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If the election for President of the United States were held today, for whom would you vote, Barack Obama and Joe Biden or Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan?

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Survey conducted August 24, 2012.

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Emerald Swim Program Beats Odds, Inspires Athletes Among Inner City Youth

A vibrant swim program begun six years ago by Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 North Central Street, is helping to beat some terrible national odds for inner city Knoxville youth and to create athletes too.

Emerald Youth is beginning its third year of swim lessons in the fall and spring for all of the about 200 elementary school children in its after school program. Additionally, the Emerald Youth swim team completed a sixth successful season this summer with 50 members.

The swim program helps counter locally a horrible set of U.S. statistics. According to a USA Swimming Foundation study, about 70 percent of African-American children and 60 percent of Hispanic children are non-swimmers, and thus have a much higher rate of drowning than other children. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that African-American children between the ages of 5 and 14 are almost three times more likely to drown than white children.

The success of African-American freestyle swimmer Cullen Jones, who won two silver medals in the London Olympics, shone light on the situation.

Jones, who nearly drowned at age 5 because

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Bright Lights, Big Booms at Boomsday

Boomsday returns to the Tennessee River for another year of thrilling effects and thunderous sounds of celebration. The nation's largest Labor Day weekend fireworks show will illuminate the sky over Knoxville with a 22-minute jaw dropping spectacle.

The 25th annual Boomsday Festival is set for Sunday, September 2, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Neyland

Drive in downtown Knoxville. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. and will create a rumble to remember featuring more than 20,000 shells in a fireworks display and choreographed to an original soundtrack produced by Star 102.1 FM.

"Building on 25 years of success, Boomsday will once again ignite the skies of Knoxville with the nation's largest fireworks

display on Labor Day weekend," said Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "Over the years, Boomsday has evolved into Knoxville's signature event, bringing more than 400,000 visitors to Knoxville's riverfront for a day of fun and excitement. This year's event will entertain attendees with the unique fireworks launch location and new jaw-dropping effects that will stretch over the Tennessee River."

Due to the Henley Bridge renovation, the Boomsday fireworks will once again be launched off the railroad bridge on the Tennessee River in downtown Knoxville. And, with two miles worth of public viewing along Neyland Drive, spectators will have ample opportunity to enjoy the exciting booms, up close and personal.

Boomsday festivities kick off at 1:00 p.m. on Neyland

Drive with entertainment and food throughout the afternoon. This year's festival will include the Family Fun Zone with inflatables and games; live entertainment, activities and contests, and much more.

Other fun activities this year include:

Boomsday Bandz-The Boomsday Bandz is a collectable glow in the dark armband. The Bandz are

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KNOXVILLE JOINS NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO FIGHT CANCER



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

The American Cancer Society announced a community-wide enrollment for its Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) with a kick-off on Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Cansler Family YMCA.

Volunteers and guest speakers tossed their shoes in to represent their participation in the study. Men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer are needed to participate in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3).

CPS-3 will enroll a diverse population of up to half a million people across the United States and Puerto Rico. The opportunity for local residents to enroll in CPS-3 is being made possible in partnership with YMCA of East Tennessee, the Knox County Health Department, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, and Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

For more information, go to www.CPS3knoxville.org.

Benefit held to 'Roll Away SMA'

By Sarah Baker
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About 100 cyclists and walkers showed up at Ijams Nature Center on Sunday, August 19 for "Walk-N-Roll Away SMA," a benefit fundraiser to raise money to find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). SMA is a motor neuron disease which affects the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as walking and swallowing. It is the number one genetic killer of children under the age of two.

UT Research Assistant Professor Denita Hadziabdic Guerry was inspired to coordinate the event after meeting

one of her students, Sarah Boggess, who has the disease.

Boggess's mother was told that she probably wouldn't live past her 16th birthday, and Sarah is now 23 years old. Though she is in a wheelchair, she appears healthy and strong with an inner strength that rises candidly just beneath the surface of her smile. Her determination and positive attitude are, after all, what inspired her professor, an avid cyclist, to organize this event. Boggess is now a graduate student at UT working on her Masters in plant pathology. She

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Sarah Boggess and SMA event volunteers.

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Winning with hate

Class warfare already shaping 2012 election



By Richie Beeler

The nerve of some people! Did you know Mitt Romney made \$20 million last year? I mean that fact alone is enough to place him alongside Hitler, Jeffrey Dahmer and your ex-mother-in-law in the minds of some people. But for those seeking to vilify Romney and the other productive Americans, it gets even better. The guy only paid 14% in income taxes. Who does he think he is?! How could Mitt Romney have the bold faced audacity to only pay \$2.8 million in income taxes? The very idea that Romney would dare keep \$17.2 million for himself and his business

interests makes some people's blood boil. It makes me want to throw up. All over them. When I first saw the political TV ad (approved by President Obama) that revealed Romney's recent tax history, I was confused. Were they seriously attacking a man for paying \$2.8 million in federal taxes? I'll answer that: yes, they were. And yes, they will continue to.

Inciting class hatred has become the favorite political strategy of the Democratic Party. Never mind the political TV ad (approved by President Obama) that revealed Romney's recent tax history, I was confused. Were they seriously attacking a man for paying \$2.8 million in federal taxes? I'll answer that: yes, they were. And yes, they will continue to.

It has been crystal clear that President Obama wholeheartedly embraces the strategy of class hatred since he told Joe the Plumber he was going to "spread some of this wealth around" back during the 2008 campaign. Conservatives - and Joe the Plumber - were outraged by Obama's off-mic comment that happened to be overheard. But one

could argue that his philosophy resonated with more people than it outraged. He won in a virtual landslide.

For the President, reelection will not likely come as easily as election. While more than a few pundits believe Obama will win in November, a landslide victory does not appear to be in the cards this time around. As was the case with his predecessor, President Obama is a polarizing figure. Those who like him, really like him. But those who don't, REALLY don't.

The Affordable Health Care Act of 2010 still hangs over the Obama administration as the great unknown - or at least the great yet to be determined. Those with any semblance of fiscal intelligence know that the health care plan is simply unaffordable. The United States does not have, and will not have, the revenue to sustain universal health care.

But fiscal issues aside, the act is an unprecedented abridgment of freedom, both for the American people and for the private sector and insurance business. One local insurance executive recently told me, "The President is trying to put us

all out of business. People don't want to believe that but it's the truth."

Given the unpopularity of Obama's capstone accomplishment for his first term, there really isn't a whole lot of substance for the President to run on in 2012. That's why the class hatred card is so enticing.

The Bush tax cuts are once again set to expire at the end of 2012. In 2010 Obama and Congress extended the cuts until the end of this year. As of today, the President has made no commitment to further extend the tax cuts. Instead, Democratic ads continue to pummel Romney for planning to "cut taxes for his rich friends."

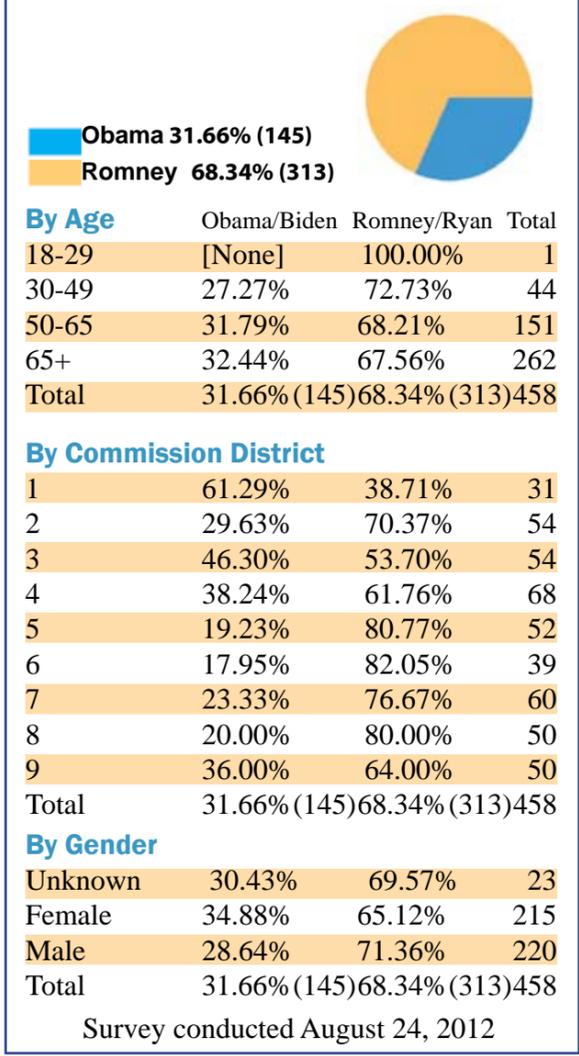
If Obama sticks to his guns on the "soak the rich" strategy, and allows the Bush tax cuts to expire, the results could be catastrophic. The Congressional Budget Office, which is non-partisan, has projected that if the cuts are allowed to expire, the U.S. economy will go into a drastic free fall in the first quarter of 2013.

Since the last recession reached its low point in 2009, the economy has

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Rosie's World

Celebrities who have passed on

As I sit here contemplating on what to write in my next column, a new flash came over the internet. Phyllis Diller passed away at the age of ninety-five--our Lady Ga-Ga of the 80s. "Queen of the One-liners." I hated to miss any appearance she made on television. She wasn't the first woman to crack jokes on stage, Gracie Allen had been getting laughs for decades playing dumb for George Burns, but Phyllis was among the first who didn't need a man around. She made her TV debut as a contestant on Groucho Marx' game show, "You Bet Your Life. She had six children, marrying right after school then entered the world of advertising. She was nearly forty when her husband prodded her into becoming a stand-up comic. She was the "weirdest, wildest," who had an outrageous laugh, an invisible husband named Fang, a great repertoire of one-liners, such as "I bury a lot of my ironing in the backyard." She made millions of us laugh; including me. We all will miss you, Phyllis. "Father Brian Flynn, the curate at St. Augustine's, Rossmere,

hated the Feast Day of St. Ann with a passion that was unusual for a Catholic priest. But, then, as far as he knew he was the only priest in the world who had a thriving St. Ann's well in his parish, a holy shrine of dubious origin..."

And so begins the first paragraph of the book, "Whitethorn Woods" written by Maeve Binchy, who passed away a few weeks ago at the age of seventy-two. Maeve was an Irish writer who wrote from the heart. She wrote sixteen novels that I know of, two of which became movies, "Circle of Friends", and "Tara Road." I've read all of her books and it was like coming home. Perhaps because I'm half-Irish? Well, could be. She told the Chicago Tribune in 1999, "there are no makeovers in my books. The ugly duckling does not become a beautiful swan. She becomes a confident duck able to take charge of her own life and problems." Her books were concerned instead with friendship.

I remember well my children dancing in the living room to the tunes emanating from the TV when American Bandstand was

on. It starred Dick Clark, "America's Oldest Teen-Ager" and he chatted with the guys and dolls. Clean-cut boys and girls with highly-teased hair danced to the popular tunes of the day, rating them and turning the songs into sensations. After years of ringing in the New Year on Times Square, he died of a massive heart attack April 18, 2012. There's no one around to take his place.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention Knoxville's own celebrity, Sarah Moore Greene who recently passed away at the age of 102. Many, many articles have been written extolling her attributes that she bestowed on her neighbors, and young people, especially those who needed help in getting an education. She was a teacher, elected as the first black member of the Knoxville Board of Education and was a Tennessee delegate to the Republican National Convention. We need more people like her.

There are a great many more famous people who passed away but these are just a very few that made a great impression on my life.

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currently on sale at Pilot locations for \$1 each and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley.

Next Level Wrestling will once again be appearing at Calhoun's on The River starting at 6:00 p.m. with its biggest card to date. The Main Event will crown the Next Level Wrestling Heavyweight Champion. For a complete line-up, please visit www.nextlevelwrestling.net.

Live Entertainment - Stop by the Q93.1 performance stage at the east end of Neyland Drive (just below the pedestrian bridge) for live entertainment at the following times:

- 5:00 p.m. Ergo We Play
- 6:00 p.m. Homer Heart
- 7:15 p.m. Jada Dreyer

For the best live view of the show, spectators are encouraged to stake a spot early Sunday afternoon along Neyland Drive. Boomsday attendees situated

along this public viewing area will enjoy front row sights of the show. Visit Knoxville and KPD kindly request that spectators refrain from bringing large bags/containers, as all will be subject to security checks.

The explosive action on the Tennessee River is only a portion of the dazzling entertainment Boomsday has planned for spectators. Labor Day revelers can enjoy the show from the comforts of home via WBIR-TV Ch. 10's local broadcast of Boomsday. The event will air on a special one-hour live broadcast September 2 from 9:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. on WBIR-TV/Channel 10. Also, listen to Star 102.1 FM on the radio for the soundtrack simulcast.

Admission to the Boomsday Festival is free to the public with nominal fees for parking, games, food and beverages.

For more information on Boomsday 2012, call the festival hotline at (865) 342-9192 or visit www.boomsday.org.

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How did that happen?

Life and politics are both funny. Just when a person thinks he's figured out things, he looks up and sees how completely off base he is. Of course, because humans are involved in both of them, confusion is to be expected.

The other day someone talked about folks being 65 this year. For a minute, I thought to myself that those old folks are in the news again. Then the realization that these Medicare-eligible people are individuals whom I know well and are close to my age set in. Instead of seeing them as senior citizens, I recalled how they looked and what they did 45-50 years ago.

This generation had major influences on the direction America followed. In 1965 they were 18. The world was upside down. To begin with, the Vietnam Conflict had turned into a full-blown war, and thousands of young men were drafted to fight the politicians' battles. The Department of Defense claims the average age of the 58,148 killed in that war was just shy of 23. Other sources put the age closer to 20. That puts today's 65-year-old citizens smack dab in the middle of that war and the frightening possibility of dying

young. Many of those who weren't drafted into the conflict fought in the US. They protested against the war. Sit-ins, marches, and rallies made the nightly news as much as the latest rounds of action in Vietnam and the death counts did. The first reported draft-card burning occurred that same year of 1965. Just a few years later in 1968, Chicago Democratic Convention demonstrators and police clashed. Boy, what a bunch of rebels this age group turned out to be.

During their last years as teens, these young people witnessed or participated in marches on Washington and Selma, Alabama, the Watts Riots, introduction of the Miranda Right, Women's Lib, and the creation of the label "hippie" for thousands of the generation. Perhaps most important of all now, they witnessed the creation of Medicare.

At some point, the girls traded in their miniskirts for business suits; the men cut their hair and took on the yoke of adulthood. Then this generation set out to become success stories in the American dream. Their high ideas about social issues and times for change somehow were displaced by the arrival of children, mortgages, and the everyday demands of life.

They also changed their political philosophies. Once the mighty forces for change and against the

establishment, these adults now believe more in maintaining the status quo. According to many polls, nearly half of the individuals 65 and older now consider themselves as conservatives, while only 16 percent identify themselves as liberal.

Perhaps it's okay to assume that age leads to changes in ideology. For many, being conservative is a way of protecting the things that they've collected over the years. It also indicates a stand against the craziness that goes on in the outside world.

What is fascinating is that the same folks that once were so against the system are now in favor of it. They used to cruise the drive-in restaurants; they contorted their bodies with dances such as the twist, jerk, and hully gully; they parked in dark spots and "necked" on dates. Now they prefer a slower change, a more deliberate approach, and a more restrained view.

I know my kids look at me with amazement when I explain some of the crazy things my friends and I did. We were young and invincible. Maybe as the years piled on, many of this Baby Boomers generation saw a different truth. Whatever the reason, it's fascinating how a generation filled with carefree rebels slowly became ones that preferred stability and security. Can anyone blame them?

On cussing and swallowing camels

Who in the heck do they think they are? A high school valedictorian in Oklahoma made headlines this week when her high school withheld her diploma over her use of the word "hell" in her graduation speech. I have helped to edit a handful of graduation speeches and I know that school administrators do have quite a bit of say about what goes into them. In this particular case, the girl submitted a speech which contained the word "heck" and then in the heat of the moment decided to listen to her peers and "just say it." This was, perhaps, an indelicate and impulsive choice. In fact, her speech was supposedly inspired by one from the "Twilight" series which was a tacky choice of inspiration, indeed.

That being said, I think withholding the girl's diploma is a major overreaction. It's not like she told anyone to go there. My mother taught me that it was only a sin to say that word if I was telling someone to go there. This girl was simply using it as slang. She may have wanted a little shock value, but I'm convinced she didn't really want to offend people. I can see why the administrator would be irked, but to withhold from her something she earned after four years? That seems like a power trip to me. This is America, where people have the right to be tacky, especially teenagers.

Maybe I'm not the one to quibble about this, because I simply am not that sensitive about language. I had a youth pastor once who compared watching a movie with a bad word in it to eating a hamburger with a booger in it. Now, I think walking out of a movie because of a bad word is more like throwing the baby out with the bath water. Take for instance, "The Notebook." I really cannot be convinced that a few swear words are enough to diminish the rich love and commitment depicted in that movie. If you disagree with me, I'd tell you to your face that you're choking on gnats and I'd bet a lot of money you've swallowed a lot of camels.

While we're on the subject of swearing, let's get down to the biggie. The third of the 10 Commandments tells us not to use the name of the Lord in vain. While, I have been known to skip some of the little cuss words and go straight to the big ones during moments of stress, this is one I usually manage to avoid. My mother deserves most of the credit for this. Though I have inherited my mother's profound distaste for phrases which contain God's name, I think most of us are missing the actual point of this commandment. I don't believe for a second that God made a whole commandment about swearing. Before you get bent out of shape thinking I'm defending folks going around cussing God's name, give me a chance to explain.

Consider all the wars and all the torture and all the slaying that have been done in the name of the Christ. Ever think he might have more of a problem with that? What about the fact that the Ku Klux Klan claims to be a Christian organization? Talk about using the name of the Lord in vain!!! Think about how many political campaigns have used God's name to win an election. I don't remember Jesus endorsing anyone's political campaign. How many businesses slap on the label Christian business? I don't remember Jesus endorsing anyone's auto body shop or hair salon either. Some people will scold you harshly for muttering God's name when you're under stress, but they have no problem with Christianmingle.com. Call me crazy, but I think they might be missing the complete picture of what it means to use His name in vain.

Someone once asked Maya Angelou if she is a Christian and replied that she doesn't presume to call herself a Christian. She explained that Christian means Christ-like and while she has made a personal commitment to follow Christ, she would never presume to claim that she has hit the mark. I'd like to see a few politicians, businesses, and individuals spend more time making themselves more into His image and a lot less time using Him as part of theirs.

Emerald Swim Program

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he didn't know how to swim, is an outspoken advocate of widespread swim lessons for African-American and Hispanic children in particular.

Emerald Youth Foundation, which serves more than 1200 inner city children of all races each year, aims to achieve swim proficiency for as many children as possible, said longtime swim coordinator Kent Stanger. He said that as some children become swimmers, their friends are drawn to want lessons as well.

Stanger said inability to swim is a common inner city problem. "Parents often don't know how to swim, and they are not comfortable going to the pool and working with the children in the water. To learn to swim, you need a

lot of time, exposure and frequency in the water."

Beginning in September, each week about 100 children in JustLead, Emerald Youth's after school program, ride buses to two city pools for swim lessons. By Christmas, about 200 children in first through fifth grade will have participated in Learn to Swim, the 8-week long series of swim lessons. The cycle will begin again in the spring.

For students, swim lessons are just a routine part of the day. Students take American Red Cross curriculum lessons from Knoxville City Aquatics staff at the Elmer Brine Pool at the South Knoxville Community Center, and at Adaptive Center Pool on Dandridge Avenue.

Stanger said the combination of lessons and Emerald Youth's swim

team has dramatically improved children's swim skills. Nearly all participating children gain basic proficiency as swimmers, and some excel. For example, Stanger said that one boy who came to summer swim practice unable to swim several years ago is now one of the team's strongest male swimmers. A girl who practiced all last winter wants to swim competitively in college.

At Emerald Youth, swimming has become a joyous form of outreach. The Rev. Doug Banister, who coaches the Emerald Youth swim team at the Ed Cothren Swimming Pool, 1737 Reynolds St, said the swimmers are coming into their own as athletes. This year, the team sent 31 swimmers to the Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association City Championship

at the University of Tennessee Aquatic Center on July 28.

Banister, whose own children swam competitively and now help coach this team, said he enjoys watching children excel at swimming "All the kids improved. Many have a lot of athletic ability," said Banister, who is pastor of All Souls Church downtown. "This summer, we increased the number of workouts and became a viable team. My dream is that some will go on to college swimming."

Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 North Central Street, is a faith-based network which ministers to more than 1200 urban youth each year through academic assistance, mentoring, and sports. Steve Diggs is executive director.

Winning with hate

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seen slow but sustained growth in GDP every quarter. But if the CBO prediction is correct, and Obama and Congress raise taxes, 2013 will bring the most severe recession to

the American economy since the 1930s. That was a period that opened the door to unprecedented expansion of the federal government, and massive redistribution of wealth through taxes and social

programs. All it took was a depression.

Another one could be mighty convenient for some folks.

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was very pleased with the turn out on Sunday.

"It's wonderful to see all the supporters of families of SMA give any kind of help," said Boggess. "It gives kids hope that they will study the disease and someday there will be a cure."

Professor Guerry's association with Knox Revolution, Knoxville's local female recycling club, and IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) probably helped to draw the crowd of about 100, who enjoyed options of 32, 50 or 62 mile courses. There was also a walk, children's activities, a DJ, and a band. Petty Griebbe, whose husband owns Fountain City Pedaler, was proud to be a sponsor and a participant

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Ninety-Two Boxes of Love

More than 20 volunteers gathered at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (6632 Chapman Highway, Knoxville) last Wednesday (August 15, 2012) to pack 92 boxes of quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Supplies and Baby Care Kits that will be sent to people in need around the world through a partnership with Lutheran World Relief.

"Many hands make light work," seemed to be the phrase that floated around the room as members and friends of the church set to the task just as they have for many years before. With supplies lining the table and workers talking and laughing while they packed, 54 boxes were packed in just over an hour and another 38 boxes of soap waited nearby to be weighed, labeled and shipped.

Each of the kits contains a set of items prescribed by Lutheran World Relief, based on the needs identified by local partners in the area the kits get shipped to. Throughout the year members of Gloria Dei purchase the various items to be put in the kits and raise funds in order to make bulk purchases through local retail stores.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church charter member Jan Cruze coordinates the effort with the help of the congregation's Women's ministry known as WELCA (Women of the Evangelical



Lutheran Church in America). "We couldn't do it without everyone's help" reminds Cruze, "and I particularly miss Rosalie's presence this year" Cruze said speaking of Gloria Dei Member Rosalie Stutzman who was recently diagnosed with cancer and unable to be present for the packing event, but still made sure that certain necessary details were taken care of.

Rosalie Stutzman rallies her grandson, Charlie Stutzman (also a member of Gloria Dei), to collect empty boxes, packing tape and other packing supplies that are needed to ship the materials. And once the 92

boxes are packed, Charlie Stutzman loads them up and drives them to Greenville, Tennessee where they are unloaded into a trailer that transports the boxes with those packed by other Lutheran congregations in the region to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland.

"It's a great fellowship event for those that help," reports Eric Luedtke, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. "With the many conversations and abundant laughter, it never feels like anyone is working that hard and yet when you think about the number of kits we pack, you quickly realize that our small effort

impacts the lives of hundreds, maybe thousands of people around the world. That's pretty incredible."

And just because the boxes are packed and trucked away, the work doesn't end. The WELCA group will start right up again in September tying quilts, and working with local retail store managers to begin collecting the items for next year's care packages.

"It's a year-round community effort," says Cruze, "It can be exhausting at times, but it is also very rewarding to think about what God can do through the hands of our congregation."

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City Reopens Expanded Larry Cox Senior Center

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and several City Council members attended a ribbon-cutting last week for improvements at the Larry Cox Senior Center in North Knoxville.

"We're working to get the most out of our community centers for Knoxville residents, both through upgrading facilities to provide better programming and through energy-efficiency upgrades to save significant taxpayer dollars," Mayor Rogero said.

The senior center, located at 3109 Ocoee Trail, has received a renovation as well as a 960-square-foot addition. Overall costs were \$400,000. The addition brings a new, more accessible entrance, a lobby, larger restrooms, and an employee office.

The original building was renovated with energy-efficiency and ADA upgrades. The multi-purpose room received new acoustic tiles to better serve senior dances and functions. New windows and additional lighting were installed throughout the building.

The project is part of a long-term plan in the Parks and Recreation Department to systematically upgrade its recreation centers.

"Most of our community centers were built in the 1960s. Larry Cox Senior Center was built in 1962, so this is its 50th anniversary," said Joe Walsh, Director of Parks and Recreation. "We want our centers to keep up as our city continues to grow and improve."

The Public Building Authority oversaw the project for the City. Elizabeth Eason Architecture LLC provided the plans and worked with the contractor, Merit Construction Inc., through the entire project.

Larry Cox Senior Center is adjacent to Edgewood Park and primarily serves the senior citizens of North Knoxville. During election time, it is also an official voting site.

For more information on Larry Cox Senior Center programming, please visit www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation/centers/ or call 865-546-1700 for more information.

Knox County Sheriff's Department names Detectives of the Month



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

The Knox County Sheriff's Department recognized its July Detectives of the Month last Tuesday. Pictured left to right are Brian Williams, Miranda Spangler, Joey Cook and Mark Harvey. These officers went above and beyond the call of duty to help keep Knoxville safe.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knoxville Zoo's Valley of the Kings Grand Opening Ceremony. Knoxville Zoo Board Treasurer and Secretary Sharon Miller Pryse, Ann and John Schaad, Mayor Madeline Rogero, Mayor Tim Burchett and Knoxville Zoo Executive Director Jim Vlna cut the 'ribbon' to officially open the Knoxville Zoo's new Valley of the Kings African lion and Hamadryas baboon habitats

Oakwood Elementary School deal finalized, work to begin soon

The plan to develop the run-down Oakwood Elementary School into a private senior living facility has been finalized, and work at the site will likely begin soon, Knoxville Mayor Tim Burchett announced last week. The paperwork closing the deal was signed by all parties, paving the way for this much-anticipated project.

The building, located at 232 E. Churchwell Ave., has been a concern for residents in the Oakwood community and others in North Knoxville for quite some time. Last year, Knoxville County acquired the property from the Knoxville Schools and issued a request for proposal (RFP) to see if someone could develop it for private use. There was only one proposal made at that time, but it didn't work out. Mayor Burchett announced in January that he wanted to try again, so another RFP was issued for the property.

"This is great news for the Oakwood community, and I know many of the neighbors in the area are excited to see this historic property revitalized by

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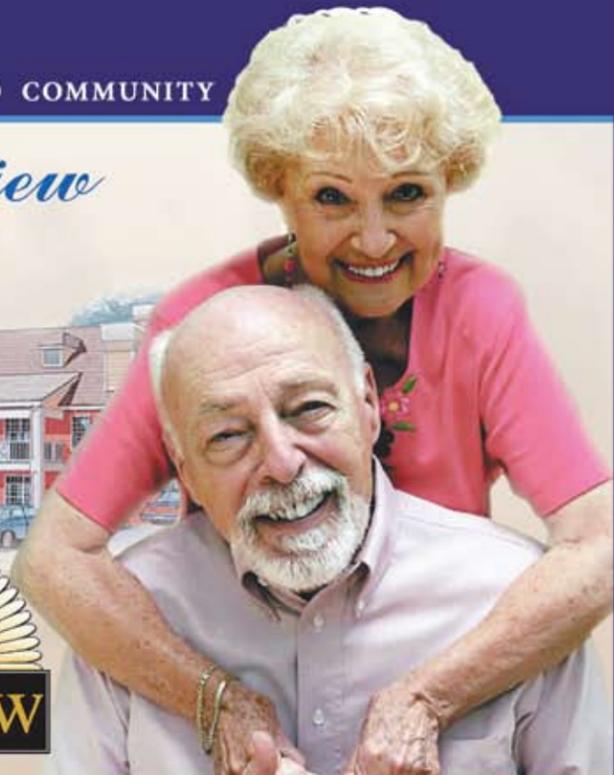
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Kroger 531 Teams up with Young-Williams Animal Center

Kroger 531 on Chapman Highway is collecting wish list items for Young-Williams Animal Center. Next time you visit, be sure to donate an item to the puppy bin decorated by employees Deana Greene and Lisa Ward. Young-Williams has already collected one full bin and are ready to collect a second time. Animals are a very special part of our lives and just buying an item on the wish list can make a big impact on their care. You can also purchase an orange shirt for \$10 and all proceeds go to Young-Williams Animal Center. Save a furry friend and come join in by buying a product to help these animals or purchasing a shirt to wear proudly.



Pension board chairman Ed Shouse spent a long day interviewing multiple perspective applicants to handle the pension fund Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, or TIPS.

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the private sector," Mayor Burchett said. "This has not been easy, but it looks like our work will pay off in the form additional tax revenue, increased property values and safety around this development."

"We are thrilled that Knox County is partnering with a private sector developer to

preserve this iconic neighborhood structure and put it back into productive use," Knox Heritage Executive Director Kim Trent said. "We think this is a model to move problematic government-owned properties back on to the tax rolls."

A formal groundbreaking is planned for mid-September.

The Common Sense

By Marty McKool

Rational, reasonable, valid, coherent, consistent, commonsensical and sound, are all words that suggest old-fashioned common sense. This country was founded, and grew, on these basic thought patterns. What is common sense and where has it gone? Are we living with a diluted or distorted form of common sense? I am a believer in knowledge. My core philosophy is: "Knowledge is a life compass". Think back, way back, before Internet, TV, and radio...

Before any of these commercial communication systems we had to rely on our

senses. Our most common senses were Sight, Hearing, Touch, Taste, and Smell. The human species was (with medical exceptions) gifted with these senses at birth.

The common sense of today and the distant past are very different. The reason is the information learned through our senses comes from very different sources. In the past, the growth of reasoning was simple, pay attention to your senses or die. Touch the flames and burn your hand. Eat or drink bad food and get sick. Watch where you are walking, listen for danger, and smell water. Is it clean and fresh? Does the smoke from some kind

of fire in the distance mean danger or a place of safety? Failing to understand and remember what your senses told you could easily be a death sentence. Today is different.

We now use information that was passed down through generations about dangers we should avoid. We no longer have to experience to learn. Our senses are now developed to enjoy life, not just survive it. The aphrodisiac effects that our senses now create do not protect us but lead us blindly into new forms of danger.

The visual images created by others, through mass media and entertainment,

guide us toward our decision processes. These sources of information are certainly not bad; it is just our way of learning and growing. The sounds and images we see today often convey information that would make bad decisions look like exciting or enticing options.

We should learn to:

1. Recognize lies distortion or misrepresentations
2. Separate fantasy and fiction from true reality in all the mediums.

(This ability is our survival ticket. These new age skills should also be learned and remembered, and passed forward, to new generations.)

We should not make decisions without basic research. Before we vote for a politician, buy a house or car, or even make a decision on insurance products, we need to do some research. That's using our Common Sense. Get knowledge from your friends, and trusted relatives and associates.

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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Fourteen

Pages from
the Political
Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator K. D. McKellar kisses the Cotton Queen, 1945

Senator Kenneth McKellar had been overwhelmingly reelected to an unprecedented (for Tennessee) fifth term in 1940. It was during the decade of the forties that K. D. McKellar earned his reputation as a feudist and reached the peak of his influence and power. There had been occasional flashes of the McKellar temper in previous years, notably when the senator had engaged in a feud with the Superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, J. Ross Eakin. McKellar, who paid very close attention to communications from constituents, received numerous complaints about Eakin and came to believe the Superintendent was a partisan Republican and opponent of President Franklin Roosevelt. The most famous feud of McKellar's Congressional career and one that tarnished his future reputation was with David E. Lilienthal, Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Many historians have attempted to describe the feud between Senator McKellar and Lilienthal as merely a row over political patronage. All too often one is presented with a picture of the noble and faultless TVA Director being resistant to the demands and hiring recommendations made by an irascible and ruthless McKellar. As is almost invariably the case in such disputes, the genesis of the feud between McKellar and Lilienthal was a much more complex affair. McKellar was naturally proud of both the Tennessee Valley Authority as well as his own role in defending the agency from frequent Congressional raids; the senator also prided himself on his ability to continually provide funding for the TVA, oftentimes under extremely difficult circumstances. McKellar worked tirelessly to overcome opposition in Congress from Republicans, many of whom disliked the very concept of the Tennessee Valley Authority. There were a number of conservative Democrats who shared the same philosophy as Republicans and were more sympathetic to the private power interests than the TVA. Many of the fights over the Tennessee Valley Authority's budget were intense and approval was secured inside the Senate Appropriations Committee

by a single vote. One of the most often overlooked aspects regarding Senator Kenneth McKellar is the fact he was one of the very first members of Congress to support the concept of the Tennessee Valley Authority. From 1925 until 1929, Senator McKellar introduced no less than seven different pieces of legislation to transform the Muscle Shoals plant to a government-run project. None of McKellar's bills were successful and when the Tennessean opposed Nebraska Senator George W. Norris's bill in 1928, some concluded McKellar was hostile to the project. McKellar's objection to the Norris bill was the Nebraskan's refusal to accept an amendment to the bill that would have allowed the Federal government to reimburse counties in Tennessee for the property taxes lost on land that would be flooded.

McKellar would tell anyone who would listen his greatest disappointment during his entire Congressional career was President Franklin Roosevelt asking George W. Norris to sponsor the legislation creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. McKellar was quick to point out without providing the funds necessary to keep the TVA operating, there would have been no dams built. McKellar was frequently ahead of the TVA Directors who had been hesitant about building the dams at Loudon, Chickamauga, Gunter'sville, Watts Bar, and Gilbertsville. Senator McKellar was not the least bit hesitant about building any of those dams as he urged construction while the TVA Directors themselves dithered and only the Wheeler and Norris dams had been built.

McKellar did initially oppose construction of Douglas Dam due to the

fact it would flood thousands of acres of rich farmland. Senator McKellar only dropped his opposition after a personal plea from President Roosevelt, who cited the war effort as making the construction of Douglas Dam imperative.

David Lilienthal shrewdly encouraged the belief McKellar was mad at not being able to fill jobs at TVA, but the truth is Senator McKellar would forthrightly reply to constituents interested in employment with the Tennessee Valley Authority that positions were under civil service and his own endorsement would have little or no value.

McKellar's seniority in both the Senate and on the Appropriations Committee was absolutely vital to the TVA's success in Congress, a fact acknowledged by no less than Albert Gore, Sr. who finally defeated McKellar in 1952.

K. D. McKellar was a highly sensitive man, easily offended and McKellar's intense personal dislike of David Lilienthal originated due to the different personalities and temperaments of the two men. McKellar also came to believe, not without reason, that Lilienthal had not been truthful with him on more than one occasion and the old senator had a very low tolerance for individuals who toyed with the truth. McKellar himself, while always courteous to constituents, was plain spoken, if not actually

outspoken. McKellar did not hesitate to tell constituents he did not agree with them and was not above responding to abusive letters in kind.

Eventually, McKellar's dislike of David Lilienthal reached the point where the senator was not entirely rational on the topic of the TVA Director.

As a feudist, McKellar had few peers inside the Senate. Once convinced any person was corrupt, incompetent or a liar, McKellar was a positively relentless antagonist. McKellar was a skilled interrogator and frequently lulled unsuspecting witnesses into believing he was an ineffectual and sleepy old man. The journalist and later best-selling author Allen Drury was a cub reporter for the Associated Press in the early 1940s. Drury kept a personal journal, which was later published as A Senate Journal. Drury's first impressions of the Tennessee senator are worth noting. Drury confessed to his diary McKellar was "a slow bumbling absent-minded typical Senator, likeable enough but a trifle slow on the uptake, well meaning, reasonably honest, shrewd but not in the way some people are shrewd."

Drury's assessment of Tennessee's senior U. S. Senator was to undergo a rapid and significant change after that initial first impression. After watching one of McKellar's performances on the Senate floor, Drury

mused, "And this is the man I used to think was 'not shrewd.'" Drury added, "Over and over again I am learning not to judge politicians at first glance."

The young reporter continued to revise his opinion of Senator McKellar; after relating how McKellar had chosen a particular moment "with impeccable shrewdness" to bring to the Senate floor a Roosevelt measure to provide \$30,000,000 for migratory labor, Drury admiringly concluded, "Old Mack brought a lot of know how out of the hills of Tennessee."

Drury also recorded in his diary an exchange with Senator McKellar, who had been approached by reporters following a session of the Senate. They met McKellar on the Senate floor to discuss amendments the Tennessean proposed to place tighter controls on TVA's funds. Drury expertly brought the scene to life, filling it with rich detail. One of the reporters noted that Shelby County Boss E. H. Crump had announced his personal opposition to the McKellar amendments and asked if it meant a break between the two old allies. McKellar replied, "Oh, no! Oh, no! Oh, no!" Drury wrote the Senator's reply was made "in the hearty scoffing tone which implies the questioner is slightly touched." As the reporters walked away from the interview, one journalist, himself a native of Tennessee, exclaimed, "He's a devil, that McKellar," and

Drury observed the reporter's remark was made with "grudging admiration."

Allen Drury himself finally concluded McKellar was "at seventy-five years old," the toughest in-fighter in the Senate, shrewd, tricky, unscrupulous and ruthless - - - a feudin' son of Tennessee."

Even so powerful a President of the United States as Franklin Delano Roosevelt realized he had to contend with the Senator from Tennessee. FDR summoned Memphis Boss E. H. Crump to the White House for a conference and urged Crump not to support McKellar for reelection in 1946, saying the old senator could not be reelected in any event. Crump, who neither liked nor trusted Roosevelt, snapped back the President was wrong; Senator McKellar would indeed run and be reelected. Roosevelt, contemplating the hell McKellar would raise if David Lilienthal was reappointed, had decided not to send Lilienthal's name to the Senate. Crump proved to be right and McKellar was reelected in 1946 and still remained in the United States Senate long after Franklin Roosevelt was in his grave.

The death of FDR had an unexpected benefit for David Lilienthal. Following Roosevelt's death, Vice President Harry Truman became President and Truman, himself a former member of the Senate, as well as the Appropriations Committee, understood McKellar's power inside the Senate. As there was no sitting Vice President, Truman invited McKellar to sit in on Cabinet meetings. For the first two years of the Truman presidency, McKellar was at the White House virtually every Monday morning. While McKellar considered Truman to be a friend, the President was evidently somewhat less fond of the senator. Even though FDR had concluded he would not reappoint David Lilienthal to the TVA Board of Directors, Truman nominated Lilienthal to serve on the Atomic Energy Commission, an appointment Truman knew would enrage McKellar. Truman predicted to an aide in his customary earthy language the nomination would cause McKellar to have "a shit hemorrhage." The President was not disappointed by Senator McKellar's reaction to his nomination of David Lilienthal.

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Arts & Entertainment



Assembly crew in front of the nearly completed castle, left to right: Boyd Gregory, Jessica Gregory, Anne Cook, Lisa Smith, Rick Green, Missy McGinnis, Jay Johnson, Jennifer Daniel and Kurt Gregory.

Gregory and Bohanan's 'Believe It or Not!'

By Sylvia Williams

"The Recycled Kingdom" is here at last at the Fountain City Art Center, and you will not believe your eyes! Jessica Gregory's castle complex, made entirely of recycled materials, and Linda Leilani Bohanan's animals and human masks took one entire year of planning and constructing. The highest portion of the castle is over 9' tall, with the main body rising to 7'.

Linda's "War Horse" stands tall enough to look you right in the eye. The amount of imagination that went into the creation of the show is immediately

apparent, but viewers need to walk around all angles of the exhibit and enter the castle to catch all the details. Jessica and Linda didn't know each other until paired up by the Fountain City Art Center for this special presentation. Each has been working from her own home with occasional conversations with the other about how the exhibit would come together and how Linda's pieces would be placed in and around the castle.

Quite a bit of architectural and engineering know-how had to be applied to the castle and to some of the larger animals as

well. Jessica says that she couldn't have accomplished this feat without help from friends and family. Among those who helped along the way and were involved in the final assembly at the Art Center were: Lisa Smith of Big Fatty's Catering Kitchen, Anne Cook, Jennifer Daniel, Missy McGinnis, Jay Johnson, Rick Green, Jessica's father Boyd Gregory, and her brother Kurt Gregory. Lisa Smith and Big Fatty's catered the reception as Jessica's sponsor for the exhibit.

Also showing at the Center in "Student Exhibits" are watercolors

and oils by the students of Kate McCullough, Rob White, and Charles "Chico" Osten. This exhibit and "The Recycled Kingdom" are open to the public up to September 28, to be followed by the 3 day fall festival, Art-a-palooza, October 4-6. Center hours are: Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5, Saturdays 9-1. No admission is charged for exhibits. The Center is located at 213 Hotel Avenue, 37918. For more information about exhibits, special events, and classes and workshops: 865.357.2787; fcartcenter@knology.net; www.fountaincityartctr.com. We're also on Facebook!

Yoakley to Speak at September Guild Meeting

English teacher James Yoakley knows a thing or two about censorship. As journalism adviser for Lenoir City High School for six years, Yoakley juggled student expression with the public school's censoring of student publications. He will share his experiences at the next Knoxville Writers' Guild meeting.

The event, which will be open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Laurel Theater, at the corner of Laurel Avenue and 16th Street in Fort Sanders. A \$2 donation is requested at the door. The building is handicapped accessible. Additional parking is available at Redeemer Church of Knoxville, 1642 Highland Ave.

Last May, Yoakley was removed from his position as LCHS English department chair and journalism adviser after the release of the 2011-12 LCHS yearbook. The yearbook's theme was "In My Element" and included a profile of a gay student written by a student on the yearbook staff. The controversy received national attention after Van Shaver, a Loudon County school board member, called for Yoakley's termination.

Yoakley, who was transferred to Lenoir City Middle School by Lenoir City superintendent, Wayne Miller, following the controversy, will



James Yoakley

talk about this and other incidents at the meeting.

"I will be speaking about my experiences this year with high school journalism and censorship," he said.

LCHS and the journalism department also made national news in February, when an editorial entitled, "No Rights: The Life of an Atheist," written by the school newspaper's student editor, Krystal Myers, was censored by school administrators.

Yoakley taught at LCHS for 11 years, serving five years as department chair. The yearbooks he advised have received numerous recognitions from both the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. In 2010, he presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Convention.

Additional information about the Knoxville Writers' Guild and its events can be found at www.knoxville-writersguild.org.



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Beep Beep: Panthers slow down the Roadrunners 35-14

By Bill Mynatt, Radio Voice of Powell Panther Football on AM 620 WRJZ
 PowellFootballRadioVoice@yahoo.com

The Powell Panthers improved to 2-0 on Friday with a solid 35-14 win over Austin-East at Sam Anderson Field. It was the first time a Powell team had traveled to A-E since 1994. In the process, the Panthers won its 24th consecutive regular season game dating back to the 2009

season.

After its defense held the Roadrunners to a 3 and out on the game's opening offensive possession, Powell wasted little time beginning a 59 yard 10 play scoring drive. The Panthers scored on a 1 yard run by senior running back Montario Washington. Austin Rogers' kick made the score 7-0 Powell at the 5:36 mark of the first quarter.

Powell added to the lead

at the 8:18 mark of the second quarter on another TD run by Washington, this time from 6 yards way. That was a 6 play 64 yard drive that took just over 2 ½ minutes to complete. Rogers again kicked the point after, and Powell led 14-0.

Powell extended the lead to 21-0 when quarterback Hagen Owenby found Andrew Cox in the end zone on an 8 yard TD pass with just 27 seconds remaining

in the half. Rogers again was good on the extra point, and Powell took the 3 score lead to the locker room at the half.

Washington's first half ground performance was exactly what the doctor ordered, according to Panther head coach Derek Rang.

"That was the hardest I have seen Montario run", Rang said. "It was like he was on a mission. He put his foot down on the

ground, and that is what we want to see him do. He's a great kid; he competes, and tonight was perhaps his coming out party."

While Washington had a great first half, Rang was very happy with the play of his entire offense during the first 24 minutes of the contest.

"Our wide receivers were blocking well, our linemen were blocking well, and our running backs were running hard all night long. I

was just a good effort by our offense."

Powell extended the lead to 28-0 after it took the second half kickoff and went 50 yards in just 1:01 and 4 plays. The TD came on a run by junior Tyshawn Gardin, his first of two in the half. Rogers kicked the point after, and the Panthers were cruising.

Austin-East showed some pride, however, as it

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PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS.

Gibbs quarterback Jay Cade rushes for yards during Friday's home non-conference win against Claiborne by a score of 45-14.

Oak Ridge starts fast, notches comeback win at Farragut

By Ken Lay

When Oak Ridge High School quarterback Rian Hall scampered for a 14-yard touchdown to give the Wildcats a 21-0 lead late in the first quarter it looked like the season opener would be an easy win.

But nothing would come easy for the Wildcats, who had to notch a 28-24 comeback win over Farragut Friday night before a packed house at Farragut's Bill Clabo Field.

Oak Ridge started fast, scoring 21 first-quarter points.

But the Admirals (0-2), who dug themselves an early hole for the second consecutive week, didn't go quietly on this night.

Farragut used an interception and a blocked punt by Justin Brabson to shift the momentum.

"We had a blocked punt by Jacob Brabson and that was huge," said Farragut quarterback Bryan Phillips, who threw for 270 yards and rushed for all three Admirals' touchdowns.

Trailing 21-0, the Admirals got on the board when Jonathan King hit a 24-yard field goal with 2 minutes, 51 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

Farragut pulled to within 21-10 on a 3-yard plunge by Phillips just before halftime.

The Admirals were again dominant in the third quarter as Phillips had touchdown runs of one and 36 yards in the frame. Farragut took a its first lead of the season Phillips' second touchdown of the period. Phillips' 1-yard run was set up by a 29-yard reception by Christian Jetton.

"He told me that he was cramping at the 1-yard line and that was good for me because it gave me a chance to score," Phillips said.

Oak Ridge (1-0), which scored on its first three possessions, scored the only points of the final quarter. Hall connected with Ethan Wheeler from 22 yards out to give the Wildcats the deciding margin.

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Touchdown With 30 Seconds Left Wins It for West

By David Klein

Sixteen yards for 16. Touchdown! West's Jeff Francis threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Zach Stuart with 30.1 seconds left to lift the Rebels to a 27-26 win over the visiting Fulton Falcons.

"I kind of looked at the bounds. I didn't know I was in. I thought I was out," Stuart said of his game-winning catch.

"We went out for that last drive. I said let's do this guys," West High School Head Coach Scott Cummings said of the game-winning drive.

After a first quarter West field goal by Stuart Hall, the offensive explosion for both teams took off in the second quarter. West quarterback Jeff Francis scampered 20 yards for a touchdown. On the play, Francis

took a shotgun snap, ran left, and was stopped, then cut back around the right corner for the score and a 10-0 lead.

Fulton then forced a fumble on West's next possession, then took their offense 12 plays, capping off the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run by Daryl Rollins, his first of three touchdowns on the night. The two-point conversion

attempt was no good.

West immediately responded with another drive. A key first down came on Cameron Trainer's catch for 15 yards. Francis caught the West defense napping with a play fake, then threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Alec Queisser. West extended their lead to 17-6.

Lightning then struck for

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Vols vs. North Carolina State... Who ya got?

By Alex Norman

Ever since the clock struck zero in Lexington on the last Saturday in November, the Vols, and their fans, have been looking towards the 2012 season opener against the Wolfpack of North Carolina State.

This week... that game will be played. Friday, August 31st at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta to be specific.

Tennessee's 10-7 loss to Kentucky not only snapped Tennessee's 26 game win streak against the Wildcats... but it flipped the switch for many Vols fans. They would be patient no longer after two consecutive losing seasons, something that hadn't happened in more a century at Tennessee.

UT head coach Derek Dooley knows this better than anyone. Coaches can say that they don't read the newspapers or watch television or listen to sports talk radio, but that doesn't mean they live in a bubble.

For many fans, as irrational as it may be, the entire season comes down to a non-conference contest on a neutral field... in August.

At North Carolina State, the fans aren't nearly as rabid (it is basketball country after all), but they are expecting improvement from a group that is 33-30 in head coach Tom O'Brien's first five seasons, with a mediocre 18-22 mark in ACC play.

Like Dooley, the pressure is on O'Brien to deliver. Not next year, but now.

So, let's look at the match-up.

The Vols passing game was supposed to be the strength of this team. However, it took a big hit when star receiver Da'Rick Rogers, a junior, was suspended indefinitely last week for a "violation of team rules."

But UT still has the potential to achieve big things in this area. Junior quarterback Tyler Bray is on plenty of mock draft lists, and likely leaves for the NFL after this season.

His top weapon is junior receiver Justin Hunter, a guy that will probably be playing on Sundays as well in 2013. Junior college transfer Cordarrelle Patterson is also in the fold. After that? Some major question marks, with senior Zach Rogers and true freshman Cody Blanc (from Knoxville Central HS) listed on the UT depth chart as second stringers.

If you make the drive to Raleigh, you'll see a pretty good secondary waiting for the opportunity to match up with the Vols.

Safeties Brandon Bishop and Earl Wolff, cornerback and C.J. Wilson are all seniors, and have tons of experience,

having seen significant playing time since their freshman season.

Junior All-American David Amerson, a cornerback, likely will see one-on-one matchups with Hunter or Rogers. The Wolfpack collected 27 interceptions in 2011, more than any other team in the county.

The rest of Tennessee's offense is a work in progress. The Vols offensive line, led by Ja'Wuan James and Dallas Thomas (the only senior starter) is deep and talented, but can they put it together to give Bray time, and/or to open holes for running backs like Rajion Neal and Devrin Young to run through? The Vols rushing attack was one of the worst in the nation in 2011. They'll have to do at least an adequate job if they want to start 1-0.

This is an issue for the Wolfpack, because while the defensive line brings back upper classmen like Brian Slay and Darryl Cato-Bishop, the linebacking core is short on experience. Look for Tennessee to exploit that area of the field, between the line and the secondary.

Switching it up... it is often a big bonus to have a senior quarterback under center. North Carolina State has one in Mike Glennon. In 2011 he threw for over 3000 yards and 31 touchdowns. Most importantly, he was a big reason why the Wolfpack won their last three games, including the Belk Bowl over Louisville. In those wins over Clemson, Maryville and the Cardinals, Glennon totaled ten touchdown passes and only two interceptions.

The Vols new 3-4 defensive alignment will have to get enough pressure on Glennon to keep him from finding his targets. If linemen Daniel McCullers, Maurice Couch, and Darrington Sentimore can clog those running lanes, Tennessee linebackers Curt Maggitt and A.J. Johnson will be free to help in pass coverage or attack Glennon.

The wise guys in Nevada have installed the Vols as a four point favorite. Most experts expect a close game... which means it could come down to the kickers. The prospect of a game on the line and resting on the cleat of their kicker gives Tennessee fans chills. The kicking game has been a problem at UT for years. Michael Palardy has had confidence issues, but by all accounts has been terrific in fall camp.

Tennessee and North Carolina State. Two programs in need of a big season... and both have the rosters to make it happen.

The first chance to prove it comes Friday night...

So who ya got?

Dooley needs to take a different approach

Derek Dooley is now zero for three in his attempts to hang on to prima donna University of Tennessee football players.



By Steve Williams

It was Bryce Brown in 2010, Janzen Jackson last year and now Da'Rick Rogers.

The third-year UT head

coach needs to try a different approach. Hold each player on his team to the same set of rules and apply appropriate discipline consistently, regardless of what effect that may have on winning a game.

It wouldn't take long for players to know what was expected of them and what the consequences would be for crossing the line.

Such an approach would build good team morale and a program we all could have

pride in and respect.

And believe it or not, teams can win, even with star players on the bench.

The positive momentum that was escalating with the new season on the horizon took an 180 degree turn when the news hit last Thursday that Rogers had been suspended indefinitely for violating team rules and was unlikely to return. The timing was just awful, with the season opener against North Carolina State just

eight days away.

Rogers, an All-SEC wide receiver as a sophomore last year and ranked among the top five in the nation at his position, has been in and out of the doghouse since his arrival from Calhoun, Ga., as a five-star recruit in Dooley's first signing class.

In his first summer on campus in 2010, Rogers was arrested after a fight at a Knoxville bar.

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CAK could add to Knox County's state record total

By Steve Williams

Knoxville high school football players – past and present – own some impressive state records.

Christian Academy of Knoxville quarterback Charlie High put his name in the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association record book in several categories as he led CAK to the Class 3A state title last season and the Warriors picked up where they left off in their season-opening 76-45 win at Anderson County on August 17.

CAK fans might want to keep a copy of the TSSAA state marks close at hand as the 2012 season unfolds. If the first game was a sign of things to come, more state records could be forthcoming.

Josh Smith, Christian Academy wide receiver and University of Tennessee commitment, didn't set a state record in the high-scoring game against Anderson County but his six touchdowns – four on receptions and two on punt returns – will get his name on the TSSAA's list of all-time great performances.

Eddie Byrge, playing for Huntsville, set the state record for most touchdowns scored in a game (11) on Oct. 26, 1968 against Sunbright and that

mark still stands today. Byrge totaled 78 points in that game, which also remains the record.

High accounted for eight touchdowns against Anderson County, throwing for seven to equal his career best in last year's state title win over Milan and running for one. He finished the night with 29 pass completions in 37 attempts for 493 yards.

Last season, High set six state records for completions (357), attempts (484), passing yards (5,191), TD passes (65), TD passes and runs combined (69) and total offensive yardage including passing and rushing (5,357).

Smith, a 6-2, 185-pounder with great hands, may have his sights set on the state record of 25 touchdown catches in a season. His 22 TD receptions last year tied for the second most in state history.

Teammate Davis Howell, who caught nine passes against the Mavericks, including two for touchdowns, totaled 105 receptions last year, the second most ever in the state. Howell had 20 TD catches last year, which ranks No. 3 on the state's all-time chart.

Over the years, several other players from Knox County teams have had state record-setting performances.

Touchdown With 30 Seconds Left Wins It for West

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the Fulton Falcons. Rollins took a kickoff at the 8-yard-line then churned up field for a 92-yard touchdown run. The Falcons two-point conversion attempt failed. That's where the first half ended with West leading 17-12, but with the Falcons capturing the momentum

"We talked about it during the week," Fulton Head Coach Rob Black

said. "There's three phases of the game, offense, defense, and the kicking game. In kicking game tonight he came up big for us. Two big returns right there, when they had a chance to run away with it."

For the Falcons, the drama was just heating up. Rollins took West's kickoff back 32 yards. On the next play and the first offensive snap of the second half, Rollins ran a

64-yard toss play around left end for a touchdown. The Falcons would miss the two-point conversion but had the lead 18-17.

West would retake the lead 20-18 on a 25-yard field goal by Stuart Hall. Fulton wasn't done yet. It would pound the ball inside play after play, starting their drive from their own 48-yard line. Jolante Castle scored from five yards out with four minutes remaining to

give Fulton a 24-20 lead. This time, the Falcons converted the two-point conversion to lead 26-20.

And that's when Francis and West's late game heroics took over. "Bottom line is, without a Ryan Francis, we don't win that football game," West Head Coach Scott Cummings said. "You gotta have that senior leadership," he emphasized.

Beep Beep: Panthers slow down the Roadrunners 35-14

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took the kickoff and began its first of two second half scoring drives.

On 4th and goal, junior Devin Williams powered in to the end zone from a yard away to get the Roadrunners on the board. That culminated a 5 minute 10 play drive, covering 84 yards. A-E went for 2, but came up short.

Each team added a final touchdown in the 4th quarter.

Powell's came on a second Gardin TD run, this time an electrifying sprint from 61 yards out. Gardin broke a couple of tackles at the line, and then cut back across the field and raced past the secondary to score. Rogers kick pushed the led to 35-6 with 8:48 left in the game.

A-E then received the kickoff and took nearly 8 minutes off the clock in going 76 yards to score. The touchdown came on a 10 yard pass from quarterback Keishaun Johnson to Davion Cantrell. Johnson then scooted around the right side of the line and in to the end zone for

a two point conversion, cutting the eventual winning margin to 17.

After being held to just over 250 yards of offense in the opener a week ago against Rhea County, Powell's offense exploded for 442 total yards against the Roadrunners, 377 of those on the ground.

Owenby led the way with 132 yards on 12 carries, followed closely by Washington's 114 – also on 12 tries. Gardin totaled 90 rushing yards on just 6 carries.

Owenby completed 7 of his 13 pass attempts, good for 65 yards.

Austin East totaled 281 yards of offense, 195 of those through the air. Johnson connected on 11 of 25 attempts, and was intercepted twice. He also led his team on the ground with 72 net yards on 24 tries.

coach.

"Man, they were really flying around tonight", Rang enthusiastically told me. "That's one of the things that Coach (defensive coordinator) Hawkins has had his guy do the last couple of years is really be aggressive, and he always has them prepared for every game. They fly to the ball and they create havoc, and I think one of the things that has been lost in the whole resurgence of Powell High Football is just how well the defenses have played under Coach Hawkins and that entire defensive staff."

Just as he had against Rhea County a week ago, defensive lineman Shar'ron Moore led the defensive charge. The 5'11" and 225 pound Moore followed up his 15 tackle – 3 sack game last week with another monster effort. Against the Roadrunners, Moore registered 9 total tackles, 7 of them for loss, and he registered 4 sacks. Senior linebacker Devin Scott registered 8 tackles, Josh Singleton and Jonathan Strozyk 7 each, and Jacob

Bezark, Cody Jett, and Hunter Wooliver 6 apiece.

Strozyk added to his school career record interception total with his second of the year and 16th of his career. Scott also had a pick for the Panthers.

With the Austin-East game now in the win column, the Panthers begin a stretch of 8 consecutive District 3AAA games this Thursday when arch rival Halls comes to Scarbro Stadium. Even though Rang has yet to experience a Battle of Emory Road, he is fully aware of just what the rivalry means to the two communities, but he also wants his team to keep the game in its proper perspective.

"There is going to be a lot of talk about the whole Halls-Powell rivalry this week, but for us as a coaching staff it is still a football game. If we can play with the kind of effort and enthusiasm that we showed against Austin East, then we are going to be hard to handle on Thursday night."



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 High Game Scratch--Male
 226 John Fisher
 224 Hubert Gusby
 220 Gene Allmon
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 580 John Fisher
 575 Bill McMillan
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 198 Linda Worth
 176 Chris Loveday
 171 Janet Huffaker
 High Series Scratch--Female
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 464 Janet Huffaker
 455 Betty Phillips
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214 Richard Davis
 204 Henry Rolen
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 640 Gene Allmon
 576 Ed Beatty
 566 Richard Davis
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 124 Wanda Reed
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 300 Ed Beatty
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 750 Bill Byrge
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 220 Bobbie Fisher
 219 Beulah Armetta
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 551 Bobbie Fisher
 531 Beulah Armetta

Lady Beavers fight hard for win over Lady Rebels

By Ken Lay

When the Karns High School volleyball team quickly won the first two games of its match against West it appeared that the Lady Beavers would make short work of the Lady Rebels. It didn't quite happen that way. Karns would win but it would take a while for the Lady Beavers to close the match with a 25-16, 25-13, 19-25, 25-23 victory over the Lady Rebels Wednesday night at Karns High School. The young Lady Beavers, who opened the season with a three-set victory over Lenoir City on Tuesday, had little trouble with West early, But the third set was a different story. The Lady Rebels got some momentum and only trailed twice before nabbing the third game. West (1-1) then opened a 17-10 lead in the fourth game before Karns, which was without the services of Jessica Severs, came storming back to steal the fourth game and claim the match. Severs missed the match due to a high ankle sprain.

If the Lady Beavers wanted an excuse to lose, it was there. But Karns and coach Kynette Williams don't make excuses. "We were without Jessica Severs but that gives our younger players a chance to step up and play," Williams said. "So we're good." Trailing 20-14 in the deciding set, Karns rallied as Madison Underwood scored three consecutive points, after a side-out, to pull the Lady Beavers to within 20-18 and West coach Jessica Lee called a timeout. After the timeout, the Lady Rebels scored the next point to go ahead 21-18 before a side-out and service ace by Lindsey Wright pulled Karns to within 21-20. West then took a 23-20 lead before the Lady scored the next five points to put the Lady Rebels away. "Lindsey Wright really bailed us out," Williams said. "She bailed us out with her serves, her kills and her blocks. "I'm glad that things happened like this because I got to see how

the kids responded," Williams said. "In the past, we would've put this kind of match away. "But this shows the youth of our team and I told them that when you get a team down 2-0, you have to finish." Karns did finish strong on this night, scoring the final five points. Briauna Ryans finished with six kills and three aces for Karns and Paula Savage added 10 kills. Even in defeat, Lee found plenty of positives for her young squad. "We're coming along," Lee said. "We're young. We only have one senior and the rest are freshmen and sophomores. "We came in and we were a little hesitant because we thought Karns was better than they are. It took us awhile to get warmed up and realize that we could play with them." Peyton Walker finished with 25 kills for West. Shannon Owens finished with eight kills. Lane Brandt scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels.



By Deana Greene

The Seymour Lady Eagles Soccer team did a fundraiser carwash at the Kroger in Seymour on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Seymour people came out to support our girls and we did quite well. The Lady Eagles Soccer team would like to welcome all the new freshman girls. Freshman girls are Kalei Greene, DD Dutcher, Taylor Lane, Lily Marine and Alexis. Many thanks to all of our customers, Seymour Kroger, Chapman Square Kroger, and all the places that donated cleaning supplies. Seymour Lady Eagles are selling tickets to the Sevier County Fair for \$15.00 allowing you a savings of \$3 dollars and the team gets \$5 dollars for every ticket sold. Tickets are still available so see somebody on the team and get your tickets today! Sevier County Fair is Sept. 3rd thru Sept. 8th. Thanks For The Support Seymour!

Halls girls win against Central

By Ken Lay

The 2012 season started on a winning note for the Halls High School girls soccer team. Three different players scored for the Lady Devils in a 3-0 win over Black Oak Ridge rival Central Tuesday night at Halls in the season opener for both schools in a game that was the debut for coaches Mike Horner (Halls) and Russ Wise. Haley Miller, Liz Denton and Courtney Stephens each scored for the Lady Devils,

who led 2-0 at halftime. "Our defense was really strong and our [goal] keeper, Lauren Biliter played really well," said Horner, a longtime Halls assistant, who notched his first win as Lady Devils' head coach. "She made some big saves and had zero errors. "Central got three or four really good shots against her." Horner may have notched his first win but he had plenty of praise for the Lady Bobcats' effort.

"You have to give Central credit," he said. "They didn't get down. They didn't give up and they played extremely hard." Halls got a stellar effort from freshman defender Kaleigh Bray, according to Horner. "She played well. She played hard and she played all 80 minutes," Horner said of his rookie defender. "Our defense played really strong."

Dooley needs to take a different approach

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upset loss at Kentucky, Rogers, along with quarterback Tyler Bray, were accused by an outgoing senior teammate of caring only about their personal statistics and not being interested in playing in a lower-tier bowl game. Some believe confrontations with Rogers contributed to veteran receivers coach Charlie Baggett leaving the team after last season. Rogers was banned from off-season team activities for two weeks earlier this year. He was reported to have made a physical threat to a strength coach in March. He missed part of spring practice and there was a rumor he was considering transferring to Georgia State, which just so happens to be the second game on Tennessee's schedule. But Rogers appeared to have made solid improvement as a team player over the summer, even talking about helping younger teammates during interviews. The patience Dooley had taken with Rogers looked like it was paying off. But "recent events" led to the suspension, said Dooley. Just another example that if you play with fire, you're gonna get burned. Maybe Dooley has learned that now.

In announcing the suspension of Rogers, Dooley did tell us something he has learned for sure. "When you get into the coaching profession, you quickly learn that probably the No. 1 professional hazard is the behavior of 18 to 22-year-olds," he said. "I can assure you guys this, that there's not one player, there's really not one member in the whole organization that we're not prepared to go play without." Hopefully, that includes the starting quarterback as well as a third-string guard. And hopefully, the Vols can overcome this latest distraction. Another Rogers will help steady the ship. Zach Rogers, a senior, will play the slot and join talented wideouts Justin Hunter and Cordarrelle Patterson, the nation's top ranked junior college player last season. Knoxville Central product Cody Blanc, a true freshman, may also get the opportunity to contribute. This latest blow may actually turn out to be good for this year's team. The bad apple is out of the barrel. But it doesn't help Dooley's cause as far as his shaky job status is concerned, unless he means what he says and takes a new approach to team discipline.

Oak Ridge starts fast, notches comeback win at Farragut

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Farragut missed two chances to continue its six-game winning streak against the Wildcats. The Admirals failed to convert a fourth-and-10 when Phillips was sacked. Phillips also threw a late interception that sealed Oak Ridge's win. The Wildcats took a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter on a 4-yard run by Matt Moore. Oak Ridge extended its advantage to 14-0 when Hall, who went 8-for-20 with 193 yards

and two touchdowns, connected with 79 yards out midway through the first quarter. This week the Wildcats and Admirals open district play. Oak Ridge travels to Central Thursday night in the District 3-AAA opener for both schools. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. Meanwhile, Farragut invades Catholic Saturday night in the District 4-AAA opener for both teams. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30.

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CAK Class AA, D4	vs. Anderson County W 76-45	vs. Darlington Rd Christian TBA	vs. Stone Memorial	vs. Knoxville Grace	vs. Loudon	vs. Gibbs	vs. Scott County	OPEN	vs. Kingston	vs. LaVergne	vs. Alcoa
FARRAGUT Class AAA, D4	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L 42-14	vs. Oak Ridge L 24-28	vs. Knoxville Catholic	vs. McMinn County	vs. Knoxville West	OPEN	vs. Heritage	vs. Bearden	vs. Maryville	vs. Lenoir City	vs. William Blount
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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Windows of the Soul

They say that the eyes are the windows of the soul. It's hard to know who first uttered this beautiful metaphor. Luminaries such as Cicero, Jesus, Shakespeare and others have made this philosophical observation and opined that we are more than the sum of our parts.

I'm afraid I may repeat myself at times. It's hard for me to remember what I wrote even last week so I'm sure my perspectives and principles often bubble to the surface again and again. However, an actor on stage never gives the same performance and his audience changes over time. So, if you've heard something before, I hope you'll cut me a little slack

and read again with fresh eyes.

It's quite common for patients to ask me about their visual problems. In fact, we routinely ask diabetic patients to get a yearly dilated eye exam so they can be treated. We know that careful control of blood sugar can lessen the incidence diabetic complications primarily by reducing vascular damage. Diabetes produces accelerated hardening of the large arteries which can cause strokes and heart attacks, and also damages the small arteries leading to kidney failure, painful neuropathy (nerve disease) and eye hemorrhages.

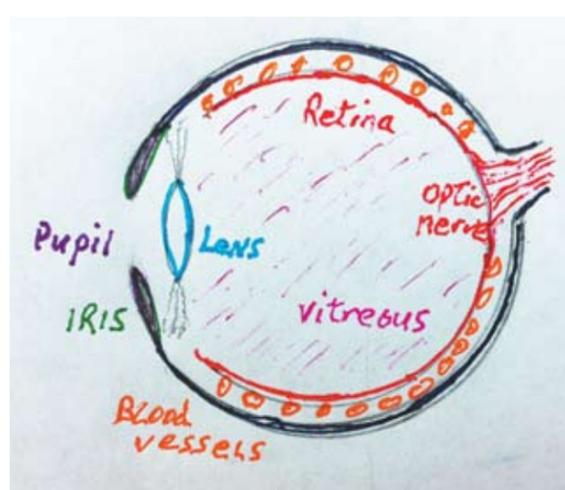
I find it fascinating that so many diseases are caused by vascular problems. Someday we may find that the root cause of all illness and even aging is a genetic problem of a vascular nature. Obviously, accidents and wars are an exception to this hypothetical basic mechanism. And some would argue that cancer is an exception. However, many cancers are due to toxic exposure in a genetically predisposed person. Cancer is also associated with an aging immune system which can no longer round up and destroy cancer cells that spring up every day in our bodies. How interesting that we now have drugs which target the growth factors of tumor cells which produce new blood vessels that supply the growing cancer. And by blocking growth factors we hinder the vascular supply of these tumors and hopefully choke them to death.

To help patients understand their problems I often start with an anatomy lesson. Imagine a tennis ball with a small hole cut in one side. If you were to look through that hole you'd see the back wall of the tennis ball, even though a poet might see the soul. Consider my

sketch of the eye. The hole at the front of the ball is the pupil that can dilate or constrict to regulate the amount of light that passes through and shines on the back of the eye where the retina is attached. Within the retina are the specialized cells which react to light and generate a nerve impulse that travels over the optic nerve to the brain where the reflection is interpreted.

Eye problems can occur in the iris that controls the pupil aperture like that of a camera. This is known as iritis or inflammation of the iris. The light-focusing lens behind the pupil can become cloudy because a lifetime of ultraviolet light exposure causes the proteins in the lens to break down and opacify the normally clear lens. The common cataract operation removes the cloudy lens and replaces it with a clear man made one.

You might be surprised to learn that much of the center of your eye is filled with a clear jelly like substance called the vitreous. This filler supports and protects the delicate retina and keeps it from peeling off the back wall. A retinal detachment occurs when this happens. As the vitreous proteins age they partially liquefy analogous



to Jell-O that separates in the refrigerator. As the vitreous contracts and shifts pieces break off and often are perceived as "floaters." Occasionally, bright flashes of light are seen. These can indicate a retinal detachment and should be evaluated immediately.

Conceptually, the back of the eye with the retina and the underlying blood vessels is complicated and perhaps a bit arcane. The most important thing to realize is that blood vessel disease leads to poor circulation and inadequate delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the retina. The resulting poor circulation causes the release of vascular growth factors that stimulate the growth of new vascular channels.

Unfortunately, these new vessels are fragile and easily rupture resulting in hemorrhage into the vitreous and blindness.

There are exciting new medications and treatments for vascular eye disease in the 21st century. Even conditions like retinal vein occlusion which were virtually untreatable five years ago can be managed with agents that retard vascular growth factors and hemorrhage prone neovascularization (new blood vessels).

It is a brave new world with new treatments and innovations every day. A far cry from the "consultation and a pill" that some seem to favor.

Food for thought...

Blessings to others

I remember hearing her crystal clear soprano voice long before I even met her. Rev. Bruce Forlines introduced Angela and told that she was only five years old when he began his ministry at



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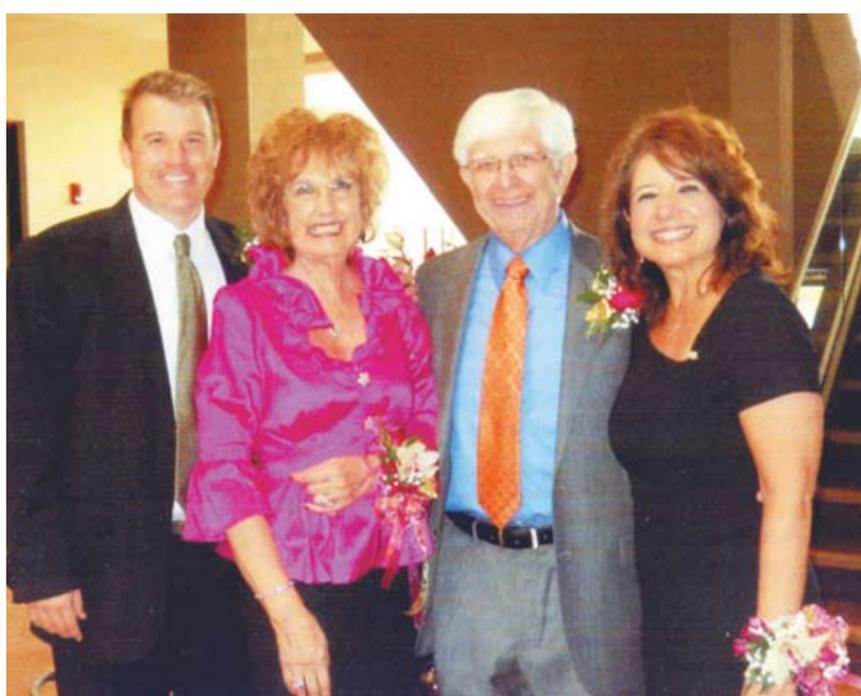
girl told her grandmother during Vacation Bible School years later, Angela is a "music doctor." For several years, the "music doctor" was on the staff of Georgetown College in Kentucky. It was in the Blue-

grass State that Angela met her future husband, Dr. Tim Holder, who taught at Morehead State University. Tim and Angela were wed in a lovely ceremony at Wallace Memorial and eventually moved to Tennessee. Dr. Angela Easterday Holder is an Associate Professor of Music at her alma mater, Carson-Newman College, and Dr. Timothy Holder is an Associate

Professor of History at Walters State Community College.

The move of these college professors to the Volunteer State gave their fellow church members and community the benefit of their time, talent, and friendship. Together, this couple leads a Sunday School class at Wallace Memorial. Angela occasionally substitutes for the Minister of Music and is frequently a featured soloist at church. My favorite song to hear her sing is "Give Me Jesus." Tim has also served as chairman of the deacons. I have heard him teach; I have heard him preach; and I have a lot of nerve to write about this writer! He graciously

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Tim Holder, Carol and Jack Easterday, and Angela Easterday Holder at the Easterdays' 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Photo by Ralphine Major

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Faith

Listening to God

Tall, slender, blonde and brave, This past July, the ongoing search for clues as to what happened to Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, continued on the remote island of Nikumaroro. It is a tiny uninhabited island in the southwestern Pacific republic of Kiribati. Amelia's plane, a Lockheed Electra 10E disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937 in a record attempt to fly around the world at the equator. Her final resting place has long been a mystery. Nikumaroro was some 300 miles southeast of Earhart's target destination, Howland Island.

A number of artifacts recovered suggest that Earhart and her navigator made a forced landing on the island's smooth, flat coral reef. Earhart sent her final radio transmission on July 2, 1937, when they disappeared in the final minutes

of a flight from Lae, New Guinea. At 07:42 local time, as she flew toward the target destination, Earhart called the Coast Guard cutter Itasca, stationed at Howland Island, for support. "We must be on you, but cannot see you -- but gas is running low. Have been unable to reach you by radio. We are flying at 1,000 feet," she said. Earhart's final inflight radio message went out an hour later, at 08:43.

What went wrong? The latest clues suggest that as Amelia took off earlier that morning from New Guinea, the antenna that received radio transmissions was damaged from the bumpy runway. Amelia was able to send out messages, but unable to receive any. Repeated attempts were made to give her more detailed flight instructions, but she never heard one of those messages. For the support crew on the ground, this must have been maddening. Communication fails miserably when it is only one way.

This gives me thought about how well we listen to God. No doubt many people are sending up messages to God. We give God our

advice, suggestions, observations, and requests. But do we just practice one-way communication? Are we listening for God's voice?

This begs the question, how do I hear His voice? I believe God is attempting to speak to us in a number of ways. First, God has much to say to us about how He wants us to live through the Bible. Second, God speaks to us by impressing thoughts and feelings into our hearts and minds through His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God given to His disciples. The Spirit helps us in communicating with God. We must always weigh these thoughts against the Word of God to make sure these are not coming from our enemy, the Devil. Third, God uses others to speak a word to us. It is important to have Godly friends that we can have pray for us and for them to listen to God's leading for our lives. Fourth, God speaks through dreams and visions. Again, we must weigh these against the Word of God. Each of these serve as antennas to receive God's personal message to us. Be listening!

Blessings to others

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appeared in my "Silent Witness" column, Focus 2-27-12. Tim comes from a military family, and he has authored or co-authored eleven books, including "Double Crossed," "Ask the Professor: What Freshmen need to Know 2.0," as well as "Influential Christians," and "Nixon and His Men: The Road through Watergate."

Carol Hobby was only fourteen years old when she became the church pianist. Even after she became Mrs. Jack Easterday, her dedication never declined as she balanced family and career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and K-25. Recently, one church member reminded me of the plaque placed on the piano commemorating Carol's forty years as Wallace Memorial's pianist!

She has now served faithfully as the pianist for fifty-four years using her amazing talent to honor God. It is a rare and special treat when this mother-daughter duo shares their talent and love of music with the congregation.

Jack is a deacon and was the narrator for Wallace Memorial's long-running Living Christmas Tree until health issues sidelined him. In fact, both couples have been involved in the Living Christmas Tree for many years: Jack as narrator, Carol as pianist, Angela as a soloist and choir member, and Tim as a member of the pageantry cast. A retired insurance sales manager for American General and Jefferson Pilot Insurance Companies, Jack is outgoing and personable--traits which endear him to so many.

My brother still recalls that Jack Easterday was the first one who spoke to him and made him feel welcome when he visited Wallace Memorial. Through all kinds of circumstances, Jack seems to never lose his humor. Once, when we were complimenting Angela's song, Jack said that her trained talent cost him \$10,000 a note! On a more serious note, he told me on a recent Sunday morning, "Carol has been a blessing to me every day of my life."

Fifty years ago to the day after Jack and Carol were married at Wallace Memorial, family and friends celebrated with them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a reception hosted by their daughter and son-in-law. It was great fun to see their display of family photos and videos of this

"young" couple with their baby girl. What a joy-filled life they have shared together, and what a blessing all of them have been to their church, community, and workplaces. No greater compliment can be paid to Jack and Carol than the words Angela and Tim shared: "they are truly the Christian examples and leaders in our family."

I stand in awe of the accomplishments, talent, dedication, and sincerity of these loving families.

But, what impresses me most is their attitude of humbleness. It gives so much more meaning to all they are and all they do. "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy (church with a heart in the heart of Karns) will again open the doors of the Family Life Center kitchen for Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:45-6:30 p.m. Just think, a full meal with dessert for only \$5, children under 10 yrs \$3 and families, \$16. Call by Monday for reservations. Everyone is welcome to stay for our after dinner classes and activities for youth and adults. Nursery care will be provided upon request. Please call by Monday for information and reservations 690-1060.

Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing Boxes Of Blessings (food) on Saturday, September 8, 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

First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church's 55 Alive senior members resume monthly meetings, following their summer hiatus, on Thursday, September 13 at noon. Guest speaker will be Sam Venable, the popular columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel. Venable is the winner of more than three dozen national and regional awards. A hot lunch will be served, \$6.50 per person. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 1207 N Broadway. For more information and to RSVP, call the church, before noon, 524-0366.

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

Fountain City Presbyterian Church will celebrate one combined worship

service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 2. Sunday school classes will meet at 11 a.m.

Gospel Singing

Gospel Singing at Judy's Barn every Saturday at 7 p.m. Grissom Road behind Big Ridge Elementary School in Union County. Call Jim Wyrick at 254-0820.

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet at noon on August 28, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway. Ann Meriwether will be the guest speaker.

View Ann's complete bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>

Mount Harmony Baptist Church

We will be having History of the Church and Old-timers Day on Sunday, September 9 starting at 10:00 a.m. Dan West is the speaker and will be talking about the History of the church and of the community. Everyone is welcome to come. The Church is located at 819 Raccoon Valley Rd NE, Heiskell, TN 37754 (1 mile west of I-75 at exit 117).

Pastor Jason Gattis, our church staff, and all attendees, encourage you to worship with us every Sunday. Traditional Worship Service is at 8:45 a.m. and the more modern Contemporary Praise Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes of all age groups meet at 10 AM for various Biblically based studies.

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House to Home



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New Hopewell Elementary School students, parents, and staff would like to welcome three new teachers and a literacy coach to the school family. Pictured from left to right are Hunter Watson, Ethan Pignataro, Liana Gibson and Amanda Small.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

New Consignment Services

Even after working in the consignment and auction business for several years, I often run into a wall with specialized items that consignors wish to sell.



By Carl Sloan

Placing a reserve on a special item can decrease its chances of selling because, while the consignor is protected, the potential buyer is turned off by the reserve pricing. I can't blame the consignor for wanting a fair amount for the item; I can't blame the auction bidder for not

being able to fairly compete against the reserve.

If you have an estate, say of household items, then I believe a general auction is truly the way to go. Averages overall will typically work in your favor. Dividing personal property between family members evenly almost never works out and many hard feelings can be created attempting this way of division. One person may have the knowledge of an item over and above

the other members and then tend to manipulate to their advantage.

Putting the whole shebang, be it a single item or entire estate, to auction and letting everyone bid is a win-win in my view as auction experts will understand values and so will their buyers and all may bid to their heart's content.

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Tennessee Tourism Labor Day Weekend Round Up

Heading out of town for the holiday weekend? Here are some special events to consider.

Hurricane Mills, Tenn. – Loretta Lynn's Labor Day Concert Series: Loretta Lynn will be on stage at the Ranch for her last at-home concert of 2012, Aug. 31. Guests are always treated to some of Loretta's family – Patsy and Peggy are regulars and even Cissie may make an appearance. In addition to Loretta's performance, Merle Haggard will perform at 8 p.m., Sept. 1. Gates open at 6 p.m. and shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lorettalynn.com or call the Ranch office at 931-296-7700.

Winchester, Tenn. – Tims Ford hosts TN State Parks 75th Anniversary on Aug. 31: Help Tims Ford celebrate the 75th Anniversary

of Tennessee State Parks. The celebration is open to the public and will be held at 1 p.m. CT at the visitor center. The celebration will include a presentation about the park, its impact on the area and what future plans are in store for Tims Ford. Also a cake cutting to celebrate the parks 34th birthday (Sept. 1), followed with a hike that will focus on the history of Tims Ford. For more information call 931-962-1183.

Summertown, Tenn. – Summertown Bluegrass Reunion, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1: Enjoy live music, dancing, crafts, instrument vendors, contests, and good food. Camp sites are available. Stage shows begin at 7 p.m., Friday and noon on Saturday. For more information, visit www.summertownbluegrassreunion.com.

Memphis, Tenn. –

– Monster Truck Mania, Jet Cars & King of the Track at Memphis International Raceway Aug. 31 – Sept. 1: Labor Day Bracket Bash on Friday with IHRA Ironman and racer Pit Party. Saturday will feature Monster Truck Mania, Jet Cars, King of the Track with a car-crushing Monster Truck Freestyle Finale. Spectator admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for Children 12 & under. For more information about this and all events at MIR, visit www.racemir.com.

Waverly, Tenn. – 2012 Porch-Reed Annual Labor Day Festival: A celebration of African American heritage comes together for a weekend of fun. Festival includes BBQ competition, food, comedy and music. www.porchreedfestival.com.

Gatlinburg, Tenn. – Eighth Annual Gatlinburg

Fine Arts Festival at Arrowmont: Held Labor Day weekend, this family fun event features a juried art festival with quality artists from around the country. Appalachian music and art & craft activities for children, great food and demonstrations are just some of the highlights. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.gfaf.net.

Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. – Annual Red Boiling Springs Lions Club Duck Day Festival and Duck Race, Sept. 1:

The Festival, held at Palace Park, begins at 7 a.m., followed by the Duck Race at 2 p.m. The fireworks display sponsored by the RBS Fire Department and Vision 2020 will begin at dark on the grounds of the Palace Care & Rehab Center. For more information, visit www.redboiling-springstn.com.

Memphis, Tenn. – Memphis Music & Heritage Festival, Sept. 1 - 2: Two days and five stages of the best music, art, crafts, cooks, heritage talkers and storytellers the Memphis/Mid-South region has to offer! www.southernfolklore.com.

Knoxville, Tenn. – Boomsday Festival, Sept. 2: Largest Labor Day weekend fireworks display in the nation. The event is free and open to the public. Visitors will enjoy games, children's activities, food, beverages, and live entertainment. For more information, visit www.boomsday.org.

Pigeon Forge, Tenn. – Special Guest at Titanic Author Yvonne Lehman: Author Yvonne Lehman who wrote, *Hearts That Survive*, will be visiting the Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge from 10:30

a.m. – 7 p.m., Sept. 1-3. For more information, visit www.titanicpigeonforge.com.

Martin, Tenn. – 19th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival to be held Aug. 31- Sept. 8: This family fun-filled festival features headlining evening entertainment which is free to the public. Highlights include: Shane and Shane, Bowling for Soup, Grand Funk Railroad and The Eli Young Band. In addition, visitors can enjoy a street fair, carnival parade and BBQ cook-off. For more information, visit www.tnsoybeanfestival.org.

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For further information regarding this event, please contact NSO Franklin E. Budd at (615) 695-6384.

Fountain City Republican Club meeting

The Fountain City Republican Club will meet Monday, August 27 at 6:30

p.m. at Shoney's on North Broadway. Judge John Rosson will be the speaker for the evening. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Michele Carringer at 247-5756 with any questions.

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Orange and White Chicken

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 8 oz jar orange marmalade
- 1 medium Onion, chopped fine
- 1 tsp garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 4 TBSP butter
- 1 cup grated white cheese, your choice of flavors

In a heavy skillet, melt the butter and brown the chicken breasts. Remove to a 9x13" inch baking dish in a single layer. Saute Onion and garlic in the same skillet until the Onion starts to brown. Stir in the orange marmalade and chili sauce and stir until blended. Pour evenly over the chicken. Sprinkle cheese over top and place into a 400 deg oven about 25 minutes or until bubbly and the chicken is cooked through. Serve hot with rice.

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