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FOCUS Weekly Poll*

In your opinion, should a person be required to be a US citizen in order to obtain a business license to legally operate a business in Knox County?

YES 80.08%
NO 19.92%

Survey conducted July 5, 2012.

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

Summer reading programs heating up

Three weeks remain to reach reading goals and redeem prizes

The heat is on! Not only are thermometers across East Tennessee reaching record-breaking temperatures, but the Library's Summer Reading Clubs are also heating up. Readers of all ages have three weeks left to reach their goals. Once reading goals are met, participants can turn in their reading logs to any Knox County library location to receive a prize pack. People who want to participate should go to www.knoxlib.org to register in one of the Library's reading programs or visit any Knox County library. The deadline for completion is

July 31.

Listeners (preschoolers who are not reading yet) must listen to 30 books being read to them, and they will win a valuable Rewards Book worth over \$150 of prizes including eats and treats at area restaurants, and admission to area attractions and adventures donated by local businesses and organizations. They will also receive a Dream Big painting kit provided by Children's Reading Foundation of Knox County.

Readers under 12 must read for a total of 15 hours to receive

a laser beam light ring and the Rewards Book.

Teens participating in their reading challenge must read five books to win a teen-themed Rewards Book with \$100 worth of eats and treats of all sorts.

Adults can participate as well. After reading 4 books, adults can enter a drawing for a chance to win one of three e-readers. Adults who get caught reading by the children in their life are modeling excellent habits that will have a lasting influence.

The Library will also offer summer programs throughout July to help keep families engaged in the reading challenge.

The Knoxville Zoo presents

"Animal Tales" where readers are invited to get up close and personal with some of the Zoo's finest residents. July Zoo programs take place at Halls Branch Library on July 10 at 3:30, Burlington Branch Library on July 11 at 11:30, Sequoyah Branch Library on July 12 at 3:00, and Lawson McGhee Library on July 17 at 3:00.

Magician Michael Messing will show off his amazing illusions in eight shows across the Library system with stops at Murphy Branch Library on July 10 at 11:00, Howard Pinkston Branch Library on July 10 at 3:00, Fountain City on July 13 at 2:00, Karns Branch

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O'Connor Center to celebrates 31 Million Footsteps

The O'Connor Senior Center's Independence Day celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, with an old-fashioned (indoor) picnic complete with red-and-white checked tablecloths, BBQ, watermelon, root beer floats, special music, entertainment, door prizes, and much, much more—including greetings from the mayors, the O'Connor Advisory Board Chairman Scot Stinnett, and Douglas Hamburger, district manager of Walgreens.

Last year, the O'Connor Center took first place in Tennessee's first statewide Walk with Walgreens competition and walked away with the Walgreens \$500 cash prize, which is being used to fund this celebration.

The Walk with Walgreens program is designed "to improve health and encourage walking more steps in more places than ever before."

O'Connor seniors walked more than 31,000,000 steps in last year's competition and are ready once again to put on "those boots made for walking" and begin this year's competition.

This year's competition will take place during the months of August, September, and October 2012. New pedometers and a Walk with Walgreens kit will be distributed to each participant in attendance at the July 10 festivities.

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PHOTO BY ADAM SULLIVAN

Cyclist James Isabell competes in the 32-mile tour as it passes near Ijams Nature Center.

Tour De Rocky Top Weaves Through Knoxville

By Adam Sullivan

A call for record high temperatures isn't enough to stop the brave from cycling a 32, 50, or 62-mile course through the heart of Knoxville. The Tour de Rocky Top kicked off from Barley's in the Old City on June 30 with over 300 cyclists tackling the race through downtown and South Knoxville.

Calls for record highs led to tour organizers, Race Day

Events, cancelling the newest event for the tour, a 100-mile century ride that would have climbed Chilhowee Mountain in Blount County.

"The Tour de Rocky Top is a fun and challenging event for riders of all ability levels! It offers a rolling course, beautiful scenery, and great support along the way," said Tracy Brooks, one of the cyclists to complete the tour. Plenty of

volunteers were on hand at various stops along the route to provide support and employees of local bike shops rode the trail of the routes to provide any mechanical assistance needed.

The Tour happened to coincide with the start of a more famous tour, the Tour de France. Riders weren't shy to enjoy free food and watch the Tour at Barley's after the race. "It is so good to hang out with everyone after

the ride and talk 'all things bike,'" said Joel Denardo, a race participant. Race participants were also treated to a T-shirt, keychain, and commemorative socks. Race Day Events will be sponsoring the Barley's Cycling Classic on September 29 and will feature routes that roll through East Knoxville and Kodak. More cycling events, along with triathlons and races can be found on their website, racedayevents.net.

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From farm hand to cowboy

Then I began to see the light. I had asked for a horse, and maybe we are getting one for the farm.

Dad said, "Go get Dude and get him ready to ride."

I thought, "Who is going to ride him home?"

I was told to take him home, and Dad said, "I will see you there".

Dude was a gray and black, good-looking horse.

It was going to be a great ride. As I started to mount

Dude, away we went! Over a four-foot fence, across

the highway, and another fence into a wheat field.

The next trip was into the woods and back into the field.

He was not having a hard time running. Dude

was a Tennessee Walking Horse that was about two years old, and boy,

could he run. I was in and out of the saddle hanging

onto everything I could get a hold of. The next farm

was the Duncan farm and then we were about a half

mile from our barn lot. Mr. Hilton, who was the hand

on the farm, ran to open the stall. I was able to

get him into the new stall and that was where I was

going to stay for a while. First thing Mr. Hilton said

was, "That's your horse and you can feed him."

After about two hours, I was a tired cowboy. Later,

we had found out that Dude had never been

ridden! What an excursion!

Voters Prefer Citizens To Operate Businesses

By Focus Staff

For this week's Focus poll, voters were asked the question, "In your opinion, should a person be required to be a US citizen in order to obtain a business license to legally operate a business in Knox County?"

Overall, just over 80% of Knox County voters said they do believe one should be a citizen before acquiring a business license to operate a business in our community.

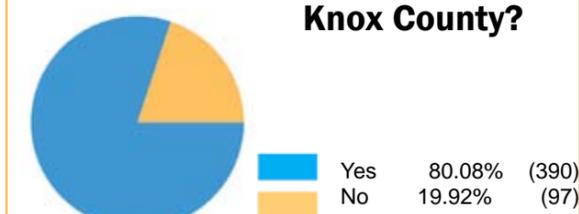
Almost 84% of men believe in the citizenship requirement to operate a business license, while a slightly smaller majority of women agreed (76.56%). In reviewing the data from each district, an astonishing 95.83% of respondents in the First District believe citizenship should be a requirement to operate a business in

Knox County. The First District is wholly inside the confines of the City of Knoxville and is largely comprised of Knoxville's African-American community. The Sixth District, which runs from Powell to Northwest Knox County, had more than 88% of voters saying they believe citizenship should be required to operate a business. The Seventh District, which is Halls and North Knox County, saw almost 86% of voters saying they believe in the citizenship requirement.

The district least supportive of the question was the Fourth District, which is Sequoyah Hills and West Knoxville; still, more than 68% of voters believe it should be a requirement for an individual to hold U.S. citizenship before getting a license to operate a business.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	80.00%	20.00%	5
30-49	5.00%	15.00%	80
50-65	81.03%	18.97%	174
65+	77.63%	22.37%	228
Total	80.08% (390)	19.92% (97)	487

By Commission District	Yes	No	Total
1	95.83%	4.17%	24
2	82.14%	17.86%	56
3	70.21%	29.79%	47
4	68.42%	31.58%	76
5	79.69%	20.31%	64
6	88.52%	11.48%	61
7	85.94%	14.06%	64
8	80.00%	20.00%	50
9	80.00%	20.00%	45
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By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	86.67%	13.33%	15
Female	76.56%	23.44%	256
Male	83.80%	16.20%	216
Total	80.08% (390)	19.92% (97)	487

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The new face of tyranny



By Richie Beeler

The federal government can compel the American people to purchase certain goods and services, and impose a stiff penalty on them if they refuse. According to a Supreme Court decision of two weeks ago, such action is within the constitutional authority of the United States government. They can make you buy things. Or pay through the nose if you don't.

The 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court upholding the federal government's power to require all Americans to purchase health insurance was a shock to many conservatives. The vote belied the 5-4 advantage usually held by the conservative wing of the Court in such politically charged cases. In an unpredictable turn of events, Chief Justice John Roberts, himself a conservative, joined the liberal side of the Court and preserved a 5-4 win for the government in a case that determined - at least

in the short term - the fate of the President's Affordable Health Care Act.

Despite its unpopularity with conservatives, Obamacare is the least concern in the wake of such a landmark decision. No ruling in the history of the Supreme Court has ever opened the legal pathway for future invasive action by the federal government against its citizens. And amid the fallout of the Court's action, the question burns in the minds of many constitutionalists: what will they come after next?

It's a fair question. If the government can compel people to buy something under threat of tax or penalty, merely in the name of "what's best for the country," what will be their next course of action under such a premise?

Would it be good for the country - particularly the country's health - if all Americans purchased a certain amount of "healthy foods" each year? It would be a relatively simple process. Require all citizens to spend a certain dollar amount each year on foods that the government deems healthy, and be able to produce a receipt for such items or pay a hefty tax on the back

end. Think it sounds ludicrous? Then you haven't been paying attention!

Oh, you think insurance and health foods are a good thing? Ok, how about guns! We all need protection, right? And the Second Amendment guarantees our right to bear arms. Why not let Uncle Sam take it just one step further? Every American must purchase a firearm by April 15 of next year or pay a penalty tax for not helping keep the country safe. Hey, if liberals can make us buy insurance, what's to keep a good old right winger from making us all buy guns someday? Just something to get ya thinking!

And what about your house? I mean the government has been so good to protect us all from foreclosure by letting us borrow twice what our homes are worth, so why not protect us even more? How about if everybody got one of those environmentally friendly metal roofs for their house! Oh sure, not everybody could afford one, but that's no problem. Just make all the rich tightwads who refuse to buy a new roof pay a penalty tax so the government can buy one for everybody else! It makes

perfect sense according to the highest court in the land.

If you're catching the drift here, what has become painfully obvious as this decision has been analyzed is not the impending fiscal disaster it has allowed, although Obamacare will eventually bankrupt this country if it is allowed to stand. No, the far more menacing specter this ruling has unleashed is a new tyranny by the United States government that makes King George III look like Captain Kangaroo.

Imagine the horror on the faces of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison were they to hear that the government they created would one day be empowered to force its citizens to engage in certain acts of commerce, or be imposed a penalty tax. The very idea that the federal government would ever have that kind of access into the private lives and decisions of law-abiding American citizens was unthinkable to the founding fathers.

The federal government they envisioned and created was one with specifically enumerated powers that were strictly limited by

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Summer reading programs heating up

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Library on July 17 at 2:00, Cedar Bluff Branch Library on July 17 at 6:00, Sequoyah Branch Library on July 18 at 11:00, Bearden Branch Library on July 19 at 11:00, and Corryton Branch Library on July 19 at 4:00.

Storyteller Linda Upton Hill will keep audiences on the edge of their seats in total suspense as she transports them to far off places through the power of voice. She will appear at Powell Branch Library

on July 10 at 11:00, Karns Branch Library on July 10 at 2:00, Bearden Branch Library on July 12 at 11:00, Farragut Branch Library on July 18 at 1:30, Norwood Branch Library on July 19 at 4:00, and Howard Pinkston Branch Library on July 23 at 3:00.

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Who has the best story

It was an audience of geriatrics. Each was rolled into the cafeteria until a sea of gray hair and bald pates formed. The challenge to gain their attention was daunting. In the end, a clear message rang loud and clear.



By Joe Rector

In front of the audience sat six visitors. We'd come to the Ben Atchley Veterans' Home as members of the Knoxville Writers' Guild. This year's anthology, titled "Tapestry of Voices," featured a variety of selections from poems to short stories to essays. We six were honored to read our work to the residents.

I went first, and although nervousness never kicked in, apprehension was present. I wondered if the veterans to whom I read actually heard my story about cousins. Even more, I was curious about whether or not they cared about it. After all, this group didn't know me from "Adam's off ox." Feeling confident that my story was interesting, I dared to tell them about one segment of life.

It was the same with the rest of the presenters. Poems about the farm, stories about pigtailed and Radio Flyer wagons, and even an entire book about Oak Ridge during World War II drew my interest, but I'm not so sure what impressions they left with the audience.

At the end, a couple of folks asked questions. One asked a female reader what she did to make a living and followed that by asking if she kept house. We all laughed and appreciated the fact that someone was listening.

The most pointed question came from another veteran. He asked, "Don't you think everyone has a story inside?" Everyone shook his or her heads in the affirmative. It was then that I began thinking. Our words in the book were entertaining... to us if no one else. However, is it possible that we had everything backwards?

Maybe we should have traveled to Ben Atchley Veterans' Home with a different goal in mind. Perhaps we should have gone as listeners instead of readers. In years before, I wrote stories about veterans for a monthly column in a newspaper. It was an assignment that I always enjoyed. Whether the veteran was a Navy pilot taking off from a carrier or an Army nurse who was smack dab in the middle of the Battle of the Bulge, the stories that they shared mesmerized me.

I realized for the first time that all of our soldiers had lives before and after their tours of duty. The war consumed a small amount of their time, but those years molded them, for better or worse, into the individuals they were for the majority of their lives.

I presumed that my sharing of a story would enrich in some way the lives of the residents of Ben Atchley. Instead, I should have sat at the feet of those veterans and listened to their stories. Each of them has something to share, and wrapped in their words are valuable chunks of wisdom and advice.

I'm honored to have had the chance to read my work to some of America's finest. At the same time, maybe all of us should begin visiting Ben Atchley. Then we can meet the veterans and let them share with us. They'll enjoy the company and the opportunity to talk.

The veteran who said we all have a story is right. We need to hear theirs before they are gone. I'm pretty sure theirs will be much more interesting than anything I might ever pen. Make arrangements to spend some time with these veterans. Volunteer to help them as they help our country.

O'Connor Center to celebrates 31 Million Footsteps

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Every step will count, and participants are encouraged to clip on the pedometers first thing every morning and leave them on all day.

This celebration is open to any senior age 50 and over but lunch reservations are required.

Please call 523-1135 by Monday, July 9, to make a reservation to attend this event at the O'Connor Center, located at 611 Winona Street, just off Hall of Fame Drive.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Art in the Office. On Monday, July 2, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced "Art in the Office," a new initiative focusing on the arts and culture community in Knox County. This initiative is meant to support local artists while encouraging others to do the same. The mayor's office will feature two local artists a month and will start with works by Alexander Dumas and Marie Merritt, pictured above with the mayor.

Tennessee Shines this summer

WDVX's "Tennessee Shines" is painting the Knoxville grass blue this summer with an exciting summer line-up. "Tennessee Shines" is live every Monday night at 7 p.m. with emcee Tony Lawson and hosts Paige Davis and Bob Deck. I



By Sarah Baker
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always enjoy "Tennessee Shines" and the "Blue Plate Special" but I was particularly excited about going this past Monday to show support to my new found friend poet Marilyn Kallet who read two poems on the show. WDVX has a flair for combining poetry and bluegrass, as was proven to me when I stumbled into Blue Plate one afternoon and fell in love with "Tennessee Joltwagon." Monday night was no exception. Kallet, author of 15 books including "Packing Light," read two of her most beloved poems, "Fireflies" and "Wish you were Here," to a

discerning and grateful audience. The featured performers of the evening were Americana couple Doug and Telisha Williams, who recently moved to Nashville, and The Harmed Brothers from Eugene, Oregon. Doug and Telisha Williams are a classic and humble team whose music just sort of floats into your heart and puts you at ease. Telisha's voice made me feel like I should be leisurely hanging something on the clothes line while my mama goes inside to turn over her Patsy Cline record. Their sound is stirring and nostalgic. When asked about moving to Nashville, Telisha responded, "It's not a cut throat music scene (like she expected). We've found a really supportive community of song writers." Doug and Telisha hold

each other up so beautifully on stage that it is not difficult to imagine them fitting beautifully with such a community. Their song "Ghost of the Knoxville Girl" is a flip on our most famous Knoxville ballad and spent time on the Americana charts. The Harmed Brothers, on the other hand, a sort of mix of bluegrass and grunge, astonish you into the here and now. Their aggressive style of instrumentation and their unabashed lyrics make you sit up straight and relate. You don't know whether to compare them to the Stanley Brothers or Nirvana or Emmett Otter's Jug Band. What you do know is that they're going for it on that stage and that they're taking the audience with them- all the way. Their album "All the Lies You Want to Hear" is music you really should hear. If you're one of those people who think that music isn't what it used to be because all you're hearing on the radio is over synthesized egos hopped up

on memories of the Mickey Mouse Club, first of all, you need to tune your radio to 89.9. Then you need to get yourself down to "Tennessee Shines" one of these upcoming summer evenings. They've got some great things coming up including a special performance on August 13 by Loudon County native Chelle Rose, whose new album "Ghost of Browder Holler" received a pretty sweet review in the New York Times. Advanced tickets for all shows scheduled for July and August are \$10, available now at BrownPaperTickets.com. Doors of the Knoxville Visitor Center open at 6:15 p.m. and the show begins promptly at 7 p.m. In July and August, students get in free by showing their valid student IDs at the door. Children 14 and under accompanied by a parent are admitted free of charge. For additional information about the Tennessee Shines Radio Show, visit WDVX.com.

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Book club announces 2012 selections

The only thing better than reading a good book is having the opportunity to discuss it with other book lovers. Book clubs run the gamut from purely social to seriously academic. Lawson McGhee Library is pleased to offer a monthly book club for passionate readers in a comfortable setting called All Over the Page. The Library hopes to appeal to readers willing to explore all genres of literature - from mystery to fantasy. The conversations will be facilitated by an expert who can take readers deeper into the text. The next six months of All Over the Page kick off on July 9, at 6:30 p.m. with a discussion of "Straight Man" by Richard Russo.

Multiple copies of the book are available for check out at the Library. The conversation will be facilitated by Dr. Cindy Welch, professor at UT, School of Information Sciences. Refreshments will be served. The series will continue each month:
August 13 - "The Road From Coorain" by Jill Ker Conway
Facilitated by Ginna Mashburn, Retired educator and past President of Friends of the Knox County Public Library
September 10 - "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green
Facilitated by Emily Kramer Davenport, School Media Specialist at Carter High School and Blogger

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Seymour Grace Baptist partners with One Harvest

Seymour Grace Baptist Church has partnered with One Harvest Food Ministries to serve the Seymour area. Tami Hull will be leading the program. One Harvest provides very low cost restaurant grade food saving from 30% to 50% off market prices. The program is designed to help seniors and struggling families.

Orders are taken at various times during the month and deliveries are made on a specific Saturday when buyers will pick up their orders at Grace Baptist, 113 Smothers Road, Seymour 37865. Anyone may order. There are no restrictions whatsoever. The packages vary from individual full meals at \$29.00 for 10 meals or just \$2.90 per meal that you would pay about 1/3 restaurant cost and about half if purchased in a market. Other

packages allow the purchaser to divide to fit the family needs.

The menu change monthly so we recommend that you go online to see the new offerings or pick up one at the church.

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Order deadline is Friday, July 20th for delivery Saturday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Orders must be paid for with the placement of order.

Menus and schedules are available in Info Boxes at both entrances to Grace Baptist just off Smothers Road and Boyd's Creek Road. An Info Box is also located at the entrance to the church office.

The new face of tyranny

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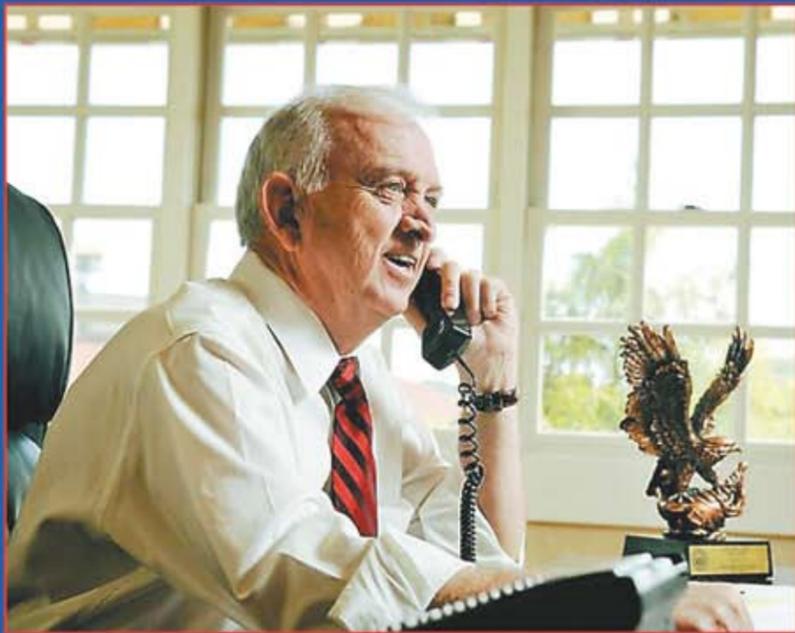
the Constitution, and which definitely did not include the actions recently upheld by the Supreme Court. Now, as Justice Roberts implied in writing the Court's majority opinion, the only remedy

for this obscene overreach by the government lies in the hands of the people. There is an election coming this November. And tyranny will be running.

It is the type of tyranny that Jefferson spoke

of when he said, "Government is at its best a necessary evil, and at its worst an intolerable one."

It remains to be seen whether the American people will tolerate this.



As I have visited with many of you during the last few weeks, you have reinforced the reason I am running for re-election in Sevier County's 12th district.

You have expressed the continued need for strong representation in Nashville.

I will continue to be a positive influence for you in Nashville.

--Richard

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Troy Lane Officially Sworn In as UT's Chief of Police

Troy Lane was officially sworn as the new chief of police at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Thursday morning. Assistant Chief Debbie Perry — who served as interim chief of the department before Lane's hiring — conducted the swearing-in, in which Troy promised to uphold the United States constitution and the laws of the state of Tennessee and the university. "I came here because I believe that the UT Police Department is headed in the right direction," said Lane during the ceremony. "I was sold on this police department and believe that this would be the right place to spend the rest of my time in this job. I look forward to working with each one of you. You have laid a great foundation and I only hope

to continue your progress." Lane said one item that attracted him to UTPD was its accreditation — something he said is difficult to achieve and maintain. "Accreditation takes a lot of effort on a lot of people's parts and just to sustain it is a full-time effort," he said in an interview with the media. "It is a great thing you do not want to let go once you got it." Lane started work at UTPD earlier in June. He was the police chief at the University of Wyoming before coming to Knoxville. Lane has more than 16 years of campus law enforcement experience. "Most people work at a university because that is the demographic that they love working with and I am one of those people," said Lane in an interview. "I got into campus law

enforcement not really knowing if I would enjoy it, and 17 years later, I enjoy it and I am not leaving." Lane began his law enforcement career as a military policeman in the U.S. Army in Fort Riley, Kansas. After leaving the military in 1992, he continued working in law enforcement and in 1996 was named assistant director of the Kansas State University Police Department. He has a master's degree in criminal justice from Fort Hays State University and a bachelor's degree in management and ethics from Manhattan Christian College. He attended the FBI academy in Quantico, Va. For more information on UTPD and safety efforts on campus, visit <http://www.utpolice.org>.



Newly sworn in University of Tennessee Police Chief Troy Lane (center) is pictured with Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch and Knox County Sheriff Jimmy "J.J." Jones last Thursday.

Rotary Club of Knoxville installs 2012-13 Board of Directors

At its June 26 meeting, the Rotary Club of Knoxville installed its 2012-13 Board of Directors, led by President Harry W. (Wes) Stowers, Jr., chairman of Stowers Machinery Corp. Robert F. Samples is president-elect and Membership director. Dr. Roy King, a dermatologist, is vice president and International Service director. Edwin A. Anderson of Cannon & Anderson, Attorneys, is secretary. Jason K. Hamilton, accounting tax manager with Joseph Decosimo & Company, is treasurer and chair of the Financial & Audit Committee. Outgoing president Samuel C. Weaver, founder and president of Proton Power, Inc., will serve as the representative of past presidents. N. Brooks Clark, a TVA Communications specialist, is Communications director. Robert A. Crawford, an attorney with Kramer Rayson, is New Generations director. Rachel Ford, executive director of the Knoxville Symphony, is Community Outreach director. Rob Johnson, president of A&W Office Supply, is Club Activities director. T. Allen Pannell Jr., owner of Allen Pannell, LLC, is Professional Outreach director. Jennifer Sepaniak, chief financial officer for Schaad Companies, is Meetings director. Founded in 1915, the Rotary



Group photo caption: The 2012-13 Rotary Club of Knoxville Board of Directors are, left to right in the back row, Rachel Ford, Dr. Roy King, Ed Anderson, Brooks Clark and Jennifer Sepaniak; and in the front row, Sam Weaver, Wes Stowers and Bob Samples. (Not pictured: Jason Hamilton, Allen Pannell, Bob Crawford and Rob Johnson.)

Club of Knoxville is among the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in Tennessee. The club was instrumental in the formation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and sponsor of several park projects. It is also the creator and steward of The Rotary Foundation of Knoxville, which provides for college scholarships and special projects. Rotary International was the world's first service club, started in Chicago in 1905. Its more

Summit Highlights Small Business Opportunities to Collaborate with Government

Small businesses will have the opportunity to participate in candid conversations with the government and industry representatives at the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Regional Small Business Summit July 9 - 11, 2012 at the Knoxville Convention Center. This summit is the first event of this nature hosted by the Oak Ridge Department of Energy. The summit will provide workshops and discussions to help attendees learn how they can develop collaborative and teaming opportunities with government and large businesses alike. Information specifically focused on awarding prime contracts and subcontracts to small businesses will be highlighted. In addition, small businesses will have an opportunity to market

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than 1.2 million members from 33,000 clubs in 200 countries volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." Clubs are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Each year, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International helps more than 1,000 students to study abroad and serve as cultural ambassadors. Rotary also partners with seven prestigious universities around the world to provide opportunities to earn a master's degree in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary has been instrumental in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio, an idea formed in East

Tennessee. In 1988, when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. In 2008 there were just 1,655 cases – a decrease of more than 99 percent. The number of polio-endemic countries has fallen from 125 to three – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. After a year without a new case of polio, India was taken off the list of endemic countries in March.

In support of Rotary International and its strategic partners, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded a total of \$350 million in challenge grants to Rotary's polio-eradication program, which Rotary and its supporters are matching with \$200 million.



Vickie Lawson

The East Tennessee PBS Board of Trustees recently appointed Vickie Lawson to serve as the President and General Manager for the local television station. Lawson has served as the Interim in this position for the past year.

Lawson stated, "I am honored to have been selected by the trustees for the opportunity to lead such a wonderful organization. The station is proud to be a leader in providing our viewers with quality programs not available on commercial stations. We believe in the education and development of our children, exposure to culture and the arts, combined with the exploration of science and nature. Families have grown to trust our programs for the many values we offer without the fear of inappropriate content. Our team looks forward

to thinking outside the box while continuing to utilize the most advanced technology. We will continue our mission to expand the minds of our viewers through our current programming as well as those beyond the horizon."

Vickie Lawson began her career at East Tennessee PBS in the Education office. She was later promoted to Membership Business Manager and served in this capacity prior to her current position. Bear Stephenson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees said "Our entire board is looking forward to working with Vickie. We have already seen many positive influences derived from her abilities while serving as the Interim President."

Vickie is married to Victor Lawson who serves as the Assistant Chief of the Knoxville Fire Department.

Second Tennessee State Veterans' Home Receives Five Star Rating

Ben Atchley Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Knoxville Recognized

Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder and Tennessee State Veterans' Homes

Director Ed Harries are pleased to announce the Ben Atchley Tennessee State Veterans Home in Knoxville has received a Five Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily. Health inspections, staffing and quality measures are rated and combined for three years of surveys to calculate the overall rating for nursing homes.

"Our Veterans and their dependents deserve the best care and we are so proud of the progress of our Tennessee State Veterans Homes," Grinder said. "TSVH leadership, medical

professionals and staff are clearly committed to excellence and long-term care for our Veterans."

In March, the Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Murfreesboro received a Five Star Rating from CMS.

Striving for excellent health care, customer service and compassionate daily care for Veterans is our goal," Harries said. "It is exciting to see our commitment to consistent excellence recognized by health care experts at CMS."

The W.D. "Bill" Manning Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Humboldt received a two star rating from CMS in 2009, but will receive a new rating in 2013.

"We have made incredible progress and continue to make strides in the

right direction at all of our State Veterans' Homes, and we are looking forward to achieving five star ratings throughout TSVH," Harries added.

To find out more about TSVH visit www.tsvh.org. To view more information about Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) visit www.CMS.gov.

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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

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Pages from
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By Ray Hill
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Republicans had done well in Tennessee during the decade of the 1920s in Tennessee. The zenith of Republican success was 1920 when Warren Harding had carried the state; the GOP had elected a governor, and won five out of ten Congressional seats. That success was to be short-lived; Democrats won back the governorship in 1922 as well as eight of the ten Congressional seats. In 1924, Calvin Coolidge failed to carry Tennessee, which was won by John W. Davis, the Democratic presidential nominee. Governor Austin Peay, who had proven to be a remarkably effective executive, was reelected to a second term, and senior United States Senator John Knight Shields was seeking a third term.

Shields, a former Justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court, had not been as enthused about Woodrow Wilson as had been his junior colleague, Kenneth McKellar. In fact, Wilson had contemplated rebuking Shields when the senator was running for reelection in 1918 and only the intervention of McKellar had kept the President from telling Tennesseans of his low regard for the senior senator. Senator McKellar had been profoundly embarrassed when Shields, once safely reelected, had said President Wilson could go straight to Hell. Shields had continued to be less than supportive of both Wilson and Wilson's cherished League of Nations.

Yet what Woodrow Wilson failed to do in 1918, he accomplished in 1924 from the grave. Wilson, a frequently unforgiving and vindictive man, had written a letter in response to an inquiry about John Knight Shields from a Tennessean. The former president, although a spent force both physically and politically, quite ill and partially paralyzed from the effects of a major stroke, could still pick up a pen and sign his name. Wilson signed his name to a brief letter stating Senator Shields had been no friend to him or his administration. Wilson was still very popular with Tennessee Democrats and Wilson's letter, written in 1923, had its intended effect. Shields was challenged in the Democratic primary by two other East Tennesseans; Lawrence D. Tyson, was a former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives and an esteemed general. Tyson had fought in World War I and was the owner of the Knoxville Sentinel. Chattanooga Nathan L. Bachman, like Shields, had been a Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The wealthy Tyson ran a lavish campaign and defeated Shields, making Kenneth McKellar Tennessee's senior U. S. Senator, a position he was to hold for the next



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Kenneth McKellar (standing, second from left) with fellow members of the Congressional Economy Committee in 1931.

twenty-eight years.

In 1928, McKellar was seeking his third term in the Senate. His personal popularity was quite high and perhaps the greatest threat to his continued incumbency was gone. Governor Austin Peay had been reelected to a third consecutive two-year term in 1926, defeating State Treasurer Hill McAlister. McKellar was very proud to be the senator from Tennessee and he jealously guarded both his position and prerogatives. E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County machine was uneasy, thinking Peay had his eye on McKellar's seat in the United States Senate. It was a thought that had at least crossed McKellar's mind once or twice, but the popular governor had narrowly managed to win a third term and died the following October unexpectedly.

Henry Horton, the Speaker of the State Senate, had succeeded Peay as governor and the McKellar - Crump political organization was opposed to his election. Governor Horton was strongly under the influence of former U. S. Senator Luke Lea, who had been defeated by McKellar in 1915. Lea was an accomplished politician and Governor Horton had little in the way of scruples about using state resources for political purposes. By 1928, Lea's publishing empire included three daily newspapers in Tennessee's three largest cities; Lea owned the Nashville Tennessean, the Memphis Press Scimitar, and the Knoxville News-Sentinel, giving him a powerful voice in Tennessee politics. Lea knew both Senator McKellar and Crump intended to strongly oppose Henry Horton's reelection as governor and Lea shrewdly encouraged an opponent for McKellar in the Democratic primary to divide the resources of his rivals.

Congressman Finis Garrett had been himself a newspaperman, lawyer and teacher before being chosen as the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Weakley County. Garrett had been first elected to Congress in 1904 when he was only twenty-nine years old. Garrett was very highly regarded and had been reelected eleven times by his constituents. Finis Garrett was apparently equally well regarded by

his colleagues in the U. S. House of Representatives, as he was elected the Minority Leader of the House in 1923. Garrett was still Minority Leader when he announced his intention to challenge Kenneth McKellar in the 1928 senatorial primary. Garrett had to give up his seat in Congress to run against McKellar and it is interesting to consider had he chosen to remain in the House for another four years, he would almost certainly have become Speaker.

Congressman Garrett and Senator McKellar, aside from both being Democrats, were polar opposites in their political beliefs. Garrett was profoundly conservative, while McKellar was thought to be quite liberal. Garrett had strongly opposed the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote, a cause Senator McKellar strongly advocated. McKellar was friendly to organized labor and had supported the enactment of child labor laws and an eight-hour workday for female employees.

Congressman Garrett's campaign was well funded and he launched a determined effort to dislodge McKellar from his perch in the United States Senate.

McKellar proved to be very hard to beat. His attention to detail, his famed constituent service, and his alliance with East Tennessee Republicans made him a difficult target, even for so formidable an opponent as Finis Garrett. McKellar's personal popularity was demonstrated in Congressman Garrett's own backyard, as the senator carried four of the eight counties comprising Garrett's own Congressional district. Statewide McKellar beat Garrett almost two-to-one.

Tennessee Republicans, hopeful with Herbert Hoover running at the top of the ticket, had nominated a presentable challenger to McKellar in the general election in the person of James A. Fowler. Fowler was a former Assistant Attorney General of the United States and a one-time Mayor of Knoxville. McKellar paid little attention to his own reelection campaign, but stumped Tennessee on behalf of Democratic presidential nominee and New York Governor Al Smith.

McKellar spoke to frequently huge crowds, urging them to support the Catholic governor. McKellar, though pleased at having been easily reelected, was bitterly disappointed when Al Smith lost Protestant Tennessee to Herbert Hoover.

With his reelection in 1928, McKellar was gaining seniority and importance in the Senate. Being the loyal Democrat he was, McKellar accepted speaking assignments in other parts of the country. McKellar was campaigning in Oklahoma in 1930 for the Democratic ticket when the automobile in which he was riding hit another vehicle near Lawton and turned over. Senator McKellar, suffering facial lacerations and three broken ribs, cancelled the rest of his tour and returned to Washington to recover.

Just seven months after Hoover had taken the oath of office as President of the United States, the stock market collapsed. The onset of the Great Depression crippled the Hoover presidency and he became almost a pitiable figure in the isolation of the White House. Tales of suffering during the Great Depression lingered and Hoover was blamed for his inability to get the economy moving again. President Hoover was reviled and widely despised by many of his fellow countrymen.

Ohio Congressman

Stephen M. Young wrote many years later in his memoirs about being haunted by a report of a young boy whose pet rabbit had been eaten by the boy's starving family. The boy was so upset about the loss of his pet that he hung himself.

People who lost their homes and were reduced to living in cardboard shanties --- and entire villages of the flimsy structures sprung up --- were promptly christened "Hoovervilles" after the beleaguered President Hoover.

Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon was a special target of Senator McKellar's dislike. McKellar distrusted big business and the multimillionaire Mellon was the epitome of big business in the flesh. Mellon had first been appointed Secretary of the Treasury under President Harding and had been retained in office by President Calvin Coolidge. When President Herbert Hoover announced he, too, would reappoint Andrew Mellon as Secretary of the Treasury, McKellar objected. McKellar responded by sponsoring a resolution asking the Senate's Judiciary Committee to investigate Mellon's fitness to occupy the office he had held for eight years already.

Just as the administration of Herbert Hoover was incapacitated by the effects of the Great Depression, so was

that of Tennessee Governor Henry Horton. Horton was virtually inexperienced in political affairs, having been elected Speaker of the State Senate during his first term in office. Governor Horton's administration was so heavily influenced by Luke Lea, many referred to Lea as governor in all but name. Horton's ability to lead all but evaporated with the fall of the banking empire of Caldwell and Company literally days after Horton had been reelected.

With the revelation the State of Tennessee had lost almost seven million dollars of taxpayer funds deposited with Caldwell and Company, Tennesseans were livid. Rogers Caldwell was a close associate and business partner of Colonel Luke Lea. Governor Horton's relationship to Lea was so close that when U. S. Senator Lawrence D. Tyson died in office in 1929, Horton actually appointed Lea to fill the vacancy. Lea, his influence in Tennessee, already immense, majestically turned down the appointment, preferring to run his newspaper empire, oversee his various business interests, and run the state government through Henry Horton.

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Summit Highlights Small Business Opportunities to Collaborate with Government

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"This summit brings together small business owners and government employees from surrounding areas," says Kim Bumpas, President of Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation. "This is the perfect opportunity to showcase Knoxville as a truly innovative city to those coming from all over our region."

Today's event will include notables such as Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, State Senator Becky Duncan Massey, and

State Representative John Ragan. The keynote speakers include Esther Vassar, National Ombudsman of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and recent presidential appointee, Dot Harris, Director of the DOE Office of Economic Impact and Diversity in Washington, D.C.

The leadership of all the Oak Ridge area DOE sites will participate in a panel

reaffirming their commitment to small businesses. The panel includes the Directors/CEO's of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, B&W Y-12, UCOR, WSI-Oak Ridge and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

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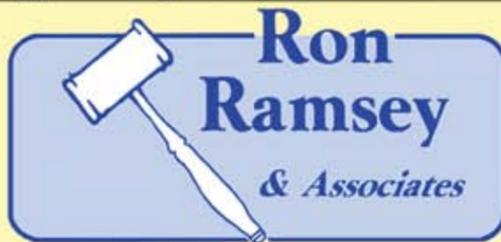
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R. Larry Smith Insurance wins Rocky Top title

By Ken Lay

As commissioner of the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League for the past six summers Andre Whitehead has been a jack of all trades.

He added another responsibility to his list of duties on Monday, July 2 when he was pressed into coaching the league's R. Larry Smith Insurance team and by the end of the night, Whitehead had coached the

team to a 129-124 victory over Choice Spine in the league's 2012 championship game at Bearden High School.

"This was a great game," said Whitehead, who was substituting for coach Chad Smith. "I think the talent level was great."

The Pilot Rocky Top League has been a staple during June and early-July since 2006 as area high school, college and

professional players showcased their talent in a fan friendly environment before capacity crowds.

This summer, however, attendance dropped, for perhaps a multitude of reasons. Four University of Tennessee stars didn't play this season due to either injury or international obligations. Trae Golden, Dwight Miller and Jeronne Maymon all had offseason knee surgery while Jarnell

Stokes was representing the United States in international play

Whitehead, however, had his own theory for the waning attendance figures.

"This year, I think the heat finally caught up to us," said Whitehead, who has run the league in a Bearden High gym that has no air conditioning. "Next year, we will play in an air conditioned facility."

Attendance may have sagged in 2012, but those who attended last week's title game were treated to some great basketball as six players from the victorious squad scored in double figures. Former Vols point guard Bobby Maze led the way with 31 points. Tennessee guard Josh Richardson added 27. Former Central High standout Dre' Mathieu scored 22 points and added the

exclamation point to the victory with a dazzling slam dunk on the game's final play. Vols guard and fan favorite Skyler McBee added 19 points

"It's really fun to play in this league," said Mathieu, who now plays at Western Arizona Community College. "My teammates are really good."

Choice Spine, which led at halftime, also had plenty of stellar

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A Dream Realized... Davis Tarwater to Compete In Olympics

By Alex Norman

Just imagine...

Your name is Davis Tarwater. You are a Webb School graduate and you have been dreaming of competing in the Olympics for as long as you can remember.

You come from a very competitive family. Your uncle, former Tennessee Vol Richard Flowers Jr., was one of the world's top hurdlers, and played in the National Football League. You have made your athletic mark as well. Not on the track or the gridiron... but in the swimming pool.

In 2002 you helped lead the Webb Spartans to a state championship in swimming, and then took your talents to Ann Arbor, to attend the University of Michigan and swim for the Wolverines.

At the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2004, you thought that your time might have arrived. But it hadn't. In the 200 meter butterfly, you finished fourth, less than half a second out of second place. Only the top two finishers in the individual event earned a trip to Athens.

But that wasn't going to be your

last opportunity.

According to cstv.com, in 2006 you'd get your degree from the University of Michigan in Political Science, become a three-time NCAA champion, and point towards 2008. The U.S. Olympic Trials which would decide who goes to Beijing. So you'd stay in Ann Arbor, train with Olympians like fellow Michigan student Michael Phelps, and allow yourself to dream a little more.

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Once again your best opportunity to represent your country would come in the 200 meter butterfly. In the finals, you'd finish in a time of 1:54.46, the fastest you ever swam in that event... and it still wasn't good enough. Gil Stoval touched up exactly six-tenths of a second before you did for second place. He'd go to Beijing... and you were left home to think about what might have been.

You were 24 years old. London... and 2012... are four years away. You have to make a decision whether to move on... or to give it one more try, with absolutely no guarantees.

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Before the storm hit last Thursday night, a Karns Little League All-Star gets a hit of his own against Union County in the District 6 tournament. The tourney continues this week at Karns with a state berth up for grabs.

Karns LL teams are battling for state berth

By Steve Williams
Karns is hosting the District 6 Little League baseball tournament this week. Six teams are in the tourney, which is the first step to Williamsport, Pa., and the nationally televised summer classic.

Karns has two teams in the all-star tourney for 11 and 12-year-olds, joining a team each from Union County,

Maryville, New Tazewell and Grainger County.

"We applied for a wavier through Little League headquarters this year and they approved it for us to have two teams," said Jason Garrett, president of the Karns LL program. "We have two very competitive teams in this age group this season."

The championship game in the double-

elimination tourney is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night at 7. The District 6 champion will earn a berth in the state tournament at Murfreesboro, which starts July 21. Karns hosted the state event last summer.

Despite a long dry spell and record heat recently in the Knoxville area, stormy conditions

delayed the start of district play last week.

The district for 10 and 11-year-olds, also held at Karns, was delayed for 2 ½ hours last Monday before Karns put an 18-2 win over Maryville in the books around 11:45 p.m. Maryville came back to edge Karns 2-1 on Tuesday to set up

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College playoff needs eight teams in battle for Money Bowl

It makes cents. But eight teams would have made more sense.

A long-awaited playoff for major college football has been approved to start with the 2014 season, but for the purposes of determining a national champion, the new four-team format is not much better than the much-maligned BCS that's in place now.

Instead of taking a playoff plunge, university presidents who OK'd the decision barely put their toes in the water.

It took me only seconds to envision a scenario that would once again leave deserving teams out of the title picture and rabid fans screaming for blood.

Let's just say Tennessee wins the SEC and goes undefeated in 2014. And so do champions from the Big 10, Big 12, Pac 12, Big East and ACC, along with independents Notre Dame and Brigham Young.

Under the new format, a NCAA selection committee, made up of real live football experts, will select four semifinalists. In my scenario above, that means four unbeaten would make it into the playoffs and four would be left out despite having perfect records. An eight-team format would handle such a rare season and also those years when five, six and seven teams are undefeated and deserving of a title shot.

(For those of you who can't imagine the Vols going undefeated, even in your wildest dreams, go

ahead and insert Alabama or any other SEC member of your choice. The point remains the same.)

To preserve the importance and excitement of major college football's regular season, a line has to be drawn somewhere on the number of playoff teams allowed. In many seasons, four teams would be satisfactory. But eight would take care of those unusual years, plus allow more teams to compete for the crown each season. Sixteen would be too many, as such a large number could devalue the regular season.

The hangup appears to be in the scheduling. Finding three weekends to play instead of two shouldn't be a problem. You know conference commissioners aren't going to cut out the money-making league title games. Semester exams and the holidays also make it more difficult to find an opening on the front end, so what's wrong with finishing on the second Monday of January instead of the first Monday.

You can still call it "Championship Monday," a la the NFL's "Super Sunday."

And since expectations are the new playoff plan will more than double the \$155 million in television revenue that currently is paid annually for BCS and Rose Bowl contracts, I propose we call it the Money Bowl, a la the Super Bowl.

Yes, a major college playoff makes cents. But as it stands right now, the fans are getting shortchanged and there could continue to be deserving teams on the outside looking in.

How would you feel if Tennessee did go undefeated but wasn't selected as one of the four semifinalists?



By Steve Williams

Karns LL teams are battling for state berth

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a Saturday afternoon finale in the best two-of-three series playoff.

Heavy rain and wind stopped played quickly on Thursday night as the 11 and 12-year-olds' district began. Karns Blue jumped out to a 3-0 lead against Union County in the top of the first inning before the game was called.

"Brian Bell hit a ball that started out at the back of second base but ended up in front of the mound because of the wind," said Garrett.

Ryan Medders got in his at-bat, belting a

double to drive in two runs, but play was halted for good moments later. Ryder Green had led off the inning with a single and Trevor Adams followed with another single. But the productive inning ended up a washout, as Little League rules require a full first inning to be played or the game must be started over, said Garrett.

Jim Bell is head coach of the Karns Blue team and is assisted by Garrett. They coached Karns to back-to-back district titles and state runner-up finishes the past two years in the 9-10 and 10-11 age groups.

Woody Culp is head coach of Karns' Gold team and Mark Miles is the assistant. Karns Gold was to play New Tazewell in its district opener.

Karns' Little League program had a banner year for participation with 43 teams and 521 youngsters playing baseball this season in its T-Ball league (ages 4-5), Training League (ages 5-6), Farm League (ages 7-8), Minor League (ages 9-10) and Major League (ages 11-12).

The Karns ball park is located on Oak Ridge Highway next to the Karns Community swimming pool.

A Dream Realized... Davis Tarwater to Compete In Olympics

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You trained in Knoxville. You studied and swam in Oxford, and eventually moved to Charlotte ... and you decided that life out of the pool could wait a little while.

The 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials were the focus, and at age 28, you knew that this would be it.

London or bust... Just imagine...

You'd have three opportunities to gain that coveted roster spot. Your best chance looked to be in the 200 meter freestyle, because the top six swimmers would make the team and swim in the 800 meter freestyle relay.

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You couldn't crack the top two spots in either event. Your Olympic dreams... the dreams you had since childhood... were dashed.

"It's the last race I'll ever swim," you said to the media in Omaha.

Just imagine...

You board a flight home to Charlotte the morning of July 2nd, ready to start the next chapter of your life, resigned to the fact that all the

training, all the heartache, all the success and all the failure... all of it, didn't allow you to reach your lifelong goal.

Then the phone rings...

Your buddy Michael Phelps, he of the 16 Olympic medals (14 of them gold) decided that he wasn't going to compete in eight events this time around. He took himself out of the 200 freestyle event. That moved you from seventh... to sixth...

You... are an Olympian.

Just imagine...

Now, that retirement will be delayed a bit... and you'll have a couple of homecomings to make this swan song even more special.

Team USA is training this week at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center... on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Yes, the city where you grew up will be the place you put the finishing touches on your training.

And with the Summer Olympics being held in London, maybe you'll get to see some of your buddies that you studied with at Oxford.

You'll have at least one more race to swim before hanging up the goggles. Enjoy the experience, savor every second... you've earned it.

See you in London...

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R. Larry Smith Insurance wins Rocky Top title

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performances. Jordan McRae had a game-high 47 points. Old Dominion's Jonathan

Adams scored 27. Carson-Newman's Odell Parker finished with 22 while Tennessee's Quinton Chievous

contributed 17 points.

DeRoyal takes third: East Tennessee State's Lester Wilson, a Carter High School product, scored 49 points to lead DeRoyal Industries to a 91-84 victory over the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Tennessee's Bradon Lopez, an Austin-East graduate, scored 53 points in a losing cause.

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	114 Wanda Reed	829 Ricky Spiva	621 Carolyn McGill
High Game Scratch--Male	High Series Scratch--Female	767 Billy Majors	561 Betty Phillips
247 Ralph Allmon	221 Wanda Reed	761 Bill Byrge	
241 Ed Beatty			



Bearden High School's history-making baseball team was recently honored by the Knox County Commission. A resolution recognizing Bearden's first team to reach the state championship game, the Bulldogs' 32-14 record and regional title was introduced by Commissioner Ed Shouse, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Ownby and approved by the Commission on June 25. Members of the team who attended the ceremony were (left to right) Coach Jack Tate, Coach Buddy Wilker, Tommy Kolinsky, Elijah Helton, Zach Sale, Ty Hill, Josh Smith, Neil Gore, Tyler Mazrimas, Derek Lance, Chris Pritchett, Max McCoig, Zack Messing, Nick Monaco and Kyle Porritt. Other players on the team were unable to attend due to participating in out-of-town summer tournaments. Photo by Dan Andrews.

Higgins joins CHS coaching staff

By Ken Lay

He's spent three seasons learning from one of the best basketball coaches in the Knoxville Interscholastic League and now Jon Higgins' apprenticeship is officially over.

Higgins, a former University of Tennessee player, was recently tapped to be Central High School's boys basketball coach. He spent the previous three seasons as an assistant to Jody Wright at Fulton.

"I learned a lot from coach Wright and I wanted to run my own program," said Higgins, who replaced Mitch Mitchell, who resigned after the 2011-12 season. "I'm looking forward to being able to run some of the things that I want to run."

Higgins, 31, inherits a Bobcats program that has enjoyed success under Mitchell and Matt Mercer before struggling last season.

"This is a great opportunity to build and mold a program that has had some recent success," Higgins said. "I look forward to watching young boys grow into young men."

Although Higgins is looking to lead the Bobcats to success on the hardwood, his ultimate goal is to use the sport he loves to teach life's

lessons.

"I want these kids to understand that there's more to life than basketball," said Higgins, who teaches geometry at Austin-East. "When I grew up, I loved playing basketball."

"But that has been my goal since I began teaching and coaching. I want the kids to see that there's more to life than what they see on the streets and at home every day."

Higgins said that the opportunity at Central is a good one because of a supportive administration that includes principal Danny Trent and athletic director Charlie Sheets.

"When I interviewed with the principal and athletic director, I got a really good vibe," Higgins said.

When Higgins is not coaching he loves to stay active. He still plays basketball regularly and has been a regular and fan favorite at the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League for the past six summers. He also enjoys playing golf and flag football.

"I just love to stay active," he said. "I play a ton of golf and I've spent a lot of money playing that game," he said. "I still play [basketball] and in the fall, I like to play flag football."

A-E alumni plays to win

By Ken Lay

Brandon Lopez closed out his 2012 Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League season on a personal high note recently.

He couldn't, however, truly enjoy his individual success.

"It doesn't matter all that much," Lopez said after scoring a game-high 53 points in the league's third-place game.

Lopez, a 2011 Austin-East High School graduate and University of Tennessee player, didn't find joy because his Knoxville News-Sentinel squad dropped a 91-84 decision to DeRoyal Industries at Bearden High School July 2.

"I just love playing basketball, no matter when or

where," Lopez said. "When I play, I play to win."

"I don't care if I'm playing against my cousin, my mother or even my grandmother, I'm going to give my all."

Certainly, no one could fault the effort of the Knoxville News-Sentinel's team last Monday night. Lopez and Monte Calloway came to play. Central High graduate Ben Williamson (who played Rice Buick GMC this summer) played in the third-place game along with other players who just happened to be sitting in the stands.

Lopez, however, wasn't about to make excuses.

"We didn't win and that's all that really matters," he said after outdueling former Carter standout

and East Tennessee State hoopster Lester Wilson, who scored 49 points to lead DeRoyal to a victory and third-place finish.

Basketball is a passion for Lopez, who despite playing for coach Cuonzo Martin's Volunteers is not receiving an athletic scholarship.

He's playing as a walk-on but he's where he wants to be --- he's playing at Thompson-Boling Arena during the cold winter months and he's spent four hot summers toiling at Bearden.

"I think we have the best fans in the country," Lopez said of Tennessee basketball fans. "They pack Thompson-Boling Arena and they pack the place here."

Fan support dwindled in 2012 and most in the league said they felt that temperatures that scorched Knox County during the summer season was a factor as the Bearden High gym is not air conditioned.

"The crowds are down and I think that has to do with the heat," Lopez said. "But it's great workout for us. It's hot in here and it's hard to breathe."

Although the Rocky Top League can be a tough and grueling voyage, the league provides an opportunity that Lopez relishes.

"It's great to play with these guys," he said. "It's great to play with [former Vol] Bobby Maze. He came and played with me when I was in high school."

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By Sylvia Williams

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2012 Foothills Fall Festival Artist Lineup Announced

After months of anticipation, the City of Maryville is proud to announce the highly anticipated 2012 Foothills Fall Festival artist lineup.

Music superstars Train, Darius Rucker, Gary Allan and Thompson Square will perform for thousands of fans at the 12th Annual Foothills Fall Festival taking place Oct. 12-14 at Maryville's Theater in the Park.

Gary Allan kicks off the weekend on Friday, Oct. 12. The California-born country star just released his eighth album, "Get Off on the Pain" and is best known for his soulful and rocked-out country sound.

Grammy award-winning pop band Train will take the stage on Saturday, Oct. 13 along with Lauren Alaina and Bridgette Tatum. Alaina was the first runner-up on American Idol's tenth season last year, falling just short of winner Scotty McCreery. Train hit mainstream success in 1998 with their hit single "Meet Virginia." Other hits include "Drops of Jupiter," "Hey, Soul Sister," and "Calling All Angels." Their newest hit is "Drive By" off their latest album California 37.

The festival weekend wraps up on Sunday, Oct. 14 with Darius Rucker, Thompson Square, Brad Blackwell and The Farm.

Darius Rucker is riding high with the release of his sophomore country album, Charleston, SC 1966. Rucker's success in country music has been recognized with awards from the Country Music Association, Academy of Country Music, Teen Choice Awards and several American Music Awards nominations.

The husband-and-wife duo of Thompson Square, were recently honored at the 2012 CMT Music Awards for Best Duo Video of the Year for their hit single, "I Got You." Thompson Square also dethroned superstars Sugarland to become the Academy of Country Music's "Vocal Duo of the Year."

Newcomers to the music scene are The Farm and East Tennessee native Brad Blackwell who will round out Sunday's lineup. Blackwell is from Kingsport and was named East Tennessee's Best Local New Artist by the Knoxville News Sentinel in 2010. Blackwell is emerging as one of the most gifted singer/songwriters on the independent music scene today.

"Remaining supporting artists will be announced in the coming weeks," said Jane Groff, City of Maryville events coordinator. "Tickets will go on sale Saturday, July 14."

For more information, visit www.foothills-fallfestival.com, call (865) 273-3445 or email info@foothillsfallfestival.com.

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The Doctor is in
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Pictures on the Wall

There is a Chinese curse that goes, "May you live in interesting times," and we certainly do, my friends. In the last week of June, SCOTUS--the Supreme Court of the United States--ruled that lying is protected as freedom of speech; Arizona's border law, fashioned on the non-enforced Federal law, is unconstitutional, making the US an open border country; and the Constitution no longer constrains the Federal government who can regulate us for our own good and can even compel us to buy healthcare or broccoli. And oh, I almost forgot: the Attorney General of the United States was held in contempt of Congress, not for "misremembering"

(we citizens call this lying, though SCOTUS has ruled this is OK), but for not complying with a Congressional subpoena.

I'm certainly not an expert on the Constitution, though I carry a copy of it in my pocket and reread the founding documents on July 4th. Virtually all the experts believed that the Supremes would limit the Leviathan government and strike down Obama-care through a strict interpretation of the Commerce Clause (Article I, section 8, Clause 3). Not to worry, said Chief Justice Roberts, the mandates are just a tax that all the people who voted for hope and change, and even those who didn't, can pay. Elections have

consequences. I have an app on my iPhone that allows me to determine my current elevation by GPS reckoning. I don't know why I like to occasionally access this data, but I find this strangely analogous to a psychometric analysis of my mood. This July 4th finds me not on a mountain top, but somewhere down in a valley of despair.

The researcher Elisabeth Kubler-Ross wrote a sentinel book about death and dying. Dr. Kubler-Ross describes the emotions of people who are dying, and I believe her observations relate to any tragedy. She describes the spectrum of loss as beginning with denial, progressing to anger and bargaining, then encompassing depression, and finally acceptance. Not everyone has all of these identifiable stages, nor do they have to proceed in the classic order.

Fortunately, I don't have a horrible illness; I just have a broken heart. I'm currently experiencing the emotions of anger, bargaining, and sadness regarding our country and even my Summit Medical Group. Eighteenth century Europeans called our Constitution

and our young country the American Experiment. The experts said our representative republic fashioned by Franklin and the Founders would fail. They were wrong. They were also amazed that Washington refused to accept the moniker of "His Majesty" and that he would give up the power of the presidency at the end of his second term; never before had such power been voluntarily surrendered peaceably.

I read a book some years ago called "Generations, The History of America's Future" (1991). An intriguing notion, don't you think? The authors Strauss and Howe examine the history of America beginning with the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. They chose that event because many of the American colonists came from England and as a result we speak English not Spanish, and the Protestant philosophy shaped our Founders and ancestors more than Catholicism. These authors found recurring cycles of history that challenged whole generations of Americans. Examples are the Great Awakening in the 1730s, World War II, and the turbulent counter-

current revolution of the 1960s.

In my office hang three pictures. One is a collage of some pretty cool photos I've taken from all over the world. Another is an impressionistic oil painting of a woman gathering flowers in her garden. I love the descriptive and evocative title, "Gathering Light." The last work is a print of Jesus sitting and speaking to a doctor in his office. This work by Harry Anderson is not great art, but is great wisdom and theology. These days I often sit and contemplate this perspective. I need it.

On this 4th of July America again finds itself in crisis and perhaps on the edge of another great awakening. In their book Strauss and Howe predict that the next challenge to America will begin within the next seven years, perhaps as early as 2013. All the experts say that what we are doing isn't working; I can agree with the pundits on this point. And our crisis causes me to consider the great forces of history and the choices that will hopefully shape these forces.

I believe in the ideals of the Constitution and our representative republic. In

a republic, laws are formulated and then we function collectively under those laws. This may strike some as heretical, but democracy is really mob rule if there is no rule of law. John Adams once said that we are a country of laws, not men. I wonder if he would agree with that observation today. Lastly, I believe in linkage between our precious freedom of choice and consequences. Maybe I'm out of touch.

Perhaps we'll have one more chance with the American Experiment. I pray that America won't become another Ozymandias on the sands of history.

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Now, thirty years later, Tammy Francis, RN, CDE, administrator and owner, still manages the agency on that she started literally out of the trunk of her car. She realized after nursing school that many frail, elderly and homebound people really wanted to stay home in their later years to receive health care services. At that time, there were not many options available for in-home care services in rural communities.

Today, the business now maintains four branch offices in Greeneville, Morristown, Kingsport and Knoxville that provides hospice care only. The corporate office still remains in Newport and the agency is now licensed to provide care in 13 East Tennessee counties and has grown to employ over 150 people in the various communities where they have offices.

The company actively supports the counties in which there are offices through community events and outreach programs as well as provides jobs in these communities.

Not many home care agencies have full time Medical Directors on their staff who interacts daily with staff and patients. Dr. James Williams of Newport and Dr. Evelyne Davidson of Knoxville, both make house calls to patients homes, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.

One of the benefits of end-of-life care is the extra assurance to the family that their loved one will be kept pain free and as comfortable as possible. Dr. Davidson and Dr. Williams' expertise are valued at team meetings as they both consult with the professional team as well as the family throughout the care of the patient.

Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice has won several prestigious awards throughout the years and continues to be recognized as one of the leading home care agencies in Tennessee. In 2009, Ms. Francis was honored by Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich as an American Solutions Entrepreneur of the year dinner in Washington, D. C. Ms. Francis was also awarded the prestigious Home Care Leadership award by the Tennessee Association of Home Care.



Smoky Mountain Hospice Knoxville office employees attending a recent celebration in Newport honoring Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice agency's 30 year anniversary. Present were: (Back row) Ralph Ozmun, CE; Michelle Stooksbury, LCSW; David Holt, Chaplain; (Front row) Jamye Ray, HHA; Trish Buckner, HHA; Pearl Marion, RN; and Cynthia Finch, LMSW/Office Manager.

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Rays of Son

God blesses Adam and Eve

By Greg Miller

God created the heavens, the earth, and everything else in the universe.

Created in God's image, mankind was given a mandate by the Creator. We're told this part of the story of the human family in Genesis 1:26-31, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

God declared his finished work of creation very good. Wanting to please his Creator, after finishing his job of naming the animals, Adam exclaimed, "Not bad, Adam! Not bad!"

Everything in Eden was extraordinary. "The Sovereign Lord really knew what He was doing with creation," Adam stated. "You and I are God's most-prized creation. And you are so beautiful, Eve."

"You're kinda handsome yourself," Eve said. "God didn't make anything that was ugly."

Adam remembered God's instructions about not eating fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "It looks so tasty," Adam said. "But God says if we eat it we will die. I don't really know what that means, but I know I don't like the sound of it."

Adam noticed that the serpent had begun acting a bit peculiar. He warned Eve about hanging around the serpent and engaging in conversations with him. "I've noticed him," said Eve. "He looks like he might be a pretty smooth talker, but I'm a pretty smooth talker myself."

"But he may be the world's smoothest talker," Adam said. "And we can't afford to be deceived into disobeying God! God has never lied to us, but we don't know what to expect from this serpent character!"

To contact the writer of this column about speaking engagements, including Christian Comedy Fundraising events and/or puppet ministry, please email kid-cool4jesus@yahoo.com.

Pray Ye One For Another

Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, Eph. 1:2 - 5 KJV

We would like to encourage the body of Christ to pray for one another. Salvation: Teresa, Destiny, Evert, Steven, John, David Jr, Ann, Tony, Luke, Rick, Matt, Tina, Nina, Lois, Everet, James, Amber, Tracie, Randy, Richard, Brandon, Roger, Lindsay, David, Travis, Charles & sons, Protection: C.J., Indiana, Mercy, Aaron, Sky, Jose, K, Issy, Kris, Cade, Aidan, Elijah, Blake, David, Miguel,

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A New Generation Remembers Bill Wallace

She was a toddler in her mother's arms the first time I saw her. My mother and I happened to meet them in the parking lot on our way to church. Christina's mother stopped for a moment and had her sing a song for us. This young child proudly belted out "Jesus Loves Me." I was reminded of the verse in the Bible: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6, KJV). It is hard to imagine that one so small could begin to understand deep doctrines of the Bible. But, even seeds that are planted at a very young age begin to take root and grow.

A few years later, my brother and I were helping teach kindergarteners at church; and Christina was in one of our classes. It was a joy to see her and the other little ones memorize the Ten Commandments and listen to Bible stories under the direction of Lead Teacher Mary Coleman. The daughter of Jeff and Liza Varnes is now a beautiful and charming twelve year old who studies voice and piano. Christina has an older brother, Alex, who has also grown up at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church.

On a recent Sunday morning, Liza shared something special with me. Christina had to write about an important person for a school report. Though she could have written about anyone, Christina chose to write about a legend—Bill Wallace for whom Wallace Memorial is named. In her Girls in Action (GA) classes, Christina learned about Bill Wallace's legacy under the direction of GA



By Ralphine Major
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Mission Leader Shirley Snyder. When GA classes were no more, Christina missed ministering to others. She and her mother sought out someone Christina could visit and help. I was impressed that this youngster would want to dedicate her weekends and holidays to bring kindness and joy to a stranger. This mission-minded young lady chose an excellent way to honor Bill Wallace's memory! It is not surprising that she chose him for her school report. Christina represents a new generation who understands the sacrifice and impact of Bill Wallace not only in Knoxville, but around the world. Below is Christina's report that she submitted for her school project. Just as Bill Wallace did, Christina is sharing her faith and letting her light shine for Jesus. Christina's love in action reminds us that even one person can make a difference. Bill Wallace made a difference. Each of us can, too.

Bill Wallace's Commitment

Susan and Joey are on their way to work as usual, except today they are taking a different route. Suddenly they see a huge bright cross! Little did they know, it wasn't just any other statue; it was a memorial for Bill Wallace. Bill Wallace was a great missionary who helped many people, and he died tragically.

Bill Wallace decided to become a missionary at the age of 17. Inspired by the words of the New Testament, Bill Wallace made this decision in his garage while working on a car. Until then, he had not thought of becoming a doctor even though his father was a physician.

For ten years, Mr. Wallace prepared in the medical school. Finally, in 1935 he set off from his hometown of Knoxville to Wuchow, China. When he was there he faced many trials, wars, persecutions, and enemies. He



Christina Varnes performing a song.
Photo provided by Liza Varnes

was a very brave, courageous and influential man. He once performed surgery after a bomb had directly hit the hospital.

When the leaders heard things about how he had been influencing their people, they became angry. They decided to convict him of being a spy. Before dawn on December 19, 1950, they raided his home. They questioned him until he was so exhausted, he gave in to their false accusations. They immediately placed him in jail. After two months of mistreatments and beatings, Bill Wallace was dead. The prison guards had beaten him to death and made the scene look like he had killed himself.

Although he died tragically, Bill Wallace always followed God's instructions and that is why he and his love of God inspired so many. Wallace Memorial Baptist Church is not like any other church; it represents the man who faithfully served the Lord, Bill Wallace.



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Church Happenings

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, 9208 W. Raccoon Valley Road, Heiskell will be having a Community Carnival on July 14 from 12:00 until 3:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church was awarded a Proclamation by the State of Tennessee on June 24th upon celebrating our 70th Anniversary. The Proclamation is signed by The Speaker of the Senate, Ron Ramsey and was presented to the Church by Senator Randy McNally. We at Calvary thank the State of Tennessee for recognizing the churches in Tennessee for service to the community.

The Church awarded the Pastor Emeritus to Rev. Harold Ogle (Retired) for his dedication and long service to the Church. This is an honor awarded to pastor's who give time and service to the Church, Community and the Baptist Associations.

Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing BOXES OF BLESSINGS (food) on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 9:00

a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone.

Anyone who would like to come and receive a box of blessings is invited. You must be present to receive a box of food, one box per household. For more information call 865-689-4829

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet July 10, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Walter Grubb, will give his testimony. Bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>.

South Knoxville Church of God

Join us for the 3rd Annual "South Show and Shine" car show on August 10 from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at noon, with judging from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Dash plaques and T-Shirts will be given to the 1st 50 cars that register. All muscle cars, street rods, motorcycles, antiques, trucks, VWs and tractors are welcome. Trophies will be given for the top two

finishers in each class. This is a fundraising event with all proceeds benefitting the Appalachian Children's Home. The Children's Home is a state licensed institution and emergency shelter for boys and girls under the age of 18, which strives to provide a stable, loving Christian environment for the well being of the whole child. If you would like to know more about this event either visit us on Facebook or call 865-573-4141 for details.

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Discovery Day Coming Soon

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By Carl Sloan

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War items (including photographs, weapons, clothing, letters), period items, modern art and furniture, dolls, advertising items, metal signs, clocks, knives, scientific instruments, musical instruments, folk art, antique books and manuscripts, lithographs, watercolors, carvings and even unknown items to stump the experts with.

The event will be free to the public and donations will be taken to go towards a charity that will also be announced. We may even invite the local media to participate so stay tuned for more information soon as to dates and times when Fountain City Auction Company will stage this event. We are looking at a date sometime in September so do start getting your items ready and keep watching for the big news of this event soon.

Most everyone has viewed the television programs where the public brings in items to be examined, described and appraised. This fun event will be very similar in protocol to these shows. We hope to enlighten and share with the community our knowledge and experiences.

You may bring in your items that you can carry with you or you can bring in photographs of large items, such as furniture. There will be onsite experts for general antiques, collectibles of all kinds, fine jewelry, costume jewelry, fine arts,

UT Gardens July 2012 Plant of the Month: Summer Snapdragon

By Beth Willis, Trials Coordinator for the UT Gardens, Knoxville



Summer snapdragon is colorful bedding plant that can be covered with dramatic spikes of orchid-like blooms from early summer through the fall.

Angelonia, commonly known as summer snapdragon, is a fantastic choice for your garden. This colorful bedding plant can be covered with dramatic spikes of orchid-like blooms from early summer through the fall. Individual flowers may be as large as one inch across, with numerous blooms on each stem. Different varieties offer shades of purple, blue, pink, and white; some are even bi-colored. Most will grow to a foot or two tall and wide during the season. The most commonly available varieties are cultivars of *A. angustifolia*, which has been extensively hybridized. The scientific name refers to a characteristic of the dark-green, glossy foliage, which is thin and needle-like.

Not to be confused with true snapdragons, which wilt as summer temperatures climb, Angelonias thrive in the heat and perform best in full-sun locations. Site them in average, well-drained soil. Once established, they are fairly drought-tolerant. Native to South America, they are perennial in warmer climates (Zones 8-11), but we grow them as annuals here in

Tennessee. They can be propagated by tip cuttings or by seed.

Angelonias are low-maintenance plants. They require no deadheading, although they will quickly become bushier if occasionally cut back. They have no significant problems with insects or diseases. They work well in containers as well as in

the landscape. They even make wonderful cut flowers, often lasting 10 days or more.

A number of Angelonia cultivars are available commercially, and we've had the pleasure of growing many of them at the UT Gardens. The 'Serena' series from PanAmerican is somewhat unique in that it can be grown from seed,

and it is slightly more compact than other varieties. Proven Winners offers the Angelface® series, which has been bred for flower performance and for its upright, branching growth habit. The Sungelonia™ series from Suntory Flowers is very uniform and compact. The last that I will mention, though certainly not the least, is the Archangel™ series from Ball Horticultural Company, which boasts larger-than-average blooms on well-branched plants. Regardless of your choice, summer snapdragon can be a colorful addition to your landscape.

Beth Willis is the trials coordinator for the UT Gardens, Knoxville. The University of Tennessee Gardens located in Knoxville and Jackson are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. Their mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, collections, educational programs and research trials. The gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. See <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/> and <http://westtennessee.tennessee.edu/ornamentials/> for more information.

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The City of Knoxville is changing the day garbage is collected in the Fort Sanders area to Mondays.

Starting July 9, Waste Connections, the City's contractor, will pick up garbage on Mondays each week instead of Fridays. Garbage was not picked up on Friday, July 6, but will be collected on Monday, July 9.

The City is implementing this change in conjunction with the Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association to ensure the health and well-being of the community at large, and accommodate the influx

of weekend visitors and activities.

In addition to letters mailed to property owners, the residences affected by this change received a door-knocker leaflet on Friday, June 29, outlining the details.

The City of Knoxville provides garbage collection for buildings with four or fewer residential units. Apartment buildings with more than four units provide their own garbage pickup, usually with dumpsters for collection instead of individual garbage cans. Garbage collection via dumpsters will not be

affected by the City's change.

Garbage and recycling must both still be placed by the curb or alley (depending on the address) by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Those Fort Sanders residents participating in the City's curbside recycling program will continue to have recycling pickup every other Friday (July 20, August 3, etc.).

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7/12 & 7/13 9 to 11 Kingston Community Center, 201 Patton Ferry Road, Kingston

7/16 & 7/18 9 to 1 Mountain Star Lodge #197, 1309 Dolly Parton Parkway, Sevierville

7/18 & 7/19 12 to 4 O'Conner Center, 611 Winona Street, Knoxville

7/30 & 7/31 9 to 1 Chota Recreation Center, Tellico Village, 145 Awolhi Drive, Loudon.

ETTAC Movie Night

ETTAC will host a Free Movie Night on July 13 at East Tennessee Technology Access Center, 116 Childress Street. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (865) 219-0130

First Lutheran School news

First Lutheran School, Knoxville, will install Ruth Blackwell as Principal during the 10:30 a.m. service at the church on Sunday July 15th. The public is invited. The church is located at 1207 Broadway NE. For more information, please call 524-0366.

Marble Springs Herb Workshop

Marble Springs State Historic Site will host a hands-on herb lore workshop with Jim Buckenmyer on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until approximately

2:00 p.m. with a lunch break. Participants should bring their own lunches.

The cost is \$10 per person, and the money will go toward educational programming at Marble Springs. Participation will be limited to 20 individuals. To register, call 865-573-5508 or email marblesprings@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, July 25.

This activity will take place at the Marble Springs State Historic Site: 1220 West Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Memoir Writers

Memior Writers will meet at Panera Bread, 733 Louisville Road, Alcoa (next to Cracker Barrel) on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. (Always the second Thursday of each month).

NARFE meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Chapter 1476, Oak Ridge will meet on Tuesday, July 17 at the Double Tree Hotel on Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge. The group meets at 12:00 noon and a hot lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Oak Ridge Fire Chief Darryl Kerley. The public is invited. The lunch costs \$14.00 per person and reservations must be made by Friday, July 13. For more information about NARFE and meeting reservations, call Jerry Wing 938-4532.

Powell High School Season Football

Powell High School Season Football tickets will go on sale July 9 - 11 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

in the Home Economics Room. The Home Ec Room is located across from the football concession stand in the back of the school. Tickets will be \$45 each and parking passes will be available for \$25. If you had tickets last year and do not want them this year, please email Karen Speegle at Karen.speegle@knoxschools.org.

Shakespeare on the Square

July 12 - 15 Shakespeare On The Square annually features two of the magnificent plays of William Shakespeare, comedies, tragedies and histories, rotated nightly outdoors on Market Square in the heart of downtown Knoxville. The performances this coming week include "As You Like It" on Thursday and Saturday, and "Julius Caesar" on Friday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.tennesseestagecompany.com.

Standard Knitting Mills reunion

"Family Members" of Standard Knitting Mills announce their Annual Reunion is planned for Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the O'Connor Senior Center. Any employee or surviving family members of employees are encouraged to attend. Donations of finger food refreshments are welcome. For further information, call J.T. at 523-5463.

Telephone Operator Reunion

Telephone Operator Reunion Saturday, July 28 at noon at the C.W.A. Union Hall. Cost is \$15.00. Send check to Sharon Courtney 1905 Woodrow Drive

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Upcoming Civil War Talk

On Tuesday, July 10, 2012, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host author Lester V. Horwitz as its speaker. At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Horwitz will speak on the topic: "The Longest Raid: John Hunt Morgan Crosses the Ohio." The talk is open to the public and will be at the Bearden Banquet Hall at 5806 Kingston Pike. To attend the talk only is \$5.00. (Students with current IDs are admitted free.) Alternatively, you can come at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner which is \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. To make dinner reservations, please call (865) 671-9001 by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 9. We look forward to seeing you there!

West Knox Republican Club annual picnic

Knox County elected officials, party members and candidates will gather for the annual West Knox Republican Club indoor picnic dinner on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 5 p.m. The regular monthly program begins at 6 p.m. The picnic and meeting will be held at Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. There will also be a cake auction by auctioneer and former Knox County Commissioner John Griess.

WDVX Blue Plate Special

July 10: Donna Frost / Something With Trees
July 11: Beady / Crispy Watkins
July 12: Pea Pickin' Hearts / Kentucky Knife Fight



We welcome our 5th grandchild to our family - a baby boy, Wesley Charles. Proud parents are Rebecca and Larry. Happy Birthday Rebecca!

Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 4 tsp soda
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 cups oats (Old Fashioned works best) uncooked
- 1 cup dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Lightly spray baking sheets with baking spray (or line with parchment paper). Stir flour, spices salt and soda together. With the beater, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add pumpkin and continue to beat until it is completely blended. Add oats and mix well. Stir in cranberries by hand. Drop dough by TBSPfu1S about 2 inches apart on cookie sheets.

Bake about 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheets about a minute before removing to rack to cool completely.

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