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SWNA honors KPD officers

By Tasha Mahurin
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As part of an ongoing project, the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association (SWNA) in South Knoxville has set out to thank the civil servants in their neighborhood and let them know that they are appreciated. The organization began its mission in December of last year by thanking the postal employees at the South Knoxville Post Office branch.

Last week, they chose to thank area police officers who work tirelessly to make their neighborhood safe and quiet to live in.

"It's serendipitous that we chose this week to recognize our police officers as it is also National Police Appreciation week," SWNA president Janice Tocher.

National Police Week occurs each year during the week of May 15. The week was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962 and recognizes law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

The SWNA especially wanted to acknowledge their



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

South Woodlawn neighbors Janice Tocher, Danny Gray and Debbie Sharp thanked Chief Rausch and Officer Dan Roark last Friday.

liaison with the Knoxville Police Department, Officer Dan Roark, who works with the group at their monthly membership meetings. Officer Roark discusses the issues and concerns of the neighborhood group and then takes that information back to the other officers on the South Knoxville beat.

"KPD does a great job of

staying in touch with their customers, our neighborhood groups. They attend every meeting and take notes and proactively follow up on the issues brought forward at the meetings. This has resulted in several arrest and brings tranquility to our most important asset, neighborhoods," Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, who represents

South Knoxville on city council, told *The Focus*.

Members of the group felt that all too often these officers don't hear 'Thank you', so they took a moment on Friday afternoon at the City of Knoxville Police Department to offer their appreciation. The Village Bakery supplied cookies and cupcakes while River Dog Bakery

thoughtfully donated baskets for the K-9 officers.

"Our thanks go not only to the officers who keep South Knoxville safe and their K-9 partners, but also to The Village Bakery and River Dog Bakery who are in full support of our community," Tocher added.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

In your opinion, should welfare recipients be required to submit to drug testing upon request by the government?

YES 79.17%
NO 20.83%

Survey conducted May 16, 2013.

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

Run to the Wall

On Tuesday, May 21., a motorcade consisting of 60 motorcycles from the American Legion Post 2 in Knoxville will arrive at the World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville with police escort. While at the park the riders will hold a wreath laying ceremony complete with a bag piper in honor of Memorial Day. A lunch will follow shortly after provided by the American Legion Riders.

For American Legion Riders from Knoxville, this ceremony will also mark the beginning of a national annual ride to Washington, D.C. known as "Run to the Wall." Motorcycle riders throughout the nation ride along predetermined routes to eventually end at the Vietnam Wall memorial in Washington. The annual Memorial Day weekend motorcycle ride is done in remembrance of fallen comrades, former prisoners of war, and warriors listed as missing in action.

Last year approximately 100,000 motorcycle riders descended on our nation's capital for the ride.

In addition on Wednesday, the entire Run to The Wall group traveling along "the Southern route" will be passing through Knoxville, and will arrive at TA Truckstop on Watt Rd at 9:55 a.m. There will be a couple hundred motorcycles in this group. They will refuel and be on their way. Area residents are encouraged to find a safe place

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Q&A

School is out, now what to do? *The Focus* asked Five Questions of our Parks Departments and here is what they said.

Five Questions with Knox County Parks & Recreation

Questions answered by Jennifer Linginfelter, Communications Specialist, and Doug Bataille, Parks & Rec Department Head.

1 What do you think is the best "hidden secret" of the parks department?

Because of its location, Seven Islands is one of the best hidden secrets of the park system. It has 6 miles of trails and great views of the river and mountains. (More info on Seven Island Wildlife Refuge: <http://www.sevenislands.org/home.html>)

2 Which park is your favorite and why?

The Knox County park system is quite diverse. Depending on your preference there are parks with disc golf courses, splash pads, bicycle trails, basketball goals and even one with a framed bocce ball court. But, the flagship of

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Tonka the Elephant cuts a ribbon at the Knoxville Zoo's new solar installation.

Zoo Launches Sustainability Initiative with Solar Installation

Mayor Madeline Rogero, Knoxville Zoo, Wampler's Farm Sausage and Family Brands International and Knoxville Zoo's African elephants cut a ceremonial ribbon on Thursday to mark the installation of a 50 kilowatt solar power system on the roof of The Stokely African Elephant Preserve barn.

The completion of the

installation of the solar power system will allow Knoxville Zoo to produce clean, renewable energy and provide an opportunity to educate visitors on the use of green power.

Knoxville Zoo joins other zoos and aquariums accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) who strive to conserve natural resources used in their business

operations while helping visitors understand the impact of climate change on wildlife.

Knoxville Zoo's sustainability practices are also complimentary to the City of Knoxville's efforts to become a leaner, greener community. The solar installation also has the added benefit of providing the zoo an ongoing income stream as part of

the TVA Green Power Providers Program.

The installation was made possible by the partnership of Wampler's Farm Sausage and Family Brands International, makers of Elm Hill hot dogs and Cades Cove barbecue, who are successfully using solar power generation at their manufacturing facilities.

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Focus on the Law

Sexual Harrassment

Almost five decades ago, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII of that act prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin.



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

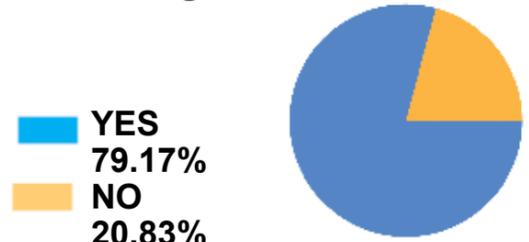
employment agencies, labor organizations and the federal government. Sexual harassment may occur where the harasser's conduct is unwelcome. Sexual harassment can occur whether the victim is a man or a woman. The victim does not have to be of the opposite sex. The victim does not have to be the person harassed but could be anyone affected by the offensive conduct. The harasser can be the victim's supervisor, an agent of the employer, a supervisor in another area, a co-worker, or a non-employee.

of sexual harassment. The types of conduct constituting sexual harassment may include using sexually provocative language and other verbal abuse of an explicit or implied sexual nature, making advances of a sexual nature, sexual propositions and physical touching.

Human Rights Act. Enforcement of this act lies with the Employment Division of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) in Nashville. This agency processes and investigates complaints of sexual harassment among other kinds of discrimination. Unlike under Title VII, this Tennessee law permits employees to file a lawsuit in chancery court without having to go through the THRC's administrative process first. Complaints may be still be filed with the THRC but they must be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination. The THRC investigates the complaint, conducts interviews and attempts conciliation. Neither federal law nor state law provides for the recovery of punitive damages.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	2
30-4	77.55%	22.45%	49
50-65	87.16%	12.84%	109
65+	75.45%	24.55%	224
Total	79.17% (304)	20.83% (80)	384

By District	Yes	No	Total
1	56.52%	43.48%	23
2	77.08%	22.92%	48
3	71.43%	28.57%	35
4	70.91%	29.09%	55
5	81.82%	18.18%	44
6	78.57%	21.43%	42
7	86.54%	13.46%	52
8	88.64%	11.36%	44
9	90.24%	9.76%	41
Total	79.17% (304)	20.83% (80)	384

By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	76.92%	23.08%	26
Female	79.12%	20.88%	182
Male	79.55%	20.45%	176
Total	79.17% (304)	20.83% (80)	384

Survey conducted May 16, 2013.

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII. According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's website, "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment."

Title VII applies to employers with 15 or more employees, including state and local governments. This law also applies to

Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII when submission to unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is a term or condition of your employment. For example, if a male supervisor threatens to fire a subordinate if she refuses to perform a sex act with him then that subordinate is the victim

Title VII is administered by the EEOC and victims of sexual harassment should file a written complaint with that agency as soon as possible. The complaint will be investigated and the EEOC will try to secure a settlement or file a civil lawsuit on your behalf. If the EEOC has not resolved the matter or filed suit within six months, you may request a notice of your right to sue. It is best to have hired a lawyer to take your case before you make this request because you will only have ninety days to file suit against your employer once you receive your notice of right-to-sue letter.

The State of Tennessee also has a counterpart to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 called the Tennessee

If you believe you are a victim of sexual harassment, you should contact an attorney to give advice regarding your specific circumstances and to ensure that your rights to compensation are protected.

Run to the Wall

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along I-75 or I-40 to hold up flags or signs wishing these riders well. This group will be coming from Chattanooga on I-75, when the group leaves the TA Truck Stop they will head east on I-40 to I-81.

Festivities at the World's Fair Park will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. The event is free and open to the public.

About the Vietnam Memorial: courtesy of www. http://www.rftw.org.

- There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
- 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 years old or younger.
- 8,283 were just 19 years old.
- The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.
- 12 soldiers on

the Wall were 17 years old.

- 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.
- One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.
- 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.
- 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.
- 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
- 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. 8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.
- 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

Paying for College

The news today reported student debt is closing in on \$1 trillion, more than credit card debt which anemically trails at between \$650-850 billion. "Woe is us" seems to be the cry from the millions who have accrued debts for education.



By Joe Rector

According to Bloomberg, college tuitions and fees have increased 1,120 percent since records began in 1978. That's even more than medical expenses that have tried to drive Americans to the poor house. Universities such as Harvard are requiring and getting \$60,000 per academic year from a student. While I understand that Harvard is the gold standard for colleges, the cost of an education there is becoming prohibitive.

In our own back yard, the average cost for tuition, fees, room and board and

books at UT hits \$22,000 for an in-state student. Of course, Tennessee high school graduates can receive and maintain the Lottery Scholarship, a hefty \$3000 yearly amount. That knocks a chunk out of every school year, and it is a deal for scoring a 21 on the ACT and maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

At another state school, Tennessee Tech University, the cost per year is only \$15,500. Why one institution is \$6500 more a year than another one is a question that might be asked. Anyway, the HOPE Scholarship cuts the cost to \$12,500.

Yes, college is an expensive choice, but it's not for everyone. Some folks will find satisfaction in a technical school where they can learn a craft that will provide a solid income. Don't turn up a nose to those

areas because the individual who answers a call for a broken air conditioning system or frozen pipes wears a big smile when he hands customers the bills.

Another alternative might be attending a school like Pellissippi State for the first two years. Per year, a student spends approximately \$7000, but with the HOPE Scholarship, \$1500 is cut from that total. Yes, it's still expensive, but not any more so than buying a \$5500 used car or motorcycle. Most parents would gladly let their children live at home for these two years, especially if the savings can run into the thousands of dollars.

At some point, students must accept the responsibilities for their own education. That means they need to pitch in to help pay for college. Part-time jobs can make huge dents in the costs. The lowest paid McDonalds employee (the fry cook) is paid \$7.62 an hour. If an individual works 20 hours a week, he can earn \$8000 a year. That covers almost all the costs above what the HOPE Scholarship pays at schools like TTU. Too, if a high school student is intent upon attending college, he can begin his part-time work early so that he has a nest egg by the time he is ready to attend.

Is attending college a pricy thing? You bet it is. Should costs be cut to fall more in line with other

things in our economy? Yes is again the answer. Should students who borrowed money for college have the debt forgiven? NO! They have an obligation to pay their debts, just as we all do. Too often, students CHOOSE to attend expensive universities, and many use student loans to buy cars, entertainment, and expensive items to make life nicer. That's what bugs me.

My brothers, our wives, and I struggled to pay for college. We worked during the summers and the school year to pay for our educations. Plenty of beans and corn and Bologna sandwiches were consumed during those lean years. In the end, we graduated with degrees and no debt. Was it hard? It certainly was, but the experience made us stronger.

The time has come for young people to stop whining, stop feeling entitled, and figure out a way to pay for most of the college expenses without loans. That might mean they have to attend a state school; perhaps they will have to work a job after classes and forego the social aspects of college life. Maybe it means they'll have to join the service and then use their benefits as veterans. In any case, the decisions are theirs. Either figure it out or don't go to college. The only thing I don't want to hear is the whining about how unfair life is.

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Q&A

Knox County Parks & Rec Department

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the system is Concord Park. It's a favorite because of the incredible variety of things available in that location. It features a new dog park, kayak rentals, sand volleyball courts, a skate park and the Lakeside Tavern restaurant. Concord Park also hosts special events like the Holiday Festival of Lights and Second Saturday Concerts at The Cove series. (see below for info on the upcoming concert series)

The Second Saturday Concerts at The Cove series will continue this year with a wide variety of entertainment for the whole family. The free concerts, held the Second Saturday of each month June through September, take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Cove in Concord Park, 11808 Northshore Drive.

The dates and bands for summer 2013 are:
June 8 - Tuatha Dea
July 13 - Kitty Wampus
August 10 - Back Talk
September 14 - Second Opinion

3 How many parks have water features?
Five. There are beaches at Concord Park and Melton Hill Park, and splash pads at three locations: Carl Cowan Park, Powell Station Park and New Harvest Park. Splash pads are water playgrounds for kids of all ages. Weather permitting, splash pad hours of operation are 10 a.m to 8 p.m. spring through fall.

4 Tell us about the recreation program. I am sure there are a lot of great programs people don't know about.

Knox County has an enormous youth sports program, which includes baseball, softball, football, basketball and cheerleading. Some newer sports programs and organizations that utilize county parks are soccer, lacrosse, disc golf and kickball.

5 What does the future hold for the Knox County Parks Department?

Knox County Parks & Rec's mission is to be an innovative leader, so when citizens call with ideas we always look into them. Knox County just finished a new bocce ball court at Strickland Park and we hope to finish an additional 9 holes of disc golf at Schumpert Park in the next year. A lady called just last week about pickleball, so we are looking at that now.

For more information on Knox Parks, please visit www.knoxcounty.org/parks.

Town of Farragut Parks & Leisure Services

Questions answered by Parks and Leisure Services Director Sue Stuhl

1 What do you think is the best "hidden secret" of the parks department?

That we run a Museum that not only has artifacts from the Farragut Concord area but also contains a large collection of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (the nation's first admiral) items including his personal photo albums, china from his flagship, scrimshaw and many of his important letters and documents. As far as the best secret at a park: across the creek at Campbell Station Park. A small area but in a beautiful forested setting - you would never know that you are that close to Campbell Station Road and not out in the middle of the woods somewhere.

2 Which park is your favorite and why?

McFee Park because the completed sections are a huge community gathering spot and we are just getting started. With over 36 more acres to develop, the master plan has something for everyone. I hope to see the construction on all the phases completed before I retire.

3 How many parks have water features?

McFee Park has a splash pad;

Anchor Park has a small pond and Campbell Station Park has the north fork of Turkey Creek running through the middle. Our fourth and last park, Mayor Bob Leonard has a wetland area that is home to fascinating animals.

4 Tell us about the recreation program. I am sure there are a lot of great programs people don't know about.

Yes - we do have a lot of great programs and hope that the community continues to enjoy them. We welcome everyone - not just Farragut citizens. We have a major special event every month - including our very popular Independence Day parade and our Halloween event - Freaky Friday Fright Nite; offer classes and programs on a quarterly basis; and have two seasons of adult athletics. We have a very active sand volleyball program and run leagues four nights a week. For classes we offer many traditional fitness classes such as yoga and pilates but also have new offerings such as hoop dance and zumba for kids. Our Movers and Shakers Program, which is part of the national Let's Move program started by the first lady, has a

couple of new programs this year including a field day. In addition to fitness, we offer art and craft classes and educational lectures with all types of subjects. This summer and fall we will hold several lectures about the Civil War and specifically about the Battle of Campbell Station that was fought here in Farragut during the Civil War.

5 What does the future hold for the Farragut Parks Department?

The future of parks and recreation in Farragut is very exciting. The continued development of McFee Park will add a lot of facility options that we don't currently have such as an amphitheater, tennis courts, 18 hole disc golf course through an old Christmas tree farm, linear playground and more pavilions. Later this summer we will start installing the Town's first artificial turf field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. This will be a great facility that will allow for year round use. Our parks and recreation staff continue to find new and exciting events, programs, museum exhibits and athletic leagues to offer the community.

City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation

Questions answered by Parks and Recreation Director Joe Walsh

1 What do you think is the best "hidden secret" of the parks department?

The biggest "hidden secret" of the Parks and Recreation Department is the variety of activities that we're involved with and therefore the many opportunities the public has to take advantage of what's out there for them to use. For example, 2 skateparks, 4 dogparks, 2 disc golf courses, 3 regular golf courses, over 50 tennis courts, 2 outdoor pools, 2 indoor pools, 12 recreation centers, 50 miles of paved greenways, 2,000 acres of park space, an arts and crafts center, a volunteer community band, adult and youth volleyball/basketball/softball/kickball/baseball/tennis leagues; swim lessons, senior centers, etc. etc.

2 Which park is your favorite and why?

Probably Victor Ashe Park. I was involved in the development of this park from identifying the land to build it on, to the public meetings identifying what the public wanted to see happen there, to the

plans development and construction of it ten years ago. Plus, it is a beautiful 125 acres with so much to do! I personally go there to run, picnic, take my dog to the off-lease park and play sand volleyball. It is such a treat.

3 How many parks have water features?

There are water features in the World's Fair Park and at Volunteer Landing, plus we have two great outdoor pools. One is Inskip Pool and the other is the Ed Cothren Swimming Pool. Pools open on May 25th and stay open till Labor Day. Also, you can access the river from Holston River Park, Sequoyah Park, Island Home Park and Ned McWherter Park.

4 Tell us about the recreation program. I am sure there are a lot of great programs people don't know about.

There are so many! Our summer playground program which starts in June and runs for 7 weeks is a good one. \$20 for the entire program, which includes lunch! Our adult volleyball league is new

and well received. Second session starts in June too. The Community Band has been around for decades. All musicians are welcomed, it's free and they practice Tuesday nights at Northwest Middle School Bandroom. The band plays concerts in the summer and on special occasions.

5 What does the future hold for the parks department?

I'm not a fortune teller, but I hope that as demand increases for leisure services that the Parks and Recreation Dept. can keep up with the demand. Baby Boomers are retiring and their expectations are great (I know, because I am one.) Meeting those expectations will be a challenge with limited resources. We will rely on partnerships to help us give the citizens what they want and need. I see us taking the lead on helping address the national epidemic on childhood obesity, working with the schools and the health department.

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Since its inception, The Home Depot Foundation has invested more than \$340 million to build and renovate homes, transform local parks and playgrounds, and repair community facilities in their local neighborhoods.

In 2011, The Home Depot Foundation launched a five year, \$80 million commitment to ensure that every veteran has a safe place to call home. The Home Depot Foundation partners with national and local nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to improving the homes of economically disadvantaged veterans.

In conjunction with this commitment to veterans and the people they serve in the community, The Home Depot store in South Knoxville, in partnership with Chick-Fil-A, is inviting all veterans and seniors to their

Veterans' and Seniors' Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, May 21 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the store location, 140 Green Rd, Knoxville. The East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard, along with Eagle Scouts from local Boy Scouts of America troops, will conduct a brief Memorial Day ceremony at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to know more about The Home Depot Foundation, go to www.homedepot-foundation.org or visit any of the Home Depot stores and talk with the Team Depot Captain or store managers.

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Future expansion subject of Library meeting

Future expansion plans for the Seymour Public Library come under discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at the Friends of the Seymour Library's annual general meeting. For some time now, the library has been short of room. Bookshelf space is hard to come by, and the lone meeting room is inadequate to hold a large number of attendees. The meeting will be held at the library, 137 West Macon Lane in Seymour.



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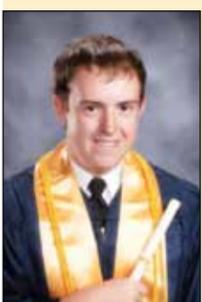
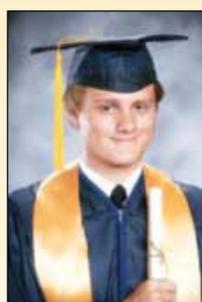
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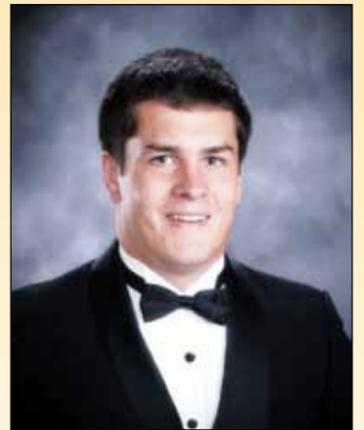
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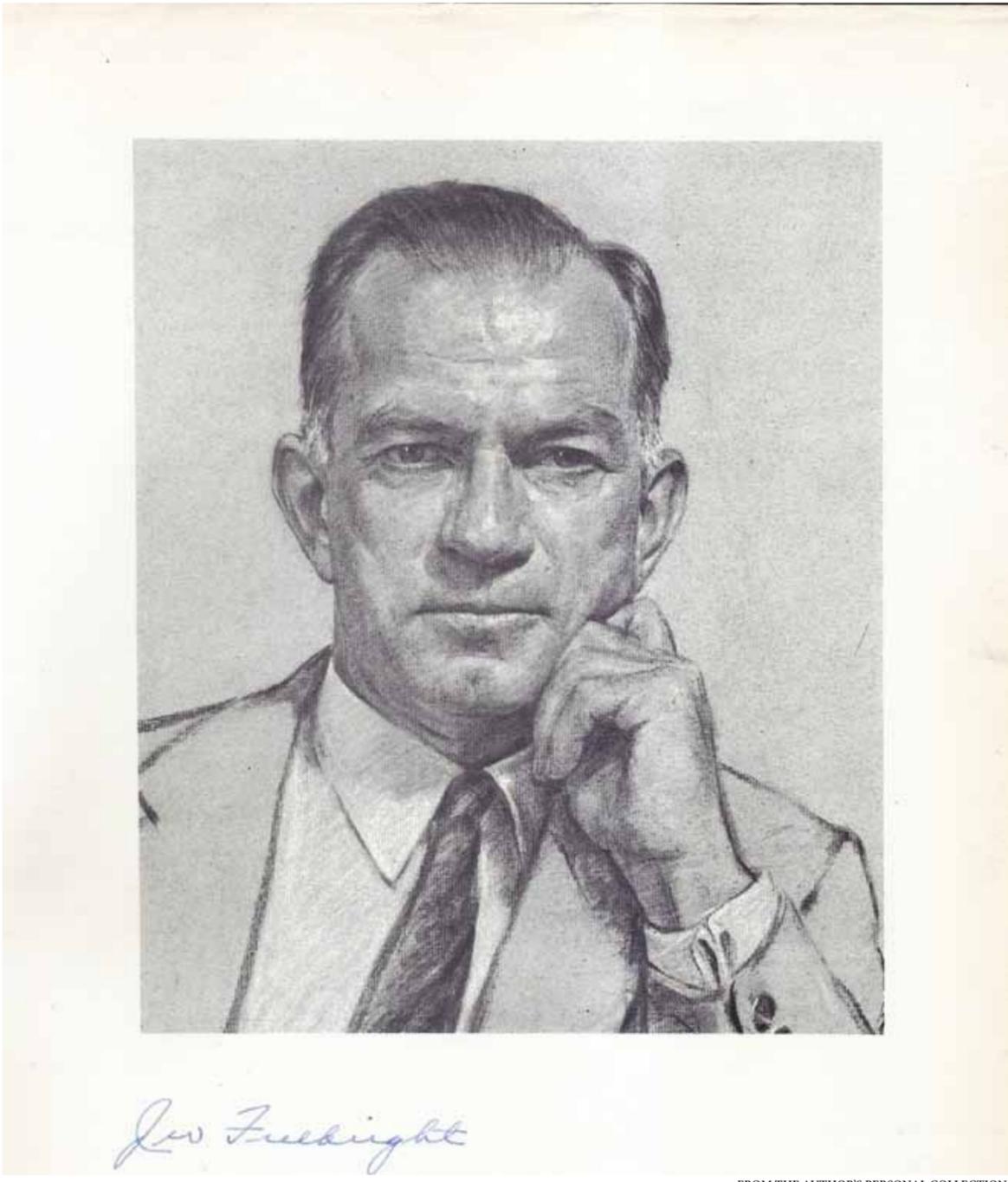
While growing up, one of the names I heard most frequently on the television news was that of J. William Fulbright, the senator from Arkansas and Chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Of course that was during a time when there were only three national television networks, a far cry today when there are entire channels reporting news.

James William Fulbright was born April 9, 1905 in Missouri. Fulbright attended the University of Arkansas and seemed to be a well-rounded student, excelling at pretty much everything he chose to do. Fulbright went on to attend Oxford University in England where he was a Rhodes Scholar. The future senator also attended George Washington University School of Law where he earned a law degree. Fulbright immediately found a job in the Justice Department during Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

Fulbright did not tarry long in Washington, D. C. and returned home to Arkansas where his mother, Roberta, was highly esteemed, owning and publishing a newspaper. Fulbright accepted a position at the University of Arkansas and remained there for three years before being appointed as President of the university in 1939. Only thirty-five years old at the time, Fulbright was the youngest university president in the country.

Fulbright became embroiled in the oftentimes personal politics of Arkansas and left the university. He sought election to Congress in 1942 and was elected. Fulbright remained in the House of Representatives for a single term, as he was eyeing the seat of Arkansas's senior United States Senator, Hattie Wyatt Caraway.

Hattie Caraway was the first woman ever to be elected to the United States Senate. Her husband Thaddeus had been first elected in 1920 and had died in office in 1931. Mrs. Caraway had been appointed to succeed her husband and virtually every ambitious politician in the state contemplated making a bid when the seat came open in 1932. Some insist Mrs. Caraway had pledged not to run before being appointed to the Senate, a claim she vehemently denied. Mrs. Caraway held little hope of being elected, but determined to run anyway. Huey Long, the famous "Kingfish" of Louisiana, felt sorry for the widow and waged a whirlwind campaign on her behalf. Long invaded Arkansas armed with a legion of minions, sound



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Autographed photo of Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright.

trucks, and tons of literature printed on behalf of Senator Caraway.

The "Huey and Hattie" campaign turned Arkansas politics on its head and Senator Caraway easily defeated her opponents. Long was felled by an assassin's bullet in 1935 and Hattie Caraway ran for a second six-year term in 1938 facing a serious opponent in Congressman John McClellan who campaigned on the slogan Arkansas "Needs A Man in the Senate." Evidently the voters disagreed, as he narrowly lost to Senator Caraway.

By 1944, Senator Hattie Caraway was vulnerable. Largely silent inside the United States Senate, Mrs. Caraway had done little to promote herself during her second term. In fact, Mrs. Caraway to this day has been referred to as "Silent Hattie" due to her refusal to speak out on issues.

Senator Caraway had remained popular due to support from women, Federal employees, and labor. Mrs. Caraway had not tended to her mail as closely as she had during her first term, nor had she done much to endear herself to her constituency, but she stubbornly insisted upon running again in 1944.

Senator Caraway faced not one, but two serious opponents in the 1944 Democratic primary: Governor Homer Adkins and Congressman J. William Fulbright. It soon became clear the contest was between Governor Adkins and Congressman Fulbright. Mrs. Caraway was eliminated in the first primary where she ran a very poor fourth.

Governor Adkins was a tough opponent and had built a formidable machine, yet he lost the run-off election

to Congressman Fulbright, who despite having served only one term in the House of Representatives, enjoyed much favorable national publicity.

J. William "Bill" Fulbright was to remain in the United States Senate for thirty years.

Fulbright had managed to pass the program named for him within his first two years inside the Senate. That same year, depressed by the success of Republicans in capturing both houses of Congress, Senator Fulbright made the suggestion that President Harry Truman should appoint GOP Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan Secretary of State and resign, giving Republicans the responsibility of running the country. The peppery Missourian in typical fashion snapped that Fulbright was "Halfbright".

J. William Fulbright was the only member of the United States Senate to vote against funding the permanent investigating committee chaired by Wisconsin demagogue Joseph McCarthy. While Fulbright remained something of a media darling throughout his long political career, he was hampered by the views of his constituency. Fulbright signed the infamous Southern Manifesto supporting white supremacy, a concession to his home state of Arkansas. Fulbright's support for segregation was especially necessary for him

to survive politically at home where Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus was a periodic threat to Fulbright's continued tenure in the United States Senate. There was considerable speculation amongst many of his constituents that Fulbright's support for segregation was half-hearted at best.

Still, Fulbright was easily reelected in 1950 and 1956. His seniority in the Senate finally brought him the chairmanship of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, a prize that Fulbright cherished. The incumbent Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee was Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island, then eighty-nine years old and increasingly deaf. Senate leaders, including powerful Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, recognized the failing Green was becoming something of an embarrassment and Johnson led an effort to nudge Green out of the chairmanship to make way for the much younger and more vigorous Fulbright. In an event that was carefully choreographed, Johnson and others got Green to agree to resign the chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee and accept the purely honorific title of Chairman Emeritus. Johnson in his typical flowery language praised the Rhode Island senator so fulsomely the elderly Green made the comment that since his

colleagues held his service in such high esteem, perhaps he should reconsider resigning. Green's comment naturally horrified Johnson and his allies and it became necessary to suspend the proceedings so that Senator Green could be taken to a back room and persuaded to issue a statement firmly resigning his committee chairmanship.

Theodore Francis Green finally emerged from the meeting intent upon resigning, thereby allowing J. William Fulbright to become Chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Fulbright would go on to serve as Chairman of that prestigious committee longer than any other senator.

The Foreign Relations Committee had long been one of the Senate's most prized committee assignments for many senators. Membership on the Foreign Relations Committee brought attention from the national media and in the whirl of Washington's social set, it was an especially important assignment. Yet, the chairmanship of the committee was a gift that could cause political problems back home as constituents felt their senator was more interested in countries

they had never heard of, while ignoring more parochial problems in the senator's native state. By the conclusion of his career, J. William Fulbright would carry that burden in his last campaign.

Fulbright vainly held some hope that he would be named Secretary of State by newly elected President John F. Kennedy in 1961, but the Arkansas senator's support for segregation made him an impossible choice. Fulbright expressed strong objections to President Kennedy's Bay of Pigs invasion and proved to be a constant thorn in the side of his successor, Lyndon Johnson.

Fulbright was disillusioned with the Vietnam War quickly, when most senators still supported both President Johnson and the war. Fulbright's constant hearings on Vietnam vexed President Johnson and the Arkansas senator published a book, aptly entitled *Arrogance of Power* detailing Fulbright's objections to the war.

Senator Fulbright was reelected in 1968, but there were signs his political strength in Arkansas was eroding. Arkansas was unusual among states as both its senators, John McClellan and J. William Fulbright, had served thirty years and both encountered stiff opposition in their last campaigns by much younger politicians.

In 1974, Senator Fulbright announced he would run for a sixth term. He faced popular Governor Dale Bumpers in the Democratic primary. Fulbright had become a target of those who disliked his opposition to the Vietnam War and many Arkansians felt Fulbright was far more interested in other countries than he was in Arkansas. Despite waging a hard campaign, Fulbright lost badly to Governor Bumpers. It was a humiliating repudiation by Fulbright's home state voters.

Senator Fulbright retired from the Senate in 1975 and joined one of the most prestigious law firms in Washington, D. C., Hogan and Hartson, where he specialized in international law. Fulbright lived long enough to become a revered figure amongst some circles, as well as watching a protégé, William Jefferson Clinton, rise to become President of the United States of America.

President Clinton awarded the former senator the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993. Two years later, Fulbright, aged eighty-nine, died of a stroke. Regardless of whether one liked or disliked his politics, Bill Fulbright's passing truly was the end of an era.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Give Us Shelter

Last year when the flagship campus of The University of Tennessee announced it was no longer contracting with Knoxville Area Transit to provide services to its campus, very few eyebrows were raised. Now it's a full-blown political issue about KAT shelters on the UTK campus.

Last year UTK signed a five-year contract worth \$18 million with First Transit, a division of Greyhound owner FirstGroup America, replacing KAT ending a 10-year relationship. From the beginning UTK knew that KAT could not meet its requirements because



Hubert Smith
KTA
Commissioner

KAT is publically funded and lacks the luxury of dedicating 20 buses to UTK to be their private service.

Nobody in the city administration complained when UTK chose somebody else. Instead, the KAT administration responded by creatively designing a way to prevent layoffs and greatly improve transit service throughout the city simultaneously.

It seemed like a blessing in disguise for the riders of KAT and the City of Knoxville. For many years KAT has wanted to expand service and offer more frequent service, such as every 15 and 30 minutes along its main corridors.

First Transit begins service on UTK's campus on June 1, and KAT's expanded service begins throughout the city June 3.

All seemed well until May 22, three days before our April 25 monthly board meeting. We were transmitted a one-page Resolution to vote upon donating 10 shelters on the UTK campus that KAT purchased to serve our riders.

I serve as one of nine commissioners on Knoxville's Transit Authority. I was appointed by Mayor Rogero and ratified by city council. Some other members were appointed by previous administrations.

After much debate, I made a substitute Motion

to post pone for 30 days so we all could see the shelters in question. The substitute Motion failed 5-3 and the main Motion to approve passed 7-1. My vote was the no vote with only eight commissioners present. My position was then and remains that First Transit, fresh with an \$18M contract can purchase their own shelters just like KAT did when we had the service contract for UTK.

Last Tuesday's city council meeting this item was on the agenda. Myself, and three other citizens spoke in opposition to the city giving away these shelters worth \$4K each. They were Jim Jennings; Umoja Abdul Ahad; Rick Roach, with Evelyn Gill and Anthony

Hancock in attendance supporting our position.

KAT's general manager, Cindy McGinnis and Mark Hairr another KTA Commissioner spoke in favor of donating the shelters. For the record, Mark Hairr is now Director of Parking & Transit Services for UTK and former general manager of KAT. He was directly involved in crafting the contract for First Transit.

In the end our city

council voted unanimously 9-0 to postpone for two weeks until the next council meeting. This is what I asked for during the KTA Board meeting.

This could be a great campaign issue for somebody who will stand up for the common woman and man. If you ride KAT and stand out in wind and rain then you know that we need those shelters!

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Knox County employee earns service award from King College

A member of the Knox County Community Outreach staff was recently awarded the M. Jeffrey Byrd Distinguished Service Award from King College. Community Outreach Coordinator April Tomlin received the award and also earned her bachelor's degree in communications from King College. She graduated earlier in May.

"This award is presented to a King student who 'exceeds expectations'

through his or her service to the community and has modeled leadership in a variety of ways throughout their college career," the King College website states. "The award pays tribute to those who have displayed a heart for service and commitment to the mission of King, which emphasizes cultural transformation in Christ. The award also honors academic achievement, servant leadership and dedication to the student

body as well as the local community."

In addition to working full time for Knox County, Tomlin also volunteers with the Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) and Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee. She also volunteered for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition build in Knoxville. She did all of these things while balancing a full-time course load at King.

While working for Knox

County, Tomlin has worked directly with constituents who contact the mayor's office seeking assistance with various issues, and currently works closely with seniors and volunteers in Knox County's five senior centers.

The late M. Jeffrey Byrd is a former chairman of the King College Board of Trustees and was the president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway from Jan. 1996 until his death in Oct.



Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, pictured with Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, announced a regional partnership that promotes competitive airfares at McGhee Tyson Airport last Wednesday. The initiative is part of an Innovation Valley strategy to encourage business relocation and industrial development efforts.

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Lewis, Seymour shut down Farragut to return to State

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR---For the third consecutive year the Seymour High School softball team will be making the trip to Murfreesboro.

The Lady Eagles punched their ticket to the Class AAA State Tournament with a 4-0 victory over a young and injury-plagued Farragut team Friday night at T.J. Carter

Memorial Softball Field.

And now that Seymour (41-6-1) has clinched its third straight trip to the Midstate, Lady Eagles' coach Dayna Carter said that her team can relax.

"It's an honor to get this far," said Carter, who guided Seymour to a seventh-place finish last season and saw her squad finish fourth in 2011.

"There are eight teams left in the state, so what we do now is just icing on the cake."

It was Lady Eagles' senior right-handed pitcher Carly Lewis who stole the show Friday night as she notched her 21st shut-out of the 2013 season and fourth of the playoffs. Lewis gave up two hits and two walks. She struck out

10 and hit a batter, while keeping the Lady Admirals (30-12) at bay.

"Their pitcher really did a good job," said Farragut junior center fielder Avery Blankenburg, who reached base three times and had both of the Lady Admirals' hits. "She really kept us off-balance."

It was Blankenburg who had the first hit of the

game. With one out in the top of the first inning, she rapped a double off the fence. She was stranded at second as Lewis struck out Shelby Miller and got Mary Claire Coyne to pop up to first to end the inning.

After escaping in the first, Lewis retired six consecutive Farragut hitters and had five strikeouts over the next two innings.

Seymour, with the help of a controversial call, finally broke the stalemate in the bottom of the third.

Lady Eagles' shortstop and leadoff hitter Lauren Irwin got a two-out single and stole second. She came home when Seymour center fielder Sam Baldwin was ruled safe on a close play at first.

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CAK wins third straight regional title, hands Gibbs first loss

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville won its third consecutive Region 2-A/AA soccer championship Wednesday night at Gibbs High School's Ernest Whited Field.

The Warriors used three first-half goals to notch a 3-0 victory over the previously undefeated Eagles.

Both CAK and Gibbs advanced to Saturday's

Section 1-A/AA Semifinals and faced elimination but results were unavailable at press time.

The Warriors (19-3) got on the board early when senior Stevie Thompson shot the ball past Gibbs goalkeeper Kaleb Lee in the in the fourth minute. CAK's Chris Patti, a junior, tallied a short time later.

The Eagles (19-1) were able to hold CAK scoreless for the

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Gibbs slams door on Union County in region finals

By Steve Williams

When Dani Jefferson stepped to the plate with the bases loaded, two outs and the score tied in the bottom of the fourth inning, the word in the press box was the No. 3 hitter in Gibbs' batting order was in a "slump."

Moments later, Dani changed the subject in grand fashion in the Region 2-AA softball championship game against upset-minded Union County.

With a 2-2 count, Jefferson got a pitch in her wheel house and drove it over the left field fence about 10 feet inside the foul pole for a grand slam. The ball left her bat like a missile. There was no doubt it was gone.

The four-run blast gave the homestanding Lady Eagles an 8-4 lead and they would tack on an unearned run before the inning ended. The 9-4 bulge held up for the final score Wednesday, May 15, as Union County, which jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the third, never recovered.

After the game, Jefferson, Gibbs' shortstop and one of only two seniors on the team, admitted her hitting had been "off the past couple of game. Hopefully, after this, I'll get it

back," she said.

Jefferson was 0 for 2 when she came to bat in the fourth. Was she looking for a certain pitch prior to her home run swing?

"To be honest, I was just praying to God to help me move the runners around, to do something good for the team, and it worked," she said.

A 3-run triple by junior Karri Byrd highlighted the Lady Eagles' comeback in the third. It followed singles by Rachel Farmer and Holly Moyers and a base on balls to Faith Lowry. Senior catcher Savannah Foster doubled in Byrd to pull Gibbs into a 4-4 tie.

The veteran Union County team, which had lost four previous games against Gibbs this season, including a 2-0 decision in the District 3-AA finals, had put a scare in the home crowd by scoring four runs in the top of the third.

Bailey Mize's bases-loaded single plated two runs and a third came home when a throw from center field was off line and got past the cutoff fielder. Mize tallied on a ground out, and at least one Gibbs supporter was dreading a possible long drive to Unicoi County

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Farragut's Alex Schuettler crosses home plate to give the Admirals an early 2-1 lead over Sevier County in the Class AAA state Sectional game Friday.

Admirals sail rough waters to reach state

By Steve Williams

There's a baseball saying that "Walks will Haunt." Farragut High's baseball team definitely got spooked Friday night but managed to survive.

Despite giving up nine bases on balls, a hit batsman and a wild pitch in the first three innings, the Admirals came back to beat Sevier County 8-5 in the Class AAA state sectional game at The Ballpark at Farragut.

"It was a tough game," said Farragut skipper Matt Buckner. "We didn't get off to a very good start. We were fortunate to win."

The Admirals (32-8) will return to the TSSAA state tournament this week in Murfreesboro. They won four straight state titles before failing to reach the finals last year. The Smoky Bears hang up a 32-10 record.

A thunderstorm delayed the game for 1 hour and 15 minutes, after Farragut had rallied to go ahead 6-5 in the bottom of the fourth.

Sophomore Patrick Raby came on in relief of Farragut ace Kyle

Serrano, who had serious control issues, to nail down the win. After walking the first two batters he faced, Raby retired 12 of the last 13.

Sam Schulze, nicknamed "Squints" after his resemblance to one of the little kids in the movie The Sandlot, led the Farragut attack with a two-out, two-run double in the second and a RBI grounder in the fourth.

"I've been hitting pretty well in the playoffs," said the junior second baseman, eighth in the batting order. "It was an inside pitch. I took a good swing on it and we went up 2-1 in the second inning."

Coach Buckner agreed the contest was like two games - one before and one after the rain delay.

"Raby locked in after that one inning," he said, "and we started swinging it."

No. 9 hitter Duncan Pence singled in one run in the Admirals' big fourth inning, Anthony

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Grace Rams advance to Spring Fling

Grace Christian Academy is going back to the Class A state baseball tournament.

The Rams blasted homestanding North Greene 10-3 in state sectional action Friday.

Last year, GCA went 1-2 at the state.

Play begins Tuesday, May 21, in the BlueCross Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

In other state sectional games of local interest, CAK was eliminated at Elizabethton 6-1 and Pigeon Forge (34-2) toppled Greeneville 10-0 in Class AA.

Knoxville Catholic was ousted at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett 3-1 in Class AAA.

In Division II-A Sub-State playoffs, Webb School's season ended on its home field with 7-1 and 9-3 losses to Jackson Christian.

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Gibbs slams door on Union County in region finals

Gibbs headed back to spring

Senior catcher Savannah Foster had a perfect day at the plate to lead Gibbs back to the TSSAA state softball tournament, its home away from home this time of year.

Foster went 4-for-4 with five RBI as Coach Carol Mitchell's Lady Eagles turned back upstart Greenville 11-1 Friday in a game stopped after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule. Gibbs (33-12) scored five runs in the fifth to end it.

Greenville ends up 25-7. Gibbs' Cheyenne Boles knocked in two runs with a double and sacrifice fly. Dani Jefferson also doubled for the Lady Eagles.

In other state sectional play, Unicoi County edged Union County 6-5 to earn a state berth. Other teams that had qualified for the Class AA state tourney at press time included Meigs County, Lexington and Chester County.

First-round games are Tuesday in Murfreesboro.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Bailey Mize singles with the bases loaded to give Union County a 2-0 lead at Gibbs in the Region 2-AA softball finals. The Lady Eagles came back to win 9-4.

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for the state sectionals.

"It was still early," recalled Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell. "There was no need to push the panic button.

"It's hard to beat anybody five times in a row," added Mitchell. "Union County had been hitting the ball good in the district tournament, and they hit it good in the region semifinal game."

Mitchell has seen her team grow up this season.

"We're really young, especially our pitching staff," she said. "They didn't pout when we fell behind. As a team, we've matured and learned how to handle situations."

Farmer, a sophomore, did not allow a run in any inning other than the third. She walked only one and struck out two. Casey Bryan took the mound loss. She allowed 10 hits, walked four and fanned four.

Gibbs is seeking its 10th Class AA state crown. Banners hang at the Lady Eagles' stadium, commemorating the previous nine title seasons - 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2012.

Starting next season, Gibbs will play in Class AAA.

Fast start not enough for Nighthawks

By Ken Lay

The Knoxville Nighthawks got off to a fast start on Saturday, May 11 but penalties and turnovers added up to a loss as Knoxville's resident Professional Indoor Football League team fell to Lehigh Valley 63-47 at the James White Civic Coliseum.

The Nighthawks (2-7) scored first when Luke Collis connected with Ryan Schuck on a 19-yard touchdown pass. Armando Cuko's extra point gave Knoxville a 7-0 lead with 5 minutes, 8 seconds left in the first quarter.

Knoxville's defense was stingy early as the Steelhawks (4-4) didn't score in the opening quarter. Lehigh Valley, however, got on a roll in the second quarter and put up 31 points in the second quarter.

Lehigh Valley evened things at 7-7 early in the second stanza on Elliott White's touchdown run. Knoxville fumbled in its own end zone a short time later. Terence Thomas, of the Steelhawks, recovered to give the visitors a 14-7 lead.

Lehigh Valley took its first lead by scoring 14 points in 57 seconds.

Knoxville would answer on its next possession when Ryan Porter threw a 31-yard scoring bomb to Kelvin Bolden. Lehigh Valley and the Nighthawks then traded touchdowns and Knoxville tied the game at 21 when DeAndre Brown caught a 6-yard pass from Porter. Knoxville then took a 22-21 lead when Cuko banged the ensuing kickoff through the

uprights for an uno.

Lehigh Valley then took control of the game by scoring the last 10 points of the first half. It was a night of defensive penalties and stagnate offense for the Nighthawks, who couldn't recover from their mistakes.

Knoxville coach Cosmo DeMatteo didn't have many answers after his squad's most recent loss.

"It's just bad football," he said. "I hate to say it but it is what it is.

"People might look at this and criticize our defense but I ask a lot from our [defensive backs] and really they did a pretty good job. This game is designed for the offense to win and when they score, you have to match that and you can match it when you commit turnovers and don't execute."

The Nighthawks pulled to within 42-40 by the end of the third quarter as they scored the final two touchdowns of the stanza. Daccus Turman had a 3-yard run and Porter had a 41-yard touchdown pass to Bolden.

Lehigh Valley quarterback Hunter Wanket threw a pair of touchdown strikes in the fourth quarter and White added another touchdown run to seal the victory.

Knoxville's lone fourth quarter touchdown came on Porter's 18-yard pass to Charles Gilbert.

The Nighthawks had a bye last week. Knoxville and Lehigh Valley tangle again on May 25 in Pennsylvania.

Basketball, Rabbits, and A Loving Mother (Part II)

He often set a screen for his teammates placing himself between them and the defense. Those screens accounted for many of the 2-point shots that helped the Gibbs Eagles on their way to winning 31 games during the 1964-65 season.



By **Ralphine Major**
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As an eighth grader, Ron Graves played for Coach Dwane Ritter on the Gibbs Junior High School basketball team. They had a 15-0 season and won the Knox County Championship. By the time they became seniors on the varsity team, Ron knew the small, rural school had some of the best players in basketball. "Who were they?" I asked—as if I did not know. Graves named the five starters and their strengths. Three players stood at least 6-foot-4 or taller: Tommy Everette, David Widner, and Graves; Les Spitzer was a fast guard and great jump shot shooter; and another guard, Steve Wright, could score, as well.

"I knew we had the potential to be the best or one of the best in the Knoxville Interscholastic League (KIL), but I did not think about the state," he added. Graves pointed out the impact of today's 3-point shot just as his head coach had done before. "If there had been a 3-point shot then,

it would have changed the game," he said.

One thing that would not have changed is how this small community rallied around its high school team. In the middle of our talk about basketball,

I was intrigued to hear Ron say, "he encouraged us." It sounded like something I had heard about the Eagles' beloved Head Coach, Bob Dagley. This time, it was a compliment for someone else—Woody Lay, a school custodian. "Coach Woody," as they called him, would sit on the bench with the players and offer encouragement during the games. Woody and his family were well known in the Gibbs community. I knew Woody from church. He and his wife, Marie, along with his son, Jackie Lay, and daughter, Polly Pursiful, and their families have been longtime members of Fairview Baptist Church. I remember when Woody passed away in the early seventies. It is remarkable the influence Woody had on these young players such that they would remember him decades later.

During tournament time in 1965, Ron set the screens for his teammates just as he had done all season. The opponents' relentless defense on the guards would not allow them to shoot the



Picture of Ron Graves from the 1965 Gibbs High School yearbook

ball. Graves, however, was barely guarded at all. Lucky for the Eagles, Graves could score, too. His teammates got the ball to him repeatedly during one tournament game. At 6-foot-4, he could easily lay the ball in for two points. And, he did—again and again. In fact, Graves' best performance on the court came during that tournament game.

No. 42 was crucial in helping the Eagles win the District 6 Championship and finish the season ranked No. 3 in the state. His ability to screen and score helped the small school hold their own against opponents in a time when there were no divisions. Small schools played the large schools. Fortunately, for Coach Dagley's Eagles that year, the eleven players on the team were loaded with talent and height. Ron Graves was most definitely a link that made the team stronger.

(This is the tenth in a series about the amazing 1964-65 Eagles. Next week will be my Memorial Day column. My interview with No. 42, Ron Graves, will conclude on June 17.)

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CAK wins third straight regional title, hands Gibbs first loss

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next 27 minutes but CAK scored its final marker in the 33rd minute when Anthony Buzzeo tallied when he headed the ball past Lee and into the back of the Eagles' net.

"It was key for us to get off to a fast start," Warriors assistant coach Dustin Crouse said. "We had a talk about that before the game because we knew that this was a good Gibbs team."

"We needed that fast start."

CAK, which has won nine of the last 12 Class A/AA State Championships including one in 2012, was set to host University School of Johnson City Saturday but results were not available at press time. Saturday marked the



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Gibbs goalkeeper Kaleb Lee punches a shot out of harm's way in the Eagles' 3-0 loss to CAK Wednesday in the Region 2-A/AA title match.

consecutive postseason meeting between the two schools. CAK won the previous two handily.

Crouse noted that it was important for the Warriors to stay home for the sectional round.

"That was a major goal for us," he said. "That's big for our seniors." Meanwhile, the Eagles

had to hit the road late last week and faced a familiar foe in Greeneville. The Greene Devils have ended

Gibbs High's season each of the last three years.

The Eagles had their best scoring chance against the Warriors in the 47th minute when Matthew Worley narrowly missed a shot. Worley, who has scored 50 goals for Gibbs this season, recently signed to play for University of the Cumberlands.

Gibbs coach Don Lee was pleased with his team's effort and said he hopes his squad could use Wednesday night's loss as a learning experience.

"I was really proud of our guys," Coach Lee said. "It was 0-0 in the second half."

"We can learn from this if we want to. We haven't seen that kind of speed."

"You can learn a lot from a loss."

Lewis, Seymour shut down Farragut to return to State

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Farragut saw its best scoring chance of the night come of empty in the top of the fourth. Blankenburg and Miller both reached on Seymour errors. Blankenburg advanced to third when Miller got on. Miller would steal second.

Lewis escaped as the Lady Admirals failed to successfully execute a bunt twice. The Lady Eagles' pitcher then struck out Emily Smith to retire the side.

"I had to rely on my teammates there," Lewis said. "I knew that I couldn't get out of that one on my own."

After shutting the Lady Admirals down in the fourth, Seymour plated three runs in the bottom of the frame.

"That was big for Carly to get out of that inning," Carter said. "Then, we came back and scored those three runs."

"This was nothing new for Carly. For her, it was just a case of going out there and taking care of business. We didn't know much about Farragut but we did know that they had good hitters. That's all we've heard all year. I've been here 12 years and we've never played Farragut --- ever."

In the bottom of the fourth, Reid Ballard had an RBI single and Emily Palmer drove in another run with a double. The Lady Eagles also scored a run on a Farragut error.

Even in defeat, Lady Admirals coach David Moore commended his squad's effort.

"We're a little banged up," he said. "We played like wounded warriors."

"I think we were a victim of a bad call that helped them score their first run and then we missed an opportunity."

Admirals get a little revenge, region title

By Ken Lay

It was a night when Farragut High School got a little revenge.

The Admirals not only won the Region 2-AAA Championship but they avenged their only district loss with a 2-0 victory over Maryville before a near-capacity crowd Thursday night at Farragut Stadium.

"It was sweet to come out here and win the region title tonight," Farragut coach Wallie Culbreth said. "We had a great crowd tonight."

"Maryville had a big crowd and we had a big crowd."

The match was intense but the Admirals (19-3) had enough to avenge an earlier 1-0 loss to the Rebels this season and record their fifth consecutive postseason shut-out.

Farragut, which entered Thursday's game with revenge on its side, must avenge another regular-season loss if it is to make a trip to

this week's Class AAA State Tournament. The Admirals were slated to host Kingsport-Dobyns Bennett Saturday but results were not available at press time.

The Indians, who lost the Region 1-AAA championship match to Science Hill, beat the Admirals earlier this season.

"It will be great to get another shot at them," Culbreth said. "They've made their name on our defeat."

Farragut and the Rebels, who won the District 4-AAA regular-season championship, were locked in a scoreless tie until the 56th minute when freshman defender John Totten put the ball past Maryville goalkeeper Ryan Jorgensen.

"I studied their team and I knew that if we could get the ball to Totten, that he could score," Culbreth said. "He has an unbelievable drop on his shot."

"Their keeper is good and this was a case where he was hurt by being so good."

Culbreth, Farragut's long-time coach, was impressed by Maryville's defensive effort.

"He [Rebels' coach Steve Featherer] does a good job with what he's got," Culbreth said. "They did a superb job fending us off."

"They were sitting back but I could tell they were getting tired."

The Admirals were able to seal the game when Emilio Moore took a pass from Ryan Coughenour and put it past Jorgensen to give Farragut a 2-0 lead.

Maryville (13-5-3) also advanced to Saturday's Sectionals. The Rebels played the Hilltoppers in Johnson City but results were unavailable at press time. Saturday's games were elimination tilts with the winners advancing to the state tournament.

Admirals sail rough waters to reach state

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El Chibani scored on an error and Nick Senzel's sacrifice fly to right field brought home Squints with the go-ahead run just before former major league umpire Dale Ford cleared the field as the storm moved in.

Farragut added a pair of insurance runs in the

sixth. Jammer Strickland singled and raced home on Chase Chambers' double, and Chambers counted on Brett Hagenow's second single of the game.

"Xander Taylor gave me the nickname my freshman year in tryouts," said Squints. "I love it. It caught on at school. Xander graduated last year and is now

at Vol State."

Serrano, a UT signee and son of Vols head coach Dave Serrano, struggled to get his pitches down and walked three batters and hit another in a top half of the first that lasted 13 minutes. Still, Sevier County managed to score only one run as Serrano fanned DeVante Matthews

for the third out with the bases full.

Serrano gave up seven bases on balls and hit a batter before being pulled with two outs in the third.

The Smoky Bears took advantage of Serrano's and Raby's wildness by scoring four runs in the third to take a 5-2 lead. Alan Silva's two-run single

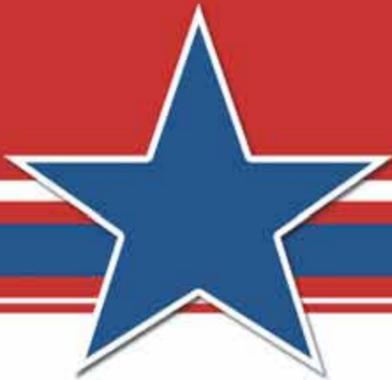
did the most damage.

Key defensive plays by the Admirals included a throw and relay from left fielder Alex Schuettler to shortstop Senzel to catcher Hagenow that nailed Dalton Ford at the plate in the second, and a diving stop by third baseman Pence in the fourth.

Silva, Sevier County's

shortstop, showed off his strong arm from deep in the hole more than once.

Dillon Cate, ETSU signee and the scheduled starting pitcher for the visitors, reportedly experienced tightness in his elbow and forearm in warmups and was changed to designated hitter, and Jeffrey Henry started instead.



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A STROKE OF LUCK

Carter's Heath Woods returns to coaching thankful and appreciative

There was a moment in Carter High's spring football scrimmage against Hardin Valley Academy that created an uneasy feeling for some observers.

By Steve Williams

Carter head coach Heath Woods had erupted.

"Easy, coach" was probably on many minds, on the field and in the stands, when it happened, and understandably so.

Woods, 45, is back coaching again after suffering a stroke at Carter's season-opening game at Grace Christian Academy last year and having to sit out the remainder of the games in 2012.

At first, Woods didn't want to talk about the fiery moment that occurred halfway through the May 10 scrimmage at Carter, but then explained, "We weren't very crisp. Somebody's going to have to light a fire. That feeling took over instinctively. Then I got back to my other mode."

That other "mode" for Woods, who has earned a reputation of being an intense coach during his 11 seasons at Carter, will still include intensity, but also an effort to stay under control and avoid aggravation.

"There's a difference in getting the team fired up and getting aggravated," he said.

Getting mad and aggravated, Woods said, caused him to get ejected in the first half of that season opener last year.

When he saw the two penalty flags, Woods recalled immediately thinking he had committed professional suicide. After all, the game was being played on a Thursday night and televised.

Grace was coming off an undefeated season and playing on its new artificial turf. There was a lot of hype and a lot of high school fans watching from far and wide.

"I was more mad at what I'd done than what happened to me (the ejection)," said Woods.

There's different theories about what caused his stroke, which occurred "45 minutes to an hour" after the ejection, Woods said, and no proof the two were related.

"What was so embarrassing ended up being a great blessing," said Woods, pointing out he was fortunate to be close to so many medical people in his

emergency.

He was on the phone with his wife, Kristi, and his oldest son, Clay, 13, was on the sidelines with the team when Woods said he "started feeling bad and getting light headed."

"The (Grace) gym I was looking at didn't move, but the sky was green and the ground blue."

Hillary Stanley, Carter's athletic trainer from Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic, was the first to assist Woods, who said he had become deaf in his right ear.

"I remember seeing Joe Henderson (Knox County officer) running toward me," said Woods, who also was assisted by Benson Scott, Carter's team doctor.

"I'm having a stroke. I've lost all my balance."

Woods, who also was having difficulty speaking and couldn't feel his right foot, was taken to University of Tennessee Medical Center.

"The EMT and everybody were just wonderful," he said. "I hated to be sick, but they were right on top of everything that needed to be done."

"They didn't care who I was. They were there to save you, take care of you. I was able to see it first hand."

"That night took forever. I remember thinking to myself, 'Stay alive long enough to get the breathing tube out of your mouth.'"

"I was very fortunate the good Lord shined on me. I thought I had strong faith until this happened. Then I realized my faith could get a lot stronger."

"Without tons of prayers, a lot of surrendering to God and all that faith, I don't know if I would have made it."

A stint was put in Woods' right vertebral artery. He was in the hospital and at home "flat on his back" for two to three weeks.

At a Carter home game, a message from Coach Woods was read over the public address system to fans, thanking them for their support and prayers. He also appreciates everything the community did.

Woods wasn't released to coach on Friday nights, but after a month, he was able to attend practices Monday through Thursday in a supportive role for the team.

"Our coaching staff was terrific through all this," said Woods. "I was extremely impressed with



PHOTO BY MARSHA BRANCH

Heath Woods is glad to be surrounded by Hornets again. The Carter High head football coach had to sit out all of last season's games after suffering a stroke at the season opener at Grace Christian Academy on August 16.

Justin Bailey. He went from a position coach (defensive backs) to defensive coordinator and having head coaching responsibilities."

Offensive coordinator Rocky Riley also handled part of the head coaching duties.

As for his players, Woods said, "We've talked several times about the cards that life deals you. You're going to have to play them. I told them, 'You're going to have to go and play ball, another team is coming Friday night.' And they did."

Woods was able to return to teaching half a day in late November and started back full time after the holidays in January. He teaches Wellness, Weightlifting and PE 1.

"I was very fortunate not to be debilitated," said Woods, who emphasized his respect for stroke victims. "I was very, very lucky."

He still works with neurologists and radiologists and is up to six months between visits.

As with most who experience life-threatening issues, Woods' priorities have changed, he said. "First and foremost needs to be God and second needs to be my wife. These boys (Clay and 8-year-old Dalton) need to be third and what I do with the football team needs to be after all those things."

Coach Woods also reminds himself, "Don't be caught up in the rat race again. Stick to your beliefs. You can say that all day. Better make sure you live it."

The Curse of Kiffin Won't Let Go

By Alex Norman

"She's not gonna let us out."

That was the memorable line from George Clooney's character, ship captain Frank W. "Billy" Tyne, Jr., in "The Perfect Storm." The Andrea Gail was fighting valiantly, but the storm was not going to allow the fishing vessel to escape.

Admit it, Tennessee fans... you thought that the "Curse of Kiffin" was about to finally let you and your program out of the rough waters.

I call it the "Curse of Kiffin" because ever since Lane Kiffin was hired as Tennessee's football coach on December 1, 2008, it has been one devastating experience after another for the UT athletic program.

Is there any moment you can hang your hat on? After Kiffin's mid-night run to Southern California the Vols hired Derek Dooley, who will be remembered as the worst coach in the past 100 years of UT football. The football team has gone 23-27 in the past four years, with no bowl victories and three straight losing seasons.

The Vols basketball program got to the Elite Eight for the first time in 2010, only to see its coach (the beloved Bruce Pearl) fired after he lied to the NCAA about a barbecue (it still sounds surreal two years later). They have yet to return to the NCAA tournament under Cuonzo Martin.

The Lady Vols basketball program saw its head coach (the beloved Pat Summitt) retire following the 2011-2012 season after her diagnosis with dementia. On the court, the program hasn't been to the Final Four since April 2008.

The baseball program hasn't been to the SEC tournament since 2007.

The swimming program was rocked by scandal when long-time coach John Trembley was fired due to "gross misconduct" in 2012.

Tennessee's track programs are no longer national powers.

The Vols have had athletes arrested. There have been lawsuits filed against the Tennessee athletic department. The buyouts that former coaches and administrators have received have been comical and a financial strain on the department.

With the exception of the softball team (Women's College World Series appearances in 2010 and 2012), and Men's Tennis, Tennessee athletics has felt the full effect of the curse over the past four and a half years.

Vols needed something, someone to believe in.

They got it in new football coach Butch Jones. Since his hiring on December 7th, Jones has spoken to numerous groups, gone on many television and radio programs, been active on twitter... and most importantly has been recruiting at a high level.

According to 247Sports, the Vols currently have a Class of 2014 that is in the top five in the nation.

He's basically been the anti-Derek Dooley.

Jones has fans excited about the football program. So much so that an announced crowd of more than 61,000 fans showed up for the Orange & White game. And while the team likely will have their struggles in 2013 (road games at Oregon, Florida and Alabama... Egads!), the future of the program looks much brighter today than it did last fall.

But what has been the big news with Tennessee sports recently?

The firing of Jenny Wright.

Wright was the director of the office of judicial affairs at UT, and according to Jimmy Hyams from The Sports Animal, she was terminated for refusing to cooperate into an investigation as to whether she had inappropriate relationships with athletes.

This followed the news that Tennessee basketball player Trae Golden was leaving the program.

The rumor mill is flying, and the University of Tennessee public relations folks are trying to put out yet another fire.

Look, it could be worse. The Chicago Cubs have tried to break their Billy Goat curse, which is still alive and kicking. The team hasn't won a World Series since 1908, and hasn't been to the World Series since 1945. Cleveland's major professional sports teams haven't won a title in any sport since 1964. The Vols have many years to go before reaching that level of futility.

The school year has ended. This is supposed to be the time when things slow down on campus.

But if we've learned one thing over the past few years, it is that the Kiffin curse can, and will pop up at anytime.

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Trojan Horse

Recently, I heard several of my friends say they were going on a News diet. I admit I've felt similarly and left the fight periodically for R&R. I find myself cycling between the resignation of living in a conquered land and the stewardship of educating myself and returning to battle the enemy that now occupies our country. I can't slink off to a monastic life because I've been too blessed, and the Master said to whom much is given, much is expected.

In medicine there is a perspective called The Captain of the Ship. This comes from the navy where the Captain on a ship is responsible for everything, even the decisions of others he's appointed or who function in his name. Similarly, a surgeon is responsible for his helpers in the operating room, and I am responsible for my staff

and the patients in my office. In fact, if an unattended person falls off my examination table and is injured, that is malpractice and I'm responsible.

So what are we to think about the newest revelations of Benghazi, the political machinations of the IRS or the surveillance of AP (Associated Press) phone records by the Justice Department? This trifecta of disasters cannot be excused or easily rectified. Attorney General Eric Holder is President Obama's appointee and the Chief Law officer of the country. Should he be allowed to recuse himself and blame his subordinate for the AP wire taps? Harry Truman famously said, "The buck stops here." Now a news outlet asks of the President, "The buck stops... where?" Mr. President, you are responsible for the actions of your appointees, just

as I am for my staff.

Our country is founded on English law rather than Roman law which allows for Caesars and Kings. Our Republic is founded on the rule of law and therefore when this law is flouted or broken, we citizens cry out for and expect justice. It's different when the King determines what is just and is the law.

I first came across the term oligarchy when it was used in post Soviet Russia. The term refers to power that is concentrated in the hands of a few and at the discretion of the leader. In America the President and his like-minded appointees, as well as the agencies of the Government, are all supposedly under the rule of law. And now we learn that the rule of law has been violated and some expect us to merely accept excuses.

Forty years ago a bungled burglary of Democrat Party offices at the Watergate complex precipitated a scandal that eventually led to Nixon's resignation. Interestingly, Nixon's crime was trying to cover up the break-in rather than ordering it. What are we to think of the Benghazi debacle where mismanagement led to the deaths of Americans and talking points generated at the highest levels of the CIA, the State

Department and spouted by the White House misled citizens? Hillary Clinton cravenly asked, "What does it matter?" Mrs. Clinton, it matters that Americans died in a now conceded terrorist attack and we citizens were misled by our Government and its agents.

David Axelrod, Obama's former presidential adviser, and other shills in the mainstream media say the government is "too vast" for Obama to know its details. Is this not a principle reason for the grass roots TEA Party movement which was a reaction to a Government grown too big and out of control? I suspect Obama did not make decisions during the Benghazi attack.

But, he was missing for seven hours during the attack, and we know the situation room at the White House was never used as it was during the killing of Osama.

Every President has an agenda and logically appoints those who have his views and whom he trusts to carry out his agenda. Obama's views and his agenda understandably percolate down through his ministers and their agencies and down to government workers. The dictates may be specific or subtle and may cause a worker to try and please

the boss at all cost. Anyone who's worked in an office has observed this influence of the boss. The President is responsible for those he puts in high places and those who carry out his agenda. He may claim ignorance of a worker, but he remains responsible for their actions.

Five hundred years before Homer wrote his epic poem the Iliad, a battle raged in 1250 BC with life and death consequences. As Moses was leading the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt, the city-state of Troy (in modern day Turkey) was under siege by ancient Greeks, including Achilles. We all know the story of the Trojan Horse. The Trojans thought the giant Horse was a gift from the Greeks to honor their brave resistance. However, the Horse was full of Greeks and after the Trojans pulled it into the city the Greeks crept out opened the gates of the city and killed the sleeping Trojan warriors. The enslaved Trojan women watched their city burned to the ground as their children were slaughtered.

For a long time there was doubt whether Troy was just a Homeric legend. Then in 1868 Heinrich Schliemann found the ancient city and the myth became history. I have stood on

the excavated ruins of Troy and looked out over the surrounding plain where heroic Trojans stalemated the besieging Greeks for ten years.

There is a parallel to this story because history repeats itself primarily because humans forget its lessons. Rush Limbaugh once said of Obama, "I hope he fails." What he actually said was he hoped the policies of liberal-democrat-progressives like Barack Obama, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi failed to save America. I also hope Americans will awaken before it's too late to defeat these modern-day invaders spilling out of America's Trojan Horse.

These last two weeks have rekindled some hope in this warrior who soon expects another IRS audit.

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HABIT is a non-profit group of volunteers working together to promote the bond between people and animals. As a program of the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, HABIT sponsors animal-assisted therapy programs for all ages in a variety of settings such as nursing and retirement homes, assisted living centers, hospitals, physical rehabilitation centers and area schools.

The volunteer orientation/informational meeting will take place in room A118

at the college, which is located on the UT agricultural campus at 2407 River Drive, Knoxville, Tenn., 37996. Parking is available in Lot 66 located behind the veterinary college.

For liability purposes, attendance at an informational meeting is required before a person can become a HABIT volunteer. Attendance does not imply any obligations. Please do not bring any pets to this meeting.

This meeting is open to anyone with a general interest in animal-assisted therapy. There is no fee or advanced registration required. However, please call the HABIT office (865-974-5633) if you plan to attend to ensure enough handouts are available. For further information and directions, contact Karen Armsey, HABIT Program Coordinator at either HABIT@utk.edu or at

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keep on advancing, regardless of whether or not we have to go over, under, or through the enemy. (Steve Israel, Charge! History's Greatest Military Speeches, 203).

As these men prepared to jump into the throngs of war, I am sure there was a healthy dose of fear racing through their veins. Much was riding on their shoulders as they faced an evil enemy. In the book of Joshua, in the Bible, the Israelites were faced with a similar scenario. Defeat was not an option. The time had finally come after more than six hundred years of waiting to enter the Promised Land. For the past forty years, a new generation had been trained by Moses to conquer their

enemies. The good news is that this young, inexperienced fighting force would not be going alone. God will be with them every step of the way, if they would but trust Him.

Moses is unable to enter Canaan's land, but God gave him a sneak peak before his death. Moses commissioned Joshua to lead this nation into battle. This is the same Joshua who earlier, along with Caleb and ten other spies, took inventory of the land they would inherit. Joshua and Caleb knew that with God's help, the land would be theirs. Unfortunately, the other ten spies corrupted the minds of the people by their cowardice and complaining. Their attitude was a toxic poison that planted seeds

of fear and discouragement that spread like gangrene.

Due to the nation's lack of trust in God, they would not enter this land for an additional forty years. Thousands of funerals would take place each month until those aged twenty and over had died, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb.

The enemy cities were heavily fortified. The people were big, strong, and well trained. The odds were against Israel. On top of this, God's military strategy for the first attack was more than unusual: march around the walls of Jericho, blow your trumpets, and shout. Randy Frazee says, "Our swords and spears may seem like the best weapons to fight God's battles, but

he asks us to do it his way – even when his way appears to be a sure recipe for failure."

God knew that Joshua needed courage in this enormous task of leading Israel. God tells Joshua, "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid." Variations of these words appear more than one hundred times in the Bible. God is creating a community that is not characterized by fear, even though we will face difficult times. God will be with them, and God will be with you in your battles. Keep trusting and following God. Do what God says and victory will be yours.

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge Baptist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy (In the Heart of Karns) Welcomes Lynda Nemon to continue leading Weight-Watchers at Beaver Ridge. Our open and FREE meeting is May 22nd. Anyone is welcome to attend. The current group has lost over 150 lbs and the session is not over yet! Meetings are

held at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings in the Education Building. Please call Lynda for more information (865)256-4009.

Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Phone 938-2611 or leave a message.

Seymour United Methodist Church

The weekly fellowship meal will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., followed this week at 6:30 p.m. by small group studies.

Please make dinner reservations on Sunday's tear-off slips or by noon Tuesdays by calling the church office.

The youth are currently collecting your unneeded but recyclable items for their annual Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday, June 1st. Items are

now being gathered in the Youth Rooms for sorting and pricing. Volunteers would be helpful.

The donation period for the "PIP Fund" for much-needed HVAC repairs has been extended, so please help meet the goal of \$25,000 if you care to share your blessings.

Looking ahead, this year's Conference "hands-on" project is donation of buckets of staple food items for mission work. Buckets are due back by June 2nd. Buckets and list of items needed are available in the main church hallway. Add \$5 per bucket to ship.

The Holston Annual Conference is scheduled for June 9th - 12th at the Lake Junaluska, NC Retreat Center.

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Valuable flag up for sale

Folks, this is why it is important to call me with questions about your items and this week an example that knowing part of the story is good yet without full knowledge is no answer.



By Carl Sloan

If you understand part of the question that's fine though these last percentages can mean a big deal when it comes to antiques and collectibles.

It can come down often to many variables in play as to worth that makes an item common or rare.

This week I wish to share a very nice item that will be featured next week on Saturday, May 25 at noon for sale at auction by Fountain City Auction.

The item is a United States Flag that measures 29 x 25", has odd stripes and patches with gold fringe and is mounted in a frame covered in glass. This particular flag has fine stitching and appears to be very thin and fine by observation. This silk flag is, in fact, a Commander's flag from the Spanish-American War circa 1880s. It appears to have 45 stars. The yellow fringe is a symbol of martial law. Martial law is understood as the military or authority in total charge and a governor both to military and civilians on both sides. This is in fact a classic example of a flag from that war era. It wasn't until Dwight Eisenhower was President that he signed into law that the yellow fringe was approved to be added to our flag yet the meaning has been lost. When you see this fringe on a flag say in a courtroom just think of the judge saying "By the power invested in me" which means a higher authority has delegated the right to dispense justice in its behalf. So what about the added stripe and squares? These are repairs to a flag that has been subject to combat and being hit by

bullets as well as environmental wear and tear. Military units were generally formed in towns and often a ladies society would sew and produce a flag that was to be presented during a public ceremony and represented the honor of that unit. This flag was most certainly brought back with war damage to be pieced back

and repaired as a symbol to the living and dead as a memorial that took it into harm's way. A wonderful relic of Americana as well as hundreds of other fine and rare items will be offered next week at Fountain City Auction. Visit Auctionzip.com to view other lots by Fountain City Auction that will be offered that afternoon.



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

Many think of azaleas and rhododendrons as different plants, but they all are in the genus Rhododendron, which comprises more than 800 species and 2,000 plant selections. Both azaleas and rhododendrons rank among the South's favorite shrubs. They are highly valued for the permanent beauty they bring to home gardens.

in spring at bloom time if needed. Pruning in early spring will sacrifice some flower buds, but that is the best time for extensive pruning. Plant's energies will be diverted to dormant growth buds, which will then be ready to open early in the growing season.

Azaleas are either species or hybrids. There are both evergreen varieties and deciduous varieties. All North American species azaleas, also known as Native Azaleas, are deciduous, with flower colors ranging from white to purple, pink, red, orange and yellow. Evergreen azaleas, have flower colors including white and various shades of purple, pink, red and reddish-orange but not yellow.

Rhododendrons and azaleas have much the same basic soil and water requirements. Soil for any member of the rhododendron family should have an acid pH. The surest way to achieve the soil these special plants desire is to mix rotted oak leaves, peat moss and an acid-forming fertilizer into the soil before planting. For optimum growth, the soil must be consistently moist but well-drained. Since the roots are shallow, a 2- to 3- inch mulch of pine needles or peat moss helps to keep the soil cool and damp.

North America has 17 varieties of native azaleas, most of which are native to the southeastern United States. Many are intensely fragrant (hence their name, wild honeysuckles); their leaves may turn brilliant fall colors. The most common is the Flame Azaleas (r. calendulaceum). These are hardy to -25 degrees. Native to mountain regions from southern Pennsylvania to Georgia. Grows to 4-8 feet or taller with clusters of 2-inch wide yellow, red, orange, or scarlet flowers. A very important parent of many hybrid deciduous azaleas. The Oconee Azalea is native to South Carolina and Georgia. Fairly compact to 6 feet. Resembles Flame Azalea but more heat and drought tolerant.

Sun tolerance of azaleas and rhododendrons differs by species and selection. Too much sun causes bleaching or burning in leaf centers. Ideal location is in filtered shade beneath tall trees; east and north sides of house or fence are next best. Azaleas are relatively pest-free, forgiving and easy to grow plants.

See next week's Focus for more on azaleas.

Prune evergreen azaleas by frequent pinching of tip growth from after flowering until July or August if you wish to have a compact plant with maximum flower production. Prune large-flowered rhododendrons early



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- Dash of pepper

Boil water and cook pasta noodles until done. While noodles are cooking, heat butter and cream in a small sauce pan on low heat stirring frequently until well blended (do not let mixture boil).

When butter and cream are blended, add grated cheese, parsley, salt, pepper and stir until well blended. Keep mixture warm on low heat.

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