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'Rally Point' Veterans Assistance Event date set

Last Thursday U.S. Senator Bob Corker, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, announced "Rally Point," an event to connect area veterans and their families with services in their communities. The event, taking place on Wednesday, April 4, at the Jacob Building at Chilhowee

Park, will feature 36 agencies and organizations with information for veterans on a number of resources, including VA claim assistance, vocational rehabilitation, education, employment, mental health, housing and business loans.

"We are all grateful for the service and dedication of our local veterans. I want

to encourage veterans and their families to come out to the Rally Point event to learn more about the many services available to them," said Mayor Rogero.

"The men and women of our armed forces sacrifice so much for this country, but far too often the programs and services promised to them are hard to navigate. This event will help make

the benefits they have earned more accessible," said Mayor Burchett.

"The value of the service of veterans to this nation and the extent of their sacrifices cannot be overstated. We owe a large and lasting debt to those who have defended this country with their sweat, blood and, sometimes, their lives. The collaboration of

efforts by Senator Corker and Mayors Rogero and Burchett on behalf of veterans and their families is certainly needed. I hope others around the country will be moved to show the same interest and commitment to those who have served," said John Dyess, president of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

The current Knox County property tax rate is \$2.36 per \$100.00 of assessed property value. Knox County Schools superintendent James McIntyre has requested 35 million dollars in new revenue for the school system. This would require an additional 35 cents or 14.83% increase in property taxes.

Do you support this proposed tax increase?
YES 25.95%
NO 74.05%

Survey conducted March 23, 2012.

* Focus Weekly Polls are conducted by an independent, professional polling company.

ADVOCACY DAY



"We Back Pat" lapel pins, "brain healthy" muffins, and stories about living with Alzheimer's...this is how more than fifty volunteers from East Tennessee and the Cumberlands captured the attention of state leaders during Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc.'s Day on the Hill last Tuesday. Wearing orange "We Back Pat" t-shirts, the volunteer Advocates rode a bus with Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc. to Nashville on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. In addition to meeting with their area lawmakers, this year the group also had the privilege of meeting with Governor Bill Haslam, Speaker of the House and Representative Beth Harwell, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate Senator Ron Ramsey, and State Senator Becky Duncan Massey (pictured).

Knoxville unanimously selected for 2014 National Congressional Medal of Honor Convention

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society has voted unanimously to select Knoxville, Tennessee as the host city for its 2014 Medal of Honor convention planned for October 1 - 4, 2014. Knoxville was selected following a competitive evaluation process including consideration of its convention event plan, commitment to veterans, travel accessibility, and sponsorship commitments, among other criteria. The four-day convention will include public and private activities for Medal of Honor recipients, culminating with the Patriot Gala at the Knoxville Convention Center.

"The Congressional Medal of Honor Society was overwhelmed by Knoxville's presentation. Not only was it thorough but it was truly exciting for us to see the enthusiasm Tennessee has for its veterans and Medal of Honor recipients," said Congressional Medal of Honor Society president Harold "Hal" Fritz.

Joe Thompson chairs the steering committee of more than 50 veterans, business leaders, politicians, and ordinary citizens. "We are thrilled to host this monumentalevent in Knoxville, especially since it marks two very important milestones: the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I and the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II," said Thompson.

311 continues to serve Knoxville residents

By Tasha Mahurin
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"Our driving goal is to provide service to residents of the City of Knoxville in a manner that is both accessible and accountable," Knoxville's 311 director, Russ Jensen, told *The Focus*.

Although the 311 center receives 250,000 calls per year, many residents are unaware of the service or at least unaware of the wide range of services provided by the City's information service hotline.

Opened in May 2005, under the direction of then-Mayor Gov. Bill Haslam, the center serves as an easy-to-use direct line to Knoxville government and is designed to help the administration ensure that services are being delivered efficiently.

When citizens call 311, a customer service representative will enter their service request into the City's advanced tracking system and submit it to the appropriate City department. All



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Knoxville's 311 director, Russ Jensen, describes the operations of Knoxville's 311 Center.

requests for service will have a tracking number so customers can check the status and get updates on their request.

And while the notion of a call-center may sound distant and impersonal, the services provided are impacting the lives of local

residents... for the better.

In one notable situation, a

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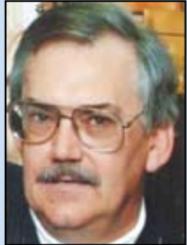
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Rockabilly is alive in Jackson

A Day Away



By Mike Steely



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The Carl Perkins boyhood home in Tiptonville, near Reel Foot Lake, is available to visit but if you don't want to drive that far you can visit the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in Jackson, where you'll find lots of things about the original Tennessee artists that founded Rock and Roll.

than 900 artists.

But why Jackson?

Carl Perkins settled in Jackson. Perkins was born in a two room shack in Tiptonville, near Reel Foot Lake in extreme upper West Tennessee. The town has moved his childhood home into Tiptonville and anyone can visit it at 230 Carl Perkins Highway. But Jackson became his permanent home when he was not on tour and the Rockabilly legend was buried in Jackson with Jerry Lee Lewis, George Harrison, Ricky Skaggs, Wynona Judd and many others attending the funeral.

Perkins began his career with the Perkins Brothers, playing music on a Jackson radio station. The Grammy

Hall of Fame musician was also active in social efforts and was the founder of the Exchange Club and the Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse. He had appeared many times on television, including the Ed Sullivan and Perry Como shows.

Henry Harrison says that his attraction is "modest in size but we have things no one else has, including exclusive video interviews with many artists such as Johnny Cash, Brenda Lee, and many others. There's also life-size portraits of several musical stars, musical instruments, etc. Visitors can even play a drum set used in many bands." This year, at the

Rockabilly Hall of Fame's Summer Festival some Swedish Rockabilly groups will appear and perform. Harrison said many of his visitors are from Europe. The festival starts August 9th and runs through the 11th.

"I believe the nations unite through music," he said.

You can get more information at www.rockabilly-hall.com or call 731-427-6262. There's a small admission but you will get a guided tour.

Hey, this and other interesting places are just down the road from Knoxville, so get off the couch, off the computer, and experience life out there.

IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE 1945.....

Here is an excerpt from a little book called, "Moments for Grandparents" by Robert Strand. It is so thoughtful, so true, and the words span many generations. I do seem to harp on this subject of the past years but they are indelible in the minds of those who have lived through them. As you read this, memories will become sharper and more meaningful.

"We are survivors! Consider some of the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees, the pill, radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ball-point pens, pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, computers, and before anybody walked on the moon!

"We got married first then lived together! How quaint. In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out" of, bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

"We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the Bijou Theater. We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, day care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, CDs, cellular phones, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us time-sharing meant togetherness,

not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant screws and nails, and software wasn't even a word!

"In 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizza, McDonald's, Burger King, and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene when there were five and dime stores, where you actually bought things for five and ten cents. Snelgrove's or Farr's sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, buy a coke, or enough stamps to mail one letter and two post-cards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? A pity, too because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

"In our day grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered but we were surely before the sex change. We had to make do with what we had. And, we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

"No wonder we are so confused and that there is such a generation gap today. BUT WE SURVIVED! What better reason to celebrate? Not to denigrate the marvelous things that have been discovered in this day and age, it is sometimes great for us old-timers to gaze back when life was more laid-back and less stressful."

Thought for the day: Yesterday is experience. Tomorrow is hope. Today is getting from one to the other as best we can

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Chronic Disposal Disorder



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You know that television show "Hoarders: Buried Alive?" It's about people whose lives have become unmanageable, because they absolutely cannot throw anything away. A hoarder is sort

of a pack-rat multiplied by a thousand. I cannot watch that show. It is the equivalent of a horror movie to me. You see, I am the opposite of a pack-rat. Not because I am tidy. Everyone knows I am one hot mess. Because I am aware of being messy and because I really am genuinely terrified of disappearing in a mess, I compulsively get rid of stuff. I cannot stand to have too much stuff. When I get something new, I give something away. Mostly, I see this as a good thing.

Here is the rub. Every so often, I just have these fits where I feverishly throw stuff away. Sometimes I get rid of things that turn out to be important. I have accidentally thrown away insurance

cards and even pay checks during overzealous attacks on junk mail. If I find an unidentifiable piece of funky shaped metal in a drawer, I will toss it. Then a couple of months down the road when I'm trying

to assemble the smoothie maker, it dawns on me what that little hunk of metal was. Dang it! This compulsion is further complicated by my inability to keep up with car keys, cell phones, debit cards, etc. in the first place. I am a really sweet girl, but this sort of "chronic disposal disorder" is really aggravating to the people who love me.

Yesterday, I took my daughter to the DMV to get her learner's permit. On the way there, she and I were discussing the miracle that I have managed to keep her birth certificate and social-security card in a place that is protected from my frenzies of furious discarding. Then Emma told me something I

didn't know. A U.S. citizen is only allowed to receive 10 copies of his or her social security card over the span of his or her life. I conferred with my favorite scholars, Google and ChaCha, and they confirmed this to be true.

I cannot help but beg the question: what happens to someone when he or she uses up his or her allotment of social security cards?! I suppose that one who finds himself or herself in this position could be a hoarder with 10 social security cards at the bottom of the rank kitty litter, in boxes of National Geographics from the 1970s, in cabinets with hundreds of empty toothpaste tubes, or in the milk bucket of the cow with the crumpled horn, that

tossed the dog, that worried the cat, that killed the rat, that ate the malt, that lay in the house that some hoarder built.

What if it is just someone with really bad luck? What if someone's social security cards really are burned in fires, ruined in floods, stolen by thieves, or chewed up by puppies? What if "chronic disposal disorder" was an actual disorder? I must continue to protect and preserve my government issued nine-digit identification card from my ongoing, special clearance events, or I could end up a woman without a country. Maybe I'll just be up the creek without a paddle, because I probably threw the paddle away.

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Publisher's Position

The Three Little ~~Little~~ Big Pigs



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Commission commence budget deliberations.

The Public Building Authority was created through a special act in the early 1970s by the Tennessee General Assembly for a specific purpose: to allow Knoxville and Knox County to build the City County Building. Like Topsy, the PBA took on a life of its own and kept getting bigger and bigger. Eventually, the PBA was used by county government for purposes never intended by the legislature or anyone else. When the County Commission tired of the constant budget overruns by the school system in building just about any construction project, the Commission turned over management of school construction to the Public Building Authority. This extended to other county projects, perhaps most notoriously to the ill-fated Justice Center. The Justice Center eventually died and it wasn't long before the County Commission became dissatisfied with the PBA's handling of public projects.

The PBA now manages properties owned by the City and County governments. Today Knox County taxpayers spend over \$6 million on "management" by the Public Building

Authority; that doesn't include whatever the City of Knoxville pays the PBA. The PBA chief, Dale Smith, is paid a handsome salary, a salary larger than that paid to Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and City Mayor Madeline Rogero, although not nearly as much as Superintendent Jim McIntyre.

For years, the PBA collected "rent" from both the City and County governments for the office space they occupied in government buildings. Those payments continued after the City County Building was paid for; how many folks do you suppose are still sending checks to the bank when the mortgage has been paid off? Once folks began to notice that oddity, the Public Building Authority restructured the way its funding appears in the budget. Both the City and County governments could save literally millions of taxpayer dollars, even with outsourcing custodial and maintenance services, by dispensing with the services of the PBA.

The Knoxville Chamber of Commerce has been generously subsidized by the taxpayers over the years. The Chamber has had a healthy appetite and

swallowed The Development Corporation whole under the administration of former Mayor Mike Ragsdale. Previously, The Development Corporation had been operated under the auspices of the county itself, with the Director reporting to the County Executive. Developers hated The Development Corporation as it was less responsive to their individual wants and desires and Mayor Ragsdale accommodated them by turning it over to the Chamber. Considering The Development Corporation came with well over \$1 million in county funding, it proved to be quite a delectable morsel. The Chamber also operates the Innovation Valley, which attracts yet another \$125,000 in taxpayer dollars annually. The Innovation Valley hardly seems over its lifetime to have done anything innovative and overall, the Chamber is absorbing over \$1.5 million of our tax dollars.

Chamber CEO Mike Edwards is reputedly earning approximately

\$300,000 annually and the Chamber operates its own Political Action Committee, giving funds and support to those candidates it favors, all the while receiving public funding. Of course Chamber officials are quick to point out no public funds are used for the PAC, yet it still tries to influence elections to help elect grateful politicians who say little about the empty and half-empty industrial parks all across Knoxville and Knox County. If the Chamber can raise the necessary funds to fill the coffers of its Political Action Committee, why can't it replace the public dollars it receives?

The problems with the Knoxville Sports and Tourism Corporation have been aired through every media outlet in Knox County. With the help of a friendly Board of Directors, Gloria Ray shrewdly carved out a piece of a pretty big pie: the Hotel-Motel Tax. Other greedy, albeit smaller pigs, are already hungrily eyeing that source of revenue that continually produces a significant source of yearly income. In other

words, just about every organization getting a grant from the City of Knoxville and Knox County would slaughter the inhabitants of an orphanage to get a slice of the Hotel-Motel Tax, meaning it would give that particular organization a permanent source of funding without having to annually beg the City Council and County Commission for an appropriation. Gloria Ray's fall was less about the money she earned than the money at the disposal of the Knoxville Sports and Tourism Corporation.

Mayor Tim Burchett has already indicated Knox County has a \$14 million shortfall; the school system acknowledges at least a \$7 million shortfall, totaling \$21 million. Denying the Sports Corporation a continuous \$2.3 million annually, and outsourcing the PBA, and defunding the Chamber would likely make up close to half of that shortfall.

If the Big Bad Wolf ate these three little pigs tomorrow, the taxpayers would be about \$10 million richer. Who's for some huffing and puffing?



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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour

Pinecrest Kennels: A Local Legacy

By Tasha Mahurin
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Pinecrest Kennels, located just off the beaten path in the Kimberlin Heights area, has once again opened its doors. Owner Charles McCroskey, and his former mother-in-law Betty Jo Cabe ran the family business until her health began to fail in 2006. Charles' love for the business led him to reopen the kennels two years ago. For Charles, however, Pinecrest Kennels is more than a business. It is an opportunity to carry on family legacy steeped in local tradition.

Pinecrest Kennels began in 1950 when Sam Huffaker quit a job in Sevierville to move to the South Knox/Seymour area. Mr. Huffaker was an officer in the American Kennel Club. He had a passion for fox hounds and owned some of the most highly regarded show beagles in the country. Upon moving to the area, his daughter Betty Jo Cabe enrolled in the University of Tennessee and found that many of her friends needed a place to board their dogs while attending school. In 1951, Mr. Huffaker built a small kennel to accommodate the demand, and Pinecrest Kennels was born. Charles McCroskey

came home from the Vietnam War in 1975 and met Betty Jo Cabe's daughter, Jane Ellen. At the time of Charles' arrival, Pinecrest Kennels had over 80 beagles on the premises. They were also involved in a nutritional competitive feeding programs with both Security and Conagra dog food companies, in which they kept detailed logs on each canine including their weight and general appearance in an effort to determine the performance of the dog food.

Pinecrest Kennels' most notable claim to fame, however, is that they were responsible for the care of two of the University of Tennessee's early mascots. The family lovingly named the two blue tick hounds "Smoke" and "Smoke Jr." Both dogs made their home at Pinecrest Kennels and received top-notch care. In fact, during football season, 1/3 of the dogs' diet consisted of macaroni-and-cheese. The macaroni-and-cheese diet helped to keep weight on during the cold winter months.

"My job was to get Smoke Jr. ready to head to the stadium, and his handler would come pick him up for the game," Charles told *The Focus*. "We always felt a little odd turning 'our' dogs over to someone



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Today, Smokey IX continues the legacy of supporting his Vols that began with Smoke and Smoke Jr. of Pinecrest Kennels.

else. They felt like our dogs because this is where they spent most of their time."

Smoke Jr. spent his life at Pinecrest Kennels and is buried on the premises.

Charles' wife, Jane Ellen, died in 1991, and he and

Betty Jo continued to operate Pinecrest until 2006. Upon Betty's illness and death, Charles closed the kennel for a period of time and began teaching guitar. He remarried and moved back onto the property.

The kennel felt empty without the sound of barking dogs, so Charles made the decision to reopen.

"I can still feel Betty Jo's presence here," said Charles. "We're back in business and

running things just like we always did."

For more information on Pinecrest Kennels or to schedule a stay for your four-legged friend please call Charles McCroskey at 865-335-2124.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Chief policy officer/deputy to the mayor, Bill Lyons, Mayor Madeline Rogero and chief operating officer/deputy to the mayor, Eddie Mannis, and Finance Director City of Knoxville, Jim York, discuss the first day of budget hearings on Monday, March 19. City Budget Hearings will conclude today at 4 p.m.

311 continues to serve

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family owned a property that was built in the 1960s over a natural stream. KUB had done some work in the front yard of the property in 1971, and for a variety of construction related reasons, the house had begun to sink into the ground. 311 was able to work with the Better Building Board and codes enforcement, and the City eventually bought the property for potential use as a park.

"We were able to walk these residents through a very complex process that would have been daunting for any citizen, and everyone won," Jensen stated.

While not every call involves such a detailed process, almost everyone has encountered a broken parking meter downtown. If you're parking meter is not working, simply call 311 to report the defunct meter and receive a reference number. Should you be written a parking ticket, you can simply provide the court with your reference number.

While 311 assists residents with issues related to city services both large and small, 311 also saves city residents where it matters most... their pocket books.

Knoxville's 311 provides City Managers with detailed reports that includes such information as response times, action taken, maps and other data to assist them in better deploying resources and to make the delivery of City services

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- Parking Tickets
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- Street Light Outages
- Storm Drains
- Street Cleaning

more efficient and cost effective. In fact, Knoxville's 311 center, under the direction of Russ Jensen, is one of the most cost efficient centers in the country and runs on an operating budget of \$400,000 per year.

Jensen maintains that this is due to the quality of his staff, which remarkably includes only five people.

"We're very selective about who we hire," Jensen stated, "and our diverse skill sets make for an excellent team."

To date 311 has taken 1.6 million calls and completed 241,858 service requests.

For more information on the City of Knoxville's 311 services visit www.cityofknoxville.org or simply call 3-1-1.



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Sheriff's Office Recognizes Outstanding Staff

On Tuesday, March 20, Officer Rex Armstrong and Detective Bill McKee were recognized for outstanding work at the monthly Officer of the Month program.

Officer Rex Armstrong has been named the Knox County Sheriff's Office February 2012 Officer of the Month.

On February 7, a strong-arm robbery occurred at the Kwik Shop on Rutledge Pike. Officer Armstrong recognized the physical description of the suspect as a suspicious person he had come in contact with at a Pilot station in East Knox County earlier in the week. Officer Armstrong researched his notes and was able to locate the subject's name. He notified Knox County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes detectives, who were able to provide a picture of the suspect on scene, which matched Officer Armstrong's subject. Detectives broadcast a BOLO for the suspect and he was stopped by the Knoxville Police Department that night. The suspect was taken into custody and confessed to the Kwik Shop Robbery in addition to an aggravated robbery being worked by KPD. A third aggravated robbery, being worked by KPD, was also linked to the suspect, clearing both of those cases for KPD.

On February 17, while Officer Armstrong was en route to roll call, he noticed a male subject coming out from behind D & H Machine on Asheville Highway. After interviewing the subject, he was able to get him to admit that he had burglarized D & H Machine and had been carrying steel and various metals



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Pictured left to right are Officer of the Month Rex Armstrong, Lieutenant Pete Steele, Lieutenant Ashley Coulter and Detective of the Month Bill McKee.

from the business to his truck. The suspect was arrested and over \$500 of material from the business was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. The business was located in the city. Instead of detaining the suspect and contacting KPD to take over, Officer Armstrong handled the matter himself. He even contacted the business owner for a follow-up investigation. Officer Armstrong notified KCSO and KPD detectives hoping that the suspect's information might aid in unsolved burglaries and metal thefts.

Officer Armstrong has been with Knox County Sheriff's Office since July 1994.

Detective Bill McKee was named the Knox County Sheriff's Office

February 2012 Detective of the Month.

On February 15, patrol officers apprehended two suspects attempting to flee a residential burglary. The suspects were transported to the detective division for questioning. Detective McKee was assigned as the primary investigator. Both suspects were uncooperative during the interview phase. Detective McKee searched multiple databases, gathering information and evidence. Detective McKee went to several pawnshops and photographed items that had been pawned by the suspects. The photographs assisted victims in positively identifying their stolen property.

Detective McKee's willingness to

investigate and solve cases without the cooperation of suspects enabled him to identify and charge the suspects with an additional ten residential burglaries and recover approximately \$11,500.00 in stolen property.

Officer McKee has been with Knox County Sheriff's Office since November 1986.

The Officer of the Month program is sponsored by the Knoxville Elks Lodge 160 and is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at 5600 Lonas Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend. A special thanks to the Downtown Crowne Plaza, the Elks Lodge and to LB Steele for their commitment to help this program.

In Perspective

I wear a few different hats at *The Knoxville Focus*. Its part of what makes the job so interesting.



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Among my duties is to report on City/County government... and the current buzzword is budget.

If I had a nickel for every time I've heard or written the word budget this week, well... you wouldn't be reading this column because I'd be in the islands somewhere budgeting the distance from my condo to the sand.

In either case, as a former small business owner, I began to think about both the complexities and necessities of the budgeting process, in addition to the mistakes that many businesses make regarding budgeting. I know all about it... I've made them.

Here are some common pitfalls to avoid:

1.) No budget at all: Current economic conditions have rendered small to mid-size businesses even further short-staffed. Business owners often become slaves to multi-tasking and become so focused on day-to-day operations that taking the time to hammer out a budget seems unfeasible. To quote Dr. Seuss, whom I seem to be reading a lot of these days, you 'could not, should not' avoid taking time to realistically review your company's financial outlook.

2.) Be realistic: Take a good, long, hard look at your company's current economic status. Identify revenue trends and make them work to your advantage, but be realistic. In the same token, the opposite of growth is death. Therefore, plan for expansion, but be realistic about what your company can afford. Also, be sure to prioritize necessary expenditures related to growth and expansion.

3.) Budget for **Continue on page 2**

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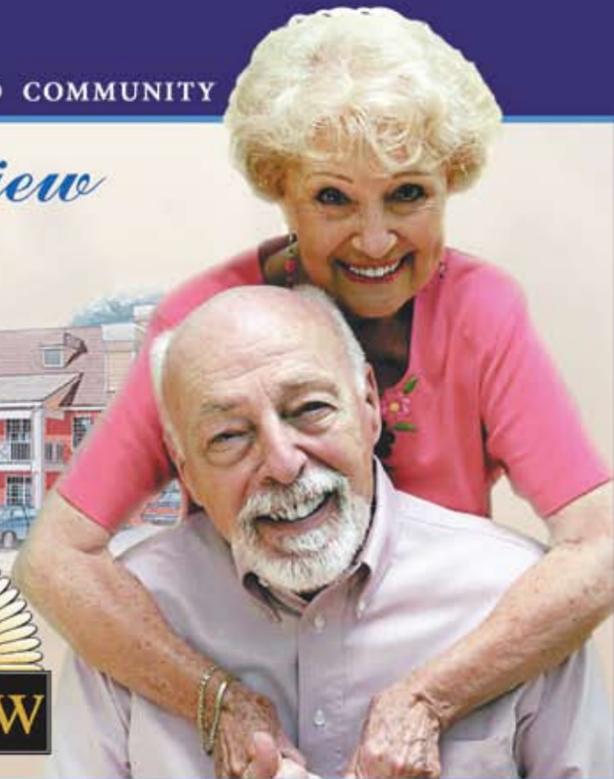
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Dan around town

PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.



Phyllis Severance discusses the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner at Monday's Halls Republican Club meeting. For more details about the event, please see Announcements on D3.

Being Chased By Storms

For years, I've been fascinated by severe weather. The fact is that one of my bucket list items is to spend a couple of weeks with storm chasers in the Midwest as they tempt fate and look for tornadoes. With that said, I'll have to admit that the storm a few Fridays ago might have tempered my desire for this adventure.



By Joe Rector

March came in like a lion. Temperatures that were more like those of mid-spring should have alerted us to what was coming, and in case we didn't get it, the weather channels and local weather predictors warned what was coming.

We'd rented a truck to move some furniture to our son's place in Chattanooga. With it loaded, I set out, and Amy followed in the car. The closer we got to his apartment, the worse the winds blew. We arrived just ahead of the rain, and after stopping by Dallas' work at The Chattanooga Choo-Choo, we hopped back in the car.

Our original plans included driving down I-24 and arriving in Nashville to visit daughter Lacey and her family in Nashville. However, weather forecasters cautioned folks that brutal storms were clustering around that area and were poised to wreak havoc in the afternoon.

Amy and I decided to return to the safety of home. Not long after we left Dallas' apartment, someone filmed a tornado skimming along the top of Signal Mountain. He lives at the foot of the mountain, and we were no more than a mile from the storm that was captured on a video.

Up I-75 we drove, and not long after we passed Cleveland, reports of severe storms and possible tornadoes in that area came across the radio. At the same time, tornado warnings for Monroe, Roane, and Loudon counties were issued. We were stuck because our path home cut right through these areas. With attention split between the highway and sky, we drove on and arrived home unscathed, although my nerves were frayed.

At home, we breathed sighs of relief, but they were short-lived. Weather bulletins came that warned of dangerous storms on the way to East Tennessee and Knoxville specifically. Amy and I listened but didn't think things would match the weather that was bearing down on Chattanooga and Nashville.

Sometime around mid-afternoon, a tornado warning was issued for Anderson and Knox counties. The track of the storm had the Karns and Ball Camp communities in the middle. Residents were instructed to go to their safe places immediately. (The term "safe place" doesn't fit a situation like

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In Perspective

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Edward Hull Crump

The Boss

Part 1

Pages from the Political Past



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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Mr. Crump in 1938.

The modern history of Memphis is inextricably tied to that of Edward Hull Crump. "Mister" Crump was indisputably a political boss in a region of the country where political bosses did not normally flourish. Political bosses were hardly uncommon in the United States during the heyday of E. H. Crump and they still exist today, albeit in lesser forms. The product of political machines in the United States have at least a few who have risen to the presidency of the United States. Chester Alan Arthur was a political boss from New York State and occupied perhaps the biggest plum within the gift of the president at the time, as the Collector of the Port of New York. Arthur later infuriated many of his own supporters by supporting civil service and saw his backing melt to the point where he could not muster enough delegates to be nominated for the presidency.

President Harry S. Truman was also a product of the infamous Pendergast machine in Kansas City, Missouri. Tammany Hall in New York City is perhaps the most notorious example of a political machine and Boss Tweed the noxious example of a political boss. The HBO cable network has even launched a very successful series based on the life and dealings of New Jersey political boss, Enoch "Nucky" Johnson.

Chicago has a long history of political machines and the last vestige of the old Daley machine, Richard Daley, Jr., just retired as Mayor of Chicago. Frank Hague, the boss of Jersey City, was infamous for shouting, "I AM THE LAW!" during one outburst and in New Jersey, he was.

These same political machines have elected everything from aldermen and city councilmen, to county clerks and Presidents of the United States. Machines have helped to determine the outcome of national elections, just Chicago Mayor and Boss Richard Daley, Sr., held back the vote returns from Cook County to push Illinois into John F. Kennedy's column in one of the closest presidential races in our country's history and giving JFK the presidency with the gift of Illinois' electoral votes. Lyndon Johnson was elected to the United States Senate through ballot boxes controlled by George Parr, the "Duke of Duval" County.

There have been many men described as political bosses, but if the definition were "one who runs a fully functioning political organization," the number

would drop appreciably. By any standard, Edward Hull Crump would qualify as a political boss as he presided over one of the most smoothly functioning organizations in the country. Through his mastery of the Shelby County political machine, Crump ruled absolutely in Memphis for nearly half a century.

E. H. Crump became a force to be reckoned with, not only locally, but in Tennessee and national politics as well. Crump, in conjunction with Tennessee's U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, dominated Volunteer State politics for the better part of two decades.

Born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, Crump came to Memphis as a fresh-faced young man with a full head of flaming red hair, causing later political opponents to refer to him as the "Red Snapper." Like many of his contemporaries, Ed Crump grew up relatively poor as his father died young from yellow fever. Employed as a bookkeeper as a teenager, Crump fell in love with and married the daughter of a prosperous merchant, who provided Crump with the funds to purchase the firm where he worked.

It is ironic to consider E. H. Crump first entered politics as a reformer. Many Memphians were chafing under the rule of Mayor John J. Williams, who had annexed communities adjacent to Memphis, which had the happy effect of increasing the government's revenues and expanding services. Williams was evidently a live-and-let-live sort of fellow, as the Mayor did not work very hard in actually enforcing local vice laws. Some accused the Mayor of being too closely aligned with saloon owners and the liquor interests, which was a damning charge during a time when Tennessee was frequently embroiled in a

debate on the question of prohibition. That same debate was so fierce it left one former United States senator literally lying dead in a gutter.

In 1905 many of the leading citizens of Memphis revolted and sought to drive Mayor John Williams from office by reforming local government and creating a commission form of government. Crump was elected as a member of the City Council as part of the progressive movement. Crump was closely associated in the reform movement with a young attorney, K. D. McKellar, and the two would remain friends, confidants and political partners for the next five decades.

Crump soon proved to be a master at organizing and was a particularly effective administrator. The breadth and scope of the Crump organization is difficult to conceive in today's political atmosphere. While many would hardly be shocked to consider a genuine political machine composed of public employees, the Crump organization extended into virtually every aspect of the political, business and social fabric of Memphis and Shelby County. Even many progressives became stalwart members of the Crump machine, along with socially prominent citizens, business and labor leaders, and educators. The Crump organization permeated civic associations, clubs, neighborhood groups and even churches. All fifty-two voting precincts had Crump leaders and each was tightly organized.

Crump improved government efficiency while at the same time getting more out of the various governmental departments in terms of services to the citizenry. While a poor public speaker, the future Memphis Boss possessed an unrivaled sense of political showmanship, as

well as a remarkable ability to shrewdly size up his fellow human beings. Crump's organizational skills, ability to understand people and events, as well as his showmanship were all crucial factors in his being able to parlay those strengths into a winning campaign to unseat Mayor John J. Williams.

Crump's inability to make a speech didn't much hurt him in the campaign, as he relied upon the organization he had so carefully crafted. Others carried the burden of making speeches, while Crump himself concentrated on turning out the vote. It proved to be a highly effective method of winning elections and would remain so until the end of Crump's life. Never in his long reign did the Memphis Boss ever take an election for granted.

E. H. Crump was not one to ignore a life lesson and he did not soon forget his political ambitions had quite nearly been upset by former Mayor Williams's overwhelming support from the black community. Unlike many Southern cities, African-Americans owned businesses and were not only allowed to vote in Memphis, but actually encouraged to vote. The various competing political organizations in Shelby County and Memphis paid the poll taxes for African-American voters with the clear expectation they would vote "right" and they usually did. Crump immediately set out to switch the political allegiance of African-American citizens to his own organization, although Memphis was still very much a segregated city at the time.

Mayor Crump saw to it that city services were provided to African-Americans, something that was virtually unheard of in most of the South. Crump's close ties to the black community would be a source of contention in the future with many of his political opponents

outraged by the notion African-American citizens were voting and participating in Democratic primaries. It was hardly unusual for Crump opponents to appeal for support on the basis of nominations being determined by the vote of African-Americans. Many of those same appeals were not surprisingly blatantly and crudely racist. Crump's relationship with the black community would change over the years and the Memphis Boss tolerated no dissent, a lesson some would learn to their ultimate regret in the future.

E. H. Crump survived a bid by former Mayor John Williams to recapture his old seat of power and Crump was busy consolidating his power in Memphis and Shelby County when his tenure abruptly came to an end. It was a humiliation he never forgot nor forgave. As former Mayor Williams had turned a blind eye to much of the rampant crime and vice in Memphis, Crump started a very public campaign to clean up the city. The effort did not last and Crump likely realized it was not possible for local government to stamp out of existence prostitution, gambling,

and saloons. Rather than attempting to eliminate vice completely, Crump moved to confine prostitution to a red-light district, tolerated saloons and kept the gambling dens manageable. The vice interests were largely ignored for the most part, but those same interests were expected to contribute to the well being of the Shelby County political machine. One Chief of the Memphis Police Department testified the contributions from illegal operations amounted to almost one hundred thousand dollars, a sum that would be the equivalent to several million dollars today. Some have described those funds as "protection money," but likely the bulk of it was used to fund political activities and campaigns for the Shelby County machine and its candidates. Crump saw nothing wrong with assessing the illegal businesses operating in his domain to perpetuate his machine any more than he objected to legitimate businesses contributing to the organization. Crump did, however, strongly object to the notion of any official taking the money to fill his own pockets.

It was Crump's refusal to enforce the prohibition laws in Memphis that lead to his removal from the Mayor's office. Tennessee's then-Governor Ben W. Hooper was not only a prohibitionist, but a Republican. Governor Hooper supported an ouster law which enabled the removal of Crump as Mayor of Memphis by the judiciary. E. H. Crump, ever practical, resigned as Mayor just before he could be ousted from office.

Crump's removal as Mayor, while widely hailed by his opponents, did little to tarnish his reputation in Memphis and Shelby County. It did nothing to diminish his actual power. Crump was elected as Shelby County Trustee mere months after leaving the mayor's office. It might seem an odd choice for Crump to serve in an obscure county office, but state law at the time allowed the Trustee to personally keep excess fees, usually amounting to approximately \$50,000 per year, an enormous sum in 1916. In today's dollars, adjusted for inflation, it was almost a million dollars.

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

next week, and I expect most full committees will close by the middle to third week of April. Bills are quickly making their way through committee, and beginning the last week of March we will have an additional House session on Wednesday making three floor sessions each week. It is still projected

that we will adjourn by the end of April or first of May making it one of the earliest adjournments in recent history. This will save the state of Tennessee much needed revenue.

Several constituents have encouraged us to look at doing away with or reducing the state death tax. I am happy to report that the Finance Subcommittee has taken a major step in accomplishing this long-time goal. A bill was advanced that will ultimately do away with the death tax in Tennessee. The bill includes a full repeal, with the death tax phasing out gradually over the next four years. By 2016, the tax will be completely eliminated. Tennessee is one of only two states in the South that still has a death tax.

On March 28 an important economic development bill will come for a full House vote. This legislation creates the Fast Track economic development program, which would provide grants and loans to local governments or to their economic development organizations. These grants would then be utilized to facilitate economic development activities that are not eligible for infrastructure development or job training assistance funds. Such activities include retrofitting, relocating equipment, purchasing equipment, building repairs and improvements, temporary office space or other equipment related to relocation or expansion. These economic development funds will only be used in exceptional circumstances when the funds will make a proportionally significant economic impact on the affected community.

A bill dealing with unemployment is making its way through the House. The bill revises certain provisions such as misconduct rules by individuals seeking unemployment benefits. Also it specifies that "making a reasonable effort to secure work" means a claimant must provide detailed information regarding contact with at least three employers per week or must access services at a career center created by the department. On a side note, driving from Knoxville to Nashville and back each week has reaffirmed my belief that there is no place prettier than Tennessee. The redbuds are in full bloom, and the dogwoods are peeping out. Spring has sprung. Enjoy every beautiful day. I am honored to be your Representative.

To respond you may write Rep. Brooks at 212 War Memorial Building, Nashville, TN 37243; or call 615-741-6879; or e-mail rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov.

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Michelle Hunley: Making interior design affordable and accessible

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If you have any questions, need any information, or want set up an appointment with Michelle Hunley, call (865) 705-3027 or e-mail mhunley@comcast.net.

Being Chased By Storms

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this. The only true safe place during a tornado is somewhere hundreds of miles away. A better term from now on might be evacuation place.)

I told Amy that the time had come for us to move to the basement. We've only gone there one other time in all the years we've lived in our home, and then the kids weren't even in their teens. The problem is there's no inside entrance. We have to walk outside. Amy and I armed ourselves with flashlights, Kindles, and cell phones and made a dash for the basement.

Once there, I sent Amy inside and went to retrieve two folding chairs that were under the deck. I tossed the first one toward the entrance. I grabbed hold of the second one and started to toss it just as a bolt of lightning flashed and thunder boomed at the same time. For just a second, I thought I'd been struck. Static electricity stood the hairs on my arm on end and the roar of thunder left my ears ringing.

In about a second and a half, I'd jumped and sprinted to the basement.

For several minutes I was shaken. Then I zoned back in and offered a word of thanks to the good Lord. The storm zipped by at about sixty miles an hour, and we felt safe returning to the house. Both of us hustled to the back door before another lightning bolt flashed.

The rest of the evening we hunkered down as waves of storms pounded East Tennessee. As for Nashville, our daughter said they'd prepared for hours for the terrible weather that was to come. In the end, Lacey said that they had fifteen minutes of scary weather with the rest of the day being uneventful. We'd have been safer traveling there than staying home.

I'm not so sure I'll chase storms in the Midwest. At least I won't unless the distance between me and funnel clouds is more than that of the lightning bolt that nearly ruined my day and life.

Austin East wins UT Ethics Bowl

A team of students from Austin East High School in Knoxville claimed first place in the third annual Ethics Bowl, held in mid-March at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The tournament-style event pitted teams of high school students against one another as they employ critical thinking to debate complex issues. The event also gave high school students a chance to participate in collegiate-level competition. The Austin-East team received the Ethics Bowl trophy and \$1,500 in prize money. Farragut High School finished second, winning \$1,000. Notre Dame High School of Chattanooga came in third and won \$500.

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The Irrational Nature of Vols Fandom: The Case of Peyton Manning

By Alex Norman

The biggest story this NFL off-season has been the Peyton Manning situation.

First, the inevitability of his release by the Indianapolis Colts. After 14 seasons, Manning's \$28 million bonus was going to be too steep for owner Jim Irsay, especially after Manning missed the entire 2011 campaign following multiple neck surgeries.

Second, the battle between NFL teams for his Manning's services. Manning took a visit to the Arizona Cardinals, and met with the Miami Dolphins, but neither team made the final cut. The Seattle Seahawks and Kansas City Chiefs were interested, but didn't get any serious consideration from Manning.

It ended up coming down to a choice for Manning between three teams. The Denver Broncos, the San Francisco 49ers and the Tennessee Titans.

Manning picked the Broncos.

And some Tennessee Volunteers fans were very upset.

Ummm, what?

Why on earth would the fans of Manning's alma mater in Knoxville, Tennessee be upset that he chose to continue his NFL career in Denver, Colorado?

Somehow, to some people, Manning's decision to turn down the offer of Nashville's Tennessee Titans was a slight at the Vols.

This makes no sense.

But before we get into that...

Manning felt that being with the Broncos, with Executive VP John Elway running the show, was the best place for him. If Denver could get to the second round of the AFC playoffs with Tim Tebow under center, what could they do with one of the

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Red Devils blast 'cats, 12-2



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Central's Tyler Jones delivers a pitch Wednesday in the Bobcats 12-2 District 3-AAA loss to rival Halls. Jones pitched two innings of scoreless relief for CHS, which travels to Hardin Valley today for a showdown against the defending district champion Hawks.

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's baseball team will have a share of the District 3-AAA lead when it takes the field today (March 26) at home against Campbell County.

But Red Devils coach Doug Polston was far from pleased after watching his squad notch a 12-2 victory over Black Oak Ridge rival Central Wednesday at Halls.

"That feels good right now but ask me again during the first

week of May," Polston said of Halls High's perfect 5-0 district start.

Three of those conference wins came last week. The Red Devils (5-1 overall) opened the week with a 17-0 victory over the Bobcats at Tommy Schumpert Park on Monday, March 19. Halls then outlasted Oak Ridge 3-2 Tuesday night in Halls before recording a regular-season sweep of Central at home.

The Red Devils used a pair of

early big innings to put the contest away. Halls tallied five runs in the bottom of the first. The Red Devils added seven more runs in the second in a game that was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

In the first, Halls wasted no time jumping on the young and weary 'Cats (2-7 overall, 1-5 in District 3-AAA).

Red Devils second baseman Trent Whetsell got things rolling with a one-out walk. He scored on

an RBI double by Austin Smith to give Halls a 1-0 lead. First baseman Thomas Corcione followed with a scoring single to make it 2-0. The Red Devils took advantage of a pair of Bobcats errors to plate another run before pitcher Andrew Sylvester culminated the rally with a two-run single.

Halls then scored seven runs in the bottom of the second after Sylvester struck out the side in the top of the frame. The big blow

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PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Skateboarding into spring time

By Steve Williams

Knox County school students spent their spring break last week in different ways.

Some had more time on their skateboards.

Activity was up at Fountain City Skatepark, said one skateboarder.

Warm temperatures and dry weather for much of the week made for ideal conditions on the concrete at the park located at the corner

of Knox Road and Maple Drive.

A dozen skateboarders were rolling and practicing stunts Wednesday afternoon, including Isaiah Heine, Elishia Hembree and Jacob Metcalf.

Heine is a third grader at Adrian Burnett Elementary School, Hembree a junior at Central High and Metcalf a senior at Farragut.

The 7,000 square foot Fountain City Skatepark is almost two years old, having

opened in April of 2010. It offers skateboarders conditions similar to "skate street," with steps, stair rails and low-rise obstacles. Skaters themselves were involved in the planning, layout and fundraising for the city's second skateboard park.

In all, there are four skateparks in Knoxville and Knox County.

Knoxville Skatepark is the biggest. Located where the Lady Vols used to play

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Jacob Metcalf rolls high up on the bank at the Fountain City Skatepark last week as spring break from school gave skateboarders some extra time to enjoy their sport. The Farragut High senior says he's been skateboarding for 10 years.



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The Irrational Nature of Vols Fandom: The Case of Peyton Manning

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top ten quarterbacks of all time? Their defense is solid, and Manning has a terrific young receiver (Demaryius Thomas) and an experienced running back (Willis McGahee) that gained 1,199 yards in 2011 to work with.

The 5-year, \$96 million dollar contract certainly helps as well.

The money would have been there with the Titans too, as would the possibility of what team owner Bud Adams alluded to after Manning's football days were done... lifetime employment for Manning with the Titans organization.

But Manning's top receiver in Nashville would be Kenny Britt, a player recovering from a knee injury... a player that hasn't been able to stay out of trouble off the field. Manning would be handing off to Chris Johnson, who is

coming off a career worst season, which came right after he received a new contract.

Plus, if Manning chose the Titans, he would have to play against the Colts twice a year in the AFC South Division. The private Manning would despise the attention those two games would receive each year. So there were enough reasons to say no to the Titans.

But why should that choice matter to Vols fans?

Maybe because Tennessee athletics have been on a cold streak the past few years... and Manning's return to the state, even if he'd be playing more than 170 miles from Neyland Stadium, would be some good news.

When the news broke last week that Manning picked Denver, some Vols fans took to social media and the local sports talk

shows voicing their displeasure. I heard one fan say he'd never support Manning again because he refused to return to the state of Tennessee.

I never heard Notre Dame fans get angry at Joe Montana for playing in Kansas City instead of Indianapolis. Why should Tennessee fans get angry at Peyton Manning? Montana wasn't a free agent like Manning was, but he wasn't pressing for a trade to the Colts either...

From Fulmer's firing to Kiffin's escape to Dooley's futility, Tennessee fans are in desperate need of some positive PR. Well, guess what. That is on display each and every time Manning is in the news.

His professional career has lived up to the nearly impossible expectations. 11 Pro Bowl selections. 4 Most Valuable Player awards, and a Super Bowl title following the 2006

season. Is there a better recruiting tool for the Vols than Manning's resume?

He remains the ultimate ambassador for the University of Tennessee, and I'm not talking just about football. Manning returns to Knoxville every off-season to award the scholarship that bears his name. Last month, he and his wife Ashley increased their endowment, which will allow two students to attend the University of Tennessee for free.

In addition, there is the Payback Foundation, which Manning started at the beginning of his pro career to help disadvantaged kids.

Manning has his faults, like we all do.

And if you are a Vols fan slamming Manning these days? That shows your faults as well.

From Colts to Broncos, Peyton is still my horse

One of the gifts I received for Christmas was a Zippo lighter engraved with the Indianapolis Colts' horse logo.



By Steve Williams

A few years ago my daughter gave me a beautiful blue Colts sweatshirt.

Just last summer, my dad put a quarter in one of those vending machines that cranks out a NFL decal. Out came the Colts horseshoe. He gave it to me. It was my lucky day.

I have two Colts ball caps and a Colts horseshoe decal in the back window of my pickup truck, right across from my Power T, Smokey and Lady Vol decals.

You see where I'm going

with this?

Now that Peyton Manning is a Denver Bronco, what do I do?

Like me, you and a lot of folks in this area are probably in the same predicament. There's a lot of us Peyton Manning fans around here.

We'll just have to change with the times. That's what free agency in professional sports sometimes forces fans to do, particularly for fans who hook up with a team because of a certain player.

My brother John is different from me in this regard. He's been a Minnesota Vikings fan all his life, even when Brett Favre came from rival Green Bay to be the Vikings' quarterback. Now that's loyalty for you.

If I had been born in **Continue on page 4**

Skateboarding into spring time

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softball in Tyson Park, the 15,000 square foot, \$537,000 facility, which opened in February of 2008, looks like a concrete Grand Canyon with its three deep pools.

Knoxville Skatepark is open daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Knox County Parks and Recreation Department has two skateparks, one located at Powell Station on Emory Road next to Powell High School and one at Concord Park on Northshore Drive.

The weekend is usually when most skateboarders are at the parks doing their thing, and when school is out, like during spring break.



Above, Central High junior Elishia Hembree is riding on the edge as he works on a stunt at Fountain City Skatepark. Left, Nine-year-old Isaiah Heine was one of the youngest skateboarding at Fountain City Skatepark last Wednesday afternoon. A third grader at Adrian Burnett Elementary School in Halls, Heine was among Knox County students on spring break last week.

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in the bottom half of the inning was a grand slam home run by Aaron Hardy. Ryan Galyon had an RBI single in the inning and Grant Painter drove in a run when he reached on a fielder's choice.

Central, which travels to Hardin Valley today for a district tilt, pulled to within 12-2 in the top of the third on the strength of a two-run double by Brandon McFarlane.

Halls missed an opportunity to add to its lead in the bottom of the third when it left the bases loaded. Smith, Galyon and designated hitter Blake Shuler all had singles. Central reliever Tyler Smith avoided

damage when he induced an inning-ending ground-out from Devin Long.

Central coach Brian Lovett, while not looking for excuses, said fatigue was a factor for the 'Cats.

"This is the end of a long week-and-a-half for us," said Lovett, Central's second-year head coach. "We've played nine games in 10 days and our pitching is not quite equipped for that.

"We were tired. We've played some good teams and now, we have to get some rest and come back ready to go on Monday. Things won't get any easier for us. There's no easy game in the district."

Central had a chance to

take an early lead when Dalton Searcy led off the game with a single. He reached third on consecutive bunts. He, however, was stranded there when Sylvester, who finished with seven strikeouts, got McFarlane to ground out.

From there, Sylvester allowed just two more hits. He was victimized by two errors before McFarlane's double plated Central's runs.

"He did a pretty good job," Polston said of Sylvester. "He did a good job getting ahead in the count and that was a big key for us.

"When he got the ball up, they hit it."



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231 GARY WILSON
214 RALPH ALLMON
202 JABO REDMON
202 JESSE CARRINGTON

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH--MALE
606 GARY WILSON
561 RALPH ALLMON
537 C.L.HACKNEY

HIGH GAME SCRATCH--FEMALE
207 LINDA WORTH
203 BOBBIE FISHER
194 BARBARA NELSON

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH--FEMALE
571 LINDA WORTH
522 BARBARA NELSON
503 JANET HUFFAKER

WEDNESDAY CLUB 55:
HIGH GAME SCRATCH--MALE
258 ROBERT WATKINS
233 JESSE CARRINGTON
225 BARRY MCGILL

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH--MALE
719 ROBERT WATKINS
645 BARRY MCGILL
620 RALPH ALLMON

HIGH GAME SCRATCH--FEMALE
221 KATHY CATE
191 CAROLYN MCGILL
181 BARBARA GRUBB

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH--FEMALE
536 CAROLYN MCGILL

533 KATHY CATE
487 NEDRA SATTERFIELD

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278 BILL MCMILLAN
278 BILL BYRGE

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782 BILL MCMILLAN
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Arts & Entertainment

Spring Series of 'Alive After Five' is Eclectic Mix of Music

The Knoxville Museum of Art announces the spring series of Alive After Five, premiering with Christabel & The Jons on Friday, March 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This year's spring series will present six shows featuring an eclectic mix of musical genres, all performed by bands from East Tennessee. The first show features Christabel & The Jons, performing what they call "Tennessee Swing," a blend of their own original music with thoughtfully arranged jazz standards, western swing, classic country, and a little bossa nova just for fun. Currently on tour from coast to coast, Christabel & The Jons is one of Knoxville's most successful musical exports. Lead singer and songwriter Christa DeCiccio is earning a reputation as one of the southeast's finest laid-back jazz singers. Multi-instrumentalist Seth Hopper adds colorful



Christabel & The Jons will open the season of "Alive After Five" on March 30.

don't miss the release party for the new CD "Trio Life" by Boling, Brown & Holloway. The album documents explorations in jazz that have been evolving since 1982, when these University of Tennessee professors - Mark Boling (guitar), Keith Brown (drums), & Rusty Holloway (bass) - began playing together. Each performer's background in jazz, rock, R&B, blues, country, and pop make this album an extraordinary example of their nearly 30 years of

music-making. In "Trio Life", Boling, Brown & Holloway play original compositions by Boling, along with jazz standards, Wayne Shorter compositions, and even a cover by Norah Jones. Trio Life was recorded in Knoxville, TN, at AMG Studios and will be released on the MaBo label.

As Knoxville begins celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the World's Fair in May, Alive After Five will present the Carib Sounds **Continue on page 4**

Spring Events at the Fountain City Art Center

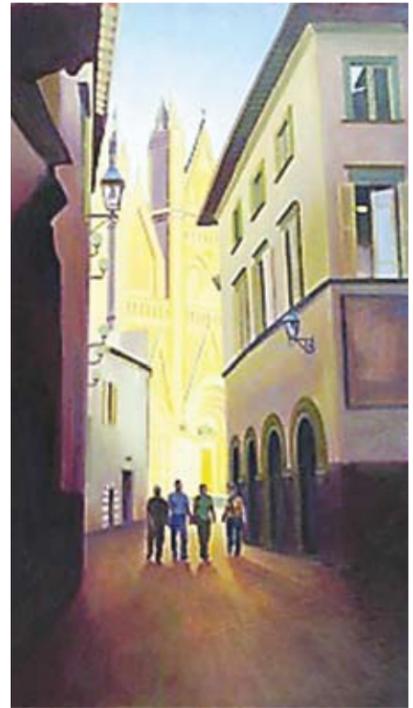
By Sylvia Williams

Spring at the Fountain City Art Center kicks off with a reception open to the public, Friday, March 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The reception marks the beginning of the Annual Fountain City Art Guild Spring Show and Sale. The show will be judged by Harriet Howell. Awards will be given out at 7:00 p.m.

This show will be on exhibit through April 27. As always, no admission fee for the viewing public. Also on exhibit through April 27 is artwork by students from the Halls area!

This year's 9th Annual Garden Party Luncheon and Auction will be held on Saturday, May 12, beginning at 11 a.m. Reservations for the luncheon and auction can be made by phone, e-mail, or by coming by the Center. We'd be happy to mail invitations to anyone who asks. The luncheon is just \$35 per person, paid in advance. The proceeds go a long way toward funding operations at the Art Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The site of the luncheon is the incredibly beautiful Gardens of Ginger and Bill Baxter as featured in the March edition of Southern Living! Musical entertainment this year will be provided by the Ben Maney Trio; gourmet sandwiches will be provided by the Creamery Park Grill courtesy of Jeff Patin.

The Art Center has many new classes and workshops this spring and summer. We are also offering art related Field Trips, a new program this year! Link to our website through our Facebook pages. Our hours are: Tuesday, Thursday



Detail of "Cathedral," an oil painting by Roy McCullough, is in the Guild's Spring Exhibition.

9-5; Wednesday, Friday 10-5; Sat, 9-1. We're located in the old library building next to Fountain City Park at 213 Hotel Avenue 37918; 865.357.2787; fcartcenter@knology.net. The director and volunteer staff would be happy to show you around. We have a new exhibit about every four weeks, and we're here to provide the public with a wide variety of visual art experiences. Pay us a visit!

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The 100 Block Association proudly announces Art on the Block!, a new celebration of visual art, movement, music and more on First Friday, April 6, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. along the 100 Block of Gay Street and Summit Hill Park in downtown Knoxville. The 100 Block of Gay Street (also known as the Arts District) provides an ideal setting for the public and children to enjoy this free event, which includes aerial acrobatics, fire twirlers, hoop dancers, a drum line, artists doing live painting, gallery openings, and more. Ample free parking is accessible in the Jackson Avenue lot under the Gay Street viaduct.

A schedule of events is as follows:
6:00-7:30 p.m. – Aerial acrobatics in Summit Hill Park
7:30-9:00 p.m. – Fire twirlers and hoop dancers
7:30-9:00 p.m. – Drum line performance
6:00-9:00 p.m. – Local artists Cynthia Markert and Brian Pittman doing live paintings



6:00-9:00 p.m. – First Friday celebrations in the 100 Block businesses

Other events taking place on the 100 Block on April 6 include the opening reception for the Dogwood Arts Festival's Regional Fine Arts Exhibition at the Emporium Center; "Nexus 2012", a showcase of contemporary sculpture at UT Downtown Gallery; and recent works by Alex Merchant at Gallery 1010.

More than 20 businesses comprise the 100 Block of Gay Street and include cafés and restaurants, art galleries, a massage center, website consultants, an advertising firm, boutiques, and more. For more information on this event or these businesses, visit www.100block.org.

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Steel Band, two members of which also played with The Gemmonites Steel Orchestra who performed at the World's Fair's Elm Street Theater, located next door to the Japanese Pavilion, which became the new location of the Knoxville Museum of Art.

The following week, Draper, Reynolds & Rodgers will come together for a special reunion concert. The trio of Vanessa Draper, Karen E. Reynolds & Kit Rodgers should never have worked. They are very different artists, songwriters and each of a different style and genre, but fate threw them onstage together in 1994. It worked so well that they continued to play together, regularly selling out venues and becoming known for their seamless three part harmonies and well crafted songs. The passage of time led the three to pursue separate career paths, but they will be together again with a rhythm section backing them up for this special show.

The spring series concludes on May 18 with Milele Roots from Chattanooga. This six-member band plays reggae and ska, as well as some meringue and calypso rhythms. Along with their original material, their set lists include "off the beaten path" covers of artists such as Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Toots & The Maytals, Steel Pulse and even Bob Dylan, The Band, Neal Young, Pink Floyd, and more.

Alive After Five is a unique live music series presented on thirty or more Fridays per year in

four seasonal series. The programs take place in the smoke-free, casually elegant setting of the Great Hall in the Knoxville Museum of Art. There is a live band on stage, seating at tables, two cash bars, food from area restaurants, free freshly popped popcorn, free parking, and a licensed therapeutic massage available. Audience members can enjoy listening to music, dancing, and browsing the museum's art galleries.

Admission to the spring series premier of Alive After Five is \$9 for general admission and \$5 for museum members and college students with ID. Ages 17 and under are admitted free. Alive After Five is sponsored by Cherokee Distributing Company, East Tennessee PBS, Metro Pulse, WDVX-89.9FM, and WhatsHotKnox.com. For more information about the Alive After Five series, please contact Michael Gill at (865) 934-2039.

The 2012 Spring Series Schedule for "Alive After Five":

(all shows 6:00-8:30 p.m.)

March 30 – Christabel & The Jons "Tennessee Swing"

April 13 – Jenna & The Accidentals Rhythm & Blues and funk

April 20 – Boling, Brown & Holloway - "Trio Life" CD Release Party Jazz

May 4 – Carib Sounds Steel Band Caribbean steel drum music

May 11 – Draper, Reynolds & Rodgers Americana and folk

May 18 – Milele Roots Reggae and ska

From Colts to Broncos, Peyton is still my horse

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Chicago, I most likely would have been a lifelong Bears fan. But I was born at Baptist Hospital, just across the river from Neyland Stadium, and have lived in this area all of my life. Naturally, I've always been a UT fan. When the Vols win, I feel better. One of those kind of fans. Know what I mean?

I've always liked pro football, too. Over the years, I've had my favorite teams and players.

There may still be an old Hutch helmet at home that I had as a kid and wore in football games out in the yard. I hand painted a green GB on the side of it. My favorite NFL team at that time was the Green Bay Packers.

I've always been one to pull for the underdog, so I remember pulling for Broadway Joe and the New York Jets to beat the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III, even though I was always fond of the great Johnny Unitas.

I remained a fan of the Jets for quite awhile. I liked Namath, and those white cleats, and his sure-handed receiver Don Maynard and running back Emerson Boozer.

Sometime along the way, quarterback John Brodie and the San Francisco 49ers became my team. I can't remember for how long. I still have a little gold and red 49ers helmet ice cream cup I once bought at a ball game somewhere.

Several seasons went

by when I was just a NFL fan with no favorite team. I enjoyed watching a lot of former Vols excel in the league. Special teams specialist Bill Bates was inspiring to watch play for the Cowboys. Reggie White certainly made us proud as he led the Packers. I wanted former Vol QB Heath Shuler to succeed with the Redskins but he never reached his potential because of injury.

When Manning came into the league in 1998, I wanted to see him do well. Many of us Vol fans were still upset he didn't win the Heisman and we wanted him to shine like we knew he could. Over the years, he always has and continues to represent his alma mater with class.

In recent years, I've been immersed in Fantasy Football. It wasn't easy to draft Peyton, but I got him one year.

Based on the reports I was hearing, I really thought Peyton was headed to the Titans. I was surprised he picked Denver, mainly because I don't think he plays as well in cold weather. I hope I'm wrong about that and he finishes his career strong and injury free.

In the meantime, I'm certainly going to keep all my Colts stuff, as a reminder to all the great memories Manning gave us in Indy.

But I do have a birthday coming up in July, if anyone wants to get me a Broncos cap...

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New Ground

I love double entendres. And I love finding the perfect word or phrase to capture the moment or convey the thought. I wasn't always that way. In fact, I was an underachiever till I went to college and buckled down. I've changed a lot since I came of age, and I think I know where the journey from "the far country" began.

As I look back I can tell people with certainty that I was a fool until my mid-twenties. Yes, I had a lot of facts in my head which I eventually organized into a compendium of useful knowledge. But

somewhere along the way I acquired a modicum of wisdom. Perhaps this originated from a passion for learning things just for the sheer joy of knowing. I don't know where this desire came from, but I can identify with Star Trek's Spock who often exclaims, "Fascinating!" The ancient Greeks called the passionate quest for understanding gnosis, from which the word knowledge comes to us.

My patient Mr. T has knowledge that I don't possess. As we discuss his medical issues we often chit chat about family, jobs and our

life's journey. Mr. T is a great gardener and though farming is not his vocation it is his passion. I'm blessed to be counted among his neighbors and friends with whom he shares his bounty. I told him about my project to improve our property and my plans for a big garden this year. And that's when my education began.

"Trying to plow new ground with a tiller won't work, Doc. Ya gotta bust up that sod with a plow." He was right of course. I'd been killing myself even using a gasoline driven tiller. I can only imagine what it must have been like to fell trees with an ax, then pull the stumps with a mule or ox, and then break up the ground to make it ready for seeds with a spade or a plow. You may be interested to learn that the plow was only invented about 200 years ago and George Washington had technology that was little different than the Romans. We've certainly "come a long way baby" since John Deere's plow

was invented in 1837.

A colleague once challenged me with the notion that my passion for the care of my patients can only go so far. She said, "You can't care more than they do, Jim." What a profound observation that I've chewed upon many times over the years. How much can a doctor do to make a difference in someone's life and health? I suspect that I've rubbed some patients wrong as I ask them again how they're doing with their smoking. If I put myself in a smoker's shoes I can imagine that being asked repeatedly is analogous to having one's short comings pointed out again and again. If it weren't so important to the health of my patients I'd give it a rest, I tell myself. Objective data show that smoking cessation is more important than controlling blood pressure or diabetes, and certainly more efficacious than lowering your cholesterol with medications.

A patient once asked me if I'd ever smoked. I

hedged saying, "I'll bet that smoking grape vines in Boy Scout outings doesn't count." I then told him that when I completed my internal medicine residency my fellow residents and I had a big party and we drank some beer that night. I confessed that someone took a picture of me that night smoking a cigar, but I have no recollection of it.

In the Gospel of Luke the Master is recorded telling a story about a sower of seeds. The metaphor of seeds falling on hard pan resonates with me and anyone else who has tried to throw grass seed on bare spots in the yard without tilling the soil first. I've observed this enterprise to be quite fruitless. Similarly, our receptiveness to medical advice or Spiritual nudging can only occur when new ground is made ready for the seeds of a better way.

As I drive into work each morning I think about the day before me and its challenges. I think about the people I will

see and the seeds that I'll plant in hopefully soil made fallow. For some time now my mantra has been to ask for strength and courage to speak the truth in a loving and caring way. And my goal is to do my best, to my duty for God and country and those whom I serve.

At the end of the day I know when I've been successful and when I could've done better. It's then that I fall back on the words of the Master who said, "Grace is sufficient." With this blessed assurance I can go on tilling the soil till the "race is finished."

Doctor Ferguson is accepting new patients. His office is next to Fort Sanders Hospital.

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at jferguson@summithealthcare.com.



GriefShare:

A journey from mourning to joy

Everyone will experience it sometime in their life if they have not already. It is a part of life as much as living, though most of us would prefer the living. As we go about our daily lives,

it is easy to become so immersed in living life that we often forget there is a grieving side to life, also.

GriefShare is a program designed to help those who participate on their journey from mourning to joy. It is a thirteen-week grief support/recovery program for people grieving the death of a loved one, and it does not have to be a recent loss.

GriefShare meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Merchants Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee. Each session has three elements: a video featuring grief experts; group discussion for those who want to share, though some participants may choose to simply listen; and a workbook for personal study of the grief process and to help sort out emotions. "We want people to know that they don't have to go through the grieving process alone and to offer them a place where they will find caring people who understand the issues they face," says Kim Underwood, the parish nurse at Wallace Memorial who facilitates the program.

A retired Registered Nurse, Kim is quick to explain, "I am not a grief 'expert' or grief counselor." As a facilitator of the program, Kim refers participants

to Rev. Kent Williams, Wallace Memorial's Pastor of Pastoral Care, or to their own pastor for any theological questions or issues that might require one-on-one counseling. "My role is to make the meetings a 'safe place' where people are free to share their hearts. We cry some and laugh some, but the important thing is that healing takes place," Kim adds. Not only is Kim a facilitator of GriefShare, she has been a participant as well. "After my husband died suddenly two years ago, I went through the program at another church. It was such a source of comfort and strength to me that I actually went through the program twice and wanted it to be available for people in our community," Kim said. Though I have not participated in the program, I do know that Kim is a kind and caring person—just the kind needed to facilitate

GriefShare.

The Wallace Memorial program is in week ten of the thirteen-week session; however, each session is "self-contained," so the program is designed to allow anyone to join the group at anytime. Topics covered include: Living with Grief; The Journey of Grief; The Effects of Grief; When Your Spouse Dies; Your Family and Grief; Why?; The Uniqueness of Grief, parts I and II; Stuck in Grief; Top 20 Lessons of Grief, parts I and II; and Heaven.

Wallace Memorial will be offering the program during the day this summer. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the GriefShare program at Wallace Memorial, you may call the church office at 865-688-4343; e-mail Kim at kunderwood@wmbc.net; or visit the website at www.griefshare.org. Participants do not have to be a member of Wallace



Kim Underwood, RN, Parish Nurse at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, and GriefShare Facilitator, provided by Wallace Memorial.

Memorial to attend GriefShare, as many come from neighboring counties.



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Faith

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We have looked at four inward spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation and Bible study. We will now turn our attention to four outward spiritual disciplines. The first one I want to mention is that of simplicity.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:12). I would like to say I have achieved this level of spiritual maturity, but I have to admit, I much more enjoy having plenty of food and money in the bank. Why? Because I am selfish and often think more about my own needs than the needs of others. I think about what I don't have instead of focusing on how much I have already. What can help me in communing with God and relying more on His strength and provision? Simplicity.

Here are a few principles of living the simple life. First, buy things that are useful instead of for status. Is the tag on your clothing or car more important than its practicality? If so, your self image is being based on your status.

Second, reject anything that produces an addiction in you. You know yourself better than anyone

else. If you are prone toward a certain temptation, steer clear at all costs. Others may not understand, but you do and the Lord does.

Third, develop a habit of giving things away, which will keep you from being tied at the hip to material stuff. By sharing what the Lord has given you, you are reminded that it is all temporary and on loan for only a season.

Fourth, don't buy into the advertising propaganda that you need the latest electronic gadget to be cool. Be content with second or third generation stuff. Through delayed gratification, you will probably be able to purchase some things real cheap.

Fifth, enjoy things without owning them. For example, you can enjoy swimming at a friend's pool without having to own one yourself. By the way, to own a pool is a big maintenance hassle from what I have been told.

Sixth, develop a deeper appreciation for the creation. Take plenty of hikes.

Seventh, look with healthy skepticism at all "buy now and pay later" schemes. There is always a catch. If you can't afford it now, you can't afford it.

Eighth, shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the kingdom of God.

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Church Happenings

Christ United Methodist Church

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival is Saturday, April 7, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Christ United Methodist Church is located at 7535 Maynardville Hwy. 865-922-1412.

Faith United Methodist Church

Faith UMC will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2012. Everyone is welcome. The regular service is at 11 a.m., featuring an Easter Cantata

The Young at Heart at Faith UMC meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. An exciting meeting is coming up on April 3rd: Rebecca Lane of Elmcroft Assisted Living in Halls will be talking about Senior Care Planning and Levels of Care. A potluck luncheon will follow the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Faith UMC is located at 1120 Dry Gap Pike. For more information visit www.faithseekers.org, email info@faithseekers.org and or call 865-688-1000.

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

Fountain City Presbyterian Church, located at 500 Hotel Road in Fountain City, announces their Easter Celebration Schedule. On Palm Sunday, April 1 the Chancel Choir will lead an entire worship service dedicated to seasonal music. A Holy Week Prayer Service is planned for Wednesday,

April 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, on April 6, will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Worship Services will begin at 8:55 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Glenwood Church of Powell

Glenwood Church of Powell, at 7212 Central Avenue Pike, invites all to a Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic on Saturday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 938-2611.

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet March 27, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Scott Anderson will be the guest speaker. You may view his complete Bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church, located at 4014 Garden Drive, is having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. In addition to the egg hunt, they will also have crafts and games. Please invite all of the children you know and plan to join us for this fun-filled free event.

Seymour First Baptist Church

Rummage Sale for Missions is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. The church is currently collecting

donated items for the sale. To schedule pick up or delivery of items small and large, please call the church office at 577-1954.

Shepherd of the Hills Baptist Church

Shepherd of the Hills Baptist Church, 400 East Beaver Creek Drive, will be hosting the "The World's Greatest Easter Egg Hunt." Door prizes will be given away. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Preschoolers, Children and their families are invited.

South Knoxville Church of God

There will be a "MEN'S ONLY" dinner on Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. The men in the community are invited to come and fellowship with us. Pastor Mike Sexton of Lakewind church will be the guest speaker for this event.

The South Knoxville Church of God is located approximately 1 mile off Chapman Highway at 5623 Magazine Road. For further information, please call 573-4141 or visit SKCOG.COM.

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Photos of salvage goods, such as this stove, can be found at www.knoxheritage.org/node/346.

Knox Heritage Annual Salvage Show April 6

Knox Heritage hosts the second annual Salvage Show on Friday, April 6th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibition and reception is one night only and will be held on the second floor of 36 Market Square, the newly renovated building on the northeast corner of the Square.

The Salvage Show will feature functional design pieces by nineteen local artists, architects, students, and designers. Each work will incorporate architectural salvage from the Knox Heritage Salvage Room to promote the creative re-use of historic building materials. All work will be for sale the night of the opening and proceeds will benefit Knox Heritage.

Photos of work from the Salvage Show will be available to view on Monday, April 9 at www.knoxheritage.org/node/346. Any works not sold at the exhibition will be for sale until May 6 via the Knox Heritage Etsy Shop located at <http://www.etsy.com/people/KnoxHeritage>. Please call 865-523-8008 for more information.

The artists and designers included in the 2012 Salvage Show are Ryan Burgess, Laurence Eaton,

Michelle Garlington, Ethiel Garlington, Christina Geros, Krista Graves, Briana Harmening, Christopher King, Forrest Kirkpatrick, Per-Ole Lind, Dale Mackey, Sara Martin, Beth Meadows, John Phillips, Brian Pittman, Shawn Poynter, Gregory Spaw, Jessie Van der Laan, and Brian Wagner.

The Knox Heritage Salvage Program exists to keep historic building materials out of the landfill. It primarily functions to provide period-appropriate materials for historic building and home owners but also serves creative people wanting to breathe new life into old items. All salvaged materials are donated and every donation is tax deductible.

The Salvage Room is located at 1300 North Broadway in the Carriage House and is open Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. To make a donation or an appointment, contact Beth Meadows at 865-523-8008 or beth@knoxheritage.org.

Knox Heritage advocates for the preservation of places and structures with historic or cultural significance. For more information, visit www.knoxheritage.org.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Civil War Collectibles

"I put my knapsack on my back, my rifle on my shoulder, I'm a going away to Shiloh Town and there I'll be a soldier" -Unknown.

This period song depicts a young soldier marching off to his first battle in Shiloh in 1861 along with 1000s of other soldiers. For many, Shiloh would be their first and last battle. Tennessee is second only to Virginia for the number of battles during the Civil War, with Knoxville and East Tennessee having much of the share in the conflict. My son Eldon, who is now serving in the Army, would accompany me on metal detector hunts in the area beginning to hunt for bullets and artifacts several years ago. We found sword handles, artillery chains, many bullets, camp site items, shell casings and other related items. Eldon had the knack and usually the best haul at the end of the day. My point is this: if a sixth grader had no problem finding these relics on his own, the conflict in our area was indeed massive. Our grounds are still full with the remnants of war.

So how are Civil War artifacts valued and what should I look for? Here are some examples of common collectibles.

Photographs and Tintypes. These need to show a soldier, preferably with a weapon and in uniform,



By Carl Sloan

although early CSA can be civilian looking with a big knife or pistol. Price ranges on these can be \$300- \$5,000, depending on if the soldier's ID is known, if he is wearing a uniform and the physical condition of the photo. Many folks from East Tennessee have these tucked away and don't understand the

value! These items have been sought for 150 years and nowadays collectors are scraping the barrel for new images.

Swords and guns. There are many genres to consider but the basic muzzle loader can go for \$400 - \$1,500. Early lever action guns, such as the Henry Repeater, can go as high as \$25,000. Swords are tricky

as same brands were used on both sides in many instances though I usually get \$300-\$500 for a common one. These can go astronomic due to the maker. Nashville Plow Co. or an Ames artillery sword are good names to have.

Buttons. Big swing here for sure and, as with all other CSA items, have the highest values in state buttons, Block I, CSA, etc. Dig up one of these and you could have hundreds of dollars in your hands in no time.

Other items. Letters and diaries can be very important as well as sketches or drawings and maps. Equipment such as cartridge pouches, buckles, badges, medals, holsters, pins, flag remnants, camp carvings as well as letters from home all can be very significant items in historical and monetary values.



This week's featured item: An authentic and very rare 1861 blacksmith-made Confederate D guard left-handed infantry saber of museum value. This sword and over 250 lots of antiques will be offered by Fountain City Auction on April 14 at noon. If you may have any items for consideration or information on values please contact Gregory Lawson of Fountain City Auction at 865-304-3468 or visit Auctionzip.com - TN, 37912.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 Lincoln Day Dinner

The Knox County Republican Party will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, March 31 at Rothchild's Catering and Banquet Center located at 880 Kingston Pike. Dinner is at 6 and the program will follow at 7. Knox County Sheriff JJ Jones and Knox County Register of Deeds Sherry Witt are co-chairs of the event. Bob Corker will be the speaker. Tickets for the dinner are \$30.00 per person. Reserved tables of 10 are \$750. To order tickets, contact Suzanne or Jo at the GOP headquarters at 865-689-4671. There will also be a silent auction from 6:00 to 7:00.

Knoxville Writers' Group, Wed. March 28, 2012

Knoxville Writers' Group meets Wednesday, March 28, from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Naples Italian Restaurant, 5500 Kingston Pike. Grant E. Fetters, published author, will speak on "Struggles of Making the First Book." All-inclusive lunch is \$12.00. RSVP by Monday, March 26 to 865-983-3740.

Poetry Contest

Central Point Fine Arts is sponsoring a Free Poetry Contest which is open to Knoxville Residents. There are 50 prizes totaling \$50,000 with a \$1000

grand prize. Poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject, any style will be accepted. Entries may be mailed to Free Poetry Contest, Po Box 3336, Center Point Oregon 97502; or submitted online at freecontest.com. All entries must be received by April 20. Entrants should include their name and address on the same page as the poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. For more information, contact Joseph Cameron: JC1mighty.net or by phone 541-946-8805.

Upcoming Programs of the South Doyle Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Tuesday, April 3: Guest

speaker from ToastMasters, topic: "Paper Clutter" by Karen Sprinkle with Organizing It: Data, Time & Space. www.organizeltHome.com

Tuesday, May 1: Guest Speaker Seymour Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kevin Nunn.

Tuesday, June 5: Program from Metropolitan Drug Commission: How to recognize drug abuse, drug houses and help and resources for families and neighborhoods

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