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ETTAC Celebrates 25 Years

By Tasha Mahurin
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In 1988, a group of parents, adults with disabilities, business people and service providers in the community who believed in the power of technology to aid people with disabilities joined together to form The East Tennessee Technology Access Center (ETTAC). Last week, ETTAC celebrated its 25th year of service with an open house held at its South Knoxville office.

Since its inception, ETTAC has transformed into a regional nonprofit agency that helps people with disabilities, throughout 24 counties, gain knowledge about and access to assistive technology devices. The devices help people with disabilities gain education and employment skills, perform activities of daily living, and lead more independent, productive lives. Additionally, ETTAC's assistive technology equipment is used for assessment and training, and some devices are available for loan.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

ETTAC representatives and the Mayors cut the ceremonial ribbon to open ETTAC's open house last week. The office is located at 116 Childress Street in South Knoxville.

One of their notable causes is Toy Tech, an annual holiday party held for children with disabilities and their friends. Donated toys are adapted by volunteers and given to children

who cannot play with typical toys.

"ETTAC has been an important place in the community for years. They have helped so many people with disabilities live

a life they might not have had without this center," longtime volunteer and WVLT reporter, Whitney Kent, told *The Focus*.

City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Knox

County Mayor Burchett, several state legislators, and ETTAC board members and clients were present to cut the ribbon.

"I'm honored to be a part

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Roughing it

Karns High students get a glimpse of frontier life



By Tasha Mahurin

Despite the frigid temperatures, Karns High School Social Studies teacher Gordon Sisk spent Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon camped out with his daughter in the school's outdoor classroom.

The outdoor classroom at Karns High School was completed in 2011 with assistance from Lowe's Home Improvement. Karns' teachers and students along with 25 volunteers from Lowes worked together to complete the innovative classroom located in the school's arboretum. The classroom has been used consistently since, and not just for science class. Sisk, in fact, teaches U.S. History.

"This particular lesson is called Frontier Foods," Sisk related while standing in the middle of his makeshift camp, set up to resemble life on the early American frontier. "I have all this cast-iron cook wear that we were able to secure with grants from the Junior League of Knoxville," he said, adding that through the grants they were also able to purchase wooden bowls and spoons.

Sisk wanted to teach his students about life on the frontier in a hands-on way. They learned to prepare venison stew, beans, and cornbread in dutch-ovens over an open fire in a manner consistent with life on the frontier. Some students even brought in fish and one group prepared bacon-wrapped duck.

Life-saving device now available at all county senior centers



PHOTO BY KNOX COUNTY

All Knox County Senior Centers now have life-saving automated external defibrillators on-site, thanks to a generous donation from Covenant Health. Last Wednesday, Covenant donated an AED unit to the Carter Senior Center, the final center to receive a device. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett was joined by Knox County Commissioner Dave Wright and Senior Director of Community Outreach Hemal Tailor to accept the donated unit from Covenant Health Representative Stan Boling. Carter Senior Center staff members Rebecca Quarles

and Tara Stirone (all pictured above) were also present.

An AED is a computerized device designed to recognize a cardiac arrest victim's heart rhythm and provide an electric shock to get that rhythm back to normal. The devices are easy to use and provide lights, text and voice prompts to instruct the rescuer in proper usage of the defibrillator.

"While we hope there's never a need to use this device, it is reassuring to know there are now accessible AEDs at every senior center," said Mayor Burchett.

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Mary as Mommy

A few weeks ago I wrote about winter depression and hoped to remind everyone of the words of Albert Camus: "In the midst of winter, I discovered there was, within me, an invincible summer." Though I may huddle up in the dark and cold with whatever the world may offer to comfort me, the hopeful season within me is rooted in my faith in Christ. Though I often hang on to Him by a fingernail, I never let go and He never lets go of me. Season after season of coldness, of disappointment, of grief, He has proven to me that His love never changes, that He will lift me out of any pit even if I leapt into that pit with my own two feet.



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a descriptive account of Calvary. He explained that Jesus's mother was there to see His suffering and asked the children, "How do you think your mom would feel if she saw you nailed up on a cross?" Beth said that the adults in the congregation became a little uncomfortable and then a little girl, about five years old, became incensed. "MY mommy would get ME down!" she declared.

According to Beth, the congregation chuckled and then teared up. What mother would be able to bear seeing her child nailed to a cross? Beth says that she still thinks about that moment every Good Friday. Last night, I lay in bed thinking about the faith of Mary and the reaction of the little girl at Beth's church. I thought about my daughter and my hopes for her life. I thought about my students at school and their parents. I think perhaps we could all learn from Mary's example.

Though it is extremely difficult for me to see my daughter suffer, I know that, like all of us, she has places

in her heart that do need to be crucified with Christ. What justice am I doing her if I don't allow that suffering to take place, if I don't trust God to redeem any suffering she may endure? Though I may not recognize Mary as my Catholic brothers and sisters do, I may still look to her as the scripture's foremost example of a mother. After all, Mary was chosen to be the mother of God. She was a mother willing to trust God and allow her child to suffer.

Every day, as a teacher, I see the effects of what happens to the spirits and attitudes of children who are not allowed to suffer. Robert Heinlein said, "Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy." Many of us today are not even willing to let our children be uncomfortable, let alone allow them to suffer. While Mary's son went to the cross with the sins of the world, too many of us are unwilling to let our children suffer the consequences of their own sins. How then are they too become more like Christ? This Easter season I pray that God will clean my heart and make me more like Mary and more importantly, more like Him.

This Easter comes to us at the foot of a dreary winter. Who knew a greater season of grief than Mary when she saw her son nailed to a cross? My long distance friend, Beth Masters, told me a great story about a child's reaction to Mary's position. During the children's message at her church one Easter, the pastor, in a child appropriate manner, gave

Running on empty

For someone who's supposed to be retired, I've allowed daily events to affect me too much. I know better, but that doesn't keep those things away.



By Joe Rector

shows seem the same: political parties play roulette with the nation's well being. Neither side wants to give any at all because ideology is so much more impor-

tant than governing to them. Some are prepared to allow the country's economy to go belly up to prove some silly point. Others are just as willing to do so rather than make changes in social programs running amok.

It's time for these ego-centric individuals to compromise and get about the business of the nation. If they can't, I propose that recall votes be held to oust the rascals.

Let's see how these talking heads function in the everyday world again. Americans have grown tired of politicians' name calling and attacking persons with opposing viewpoints. Civility and respect for others are dead in the nation's capitol. So many of our elected representatives profess their strong Christian faith, but I doubt that God would recognize any of His followers by their actions.

Another sore spot concerns gasoline prices. In a matter of a week, prices jumped 20 cents a gallon. Oh, plenty of reasons flooded the news media. Some said that refineries were closed for maintenance; others said the more expensive summer blends were

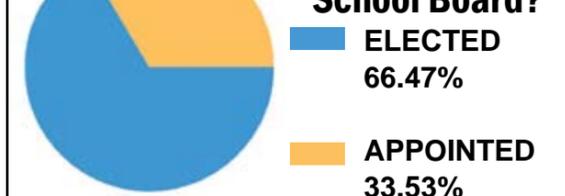
being produced. The most irritating excuse stated that speculators were driving up the prices as they looked for the economy to improve.

Such weak reasons give me a headache. It stands to logic that spiking gas prices stall the economy. Folks can't afford to drive those extra trips, so dining out or shopping at malls are added to the list of things not to do. Use goes down and prices follow, although they never drop to the original levels. It's an economic game that is replayed every few months.

I'd be in favor of a boost in gas prices IF the proceeds were directed toward ending our dependence on fossil fuels. The funds could go into alternative fuel sources that would free us from the whims of a gone-crazy Mideast and money grabbing oil companies and would help

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By Age	Elected	Appointed	Total
18-29	50.00%	50.00%	4
30-49	73.91%	26.09%	69
50-65	69.36%	30.64%	173
65+	62.79%	37.21%	258
Total	66.47% (335)	33.53% (169)	504

By District	Elected	Appointed	Total
1	72.41%	27.59%	29
2	58.18%	41.82%	55
3	56.00%	44.00%	50
4	48.48%	51.52%	66
5	66.07%	33.93%	56
6	67.24%	32.76%	58
7	79.71%	20.29%	69
8	76.06%	23.94%	71
9	74.00%	26.00%	50
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By Gender	Elected	Appointed	Total
Unknown	68.42%	31.58%	19
Female	63.26%	36.74%	264
Male	70.14%	29.86%	221
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clean up the environment at the same time.

Most of all, I am exhausted from being a UT fan. Like so many others, I've suffered through football mediocrity for too many years. I've watched a men's basketball team that had so much potential perform poorly in too many games. I've grimaced as one Lady Vol basketball player after another goes down with season-ending injuries. Some radio hosts dog the latest recruiting class without considering how late the coaching staff jumped into the fray. These talkers predict another horrible team with a losing record before the season even starts.

I'm the eternal optimist.

That means I'll begin the 2013-14 seasons with renewed anticipation and hopes. Perhaps those expectations will be dashed upon the rocks of disappointment, but I'll hang in for as long as possible. Then I'll turn off the television set and save my dwindling supply of energy and patience.

Maybe I'd be better off not caring about the direction of our country; maybe I should just pay the price for gas and let the oil companies jerk the collective American chain. Maybe I should find another team for which to cheer. On second thought, maybe bowing my back, hanging tough, running on empty are the best things to do.

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of the organization and hope to continue to help people with disabilities for the next 25 plus years," Kent added.

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'Paid in Full'

They are the most important happenings in history. Christians celebrate His birth at Christmas. Christians celebrate His death at Easter. But, more importantly, He arose! His resurrection gives us reason to celebrate. After a 15-year absence of Living Pictures, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church is presenting Celebrate Easter 2013 with Living Pictures entitled "Paid in Full." It promises to be a moving presentation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.



By **Ralphine Major**
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Forlines first developed Living Pictures around 1980 when he was the Minister of Music at Wallace Memorial. Bruce traveled to California to learn about this new concept of presenting the gospel. Since that time, he has shared with numerous churches how to develop their own Living Pictures program. Most of the time, the figures do not move and look like statues. The scene I remember most is the familiar Leonardo da Vinci's Lord's Supper. It shows Jesus and his disciples sitting at the table before his crucifixion. I knew the people in it were real; but, the longer

I looked at it, the more unreal they seemed. They did not move! I wondered what made the appearance of the people look so differently. "The scene is set behind a white cloth called a scrim," Dr. Jim McCluskey, Pastor Emeritus, told me. "A light shines behind the screen, the light is turned off in front of it, and the picture mysteriously appears."
"Wallace Memorial is fortunate to have a pastor emeritus and minister of music emeritus on staff," Rev. Terry McNatt, the current Minister of Music, told me. "Bruce laid a great foundation for these church-wide events at Christmas and Easter," he added. Now, there are 100-plus choir members; a 25-member orchestra; approximately 50 in the



Pictures of Living Pictures 1999 taken by Jamie Dye and provided by Eddie Hodges from the Wallace Memorial archives.



drama cast; and hundreds of volunteers helping behind the scenes. Many who helped build, paint, or decorate the first Living Pictures have lended their expertise to this year's production. Senior Pastor Dr. Mike Boyd said, "there is no more significant holiday for the church than Easter Sunday. It was a day the whole world changed, and the world was never the same again."

While the church leaders and cast have changed over time and new technology has added other elements, there is one thing that has not changed--the message of Easter. It is still the same. "Terry has done a wonderful job with this year's program,"

Dr. McCluskey said. It will be a combination of Living Pictures, the traditional Easter Passion Play, music, drama, bringing pictures to life, scrim, and videos. "Terry has developed and written the entire program and is to be commended for this work," Rev. Forlines said. As he spoke, I sensed a thrill in his voice that a ministry so dear to his heart is again being used to bring blessings to others and bring honor and glory to our Lord.

Wallace Memorial will present Celebrate Easter 2013 with Living Pictures

to the public on Saturday, March 30, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. The event is free, and tickets are available online at www.wmbc.net. Tickets are honored until 20 minutes prior to each presentation. After that, all are admitted with or without a ticket. The program will be presented to the church family and all guests who would like to attend the 10:00 Sunday Morning Service. This year, experience Easter in a special way. Because of Easter, we can call Jesus "our King forever," Pastor Boyd said. Hallelujah, He Lives!

Chefs create delectable dishes inspired by Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scout Cookies are the stars, but who will be the champion? That will be decided when professional chefs put a new spin on Girl Scout cookies to create savory appetizers and sweet desserts never before tasted. The second annual "Cookies & Cocktails" is Friday, April 5 at the Lighthouse of Knoxville (6800 Baum Drive) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends and colleagues to this unique gathering to enjoy cookie creations, plus cocktails and live music from the Old City Buskers.

Chefs from Magpies, The Plaid Apron, Knoxville Catering, The Crown and Goose, Tupelo Honey Cafe, Season's Cafe, Holly's Eventful Dining, and Chez Liberty will create culinary masterpieces. WATE-TV news anchor Lori Tucker will be the master

of ceremonies. Celebrity judges are UT Women's Athletic Director Emeritus Joan Cronan, WATE-TV news reporter Tearsa Smith, and WDVX radio personality Red Hickey.

"We're very excited for 'Cookies & Cocktails' this year," said Booth Kamman, CEO of the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians (GSCSA). "This adult celebration of the Girl Scout

Cookie Program was so much fun last year, and the chef line-up is outstanding this year. We hope adults in the Knoxville area will join us for a great evening, in support of a great cause."

Tickets are \$50 per person. Attendees must be at least 21 years old. All proceeds benefit area Girl Scouts. Tickets may be purchased online at girlscoutssa.org. Space is limited and

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

Network Technologies receives U.S. Cellular Customer Excellence Award

By Tasha Mahurin
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Seymour's own Network Technologies, a locally owned and operated U.S. Cellular store, has served the area's cellular needs since 1999; however, their work in the Seymour community extends far beyond cellular service. Owner Shirley Clepper and her staff have been instrumental in helping the Seymour school system win \$400,000 over the last three years through U.S. Cellular's Calling All Communities campaign.

Additionally, Clepper and employee Autumn Galyon devote a great deal of time and energy to the Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce and have been active in the organization since its formation. Clepper is currently an active board member, while Galyon serves as the managing director. And just last year the store, located at 10922 Chapman Highway, was completely remodeled in order to better serve its customers.

Their hard work and dedication to the Seymour community and their customers alike paid dividends this year, when U.S. Cellular awarded the local business with its Customer Service Excellence Award. While Network Technologies received a number of



Pictured from left to right: U.S. Cellular associate Autumn Galyon; Seymour Intermediate School Principal Peggy Oakes; and Shirley Clepper of U.S. Cellular authorized agent store Network Technologies in Seymour celebrated the March 2012 unveiling of Seymour Intermediate School's new computer lab, which was purchased through shared funds from Seymour Primary School when it won the 2011 U.S. Cellular Calling All Communities grand prize of \$150,000.

other awards from U.S. Cellular for 2012, including the Sales Excellence Pre-Paid Award, the Sales Excellence Post-Paid Award, the Sales Excellence Data Award, the Best Performance Top CAE Growth Year-After-Year Award, and The Best Performance in Connected Device Sales Award, Clepper admits that this one is the most significant.

"Customer Service

means more to us than numbers do, it's what sets us apart" said Clepper.

"We are so grateful to the Seymour and South Knoxville communities for their loyal support over the years," Clepper said. "Their support has enabled us to continue to provide friendly local service while striving to make a positive impact on our community."

Network Technologies

has received the Customer Service Excellence Award consistently since 2005. Customer retention is part of the criteria used to establish the winner of this particular award. Last year The Focus noted that while Network Technologies offers products and services from one of the largest wireless telecommunication networks in the United States, they are in fact a

locally owned and operated business with a real connection to the community. Network Technologies offers all the expertise on the latest cellular technology that you can expect from the pros but delivered by neighbors, to neighbors.

"Locally owned businesses build strong communities by connecting to people and contributing to local causes as well as

To celebrate their continued success and as a thank-you to the community for their support over the years, Network Technology is offering a free accessory (up to \$19.99/some restrictions apply) to any customer who activates a new line of service or renews an existing line of service when they mention this article. Network Technologies also offers the lowest prices on pre-owned phones.

recycling revenue back into the local economy which in turn enriches the whole community. In other words we don't just work here, we live here. We care about making a difference in our community and our customers know that." Clepper told The Focus. "Receiving this award for the 8th year, confirms to me that we are making that difference."

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Trinity Hills opens doors to Wellness Center

On Tuesday, March 19, Trinity Hills Senior Living Community proudly announced the new rehabilitation and wellness services offered at their open house. Trinity Hills and Functional Pathways Rehabilitation Services have teamed up to provide a group of programs designed to improve the overall health and wellness of their residents, and soon to be offered to the community, as well. Many came out and enjoyed the refreshments, door prizes, and tours provided by Trinity Hills and the Functional Pathways Team.

Trinity Hills prides itself in fostering to the improvement in the resident's physical, social, and spiritual well-being. They partner with caring organizations to provide a senior living



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Pictured at last week's open house at Trinity Hills are Quitar Ralston, Jill Fiala, Gwyn E. Earl, Morgan Honeycutt and Leisa Evans.

residence designed to help with activities of daily living. Functional Pathways has built a long-standing reputation of Elite people who give Elite care and produce Elite results. At Trinity

Hills, Functional Pathways is offering physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy in house to better serve the residents. In addition, they also offer various programs such as group exercise classes, gym memberships, personal training, and many other health education related services that fall under the umbrella of complete wellness.

They are excited about their new personal centered care and look forward to helping the community as well in the near future. Trinity Hills is located at 4611 Asheville Hwy and offers independent, assisted and memory care for seniors. For more information about The Wellness Center at Trinity Hills, please call (865) 329-3292.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

The calendar says it is spring, but the 23 degree reading this morning on the thermostat at the campground where I stay said otherwise! But I hold hope that warmer days are just around the corner.

There are several bills of interest working their way through the committee process. The Workers' Compensation Reform Act, which is part of Governor Haslam's legislative agenda, passed the House Consumer and Human Resources Committee. This act reforms the workers' compensation system in Tennessee to provide more certainty for businesses while also protecting the interests of employees across the state. If this bill passes both Houses, it will reduce the time it takes to receive permanent workers' compensation benefits and improve injury medical treatment. In addition, the process for resolving workers' comp disputes will be streamlined, thereby allowing injured workers to receive compensation and return to work quicker.

Legislation related to the annexation of land in Tennessee resulted in several bills which are making their way through committee. These bills seek to make the overall annexation process more fair and efficient for all interested parties. The legislation requires that 1) a local referendum vote

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County names Detective, Officer of Month

The Knox County Sheriff's Office named Officer Angela Parris February Detective of the Month and Officer Toby Champion February Officer of the Month at a dinner Tuesday at the Knoxville Elks Lodge 160.

In February 2012, Officer Parris began investigating a registered sex offender who was unlawfully giving gymnastics lessons out of his home and in the cafeteria of a Knox County school. An extensive investigation led by Officer Parris culminated in the March 2012 arrest of 43-year-old Jeffrey Donald Keith, a registered Sex Offender convicted in Rhea County, Tennessee in 1998 of criminal attempt: aggravated sexual battery of a 10-year-old.

Officer Parris presented evidence concerning the investigation to a

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Officers Toby Champion and Angela Parris were recognized at a special dinner last Tuesday.

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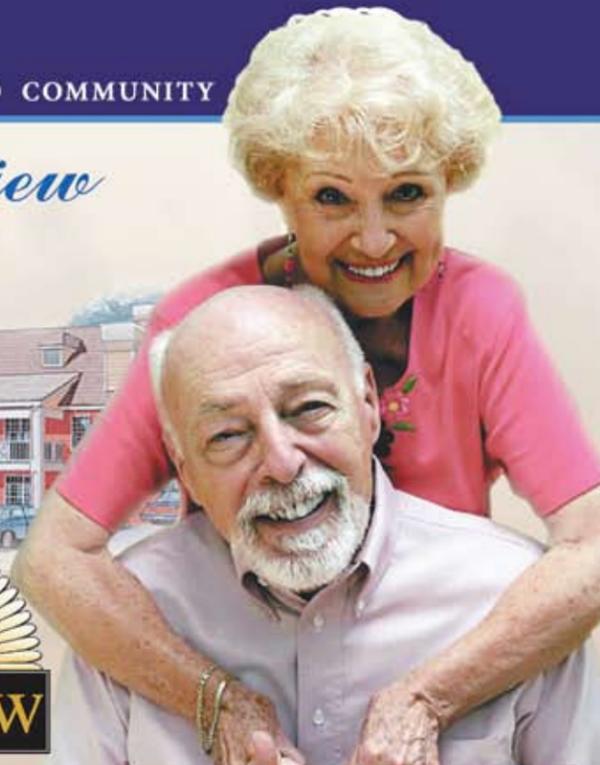
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Four Area Fundraisers Planned for Make-A-Wish Foundation

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of East Tennessee held the first of four fund raisers earlier this month at Applebee's on North Peters Road in Knoxville. A Pancake breakfast, supported by local volunteers raised more than \$1,200.00 for the charity.

"We want to give a special thanks to the Applebee's team and General Manager Jeff Luengen for graciously donating the building and all resources necessary to make the Pancake breakfast a success," said Stew Smith, with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "Also, special thanks goes out to Coach Jones and the

Harden Valley Football Team who supported the effort by advertising, seating folks, and bussing tables. Through the continued support of individuals like these and our community, the East Tennessee Make-A-Wish program will continue to grant wishes to children in need." The next fundraising event will be a Radiothon hosted by B-97.5 on April 12, 2013 broadcasting out of Panera Bread on North Peters Road. On this date, tune your radio to FM station B-97.5 and learn how you can support the children, or drop by Panera Bread and say hello while you make a donation.

On April 20, 2013, the 4th Annual Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament will be held at Willow Creek Golf Course. Openings for teams are still available. This event is planned to raise two wishes (\$13,000) for local children.

The 9th Annual Waltz for Wishes Gala on April 27 at the Downtown Knoxville Marriott will finalize the Spring fundraisers.

"It takes approximately \$7,000.00 to grant a single wish," said Smith. "Our 2013 goal is to grant 85 wishes for children in the East Tennessee area."

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For more information on the upcoming Gala please contact Ken Shull at 865.966.1494 or kshull@tds.net. For more information on the upcoming Golf Tournament, please contact Stew Smith at 865.789.0475 or stew.art.smith@slind.net.

Home Federal Bank Earns 84th Bauer Financial Five-Star Stability Rating

Bank celebrates 21 years of highest ranking by independent authority

For the 84th consecutive quarter, Home Federal Bank has earned the Bauer Financial Five-Star stability rating, the highest possible rating. This accomplishment is shared by fewer than 10 percent of the nation's banks.

"We're proud to offer stability, security and a full range of banking services to East Tennessee families and businesses," said Home Federal Bank President Dale Keasling. "The Bauer Financial Five-Star rating is a good

indicator to our customers that their bank is strong and stable."

Bauer Financial, an independent rating agency, has been analyzing and reporting on the financial condition of the nation's banking industry since 1983. Each quarter, the private rating firm collects data on banks and financial institutions and ranks them based on specific criteria centered on safety and soundness.

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Home Federal Bank is a locally owned, full-service bank serving East Tennesseans.

Boys & Girls Clubs' Kelly Drummond wins Prescott Regional Award

Kelly Drummond has been awarded the Herman S. Prescott Southeast Regional Award for her commitment in fostering diversity and equality in the workplace. The award was presented at the Boys & Girls Club Southeast Leadership Conference in Memphis on March 7. Kelly will join five other regional award recipients as a candidate for the national Prescott Award, to be presented at Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference in May.

Kelly is the Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley as well as Grants Administrator for Boys & Girls Clubs across the state of Tennessee. Kelly also oversees TRiO programs and trains Boys & Girls Club staff throughout the country on youth

development techniques.

"Kelly holds the Boys & Girls Clubs to the highest standard of excellence," says Lisa Hurst, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. "We are privileged to have her as a part of the Boys & Girls Club movement. She goes beyond expectations to promote fairness and inclusion in the workplace."

Kelly's leadership and impact in the community extends beyond Boys & Girls Clubs. She was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Commission for Children and Youth, where she serves as the Committee Chair for Councils. She also serves as the President of the East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth. Kelly was a member of Leadership Knoxville's Class of 2010.

County names Detective, Officer of Month

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Knox County grand jury in February 2013. The grand jury returned indictments on Keith, charging him with five counts of perjury, three counts of violating the sex offender registry law, and one count of sexual exploitation of a minor. Keith was taken into custody on February 14, 2013 by Officer Parris.

On February 12th, Officer Champion was dispatched to conduct a welfare check on a man whose family had been unable to reach him for two days. Officer Champion checked

the residence, but was unable to make contact with the man. Officer Champion, concerned that something was not right, alerted his supervisor of the situation and gained consent from the man's family to enter the residence by any means necessary. When officers entered the home, the man was found unresponsive, suffering from a diabetic condition. Doctors told the man's family that had he been left untreated for two more hours, he would have died.

Officer Champion has been with the KCSO since June 2007.

Pellissippi State offers new classes focusing on the recording arts

No longer will students interested in the recording arts industry have to enroll in classes in Nashville or Florida, both of which are known nationwide as "go-to" markets for study of the industry. Thanks to new class offerings by Pellissippi State Community College, students will have the opportunity to enroll in recording-related courses locally.

Careers in the recording arts and sound industry are expected to see growth into the future, according to the current edition

of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook. Job growth for broadcast and sound engineering technicians, for instance, is predicted to increase at a rate of 10 percent through 2020, adding approximately 11,600 jobs to the 116,900 industry positions analyzed in 2010.

New recording-related courses at Pellissippi State include the following:

- History of the Recording Industry (RATS 1042)
- Audio Processing and Ear Training (RATS 1080)

- Recording Techniques I (RATS 1400)

- Special Topics in Recording Arts, Technology and Science (RATS 2000)

- Dialogue Editing and Post-Production (RATS 2090)

- Music Editing and Sound Design (RATS 2091)

- Recording Techniques II (RATS 2400)

- Recording Arts, Technology and Science Capstone (RATS 2910)

The new offerings are in addition to courses covering sound and recording that are already part

of the Video Production Technology concentration. Those courses include "Pro Tools Intro" (VPT 2015), "Pro Tools Advanced" (VPT 2016), "Sound Production (Audio Fundamentals)" (VPT 1015) and "Special Topics: Recording Techniques" (VPT 2016).

Registration for Pellissippi State's fall term begins on April 1. For a complete listing of and course descriptions for recording-related classes, visit www.pstcc.edu or call (865) 694-6400.

UT Recycling Gets Boost from Alcoa Foundation

The Alcoa Foundation gave a big boost to recycling efforts at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The foundation donated 1,584 recycling bins, valued at \$5,000, which the university is deploying inside sorority houses, and inside and outside fraternity houses.

"We're very excited to have these recycling bins for the sororities and fraternities. This has been an underserved part of campus for recycling," said Jay

Price, UT's environmental coordinator. This fall, UT plans to hold a competition between sororities and fraternities to see whether the women or the men can recycle the most.

Alcoa Foundation is partnering with national nonprofit Keep America Beautiful and the College and University Recycling Coalition to provide a total of 11,500 recycling bins to 35 colleges and universities in 2013. The donations are part of the Alcoa Foundation

Recycling Bin Grant Program, an effort to help schools boost their recycling.

The Alcoa Foundation is one of the largest corporate foundations in the U.S., with assets of approximately \$460 million. For more information, visit <http://www.alcoafoundation.com>.

Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities. For more information, visit <http://kab.org>.

From State Representative Harry Brooks

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be held to ensure property owners have a voice in the process of a city-initiated annexation; 2) a municipality first annex all territory within its urban growth boundary before being allowed to expand further; 3) a municipality must provide all promised public services to areas that it is already

supposed to serve before annexing more property. Currently Tennessee is one of only three states in the nation that allows a city to seize the private property of an individual without that individual having any say in the process.

Legislators on the House Health Committee approved a bill designed to help curb abuse of

purchases made using Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. This bill prohibits use of a welfare recipient's EBT card in liquor stores, adult cabarets, casinos, and other gambling facilities. Also welfare recipients who use EBT benefits illegally would be subject to disqualification from the program.

Congratulations are extended to the Tennessee State Veterans Homes in Knoxville and Murfreesboro who were listed as being among the best in the country. U.S. News & World Report rated more than 15,000 nursing homes using data research on nursing home safety, health inspection, and staffing quality. Five star ratings

were given to the Ben Atchley State Veterans' Home in Knoxville and the Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Murfreesboro. We are fortunate to be able to provide needed quality nursing care to those veterans who have given so much to our country.

Things here continue to move along at a fast clip. However, if my office can be of assistance to you, you may call 615-741-6879 or 1-800-449-8366 ext. 44556 and I can be reached by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov or if you would like to receive updates by email you can sign up at <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/lyris/h19s.html>. It is an honor to be your representative.

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Senator Ross Bass Part 2

Pages from the Political Past



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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator and Mrs. Ross Bass celebrating on Election Night in 1964.

Congressman Ross Bass and Governor Frank Clement were fighting a close race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in 1964 to complete the remaining two years of the late Estes Kefauver's term. While there had been few real differences between the two leading candidates for the nomination, the race had been hard fought, if not actually bitter. Election Day brought the first defeat of Frank Clement's long political career. Ross Bass won the senatorial nomination by almost 100,000 votes. Congressman Bass carried all of Tennessee's four big urban counties, Shelby, Davidson, Knox, and Hamilton. Bass did very well in the more populous counties in East Tennessee, largely swept Middle Tennessee, and carried far West Tennessee. Likely most distressing of all to the governor, Clement even lost his home county of Dickson to Bass.

Tennessee would prove to be a battleground state during the election of 1964. Lyndon Johnson was campaigning to win the presidency in his own right and while Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater's candidacy did not represent a threat to LBJ nationally, Goldwater could still do well in Tennessee. There had been clear signs the political landscape in Tennessee was changing significantly. The Republican Party in Tennessee had been a negligible factor in statewide elections. No Republican had ever been popularly elected to the United States Senate in Tennessee history; the last Republican to be elected governor had been Alf A. Taylor in 1920. Yet with the candidacy of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952, Tennessee tumbled into the Republican column. Even with Senator Estes Kefauver running as the vice presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, Eisenhower again carried the Volunteer State. Protestant Tennessee preferred Quaker Richard Nixon to the Catholic John F. Kennedy in 1960. While the First and Second Congressional districts in East Tennessee had been reliably Republican even at the worst of times for the GOP, there were other signs that the Republicans were gaining ground. When Congressman James B. Frazier, Jr., a conservative Democrat, was defeated in the Democratic primary by liberal insurgent Wilkes Thrasher, Jr., many Frazier supporters bolted to back Chattanooga businessman William E. Brock, III. Bill Brock became the first Republican Congressman from the Third District since 1920.

Tennessee Republicans had nominated not only presentable, but serious challengers for both of the Senate seats in 1964. Republican attorney Howard H. Baker, Jr., son of the late Congressman Howard Baker, was facing Congressman Ross Bass in the general election while Memphis businessman Dan Kuykendall was running against Albert Gore who was seeking his third six-year term in the Senate. The GOP ticket might have done even better had it not been for Barry Goldwater visiting East Tennessee and suggesting the Tennessee Valley Authority might be better off were it sold to private power companies. Ross Bass barely edged out Howard Baker by just over fifty thousand votes. Albert Gore beat Dan Kuykendall by a slightly larger margin, but the Memphis Republican still won more than 46% of the vote.

Ross Bass was able to be sworn in to his Senate seat immediately following the general election results being certified, causing appointed U. S. Senator Herbert Walters to complain that Bass seemed all too anxious to take his seat. Senator Bass had little time to make much of an impact during the two years he served in the United States Senate. Perhaps the most lasting achievement of that term is the warning label on cigarettes, which persists to this day. Ironically, Bass was himself a very heavy smoker.

There was little doubt Ross Bass would run to serve a full six-year term in 1966, but he would have to face both of his former opponents from the 1964 election to remain in the Senate. Despite his humiliating loss two years earlier, Governor Frank Clement was determined to try again for the United States Senate. Clement, under Tennessee State law, could not succeed himself as governor and there seemed little likelihood he could

get a Federal appointment from President Johnson. To remain in public life, Clement had nowhere else to go. Howard Baker was again a candidate for the United States Senate in 1966 and Republican prospects seemed so promising that there was actually a primary contest between Baker and Ken Roberts. Senator Bass, much like K. D. McKellar before him, had a temper that could erupt quickly. Unlike Senator McKellar, Bass was not firmly politically entrenched all across Tennessee. One widely publicized incident during the primary campaign occurred when Senator Bass and his beautiful wife, Avanel, attended a fundraiser for the national Democratic Party in Washington, D. C. The Mistress of Ceremonies, introducing Bass, made a foolish word play on the Senator's name, referring to him as "big mouth Bass". Senator Bass was highly annoyed and publicly left the event, although his wife remained at the head table.

Perhaps for the first time in modern history, the black vote loomed as vitally important to every candidate for statewide office, especially in the Democratic primary. Even former Governor Buford Ellington, making his second bid for the gubernatorial nomination, made an effort to secure a higher percentage of the black vote against his young challenger, John Jay Hooker. Both Senator Bass and Governor Clement worked hard to get as many black votes as possible. Although both Bass and Clement were in favor of expanding most social programs, Senator Bass was especially critical of the tax increases during much of Governor Clement's administration, many of which went to pay for expansions of programs.

As Buford Ellington was winning a surprisingly close nomination for governor, Frank Clement enjoyed a political resurrection, beating Senator Ross Bass by little more than 18,000 votes out of more than 750,000 ballots cast. Despite the all too apparent signs Republicans were making inroads with voters all across Tennessee, Governor Clement felt certain of his victory in the general election. 1966 was a good year for Republicans nationally and Tennessee was no exception; Howard Baker defeated Governor Frank Clement by almost 100,000 votes. Clement did not even receive as many votes in the general election as he had in the Democratic primary. Clement was stunned by his loss and his defeat spelled the end of his political career, although he was only forty-six years old at the time.

Years later, Senator Bass told me he was convinced his narrow loss in the primary in 1966 was accomplished through thousands of Republicans crossing over to vote for Frank Clement. Bass believed many Republicans felt it would be easier for Howard Baker to beat Clement than an incumbent senator. Following his loss, Bass became a consultant for various companies. Aside from lobbying, Bass spent a lot of time playing golf, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Bass made a tour through upper East Tennessee in 1968 on behalf of the Democratic presidential ticket of Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie, which was a sure indication the former senator had not entirely given up his political aspirations. Bass waited until 1974 to attempt a comeback of his own, announcing he would be a candidate for governor.

The Democratic primary that year was crowded with

serious contenders; former Congressman Ray Blanton, who had lost a senatorial campaign against Howard Baker in 1972, was one of the leading candidates, along with Knoxville banker Jake Butcher. Tom Wiseman, State Treasurer for Tennessee, entered the primary, as did Stan Snodgrass, who had run a very strong race for governor against John Jay Hooker in 1970. David Pack, Tennessee's Attorney General, was also a candidate. The gubernatorial primary that year was a brutal, bloody affair with the free-spending Butcher investing more than all the other candidates combined. Still, Blanton had a lot of name recognition from his failed Senate campaign from 1972 and he won the nomination with just over 22% of the vote. Ross Bass had by that time been out of public office for almost a decade; he had not been especially active in keeping up his political contacts, preferring to spend most of his time on the golf course. Bass's last hurrah came in 1976 when he decided to run to regain his old Congressional seat. The incumbent was Robin Beard, a Republican who

had been elected in 1972 when Richard Nixon had carried Tennessee by an overwhelming margin. To gain the Democratic nomination, Bass had to confront his old foe, former Congressman Pat Sutton. Sutton, who had served a brief prison term, was not an especially strong candidate, but Bass won more than 55% of the vote against several opponents for the right to face Robin Beard in the general election. There was reason to believe the Democratic ticket would do well in Tennessee. Jimmy Carter was enormously popular in the Volunteer State and Jim Sasser was mounting a serious challenge to Republican Senator Bill Brock who was seeking a second term. President Gerald Ford had succeeded Richard Nixon without having been elected and was crippled after a bruising contest with former California Governor Ronald Reagan who quite nearly wrested the GOP nomination from the incumbent. Ford had pardoned Nixon and Republicans had suffered devastating losses in the off-year elections of 1974. Posters and buttons started appearing throughout the district promoting "Carter - Sasser - Bass". Despite reaching his goal of winning 100,000 votes more than he had in 1970, Senator Brock lost to Jim Sasser. Jimmy Carter did carry Tennessee and it proved to be his second best state in the country; only Carter's native Georgia gave him a greater percentage of the vote. Still, Ross Bass's hopes of a comeback were dashed as Congressman Robin Beard proved to be hugely popular inside his own district. The old warrior lost to Beard, who won more than 65% of the vote.

Following his loss in 1976, Ross Bass knew he was done as a candidate for public office. Bass continued to lobby some, but spent even more time on the golf course. He divided his time between homes in Tennessee and Florida and visited Washington, D. C. whenever he felt the need. Ross Bass became ill with lung cancer after a lifetime of heavy smoking. It was quite ironic, especially as one of his legislative achievements was having the warning label placed on cigarette packages. Former Senator Ross Bass died at his home in Florida on New Year's Day in 1993.

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TDOT Creates Office of Community Transportation

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is announcing the creation of the Office of Community Transportation (OCT). The mission of the OCT is to coordinate transportation planning and local land use decisions to guide the development of a safe and efficient statewide transportation system.

"We really want to increase the level of collaboration between TDOT and municipalities across the state," said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. "The Office of Community Transportation will work with these local entities to make sure our transportation planning efforts and project development plans coincide with future growth and help us meet the needs of

communities."

The OCT will collaborate with local partners to establish a regional presence that will aid communities when developing and implementing their future visions as they pertain to state routes. The Office of Community Transportation will provide resources dedicated to ensuring the successful preparation and execution of community

growth as it relates with state transportation.

The OCT is a statewide initiative led by the newly appointed Assistant Director of Long Range Planning, Brenda Bernards. Once fully implemented, the OCT will have regional staff in Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis who will be committed to working specifically with the communities

within their region. They will also work closely with Tennessee's Metropolitan Planning Organizations to coordinate regional transportation priorities.

By working directly with community partners, the OCT will be capable of eliminating potential transportation difficulties with future local projects such as new schools, subdivisions, and major activity centers

like shopping centers and industrial parks. The OCT can have a positive impact on economic development efforts by working with local partners to identify necessary improvements to the State Route system.

For more information on the Office of Community Transportation, please visit <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/longrange/oct.htm>.

Connected Tennessee Report Shows Economic Impact of Women-owned Businesses

76% of women-owned businesses in Tennessee subscribe to empowering broadband service

According to Connected Tennessee's recently published report, *Broadband: Empowering Women-Owned Businesses*, there are an estimated 155,600 women-owned businesses in Tennessee, employing 121,100 people and generating sales of approximately \$23.5 billion each year. Moreover, the number of women-owned businesses has grown by 56% since 1997, surpassing the national average (54.1%) and ranking Tennessee 17th in the nation in terms of growth for the total number of women-owned businesses.

Considering the impact that women-owned businesses can have on Tennessee's economic growth, it is vitally important that women-owned businesses are empowered to meet the

challenges that they will face in today's global marketplace, and broadband allows businesses to increase efficiency, improve market access, advertise jobs, reduce costs, and increase the speed of both transactions and interactions.

The Connected Tennessee report shows that 76% of women-owned businesses in Tennessee subscribe to broadband service; higher than the statewide average of 72% of businesses.

"Broadband service provides a valuable technological advantage to women-owned businesses by affording them the opportunity to reach out beyond their communities and provide services throughout the world," said Tennessee Economic Council on Women (TECW) Executive Director Dr. Phyllis Qualls-Brooks. "In the TECW's 2010 Study on the Economic Impact of Women-Owned Businesses in Tennessee, it was reported that women-owned businesses

are a bright spot in the overall economic picture of the state, growing at a higher rate than male-owned businesses, even during times of economic hardship. In 2010, Tennessee ranked 17th nationally in the number of women-owned businesses, making investments like broadband infrastructure and even greater opportunity for economic growth and exposure."

Additional key findings from this report include:

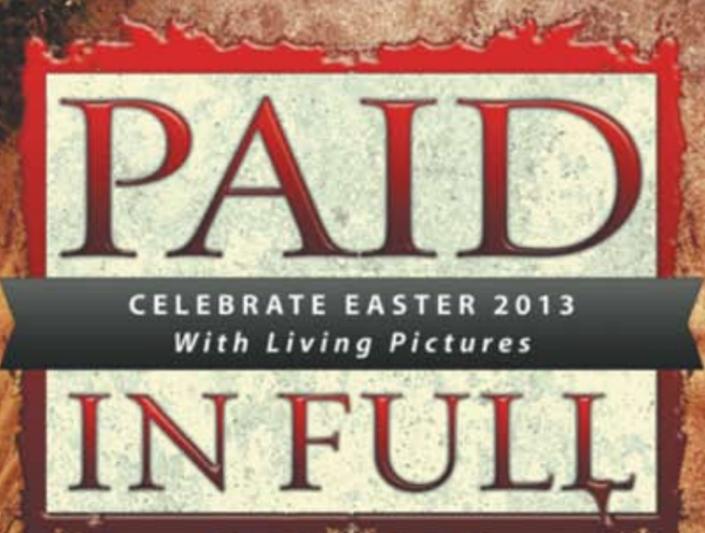
- Among women-owned businesses that do not use broadband, two-thirds (66% or approximately 7,000 businesses) report that the main reason that they don't subscribe to broadband is because they don't need it or they feel their business is getting by without it.
- On average, women-owned businesses earn about one-third (31%) of their revenues from online

transactions. Based on the businesses' self-reported annual revenues, this equates to a median annual value of \$240,000 in online sales. Statewide, this translates into approximately \$967 million in annual online revenues for Tennessee's women-owned businesses.

- Compared to Internet-connected women-owned businesses in other states surveyed by Connected Nation, women-owned businesses in Tennessee utilize fewer online business applications.
- Three out of ten small businesses that are owned by women allow their employees to telework from home, and one in four earn revenues from online sales.
- Overall, 9% of Tennessee's women-owned businesses subscribe to voice over

Internet protocol (VoIP) service, 29% allow their employees to telework, and 55% have a business website.

"Tennessee women have long been innovators in a market that has not always been accepting," said Connected Tennessee Executive Director Corey Johns. "It's encouraging to see that women-owned businesses use broadband at rates higher than the statewide average. Businesses that subscribe to broadband reap the benefits of this vital resource and our goal would be to see each and every woman-owned business in Tennessee learn to leverage the power of high-speed Internet to lower their costs of doing business, increase productivity, and improve their overall bottom line by reaching new markets only accessible online."



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The Knoxville Ambassadors girls high school basketball team celebrates its Class 4A East Coast Championship at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. recently. The Ambassadors won the title and finished 21-14 on the season.

The ball is in Cuonzo's court, but Pearl is not far away

I just knew Bruce Pearl's name was going to resurface when



By Steve Williams

Tennessee lost to Alabama in the quarterfinal round of the SEC basketball tournament, a defeat that all but dashed hopes the Vols would make the NCAA tournament field instead of landing in the NIT for the second year in a row under Cuonzo Martin.

Sure enough, several frustrated and disappointed UT fans vented their feelings on a radio sports talk show the Saturday morning after the crushing setback, and some let it be known they'd like to see Pearl come back and lead their program once again.

The reaction wasn't surprising, and only got worse after a first-round NIT loss at home to Mercer.

Pearl, who led the Vols into March Madness six years in a row and had them only a free throw or two away from the Final Four in 2009-10 before getting into hot water with the NCAA, has just one season left to serve on his three-year show-cause before he can be hired again with no strings attached.

Pearl, I believe, will coach again someday. Whether it's UT or not is another question.

As for the Tennessee job, the ball right now is in Cuonzo's court. And it should be.

If Martin's team is successful next season and gets in the Big Dance, Pearl will most likely entertain offers from other schools.

But if Martin's third team fails to reach expectations, you can bet there will be loud cries for a new coach, and Pearl would deserve strong consideration.

Flat out dismissing the possibility of Pearl once

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Ambassadors claim East Coast title

By Ken Lay

LYNCHBURG, Va.--- They don't have a home gym but that didn't stop the Knoxville Ambassadors girls basketball team from winning an East Coast Regional Championship recently.

The Ambassadors regional home school title with a 45-29 victory over Low County Prep on

Saturday, March 16 at Liberty University. The team is comprised of Knoxville area home school students. They played all their games on the road because they have no place to call a permanent home.

They went 21-14 this season and played the bulk of the season with just seven players.

Junior Ashley Jackson

scored 25 points for Knoxville in the title game and is one of the area's top scorers. She averaged 21 points per game against some stiff KIL competition this season.

The Ambassadors, who lost their first game at Liberty, bounced back to win three consecutive games in impressive fashion. Knoxville dropped a first-round pool play game to

Fairfax 47-28 before winning three straight tilts against Upstate Home School (South Carolina), Lighthouse Christian, Surry County and Low County Prep.

"This is the most fun that I've had in coaching," said first-year coach Glenn Worley, a long time teacher and coach at Rule High School. "These girls tried to do everything that

I asked of them.

"We started with six girls and one quit. A couple of the girls, who had played before, felt sorry for the girls. So they came out and played. We only had seven girls, so we didn't have enough to scrimmage."

Worley added that his team prided itself on a stifling man-to-man

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Rams cap a 'wonderful season' in basketball at Grace Christian

By Steve Williams

A lot of basketball games were won by Grace Christian Academy this past season, and it wasn't just the boys high school team, which advanced to the TSSAA state tournament, that was successful.

Grace Christian's girls high school team had a record-setting year and GCA's boys and girls middle school squads also enjoyed banner seasons in 2012-13.

"It was a wonderful season," said high school boys head coach

Matt Mercer, summing up Grace Christian's overall success.

Grace Christian's girls (23-10) set a school record for victories, swept District 3-A titles and also captured the Region 2-A championship without a senior on their roster.

GCA freshman standout Sydney Duggins was named Most Valuable Player in the district and region tournaments. She scored 19 points to lead the Lady Rams past Midway 49-35 in the district championship game. After the Grace girls notched their

first-ever win in the region tournament, they went on to beat Oliver Springs 48-38 in the finals with Duggins' 16 points leading the way. Their tourney run ended with a 45-25 loss to Hampton in the state sectionals.

In early February, Coach Paul Pridemore's Lady Rams clinched the regular season district championship by turning back Tellico Plains 61-58. Junior guard Lauren Hensley and sophomore guard Bethany Hunt each scored 14 points to share scoring honors as Grace completed district play

with an 11-1 record.

Duggins, Hensley and D'Anna Johnson earned All-District 3-A regular season honors. Katherine Griffith joined those three in being named to the district and region all-tourney teams.

Grace Christian Academy's boys and girls middle school teams won district titles, and Coach Billy Wilson's boys squad also went on to claim the TMSAA East Tennessee Sectional Class A championship, finishing with a

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A Week To Forget For The Vols

By Alex Norman

On Sunday, March 17th, the Tennessee Vols got together to watch the NCAA Selection Sunday program on CBS, hoping to hear their name called.

The decision to gather in private, away from the media would prove to be a smart one, because the video of this team having their hearts ripped out would have been tough to watch.

Tennessee was not chosen to be a part of the field of 68. Instead, Middle Tennessee State, LaSalle and St. Mary's were among the teams that got to experience March Madness.

For the second straight year, the Vols were probably one win shy of the tournament.

The disappointment stung... a lot.

"I'm not angry, I'm upset for our guys," said Vols head coach Cuonzo Martin. "Because when you make the statement on national TV that Tennessee down the stretch didn't play (quality teams) you play Kentucky, you play Missouri you beat them you play Florida you beat them, you play (Texas) A&M when they were a bubble team at their place you beat them... you play LSU at your home and beat them... we played the games that were presented to us and we won nine of our last eleven, so I don't buy that."

The Vols believed that they did enough to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. But there were many questions about the strength of the Southeastern Conference this

season. Florida, Missouri, and SEC tournament champion Ole Miss were the only teams from the conference to make the dance. Martin disputes the notion that the league was inferior in 2012-2013.

"You say the SEC is down all of a sudden the perception becomes reality," said Martin. "How is the league down when you have 9 teams in the top 100 in the RPI, and the only team that had more was the Big East? But to finish as strong as we did the league must not have been down because we were beating up on each other. When you leave it to human hands to make that decision, a ten man (NCAA tournament) committee to make that decision... we gotta take

care of business and don't leave any doubt."

The consolation prize for the Vols was one more chance to play at Thompson-Boling Arena. Last Wednesday they hosted Mercer in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Leading up to the game, the Vols tried to use the NCAA snub as motivation.

"I'm still mad about it and I'm gonna be mad about it for a while," said Vols guard Jordan McRae. "But as long as you are a player and you love the game no matter what you are playing, what tournament it is, you have an opponent and referees, you gotta play."

"Hopefully we can play some different guys that have some energy, play some guys that haven't

played a lot an opportunity to play the game," said Martin. "But it's not easy. We do our jobs as coaches, we get our guys ready to play but you like to think once the ball is tipped, it is just basketball, but that is easier said than done."

Those words were prophetic. The Vols were not motivated, and it showed in a 75-67 loss to the Bears.

"I think if you look around the country at teams who were on the cusp of getting into the NCAA tournament and you do not make it, that is one thing that can happen for your guys," said Martin after the game. "It is emotionally taxing, you felt like you are right there, and I think more so with this year as opposed to last year... I

think that as a coach we were right there, and it did not happen, so when it does not happen it takes a lot out of you as a player when you are trying to get up for a game."

"I mean our season is over. If anything, it's just more disappointed for the seniors," said Vols point guard Trae Golden. "Those are really good guys, and for them to have to go out like this, I think that's probably what hurts the most."

The good news for Tennessee is that they should return most of their key players next year, and Jeronne Maymon, who was supposed to be their best player, will return from injury. But that probably won't make the off-season go any quicker.

Bulldogs walk to first district win

By Ken Lay

A bases-loaded walk spelled victory for the Bearden High School's baseball team Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs bats made little noise but first baseman Chris Pritchett's base on balls in the bottom of the seventh netted Bearden a 3-2 District 4-AAA victory over rival Farragut before a packed house at Phil Garner Field.

"I've never been happier to get a walk in my life," said Pritchett, who drew the game-winning walk off Admirals' reliever Chase Chambers. "Every senior on our team would want to be in this situation and luckily for me, I got this chance."

Bearden (2-3 overall, 1-1 in the district) got the tying run when Farragut starter Kyle Serrano walked sophomore Connor Cameron with the bases loaded and plated Elijah Helton.

Until the seventh, Serrano was masterful. He finished with 16 strikeouts. He opened the final frame by fanning pinch hitter Tavis Shuler.

Then, things really got crazy.

Helton legged out an infield single and stole second. Pinch hitter Tommy Kolinski then worked on four pitches. Brock Vaughn, another pinch hitter, struck out before Farragut coach Matt Buckner opted to intentionally walk Bulldog leadoff hitter Lane Thomas to load the bases.

"I walked Thomas and I probably shouldn't have done that," Buckner said. "He's a great player and I took my chances with the next guy [Cameron]."

"I'll take the blame for that."

Chambers relieved Serrano, who gave up just two hits, and walked Pritchett to end the game.

For nearly four innings, Serrano and Thomas were locked in a scoreless tie until Bearden took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth with one out.

Zack Messing started the rally with a walk. He then stole second and swiped third and came home when Farragut third baseman couldn't handle the throw from catcher Brett Hagenow.

The Admirals (1-2, 1-1) answered with a run in the top of the fifth. Alex Schuettler reached on a one-out single. He took second on an error and advanced to third on a wild pitch. He scored when Jammer Strickland reached on an error.

The Admirals took a 2-1 lead in the top of the seventh when Schuettler, who went 3-for-3, led off the inning with a home run.

"He had my number," Thomas said of Farragut's No. 9 hitter.

The Admirals squandered scoring opportunities early. Farragut had its leadoff hitter reach in the second, third and fourth innings only to see Thomas wiggle out of jams.

"It all comes down to the fact that we just didn't execute," Buckner said.

Bearden's Avery Quillen entered to pitch after Schuettler's seventh inning round-tripper. The Bearden reliever slammed the door to pick up the win.

"This was a typical Bearden-Farragut game," Bulldogs coach John Rice said. "It came down to the last pitch."

"This was a big win for us."



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Grace Christian Academy's Trey Stewart and head coach Matt Mercer celebrate after a state sectional win at Hampton. With the victory, the Rams earned a berth in the TSSAA state tournament. Stewart, the team's lone senior this season, signed with Bryan College last week.

Rams cap a 'wonderful season' in basketball at Grace Christian

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GCA's Ben Andrews was named the Most Valuable Player in the ET sectional and teammates Chase Kuerschen, C.J. Gettlefinger, Connor Arnold and Benjamin Conner made the all-tournament team. In winning the district, Kuerschen was MVP and Andrews and Arnold received all-tourney recognition.

Barry Hale and Lecia Watson were co-coaches of GCA's girls middle school team. Mercer's Rams put the cherry on top by advancing to the state tourney in Murfreesboro, where they saw their second-half comeback bid come up short in a 54-46 quarterfinal loss to Richland.

"This team probably went further than most expected," said Mercer. "We only had one senior.

I think we peaked at the right time."

Grace earned its trip to the state by winning on the road in the state sectionals.

"They just played their guts out," said Mercer, recalling the 71-65 victory at Hampton, a small upper East Tennessee school long known for its basketball tradition, which includes a 1960 TSSAA state title.

"It was a Hoosiers-type atmosphere, very intense. But our guys were used to it."

The Rams also had played in boisterous environments in district and region tournaments. After winning the District 3-A regular season title, they lost to Harriman 71-51 in the district tourney finals at Midway. They also lost to Wartburg 79-71 in the Region 2-A tourney finals at Harriman, which forced

them to have to travel for their sub-state contest.

Shooting guard Trey Stewart was Grace's lone senior and the team's leading scorer for the season, averaging 16 points and five rebounds. He is expected to sign with Bryan College, said Mercer.

Luke Shepherd, a 6-1 post/forward "with guard skills," according to his coach, averaged 20 points in post-season play, and Mercer believes he could be in the running for Sophomore of the Year honors.

Other starters for the Rams were junior post guard Tanner Hill, junior wing Nathan Silver and junior forward Matt Holland, who averaged 15 points in tourney play.

Caleb Walker, a junior, played about 50 percent of the time at point guard, said Mercer. Other key reserves included sophomore wing Kobe Kelley,

junior shooting guard Andrew Byram, junior post Tim Morris and 6-4 freshman post John Holland.

Prior to coming to Grace, Mercer was girls head coach at Fulton for four seasons (2003-07) and boys head coach at Central for three years (2007-10).

Mercer's first year at Grace, where he's campus pastor, was 2010-11.

"I felt called to be there," said Mercer. "He has confirmed that call many times."

About a week after coming to Grace, news hit that GCA was being put on probation by TSSAA and that meant Mercer's team would be ineligible for post-season play for two years.

"I was disappointed, but we would move forward," recalled Mercer.

During the two-year ban, Grace was 18-7 and 22-5.

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Bobcats shut out South Doyle 2-0

By Ken Lay

Central High School kept its perfect soccer season intact with a 2-0 victory over South Doyle Wednesday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium. The Bobcats, which had a pair of 4-1 victories over Berean Christian and Carter in the 2013 campaign's opening week, recorded their first shutout in their mid-week match against the Cherokees (0-2). South Doyle opened Wednesday's game with an early shot that was saved by junior goalkeeper Corey Plont. The Cherokees had some opportunities but Plont stopped

everything in his path. Central missed an early chance when a shot on goal was inadvertently blocked by a Bobcat attacker. The home team, however, didn't stay off the scoreboard long. The Bobcats (3-0) scored in the 23rd minute when Abid Saafa chipped the ball past Cherokees' netminder Aaron McCullough and into the back of the South Doyle net. From there, Central controlled the tempo and had several shots stopped by McCullough. "We controlled the ball and we passed it pretty well," Bobcats' coach Russ Wise said. "We kept our shape tonight

and we're pretty quick. "South Doyle is a well-coached team and I'm pretty happy with the way that we played tonight." Wise, who had certainly had plenty to be pleased with on this night, knows that his team has some tough matches looming. "We have a long way to go from where we're at," Wise said. "We have Powell coming up after spring break and they've been scoring goals by the buckets, I understand. Central, which hosted Sevier County Friday night (results were not available at press time) has a week off before facing the Panthers. The Bobcats kept applying pressure and scored

their second marker in the 58th minute. M.J. Sheriff scored off an assist from Zach Haaland. The Cherokees have bitten by the injury bug this season but put up a valiant effort at Central. "The kids played hard," Cherokees coach Patrick McLemore said. "We're still adjusting. "We've had some injuries in the back and we're a little tight in personnel but we played for 80 [minutes]." The Bobcats, who outshot South Doyle 9-4, had a pair of late goals disallowed. One was nullified by a questionable offsides call. The other was ruled out-of-bounds.

Several area girls receive all-state soccer honors

By Ken Lay

Several area high school girls soccer players received All-State honors recently. In Class AAA, Farragut had three juniors named to the team as forward Katie Cloud, midfielder Katie Beuerlein and defender Josie Jennings were selected. Cloud scored 22 goals and had 10 assists for the Lady Admirals, who have reached the State Tournament each of the last two seasons. Beuerlein, who scored 23 goals and dished out seven helpers, was also named All-American. Jennings, a University of Tennessee commitment, was also named All-American, anchored a defense that recorded 17 shutouts in 25 matches. "The good thing about this is that all these girls are juniors and we'll get them all back next season," Farragut coach

Dennis Lindsay said. The trio of Lady Admirals was honored Tuesday night in a halftime ceremony at Farragut's boys soccer game against Hardin Valley Academy. Other area Class AAA selections included Hardin Valley Academy forward Ellie Myrick and Hawks goalkeeper Jordan Beets. Catholic midfielders Molly Dwyer and Kathryn Culhane were also named to the squad. In Class A/AA, state finalist Christian Academy of Knoxville had four players achieve All-State honors as goalkeeper Maggie Piety, forward Laura Morse were selected, along with midfielder Laura Foster and defender Melissa Garvey. In Division II-A: The Webb Lady Spartans had two All-State selections in goalkeeper Liz Newsome and midfielder Evey Satterfield.

The ball is in Cuonzo's court, but Pearl is not far away

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again coaching Tennessee, as some believe to be the case, would be just as wrong as pulling for Martin to fail. In 17 month from now, Pearl will have paid in full for his NCAA sins. It's very likely he would return to the game not only re-energized, but more righteous than ever before. As for this debate, which is certain to intensify, let me first say I hope Coach Martin, whose current contract runs through the 2015-16 season, succeeds as UT's coach. He's already a winner as a man, the kind you would want your son to have as a coach. And as a UT fan myself, I don't want to see our Vols continue to not be a part of March Madness, which is probably what will have to happen for the coaching vacancy to occur.

Coincidentally, a new radio sports talk show debuted on 1180 AM the morning after the Vols' NCAA bubble-popping loss to Alabama, starring non other than Steven Pearl, son of the former UT head coach and a walk-on who played for his dad from 2007-11. It certainly will be interesting, I thought, to hear how Steven reacts to callers when they bring up the topic of the day. I got to listen to the first half of the two-hour show, and I must say I was impressed with how the young host handled himself. No sign of nervousness could be detected on my end of the airwaves. His first two guests were Jimmy Dykes of ESPN and former Vol teammate Dane Bradshaw. Steven chuckled about it only taking until the third caller before being questioned about his dad possibly returning to coach the Vols someday. "Be careful what you wish for," answered Steven, who referred to

the elder Pearl as "Bruce" - not dad - which I thought was the appropriate thing to do in his professional role as a sportscaster. Steven added that he thought both Pearl and Martin were good coaches with different styles. Coach Pearl reminded many fans of former Tennessee coach Ray Mears when he arrived in 2005 and brought instant success to a struggling UT program. You probably remember where you were the Saturday afternoon Bruce's Vols went to Austin and stunned the Texas Longhorns, the No. 2 ranked team in the nation. That was the beginning of a very special time in Tennessee men's basketball. But you probably also remember that Friday afternoon in September of 2010 when Coach Pearl acknowledged NCAA violations stemming from a barbecue at his home in the summer of 2008. That unexpected press conference was the beginning of the end of his highly successful coaching run at UT.

Ambassadors claim East Coast title

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defense. "They played great defense," he said. "We played a man-to-man and the girls really took pride in it. "They hustled and there were some college players they were competitive. It was just a great experience." Team members included: Jackson, Olivia Fleenor, Adaya Kirk, Kaitlin Bradley, Alyssa Krismor, Emily Harrell and Tori Costa. Two Knoxville Ambassadors middle school players played at Liberty as eighth grader Camri Carbough and sixth grader Morgan Carbough appeared in tournament games. Knoxville, which practiced three days a week at the Emerald Youth Foundation Gymnasium, truly had a magical season and brought plenty of its new coach. Worley, 73, returned to coaching this season following the death of his wife, Alice, who battled Alzheimer's. She passed away in May. "My wife died in May and until then, I was here 24 hours a day," he said. "After she died, I knew that I was going to have trouble with the long nights.

an eight-year show-cause, which expired in 2004. He now coaches at Morgan State University, which is located in Baltimore. Morgan State won the Mideastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title to earn a NCAA tournament berth in 2009. Pearl, who turned 53 on March 18, still resides and works in Knoxville. In August of 2011 he accepted a position as Vice President of Marketing for the Knoxville wholesaler, H.T. Hackney. He also currently serves as an occasional analyst for college basketball on ESPN. Martin, 41, is an up and comer in the coaching ranks but hasn't seen the kind of success that Pearl did, yet. His first two Tennessee teams combined for a 39-28 overall record and 21-13 mark in the SEC but landed in the NIT, not the Big Dance. Prior to his arrival at UT, Martin made significant progress in his three years at Missouri State and led the Bears to the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title in his third season. That team (26-9, 15-3) lost in the MVC tourney finals and wound up in the NIT even though it had a RPI of 44. Expectations could be high for Cuonzo and the Vols next season, if all players, including All-SEC first-teamer Jordan McRae and second-team honoree Jarnell Stokes, return and signee Robert Hubbs lives up to his billing. A healthy veteran Jeronne Maymon also will be back. Of course, with high expectations comes the pressure to succeed. Add to that the proverbial elephant in the Ray Mears Room at Thompson-Boling Arena. This elephant is special. He has two trunks. One contains an orange sport coat, orange suspenders and souvenirs from a number of past NCAA tourney stops. I suspect he has fond memories of good days at UT, too.

impermisible visit by junior prospect Aaron Craft, who is now the point guard at Ohio State, and also tried to cover it up. His lies elevated a minor violation to major. They also eventually cost him his job and led to the three-year show-cause, which will expire in August of 2014. Pearl could become just the second Division 1 men's basketball coach to get another head coaching post in the college ranks after serving a NCAA show-cause, which in effect means being blackballed from coaching for the duration of the penalty. Todd Bozeman, former California coach, was the first. Bozeman had paid for a player's parents to watch their son play and lied about it to the school and NCAA. He received

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Arts & Entertainment

Art Museum Announces Spring Series of 'Alive After Five'

The Knoxville Museum of Art announces the spring series of Alive After Five, premiering with the Brad Walker Orchestra featuring Valerie Duke on Friday, March 29, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This year's spring series will present five shows scattered over eight weeks, from March 29 to May 17. The series premieres with the Brad Walker Orchestra, who perform the music made famous by Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Harry James, and more. Bandleader and trombonist, Brad Walker, started playing trombone at the age of eight and began playing professionally at sixteen in local jazz and Dixieland groups. Later on, he played with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, led by Buddy Morrow, and also the Ray Anthony Orchestra. In 2003, he founded the Brad Walker Orchestra, a 15-piece big band consisting of five saxophones, three trombones, three trumpets, bass, piano, drums and female vocalist. The BWO musicians have performed with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Ray Anthony, Ray Charles, Chet Atkins, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Liberace and more. Vocalist Valerie Duke, former lead female vocalist of the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, is one of the top big band vocalists on the scene today, performing the songs made famous by the big band greats such as Rosemary Clooney, Judy Garland, Helen O'Connell, Peggy Lee and many others.

Two weeks later, on April 12, the second show of the series features the Rhythm & Blues, soul, and funk of Soulfinger, performing songs made famous by Sam Cooke, Otis Redding, B. B. King, James Brown, and more. This seven-member band is led by charismatic vocalist and keyboard/harmonica player, Tim Spencer, and features a sharp horn section along with guitar, bass, and drums.

The April 19th show features the classic blues of Jenna & Her Cool Friends. In 2010, vivacious vocalist

Jenna Jefferson gathered Her Cool Friends - Michael "Crawdaddy" Crawley (harmonica/vocals) "Detroit" Dave Meer (guitar/vocals), Keith Ford (rhythm guitar/vocals), Glyn Loyd (bass/vocals), Kevin Redding (drums), and Ben Maney (keyboards/vocals) - for a Blues Cruise on the river, and a very cool new blues band with an all-star lineup was born. In less than three years together, they have become Knoxville's most popular Blues band, playing for appreciative audiences everywhere they go. Two years ago, they represented Knoxville at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis and made it to the semi-finals in competition with 118 other bands, and more recently they played for a packed house at "Alive into 2013!" the New Year's Eve party at the KMA.

One of the all-time favorites at Alive After Five, Boys' Night Out, will perform on April 26. This eleven-member band was organized in 1983 with the goal of recreating the authentic performances of the Rhythm & Blues and Carolina beach music that had been extremely popular in the south during the late 1960s. Their first public performance was at the Oak Ridge Azalea Festival in 1984, and they have played a busy schedule ever since. Boys' Night Out has provided musical back-up for R&B greats Percy Sledge (When a Man Loves a Woman), Archie Bell (Do the Tighten-Up), and Clifford Curry (She Shot a Hole in My Soul); and has opened shows for The Judds, The Oak Ridge Boys, The Platters, The Impressions, Marcia Ball, The Tams, and more.

The spring series concludes on May 17 with the first "homecoming" performance by Christabel & The Jons since bandleader/songwriter/vocalist/guitarist Christa DeCicco moved to the Virgin Islands last fall. With a voice as smooth and sweet as cherry ice cream, she has earned a reputation as one of the southeast's finest laid-back jazz singers. Multi-instrumentalist Seth Hopper adds colorful ambiance to the songs



The Brad Walker Orchestra featuring Valerie Duke will open "Alive After Five" on Friday, March 29,

with his virtuoso assortment of violin, mandolin, trumpet, and accordion. The snappy rhythm section is led by Jon Whitlock on drums with Chris Zuhr on upright bass. The group mixes their original songs with thoughtfully arranged jazz standards, western swing, and classic country for a sound they call "Tennessee swing." In addition to headlining many shows, Christabel & The Jons has also performed at numerous festivals, including Bele Chere, Bonnaroo, Riverview, and Sundown in the City.

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

Admission to the spring series premier of Alive After Five is \$10 for general admission and \$6 for museum members and college students with ID. Ages 17 and under are admitted free. Alive After Five is sponsored by Cherokee Distributing Company, East Tennessee PBS, Metro Pulse, WDVX-89.9FM, and

WhatsHotKnox.com. For more information about the Alive After Five series, please contact Michael Gill at (865) 934-2039.

The 2013 Spring Series Schedule for "Alive After Five":

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

March 29 - Brad Walker Orchestra featuring Valerie Duke Big band swing

April 12 - Soulfinger Rhythm & Blues and funk

April 19 - Jenna & Her Cool Friends Blues

April 26 - Boys' Night Out Carolina beach music

May 17 - Christabel & The Jons "Tennessee Swing"

FCAC Annual Garden Party Benefit Luncheon 2013

By Sylvia Williams

This year's Fountain City Art Center Garden Party Luncheon and Auction Benefit will be held on Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Gardens of Ginger and Bill Baxter at 3901 Sam Cooper Lane. The Gardens were featured in the March 2012 edition of Southern Living, and everyone is all a buzz with excitement! All the proceeds from luncheon tickets, \$35 per person, and Live and Silent Auction sales benefit programs at the Art Center. Call 865-357-ARTS or email fcacenter@knology.net if you would like more information or would like to make reservations for the luncheon for \$35 per guest. Invitations are available at the Center or can be mailed or emailed to your friends and relatives at your request. Forty tables for up to 8 people are available. Credit cards will be accepted at the event!

The musical entertainment at the May luncheon will be by "The Ben Maney Trio." The Live Auction will be conducted by Ken "Fabulo Frenzini" Clayton and Charles E. Williams, Jr. Gourmet sandwiches will be provided by Jeff Patin of the Creamery Park Grill on Hotel Avenue in Fountain City. Salads and desserts will be provided by various FCAC members and by the Fountain City Art Guild. A cash bar will be available as well.

Both a Silent and a Live Auction will feature framed painting, photographs, a Terry Chandler giclee, pottery, exquisite handmade and vintage jewelry, a week of classes at John C. Campbell Folk School, hand painted flower pots organized by Christine Harness, a Bob Meadows handmade book with his original watercolor illustrations, and much, much more.

You do not have to be a Fountain City Art Center member to attend. Ladies and gentleman alike are invited! Ladies frequently wear hats and summer frocks to the event. Table hostesses compete for prizes for the best theme and the best decorated table. The luncheon tables and auction items are under large tents provided by the hosts, Ginger and Bill Baxter. Guests are encouraged to roam the extensive and elaborate Baxter Gardens. The Baxters' property commands a breath-taking view of the City and of the mountains to the south, perfectly visible from the Garden Party setting. The Gardens include a lotus pool, a water lily pool, numerous fountains, statuary, hundreds of exotic trees, shrubs and flowers, a gazebo, running streams, and a maze! The Fountain City Art Center considers the luncheon its premier event of the year. If you have never attended, you're missing a lot of fun!

Pellissippi State presents 'What Dance Moves?' faculty lecture March 21

The Faculty Lecture Series at Pellissippi State Community College features a range of presentations, from history and hobbies to Shakespeare and economics.

Finding uncharted territory in this eclectic group might not be easy, but Pellissippi State faculty member Maggie Jenkins has done it.

"What Dance Moves?" brings audiences of the Faculty Lecture Series a fresh subject and gives Jenkins a rare venue to talk about how her art form has impacted society.

The event is Thursday, March 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Goins Building Auditorium on the Hardin Valley Campus.

"I have focused on how dance interacts with, shapes and sometimes downright controls community values throughout history, political movements, social concerns," said Jenkins.

The scope of the lecture is broad, beginning with the dithyrambs of ancient Greece and moving toward dance in the 21st century. Jenkins does offer one caveat: This

is not a dance history lecture. And it promises to be visual.

For the last few months, she has viewed and collected several video clips for her presentation. Some of them come from the world literature classes she has taught for many years.

Jenkins has an ideal background for this lecture. She earned a master's degree in English from the University of Tennessee in 1972 and followed up with a master's degree in dance from UT in 1982. While teaching English literature and composition, she also performed with dance companies and ran a dance studio.

She has always seen her vocation and avocation as complementary, with each experience informing the other.

For more information, go to www.pstcc.edu/arts or call (865) 694-6400. To request accommodations for a disability, contact the executive director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action for Pellissippi State at (865) 694-6607 or humanresources@pstcc.edu.

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

An Easter Missive

I must admit that for me the biggest celebration of the year is Christmas. However, in Christian liturgical circles it is Easter, and in Jewish tradition it is Passover. These celebrations coincide and commemorate life and death events that still transform people and the world.

The Bible is the greatest extant recorded history of a people. Recall that three and half millennia ago the Jewish people had been enslaved by the Egyptians for four hundred years. Moses led them out of bondage after a series of plagues, culminating with the death of all firstborn in Egypt. It is written that God's angel of death "passed over" the Hebrew households delivering them from the death around them, and to this day Jewish people

celebrate their delivery from destruction.

Twenty centuries ago the Prophet Jesus entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover and to fulfill his destiny. He would be falsely charged, beaten savagely, and then crucified as an enemy of Rome and the Jewish establishment. Several years ago I saw Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of Christ*. It was a disturbing vision of human cruelty and made me reflect on the notion of Good Friday. However, Jesus' life was a reversal of the status quo, and in three days Jesus Christ arose from death and offered salvation and eternal life to all followers of The Way.

These days, we take so much for granted, and this includes our heritage. Our Western Culture is based on Judeo-

Christian precepts which extend to our laws, our sense of virtue and our moral behavior. People in other parts of the world don't have the same precepts we take for granted. Even the notion of individual freedom is less important in some cultures, and becoming less relevant in 21st century America. Fundamental to our sense of self is the Christian perspective that each of us is unique and precious and loved by The Creator of the Universe. We celebrate Jesus' sacrifice and His gift of Grace at Easter each year, and hopefully everyday of life. Interestingly, medical studies have shown that a spiritual perspective is actually a healthier outlook to embrace than existentialism.

Christianity is a powerful vision and spread in the Roman Empire to such an extent that it became the state religion in 381 AD. The historian Will Durant once observed that "Christ conquered Caesar;" it just took 300 years.

The Middle Ages are known to us as the Age of Faith where truth was revealed through faith. However, by the 1200s it was increasingly evident that reason and observations of the world also gave practical truths. The

great scholastic theologian Thomas Aquinas sought to merge faith and observational reality. Aquinas even developed a hierarchy of laws for doing so. He held that God's Universal Law was preeminent. Underneath is Divine Law such as the Ten Commandments. Next is Natural Law, the realm where biology and physics of the universe are operative. Lowest on the hierarchy are the edicts of Man called positive law. An example is a speed limit.

Taken to the extreme, modern man operates only within positive law and nature's law, discounting any faith based perspective. Interestingly, the ancient Greek philosopher Protagoras crowed, "Man is the measure of all things." What hubris (arrogant pride)! Apparently he forgot the Psalmist's wisdom, "Pride goeth before the fall." In my sixty-two years I've acquired some degree of wisdom. I can tell you that extremes of positions are often wrong. Einstein seems to agree observing, "Religion without science is blind, but science without religion is lame."

"The Times They Are a-Changin'," sang Bob Dylan in 1964, and it is so true today. An expert

recently predicted that in five years American churches will return to people's homes where churches began 2000 years ago. Many eschew denominational structure because of bureaucracy and doctrinal arguments. The expert may be correct. We observe schisms within the American Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, and the disintegration of the Methodist Church is soon to follow. I believe much sectarian controversy stems from the translation of a Greek word in Acts Chapter 2 which comes down to us as "fellowship." Was The Way of Christ a path of individual revelation and a transformed life, or was the intent institutional revelation? Was the purpose to change the world from the inside out or from the top down through the institutional social, economic and environmental justice movements?

This week I'm trying to focus on bigger issues than science or medicine or politics or doctrinal arguments. Jesus lived; even the Jesus Seminar acknowledges this historical fact. His message was shocking to the religious experts of his day and undeniably his message has fundamentally changed the world.

Scientists such as Francis Collins, the head of the Human Genome Project, converted to Christianity after studying Christ's word. Similar conversions occurred in atheists like C. S. Lewis and Lee Stroble after observing Christ's reasoned message and love.

As I look at my grandson Oakley asleep in my arms after a bottle, I now finally understand in part the transformative concept of unconditional love and unearned grace. The Apostle Paul was a Jew's Jew, a Pharisee, a Roman citizen, and a philosopher. He said, "We see in a mirror dimly," (incompletely). And in that same letter to the Corinthians he concluded that the greatest force in the Universe is not faith or even hope; it is Love.

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.

Local twelve year old serves as ambassador for Knoxville Tour De Cure

The American Diabetes Association has announced 12-year old Luke Guinn as their youth ambassador for their Tour de Cure bike ride at World's Fair Park on Saturday, June 8, 2013. "In the beginning we were all overwhelmed. I was scared that I was not going to be able to be a normal kid, but I that's not true. Diabetes might be something I have but it is not something that defines who I am," said Guinn.

As the 2013 Tour de Cure Ambassador, Guinn helps to motivate and recruit riders and teams by sharing his personal story. He will also work hand-in-hand with staff to create awareness about the work of the American

Diabetes Association. He has already gotten his friends involved in Association events as well as helped them learn more about his type I diabetes. He and his family also raised more than \$1,000 for last year's Tour de Cure, all within two weeks. Luke loves being active and telling stories about his experiences. He also participates in the Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children each summer, where kids do outdoor activities by the lake and participate in a wellness class to learn more about diabetes management.

Luke also enjoys being outside and riding his bike. In this year's Tour de Cure, he will be doing the 10-mile ride.

Free health screenings and information for all at Health Fair

Everyone is invited to attend the Knoxville 100 Health Fair, Your Health is in Your Hands, from 9 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, March 30 at the Cansler Family YMCA, located at 616 Jessamine Street in Knoxville. This community-wide health fair brings free health screenings and health information to those who need it the most.

Now in its seventh year, the health fair is the creation of 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville, Inc. and is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee Community Trust, The University of Tennessee Medical Center and United Healthcare Community Plan. Organizers stress that everyone, regardless of age, race or gender, is encouraged to attend.

"We know there are many individuals in our community who lack the resources or have other reasons why they don't seek medical care," said Bernard Bradley, health and wellness chair of 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville. "Our goal is to remove all

obstacles and offer the free screenings and health information to every man, woman and child in our community in need of a better understanding of their general health."

Bradley attributed the event's success to the teamwork and commitment to the health in the community by 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville and the multiple health providers in Knoxville who participate in the expo each year.

"It's so important for everyone to have a baseline understanding of their personal health situation," said Jim Ragonese in the public relations department at UT Medical Center and a volunteer on the Knoxville 100 Health Fair committee. "This health fair brings together healthcare experts who will provide the valuable information and screenings so participants can begin to take charge of their health."

Light refreshments will be available and organizers will hold multiple drawings for gift cards throughout

the event. Parking at the YMCA is free. The following health screenings and information will be available during The Knoxville 100 Health Fair:

- Blood pressure screenings
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Counter Cultural Message

There are precious few positive television shows on the airwaves that a Christian can endorse. Thankfully, there is a show that promotes an old-fashioned message that is worthy of mention. It is the reality TV show called Duck Dynasty, featuring the Robertson family from West Monroe, LA.

The clean humor is refreshing in an age of so much filth that is connected to comedy. How wonderful it is to see a family with traditional values displayed in a positive way. The love of this family and the moral message of each episode shine in a world of fractured families. I believe this family has won so many hearts because it feeds something that is missing from this generation. To see children, parents, and grandparents working and sharing life together is such a wonderful thing. For a program to show respect, honesty and integrity being lived out in business practices and in the home is a breath of fresh air.

I truly believe what makes this show interesting is how counter cultural it is. Here you find the men of the Robertson family with full beards and long hair (reminds me of John the Baptist in how they dress and look) loving on their wives and children. By looking at them, you think "Red Neck Hicks," yet they are multi-millionaires who are extremely intelligent. With over 8 million American viewers

tuning in to the latest episode, this family has captured the hearts of many people. What is it that is so attractive?

I think that our culture is at a decisive point. Since the 1960's, our American culture has celebrated individualism and personal freedom. We think, "I can do whatever I want, and you can't tell me what to do because I am supposed to be happy." So with reckless abandon, we have done what we have wanted to do. We have thumbed our nose at God, at authority, at institutions, and at the family. We have downplayed marriage, having children, and communities of faith. And we are now reaping what we have sown.

We are more isolated, lonely, and dysfunctional than any other time period in American history, and this comes at a time when technology has offered a myriad of ways to connect with each other. But nothing beats the connection offered by sitting around a table for dinner, giving thanks to God, and celebrating personal relationships. Duck Dynasty concludes each episode with these.

I hope that the picture of family life grounded on faith in God will continue to shine in this TV show. It is a message so many need in their own families. I also hope that those who have homes where this is not found will realize that the Body of Christ is a place where this picture can and should be lived out. Each week we gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper, prayers are offered, and life shared in relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ. I believe the church is more relevant now than ever.

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge UMC Easter Activities

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church (The Church With a Heart In the Heart of Karns), 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy., welcomes you to join us for Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. There

will be Holy Communion remembering The Last Supper. A nursery will be provided for toddlers and infants.

Good Friday, March 29 at noon. This is a very quiet service with scripture readings and prayer.

Easter Sunday, March 31st. Sunrise Service at

7:00 a.m. This service will be held at the Cross located on the front church lawn. You may bring flowers to place on the outside cross. There will also be Easter Worship Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will be at 10:00 am. Nursery will be provided during

Sunday School and Worship Services.

Don't forget about Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to the annual Pancake Breakfast, Magic Show and Easter Egg Hunt!

For more information please call our office: 690-1060, or see us on the web: www.beaverridgeumc.com.

Faith UMC

Faith UMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your friends and join us on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. - noon for fun filled Easter Activities. Please bring your baskets filled with empty eggs. Everyone is welcome. 1100 Dry Gap Pike. 865-688-1000. info@faithseekers.org

Everyone is welcome to join us on March 30th at 6 p.m. for the Watoto Children's choir. This choir has travelled internationally since 1994 as advocates for the estimated 50 million children in Africa, orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS, war, poverty and diseases.

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Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon will meet March 26, 2013 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Adam Robinson will be the guest speaker.

Pathways Church South Knoxville

The Easter EGGstravaganza will be held Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m. - 1p.m. Come out for this free event for the community featuring a 15,000+ egg hunt, inflatables and food! This is a kick-off event for Pathways Church's new South Knoxville Campus (located in Chapman Ford Crossing on Chapman Hwy. next to the Rush).

Seymour United Methodist Church

The weekly Divorce-Care program will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. with this week's topic being, "Facing My Depression."

There is no fellowship meal or small group studies scheduled for Wed. evening of Holy Week. The weekly Wed. fellowship meals will resume April 10.

Special Worship Services are scheduled for Thursday (Maundy Thursday) and Friday (Good Friday) starting at 7 p.m. each evening.

Jubilation is scheduled for April 21st - 23rd in Kingsport at the Meadowview Resort for adults aged 50+. This year's theme is "Grace & Gratitude." Cost and other details available on Holston Conference website.

The annual Car, Truck & Tractor Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Volunteers needed for many necessary functions that day! Contact Rev. Darren Kitts or Bobby Jennings.

Sharon Baptist Church

On Easter Sunday morning, Sharon Baptist Church will present an Easter drama entitled "The Story of the Lamb," a touching portrayal of the Passion of Jesus. A father relives his childhood experience of traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover, and he shares his memories of the life, death and resurrection of the Lamb of God with his son. The drama is written and directed by Nita Buell Black, known for her work at the Powell Playhouse. The church is located at 7916 Pedigo Road off Emory Road; service begins at 10:40.

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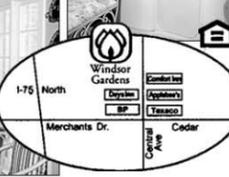




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By Carl Sloan

Greg has not always been in the auction business. Few know that he is a professional photographer that has done weddings and sports events for several years. To my knowledge, Greg had one of the first one-day photo businesses in Knoxville. He worked with the city police department for accident and crime scene photos as well as just folks wanting to see their photographs as soon as possible. With

the digital age approaching, he left the business and began working for UPS, even rising to a supervisor position, at the Knoxville hub for many years. Then, in a leap of faith, he chose to join us hopeless addicts in the antique and collectible crowd, obtained his auctioneer's license and held his first auction nearly ten years ago. His first auction was standing-room only. There were so many people there that items had to be staged outside the building. Folks would bid through the front window as there was no room inside. A bidder would have to step aside from the one bathroom to let someone in. I was there that evening and returned many times to bid or just leave my bid as it was nearly impossible to get a chair.

Although the new location at 4109 Central Avenue Pike has 12,000 square feet, its 250 chairs are sometimes not enough these days.

Sarah still makes the best BBQ and 'nanner puddin' as always. You will find Greg in his usual attire of T-shirt and blue jeans and working like a mule most everyday. His team of dedicated, hard workers make it happen week after week: Rick Morgan, Ron McKenzie, Joey and Casey, Beth, Rob Butler, Jerry Ridley and, of course, Hobie Humphries our beloved auctioneer.

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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 Kesterbrook Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37918.

Beginning April 5th, the CHS Choral Music Department will present the full-length Broadway Musical "Sweeney Todd," licensed by Music Theatre International. The company of "Sweeney Todd" includes an enormous cast of 80 students plus a full orchestra! With such a large and extremely talented cast, most of the roles have been double-, triple- and even quadruple-casted! The show runs April 5-14 for a total of eight performances, and a preview at the historic Tennessee Theatre's Mighty Musical Monday on April 1st at 12:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. The cost is \$10.00 for general admission and \$8.00 for students and senior citizens. You may call the choir office at (865) 689-1428 to reserve tickets, visit www.knoxcentralchoral.com or purchase them at the door upon arrival.

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 Annual Good Friday Breakfast

The Annual Good Friday Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 a.m. This annual event, sponsored by the Halls Business & Professional Association, attracts businesses, professionals and residents from the community and is always a sold out affair.

The guest speaker this year is Foster D. Arnett, Jr., Knox County Clerk. He was elected to an interim term in 2008 and overwhelmingly re-elected with over 78% of the vote in 2010. He served as Public Information Officer for six years with the Knoxville

Police Department. Arnett has the unusual record of news anchor on all three local television stations- WATE-TV, WBIR-TV and WVLT-TV. Arnett has been active in many local organizations and served as deacon at both Second Presbyterian Church and Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. His wife, Dottie, is a teacher in Knox County Schools.

A catered breakfast will be served prior to Arnett's Easter Holiday remarks. Tickets are available from Shannon Carey at (865) 922-4136 or Karen Hurley at (865) 922-3946. Sue Walker is chairperson of the event.

Hardin Valley Academy

Hardin Valley Academy will hold a Fine Arts Night on Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m. For a \$15 contribution, guests will enjoy a spaghetti dinner at 6:45 p.m. which will be followed by The Streamliners, a group of jazz musicians, as well as a showcase of the school's Visual Art, Theater, Band, Orchestra and Chorus talent.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Phase II of University Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Contact Teresa Scoggins, Choral Director of Hardin Valley Academy, who is personally a NICU advocate, at teresa.scoggins@knoxschools.org to make a \$15 contribution to attend the benefit.

Knox County Retired Teacher's Association meet

The Knox County Retired Teacher's Association joined the reading celebration for Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 1st when seven retired teachers visited various elementary schools in Knox County to share a book, a smile and a story with students. It was a time to remember the talented children's author Theodore Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss, and to encourage children to find fun in reading.

A note of appreciation is extended to the following KCRTA members who shared their reading talents with Knox County students. Valerie Biberdorf, Annette Cardwell, Connie Graham, David Huntsinger, Charlotte Linge, Anne Loy, Sylvia Upton, and Margaret Willis were volunteer readers who celebrated "Read Across America Day."

The first Read Across America Day was held on March 2, 1998, and this nationwide observance of Dr. Seuss's birthday is an annual event which promotes the joy and importance

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- 2 (4.5-ounce) cans fruit cocktail (undrained)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 (9-ounce) box raisins
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 or 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- Butter Rum Sauce, recipe follows

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cube donuts into a large bowl. Pour other ingredients on top of donuts and let soak for a few minutes. Mix all ingredients together until donuts have soaked up the liquid as much as possible.

Bake for about 1 hour until center has jelled. Top with Butter Rum Sauce.

Butter Rum Sauce

- 1 stick butter
- 1 pound box confectioners' sugar
- Rum, to taste

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Knox County Retired Teacher's Association meets on the fourth Thursday of alternate months at the Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:15 a.m. All Knox County Retired teachers are welcome to attend.

Recruitment Job Fair

The Knox County Schools' Human Resources Department will host a Certified Recruitment Job Fair on Saturday, April 6 at Bearden Middle School located at 1000 Francis Road. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and will showcase job opportunities for certified positions within the Knox County Schools. Certified positions are those positions that require a valid Tennessee educator license.

Representatives from the Knox County Schools and various departments will be onsite to meet and interview candidates. In addition, early employment agreements and signing bonuses will be offered for certified positions in critical needs subject areas such as: Library Media Specialists, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational and Physical Therapists (OT/PT), Advanced Math, Advanced Science - Chemistry and Physics, English Language Learners, and Special Education Teachers.

Pre-registration is required. Please visit hr.knoxschools.org to register, or call 594-1800 for more information.

Second Annual Liberians & Friends African Fashion Show

The Liberian Association of Knoxville TN, is having our Second Annual Liberians & Friends African Fashion Show on March 30, 2013. The Fashion Show will be at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927

Dandridge Avenue, Knoxville TN 37915.

Vestival call for vendors

The Candoro Arts & Heritage Center is looking for artists, craft persons, food vendors, and creative types extraordinaire to rent booth space for the 13th annual Vestival.

Vestival is an art and music festival taking place Saturday May 11, 2013 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on the grounds of the marble works on Maryville Pike and Candora Dr. in South Knoxville. The festival includes two stages of music and an art exhibition inside the historic Candoro Marble office Building.

Potential vendors can get an application online at Candoromarle.org or call 609-3005 for more information.

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