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Work to Continue on Urban Food Corridor

Although Knoxville was not selected as one of the five winning cities in Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge, Mayor Madeline Rogero has promised to continue working on the "Urban Food Corridor" program outlined in Knoxville's submission for the award. Bloomberg Philanthropies announced that the \$5 million grand prize in the

Mayors Challenge would go to Providence, R.I., with \$1 million awards going to four other cities: Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, and Santa Monica, Calif. "Knoxville was honored to be one of 20 finalist cities from more than 300 that entered," Mayor Rogero said. "It was a great opportunity for us to think creatively about some long-term challenges, and

I really appreciate all the support and encouragement we received from Bloomberg Philanthropies. Of course it is disappointing not to win, but we have already begun discussions with our local partners in this proposal to find other ways to put the program in place."

The Urban Food Corridor would create working farms on formerly blighted

properties in Knoxville's center-city neighborhoods, providing locally-grown produce to stores and restaurants as well as to residents of areas that often lack affordable, accessible healthy food. The Knox County Health Department and the Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council have been important partners in developing the concept.

"We designed this proposal so that the initial parts of it can be put in place by the City even without outside funding," said Susanna Sutherland, who oversaw the Mayors Challenge application as director of the City's Office of Sustainability. "We will begin work on those pieces, and we will also be looking for other possible sources of support."

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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Survey conducted Match 12, 2013.

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Partisanship In Knox County, Most Identify As Republicans

By Focus Staff

This week's Knoxville Focus poll asked the question: "Which political affiliation do you find yourself most closely aligned with?"

More than 52% said they were closely aligned with the Republican Party; just over 26% said they were more closely aligned with the Democratic Party and 20% said they were Independents.

The district most closely aligned with the Democratic Party in Knox County is the First; the district most closely aligned with the Republican party is the Fifth, which is centered around the Towne of Farragut in West Knoxville. Almost 67% of likely voters in the Fifth District described themselves as being more closely aligned with the Republican Party.

The district with the highest number of people identifying themselves as Independents is the Sixth District, which is northwest Knox County. The Third and Ninth Districts both had almost a quarter or more folks identifying themselves as Independents.

More women than men identified themselves as more closely aligned with the Republican Party. Just over 57% of women felt an identification with the GOP. Less than 49% of men said they felt more closely aligned with the Republican Party. 27% of men identified themselves as Independents, while only 20% of women did so.

Watoto Children's Choir inspires thousands from Uganda to East Tennessee

By Tasha Mahurin Tasha@knoxfocus.com

"Audiences are blown away by the stories of hope and transformation that the children share during their performance," Jeanine Bedell with Watoto Child Care Ministry told *The Focus*.

Members of the Watoto Children's Choir serve as Watoto ambassadors to raise awareness about the plight of the orphaned and vulnerable children of Africa and are currently on tour in East Tennessee. The energetic Broadway-style production features vibrant, original African music; dance routines; and life-transforming stories.

One of those stories belongs to Ashraf Sempijja, a 12-year-old boy from the Rakai district in central Uganda. Ashraf's mother was the youngest wife of a polygamous man who had fathered about 40 children. Ashraf's parents both passed away from HIV/AIDS. Since then most of his family have fallen

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First Class Maid Jodi listens to 7th grader Tyler Alexander Bloomstead present his Titanic project.

A Titanic Surprise

First Class Maid Jodi from Pigeon Forge's Titanic Museum Attraction paid a surprise visit to seventh grade Gresham Middle School Language Arts teacher, Lynn Dare, last Friday.

The visit was in correlation with Dare's annual focus on everything Titanic.

The annual Titanic study began in January with classroom discussions and trips to the library for research. Each student must write a paper and give a presentation on an aspect of the Titanic of their choice.

"It's wonderful - learning is a living thing. When students learn to love learning it enhances every part of their lives and that's what we're here for," said Dare on the students' weeks of work. "Our entire purpose is to ignite their hearts and their minds so they will enjoy learning for the rest of their lives."

First Class Maid Jodi presented Dare with an informative book from the Titanic Museum Attraction that she can utilize with her instruction. She then stayed to answer questions

from the class and to watch the students' presentations.

The Museum is currently gearing for a book fair, where 10 celebrated authors of Titanic historical books and novels will make their public appearances together in April. Titanic fans and followers will have the opportunity to meet and interact with authors of many of these remarkable books during this unprecedented, six day book signing event April 1-7.

Echota District Scouts Hold Annual Dinner

The Echota Scout District held their annual recognition dinner on Saturday, March 9, at the Fountain City Presbyterian Church. This district covers Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venture Crews in Fountain City, Halls, Powell, Corryton, Gibbs and Maynardville.

Major awards went to: Gene Gates, the George Johnston Training Award; Greg Barnett, District Award of Merit; Bill Thomas, District Award of Merit; Amy Heatherly, District Award of Merit; and Doug Buchanan, the Wood Badge

honor.

Other honorees were Stephen Nobert, Samantha Sharpe, Tommy Whitehead, Justin O'Hara, Ray Tant, Den Leader Training; Robert Byrd, Eric Mowers, Melissa Campbell, William Campbell, Scouting for Cubs; Roger Hyman, Scouting for Boys; Don Dare, Thomas Warwick, Scott Newby, Scoutmaster; Gaye Maley, Crew Advisor; Gaye Naley and Kathryn Howard, Venturing. Troops 55 and 448 received the National Outdoor Challenge honor.



Left to Right: Gene Gates (George Johnstone Training Award), Troop 154 Beaver Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Greg Barnett (District Award of Merit) Cub master, Pack 213 Buffat Heights Baptist; Bill Thomas (District Award of Merit) Crew Advisor, Crew 506 Christ UMC; Amy Heatherly (District Award of Merit) Committee Chair, Troop and Pack 213 Buffat Heights Baptist; and Doug Buchanan, Senior District Executive Echota District.

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Focus on the Law

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy (Pt2)

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By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

years of age or over; \$20,000 for a married couple, one of whom is 62 or older; and \$25,000 for a married couple, both of whom are 62 or older. Also, \$25,000 is the homestead exemption for an individual who has one or more minor children in his or her custody. Most retirement and pension accounts are exempt. Veterans' benefits and Social Security benefits are exempt. Some types of insurance policies may be exempt. \$10,000 of personal property is exempt as well.

Different types of debt are treated differently. Unsecured debts are loan obligations that do not have any collateral securing their repayment. Unsecured debts are usually medical expenses or credit card bills. Secured debts have collateral that has

been pledged to secure the repayment of the debt. For example, a loan to purchase a car or a home mortgage is a secured debt. Often in these cases, secured debts are reaffirmed. Reaffirmation is where a written agreement is signed so that the debtor may make ongoing loan payments in order to keep collateral (eg., a car or home) which is pledged on a secured debt. Collateral may also be redeemed by paying the current fair market value in one lump sum. The other alternative is to surrender the collateral back to the creditor if the debtor is unable to pay for it.

The goal of filing a Chapter 7 case is the grant of a discharge to the debtor. This means that your unsecured debts are wiped out and may no longer be collected from you. While this happens in the vast majority of cases, there are exceptions. The Bankruptcy Code in 11 U.S.C. Section 523 identifies

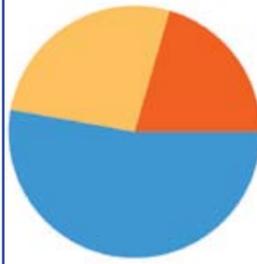
multiple types of debts that may not be discharged by an individual debtor. These include most taxes, student loans, domestic support obligations, criminal fines and debts obtained by false pretenses or fraud. An honest debtor should have no trouble obtaining his or her "fresh start" by receiving a bankruptcy discharge.

Obviously, this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation.

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By Age	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Total
30-49	56.25%	20.83%	22.92%	48
50-65	52.17%	23.48%	24.35%	115
65+	52.42%	29.52%	18.06%	227
Total	52.82% (206)	26.67% (104)	20.51% (80)	390

By District	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Total
1	29.03%	51.61%	19.35%	31
2	53.19%	27.66%	19.15%	47
3	48.48%	24.24%	27.27%	33
4	50.00%	32.69%	17.31%	52
5	66.67%	17.65%	15.69%	51
6	47.62%	21.43%	30.95%	42
7	63.46%	19.23%	17.31%	52
8	52.27%	29.55%	18.18%	44
9	52.63%	23.68%	23.68%	38
Total	52.82%	(206)	26.67%	

By Gender	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Total
Unknown	33.33%	46.67%	20.00%	15
Female	57.56%	27.32%	15.12%	205
Male	48.82%	24.12%	27.06%	170
Total	52.82% (206)	26.67% (104)	20.51% (80)	390

Survey conducted March 12, 2013.

Waiting for their return

One of my Facebook friends posted a rather sad message the other day. He lamented the relationship with his growing daughter and longed for the years before when he was at the center of her world. I replied that he was only living the normal life of a parent. In my case, I should have known that my



By Joe Rector

daughter Lacey and I were destined to struggle in at least part of our lives together. Upon her arrival, she looked up at me with eyes that seemed already capable of focusing. The message was clear: I'm here now and things are going to change.

Her stubborn streak reared its ugly head early. When she grew overly

tired, this child would lie in the floor and cry, no sob, uncontrollably. The more exhausted she became the more she cried, but this little darling refused to sleep.

On one particular occasion, she was ill-tempered about having her picture taken. The photographer wanted her to cross her arms and lean forward on a pillow. Lacey wasn't in the mood, and try though we might to convince her to follow instructions, the best we ever got was her folding her arms but holding them in mid-air.

Oh, I had plenty of special times with her during the toddler years. I'd pick her up from daycare, and we'd stop at the convenient store for white powdered doughnuts. She'd munch away on them and survey the world from her car seat. On another occasion, I took her

to see "ET" at the movie theater, and my heart broke when she cried during the sad scenes.

During her early years in school, I enrolled her in activities that would give her exercise and improve her physical skills. Karate lasted only a couple of months. She was the only girl in the class, and her Gi wasn't one of her favorite outfits. She played T-ball one year and spent a couple of years playing softball but never particularly liked them.

During middle school and high school, my daughter discovered defiance, and she set out to master it as if it were an art. If I said something was white, she countered that it was black. Many were the arguments we had in raised voices. Lacey never admitted I was right, and I refused to concede a single point to

her. Most of these "wordy warfares" ended in my yelling, "Don't slam your door, or I'll take it off the hinges!" She never even gave the satisfaction of removing the thing, choosing instead to call me muffled names from the other side of the door.

On one rough evening, my daughter announced that she wished she could move out and never come back. I told her I was tempted to help back her bags. After that, we declared an uneasy truce in which she followed the rules Amy and I had set. I have no doubt that when she was out with friends that many of them were broken.

Amy and I took her to college at MTSU. In forty-five minutes, we'd unloaded and turned the car toward home. Lacey called home and cried, something that broke my heart. She said she

was homesick. Those were wonderful words to hear from a daughter who was hell-bent on getting out of the house.

Since that time, Lacey has been that sweet, loving daughter I remember so many years ago. Sure, she has her moments, and so do I, when sparks fly and anger erupts. Nowadays, we know how to handle those spats much better, and neither of us doubts the strength of our love.

So, Facebook friend, don't worry. Our children grow and rebel and drive us crazy. It's only temporary. In no time at all, they come home and bathe us in their wonderfulness as we wrap our loving arms around them. It is tough now, but fear not, for we always love our children, and they always love us right back. We just have to wait for their return.

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Watoto Children's Choir inspires thousands from Uganda to East Tennessee

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prey to the disease. As a result, Ashraf had no one to look after him. Community leaders asked Watoto Child Care Ministries to take Ashraf and his sister, Sumaiya, into their care.

A Watoto housemother welcomed Ashraf and Sumaiya into her Watoto Home and, since then, they have received all the nurture and nourishment they need. Ashraf and his Watoto brothers and sisters share the household tasks in the home. In his spare time Ashraf now enjoys playing soccer with his many friends and loves to dance.

And while the tour raises awareness for the ministry and the needs of children in Uganda, it also benefits the children who participate in the choir.

"This is the first time these children have ever been outside of Uganda, Africa. Traveling with the Watoto Children's Choir provides them with an opportunity to expand their world view and to further develop as a leader," Bedell added.

There are five choirs that

tour globally each year. Each choir consists of 22 children (11 boys and 11 girls) - ranging from ages 6-15. Children have the opportunity to tour one time in order for us to allow more children the experience of being part of the choir.

Since its inception in 1994, 58 choirs have traveled across the globe-from Australia to the U.S. Their audiences have included royalty, presidents, ministers, and thousands of others throughout the tours. While they capture many hearts, their mission is to raise awareness for the millions of children in Africa who have been orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS, war, and poverty.

The Watoto Children's Choir kicked-off their six month U.S tour in Tomball, TX in January. In Knoxville, New Covenant Baptist Church will have a performance March 21 at 7 p.m.; Faith United Methodist Church on March 30 at 6 p.m.; and Rogers Memorial Baptist Church on March 31 at 10 a.m. All performances are free and open to the public.



The Watoto Children's Choir will visit three Knoxville churches in March.

Hoppin' into Easter

A few years ago, our big, black Labrador dog, Buddy, came up the driveway with something in his mouth. He walked to the edge of the carport and carefully set down a wild baby rabbit. My brother, Wayne,



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picked the rabbit up and took it back to the area where he thought it came from. A few days later, Buddy came up the driveway, again, and gently set the baby rabbit down in front of us. Three times this scene was repeated. The tiny rabbit seemed unafraid and hopped upon a pair of

boots and sat for awhile. It even sat long enough for me to go get the camera and take a picture. Rabbits are one of the signs of the Easter season. The Easter Bunny comes in all forms--from live rabbits to chocolate bunnies to stuffed animals and figurines. They represent the fun side of Easter. Spring-time and Easter seem to go hand in hand. Leaving winter days behind, spring often brings new life with the arrival of baby animals and new growth of daffodils, flowering dogwoods, redbuds, and the

Easter lily. The beautiful, white Easter lily is another sign of this holy holiday. Described as a trumpet-shaped flower, the lily is a reminder of the classic old hymn, "The Lily of the Valley." I had almost forgotten it. Written by Charles Fry in the late 1800's, generations have enjoyed its message of hope and comfort. Wayne reminded me that the song was a favorite of many in the church where we grew up at Fairview Baptist. We still associate it, however, with the late Elmer Cardwell. Elmer was a dear, dear friend of our father's. They both served as deacons at Fairview, and Elmer was the Sunday

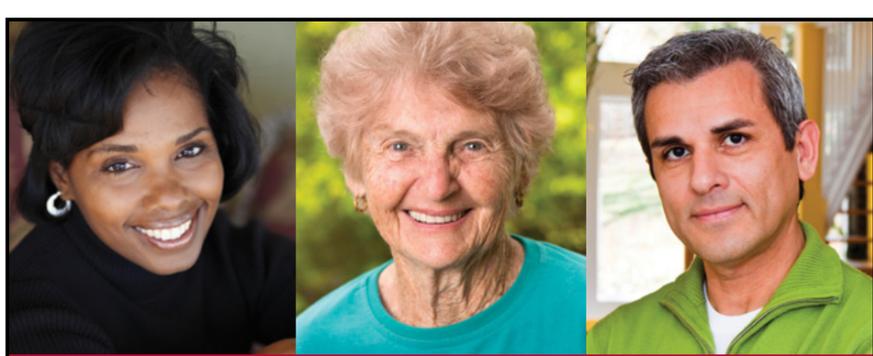
School Superintendent, also. Elmer's wife, Alice, served as Vacation Bible School Director. Many times Elmer would mention "The Lily of the Valley" when he spoke to the church.

The most telling sign of Easter is the cross; without it, there would be no Easter. Numerous songs have been

written about it, and Christian projects are still being created to tell about its timeless message. Thank goodness for Mel Gibson's production a few years ago of a movie entitled, "Passion of the Christ." Gibson's quality movie gives a graphic and realistic presentation of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross for

the atonement of our sins. Easter is an event that changed the world, giving people hope and meaning, new life in Christ, and life eternal. May you be blessed throughout this Easter season as we remember Palm Sunday-- the day

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entertainer of the year. Smith has the unique ability to capture audiences both large and small with his voice impressions, including Ray Charles, Freddy Fender, George Jones, Conway Twitty, "Just A Swinging," John Anderson and many more. His down home family humor and his versatile soulful voice, from singing 50s-60s old time rock 'n roll, rhythm and blues, pop, bluegrass, country, and his goose bump renditions, of gospel and spiritual songs were exactly what event

organizers were looking for. "We are really lucky to have such a top notch entertainer," said Banquet Chairwoman Shirley Clepper.

Over the course of his career, Jim has shared the stage with many stars like George Jones, Jerry Reed, Dolly Parton, Ricky Skaggs, Dottie West, and Jerry Lee Lewis.

The banquet is at Valley Grove Baptist Church, includes dinner, and chamber members may purchase additional guest

tickets for \$20 each.

The Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce strives to support economic growth and prosperity

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Picture of baby rabbit by Ralphine Major

Hoppin' into Easter

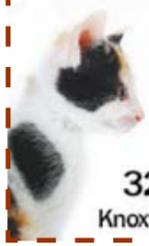
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\$3K donation presented to Love Kitchen

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Parks and Recreation Director Doug Bataille arrived at The Love Kitchen last Thursday to deliver the contributions collected from the Holiday Festival of Lights. The donation included several hundred pounds of food and a check for \$3,040.

"It was an honor to deliver this donation to The Love Kitchen, but it is our community and the people of Knox County who made it possible," said Mayor Burchett.

Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner, the twin sisters who founded The Love Kitchen, accepted the donations. The Love Kitchen's mission is to provide meals and emergency food packages to the homebound, homeless and unemployed.

"This makes us feel happy we don't have to turn anybody around. That's what it's all about - that nobody has to pay anything. Isn't it



Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Parks and Recreation Director Doug Bataille present a check for \$3040 to Ellen and Helen Ashe of The Love Kitchen.

wonderful?" said Helen of the donation. "We enjoy every moment."

The Holiday Festival

of Lights is presented each December by the Parks and Recreation Department. The event

is free, but donations are accepted to benefit The Love Kitchen.

For more information

on The Love Kitchen, visit www.thelovekitchen.org.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

Many people have preconceived ideas concerning those of us who are actively involved in the political process. Unfortunately, much of that is based on news reports that dwell on any negativity that comes from government. Those of us, who are fortunate enough to have been chosen to serve our state and can see the daily ins and outs of government operation, regularly observe the positive experiences, as well as the negative, taking place in Nashville.

There are certain things that we in the legislature are required to do as outlined by the Tennessee Constitution. In addition, there are others that we choose to do on our own. It is those things that make us a "family," and that is what I wish to discuss today. We are quick to honor members who have distinguished themselves in service to others. For example, just today on the House floor we recognized Rep. Tilman Goins from Morristown who administered immediate assistance to one of our employees who was experiencing an allergic reaction and was close to death. His quick reaction possibly saved her life. We rejoice with members when appropriate, and we suffer with those who are suffering. Today we had special prayer and music in memory

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Home Federal awards scholarships to local UT students



Home Federal Bank President Dale Keasling and Executive Vice President Debra Smith congratulate the bank's 2012-2013 University of Tennessee scholarship recipients at the recent Home Federal Bank Scholarship luncheon at UT's Haslam Business Administration Building. This year's recipients include, from left, Adam Keck, Christina Alley and Madison Cantrell.

Home Federal Bank recently awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to six local University of Tennessee students as part of its annual scholarship program at the UT College of Business Administration.

"We're honored to support these students as they prepare for future careers," said Home Federal Bank President Dale Keasling. "This investment in education will soon benefit the entire business community."

Since 1995 the bank has provided more than \$175,000 in scholarships to UT students.

The following Knoxville-area students received 2012-2013 Home Federal

Bank of Tennessee scholarships:

Christina L. Alley, a senior studying accounting;

Chelsea N. Burger, a senior studying supply chain management;

Madison E. Cantrell, a junior studying supply chain management;

John M. Geissberger Jr., a senior studying marketing;

Adam B. Keck, a senior studying accounting; and

Benton T. Stott, a senior studying accounting.

"Home Federal Bank applauds the hard work and effort of these bright students," said Keasling. "We wish them the best and anticipate their great success."

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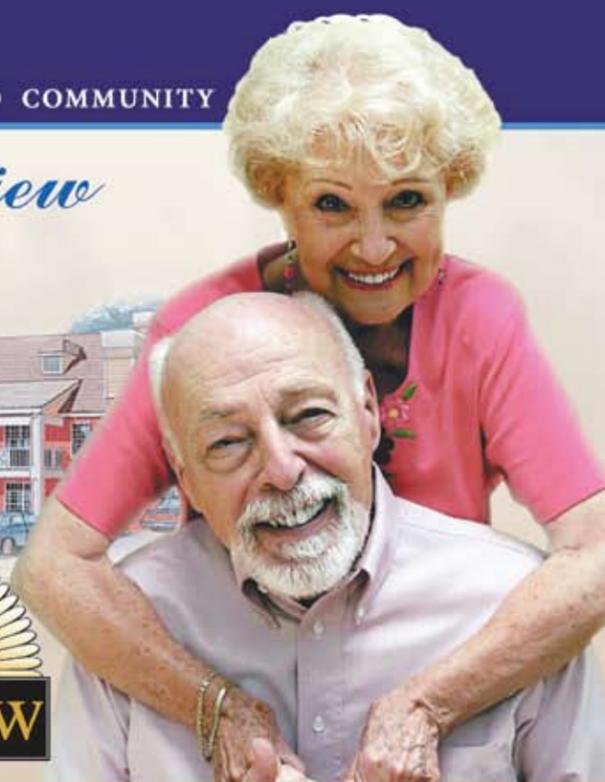
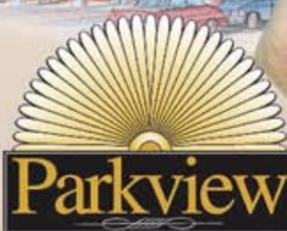
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Newstalk 98.7/Knox Area Rescue Ministries Radiothon Successful in Raising Funds for Needy

The fourth annual Newstalk 98.7 Radiothon on March 6 to benefit Knox Area Rescue Ministries successfully raised \$30,000 for those in need who receive shelter, food and other services at KARM.

KARM Director of Special Events Danita McCartney says the Radiothon allows the station to illustrate the need for KARM's services to the community.

"We are so grateful for

the support of Newstalk 98.7 and Cumulus Broadcasting. We appreciate their commitment of time and energy to this pressing and worthy cause." McCartney said. "We also want to thank the KARM guests and clients who shared their inspiring stories, the many volunteers who helped behind the scenes, and especially so many who called in and made pledges to care for those in need."

Former KARM clients joined Hallerin Hilton on his morning show from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m., and Phil Williams in the afternoon from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. They compared and contrasted compelling stories of previous life experiences on the streets with their lives today. Volunteers answered calls from the phone bank established in the Cumulus Broadcasting studios.

KARM serves nearly

1,000 meals daily and shelters over 400 men, women and children every night. KARM also offers innovative job training programs that help lead people to healthy and independent lives and begin to restore hope to those who need it most. To learn more visit www.karm.org.

Phil Williams and Hallerin Hill.



Helen Ross McNabb Center promotes Jerry Vagnier to President

Helen Ross McNabb Center, Inc. has announced Jerry Vagnier's promotion to President.

Vagnier is well known in the community as a servant-leader both professionally and personally. His contributions to the field of behavioral health care in East Tennessee spans nearly 30 years. Each year marks progression and achievement in both improving current programs and creating new innovative systems of

care.

Vagnier has worked tirelessly to advance the Center's simple yet powerful mission of, "improving the lives of the people we serve." He has been instrumental in providing the framework to grow the Center's continuum of care both programmatically and geographically. Vagnier's vision and creative ability to find solutions for needs in our community shows his outstanding leadership

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UGO moves Madisonville location

A business with nearly 40 years of success in East Tennessee and surrounding states is moving its Madisonville location.

UGO is staying on Highway 411, but on March 6 opened its door in the building formerly occupied by a Dollar General Store.

"Madisonville is a nice town to be in," said Michael Tullock, president of UGO. "This was a great opportunity to have a market with fresh meat and fresh produce, and

we couldn't pass it up."

UGO first came to Madisonville in 1988 at a Warren Street location. They moved to Highway 411 in 1999.

"We started off as a dry food store in Etowah in 1974," Tullock said. "Our Madisonville store was actually our first to have refrigeration. Our 25 years in this area shows customers want us here. Now we're going to give them even more reasons to shop with us. We'll make it worth their

while."

A new roof has been put on the store and it will provide much more room for customers to shop. Located just before the Highway 411 bypass, Tullock said he wouldn't mind seeing a red light put somewhere near the store.

"Not just for us," he said, "but for everybody in the area, not to mention it would make coming and going safer."

UGO now has 36 stores in Tennessee, Georgia,

Alabama, Kentucky and North Carolina. They are all serviced out of the Athens location.

"People who shop with us want to save money," Tullock said, "and understand the value of a dollar. Years ago, people from Madisonville were driving to Etowah to do business with us and we decided to put a store here. Now we're going to give them a bigger and better store to shop in."

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

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of the mother of Speaker Beth Harwell who died yesterday. Prayer is an important part of the beginning of each session. In addition we have voluntary Bible study and devotions weekly that are member led. We also do service projects for those less fortunate. This includes participating in Coats for the Cold and Retire Your Attire.

Because we members spend so much time together, we have become very close. Even though we may strongly disagree concerning the merits of proposed legislation, we

attempt to do so in a civil manner. We spend considerable time outside of the working day getting to know each other better and understand each others views. We share many meals where we can relax. My wife and I often invite other legislators to visit us at the campground where we stay and cook a hamburger to have an opportunity to have some down time. Quite often we find that those things we agree upon are greater than those that we differ. All of us have the same goal, and that is to make Tennessee the

best state it can be.

In anticipation of an early adjournment, these next few weeks will be extremely busy. Many bills are making their way through the committees I am on. At the same time there are many other bills going through other committees. I will not be voting on any of those from other committees unless they make it out of committee and onto the House floor. My office receives innumerable telephone calls and e-mails daily asking for my vote one way or another. It is not unusual to receive in excess of one hundred

of those daily.

If you send an email and do not receive a personal response, please understand the enormity of this task. But keep your thoughts coming. I will ask a personal favor of you. Please keep me and the others in your prayers as we go through these next few weeks. Pray for strength and wisdom as we make decisions that will be best for the citizens of the great state of Tennessee. As always, if there is any way that I or my office can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call. The number is 615-741-6879 or 1-800-449-8366 ext. 44556 and I can be reached by email at [rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov). It is an honor to be your representative.

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Senator Ross Bass

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Senator Ross Bass.

Few Tennesseans today remember Ross Bass who served the Volunteer State in Congress for a decade, as well as a brief term in the United States Senate. Bass was a participant in some of Tennessee's fiercest political wars and served in Congress during a time when Tennessee was undergoing a profound change in its politics.

Ross Bass was born March 17, 1918 in Giles County, Tennessee. Bass attended the public schools and after graduating from Martin Methodist Junior College, enlisted in the Army Air Corp when the United States entered World War II. Bass became a bombardier and emerged from the war with the rank of Captain. Returning to Pulaski, Bass opened a flower shop which was successful, but it wasn't long before he became interested in politics. Ross Bass was appointed Postmaster of Pulaski in 1946 by Congressman Joe L. Evins, with the consent of Tennessee's senior United States Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar.

Giles County was shuffled in redistricting and in 1954, the Congressman from the Sixth District was James "Pat" Sutton. Sutton, too, had come home from the war with a distinguished record and was only thirty-three when he had challenged incumbent Congressman Wirth Courtney in 1948. Sutton had a flamboyant personality and proved to be a compelling speaker. Although a Democrat, he was much more conservative than Congressman Courtney, who was an old-time New Deal Democrat. The primary contest was one of the closest in Tennessee history; Sutton defeated Congressman Courtney by only fifty-eight votes.

Pat Sutton was highly ambitious and he challenged Senator Estes Kefauver in 1954. Sutton's campaign was well financed, receiving considerable funds from oil rich Texans who loathed Kefauver's liberalism. Sutton campaigned all across Tennessee via helicopter, which was quite a novelty

at the time.

Sutton's retirement from Congress gave Ross Bass the opportunity to become a candidate to succeed him. Facing two serious opponents in the Democratic primary, Bass ultimately beat his nearest competitor by just over three thousand votes. Bass worked hard at being a Congressman, which paid off as he was immediately challenged for reelection by his predecessor, Pat Sutton in the 1956 primary. Sutton had been beaten badly by Senator Kefauver in 1954 and Pat Sutton wanted to return to Congress.

Ross Bass proved not to be as vulnerable as former Congressman Sutton had hoped; Sutton carried only his home county of Lawrence and that only very narrowly. Bass beat Sutton and one other challenger, rolling up almost 70% of the vote. Ross Bass was never again to be seriously challenged for his seat in Congress. Pat Sutton would not give up politics for quite some time, winning election as Sheriff of Lawrence County, a politically potent position. Sutton's flamboyance and controversial nature finally caught up with him when he was arrested by the FBI and charged as part of a counterfeiting ring.

During the summer of 1963, Senator Estes Kefauver became ill on the Senate floor and was rushed to the hospital. Kefauver was to have heart surgery, an operation he insisted

upon delaying as his wife Nancy was flying back to Washington. D. C. It was a fatal delay as Senator Kefauver's aorta burst and he died. Kefauver's sudden death left the choice of a successor solely in the hands of yet another veteran of Tennessee's political wars: Frank Clement.

Clement had first been elected governor in 1952 as a fresh-faced thirty-two year old with a beautiful wife and an impressive talent for oratory. Clement had been the first man ever elected to a four-year term as governor in 1954. Barred from seeking a second four-year term in 1958, Clement briefly toyed with the idea of running against Senator Albert Gore before deciding to go into forced political exile. Frank Clement had returned to Tennessee's political wars in 1962 when he had been reelected to a third term as governor. Clement was only a few months into a new four-year term when Estes Kefauver died. There were numerous Tennesseans who wanted the interim appointment to the United States Senate. Many Kefauver loyalists urged Clement to appoint Kefauver's widow, Nancy. More than a few thought Clement was anxious to go to the Senate himself and speculated the governor would appoint himself. Governor Clement finally announced his choice; Clement appointed Herbert S. "Hub" Walters of Morristown. Walters was then seventy-one years old and had recently survived surgery

for throat cancer. A millionaire contractor who had been especially close to the late U. S. Senator K. D. McKellar, Walters had been Tennessee's long-time Democratic National Committeeman. "Mr. Hub" had strongly supported Clement throughout his career and had was not only a perfectly respectable choice, but a logical choice in many respects. Yet, Clement's appointment of "Hub" Walters to the United States Senate sent a subtle signal, as it was highly unlikely Senator Walters would be a candidate to succeed himself in 1964 when Tennesseans would themselves select someone to fill out the remaining two years of the late Estes Kefauver's term.

Congressman Ross Bass announced he would be a candidate for the Senate and Governor Frank Clement indicated he, too, would run for the United States Senate. A third entrant into the 1964 Democratic primary for the United States Senate was Milton M. Bullard, a wealthy contractor from Newport, Tennessee. Although wealthy, Bullard attracted very little real support across the state. He did receive endorsements from an odd assortment of ghostly figures from Tennessee's political history. Lewis Pope, the old foe of "Boss" Crump, was for Bullard, as was former Governor Gordon Browning and former Knoxville Mayor George Dempster. Edward Ward "Ned" Carmack, yet another foe of the

Crump machine, added his own endorsement of Bullard before the primary election. Bullard would not be a factor in the campaign, which was a contest between Congressman Ross Bass and Governor Frank Clement.

There were few real issues between Congressman Bass and Governor Clement. Bass was perceived by some as the more liberal of the two, but in reality there was little difference in their ideology. Bass was strongly supported by organized labor and had been one of three Congressmen from the South who had supported the Civil Rights Act of 1964, another being Nashville Congressman Richard Fulton. The conservative Nashville Banner warned its readers that Bass was known as "Labor's Little Darling".

Bass opened his first campaign for the United States Senate in Shelbyville on June 6; Governor Clement returned to Gallatin, Tennessee, a town he favored for officially opening his own political campaigns, later that same month. Bass naturally tried to identify himself with the late Estes Kefauver, but spent much of his time criticizing the record of Frank Clement. Congressman Bass gave Clement hell for a sales tax on utilities. Bass was highly supportive of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society" and the goal to end poverty in the United States.

Governor Clement braved temperatures rising to almost one hundred degrees while addressing an audience of several thousand people while opening his first campaign for the U. S. Senate. Clement deftly launched his own attack on his opponents. He swatted M. M. Bullard to the political gutter with the comment "Colonel" Bullard's record was confined solely to having done business with the State of Tennessee before Clement's own election as governor. As for Congressman Bass, Clement carefully noted Bass had introduced fifty-five bills since his election to Congress a decade previously, only three of which had been passed by the House. Clement defended the notion of a

governor seeking election to the United States Senate as at that time, no governor had ever been popularly elected to the U. S. Senate from Tennessee.

Congressman Bass received strong backing from some Federal employees, the remnants of the Kefauver organization, and enemies of Frank Clement. Governor Clement of course had the backing of many state employees and had little trouble raising considerable funds for his campaign in 1964. While no real campaign finance reporting existed at the time, many believe the Clement campaign outspent Ross Bass by as much as two-to-one. Money was raised from state employees and the road builders, who had always supported Frank Clement, gave freely.

The two daily newspapers in Nashville, the conservative Banner and the liberal Tennessean, fought bitterly throughout the primary campaign. The Tennessean was avidly for Ross Bass while the Banner was equally strong for Frank Clement. The Tennessean had long been opposed to Frank Clement and regularly battered and bruised the governor in news stories, editorials and cartoons. The cartoons were especially unkind, if not vicious, featuring Clement attired in a suit covered in dollar signs. In one cartoon from the 1964 campaign entitled "Grasping", Tom Little, the cartoonist for the Tennessean, drew an enormous hand reaching for the Capitol dome, the sleeve covered with the usual dollar signs.

As the campaign for the Democratic senatorial nomination intensified, Governor Clement chastised Congressman Bass's vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Neither Senator Gore nor Senator Walters had voted for the bill and the only other member of the Tennessee delegation who had supported it was Congressman Dick Fulton of Nashville. There was fierce opposition in Tennessee to passage of the bill and Bass himself did not strongly advertise his own position during the campaign, yet the black vote in the primary would prove crucial to the outcome of the race.

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Community Development Develops Annual Action Plan Public Meeting Set for April 9

The City of Knoxville is in the process of developing the 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan for the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2013. The final version is due to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2013.

At this time, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, has not notified the City of the amount of funds it will receive for the

2013-2014 program year beginning July 1, 2013. It is estimated that the City will receive \$1,483,872 in CDBG, \$853,787 in HOME, and \$139,332 in ESG funds. ESG funds to be reprogrammed are \$20,000. The City also anticipates receiving approximately \$150,000 in CDBG program income and \$450,000 in HOME program income. HOME funds to be reprogrammed are \$655,675.

The draft plan proposes the following allocation of funds based on estimated amounts: CDBG: \$326,774 - general program administration;

\$1,060,000 - housing programs; \$200,000 - land acquisition and commercial facade improvements; \$47,098 - public services, and technical assistance through subrecipients. HOME: \$130,379 - administration; \$780,948 - owner-occupied rehab; \$378,135 - rental housing; \$250,000 - home buyer down payment assistance; \$120,000 - CHDO projects; and \$300,000 - development of new homeownership housing. ESG: \$65,000 - emergency shelter services; \$42,438 - homelessness prevention; \$26,444 - rapid re-housing; \$15,000 - homeless

management information system; and \$10,450 - administration. The City is also considering making an application for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program funds for a special economic development activity or other eligible activity. More detailed budget estimates are included in the draft annual plan.

The City of Knoxville encourages citizen comment on the draft plan. In addition to the draft copy being available online, copies of the plan will be located at the following locations: Community Development Department, 5th floor, City-County

Bldg., 400 Main Ave.; Lawson-McGhee branch of the Knox County Public Library; the main office of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, 2247 Western Ave; East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy and the South Neighborhood Center, 522 Maryville Pk. Citizens may also obtain a copy of the draft plan by calling the Community Development Department at 215-2120.

A public hearing on the Annual Action Plan will be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. Citizens

may also submit their comments via e-mail to Linda Rust at lrust@cityofknoxville.org or in writing by mail or fax to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville, Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, fax 865-215-2962 or call 865-215-2120 for additional information.

City Council will hold a workshop on the annual plan at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25th, in the main assembly room of the City County Building.

All comments must be received no later than Monday, April 15, 2013.

Helen Ross McNabb Center promotes Jerry Vagnier to President

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and professionalism.

Jerry, a licensed clinical social worker, began his career at the Center as a psychotherapist working with children and adolescents. Through his tenure he has held a number of positions and his scope of responsibilities has continued to grow.

"Jerry has worked for the Center for more than 25 years, helping the Center flourish every step of the way. He has played an integral part in designing systems of care that keep a steady pace in the challenging health care environment, particularly behavioral health care," states Andy Black, Helen Ross McNabb Center CEO.

In his new position as President, Vagnier will oversee the Center's ongoing operations and his responsibilities will increase as the Center continues to grow.

The Helen Ross McNabb Center is a premier not-for-profit provider of behavioral health services in East

Tennessee. Since 1948, the Center has provided quality and compassionate care to children, adults and families facing mental illness, addiction and social challenges. As the Center begins its 65th year of providing services to communities in East Tennessee, its mission remains clear and simple; "Improving the lives of the people we serve." For more information, visit www.mcnabbcenter.org or call 865-637-9711.

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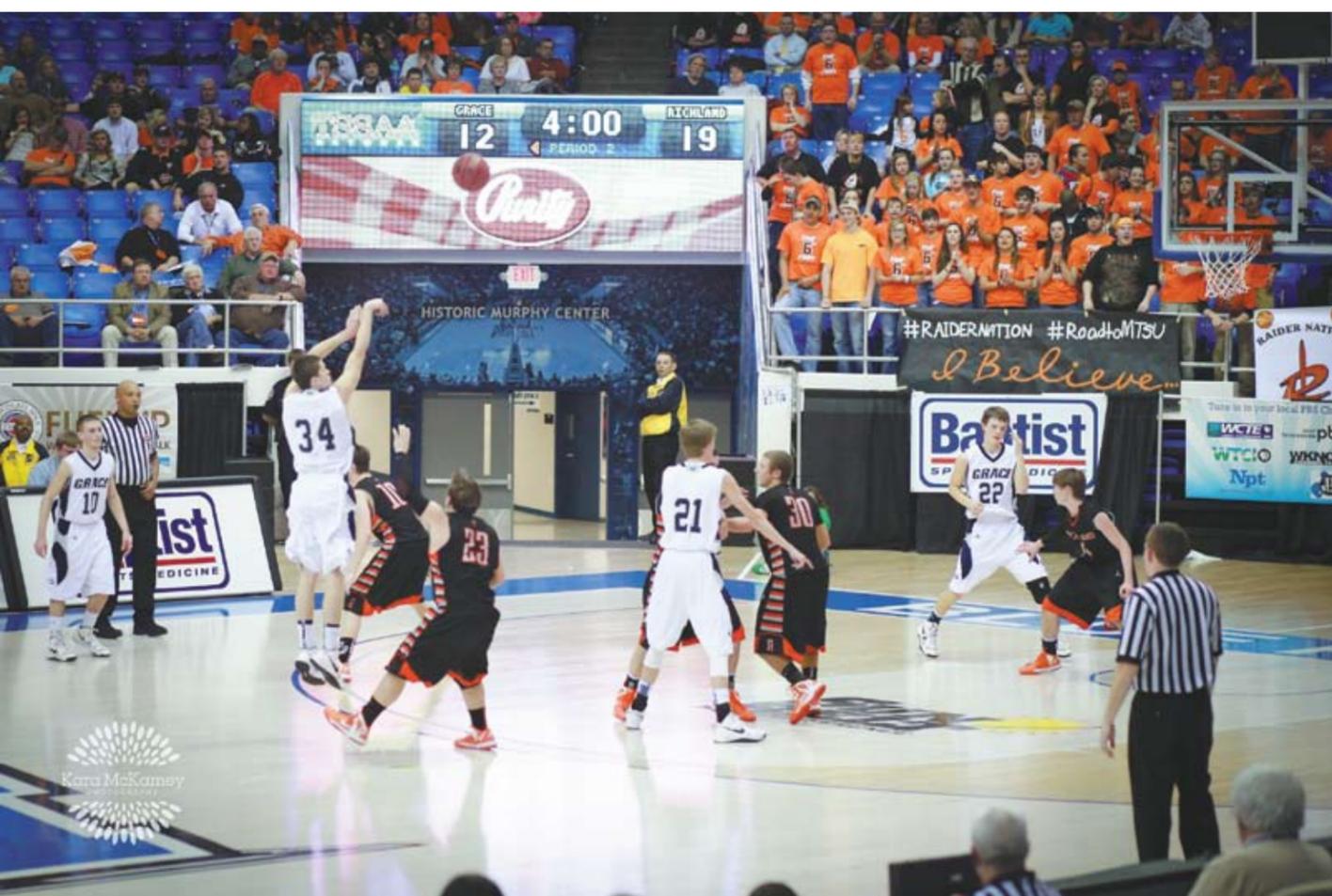


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Grace Christian Academy's Andrew Byram (34) fires up a shot against Richland midway through the second period in the Class A quarterfinal game at the TSSAA state high school basketball tournament in Murfreesboro. Other Rams in the photo are Tanner Hill (10), Trey Stewart (21) and Kobe Kelley (22). Richland held off Grace for a 54-46 win.

HMS gym awaiting facelift, new name

By Ken Lay

Halls Middle School is looking to give its gymnasium a facelift and a new name.

Athletic director Jay Wormsley confirmed early last week that the school is in the midst of a fundraising drive to redo the gym floor.

"I'm looking for us to be able to refinish the floor," Wormsley said. "We're raising money for that and we're about \$2,000 or \$3,000 short and if anyone wants to make a donation, they can do so by giving to the Halls Middle School Gym Floor Restoration Fund."

Wormsley also confirmed that the school is looking to dedicate the gym to Demons boys basketball coach Bill Warren, former Lady Demons coach (and current Halls High track coach) Neil Walker and his wife Pam, who taught physical education at the school for three decades and served as coach of the cheerleading squad. She still attends Demons' and Lady Demons' basketball games.

"I'm hoping to have the naming of the gym completed by the time school's out," Wormsley said.

The gym dedication must receive approval of the Knox County School Board. Three petitions are now being circulated in Halls for community to show its support for the Home of the Demons to be named Walker-Warren Court.

"The petition is a statement that the community is behind this," Wormsley said. "It [the renaming of the gym] is pending board approval."

Petitions are at three locations including Halls Middle School, Dale's Sports and Beaverbrook Country Club.

For information or to donate to gym floor restoration fund, contact Wormsley at 922-7494.

Knox teams are one and done at boys' state tourney

By Steve Williams

Knoxville's three representatives at the TSSAA state boys basketball tournament last week couldn't make it out of the quarterfinal round.

Grace Christian Academy, looking for its first ever Class A state tourney victory, was eliminated by Richland 54-46 after making a strong comeback at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

Gibbs, which had made an incredible tourney run to reach the state tourney for the first time in 26 years, had a cold shooting performance and bowed to Livingston Academy 76-50 in Class AA.

State tourney regular Fulton, in the state tourney for the 20th time, couldn't generate enough offense and fell to Jackson South Side 53-39 in another Class AA contest. Two other Knoxville-

area teams, Oak Ridge and Maryville, also were ousted in Class AAA quarterfinal action. Only Wartburg, a Class A team, survived and advanced to Friday's semifinals.

Grace (23-11) fell behind 9-0 in the opening three minutes and made only one basket in the first period. Rams Coach Matt Mercer felt his team's sub-par offensive play affected his team's defensive performance.

"Their two interior guys played very well, but we had too many defensive breakdowns in the first half," said Mercer. "I think we were a step behind. The two (offense and defense) go hand in hand. We weren't putting the ball in the basket and it affected our defense."

Grace shot 29 percent from the field in the first half, while Richland (29-6) made 48 percent of its field goal attempts to lead by 13-5 after the first period and 30-20 at halftime.

Richland increased its lead to 14 (38-24) midway through the third period, but back-to-back 3-point shots by Caleb Walker and Luke Shepherd cut the deficit to eight.

"Our pressing defense got us back in it," said Mercer. "We forced 24 turnovers."

Kobe Kelley's old-fashioned 3-point play, a jumper and free throw, capped a 7-0 run as Grace battled back and closed the gap to three points (42-39) with 5:19 remaining in the game. Shepherd made one of two free throws to get Grace within two (48-46) with 1:33 to go.

But Richland's Cody Jordan answered by sinking five of six free throws and the Rams failed to connect on their final four field goal attempts.

"It was frustrating - I felt we had chance to win - but I also was happy to be there (at state)," said Mercer. "We

didn't have enough offensive firepower to win it.

"I was proud of our guys for fighting hard ... we just shot so poorly in that arena, which sometimes happens to teams."

Shepherd, a sophomore standout, led Grace with 15 points and had five of the Rams' 13 steals. Matt Holland contributed 12 points.

First-year Gibbs coach Timmy Meade said Livingston Academy's inside and outside offensive attack was just too much for his Eagles (25-9).

"We couldn't guard everything," said Meade "We had to give something up. They were tough with that combo."

Defensively, Gibbs tried 1-3-1 and 3-2 zones, man-to-man, full-court pressure and trapping in half court, said Meade.

Livingston Academy (29-8) shot 58 percent from the field

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Annual Herman Gettelfinger Bass Tournament set to catch benefits for the Helen Ross McNabb Center

The 20th annual Herman Gettelfinger Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 6 on Fort Loudoun Lake at the Tellico Canal Ramp to benefit the Helen Ross McNabb Center.

Grand prize is \$10,000 based on 150 paid boats. All proceeds will assist the Helen Ross McNabb Center. The event will begin at the Tellico Canal Ramp and the ease off is at safe light. On-site registration begins at 5:00 a.m. and weigh-in begins at 3:00 p.m.

The tournament's pre-registration fee is \$200 per boat (two-man team) and the day-of registration fee is \$225 per boat. The registration fee includes lunch for all participants. An optionalunker fee is \$10 per boat which is not included in the registration fee. The prizes will depend on the number of participants. Pre-Event Registration will be held on Friday, April 5 at C&C Outdoors from 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m. For more information contact Beth Farrow at 865-329-9030 or Beth.Farrow@mcnabb.org.

By Alex Norman

Ever since the start of the 2008 season, the positive moments have been few and far between for the Tennessee football program.

They are on their fourth head coach.

Their record stands at 28-34.

The Vols haven't won a bowl game.

Tennessee lost a game because they had 13 players on the field when the clock struck zero, and lost a game when their opponents had 17 players on the field when the clock struck zero.

There have been player arrests, fan unrest, coaching abandonment, shower techniques, Rommel sightings, bamboo growing, year zero, absurd coach buyouts, Gruden rumors, tossed beer bottles, and many, many empty seats at Neyland Stadium.

So when something happens that isn't negative, Tennessee fans have that same look as Tom Hanks had in "Castaway" when the freighter passes by him while

he is lying on the nearly destroyed lifeboat that he made with tree trunks and branches. Is this it? Is this finally the time to be rescued?

With that in mind, I give you Tennessee's recruiting Class of 2014.

Yes, National Signing Day is still around 10 ½ months away, and a lot can happen before these players sign their National Letter of Intent, but if you ever doubted the effect that momentum can have on a program, pay attention what Tennessee did last week.

On Sunday, March 10th when Todd Kelly Jr. committed to the Vols. He is rated as the 59th best prospect in the nation according to rivals.com, and is projected to play safety at the next level. Todd goes to Webb School, and his father Todd Kelly Sr. was a standout at Tennessee.

But Kelly was a legacy... a local legacy. Getting him to choose Tennessee was important, but not necessarily a surprise.

The next day Neiko Creamer a four-star

receiver from Maryland (and another legacy) chose Tennessee as well. Coleman Thomas, a center from Virginia also committed last week. And remember, the first player to say ok to UT was Vic Wharton, a former Knoxville Catholic player that moved to the Nashville area. Those four players alone make up a very promising start for the Class of 2014.

But when running back Jalen Hurd, a five-star running back from Beech High School outside of Nashville sent a simple tweet last Thursday morning, the Big Orange world turned...

"I have officially committed to play football at The University of Tennessee. #VFL #RiseToTheTop"

He's certainly the biggest recruit to commit to the Vols since Eric Berry.

Two things are becoming clearer and clearer...

One, that new Vols coach Butch Jones is not messing around. In his introductory press conference he talked about the importance of recruiting in the state of

Tennessee. He already has three of the biggest recruits in the state, and he's not done yet.

And two, that former Vols coach Derek Dooley was a horrible recruiter. Just horrible. In his three years at Tennessee how many high school football games did he attend? How many high school coaches did he try to meet in the state?

Just read what Hurd told The Tennessean, "I really wanted to go to UT. Last year, they weren't in such a good position for me to go there, but with Coach Jones and the new staff, I think it's the best place for me to go."

What this means is that if Dooley was still Tennessee's coach, there is no way in heck he was going to play college football in Knoxville. Well, unless he was wearing Crimson or another visiting team's jersey.

Jones almost convinced five-star safety Vonn Bell to choose the Vols, despite only having two months to get to know him. Bell grew up a Tennessee fan, but eventually picked Urban

Meyer and Ohio State.

If Jones had another few weeks, you have to wonder if he could have gotten Bell. Imagine a defensive backfield with Kelly and Bell? But alas, it was not to be.

Kelly and Hurd are now acting as an extension of the Vols recruiting staff, tweeting at fellow seniors to be about Tennessee's football program.

So much has been made in recent years about wanting people associated with the program that "want to be here." Phillip Fulmer wanted to be here and was fired. Lane Kiffin didn't want to be here and quit. Top recruits didn't want to be here.

But now it looks like there is a coach in place that is excited to do his job, and recruits fired up to be part of a program on the rise.

Is the sun finally getting ready to shine on Tennessee?

Stay tuned...

State title total for Knoxville in TSSAA basketball remains 13

Hopes are high when teams make it to the TSSAA state basketball tournament in pursuit of a championship, but the odds for striking gold are low.

Teams which made it to the Division I high school girls and boys tourneys at Murfreesboro the past two weeks had a one out of eight chance of finishing No. 1 in Class AAA, AA or A.

Chances were better – one out of four – for the teams that played for the Division II Class AA and A state crowns in Nashville the preceding week.

The path to the state for Division II, which includes private schools that give financial aid, also is shorter and has less hurdles to

cross due to having fewer teams than Division I.

The competition to hoist a gold basketball used to be stiffer. When the TSSAA started an enrollment-based classification system with the 1972-73 season, all schools in Tennessee – public and private – played either in Class Large or Class Small. While we have 10 state champions today counting boys and girls teams, back then there were only four.

Division I went to three classifications in 1975-76, which increased the number of state champions crowned to six per year. TSSAA began Division II basketball state tourneys in 1998 and split Division II into two classes in 2008.

If you think the early '70s were ancient times, the first TSSAA state basketball tournaments were played in 1926. For over 40 years, schools were

not classified according to enrollment. Little schools competed against big schools.

Example: Knoxville High captured its first state title in 1939. Happy Valley and Hampton, two of those little schools from upper East Tennessee, were state champions in 1950 and 1960, respectively.

It should be noted the first integrated TSSAA boys' state tourney was played in 1966.

In all these years, Knoxville has had nine state champions in boys basketball and four in girls basketball.

Think about that for a few moments before we recognize those precious few . . .

Fulton was the last local boys team to cut down a net, winning back-to-back Class AA titles in 2008 and 2009. The Falcons' Dominic Minor was named MVP

of the '08 state tourney and Jalen Steele earned that award in '09. Jody Wright is still Fulton's head coach, having just wrapped up his 28th season.

Austin-East has three state boys crowns and one girls championship. I got to see Clifford Ross, who preached defense, guide the Roadrunners to their first one. A brick tribute display in front of the school still recognizes the 1977 Class AAA champs, who were led by tourney MVP Elston Turner. A-E (34-2) beat Memphis Hamilton 72-59 in the finals.

John Foster, who assisted Ross, directed A-E to Class AA titles at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym in 1985 and 1987. The '85 squad, led by tourney MVP Leroy Thompson, posted a 33-1 record. Bethel Hendrick earned the award in '87.

Twenty years later,

Austin-East celebrated a girls state title. Coach John Anderson's Lady Roadrunners, led by MVP LaKrystle Goss, were 37-3 in 2007.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of an all-Knoxville affair at the 1978 boys' state tournament in Murfreesboro. It was Holston vs. Rule in the Class AA finals – two of our schools that are Gone But Not Forgotten. Coach Howard Rash's Warriors came out on top that night, defeating the Golden Bears, coached by Johnny Darden, 71-51. Tourney MVP Chris Harris powered Holston (34-1).

Going much further back, Knoxville High claimed its second state crown in 1941 as Bill Wright was selected the tourney's MVP. KHS also captured the state championship in 1951, the final year of the school's existence. The Trojans' John "Doc" Clark was a two-time MVP honoree in the 1938 and '39 state tourneys.

Shelley Collier has guided Webb School to three girls state titles. Her Lady Spartans finished on top in Division II in 2007, Division II-AA in 2009 and Division II-A in 2012. Webb standouts Glory Johnson, Faith Dupree and Molly Melton were MVPs of those states.

Silver anyone? Seventeen Knox County boys teams have been runners-up in state basketball. Finishing second may be tough to swallow at first, but it's something to be proud of as time go by.

For a very long time, I used to stop and admire the 1962 second place award in Fulton's trophy case. Bob Fry coached that team, which included the great Ron Widby, who went on to stardom at Tennessee.

Holston was runner-up

in 1967, falling 46-45 to Alcoa at Stokely Athletic Center. The Warriors' Jimmy England, who went on to become an All-American at UT, was MVP of that tourney.

Rob Jones, who also led the Vols, was MVP of the 1982 state, even though Austin-East was Class AAA runner-up. Sandwiched between its 1985 and 1987 titles, A-E was Class AA runner-up in 1986.

Starting in 1999, Charles Mitchell's Roadrunners came home with the silver basketball three years in a row. That's tough, but a lot of coaches out there would love to have such a run on their resume. Darden almost did, as Rule was Class AA runner-up two years in a row, in '78 and '79.

George Pitts, who went on to coach many championship teams at Science Hill and Brentwood Academy, led South-Young to second place in Class AA in 1980.

Bearden and highly successful coach Mark Blevins came within one victory of a Class AAA championship in 2011.

Knoxville has had five girls teams to finish runner-up, including Karns in the 1980 Class AAA state. Called the Beaverettes back then, Joe Dooley was head coach and his star player, Pat Hatmaker, who became a Lady Vol, was selected the tourney's MVP.

Webb bowed to Franklin Road Academy 52-45 in this year's Division II-A finale. The Lady Spartans also were runners-up in 2008 and 2011. A-E girls took second in 2005.

Knoxville teams combined for a 2-6 record at the state this year. But then, finding gold never has been easy.

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Central uses big inning to down Halls

By Ken Lay

For five innings the Halls High and Central High softball teams were locked in a typical District 3-AAA rivalry game.

But that all changed in the bottom of the sixth inning when the Lady Bobcats scored seven runs and sealed a crucial early-season 9-1 victory over the Lady Devils Wednesday night at Fountain City Ballpark.

"I don't think anybody really expected this to be a 9-1 game," Central

coach Mike Cox said after watching his 10-player squad pound out six hits and play seven runs in the sixth inning. "Quite honestly, we could play them again and the score could be reversed."

Central (2-0 overall, 2-0 in the district) held a 2-1 lead after the top of the sixth before the Lady Bobcats' bats came to life. Central began its rally with one out. Maleah Hipsher started things by drawing a walk. Kristyn Parolari and Megan Whaley followed

with consecutive hits to load the bases. Morgan Dukes then reached on a fielder's choice. Hipsher was retired for the inning's second out and the Lady Devils (0-1, 0-1) appeared poised to escape damage.

But that's not how things unfolded.

"The wheels fell off," Halls coach Bryan Gordon said.

Jordan Hansard, Central's center fielder and No. 9 hitter, had a two-run double that scored Parolari

and Whaley to extend the home team's advantage to 4-1. Brooke Owen and Caitlyn Rolen then had back-to-back RBI singles to make it 6-1. Rolen's hit chased Halls starting pitcher Lexi Helm from the game.

Lauren White relieved Helm and saw the first batter she face reach as Kaitlyn Howell got aboard on an error. Hansard scored on the play to make it 7-1. Courtney Styles closed the scoring with a two-run single.

"This was a big win for

us," Cox said. "Anytime you get a win like this against a team like this, it's huge for these girls."

"I have 10 players and when the look across and see 17, 18 or 22 girls, they know that they have to compete and they know they have to contribute."

The Lady Devils tried to mount a comeback in the top of the seventh as Leah Hall and Samantha Warwick each single to open the inning before Central pitcher Kacy Russell slammed the door on

the Lady 'Cats' second district victory of the young season.

Russell (2-0) pitched her second consecutive complete game. She allowed one run, six hits, one walk and hit a batter. She finished with three strikeouts.

Russell surrendered a leadoff double to Katie Scott before retiring eight of the next 10 Halls hitters.

"Our timing was off at the plate and it's still early. **Continue on page 4**



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS

Gibbs' Hunter Hopson battles with Elizabethton's Aaron Miller for a rebound in Gibbs' 54-53 state sectional victory. That win punched the Eagles' ticket to the TSSAA Class AA state tournament in Murfreesboro, but Gibbs' amazing tourney run ended with a 76-50 loss at the hands of Livingston Academy.

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in the first half, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range, to take a 37-21 halftime command. For the game, Gibbs shot 35 percent and made only 5 of 24 from 3-point range.

Aaron Corum led Gibbs with 18 points but hit only 1 of 7 behind the 3-point line. Jay Cade chipped in 15 points.

Gibbs had made a lot of comebacks this season.

"If you keep getting down, it's going to catch up with you sooner or later," said Coach Meade. "Today we got in too big of a hole to get out of. They were a better team than we were today.. Got to give them credit. They made plays and we didn't."

Meade said Gibbs has been a better shooting team than it showed. He also said he didn't know if playing in a dome was a factor. "We didn't shoot the ball well. Credit their defense as well. They contested shots and made it hard on us."

The loss at the state won't spoil the Eagles' banner year, Meade said.

"It hurts everybody now," he said, "but in a couple of weeks, I think we'll look back on this and really be proud of the run we had this year. Being a first year head coach, I couldn't be any prouder of this group of seniors. It's a special group. They made my transition to head coach easy."

Veteran Fulton coach Jody Wright expected his team to have its hands full against Jackson South Side (28-3).

"They were ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the state throughout the season," said Wright the night before its state opener. "They are big and long and the most athletic team we've played all year long. They are well deserving of their state ranking. And they have a Mr. Basketball finalist in A.J. Merriweather."

Jackson South Side jumped out to a 12-6

lead after one period and steadily pulled away. The Falcons (24-9) got as close as eight points (39-31) in the fourth period, but eight straight free throws by Jaylen Barford extended the margin again. Merriweather's dunk with 1:23 left was the exclamation point on the decision.

Malik Hicks led the West Tennesseans with 15 points. Merriweather finished with 10 points, eight rebounds and three steals.

Kelvin Jackson came off the bench to lead Fulton with 17 points and six rebounds in 21 minutes of playing time. Blake Golden added 12 points and six boards.

The Falcons' Micah Goss and Kentel Williams were a combined 1 for 16 from the field and Goss was 0 for 8 from 3-point range. The Falcons overall shot 33 percent from the field and were 1 for 10 in 3-point attempts.

Powell and Halls split to open season

By Ken Lay

Emory Road rivals Powell and Halls met to open the 2013 high school baseball season early last week and the two District 3-AAA powerhouses split their two-game series and both teams picked up road wins.

The season opened Tuesday at Halls High's Bob Polston Field with the Panthers coming away with a 3-1 victory.

The Red Devils evened their record and the season series with a 12-5 victory at Danny T. Maples Field on the west side of Emory Road.

The 2013 campaign began 24 hours late as Knox County was pelted by rain on Monday, March 10 causing the match-up at Powell to be moved to Wednesday.

Both squads were eager to get underway Tuesday night and the result was another classic game in the series between the two longtime rivals.

Early on in the season opener, Halls pitcher Luke Thompson and Hagen Owenby were locked in a pitchers' duel.

"I thought both pitchers battled," Red Devils coach Doug Polston said.

That might've been the understatement of the young season as Halls and the Panthers (1-1 overall, 1-1 in the district) were locked in a scoreless deadlock in the first five innings.

"I told coach Polston before the game that it really didn't matter what either team had in the dugout because this is a rivalry game," Powell coach Jay Scarbro said.

The contest was truly what a rivalry game should be as Owenby and Thompson kept the two offenses at bay.

The Panthers scored the game's first run in the top of the sixth when Owenby's sacrifice fly to center field plated Dean Kidd. Kidd led off the inning by reaching on an error. He advanced to second on a wild pitch. He took third on a bunt single by Marcus Weaver.

Halls knotted the game in the bottom of the frame on a one-out solo home run by catcher Devin Long.

"Long is a good hitter," Scarbro said. "He's one of the scariest hitters in their line-up."

Owenby wasn't shaken by the round-tripper. He hurled a complete game and surrendered just four hits and appeared to get stronger as the game went on.

He's the starting quarterback on Powell's football team and said that prepared him for Tuesday's success on the diamond.

"Football puts the bulldog in you," Owenby said. "I wasn't surprised that I threw a complete game."

"We've been throwing for a long time and we've worked really hard in the offseason and it prepares us to go long innings. I was just going to let them put the ball in play and let my defense do its job. I was just working hard for my team."

Powell took the lead for good in the seventh with two more runs. Panthers left fielder Sam Braden led off the frame with a triple and scored two outs later on a sacrifice fly by Austin Bloomer.

Weaver's RBI single provided the winning margin.

Even in defeat, Polston wasn't devastated.

"We're sitting here with a bunch of inexperienced kids," he said.

"We lost four starting pitchers and eight starters and by [district] tournament time, we're hoping to be a better team than we are right now."

"Out of 230 innings that we played last year, I've only got 34 of those [pitched] innings back and I have players starting who hadn't seen a varsity pitcher."

The Red Devils bounced back Tuesday and returned the favor. Halls, which took advantage of four Powell errors, overcame a 4-0 deficit.

The Red Devils scored all 12 of their runs over the final three innings. Halls, which had nine hits at Powell, scored six runs in the fifth, four more in the sixth and two in the seventh.



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Satterfield to Discuss Investigative Reporting, Being Female Journalist

Jamie Satterfield, Knoxville's leading crime and courts reporter, will share some of her trade secrets and her experiences being a woman in a male dominated field at the April Knoxville Writers' Guild meeting.

The event, which will be open to the public, begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 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.

Satterfield has worked for the "Knoxville News

Sentinel" since 1994 and said, "I will be speaking on two key subjects - the struggle to be a woman in the men's world of hard news and the techniques of investigative reporting."

Her 24 years of experience makes her more than qualified as an expert on both topics. She has received numerous state and national awards for investigative reporting and crime and courts coverage. She was dubbed by the "New York Times" as a pioneer in the use of social media, particularly Twitter, to report on trials and other news. She has been awarded numerous fellowships, including the Loyola Law School for Journalists program, the Knight



Jamie Satterfield

Center and Poynter Institute. Satterfield began her career at "The Mountain Press" in Sevierville and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

For more information about this and other KWG events, visit www.knoxville-writersguild.org.

Pellissippi State art faculty member named to City of Knoxville Public Arts Committee

Jeffrey Lockett, Art professor and program coordinator at Pellissippi State Community College, has been invited by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero to serve a three-year term on the City of Knoxville Public Arts Committee.

The committee was created in 2008 to enrich the lives of Knoxville residents and visitors through the involvement of professional artists in integrating public artwork throughout the city. The members oversee all the artwork in downtown Knoxville, Lockett says, including approximately 50 sculptures along Gay and Church streets and in Krutch Park.

Lockett's work has been included in countless local, regional, and national exhibitions and is housed in such collections

as the Harriet V. Cornell Museum of Fine Art in Florida and the Ewing Gallery at the University of Tennessee. He has served as an instructor and visiting artist for multiple arts institutes across Tennessee. Lockett is the owner of Highland Pottery.

Lockett earned a bachelor's degree in art from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and an M.F.A. in ceramics from UT. He has been a full-time member of Pellissippi State's Art faculty for the past 23 years and currently teaches Ceramics I (Hand-building) and Ceramics II (Throwing).

For more information about Pellissippi State's art course offerings, visit www.pstcc.edu or call (865) 694-6400. To learn about upcoming exhibits, go to www.pstcc.edu/arts.



On Friday March 15, the Orangery hosted the full Brad Walker Orchestra in the Phoenix ballroom. The Brad Walker Orchestra played a two hour performance for guests to dance and celebrate another memorable night together.

5 questions with Brad Walker

1) Big band has seen a resurgence lately in popularity. Why do you think it is so popular?

I think it's popular not only with the older generation, but more with the younger generation because it's music that has always and will be in our society. It's great music to not only impress a young lady but actually have some kind of romance on the dance floor.

2) Who are your role models in the big band industry?

My friend Ray Anthony (House big band at Playboy and famous big band leader), Glenn Miller, Bob Havens, Tommy Dorsey and Buddy Morrow.

3) How many instruments do you perform?

I play trombone and try to sing haha.

4) What is the difference between your normal band and the big band?

My normal band is the big band 15 pieces. The combo consists of 4 to 5 musicians. Both have vocals by Valerie Duke. The difference between the two is well the bigger band has a much fuller sound and more contrast to the music plus great dance music. The combo, we play more jazz and dinner type music.

5) Tell us about this big event at The Orangery?

Myself and Blake from the Orangery saw a need to start up a possible monthly public big band dance because of the request and crowd we receive from our regular combo performances at the Orangery. I think this a great ideal because we play mostly private gigs and we've been having so many request from our public fans to start up a big band/swing dances somewhere.

Central uses big inning to down Halls

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for us," Gordon said. "All the credit goes to them and their pitcher.

"She kept us off-balance all night and the bottom line is that we didn't hit the ball."

Central took a 1-0 lead with some small ball in the bottom of the first inning.

Owen led off the frame

with a four-pitch walk and took second on a wild pitch. She moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Rolen. Owen scored on an RBI single by Howell.

The Lady Bobcats added another run in the third. Hansard led off the frame and was hit by a pitch. She reached third on consecutive sacrifice bunts

by Owen and Rolen. Hansard scored on a single by Styles, who had two hits and drove in three runs.

The Lady Devils pulled to within 2-1 in the top of the fourth. Katie Corum was hit by a pitch and reached third on a single by Alyssa Mabe. Corum scored when Leah Hall grounded out.



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The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Quislings

Groucho Marx once quipped, "These are my principles; and if you don't like these, I have others." I started thinking about this old joke as I picked up a penny in the Kroger parking lot. My wife thinks I'm crazy, but I like to go to the grocery and she encourages this quirkiness. I realize that pennies are almost worthless these days, but the principle stamped on the coin resonates in my soul. Pennies proclaim, "In God We Trust." I do, and this is a foundational principle for me.

I'm reading a book called "And How Should We Then Live." The author, Francis Schaeffer, is a philosopher, an art historian and a man of faith. He chronicles the rise of our Western culture and attributes much of what we are to Judeo-Christian precepts. A

similar argument was made in the "Victory of Reason" by Rodney Stark. Both historians think that Western culture is under assault and is in decline. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn in *The Gulag Archipelago* said that to subjugate a people you must take away their history. We are again repeating the mistakes of past civilizations as we allow our schools to take history away from our children.

Sometimes I see glimmers of hope and think perhaps the sleepers are awakening. The History Channel is now running a series called *The Bible* and I saw an interview with the producers on TV. I was impressed by their sincerity, and though I might quibble with their artistic license of the greatest story ever told, I

firmly believe in the message. Illiteracy of the Bible and our collective history is the path to subjugation.

I'm not a Catholic, but I find myself strangely drawn to the drama in Rome and the Catholic Church. I watched as the white smoke rose from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel heralding the election of the Vicar of Rome and the new Spiritual Leader of a quarter of the world's population. I believe anything that furthers the faithful benefits our collective civilization. I find it offensive that TV talking heads immediately set out to denigrate Francis I for his defense of marriage, his belief that abortion is wrong, and contraception is against the teachings of Catholicism. Progressives and secularists howled when the Cardinals selected a man who stood up for his beliefs in his own country and was internally banished for opposing the liberal Argentinean president, Cristina Kirchner. It took the intervention of Pope Jean Paul II to restore Francis' stature in the Church, and we can only hope he can now reform the bureaucracy of the Vatican and raise the stature of Christendom.

The word conservative comes from the Latin word

conservare and means to keep safe the traditions of the past. This is not a staid philosophy, but is a measured one. Obama said his desire is to transform America. He voiced even more radical perspectives in his book "Dreams from My Father." I read the book; did you? As a writer I believe what an author writes is the truest reflection of his heart. You can tell if writing is honest and sincere even if you don't agree with the writer. I don't agree with Obama's vision for America even though his book was beautifully written.

In 1940 The London Times first used the term quisling for those who collaborated with the conquering Nazi war machine. The term came from the Norwegian politician Vidkun Quisling who assisted in the overthrow of his government so he could become its titular leader under the Nazis.

I cannot support something I know in my heart is wrong; and I believe America has been led down the wrong path. I have been advised to compromise my principles. I have been ordered to change the words in my column by those outside my Focus family. I have been called vile names and I am

increasingly ostracized by those who collaborate with wrong. The likes of John McCain would have railed at me were I as influential as Senator Rand Paul, our modern day Mr. Smith gone to Washington.

The Progressive philosophy, masquerading as the Democrat Party, had its origins as a populist movement in the late 1800s. Originally, it opposed the injustices of the Industrial Revolution and Robber Barons like Vanderbilt and Carnegie, but later brought us such popular programs as our graduated income tax and prohibition. You see, the government needed more money and needed to control its children. The American People eventually turned on Progressives, but in 1924 John Dewey rebranded them as "Modern Liberals." Please recognize that our Founders were *Classical Liberals* who believed in constitutionally limited government and individual freedom, the opposite of Progressivism.

"Modern" Liberalism of the last fifty years, which brought us The Great Society, has been a dismal failure. How instructive that Liberals have again rebranded themselves as *Modern Progressives*. Both Hillary Clinton and

President Obama call themselves modern progressives.

"How should we then live?" We must get educated and get involved. You should not trust the quivering media or me; find your own truth. Don't expect our dysfunctional government to fix your problems or take care of you. Refuse to be enslaved and banished to the government plantation. Resist giving the government more of your labors (taxes) in the hopes that they'll throw you some beans and rice over the fence at the end of the day. We The People must say NO! to tyranny. Marco Rubio said it well, "We don't need a new Idea. The Idea is called "America," and it still works."

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

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



Tennova Receives Unanimous Approval for New Cardiac Program

Tennova Healthcare has received approval to build a diagnostic heart catheterization program at North Knoxville Medical Center.

The Certificate of Need (CON) received unanimous approval by the Tennessee Health Services Development Agency in Nashville.

"This is an exciting announcement for North Knox and surrounding counties," said Rob Followell, CEO of North Knoxville Medical Center. "Our community was extremely supportive of heart services being offered at our hospital and even wrote letters of support to the Agency." Heart catheterization

has become a standard of care for patients suffering from heart blockages. The procedure is done to get information about the heart and its vessels. It may also be done to treat certain types of heart conditions, or to find out if a patient needs heart surgery. Cardiac catheterizations in the new lab will be performed by members of East Tennessee Heart Consultants.

"Prior to this approval, patients who would benefit from a heart catheterization procedure would have to be transferred to another hospital," said Kyle McCoy, M.D., Tennova Cardiologist. "This approval gives

North Knoxville heart patients access to this important service in the hands of extremely experienced cardiologists."

While still early in the planning stage, construction is anticipated to be completed by this summer. The new cardiac catheterization lab will be located on the second floor of the hospital, across from surgery. The catheterization lab will build on what has already been unprecedented growth at the facility since becoming Tennova in October of 2011. The North Knoxville Medical Center campus has opened a 15-bed oncology wing on the 5th floor, added

inpatient dialysis, renovated the ICU, added PET CT services this month, and is expanding the ER by four rooms bringing the total to 20. The ER has seen an almost 11% growth in emergency visits in just one year.

"The diagnostic heart catheterization program is a logical next step for the North Knoxville campus as it continues to expand its scope of services to support the North Knoxville community," Mike Garfield, Market CEO said. "The construction will be a significant investment to this campus."

Cosmetologists needed to help Knoxville area cancer patients

Are you a cosmetologist with a few hours to spare?

If so, you can help area cancer patients look good and feel better as they battle the side effects of treatment.

The American Cancer Society is currently recruiting cosmetologists to serve as volunteer facilitators for Look Good Feel Better, a program that helps female cancer patients cope with appearance-related side effects from cancer treatment by teaching them beauty tips to enhance their looks and self-image.

A training session for new volunteers will be held on Monday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the organization's Knoxville office, 871 N. Weisgarber Rd.

To register, please contact

Hope Mitchell, the local staff representative at 865-558-4056 or email hope.mitchell@cancer.org.

The training session is open to all licensed cosmetologists. At the session, volunteers will learn how to teach women undergoing cancer treatment to cope with changes in their body caused by treatment, such as hair loss and changes in skin color.

The Look Good Feel Better program is offered as a partnership of the American Cancer Society, Personal Care Products Council Association, and the Professional Beauty Association. The free, non-medical program does not endorse particular products, manufacturers or salons. All cosmetics used in the group program have been donated.

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Dealing with the Doldrums

Have you ever felt the blues? You know, one of those days when you just feel like staying in bed and never getting up? While I have never experienced full blown depression (and thankfully there are Doctors and medication to help with this), I have dealt with the blues. I believe most people experience times of depression or exhaustion. When this happens, it can create anxiety and worry, and cause one to lose focus on God. What steps can one take to get out of the doldrums?

I am reminded of a very famous prophet of Israel, Elijah. God did amazing miracles through this man. He could multiply flour and oil for a widow who was close to starving (1 Kings 17:14). He could raise a dead child back to life (1 Kings 17:21-22). He could cause fire to fall down from heaven and consume a sacrifice (1 Kings 18:38). Yet in all of these great acts of God working through Elijah, he struggled with the blues.

At the height of Elijah's prophetic ministry, the wicked queen of Israel, Jezebel, sent the army out to hunt down and kill Elijah. Instead of being bolstered in his faith and confidence that God would protect him, Elijah flees for his life. He is in despair and asks God to take his life. What is God's response? He doesn't chew him out or grant his request and take his life; God sends an angel to minister to him (1 Kings 19:4-6).



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

Elijah is still discouraged and ends up traveling to the mountain of Horeb, where he hides in a cave. Elijah becomes self-focused and distressed. But, God doesn't give up on Elijah. God affirms Elijah and his ministry and tells him he is not alone. Elijah doesn't think there are any faithful Israelites left who are not worshipping idols. God tells him there are seven thousand others like him and that he needs to get out of the cave and back to work (1 Kings 19:13-18).

As I think about times I go through the doldrums, I have been a bit like Elijah. I get focused on self and start having a pity party and think about how life is difficult and unfair. Truth be known, life is difficult and not fair. But the troubles of this world provide a tremendous opportunity to reflect our faith and confidence in the Lord. God would not have us hide in our bedrooms or retreat behind closed doors. God would remind us that we are not alone. And even if we were alone, God is always with us.

So... the next time you just don't want to get out of bed, pray and ask God to strengthen you and remind you of your purpose to glorify Him with your life. You and I have every reason to get out of bed in the morning to shine the love of Christ. And once you remember His great love for you, you will begin to love others and the doldrums will be a thing of the past.



Congratulations to Knoxville Territory Citation Achievers: Joel Newman (Seymour FBC), Ruth Vanderford (Parkway), Mason Powell (Seymour FBC - Also the all around gold medalist and scholarship winner for public speaking and preaching), Shawna Wood (Grace BC) and Tim Kane (West Park).

Eusebia Presbyterian welcomes Holy Week

Members and friends of historic Eusebia Presbyterian Church will assemble outside the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. March 24 to begin their Holy Week pilgrimage. Bearing palm branches, they will march into the church, joining in hymns and a special liturgy for Passion/Palm Sunday.

Interim pastor Dr. Dwyn Mounger will speak on "Was Jesus a Hick?" Worship will include a dramatic reading, for male and female voices, of the Passion story of St. Luke.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, members of the congregation and of Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church will unite at Eusebia for a 7 p.m. service of Holy Communion, led by Mounger and the Rev. Dr. Eugene Thomas, of Rocky Springs. The sacrament is open to all the baptized, regardless of denomination. Worship will conclude with an adaptation

of the ancient Office of Tenebrae ("shadows"). With the sanctuary in total darkness the church bell will toll 33 times. Then everyone will leave in silence.

On Easter Day, March 31, at 7:30 a.m. members will process to the standing cross in the 18th-century graveyard for a brief sunrise service. Breakfast for all will follow.

Festival worship in witness to the resurrection is at 10:45 a.m. Acolytes, liturgists, and clergy will process behind an Easter banner. Mounger's sermon will be "Dying Beyond Your Means." The congregation invites members and visitors to bring with them to either or both services fresh flowers, and to insert them onto a hand-crafted cross. Eusebia Church is located at 1701 Burnett Station Rd., corner of U.S. 411, between Seymour and Maryville.

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church will begin the celebration of Holy Week with Passion/Palm Sunday Services on March 24 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. At the beginning of both the 9:00 (contemporary) and 11:00 (traditional) worship services, the children will march in and wave palm branches.

The annual Easter Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 30.

The fun filled day will start with the pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. cooked by United Methodist Men. Danny the Magician will put on a magical show at 9:30 followed by the children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 on the church lawn. Come bring your family and join the fun!

Beaver Ridge is starting registrations for Preschool, Parents Day out and T-N-T Summer Programs! To register call 865-531-2052 or email imacindo@

beaverridge.com. Church office 690-1060 or see us on the web: www.beaverridgeumc.com.

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell invites you to celebrate Easter in a Good Friday Service on March 29, at 7:00 p.m. The choir will be in costumes as they sing and tell the Story. 7212 Central Avenue Pike. (865) 938-2611.

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon will meet March 19, 2013 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway at noon. Charles Hyder will be the guest speaker.

Meridian Baptist Church

Meridian Baptist Church, 6513 Chapman Hwy, will have a Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday,

March 30 at 11 a.m.

Easter sunrise service at 7:20 a.m. at Meridian Cemetery on Sevierville Pike.

Easter musical "It Is Finished" will be presented by the Sanctuary and Young At Heart Choirs on Sunday, March 31 at 10:50 a.m.

For more information please call 577-6617.

Rio Praise and Worship Center

On Easter Sunday, March 31, Rio Praise and Worship Center, 3702 Knox Lane, Knoxville, TN 37917, will have Special Celebration and Dedication of new location beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following morning service, lunch will be served. On Sunday afternoon, Senior Pastors Don and Opal Dalton will host a "Meet and Greet" until 4 p.m. All are welcome to come by for part, or all, of the day's events! Call 865-684-6055 for more

information.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church, located at 4014 Garden Drive in Fountain City, will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt complete with Games, Crafts, Face Painting and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!! Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, so please make plans to join us for this fun-filled event.

Seymour United Methodist Church

A special Easter Sunrise worship service will be held at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, followed by breakfast.

All Sunday school classes begin at 10 a.m., for a 45-minute, Biblically-based study period between the two worship services.

The Wednesday evening fellowship meal starts at 5:30 p.m. Small group studies follow at 6:30 p.m. Please make dinner reservations on Sunday or by noon Tues.

Throughout the Lenten season, the sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to anyone who so desires receiving same at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel every Wednesday.

Friday, March 22 brings the next gathering of the "Scrapbooking" fellowship group at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The "Groundskeepers" ministry will join forces with many other volunteers for a church-wide workday on Saturday, March 23, to spruce up both inside and out for Easter. Signup sheets for the various tasks are posted in main hallway. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 24, the Soul Sisters will host a bake sale with proceeds going to "Imagine No Malaria." All bakers are welcomed to submit their goodies before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 22 or bring them by 8:30 a.m. that Sunday!

The annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Volunteers needed for many necessary functions that day!

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Fine painting discovered from phone call

First of all, I wish to thank all the folks in our community that have called or written me to assess their antiques and collectibles. It has been a true pleasure to help our neighbors



By Carl Sloan

with no-cost, accurate assessments of their possessions. I have been able to assist folks who wish to sell their items, collections, and even estates through consignment to auction in a proper venue. Other times, I am asked to help those who have no intention of selling their items identify them by assessing their age, authenticity, and potential value. I really welcome your calls and have met more wonderful people than I can count.

Today was really no different. We were loading up an estate collection when I received a call to look at a painting. Kami Darakshani came in with no intention to sell his item, however, he was looking for advice on a painting that had been in his family for many years and previously belonged to his mother.



He unwrapped a small painting in an elaborate frame. I was very impressed with the quality of the picture and the frame. What I saw was an 1870's Impressionist

painting, oil on wood panel, of a Victorian woman in fine attire and a very elaborate frame. The art was unsigned, yet a skilled painting in the early era of the Impressionist style and European as well. I gave Kami an assessment of \$400-\$600 market value. He was smart to have someone with experience to help him understand what he had. I asked if the painting could be the subject for my weekly column and Kami happily agreed so here it is!

Neighbors, let me hear from you. I love to help give you straight answers without sugar coating, so that you may have better knowledge on what you have. I am a generalist with three decades of experience. I specialize in military, fine arts, paintings, bronzes, coins and currency, modern art and styles, primitives, American furniture, jewelry, sterling flatware, folk art, pottery of all types, toys, photography, musical instruments, and other items. I do well documented insurance appraisals at a very reasonable costs. It may take a bit for me to get back with you, but I always will give you a return call or email as soon as possible with available appointment times. You may contact me by email. Fountaincityauction@yahoo.com or call (865)604-3468 to speak with Greg Lawson, owner of Fountain City Auction, and leave me a message.



Knox County 4-H Teams: 1st Row: Juniors: Andrea Gaddis, Brandon Livingston, Alyssa Stephenson: 2nd Row: Junior High: McKenzie Petree, Jennifer Johannes, Nick Knoefel, Chris Carris, Lydia McCurdy, Aidan Ohle, Sage Bamberg: 3rd Row: Seniors: Rachael Millard, Catherine Albert, Moriah Brothers, Sophie Antol

Knox County 4-Hers bring home the blue

By Nick Knoefel
7th grade 4H correspondent

On February 16, the Knox County 4-H Senior Team went to Roane State in Hariman and took home 1st place ribbons for Senior High Division Team Champs in the State Hippology Competition and 1st place ribbons for Senior High Division Team Champs in the Horse Bowl Competition. Their win qualifies them for the National 4-H Hippology and Horse Bowl Competition in Louisville, KY in November 2013 to compete. They will also be competing at the Southern Regional in Monroe, LA in July. Other State Awards were presented: Catherine Albert placed 1st in the individual speech contest,

Moriah Brothers placed 2nd in the individual speech contest; Rachael Millard and Sarah Millard (not pictured) placed 1st in the team presentation contest. In the individual State Senior Division Hippology Competition the following awards were presented: R. Millard placed 1st, Brothers placed 2nd, and Albert placed 8th. In the Junior High individual Hippology Competition, McKenzie Petree placed 9th.

All four Knox County teams, comprised of fourteen 4-H Students grades 4th thru 12th, competed at the State Competition after qualifying at Eastern Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl Competition held on January 19th at the UT Agricultural



1st PLACE STATE WINNERS: Moriah Brothers, Catherine Albert, Sophie Antol and Rachael Millard.

campus. (picture below). Regional Results: Junior Team: Individual Placing: Andrea Gaddis 1st. Team Placing: 3rd in Hippology. Junior High Team: Individual Hippology Placing: Lydia McCurdy 4th and McKenzie Petree 8th. Knox County A Team Placing: 2nd in Hippology and 2nd in Horse Bowl. Knox County B Team placed 6th in Hippology and 4th in Horse Bowl. Senior High Team: Individual Hippology Placing: Rachael Millard 1st, Catherine Albert 3rd, Brothers 4th: Team Placing: 1st in Hippology and 1st in Horse Bowl.

team presentation) allow senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge and skills while also developing public speaking skills. The Horse Bowl contest challenges youth to learn scientific information about horse nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, health and management. The Hippology Contest is a written test which allows 4-H youth to demonstrate skills they have learned in equine science, horse judging and identification of horse related tack and equipment.

The communications contests (public speaking, individual presentation and

Way to go Knox County 4-H for representing the Region and State with such Tennessee pride.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHS Class of 1963 Reunion

The Central High School Class of 1963 is looking for lost classmates as we prepare to celebrate our 50th Reunion this spring. If you are part of this class and have not heard from the committee about the upcoming "golden reunion" please email or mail your information. Email your contact info to: ajrader@bellsouth.net or mail to CHS Class of '63, 5428 Kesterbrooke Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37918.

18, 2013. The Meet & Greet starts at 6 p.m.; the meeting proper begins at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be John Duncan III, Knox County Trustee.

The Republican Lincoln Day Dinner is slated for Friday, April 12, 2013. Tickets are \$30 per person. The dinner will be held at Rothchild's (8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923) at 6:00 p.m. Program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Former Texas Congressman and Republican presidential contender Ron

Paul will be the speaker. Call GOP Headquarters for more information at (865) 689-4671.

Listening Hearts meeting

Listening Hearts, A Gathering of Bereaved Moms - will meet 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, in the west conference room at the Eye Institute (formerly the Baptist Eye Institute), 2020 Kay Street, Knoxville, TN.

North Hills Garden Club Annual Perennial Plant Sale
North Hills Garden Club

Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at North Hills Park. There will be plenty of green signs to direct people to the park, which is just south of Kenilworth with an entrance off Kennington.

Donations of any empty pots you have sitting around your garage will be happily accepted!

Along with perennials, there will be beautiful blooming annuals, arts & crafts booths, and a bake Continue on page 4

Fountain City Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the Fountain City Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Fountain City Park, sponsored by Angela Floyd Schools and Virginia College!

The Annual Fountain City Easter Egg Hunt is a yearly tradition bringing together kids of all ages and their parents to enjoy a fun day of food, vendors, games and, of course, Easter egg hunting. The event is free and open to the public. There will also be a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Halls Republican Club Meeting

The Halls Republican Club will be meeting at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell (1819 Dry Gap Rd. just off of E. Emory Rd. across from Brickley School) on Monday, March

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Second Annual Liberians & Friends African Fashion Show

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Executive Board Meeting, March 27, 2013.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, March 27, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Regional Mobility Plan Update, Air Quality Conformity Determination, Transportation Improvement Plan Schedule and Applications, Transportation Planning Work Program FY 2014, Regional Greenways Update, PlanET Update; and other business.

If you would like a complete agenda, please contact MPC at 215-2500 or see the TPO web site at www.knoxtrans.org. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact MPC at 215-2500 and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

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