stood in prayer with coach. It was a good night." **GOOD FOR KERR:** Larry Kerr, former head football coach at Halls and Anderson County, came out of retirement prior to the 2017 season to rebuild Union County High's football program. Kerr and the Patriots enjoyed the fruits of their labor Friday night when Union County defeated Grainger High 20-8 to

qualify for the Class 4A playoffs. They will play at Kerr's previous post, Anderson County High, in the first round this Friday. Anderson County, the Region 2-4A champion, is 10-0. Kerr's Patriots, fourth-place finishers in Region 1, are 6-4. **PREPS OF THE PAST:** One year ago on Oct. 27, 2017 - Hardin Valley Academy didn't make the playoffs, but the Hawks upset Farragut 37-36 at HVA, scoring the winning touchdown and two-point conversion with 8.2 seconds on the clock. Grayson Vaughn passed to Noah Moro for the TD. Coach Wes Jones chose to go for the win instead of a tying PAT. On the two-point conversion, Vaughn faked a give to Aaron Dykes and hit Travis Griffin for the winner.

Streaking Central hosts Cocks County as playoffs begin

By Steve Williams

Central will ride into the TSSAA football playoffs on an eight-game win streak. After starting the season with losses to Tennessee High and Fulton, Coach Bryson Rosser's Bobcats have come on strong down the stretch and defeated Gibbs 46-0 Friday night to wrap up the Region 2-5A championship with a 6-0 region record. The Bobcats (8-2) will host Cocks County, the No. 4 seed out of Region 1, Friday night in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs. The Fighting Cocks are 7-3. Kickoff time for all TSSAA playoff games is 7 p.m. In all, 15 local teams

qualified for post-season play. West played its way in with a 35-7 win at Campbell County. That gave Coach Lamar Brown's Rebels (4-6) the No. 3 seed in Region 3-5A. West was rewarded with a first-round assignment at Knoxville Catholic (6-3), the No. 2 seed in Region 4. In one of the most exciting games of the final week of regular season play, Clinton outscored Karns 39-33 to earn the No. 4 seed in Region 3-5A. The Dragons (4-6) will play at Region 4 champion Soddy Daisy (5-4). Soddy Daisy and Catholic both were 3-1 in the region, but Soddy Daisy won the tie-breaker with its head-to-head 17-7

win over the Irishmen. In other Class 5A playoff openers, Halls (5-5) will travel to David Crockett (10-0), South-Doyle (7-3) will host Tennessee High (7-3), Gibbs (6-4) goes to Daniel Boone (8-2), Fulton (9-1) entertains Lenoir City (5-5) and Rhea County (4-6) plays at Oak Ridge (8-2). Austin-East (7-3) fell to unbeaten Alcoa 31-8 in the Region 2-3A finals and will host Chuckey-Doak (4-6) in the Class 3A playoffs. Alcoa will be at home against Claiborne County (2-8). Bearden (8-2) has the task of playing at perennial power Maryville (9-1) in the opening round of the Class 6A playoffs. The winner of that game will

play the winner of Bradley Central (7-3) at Science Hill (5-5). Science Hill, Bearden and HVA each finished 4-2 in Region 1-6A, but Science Hill received the No. 2 seed because it defeated both Bearden and HVA during the regular season. Other 6A matchups include Cleveland (4-5) at Region 1 champion Farragut (9-1) and Hardin Valley Academy (6-4) at Ooltewah (8-2). In Division II Class AA, Webb (5-5) hosts Chattanooga Christian (5-5), CAK (3-7) plays at Chattanooga Notre Dame (8-1) and GCA (5-5) goes to Franklin Road Academy (6-4). The King's Academy (2-7) will play at Clarksville Academy (5-5) in Division II Class A.

Community Service Games set this week at GCA

The annual Careacter Star Community Service high school football games will be played this Thursday night and Saturday at Grace Christian Academy. Admission is \$10 per game and proceeds will benefit East Tennessee Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for infants who are born either opioid or chemically dependent. On Thursday night at 7, Volunteer High will play Cosby. Saturday's games will match Republic High School of Nashville against Cumberland Gap at 11 and Unaka against Pickett County at 2:30.

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forward Tommy Hicks to be a dominant force inside. "Our strength is our shooting," Sherrod said. "Our guards can really shoot it. "And I think Tommy Hicks can really be a force down low." Hicks is one of the newcomers this season, who will look to be a difference maker as Halls looks to bounce back from last year's disappointment. Top returners include: Caleb

Shaffer (eighth grade, point guard); Ethan Shaffer (Caleb's twin brother, the eighth grader will play forward this year); Dayve Young (seventh grade, forward); Ben Thomas (eighth grade, guard); Grayson Bishop (seventh grade, point guard) and Cassen Rogers (eighth grade, forward). Key newcomers are: Hicks; Cole Burnette (eighth grade, forward); Nic Cooper (eighth grade, forward); Tucker Phillips (eighth grade, guard) and Kaiden Stanton (seventh grade, forward).

Continued from page 1 in the second quarter. Hardin Valley was driving as the second half got underway, but White intercepted Vaughn on fourth and 15 at the Farragut 43. HVA's next possession was picked off by Corum, as Vaughn's pass was thrown behind the receiver. On the very next play, Corum caught a 32-yard TD pass when he got behind the Hawks' defense and the Admirals' lead swelled to 21-0 with 3:02 to go in the third quarter. Hardin Valley drove to the Farragut 10 as the fourth quarter started. But the Admiral defense bowed up, getting a seven yard sack on second down before two incomplete passes. Farragut drove to the HVA 18, but Bethel missed

a 35-yard FG. Corum got the ball right back as he intercepted HVA on second down at the HVA 29 with 5:21 remaining. Carter picked up a first down with a 5-yard run on fourth and 1 at the 20. After the play, the Hawks were flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct, moving the ball to the 7. Nick Filipkowski also was injured on the play and carted off for precautionary reasons. Carter broke a tackle and scored on the next play at 2:27 to make it 28-0. A Farragut season that started with a shutout also ended with one. Now a new season begins with the playoffs. The Admirals will host Cleveland (4-5) in the first round Friday night. The Hawks travel to Ooltewah (8-2).

Farragut downs Hawks 28-0 for Region 1-6A title

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Mancini is now getting a kick out of cross country

By Steve Williams

Eleanor Mancini decided to switch to a different sport this fall. It's turned out to be a smooth transition and a very successful one. In her first season in cross country, the Knoxville Catholic High School junior placed second in the annual KIL meet earlier this month and last Thursday took first place in the Region 2 Large Class at Victor Ashe Park. "I played soccer up to this year and all through high school," she said after the presentation of awards. "This year we were doing preseason for soccer and I needed a change. I was really good friends with all the girls on the cross country team, so I joined and it's been going well." Mancini covered the

5,000 meters in 18 minutes, 59 seconds and finished with a four-second victory over Maryville freshman Andie-Marie Jones. Hardin Valley Academy sophomore Cathryn Jarde posted a 19:21 and came in third. "She (Jones) was leading me for the most part," said Mancini, who used her coach's advice late in the race. "We came out last week and did this course for a workout and he told us to attack the last hill," recalled Eleanor. "I caught her right after the hill and with about 600 meters left to go. It was hard, but I felt prepared from all of the training." The TSSAA state meet Saturday (Nov. 3) at Percy Warner Park in Nashville will be next for Mancini and other state qualifiers.

"I'm excited," said Eleanor. "I'm hoping to make All-State. I have no real huge expectations, just run the best race I can and see what I got left in me. This season has been a long one. The legs start to get tired. "It's funny," added Mancini. "There's another girl who used to be on my soccer team who runs for Hardin Valley. She (Ellie Bachmann) was eighth today. We were laughing. Soccer really got us here." Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil was pleased with Mancini's performance. "We felt running a hilly course would play to her strength, even though other girls on paper looked a lot faster," he said. "We felt the hills would even things out." O'Neil said he wanted Mancini to finish the race

strong and she did. Eleanor hasn't been too far away from the sport of cross country. In fact, she has excelled in outdoor track and the pentathlon during her prep career, particularly in the 800 run and the high jump and long jump. "She's really good at distance running," said Coach O'Neil. "So we'll have to make decisions on how we want to use her in indoor track and outdoor track. It'll be a tough decision." But it's a good problem to have. **OTHER GIRLS' ACTION:** Farragut won the Large Class team title to qualify for state along with runner-up West and third place HVA. Alcoa captured the Small Class title, while Webb School ran away with the Division II Class A East

Region championship. Webb School senior Niki Narayani posted the top girls' time of the day (18:43) in the Division II race. Jenna Martin, Alcoa junior, placed first in the Small Class with a time of 22:25. The top three teams and top 10 individual finishers advance to state in each classification. Region championship. Webb School senior Niki Narayani posted the top girls' time of the day (18:43) in the Division II race. Jenna Martin, Alcoa junior, placed first in the



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Knoxville Catholic's Eleanor Mancini reaches the finish line first in the Region 2 Class Large meet Thursday at Victor Ashe Park. This is the junior's first season in cross country.



**CAREACTER STAR
ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
(Week 11)**

Austin-East: Dionte Chandler.
Bearden: JaQuan Williams.
CAK: Ross Badgett.
Carter: Garrett Massey.
Catholic: Cole Jenkins.
Central: Isaiah Osborne.

Farragut: Logan Stockman.
Fulton: Jeryn Cole.
Gibbs: Tyson Merritt.
GCA: August Jordan.
Halls: Camden Hughes.
HVA: Nick Filipkwoski.
Karns: Jalen Tucker.
Powell: Rayvan Tolbert.
Seymour: Cy Ruth.

South-Doyle: Brandon Potter.
TSD: Ri Carylon.
TKA: Bailey Rollins.
Webb: Cameron Fowler.
West: Dylan Lewis.
UT: Jauan Jennings.
(Week of Alabama game)

PREP FOOTBALL *focus*



	WEEK 1 Aug. 16-18	WEEK 2 Aug. 23-25	WEEK 3 Aug. 30-31	WEEK 4 Sept. 6-7	WEEK 5 Sept. 13-14	WEEK 6 Sept. 20-21	WEEK 7 Sept. 27-29	WEEK 8 Oct. 4-6	WEEK 9 Oct. 11-12	WEEK 10 Oct. 18-19	WEEK 11 Oct. 25-26
TSD	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	vs. South Carolina W, 58-22	vs. South Carolina PPD	vs. Carolinas (NC/ENC) PPD	vs. Mississippi L, 6-48	vs. Georgia L, 60-42	OPEN	vs. Middle TN Heat L, 14-52	OPEN
AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 30-12	vs. Wayne (OH) L, 20-56	vs. Kingston W, 36-14	vs. Fulton L, 0-34	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 30-9	vs. Scott W, 52-0	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman W, 32-21	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 50-22	vs. Northview Academy W, 52-10	vs. Alcoa L, 8-31
CARTER Class 5A, R2	vs. Anderson County L, 7-49	vs. Cocke County L, 15-22	vs. Seymour W, 14-0	vs. Jefferson County L, 3-28	vs. Halls L, 7-37	vs. South-Doyle L, 13-35	vs. Fulton L, 0-43	vs. Central L, 7-43	OPEN	vs. Gibbs L, 12-17	vs. Sevier County W, 27-9
CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High L, 16-19	vs. Fulton L, 9-18	vs. Sevier County W, 40-6	vs. Hardin Valley W, 35-20	vs. Seymour W, 35-0	vs. Clinton W, 35-14	vs. Halls W, 49-17	vs. Carter W, 43-7	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle W, 35-0	vs. Gibbs W, 46-0
GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 12-30	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-31	vs. David Crockett L, 28-55	vs. Campbell County W, 34-27	vs. Morristown East W, 33-17	vs. Sevier County W, 22-20	vs. Seymour W, 13-7	vs. Halls W, 24-17	vs. Carter W, 17-12	vs. Central L, 0-46
HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell W, 1-0	vs. Karns W, 54-42	OPEN	vs. West L, 0-35	vs. Carter W, 37-7	vs. Austin-East L, 9-30	vs. Central L, 17-49	vs. South-Doyle L, 10-45	vs. Gibbs L, 17-24	vs. Sevier County W, 46-34	vs. Seymour W, 25-0
SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 7-21	vs. Clinton W, 35-34	vs. Carter L, 0-14	vs. Cherokee W, 20-17	vs. Central L, 0-35	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 21-58	vs. Gibbs L, 7-13	vs. Sevier County L, 16-28	vs. Karns L, 19-35	vs. Halls L, 0-25
SOUTH-DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Heritage W, 52-3	vs. Cherokee W, 61-21	vs. Gibbs W, 31-7	vs. Bearden L, 7-34	vs. Sevier Co., W 42-7	vs. Carter W, 35-13	vs. Seymour W, 58-21	vs. Halls W, 45-10	OPEN	vs. Central L, 0-35	vs. Powell L, 13-27
FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central W, 18-9	vs. Powell W, 21-10	vs. Austin-East W, 34-0	vs. Karns W, 70-14	vs. Maryville L, 20-35	vs. Carter W, 43-0	vs. Clinton W, 51-8	vs. Campbell County W, 56-0	vs. West W, 41-20	vs. Oak Ridge W, 21-13
KARNs Class 5A, R3	vs. Cocke County L, 26-50	vs. Halls L, 42-54	vs. West L, 14-42	vs. Powell W, 1-0	vs. Fulton L, 14-70	vs. Scott W, 48-22	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-48	vs. Campbell County L, 21-43	OPEN	vs. Seymour W, 35-19	vs. Clinton L, 33-39
POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls L, 0-1	vs. Cumberland County L, 0-1	vs. Fulton L, 0-1	vs. Karns L, 0-1	vs. Clinton L, 0-1	vs. Lenoir City L, 0-1	vs. Campbell Co. L, 0-1	vs. West W, 36-21	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge L, 21-28	vs. South-Doyle W, 27-13
WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 0-9	vs. Hardin Valley L, 12-15	vs. Karns W, 42-14	vs. Halls W, 35-0	vs. Oak Ridge L, 21-27	vs. Farragut L, 6-21	vs. Clinton W, 13-7	vs. Powell L, 21-36	OPEN	vs. Fulton L, 20-41	vs. Campbell County W, 35-7
CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 10-31	vs. Baylor W, 35-16	OPEN	vs. Cleveland W, 35-28	vs. Soddy Daisy L, 7-17	vs. Brentwood Academy L, 3-40	vs. Rhea County W, 30-12	vs. West Greene W, 49-6	vs. Walker Valley W, 49-7	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City W, 42-0
BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West W, 9-0	vs. Cleveland W, 28-20	vs. Jefferson County W, 28-0	vs. South-Doyle W, 34-7	vs. Science Hill L, 21-28	vs. CAK W, 47-0	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 33-30	OPEN	vs. Farragut W, 17-13	vs. Hardin Valley L, 7-27	vs. Morristown West W, 49-18
FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 34-0	vs. McMinn County W, 47-7	vs. Morristown West W, 42-7	vs. Oak Ridge W, 20-14	vs. Jefferson County W, 51-21	vs. West W, 21-6	vs. Science Hill W, 23-21	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 42-20	vs. Bearden L, 13-17	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley W, 28-0
HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-23	vs. West W, 15-12	vs. Heritage W, 49-0	vs. Central L, 20-35	vs. Morristown West W, 51-10	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County W, 38-35	vs. Science Hill L, 3-17	vs. Dobyms-Bennett W, 35-17	vs. Bearden W, 27-7	vs. Farragut L, 0-28
KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy L, 20-48	vs. Grace Christian L, 21-70	vs. Mid Tenn Christian L, 7-45	vs. Greenback L, 14-63	vs. Mt Juliet Christian L, 14-29	OPEN	OPEN	vs. Grace Baptist CH L, 20-35	vs. Friendship Christian L, 14-63	vs. DCA W, 27-7	vs. Ezell-Harding W, 27-6
CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC) L, 7-44	vs. Greenback L, 20-63	vs. Notre Dame L, 28-44	vs. Lenior City W, 34-20	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-24	vs. Bearden L, 0-47	vs. Silverdale Academy L, 0-1	vs. GCA W, 34-21	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb L, 7-49	vs. Boyd Buchanan W, 49-0
WEBB Class AA, East	vs. Evangelical Christian L, 10-13	vs. Asheville, NC L, 10-35	vs. Ensworth L, 3-17	vs. McCallie L, 7-27	vs. GCA W, 43-7	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame L, 22-29	vs. Boyd Buchanan W, 55-7	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 35-7	vs. CAK W, 49-7	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 38-7
GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa L, 0-49	vs. King's Academy W, 70-21	vs. Boyd Buchanan W, 42-7	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb L, 7-43	vs. Greenback L, 14-48	vs. Happy Valley W, 31-7	vs. CAK L, 21-34	vs. Notre Dame L, 7-35	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 34-12	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 49-19

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Monsters and zombies

Fall is finally here and the chill will turn our unseasonably green tree leaves to warmer colors of orange, red and gold. Leaves are green because of chlorophyll a pigment that absorbs and transfers light energy from the sun and transforms carbon in the atmosphere into leaves, stems and tree trunks. Since the earth rotates on a tilted axis, we have seasons, and as the sun's angle declines, less energy is delivered, temperatures fall and chlorophyll decomposes into fall colors.

I understand the science of seasons, colors and falling leaves, and I like Halloween fun with carved pumpkins, kids in "spooky" costumes and trick or treat. The seasonal fun derives from All Hallows Eve, a western tradition where the saints (hallows) are remembered. Halloween or hallowe eve may have Celtic roots, but the name

is of 18th century Christian origin and means holy evening, historically associated with fall harvest celebrations.

On Halloween I don't believe saints roam the forests and neighborhoods like the headless horseman. In my Methodist church on the Sunday after "hallowe eve," we honor all the "saints" who have passed-on. In antiquity all believers were considered saints. The Mormon church is called the Church of Latter Day Saints.

What I don't understand is the horror of Halloween or horror films and books by Stephen King and Dean Koontz. These authors write beautifully, but their genre is too disturbing for me. I could barely sit through the Exorcist. And though I love science fiction, the transformed "haunted house" in the movie Alien, where a monster chases Sigourney Weaver through a space

ship, was unpleasantly terrifying for me. I had to peek through my fingers to sit through the movie.

Little children love to be chased and tickled, up to a point. Is this because tickling is just a form of touch? Or, is tickling a game which titillates, inducing playful laughter? Or, are tickling and chasing edgy games evoking some primeval sense of fear and powerlessness which we all strive to overcome? I can tell myself that the monster chasing Sigourney Weaver is not real, but I also know that the universe is vast, mysterious and sometimes dangerous. So, like a good joke that has elements of truth, horror has elements of possibility and fear. Perhaps the reason I like the movie Ghostbusters best is because it softens spooks with spoof.

Halloween Eve will not find me scared of the little "spooks" running through our neighborhood or ringing our doorbell. I believe departed souls are somewhere, but no longer with us in this dimensional reality. As a result I can treat the spooks of Halloween as fun. However, I am wary of humans because I know there are disturbed people around us. I have seen howling zombies in the emergency room. I don't fear "ghosts," but I fear crazed people on drugs or

possessed (co-opted) by evil.

I shouldn't be too critical of the zombie craze, though I don't care for it. I better comprehend their equivalent within a science-fiction genre exemplified by the Borg in the Star Trek movies. The Borg "zombies" were once human, but were taken over and rendered zombie-like by the Borg Collective, and operate in thrall to supreme soul-less leaders. Actually, they are the living dead and analogous to the zombies of current day American mobs.

I can avoid the newest rendition of the movie Halloween or Stephen King books, but it is increasingly difficult to avoid left wing mobs who irrationally march under the orders of their supreme leaders. Recently, I wrote about the mobs of the French revolution and the Reign of Terror. The anarchist operatives, of the Kavanaugh hearings who later clawed at the doors of the Supreme Court and continue to march in the streets accosting citizens, terrify me. Cory Booker (a.k.a. Spartacus) and Chuck Schumer are playing with fire in their quest for power. Democrat leaders, including the media, are putting us all in grave danger. The results of hatred are on full display for anyone who has

"eyes to see."

Even Senator Lindsey Graham has come to his senses as a result of the despicable actions of the Democrats on the Senate Judiciary committee during the Kavanaugh hearings. Though not a Trump fan, Graham now shouts the warning, "Do not give these people (Democrats) power again." It is obvious to a rational person that the Democrat party's leadership has converted people into a dangerous mob. And oh, how the Dems and their media buds hate that moniker! Like good comedy and scary movies, there is truth in the "mob" allegation. America is facing grave danger with this November 6, 2018 election. To boil all the rhetoric down to a fundamental choice, will Americans choose "jobs or mobs"?

As I complete this essay, a mob gathers in Central America to open a new front in the assault on America. CNN and NBC are getting the vapors as people refer to this mob as a invasion army; which it is. Assuredly, there are armed thugs and drug runners within this rabble. The mob threatens our national sovereignty and our laws. Our statutes say that asylum must be sought in the country with contiguous borders to the country you're fleeing. That would be Mexico

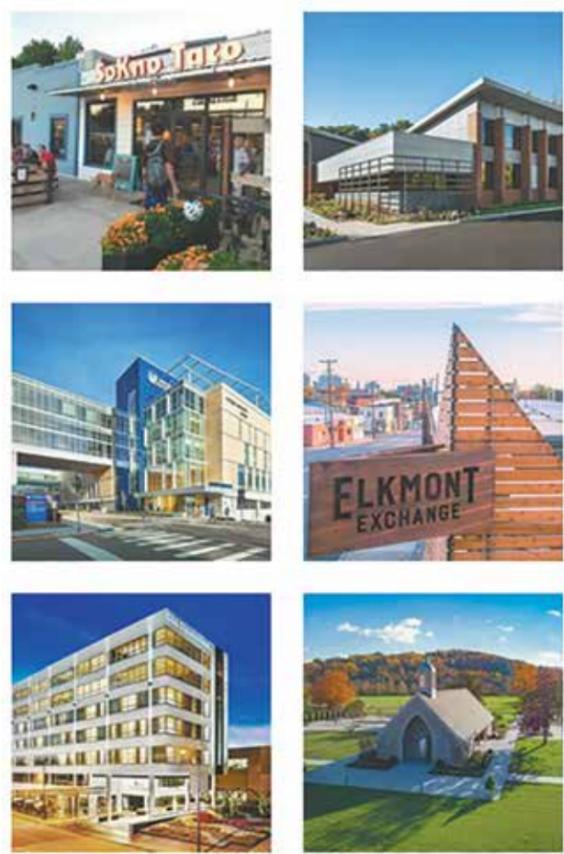
for Central Americans, not the US.

And have you noticed the politically driven "language drift" from "wet backs" used during the Eisenhower deportations to illegal aliens to undocumented migrants and now to immigrants? Legal immigration makes America strong, but an invasion should prompt a declaration of war. Do you think Congressional Democrats would take notice if eight thousand Russians were massing at the southern border for invasion?

The ancient Chinese built the Great Wall to keep out invading Mongol hordes. In the second century A.D. the Roman emperor Hadrian built a wall across northern Britain to keep out the Caledonii. And the Israelis have proven that a wall works to exclude terrorists. If Trump's wall is not built aliens will continue north, drug cartels will continue the flow of poison and sex trafficking, and America will no longer exist as a sovereign nation.

It's your choice, America: jobs and prosperity or mobs and invasion; tax cuts and the rule of law or open borders, sanctuary cities and a welfare state.

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



Nominations for the 2019 Orchid Awards are open

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is now accepting nominations from the public for its beautification awards, the Orchids. Since 1979, Keep Knoxville Beautiful has presented Orchid Awards to Knoxville and Knox County buildings and outdoor spaces that beautify and elevate the local landscape.

Orchid Awards will be granted in the following seven categories:

- New Architecture
- Redesign/Reuse
- Restaurant/Cafe/Bar/Brewery
- Outdoor Space (Parks, Patios, Rooftop Areas, Public Gardens, etc.)
- Community Gardens (Neighborhoods, Schools, Senior Living Facilities, Apartment Complexes, etc.)
- Public Art (Murals, Sculptures, Signage, etc.)
- Environmental Stewardship (Properties that incorporate renewable materials,

energy efficiency, LEED certification and/or other sustainable building practices)

Anyone can nominate a location or outdoor public artwork by completing a simple online form on Keep Knoxville Beautiful's website, www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/nominate-an-orchid/, or by calling the office at 865-521-6957. For a list of previous winners (2018 winners pictured left), visit the Keep Knoxville Beautiful website. Nominations are due by Friday, December 14, 2018.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful will announce the winners of the beautification awards at the annual Orchids Awards Dinner on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 at The Press Room, 730 N. Broadway.

For more information, contact Keep Knoxville Beautiful at info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Joy R. Spencer and Steven Spencer, Jr. to Title Professionals, Inc., Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument #201705240071789, the holders of the note secured by the Deed of Trust and the owners of the debt secured, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, have requested the undersigned, in the capacity of Successor Trustee pursuant to the Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument #201810250026407 in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owners, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **December 6, 2018 commencing at 10:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption, homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED in District One (formerly Two) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 14th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 29 and 30, Block V, Cold Springs Addition, as shown on the map of the same of record in Map Book 3, page 106 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property being bounded and described as shown on map of aforesaid addition to which map reference is made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of G.T. Trotter, Jr., Surveyor, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated May 6, 1964.

BEING the same property last conveyed to Joy R. Spencer and Steven Spencer, Jr., as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, by Warranty Deed from Ralph Tate, said Warranty Deed being dated May 19, 2017 and of record as Instrument #201705240071788 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor, said property is identified on Tax Map 082K, Group Vas Parcels 011 and 012 and bear a current street address of 2550 Linden Avenue and 2554 Linden Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914.

Said sale will be made as stated above, free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions, conditions, easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property, including all unpaid county taxes or other assessments.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

P. TIMOTHY GRANDCHAMP
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

PUBLICATION DATES: 10/29/18, 11/05/2018, 11/12/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 09/25/2009, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 09/29/2009, in Instrument No. 200909290022977, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by William Franklin Bryant, conveying certain property therein described to Bobby M. Goode, State Director as Trustee for USDA Rural Development, as nominee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Bobby M. Goode, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Bobby M. Goode, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will, on **12/05/2018 at or about 10:00 AM**, at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIX (6) OF KNOW COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULAR BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF BALL ROAD WITH THE WEST LINE ON DYESTONE GAP ROAD; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT AND RUNNING WITH THE NORTH LINE OF BALL ROAD, SOUTH 51 DEG. 15 MIN. 7 SEC. WEST 200.82 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 35 DEG. 06 MIN. 10 SEC. WEST 333.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTH LINE OF A 25' EASEMENT; THENCE WITH SAID EASEMENT, NORTH 60 DEG. 06 MIN. 06 SEC. EAST 213.18 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF DYESTONE GAP ROAD; THENCE WITH THE WEST LINE OF DYESTONE GAP ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 40 DEG. 40 MIN. 10 SEC. EAST 144 FEET

TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 25 DEG. 47 MIN. 12 SEC. EAST 159.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF WAYNE L. SMITH, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 10, 1993.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION BEING THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN OBTAINED AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BERNARD KERSHNER AND WIFE, DEANNA H. KERSHNER, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM JEFF JANSEN, MARRIED, DATED OCTOBER 5, 2006, FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 6, 2006, IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200610060030573, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS, OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT, BY BERNARD KERSHNER AND WIFE, DEANNA H. KERSHNER, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2009, AND OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200909290022976, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax Parcel Identification Number: 091-034
ALSO KNOWN AS: **3405 Dyestone Gap Road, Knoxville, TN 37931**

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT

PERSONS IN POSSESSION
The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.
DATED October 19, 2018

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
Successor Trustee
TN180067

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC.;

IN RE: CLYDE A. CULVER v. DEBRA LOUISE SMITH

NO. 196242-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., it is ordered that said defendants DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeffrey S. Greene, an Attorneys whose address is, 321 E. Broadway, Newport, TN 37821 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 22nd day of October, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CHRIS AYERS, and CASE NO. 3618 AMY AYERS, Petitioners, v. STEPHANIE NICOLE HOLMES, and GUILLERMO DIMAS, Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF: AVA LEIGH HOLMES
DOB: 11/13/2014 A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is verified, that the Respondent, Guillermo Dimas, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, Guillermo Dimas, file an answer with the Clerk or Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Paterson, as Attorney whose address

is P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Honorable John McAfee at the Circuit Court, 900 Main Street, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807, This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. 10/29/2018, 11/5/2018, 11/12/2018, 11/19/2018

This 15th day of October, 2018
Entered 15th day of October, 2018
Barbara Williams
Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WILLIAM ROSS TURNER NO. 79733-1
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORA KNIPP TURNER, DECEASED

IN THE CHANCERY COURT, PROBATE DIVISION FOR KNOX COUNTY, TN

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion filed, that the defendant, William Ross Turner, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon William Ross Turner, it is ordered that said defendant William Ross Turner file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daniel J. Chung, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 1810 Ailor Ave., Knoxville, TN 37921 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Clerk and Master Howard G. Hogan at the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division, 400 Main Street, Suite 352, Knoxville, TN 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 23rd day of October, 2018
is HOWARD G. HOGAN
Howard Hogan, Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS ANSELMO MARTIN -Vs- NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN
Docket # 130721

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of PETITION TO MODIFY CO-PARENTING filed by ANSELMO MARTIN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with BARBARA W. CLARK, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVE. KNOXVILLE, TN

37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2018.
Mike Hammond
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMY E. COOPER
DOCKET NUMBER 80981-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23RD day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMY E. COOPER who died Feb 12, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 23RD day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF SAMY E. COOPER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RALPH E. COOPER; EXECUTOR
1120 NW RACCOON VALLEY RD.
HEISKELL, TN. 37754

MICHAEL DEBUSK ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY, STE. 101
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH JO ELMORE
DOCKET NUMBER 80962-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SARAH JO ELMORE who died Jan 3, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF SARAH JO ELMORE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENNIS ELMORE; ADMINISTRATOR
5820 2ND LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

PATRICK L LOOPER ATTORNEY AT LAW
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2000
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE JENSEN
DOCKET NUMBER 80979-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS LEE JENSEN who died Jul 24, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE JENSEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN C JENSEN; EXECUTRIX
2917 PINE HARBOR LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

J CARTY MCSWEEN, IV ATTORNEY AT LAW
321 E BROADWAY NEWPORT, TN. 37821

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEE DONALD KEIRSEY
DOCKET NUMBER 80929-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LEE DONALD KEIRSEY who died Aug 21, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LEE DONALD KEIRSEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LADONNA D KEIRSEY; ADMINISTRATRIX
7400 SHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES C KEITH, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 80986-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES C KEITH, SR. who died Jul 2, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JAMES C KEITH, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANCES K BALES; EXECUTRIX
3328 LONG HOLLOW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER
DOCKET NUMBER 80921-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER who died Sep 17, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES LEWIS KISH; EXECUTOR
1254 DAVIS RIDGE ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

DAVID S REXROAD ATTORNEY AT LAW
102 CHAHO ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON
DOCKET NUMBER 80917-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON who died Jul 2, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN WETHERHOLT;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
5308 MEAD PARK COURT
THOMPSON STATION, TN. 37179

BILL W PETTY ATTORNEY AT LAW
705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909
10/29 & 11/05/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL SAIN
DOCKET NUMBER 80954-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL SAIN who died Aug 30, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL
SAIN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY H SAIN; EXECUTOR
305 MEADOWVIEW FARM DRIVE
JONESBOROUGH, TN. 37659

JACK W BOWERS ATTORNEY AT LAW
640 NORTH BLDG, SUITE 315
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY ANNE SITTON
DOCKET NUMBER 79734-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY ANNE SITTON who died Jul 13, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JUDY ANNE SITTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STANLEY THOMAS SITTON; EXECUTOR
2218 FAIR DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

SCOTT B HAHN ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN WOOFER
DOCKET NUMBER 80953-3

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The Furry Fall Festival will be held Sunday, November 4, 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday at the center at 3201 Division St. All activities are free and open to the public, and pets are invited, too.

Activities will include live music from K-Town Music, food trucks, pet microchipping and microchip registration (\$10); rabies vaccinations by the Knox County Health Department (\$10); information about the center's adoption program; and a kid zone with face painting and crafts. Representatives from local animal rescue organizations will be present, and some will have adoptable animals on site.

AARP November Driving Safety Classes

November 8 and 9: 11:00 to 4:00 (on Th), 12:30 to 4:00 (on Fri) at the Karns Senior Center, 8042 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, 865-951-2653. Linda Lawson, Instructor

November 20 and 21: 1:00 to 5:00 at the East Tennessee Medical Group, 266 Joule Street, Alcoa. Francis Gross, Instructor, 865-984-8911

November 29 and 30: 12:00 to 4:00 (on Th), 9:00 to 1:00 (on Fri) at the Halls Senior Center, 4410 Crippen Road, Knoxville, 865-922-0416. Nancy Carmon, Instructor

Commissioner Dailey meeting with constituents

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

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Listening Hearts, A Gathering of Bereaved Moms, will meet for grief

support on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 4110 Central Ave. Pike, Knoxville. Mothers are invited to bring photos, songs, mementos, etc. to share. No fee or prior registration required. For more information call 865-679-1351 or email listeninghearts moms@gmail.com

Upcoming events at the Historic Ramsey House

Early Families of the Forks with Historian Jan Dickens, Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville. Fur traders, circuit-riding preachers, longhunters, statesmen, and adventurers: who were your ancestors? Learn interesting details and stories about the Armstrong, Kennedy, Jack, Campbell, Kelly, Huffaker, Johnson, Naill, Perry and other families of the Forks of the River Region. Old documents will be examined and helpful research processes will be discussed. Each participant will go home with a packet of useful references and tools for further discovery, as well as connections with others who share an interest in our area's special history. Class fee \$20 Purchase tickets at www.ramseyhouse.org or call (865) 546-0745.

Lecture Series: The Life and Music of Stephen Foster Thursday, November 8 starts at 6:30 p.m. Chip Bailey, a Teaching Artist with the Tennessee Arts Commission, will present a workshop on the life and music of Stephen Collins Foster at the Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville. Stephen Foster (1826-1864) was America's first professional songwriter. He composed 200 songs in his short lifetime including such hits as "Oh! Susanna", "Camptown Races" and "My Old Kentucky Home, Good Night". This class will contain mini-lectures, recordings, live musical instrument demonstrations and group discussions. Sing along if you wish! Come learn why Stephen Foster's life should be examined and why his music should be preserved and perpetuated. Class fee \$15 Purchase tickets at www.ramseyhouse.org or call (865) 546-0745.

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