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Recession Not Over, According to Knox Countians

By Focus Staff

Things must be much better at the Knoxville News-Sentinel, as it recently published an editorial proclaiming the recession appears to be over. It was an interesting question and this week's Knoxville Focus poll asked voters, "Do you believe the recession is over?"

Almost 80% of respondents said they don't believe the recession is over.

More than 76% of women said they don't think the recession is over, while more than 83% of men don't think the recession is over.

More than 85% of the people in the Ninth District don't think the recession is over. The Ninth District is South Knoxville and the closure of the Henley Street Bridge has had a serious economic impact on that community.

Over 82% of voters aged 30 - 49 feel the recession isn't over.

Knox Countians apparently are convinced the recession is still with us.

Burchett drills down debt, funds schools without a tax increase

By Tasha Mahurin
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"The budget I present to you today is fiscally responsible, does not require a tax increase, and allows us to continue operating within our means," Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett told 250 people and the Knox County Commission last week.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett presented his long anticipated \$734.5 million budget for fiscal year 2014 before local leaders, special interest groups, and citizens of Knox County.

This year's proposed budget fully funds Knox County Schools' \$419.9 million budget request, provides nearly \$1 million to the Knox County Sheriff's Department for 25 new cruisers and a bus, and



Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett presented his budget last Wednesday morning.

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Walters named overall Hometown Hero



Home Federal Bank Executive Vice President Debra Smith (from left) and President Dale Keasling name Gregory Walters a Hometown Hero and the program's overall 2013 winner at a ceremony at the bank's Fountain City branch May 2. Walters designated his \$5,000 award to Friends of Literacy, and Executive Director Melissa Nance accepted the funds on the organization's behalf.

PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Home Federal Bank named Gregory E. Walters a Hometown Hero and also the program's 2013 overall winner and presented a check for \$5,000 in his name to Friends of Literacy at a ceremony at Home Federal Bank's Fountain City branch on Thursday, May 2.

Now in its third year, the Hometown Heroes program spotlights ordinary people who do extraordinary things for others and their community. The public submitted dozens of nominations

and ten winners were selected for their extraordinary volunteer work in the community.

A \$2,500 donation is made in each honoree's name to the nonprofit of his or her choice, and the overall winner of the ten finalists has an additional \$2,500 donation made in his or her name.

"There are so many great people that selflessly do an incredible amount of good for our community and never get the credit they deserve," said Home Federal Bank

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What is it About This Place?

100 Years of Gibbs

By Ralphine Major
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It is the heartbeat of Harbison's Crossroads. Before one even reaches the campus of Gibbs High School, there are historical landmarks in the Gibbs Community. Traveling toward Corryton on Emory Road is the Nicholas Gibbs log cabin. Going toward Halls is the home of the late Neva Gibbs Cardwell, the first grade teacher at Gibbs for 47 years. It was her father, O. S. Gibbs, for

whom Gibbs High School was named. O. S. Gibbs, a descendant of Nicholas Gibbs, was a Knox County School Board member and one of several who donated land for the high school. Neva was in the first graduating class at Gibbs in 1915.

"What is it About This Place?"

It is the small, rural school steeped rich in history. It is a thriving 1,000-plus student body, though the school has burned twice. It

is Friday night football in the Ernest Whited Stadium. It is the award-winning Kenny Chesney and "The Boys of Fall." It is a 100-year-old Gibbs graduate and former teacher named Acuff. It is twin teachers from Gibbs named Cardwell. It is Bob Barker saying, "I appreciate getting to grow up in a place like Gibbs where we had good neighbors and everybody knew everybody." It is musicians named Butler, Clapp, Hunley, and Leadbetter. It is a race car driver

named Trevor. It is a dentist named McGinnis who left to serve in other places and another named Davis who practiced here at home. It is a Hall of Fame Coach named Sparks who reignited a football program. It is memories of basketball teams winning games in an old gym and new memories being made by younger generations in a new gym. It is a University of Tennessee department head named Luttrell and an engineer named Greene. It is

the bright lights and sound of baseballs batted across the diamond at Hunley Field. It is Doyle Satterfield sharing memories of growing up on the property that the Gibbs Branch of Home Federal Bank sets on today and remembering "a time when everyone that drove by your house on a Sunday afternoon would honk their horn and wave if you were sitting out in your yard." It is people leaving the grounds of Gibbs and taking a part of "this place"

with them as they go forth to serve their country in the military.

On May 24, 2013, people will have an opportunity to come back to "this place" where it all started as Gibbs High School celebrates its 100th Anniversary. A reunion and social time is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a celebration program at 7:30 in the big gym. The speaker representing the "past" is Archie Johnson (Class of

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Focus on the Law

Dealing with Bad Checks: Criminal Court

As I discussed last week, you can pursue collection of a bad check through civil court or you can sometimes pursue criminal charges. Keep in mind the circumstances in which you may pursue criminal remedies on a bad check are much more limited than in civil court.



By Sharon Frankenberg,
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payment of "any fee, fine, tax, license or obligation to any governmental entity or for the purpose of obtaining money, services, labor, credit or any article of value; provided that the money, credit, goods or services were as represented at the time of the issuance of the check." Disputes about the value or quality of goods or services should be handled in the civil court rather than the criminal court.

It is important to note that criminal charges for worthless checks may not normally be brought relating to payments on an account, post-dated checks and checks where the holder knows or has good reason to know that the drawer has insufficient funds to cover the check. Also, this criminal statute does not cover prosecutions for worthless checks written on corporate accounts. Corporate checks that have been dishonored should be collected in civil court.

The procedure in Knox County to pursue criminal charges starts with your

sending a written letter certified mail, return receipt requested, that the check has not been paid by the financial institution to the person who wrote you the check. You should give him or her ten (10) days to pay you the amount of the check. If you have not been paid within ten (10) days, you take a copy of your letter, a copy of the returned check from the bank and the green certified mail card or the letter which was refused to the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office, Criminal Division on the Main Floor of the City-County Building. They will have you fill out a Worthless Check Application and pay a \$10.00 fee. The District Attorney's Office will send out another demand letter. If you have still not received your money after fifteen (15) days, you should bring your growing stack of paperwork and swear out a criminal warrant in front of a Judicial Commissioner. This is done on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fourth Sessions Courtroom, Main Floor, City-County Building. After the criminal warrant is issued, it becomes

a criminal matter and all further collection activity is handled by the courts.

Surrounding Tennessee counties have similar procedures with minor differences. For example, in Blount County after you have sent your certified letter, you can go to the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office at the Justice Center and they can help you obtain a criminal warrant. Contact the clerk's office in the county where you received the check to get the particulars. Obviously, this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	3
30-49	17.95%	82.05%	39
50-65	18.94%	81.06%	132
65+	21.45%	78.55%	289
Total	20.30% (94)	79.70% (369)	463

By District

1	23.33%	76.67%	30
2	22.81%	77.19%	57
3	18.37%	81.63%	49
4	21.43%	78.57%	70
5	18.60%	81.40%	43
6	20.75%	79.25%	53
7	20.00%	80.00%	55
8	22.03%	77.97%	59
9	14.89%	85.11%	47
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By Gender

Unknown	15.79%	84.21%	19
Female	23.85%	76.15%	239
Male	16.59%	83.41%	205
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President Dale Keasling. "People like Gregory Walters, whose volunteer efforts help improve the quality of life for adults in our community every day, exemplify what it means to be a Hometown Hero."

Logging more than 1,000 volunteer hours over the past six years with Friends of Literacy and Knox County Schools Adult Education, Walters has helped countless adults learn to read or earn a GED and taught non-native speakers to read and write English,

improving lives throughout our community. He has been described as a positive, can-do volunteer, helping with everything from tutoring, fundraising and mailings to assisting at GED graduations, judging essay contests and organizing textbooks and materials. With a passion for his work, Walters draws inspiration from the success of the students he has helped.

Executive Director Melissa Nance accepted the donation to on behalf of Friends of Literacy.

In addition to Walters,

the following have been named 2013 Home Federal Bank Hometown Heroes:

- Evelyn Crawford, benefiting Ronald McDonald House
- Dr. D. Carter Davis, benefiting Volunteer Ministry Center
- Carol Devenski, benefiting Knoxville Museum of Art
- Sandra Fugate, benefiting Light Mission Pentecostal Church
- Barbara Hatcher, benefiting the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians

• Benjamin Thomas Jr., benefiting Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

- Edie Volk, benefiting Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
 - Stephanie Wallace, benefiting SOAR Youth Ministries
 - Tami Wyatt, benefiting Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
- "We are happy to honor these Hometown Heroes," said Keasling. "And we are pleased to support these programs that do such great things for our neighbors throughout the year."

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Publisher's Position

Wonderland All Over Again



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We constantly hear how our government and leaders don't get it because they don't live in the real world. If anyone wanted more conclusive proof that is true, they

don't have to look very far. One of the best examples of precisely that is our school system. Dr. James McIntyre has just asked the Knox County Board of Education to change the process with regard to how he is evaluated. You see, he doesn't want to be evaluated by new Board members just after an election. State law requires that he be evaluated once a year and it should surprise no one that a Board member (Lynn Fugate) dutifully presented a resolution to change the procedures on when Dr. McIntyre will be evaluated.

First of all, how many employees in the real world are allowed to evaluate themselves? Secondly, how

many get to tell their employees precisely how they wish to be evaluated?

Frankly, the Superintendent of Schools shouldn't have a say in how he or she is evaluated. The Superintendent shouldn't be a part of that process. Why would anyone in his or her right mind have confidence in a process controlled by the person being evaluated?

People need to have confidence in our government and institutions. Unfortunately, it seems that fewer and fewer people have any confidence in our government and government officials. Considering that the school system here gets almost 2/3 of every tax dollar, it is important folks

have confidence in the Superintendent and Board.

Nobody likes a rigged game and that is pretty much exactly what the evaluation process has become. Under the new proposal, sixteen months will pass between one evaluation and the next.

McIntyre is paid more than Vice President Joe Biden, Speaker of the House John Boehner, and Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court John Roberts. We're not getting our money's worth and the Board, with the exception of Mike McMillan, have become rubber stamps. It's no wonder so many people favor term limiting the Board members.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Superintendent McIntyre speaks with the press following last Monday's School Board workshop.

100 Years of Gibbs

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1962). Archie is a former basketball player who married his high school cheerleader sweetheart and Gibbs graduate, the former Ann Oakes. Ann's family is widely known for the beautiful Oakes Daylilies. Her mother worked for Corryton dentist, the late Dr. W. R. Idol. The Oakes and Johnson families have a long-standing presence with Gibbs.

Archie's mother attended Gibbs, his father graduated from Gibbs probably in 1925, and Ann's parents were Gibbs graduates as well. The Johnson's son, daughter, and grandson are Gibbs graduates, and their granddaughter is a Gibbs freshman. Archie summed it up best, "our family roots run deep."



Gibbs Principal Lynn Hill (Class of 1978) will represent the "present." I think it is special that a Gibbs graduate is the current principal for this 100th Anniversary! Lynn thinks it is unique that two of the former principals combined for nearly 50 years in Gibbs' 100-year history: Max Clendenen from 1954-1977 and Jerry Sharp from

1977-2000. I remember Lynn's siblings, Gibbs graduates Benjie (Class of '71), Sheree (my Class of '72), and Stacey (my brother's Class of '75). One story Lynn likely will tell is how, as a little boy, he would be waiting on the school bus and wave to Mr. Clendenen, the principal, each morning as he traveled down Emory Road in his

Volkswagon!

Gibbs sophomore and class president Elizabeth Longmire will be the speaker representing the "future," but her last name immediately links her to the past, also. Elizabeth and her twin sister, Caroline, are the granddaughters of Gibbs graduates and high school sweethearts Joe and Becky Longmire. The Longmires are a long-standing family deep in the heart of Corryton. The twins' parents

are Gibbs graduates as is their great-grandmother Longmire who is now 93-1/2 and graduated in 1936; her mother graduated from Gibbs in 1919! Becky was a teacher/librarian at Gibbs for over 30 years. Joe is the co-owner of Midway IGA and President of the Nicholas Gibbs Historical Society.

Memorabilia will be on display, such as the first yearbook in 1927 which sold for \$1.00! T-shirts, a commemorative stamp, and a sketch of the school will be available for purchase. The Alumni Choir will perform that evening; they will begin practice on May 6 at 6:30 for those who wish to participate. Donations will be accepted to go toward refreshments, signage, and chair rental and may be sent to Lynn Hill, Principal, Gibbs High School, 7628 Tazewell Pike, Corryton, TN 37721. For more information about this event, visit www.gibbshs.knoxschools.org or the GHS facebook page. (Historical data is from "Gibbs Community History," by Gibbs graduate and former teacher, the late Emma G. Dunn.)

Women and the world

According to the Book of Titus, older women are to mentor younger women on how to be good wives, mothers, and community members. Yet in today's society it is becoming increasingly more difficult for women to empower



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one another because we are so busy competing with one another. I believe that the objectifying of women, from social media to the way we are clad advertisements to music lyrics to pornography, not only hurts our relationships with men by creating unrealistic expectations. It also hurts our relationships with each other by causing us to resent those expectations and compare ourselves to each other alongside those expectations.

When I was a young woman in ministry and a young wife and mother, I desperately needed and sought the wisdom of older women. Once I tried to call a woman I went to church with to ask her advice on something that was going on in the church nursery. She wasn't home and her husband answered the phone. He asked me about some of my college classes and we chatted for about five minutes. There was absolutely nothing flirtatious or inappropriate about it. The next time I saw that woman she treated me as if I had done something terribly wrong. Later I learned that she told another woman in the church that I was "dangerous."

It was years before I learned the real cause of the issue. The pastor had

told the men in the church to inform their wives if they were attracted to another woman in the church. He thought this would help the wives to prevent anything from happening. Well, perhaps it did, but I assure you it did nothing to improve the relationships between the women in the church!

The woman who labeled me as "dangerous" was a good woman whom I loved very much. She passed away just a few years ago after her husband broke her heart by cheating on her with a woman half her age. Now I am certain her insecurity all those years ago stemmed from his behavior and not from mine. Before she died, she asked me to forgive her and I told her truthfully that I had forgiven

her already.

Now I am approaching the age my friend was when she thought of me as "dangerous." I have lived and learned and seen some terrible things. Like her, I know what it is like to be devastated because a man cannot control his impulses. I see "dangerous" women everywhere. I am jealous and insecure. I am in the wrong.

The longer I live, the more I see how important my friendships with other women are. My friend Beth sent me information about a study at Stanford University about the relationship between stress and disease. According to the study, while the best thing a man can do for his health is to be married, the

best thing a woman can do for health is to have strong friendships with other women. What does it take in order for us to accomplish that?

First, we need to teach our daughters to value strength and character over appearance so that they are motivated to seek the wisdom they need from older women. We need to encourage them to develop their talents and their intelligence. We need to stop taking them to Victoria's Secret to shop when they are still in middle school. My friend Sara Barnett

says, "Raising confident young women to value one another not for what they can gain, but for what they can learn, is key."

Ashley Langford agrees that confidence is an important factor. She reminded me that we all need to see ourselves the way God sees us and not as the world sees us. According to Reverend Jack Pennington, realizing that God loves us for who we are should help us to love others for who they are and keep us from competing with one another for the love of the world.

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Aslan Foundation briefs Mayors on High Ground Park in South Knoxville

Leaders of the Aslan Foundation briefed Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett on how High Ground Park will preserve an important part of Knoxville's Civil War heritage as well as contribute to the revitalization of South Knoxville last Tuesday.

The Aslan Foundation is scheduled to begin construction on the low-impact park in two weeks, providing parking and trails for visitors at no charge to view the site of historic Fort Higley and experience the natural beauty of South Knoxville's urban forest. The park also represents a key link in the

proposed Battle Loop connecting South Knoxville's Civil War forts as part of the proposed 1,000-acre "Urban Wilderness and Historic Corridor."

Aslan Foundation Board President Bob Young briefed the mayors and a select group of city of Knoxville and Knox County staff on plans for the park.

"As mayor of the city and a resident of South Knoxville, I am thrilled about the Aslan Foundation's plans to preserve Fort Higley for generations to come and how High Ground Park will give a boost to South Knoxville and the neighborhood around the park," Rogero

said.

Both Mayor Rogero and Mayor Burchett recently have championed the revitalization of South Knoxville, providing funding and shining attention on the community as repairs to the Henley Street Bridge have hampered traffic to neighborhoods and businesses south of the river.

"People from our region will enjoy seeing our Civil War history preserved, and High Ground Park will help attract visitors interested in heritage tourism," Burchett said. "This park will provide another opportunity for families to turn off their TVs, put down their iPads,



The Aslan Foundation Board welcomed Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett to the site of the future High Ground Park on Tuesday, April 30, to update the mayors on plans for the project. From left to right are Aslan Foundation Board Member Mark Williams, Aslan Foundation Executive Director Jeff Mansour, Aslan Foundation Board Vice President Lindsay McDonough, Jim McDonough, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Aslan Foundation Board President Bob Young.

and head to South Knoxville to not only get outside, but also to support businesses in that community."

Initial plans for High Ground Park include a natural walking trail leading to a woodland meadow and the earthwork remnants of the Civil War era Fort Higley site, including rifle trenches and a redoubt where Union cannons sat ready to defend the high ground south of the Tennessee River. Informative educational signage will be

placed along the path.

High Ground Park offers views of the University of Tennessee, downtown Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountains. In a second phase of the project, the Aslan Foundation eventually plans to construct an overlook area to display the expansive views of Knoxville's downtown and the Tennessee River and to further expand the park's walking trails.

"This site is a treasure. It would have been a tragedy

if this piece of Civil War history was lost," said Young. "We've been able to retain 90 percent of the landscape's unique features and provide free public access to this historical landmark."

High Ground Park is expected to open on November 27, 2013, on the 150th Anniversary of the construction of Fort Higley by Union troops.

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cost of living adjustment for Knox County employees- all of which was done without a tax increase.

"Education remains one of my top priorities- and let me be very clear: We must continue to see gains in the classroom- and this means making sure money goes to educate students and support teachers," Burchett stated.

The budget presented includes \$22.3 million more than last year's- \$18

million of that increase is slated to go to the Knox County School System. The increase will support four budget priorities highlighted by Dr. Jim McIntyre in his budget request: school security, teacher compensation, improving instruction, and increasing technological access. The school system's funding accounts for approximately 60% (\$420 million) of the overall budget.

Public safety accounts for the second largest portion of

the county's overall budget- with more than \$75 million proposed this year- a nearly \$1.3 million operational increase over last year.

In addition, Burchett has allocated \$2 million for all employees of Knox County to receive a 2% cost of living increase.

"Our employees work hard, and they deserve this increase," he added.

Burchett, often referred to as "tight with the checkbook" by many, has reduced the county's overall debt

by \$60 million since 2012 by implementing a simple methodology: don't borrow more than you pay down each year. The Mayor and the Knox County Finance Department also continue to capitalize on opportunities to "pay as we go". They would like to see an overall debt reduction of \$100 million by 2016. Burchett acknowledges this concept is foreign to many politicians in Washington but is a daily reality for almost every family living in Knox

County.

"Now there are some who will say that these are just zeroes in a spreadsheet, but the truth is this sort of financial management will allow students to be sitting in brand new classrooms inside a new Carter Elementary School on August 12- which will be completely paid for at that time," Burchett said.

This year's budget also includes significant funding for libraries, public health, roads, and the construction

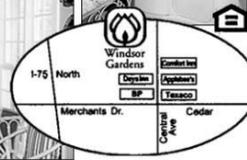
of a new Senior Center in Karns.

After the conclusion of the budget presentation, Burchett and his staff left for a series of public meetings in order to listen to feedback and receive questions from the citizens of Knox County.

Knox County Commission, who must approve the proposed budget, is scheduled to begin discussion on May 29th and must make changes prior to the beginning of FY2014 in July.

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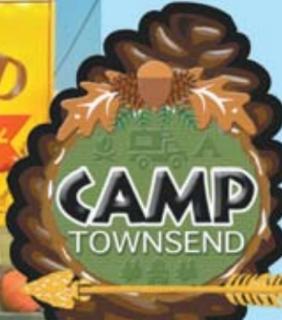
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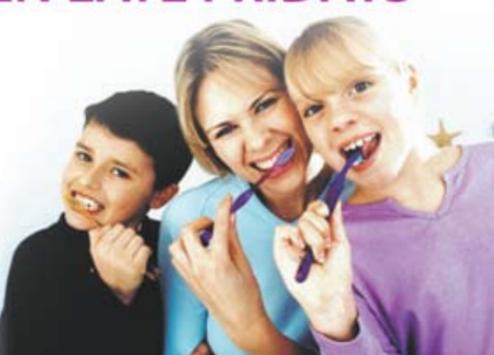

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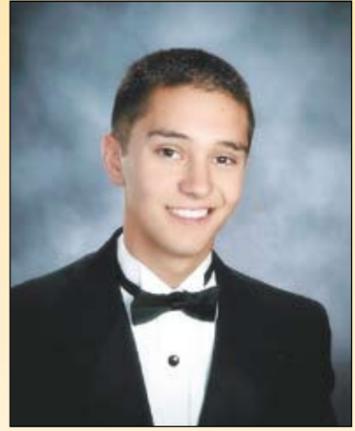
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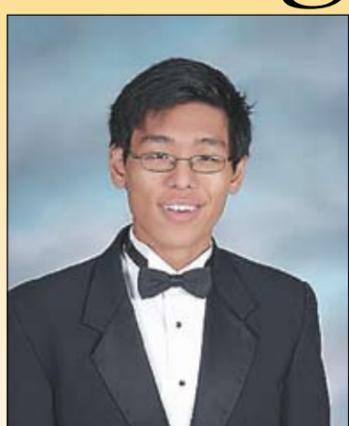
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Student projects were showcased on Wednesday, May 1 in the City-County Building's small assembly room. Pictured above with Superintendent McIntyre and School Board member Mike McMillan is Caleb Asbury of Karns High School. Caleb's project dealt with computer simulations and modeling of protein function. Caleb was mentored by UT's Hong Guo and Melissa Mink of Karns High.

Pre-Collegiate Research Scholars showcased

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is partnering with the Knox County Schools for the UT Pre-Collegiate Research Scholars Program. The program's goal is to develop a model for hosting high school students in UT research laboratories so that they may experience the excitement of scientific research and engage in their own original research. Rising seniors from each of our high schools have been working diligently under the direction of their high

school teacher mentors and UT faculty mentors in UT research laboratories. As a part of their work, these students have created posters highlighting aspects of their research projects.

Longer school year not the answer

The state of Tennessee has come up with another brilliant idea for improving schools and the education they provide. How? Why, the legislators have decreed that all students must be in school for 180 full days. Oh, the wisdom of our representatives is overwhelming sometimes.



By Joe Rector

In Knox County, that means the half hour extra added to each day won't count toward the required days, although these accumulated 30 minute extensions put the schools over the 180 day requirement. So, the superintendent and the board are "figuring out" what to do to meet the requirement by the 2014-2015 school year. As a former 30-year employee of the system, I've got some suggestions for reaching the 180 day plateau. I've also got some other bones to pick.

The first thing to do to meet the state requirement is scuttle most in-service, now called "professional growth" days. They're nothing more than wasted time. During my tenure with Knox County Schools, I can think of only a couple of valuable in-service days. At the beginning of the year, most of them were spent in meetings as principals laid out the game plans or figured out some way to hold teachers hostage for the required time.

days were less than important. In most instances, they were used to justify someone's job. Too many years I spent re-writing course descriptions, even though they'd just been established a couple of years earlier. Two of the supervisors under which I worked had clues about what was important to teachers. The other two cared only about looking good for the bosses. The best meeting I ever attended devoted part of the time to Sam Venable, who spoke to English teachers about his high school teacher and her inspiration in his life. The only days of in-service should be a couple before students come so that teachers can prepare their rooms and lesson plans and a day at the end so the staff can turn in grades and shut down their classrooms for the summer.

Another thing the system can do to meet expectations is to re-work the calendar. If each semester must be 90 days, it should be easy to calculate when to begin and when to end. If school starts after Labor Day in 2013, students and staff could get out on December 20. They would return January 6 and be out of school for Thanksgiving and the following Friday during that part of the year. Students would be back in classes after Christmas break until June 7 and would be out of school on Good Friday.

At the same time, the school schedule should be re-worked to get rid of the extra 30 minutes that the state refuses to recognize as meeting the extra time spent in the classroom. Oh, I don't want to hear any squalling about our schools needing to "exceed" the minimum. At the same time, the five built in snow days should be removed from the schedule. If one is used, the year can be extended at the end.

The best way to improve our schools comes not from adding days but from teaching our kids. That means systems need to put a stop to endless testing. The papers are filled with stories about test strategies, scores, and rankings. In the end, what a child scores on one test is more important than what he learns in the classroom. Teachers need to be able to teach without fear that low scores will threaten their jobs. How many in the community would place their fates in the hands of individuals ranging in age from 6-18?

Our legislators are making decisions on the educations of our children. A look at the committees in the state senate and house indicates that three members have no college degrees and only three have any experience in the field of education. How can they make such important decisions without having any experience with schools other than the time they attended or their children attend them?

I loved the time I spent teaching high school English. At the same time, I'm thankful that I retired after getting in my 30 years because schools don't do what they once did. It's a safe bet that I wouldn't survive in today's environment. I just hope wiser folks begin making decisions on education.

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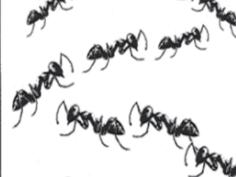
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Tennessee's Congressional delegation in 1945

leader of the Shelby County political organization, supported a third candidate, Cookeville Judge John A. Mitchell. Mitchell's candidacy siphoned off enough votes from Senator Stewart

to enable Estes Kefauver to win. Mr. Crump was also refusing to support President Harry Truman's election bid, preferring to back the insurgency candidacy of Strom Thurmond and the "Dixiecrat" Party.

Reece and Roy Acuff thought they could take advantage of Democratic infighting to win. While the popular Acuff drew enormous crowds, Tennesseans apparently liked his music, but not enough to vote for him. Both Reece and Acuff lost.

With statewide office foreclosed to him, Carroll Reece ran to reclaim his old seat in Congress, challenging the man who succeeded him in 1946, Dayton Phillips. It was a very close election and Reece lost his own home county to Congressman Phillips, but he managed to prevail by a small margin. Reece was to remain First District Congressman and Republican National Committeeman until his death from lung cancer in 1961.

John Jennings, Jr. had represented Tennessee's Second Congressional District since 1939 when J. Will Taylor, popularly known as "Hillbilly Bill", had died suddenly. Jennings had been nominated to run in a special

1939 election after a wild GOP convention. Jennings won the nomination and general election and went to Washington, where he stayed for the next twelve years.

Congressman Jennings never proved to be overwhelmingly popular inside the Second District and as time passed, he drew increased opposition to his renomination inside the Republican primary. Finally, Judge Jennings faced the most serious threat of all in the person of Howard H. Baker, Sr., father of Tennessee's first popularly elected Republican U. S. Senator. Baker, Sr. ran against John Jennings in the 1950 GOP primary and won a decisive victory. Baker's win was such that he was never seriously challenged throughout his tenure in Congress. Howard Baker enjoyed the kind of popularity in his district that had always eluded John Jennings. Baker would remain in office until his own unexpected death in 1963.

Estes Kefauver would become one of the most famous Tennesseans of his time. After having served briefly as Commissioner of Finance in Governor Prentice Cooper's Cabinet in 1939, Kefauver resigned to return to Chattanooga to compete for the Democratic nomination for Congress when incumbent Sam D. McReynolds succumbed to a heart attack. Kefauver, while a

very poor public speaker, was a master at the art of retail campaigning, especially one-on-one and in small groups. Kefauver, an extremely ambitious man, thought of running for the U. S. Senate in 1946 against Senator K. D. McKellar but quickly concluded he could not win and ran for Congress once again. Kefauver did run for the Senate in 1948 and won a three-way race against Senator Tom Stewart.

Something of a loner in politics, Kefauver was loathed by his senior colleague Kenneth McKellar. Senator McKellar had once written his friend and political partner Edward Hull Crump that Kefauver had claimed Thomas Jefferson (a Virginian) as a Tennessee president and concluded, "He is about as stupid as they make them".

McKellar was hardly the only Democrat who hated Kefauver; Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas of Illinois lost his seat in 1950, largely due to revelations of corruption inside Cook County (Chicago). Senator Kefauver and his famous investigating committee had held televised hearings in Illinois while Lucas was running again and while Senator Lucas was not tied to the corruption in Chicago, he was on the same ticket with a fellow the press derisively referred to as "the world's richest cop".

Kefauver's refusal to

hold the hearings after the November elections did not further endear him to President Harry Truman or other Democrats in the United States Senate. When the extraordinarily ambitious Kefauver entered the New Hampshire presidential primary against Truman himself, the president's dislike of Senator Kefauver went through the roof. Truman instigated the candidacy of Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, who won the Democratic nomination over Kefauver.

Estes Kefauver sought the presidential nomination yet again in 1956, only to lose to Stevenson once again. When Stevenson threw open the choice of the vice presidential nominee to the convention delegates, Kefauver fought desperately for the nomination, although he faced competition even inside his own Tennessee delegation from Governor Frank Clement and Senator Albert Gore. Kefauver finally won, defeating a young senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy.

Kefauver was humiliated when his presence on the Democratic ticket did not keep Tennessee from voting for Republicans Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. Kefauver faced a serious challenge in the 1960 Democratic primary from Judge Andrew "Tip" Taylor, who had the strong support of the more conservative Democrats in Tennessee.

Kefauver survived, but his career was cut short by his death in 1963. Kefauver died in the hospital as he had postponed surgery to await the arrival of his wife, Nancy. Just as Mrs. Kefauver's plane was landing, Estes Kefauver's aorta burst and he died.

Albert Gore served as Congressman and Senator from Tennessee for more than thirty years. Gore had helped to manage Congressman Gordon Browning's 1934 campaign for the U. S. Senate. Gore again strongly supported Browning when the latter ran for governor in 1936 and Gore was rewarded with an appointment as Commissioner of Labor. Gore left Browning's Cabinet to seek election to Congress from the Fourth District when incumbent Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell made a quixotic bid for the United States Senate. Gore won a hotly contested primary, playing checkers at country stores and whipping out his fiddle whenever he could gather an audience.

Gore remained in Congress until 1952 when he defeated Senator K. D. McKellar. McKellar had been urged to retire by E. H. Crump and several other political associates and friends. McKellar was eighty-three years old and in failing health, but he stubbornly insisted upon running for a seventh term, which was unprecedented at the time. Albert Gore, realizing McKellar was still highly respected by many thousands of Tennesseans, never mentioned the old senator, save in the past tense. Gore campaigned at a feverish pace, while Senator McKellar's own appearances were carefully staged and choreographed. McKellar's physical disabilities limited his ability to campaign effectively, while the forty-four year old Gore crisscrossed the state. Despite McKellar's enormous influence in Washington, Gore's relative youthful and vigor proved to be a sharp contrast to the ailing senator. Gore won a smashing victory in the Democratic primary.

Gore won reelection in 1958 over a determined challenge by former Governor Prentice Cooper. By 1964, Tennessee Republicans were on the rise. Gore faced Memphis businessman Dan Kuykendall who garnered 46% of the vote. Gore's populism and maverick streak was causing him political problems by 1970. Senator Gore only narrowly turned back a challenge from Hudley Crockett, a former spokesman for Governor Buford Ellington. Gore, known as "the old gray fox" of Tennessee politics, lost the general election to Chattanooga Republican Congressman William E. "Bill" Brock.

The former senator lived to see his son, Albert Gore, Jr., rise to the pinnacles of American politics, a feat he himself had never been able to accomplish.

KPD Announces Yearly Honors

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch named Cold Case Investigator Jeff Day and Patrol Officer Jeff Green the 2012 Co-Officers of the Year for the Knoxville Police Department. Explorer of the Year and KPD Employee of the Year were also announced at the annual honor luncheon on Monday.

Chief Rausch said the number of driving under the influence (DUI) related fatalities more than doubled from 2010 to 2011. In a responsible and effective response to the increasing numbers, the importance of taking intoxicated motorists off our roadways was continuously stressed to officers.

Chief Rausch said, "Knowing the dangers of impaired drivers on our roadways, Officer Green made it a personal priority to focus on making our streets safer. In 2012, Officer Green made 439 total arrests of which 77 were for DUI. Officer Green also arrested 32 individuals for Felony offenses. This is all in addition to issuing 1,042 citations and responding to more than 1,300 Calls for Service."

"Officer Green has proven that he is dedicated to his job enforcing the law and saving lives," said Chief Rausch.

Investigator Jeff Day is assigned to KPD's Cold Case Squad of the Violent Crimes Unit. Investigator Day also works alongside the Knox County Sheriff's



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Pictured left to right are KPD Officers of the Year Jeff Day and Jeff Green, Civilian Employee of the Year Brenda Hicks and Colby Chandler, the Explorer Scout of the Year.

Office in a combined cold case unit while working closely with the Knox County District Attorney General's Office in order to present new evidence that could assist in solving unsolved homicides.

Chief Rausch said, "Since being assigned to the Cold Case Squad, Investigator Day has been able to close several cold cases and bring some closure to the victim's families."

"Investigator Day's attention to detail, persistence, and resolve to bring closure to the victim's families, has resulted in either the arrest or closure of several cold cases." Mayor Rogero said, "The efforts of Officer Green to remove intoxicated motorists from our streets and of Investigator

Day bringing closure to so many families in these cold cases are truly outstanding. We commend these officers and congratulate them on their exceptional performance."

Investigator Day has been with the department since December 1998 while Officer Green has been with KPD since August 2008.

Brenda Hicks received the 2012 Civilian Employee of the Year for the Knoxville Police Department.

Ms. Hicks has been with KPD since April 2001 and is currently assigned to the Safety Education Unit.

In early 2012 the Support Services Division made the decision to go paperless by converting all the departmental documents to PDF

type forms including forms that require electronic signature capability. The changeover would eliminate the need to print out most documents while saving the city money and saving the destruction of more trees.

Chief Rausch said, "This was a monumental task that required the addition of new software, training, and trial and error. Ms. Hicks tackled the job without hesitation and became a self-taught departmental expert in the creation of these forms. All of this was in addition to her normal daily duties."

Since the unit went live with the electronic forms in October, Ms. Hicks is now taking on a new challenge: the conversion of

all General Orders (GO) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

The conversion required that each GO and SOP had to be reformatted and updated with new cover letters.

Chief Rausch said, "In addition to this heavy work load, Ms. Hicks continues to represent the department at community events including those in the evenings and on weekends and is a child passenger safety seat technician."

Mayor Rogero said, "It is obvious that Ms. Hicks takes pride in the police department and her work ethic is unwavering. We also appreciate her efforts to help save our environment while also saving taxpayer money."

Mayor Rogero and Chief Rausch named Knoxville Police Department Explorer Colby Chandler the 2012 Explorer of the Year.

Chandler has been with the department since June 2010.

Chief Rausch said that during his time with the Explorer program, Explorer Chandler has advanced through all the ranks of the program due to his dedication and hard work. Explorer Chandler has served as Squad Leader, Platoon Leader, and is currently the Executive Officer for the post.

Colby Chandler Chief Rausch said, "Throughout his time in the explorers, Colby has done a remarkable job of taking the initiative and responsibility to excel in everything that he does. He has consistently set a good example for the other explorers to follow. He has been pro-active and seeks out opportunities and ideas to not only increase his work and exposure to law enforcement, but also to better the Explorer Unit."

In 2012, Explorer Chandler donated 350 hours to the department and the community. These hours are the result of working 86% of the 56 activities that the post participated in during 2012.

"We congratulate Colby for his unselfish dedication, dependability, and volunteer hours," Chief Rausch concluded.

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Farragut blasts Panthers in tournament opener

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's baseball team opened the 2013 postseason on a positive note Friday afternoon at John Heatherly Field.

The top-seeded Admirals used a 10-run second inning en route to recording a 13-0 victory over Lenoir City. Farragut (25-7) sent 15 batters to the plate in the frame and blew open a close game on just five hits in the inning.

"It's good to get off to a good start," Farragut coach

Matt Buckner said. "We had a defensive debacle [in the top of the second inning] and that didn't hurt us, thankfully.

The Panthers (2-23) entered Friday's action as the tournament's bottom seed. They didn't win a district game in the regular season but the Admirals weren't about to take Lenoir City lightly.

"We've got to take every game seriously because we know that we're going to get everybody's best," Farragut senior shortstop

Nick Senzel said. "We put up a big spot on them in the second inning.

"We know that we have to play every game like it's our last."

The Admirals, the District 4-AAA regular-season champions, all but ended this game with the second-inning explosion. But what made the second inning more impressive was that Farragut scored all 10 runs with two outs. Senzel, Chase Chambers and second baseman Sam Schultze all had two-run

singles in the frame. Farragut also picked up a run when Panthers' starting pitcher Chris Poe uncorked a wild pitch. The Admirals also cashed in on three Lenoir City errors in the frame.

"It's good to have a win," said Chambers, Farragut's junior first baseman who went 1-for-2 with a walk, a run and two RBIs. "It was good to jump on somebody.

"This was one of those games that you have to win."

Farragut senior left hander Shane Mosiello hurled a complete game and finished the five-inning contest with a shutout. He surrendered just two hits and a walk. He hit a batter and struck out three.

"Shane did a good job," Buckner said. "He threw strikes."

Farragut took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first without the benefit of a hit. Right fielder Anthony El Chibani started the modest rally with a one-out walk. He advanced to

second on a wild pitch and took third on a passed ball. He scored when Poe threw his second wild pitch of the inning.

The Admirals added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Schultze, who went 3-for-3, doubled to open the frame. He would score when Jammer Strickland doubled. Strickland, the Admirals leadoff hitter and center fielder, scored the game's final run when El Chibani grounded out.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardin Valley Academy's boys and girls teams join together to celebrate their sweep of the Knoxville Interscholastic League track and field meet championships Tuesday, April 30. The Hawks and Lady Hawks now have their sights set on state honors.

Halls closes regular season with win

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's softball team culminated its regular season with a 7-1 home victory over Clinton Tuesday night.

The Lady Devils, the District 3-AAA regular-season champions, sent seniors Leah Hall and Kacie Skeen out on a winning note.

Next up for Halls (35-4 overall, 14-2 in the district) is the district tournament at Hardin

Valley Academy. The Lady Devils were the top seed in 2012 and posted a runner-up finish and qualified for the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

This year, Halls has its eyes on the tournament title.

"We're going in ranked No. 1 and we're going to stay No. 1," said Hall, the Lady Devils' senior first baseman. "Our

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Lady Beavers eliminate HVA to open title defense

By Ken Lay

Karns High School began defense of its District 3-AAA Softball Tournament Championship with a 3-0 victory over Hardin Valley Academy Thursday night at HVA.

The Lady Beavers (22-13) are the tournament's fifth seed. They found themselves in an unfamiliar position. As the fifth-ranked team, the four-time defending tournament champs, had to play in a single-elimination second-round game.

And Karns responded by eliminating the Lady Hawks.

"I'm proud of us because we battled," Lady Beavers' first-year coach Kristy Hutson said. "Hardin Valley played up and I

was proud of them.

"Their center fielder, third baseman and shortstop played extremely well. They played hard and they had to play earlier tonight."

The Lady Hawks (7-18) played in the tournament opener and routed ninth-seeded Campbell County 15-0. Hardin Valley opened that contest with a nine-run explosion in the bottom of the first inning.

The Lady Hawks handled the Lady Cougars with ease but their second game was a different story as Hardin Valley, which had high hopes for the 2013 campaign, struggled.

"This was pretty much the

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Hardin Valley Academy tracks down KIL titles

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley Academy's battle cry in last week's Knoxville Interscholastic League track and field meet could have been "Going the Distance."

When the dust left behind by their strong distance runners had settled, HVA's boys and girls teams could be seen celebrating KIL championships on the Hardin Valley track

infield.

Aaron Templeton, called a "machine" by one veteran KIL track observer, led the way as Hardin Valley's boys joined its girls in this year's title celebration. The junior standout, who won the TSSAA Class AAA state cross-country crown last fall, took first place in the Tony Cosey 1600-meter run and 3200 and was second in the 800.

Emma Mashburn missed by one-tenth of a second of being a triple winner as the junior was runner-up in the 800 after racking up victories in the 3200 and 1600 runs.

The Lady Hawks, who won the KIL meet last season on their way to the Class AAA state championship, repeated by a commanding margin, tallying 173 points. West, without

talented Maya Barroso, who suffered a season-ending knee injury competing in the pentathlon state sectionals April 22, finished a distant second with 100 points. Farragut (87), Austin-East (69) and Christian Academy of Knoxville (51) rounded out the top five.

Hardin Valley's boys didn't have it so easy but pulled away from

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defending champion Bearden 128-119. West was third with 96 points, followed by Karns (73) and Farragut (54).

"West being without Barroso probably cost them 40 points," said HVA Coach Bryan Brown. "In the boys' meet, things had to go just right when it's this close. The sixth places and seventh places also count heavily at the end of the day."

The Hawks netted 102 points from their first, second and third place finishes.

They couldn't have come out on top in the team scoring without the 26 points they collected from their fourth place finishes and below.

Templeton, after setting a PR time of 4:16.28 in the 1600 and with the 800 still to be run, pointed out, "Hardin Valley has never won the KIL boys team title. I want to win as many events and get as many points on the board as I can."

Templeton had coasted to a winning time of 9:45.11 in the 3200 on the opening night of the two-day meet.

In comparison, when he ran the 2-mile event in March at the indoor nationals in New York City, he placed third with a PR 8:58 conversion time.

Junior teammate Lachlan Dickie contributed 14 points to the HVA total by placing second in the 3200 and third in the 1600. The Hawks' strength in the distance events also include a victory in the 4x800 relay (8:17.33).

Mashburn and senior teammate Hannah Feiten ran 1-2 in both the 3200

and 1600, with Mashburn clocked in 11:16.33 and 5:08.69, respectively. Her bid for a third win was denied by CAK's Sarah Zimmer, who won the 800 in 2:21.10.

Hardin Valley's girls also got a first place showing in the discus throw (117 feet, 10 inches) from sophomore Tamia Crockett

"It's awesome to know all our hard work has paid off," said Feiten, "and it's exciting to think of the rest of the season ahead. Our goal is to go back and be the best in state again."

"The top four is real close. If we have a good day, we should be right in it."

Last season, sprinter Emily Yarnell, who signed with UT, helped give the Lady Hawks a one-point margin (60-59) over Tennessee High of Bristol in the battle for the state title.

Christian Robinson, Bearden senior, was the lone three-event winner in the KIL meet, prevailing in the triple jump (43-3), 110 hurdles (14.87) and 300 hurdles (39.15).

West senior Lionel Morris swept the Sam Anderson 100-meter dash (10.85) and Jim Haslam 200 dash (21.98). A freshman, Halls' Cole Patterson was a double winner in the shot put (47-09.75) and discus throw (140-06).

Other boys individual winners included Cody Graves of Karns in the 400 (49.64), Chase Hilton of Bearden in the 800 (1:58.37), Brady Smith of Bearden in the high jump (6-2), Hank Mary of West in the pole vault (13-0) and Dallas Marable of Farragut in the long jump (20-11.25).

West boys took first place in the 4x100 relay (42.83) and 4x200 relay (1:29.54), while the Hardin Valley boys clinched "the sweep" by winning the meet's last

event — the 4x400 relay (3:28.58).

A-E's Lexus Hall sped to wins in the girls' 100 (12.73) and 200 (25.57). The Lady Roadrunners' Carolyn Hinch showed her versatility by winning the 400 (57.96) and long jump (16-06.75). Kelsey DeLapp of Gibbs also was a double winner in the pole vault (10-0) and triple jump (34-11.50).

Other girls individual winners included Shantya Delaney of West in the 100 hurdles (14.73), Kathryn Pickle of West in the 300 hurdles (46.76), Laura Morse of CAK in the high jump (4-10) and Shenora Rogers of Austin-East in the shot put (39-10.25).

Girls relay winners were West (49.47 in 4x100), Hardin Valley (1:46.27 in 4x200), CAK (4:07.64 in 4x400) and Farragut (10:04.33 in 4x800).

Coming up this Saturday, May 11, will be the Class AAA State Sectional meet at Hardin Valley Academy. The top four finishers in each event will qualify for the TSSAA state meet.

Class A-AA schools' Sub Sectional will be today, May 6, at CAK, with the top four finishers in each event advancing to the State Sectional Tuesday, May 14, at CAK.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The anchormen get ready to receive the baton and run the final leg of the 4x400 relay in the KIL Track and Field Meet. Hardin Valley won the meet's last race, with CAK coming in second and Karns third, to clinch the boys team title.

The Week That Was For Justin Hunter

By Alex Norman

On Saturday, April 20th there were more than 61,000 fans on hand at Neyland Stadium for the Orange & White Game, Tennessee's annual spring scrimmage.

One of those spectators wore a red and white striped shirt, and took the time to sign autographs for any fans that asked for his John Hancock.

That fan was Justin Hunter, a player you'll see all over the Tennessee record books, even though his college career was limited due to injury and his decision to skip his senior season.

Hunter stands third all-time in Tennessee history for receiving yards in a season (1,083 in 2012) and eleventh in career receiving yards (1,182 from 2010-2012). His eighteen career touchdown catches is good enough for fifth place.

But Hunter had the misfortune of attending the University of Tennessee during the worst three-year stretch in program history. The Vols went 16-21 from 2010-2012, and never has had a winning season during that time.

"It taught me a lot about tradition, especially going to the next level," said Hunter. "It taught me how to be part of a team... we had a lot of losing seasons so, we had to stay humble through the whole thing."

Hunter's college career, and perhaps the direction of the Vols football program, would have been different had he not torn the ACL in his left knee in the first quarter of the Vols loss at Florida in 2011.

It's hard to remember now, but Tennessee was coming off an impressive win over Cincinnati (the Bearcats were led by new UT coach Butch Jones), and had some momentum going with

a high powered offense that featured Hunter, receiver Da'Rick Rogers and quarterback Tyler Bray.

Hunter, like all Vols alums, is hoping for the program to return to its place among the SEC's elite.

"They lost a lot of us, and they'll be in a rebuilding stage," said Hunter.

Hunter's decision to leave Tennessee came as no real surprise to Vols fans. While his 2012 season was a solid one (he led the Vols with 1083 receiving yards, nine touchdowns and 73 catches), the explosive, big plays that he was known for during his freshman and beginning of his sophomore season were hard to come by.

It is hard to blame Hunter if he looked tentative on the playing field. He was still recovering from that knee injury, and one misstep or hit in the wrong place could have cost him a big NFL payday.

Over the past few months Hunter has worked out for NFL teams, met with NFL coaches, and had a very impressive showing at the NFL Combine back in February. He ran a 4.4 40 yard dash, and his jumping/leaping abilities were something to behold. Hunter's vertical jump was registered at 39.5 inches, while his broad jump was 136 inches. Those last two marks were tops at the combine among all draft prospects.

"They definitely like my hands, like how I can track the ball," said Hunter. "They love how I stretch the field and open it up for other guys."

Hunter is also 6'4" and 196 pounds, with a 33 ¼" arm length. He has all the tools for a long and productive career in the National Football League. But he realizes that natural ability will only take him so far.

"I'm going to go in there and work

hard, show the veterans that I can play with them, and just show them that I am a hard worker," said Hunter. "When I hear my name (at the draft) I'm going go crazy... I'm ready for it."

On Thursday, April 25th, former Vols receiver Cordarrelle Patterson was picked 29th overall by the Minnesota Vikings. The first round came and went without Hunter's being selected. But he didn't have to wait very long the next day.

And it won't take very long to move to his new home too... The Tennessee Titans grabbed Hunter with the 34th overall selection. The cost was great though. The Titans didn't think Hunter would still be on the board when they picked 40th. So they swapped spots with San Francisco, giving up a seventh round pick in 2013 and a third round pick in 2014 to do it.

"For us, (Hunter) was on a different level grade-wise than the rest of the players on the board," Titans General Manager Ruston Webster told TitansOnline.com. "It was not even really close for us. With him sitting there we just saw this great opportunity to get a really talented wide receiver with a lot of upside. That was really it. We liked Justin Hunter a lot. He was a target for us."

This move could mean the end of the road in Nashville for veteran receiver Nate Washington. It also means the Titans have quite a one-two punch at receiver in terms of young, talented pass catchers. Kenny Britt and Justin Hunter give quarterback Jake Locker some quality options.

Now it is up to Hunter to prove he is worthy of the confidence shown in him by Titans management.

Lady Beavers eliminate HVA to open title defense

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story of our season," HVA coach Whitney Hickam said. "It seems like these things have happened to us all season."

"It seemed like the ball never dropped our way and I told the girls to just keep plugging when we were struggling."

Hardin Valley didn't get many breaks this season but Hickam couldn't fault her team's effort or character.

"This is a wonderful bunch of girls," she said. "They represent Hardin Valley well and I couldn't be more blessed."

Karns pitcher Casey Balboa got out of a jam in the top of the first. She hit HVA leadoff hitter Kara Amin and surrendered a single to Liza El-Ajam but escaped by striking out Audrey Jaeger and got Katelyn Fisher to ground into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

The Lady Beavers scored twice in the bottom of the frame. Karns leadoff hitter Miranda Smith reached on a three-base error and later scored on a wild

pitch. The Lady Beavers scored a second run when Amity Brown plated McKayla Daniel with a double. Brown also doubled.

Hardin Valley left the bases loaded in the fourth and stranded two runners in scoring position in the fifth.

"We left too many runners on base and we made some mental mistakes running the bases," Hickam said.

Karns scored its third run in the sixth as it cashed in a pair of Hardin Valley errors.

"We just kept coming," Hutson said. "It's always in the back of your mind that the game is single-elimination. I don't think the girls really think about that but it's definitely a coach's thing."

Balboa made clutch pitches all night. She gave up four hits and struck out four. She's one of three pitchers in the Lady Beavers' rotation.

"We're blessed to have three good pitchers and you go with the one who's feeling it," Hutson said. "You go with the hot hand."

Halls closes regular season with win

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offense and defense have really picked it up."

Halls certainly didn't have any problems producing runs against the Lady Dragons Tuesday night.

The Lady Devils took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning against Clinton, the district's most improved team. Halls right fielder Alyssa Mabe led off the

frame with a double. She later scored when designated player Kaleigh Galloway grounded out.

The Lady Devils never trailed in the game but the Lady Dragons had their chances early before some solid defense and timely strikeouts got Lady Devils' junior pitcher Lexie Helm out of trouble.

"She's dinged up," Halls coach Bryan Gordon said of Helm. "She fought through it and she gave

us five solid innings.

"That was a pretty gutty performance."

Clinton got its first base runner in the second when Erika Hawn reached on a one-out single. Helm, however, averted damage by recording a strikeout and inducing a fly ball from Samantha Templin.

The Lady Dragons threatened again in the top of the third. Helm hit Maria Dopel and walked Heaven Muncy with two

outs. Dopel stole second before Muncy reached. The Lady Dragons then executed a double steal and had runners at second and third. Helm again escaped as Katie Scott made a sparkling play to end the inning.

Halls expanded its lead to 4-0 in the bottom of the third as Hall had a two-run double and Mabe added an RBI single. Halls double plated Skeen, who singled, and Katie Corum,

who walked. Hall later scored on Mabe's hit.

Clinton scored its lone run of the contest in the top of the fourth. Brooke Bailey had a lead-off double and came home when Brooklyn Webster doubled.

Halls added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Skeen had an RBI double and Mabe knocked in a run on a groundout and Malory Gardner stole

home in the frame.

Helm left after five innings. She gave up one run and three hits. She walked two and struck out three.

Halls got two innings of scoreless relief from Tori Branam. She had two strikeouts and a walk. She surrendered a bunt single to Tierra Hawn in the top of the seventh.

Powell 'survives' tournament tussle with Oak Ridge



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Powell High pitcher Hannah Parton prepares to deliver a pitch in the Lady Panthers' 3-0 win over Oak Ridge in the District 3-AAA Tournament at Hardin Valley Academy. Powell eliminated the Lady Wildcats Thursday night.

By Ken Lay

Jeff Inman had to breathe a sigh of relief Thursday night.

"We survived," Inman said after his Powell High School softball team advanced with a 3-0 victory over Oak Ridge Thursday night in the opening round of the District 3-AAA Tournament at Hardin Valley Academy. "This wasn't pretty but we survived and advance because our first couple of games are single-elimination.

"We played good defense but we didn't hit the ball well. We're going to have to hit the ball better than we did tonight."

Powell, the tournament's

sixth seed, scored twice in the bottom of the first inning. Lady Panthers' second baseman Tori Hutchison gave Powell (18-19) a 2-0 lead with a two-run double that plated Lexi Jones, who reached on a fielder's choice and Paige Brown, who got aboard when the Lady Wildcats committed an error.

Powell scored both of its first-inning runs with two outs.

"Tori had a big hit and that allowed us to jump on them early," Inman said. "Oak Ridge played hard and they were a lot better than the team that we saw a couple of weeks ago.

"They played good defense. They played hard

and they played tough."

The Lady Panthers had scoring chances in every inning but couldn't score again until the bottom of the fourth. Powell, which left nine runners on base, stranded runners in every inning but the fifth. The Lady Panthers left the bases loaded in the fourth and stranded two runners in both the second and the third.

"We left a lot of runners on base," Inman said.

Powell picked up its third and final pick of the game in the bottom of the fourth. Hannah Wheeler and Gracie Holt opened the frame with back-to-back singles before McKenzie Nicely reached on an error

and Wheeler scored on the play.

Oak Ridge pitcher Kaci Jones then got a pair of popups before walking Brown to load the bases. Jones then caught Hutchison looking to end the inning.

Powell pitcher Hannah Parton hurled a complete game and shutout. She surrendered four hits and two walks. She struck out three.

Inman was pleased with his junior starter's effort.

"Hannah threw well tonight," Inman said. "She's been pretty consistent over her last three or four starts.

Beverly Park Par 3 Golf Course is making a sparkling comeback

By Steve Williams

Out off beautiful Tazewell Pike, only three miles from busy Broadway, there is a "gem" to be found, said Richie Phillips, after caddying for his son at Beverly Park Par 3 Golf Course last week.

Phillips was referring to the 9-hole course in north-east Knox County, where his son Zach, who is on the Holston Middle School golf team, had just finished a practice round.

"I think it's a little treasure that people don't know about," said Phillips, who lives in the Gibbs area a couple miles away.

George Hall, who became the new course manager at Beverly Park in February, is doing what he can in hopes that more and more golfers do discover it.

"I'm trying to rebuild it back to life," said Hall, who took on the challenge after being an assistant pro just up the pike at Three Ridges Golf Course the past six years.

Due to the declining economy of recent years, the Beverly Park course had struggled to stay alive,

said Hall, a former long-time Knox County teacher and coach. As a result, the Knox Area Junior Golf Association leased the operation of the course to the Tennessee Golf Foundation, which hired Hall. Under his direction, Beverly Park is on the way back with multiple programs for adults and juniors. Course improvements are underway and several special events are planned over the next six months.

"The upgrades have been phenomenal in the last two to three months," said Phillips. "The condition of the course is the best I've seen in years."

Added Zach, who ended his practice round by sinking an 18-footer on hole No. 9: "It's a fun little course for kids my age."

Indeed, par 3 golf is not for everyone, but for beginners of the game, rising juniors and adults just taking up the sport, it's a really good fit.

Hunter Jennings, a 6-year-old kindergarten student at Powell Elementary School, has been taking lessons from Hall and also was on the course

last Wednesday.

"I've seen major improvement within a year," said Kendra Jennings, when asked if she had noticed a difference in her son's play. "It's been amazing."

Hunter said "putting" was what he liked best about golf, and he's looking forward to Little League Golf, a new program for juniors Hall will be starting in August. Little League Golf will provide team competition.

Warren Scott of Fountain City, an adult regular at Beverly Park, was playing Thursday afternoon, and pointed out, "It's really a good course to practice your short game ... I play two to three times a week. Walking the course also allows me to get some exercise. At \$7, it's less than a dollar a hole. It's a great bargain."

Just seeing and strolling through the Beverly Park course, which is located on the rolling hills of an old farm, may be worth the admission, which is only \$5 per round for juniors. Not only is it challenging, it's relaxing and looks like no other.

The farm's original barn and silo are right in the middle of it. The upgraded pro shop is housed in a log cabin. A creek trickles along the west side of the course. If you get close enough, the soothing sound of the flowing water may tempt you to spread out a blanket in a shady spot and picnic.

"It's not intimidating," said Hall. "It's a good place to learn to play . . . and it is a challenge. My best score? I've shot a 29 twice. That's two over par."

Beverly Park's par 3 course also disputes some common complaints about golf.

"Frequently heard from people who have given up on golf is that it costs too much, takes too much time, and is too difficult," said Hall. "A 9-hole round takes no longer than an hour."

Much of the 1,100-yard course is hilly, but the longest hole, the 174-yard No. 6 - a golfer can back up and play it from 260 yards away - is flat and straight. Just aim for the silo.

The golfer faces a fairly steep hill on the No. 1 hole,

84 yards from red tees to cup. Hitting down hill, of course, is the test on No. 2.

The tee area for hole No. 5 borders Tazewell Pike. Warning: Don't be startled by a screaming teenager traveling by. It's 70 yards long from the yellow tees. A sand trap lies in front of the green's right side.

The course hasn't yet fully recovered from a long winter.

"Restoring the greens is our No. 1 priority," said Hall. "A driving range is now in use."

Beverly Park, which opened in the late 1990s, participates in the First Tee Program. Its purpose is to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship.

Later this month, the National Golf Association tour is coming to Three Ridges for the second year in a row, and in connection with the week-long event, Beverly Park will host a Pro Junior Am on Tuesday, May 21.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

George Hall, Beverly Park Golf Course manager, instructs 6-year-old Hunter Jennings during a golf lesson. "I enjoy the little ones," said Hall. "They don't have as many bad habits to break."

"This will include an NGA professional, four adults and one junior golfer per team," said Hall. "The proceeds from this event will help fund many of our junior programs for the summer. We need support from golfers and businesses from the North Knox area to sign up a team and/or be a hole sponsor.

"In July, we plan to bring back the East Tennessee Hole-in-One contest was so popular years ago."

See the Knoxvillegolf.org website for all Beverly Park junior and adult programs, dates, times and prices.

Tyler Bray's Past Comes Back to Haunt Him

By Alex Norman

Million dollar arm... fifty cent head.

You've probably heard that line, or something similar to describe former Tennessee Vols quarterback Tyler Bray.

The guy might have more talent than any quarterback coming out of college this past season, but he wasn't selected in the NFL draft. He has the size (6-6, 230 pounds) and the arm strength that coaches covet. But not enough for them to spend a draft pick.

Bray's teammates did however... wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson went in the first round to the Minnesota Vikings.

Wide receiver Justin

Hunter was picked in the second round by the Tennessee Titans. Tight end Mychal Rivera heard his name called when he Oakland Raiders grabbed him in the sixth round.

But the player responsible for getting them the football wasn't considered worthy of the same honor.

So the question brings with it some complicated answers...

Why was Tyler Bray, a

player projected to go in the first round prior to the 2012 season, forced to go the free agent route?

Let's delve into the reasoning, but not rank the reasons shall we?

Bray was done no favors by the state of flux known as the Tennessee coaching situation during his three years at UT. He committed to play for Lane Kiffin, and his entire family moved to Knoxville in January 2010 from Kingsburg, California. His bags weren't even unpacked when Kiffin stunned the college football world by leaving Tennessee for the Southern California job.

The Vols job was offered to a few different coaches, and it appeared that former Vols offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe would return, but a deal fell through between Cutcliffe and Tennessee officials. Eventually the Vols settled for Louisiana Tech head coach Derek Dooley, a guy with an impressive pedigree, but limited success.

Bray and Dooley never meshed. Bray needed leadership, direction and discipline. Dooley gave him none of those

things. Whenever Bray made mistakes, both on and off the field, Dooley's punishment was minimal at best. Why shouldn't Bray scream at coaches and teammates on the sideline? Why should Bray change his ways if he knew there would be no consequences?

On the other hand, it is hard to imagine that Bray's beer bottling throwing incident, which involved local law enforcement, would have gone by without a peep from Tennessee coaches had Cutcliffe been in charge. If Cutcliffe has accepted the Vols coaching job, Bray either would have grown up, or been kicked off the team and forced to mature someplace else. Either way the odds are Bray would be in a better situation than he is in at the moment.

This isn't to say that Bray holds no responsibility. His faults are his own. The throat slashing directed towards the North Carolina sideline in the 2010 Music City Bowl was foolish and stupid. Bray's lack of dedication to the film room or the weight room kept him from becoming one of the elite quarterbacks in the SEC.

When Bray reportedly told teammates that he didn't want to play in a "lesser" bowl game before and after Tennessee lost to Kentucky for the first time in more than a quarter century, it was the surest sign that leadership wasn't his strong suit. And that's the thing about playing quarterback. You have to be a leader when in that position. Bray is not a verbal leader or a quiet leader, and that's a serious

issue with NFL coaches.

Bray spent the past few months meeting with coaches and working out. His aloof nature obviously did not translate well. Neither did the "whiteboard" exercises, which one NFL scout reportedly told his general manager was "the worst he had ever seen."

Last season he threw for 3612 yards and 34 touchdowns, averaging more than 300 passing yards per game. During his college career Bray threw for 7444 yards and 69 touchdowns.

But those stats don't tell the story of Tyler Bray. He is an immature young man at the age of 21. Many of us were immature at that

age as well, but few of us were ever trying to get an NFL team to commit millions of dollars to us at the same time.

Bray will still get his shot at the NFL, signing a free-agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs. Their roster isn't exactly filled with Mannings and Bradys either. To earn the third quarterback spot, Bray would likely have to beat out Ricky Stanzi and Alex Tanney.

There is no more safety net for Tyler Bray... no one will coddle him or make excuses.

Tyler Bray's opportunity is here.

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Tyler Bray has one more chance to get it right

Tyler Bray is not a role model. This is not a news flash. Many of us have known this for a long time.

By Steve Williams

Even Derek Dooley, but he ignored the fact for the sake of winning, and still didn't win. Maybe he would have been better off playing a less talented quarterback that had role model qualities. But I digress.

What Bray is is an example of what not to be.

Attention parents of talented high school football players who have college potential and NFL aspirations. Go back and review Bray's collegiate career at the University of Tennessee. Take notes on what

not to do. Pass along this information to your son.

If only Jeff Bray, Tyler's dad, had taken notes on a non-role model player years ago and passed the information of what not to do on to his young son.

Look how that would have changed history.

There wouldn't have been any double throat-slashing gesture directed at the North Carolina bench in the 2010 Music City Bowl.

Bray and Da'Rick Rogers would have cared so much and played so hard, Tennessee would still have that long winning streak over Kentucky. And Dooley could have coached another game in a lower-tier bowl at the end of the 2011 season. (Notice I didn't say win a lower-tier bowl game).

Cars wouldn't have been damaged by beer bottles and golf balls tossed from

a balcony.

Our former head coach wouldn't have had to eat crow for bragging on Bray's improved maturity at SEC Media Days, or make light of his quarterback's immature actions that occurred less than 48 hours after representing the Vols in coat and tie at the conference's preseason event. "Obviously, he needs to work on his accuracy," joked Dooley. "He missed the trash can."

Our quarterback could have been preparing for the 2012 season instead of having to lecture school kids on boat safety and/or do a commercial on boat safety, as punishment for playing a dangerous game like "chicken" with another Jet Skier on Tellico Lake last Fourth of July.

In a Quarterback Session on ESPN with Jon Gruden prior to the draft, Bray could

have said his game preparation was a "10" instead of a "seven or eight" and there wouldn't have been any off-the-field antics to discuss.

But history wasn't changed.

Bray led the Vols to a third losing season in a row. He had some good games, some big passing numbers, but he didn't get it done when it really mattered. Many of us, including myself, expected bigger and better results from Bray. We had seen his big-time arm. We have since learned, without a doubt, there's more to it than that when it comes to being a successful quarterback.

In the recent NFL draft, the owners and general managers and head coaches of NFL teams didn't ignore what Dooley had. They passed over Bray, even though he was

reported to be the seventh best quarterback in the draft. Going in, most experts expected Bray to be picked in the second or third round.

One by one, another name was called in the draft process. Eleven QBs were drafted. But not Bray.

Why?

The best answer I've heard: A NFL quarterback has to be a leader of men.

Bray hasn't shown he can do that.

Andy Reid and the Kansas City Chiefs have given him another opportunity, signing him to a free-agent contract. He is scheduled to report to a three-day rookie minicamp Friday, May 10.

The first thing Bray needs to do, if he hasn't already, is tell his father, as respectful as he can, that he'll speak for himself from this point on.

Last week, Jeff Bray

reportedly spoke out about his son not being drafted. He said it was "brutal" for his son to go through.

"I know I'm his parent, but I don't see how 11 quarterbacks get picked, and the best quarterback physically is not picked."

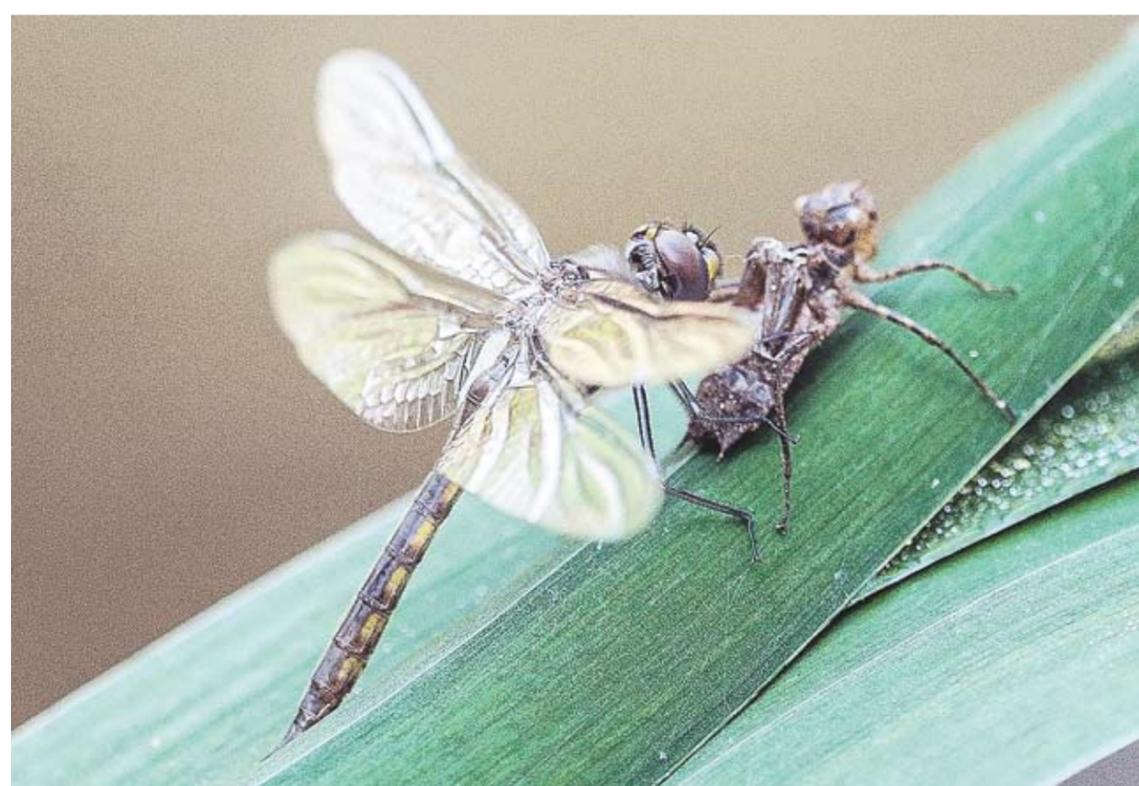
It seems clear Daddy Bray doesn't want to own up to the facts of why his son wasn't drafted. My guess is he's probably a big part of the reason why Tyler hasn't grown up yet anyway.

Secondly, Tyler Bray needs to go back and review his past, particularly his collegiate career, and publicly come clean.

It's really very simple. Tyler's got to become a man before he becomes a NFL quarterback. There is no other way.

If he does, he will have a chance to become a role model, too.

Arts & Entertainment



Dr. Holland Rowe captures minute detail of two interacting insects in this highly professional nature photograph.

FCAC Exhibit: A Treasure Trove of Visual Delights!

By Sylvia Williams

On Friday, April 19, the Fountain City Art Center held the opening reception for "The Knoxville Book Arts Guild and the Southern Appalachian Nature Photography Society Exhibit." This is the 3rd appearance of these two groups together at the Art Center. Bob Meadows, our Board President and Book Arts Instructor, is the organizer for the handmade book exhibit. Dr. Holland Rowe, multi-talented photographer, wood worker, and retired pharmacist, is the organizer behind the

exhibit's photography selections. Approximately 30 book artists and photographers will be participating in the show. The combined exhibits will be on view through May 16. Also showing, in "Student Exhibits," will be artwork by Farragut area schools.

The Fountain City Art Center has many new art classes and workshops for adults and for children all year round. This summer we have two regular art project classes for ages 6-12, clay classes for 8 years and up, and watercolor classes on

Saturdays for students ages 8 - 12 years of age. Call for information or email us for a class schedule. Payment is due at the time of registration. The Fountain City Art Center is located at 213 Hotel Avenue in the former library building next to the Park. Contact information: 865.357.2787; fcartcenter@knology.net; www.fountaincityartctr.com; we're also on Facebook. Our hours are: Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5; most Saturdays 9-1. We are closed on Sundays, open for classes and meetings only on Mondays.

Coffee with Lamb

The Volunteer Ministry Center will hold a coffee with special guest Wally Lamb at the VMC dining room on May 8 from 8:30-9:45 a.m. It's a chance for area writers and other interested individuals to hear a nationally recognize author.

Lamb is the featured speaker at the VMC Carry the Torch luncheon Wednesday afternoon. His books include the novels "She's Come Undone" and "I Know This Much Is True," both of which were selected for Oprah's Book Club

and are New York Times' Best Sellers. Other works include "The Hour I First Believed" and "Wishin' and Hopin'" is a comical and nostalgic novel about a parochial school fifth grader set in 1964.

Admission to the coffee is \$15 payable at the door. The event will be held in the dining area on the lower level of the VMC building. Those who plan to attend should call 524-3926 and ask for Lee Turner to set a reservation. The VMC is located at 511 North Broadway.

Vestival marks 13th annual celebration this weekend

The 13th Annual Vestival: South Knoxville's Art & Heritage Festival will memorialize the late Knoxville architect and preservationist Charles B. Richmond, who co-founded the non-profit Candoro Arts and Heritage Center and served as its president and champion. Richmond, who died January 3, 2013, was also a watercolorist and photographer. His work, as well as a display of marble artifacts from Candoro's past, will be featured at an opening reception on Friday, May 10, from 5-7 p.m. and during Vestival.

As Vestival tradition holds, the festival begins at 11 a.m. with a casual Mother's Day brunch, which is free for mothers.

The day continues with live music on two stages resounding with Southern rock, blues, jazz, folk, bluegrass, Americana and more. This year's Vestival performers are Mic Harrison and the High Score, Nancy Brennan Strange and The Strangefellows,

Leah Gardner, Jeff Barbra and Sarah Pirkle, Big Gene and Danny Lee's Loud Pack, Jack Rentfro and the Apocalypse Quartet, Guy Marshall, Smiley and the Lovedawg, Big Jon and the Nationals, The Pinklets, Sarah Morgan, and Jim Myers.

Dragonfly Ariel Arts and Claire Metz Tribal Belly Dance will perform on the grounds at intervals during the festival. Visitors can browse the wares of local arts and crafts artists, community groups and select from a variety of food choices. There is also a tent for children's activities.

Old-fashioned cake walks, accompanied by live music, take place throughout the day. Participants pay \$1 each to walk the walk for their chance to win a cake donated by one of our community's generous bakeries.

More information about Vestival is available at <http://candoromarle.org/> and on Facebook.

Jazz, Concert Series Swing Into Market Square

An impressive lineup of music is heading to Market Square this summer, celebrating jazz and a variety of groups to satisfy everyone's musical tastes.

On Tuesdays, the popular "Jazz on the Square" series returns to the Bill Lyons Pavilion. From May 7th through Aug. 27th, the Marble City 5 will take the stage at 8 p.m. and entertain until 10 p.m.

On Thursdays through June, the City of Knoxville presents the Market Square Concert Series,

sponsored by WDVX and Stellar Visions and Sound, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The series lineup includes:

- May 9: Home Federal presents Symphony on the Square
- May 16: Ensemble Swing Time Band
- May 23: WDVX Presents Kelsey Woods
- May 30: WDVX Presents Sean McCollough and the Kid Stuff Band
- June 6: Sam Hatmaker
- June 13: Brad Blackwell

- June 20: Knoxville Community Band
- June 27: The Southern Drawl Band

This variety of music spotlights local and regional acts in a range of genres to create a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere on the Square.

"This is such a great opportunity for everyone in the region to come out and enjoy hearing music on Market Square," said Judith Foltz, the City's Director of Special Events. "The City of Knoxville is

proud to be a sponsor of these shows that feature an array of musical talents."

There will be no alcohol or food sold on Market Square during the concerts, apart from what is available on the patios of surrounding restaurants. But concertgoers are invited to bring chairs or blankets to sit on the Square and enjoy the shows.

The concerts are free and open to the public.



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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Destiny

In the opening minutes of the movie Saving Private Ryan, an old man is leading his family on a pilgrimage to Normandy and a WW II cemetery. He kneels at the grave marker of the lieutenant (played by Tom Hanks) who led a band of army rangers to save him, the last of the surviving Ryan brothers. The old man weeps and turns to ask his wife, "Have I been a good man?" In other words, was his life been worth the sacrifice of so many?

Two thousand years ago Caesar Augustus lay on his death bed and weakly turned to his wife and asked her judgment of his outwardly incomparable life. He asked, "Did I play my role well?" History doesn't record her response, but I'll bet it was as reassuring

as Mrs. Ryan's.

These two vignettes portray the fundamental question of all humans for all of recorded history, and perhaps since we first became thoughtful. Down through the ages men have asked themselves, "Why I am here and what is my purpose?" The final answer is given in Luke 10:27, but men still rebel against this truth.

Zeno of Citium is credited with the ancient philosophy of stoicism. This perspective was actually a way of life and a religion, influencing notables such as the Apostle Paul, Seneca and the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. We don't study history anymore and certainly not antiquity. However, our Founding Fathers maintained that we should study history to make

ourselves better. I spent the first thirty-five years of my life in science, but I've spent the last several decades in the humanities studying what I was never taught: the wisdom of the ages.

Some of my critics complain when I don't write about some dry-as-toast medical topic or give "curbside" consultations like Dr. Phil. Cursory medical consultations and opinions are dangerous. I might ask these nattering nabobs what could be more germane than our purpose.

The Emperor Marcus Aurelius is best known to our culture by the movie The Gladiator. At the beginning of this movie the Emperor is on a military campaign pushing back the invading barbarian German tribes. He would die near present day Vienna, though his son Commodus probably did not assassinate him as depicted in the movie. Marcus Aurelius was also a stoic philosopher. His private thoughts later published as his Meditations seem to champion the lesson of Luke 10:27 ("love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and your neighbor as yourself"). Aurelius' reflections are more important

than his marginal legacy as Roman Emperor. He was never able to subdue the German tribes, and he was not able to reign in his bastard (?) and sadistic son who would follow as Emperor and become a terrible tyrant. The movie got that right.

Stoic philosophy has come to be a comfort for this doctor who is no longer in control of much. This week three of my patients were hospitalized, and because few other internists see their hospitalized patients, they were sent elsewhere through confusion. The great stoic teacher Epictetus said you only have control of your thoughts and your actions.

Interestingly, the first century AD was a time of intense religious fervor perhaps similar to the Great Awakening in America in the 1730s. Monotheism was in ascendancy, and belief in the one true God was taught by stoicism. Perhaps there's a lesson here for the secular humanists who now control our country. A similar illiberal bunch was in control of the French Revolution in the 18th century. These "enlightened" humanists, devoid of God, erected an obelisk to reason and worshipped it as the tyranny

of the guillotine behead-tens of thousands.

Do you believe in destiny? Is there a purpose and a plan for our lives, though often mysterious and inscrutable? Or, do you hold that everything is just a result of happenstance, and given sufficient time and opportunity you'd be reading these words. I've come to accept that there's more to life than I can ever understand. Philosophical luminaries have come to the same conclusion over and over again. It seems that humans must be humbled by circumstances before we are able to see clearly the ultimate Cause. No, I don't believe that the Creator causes people to get sick or get into all measure of trouble. Nor do I believe we can change our destiny; we can only live up to our potential and help others achieve theirs as we all keep looking up.

I needed all my stoic reserves recently when our IT department did an "upgrade" of our electronic medical record (EMR) system. Those of you who work with computers and suffer through "upgrades" often mumble under your breath that they should be labeled "heartburn." And when

the inevitable crash occurred and I felt the urge to launch out in a rant against the dysfunctional system that I am now forced to use, I took a deep breath and turned the dang thing off and went back to paper and pencil. I felt self righteous when the spade I'd been handed to dig a hole had the blade removed, leaving me with only the figurative handle.

You'll be surprised that I didn't pick up the phone and complain, and instead focused on doing my best, apologizing to patients as I went. All is well now after the glitch was repaired and the IT guys, Billie and Tyler, courteously reattached the spade to my computer shovel. Epictetus and Paul would be proud; and I'm sure The Master is as well.

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.



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

Tennova Healthcare Ragnar Relay Team Helps Cardiac Kids



A Tennova Healthcare relay team made up of 12 runners will compete in the fourth annual Tennessee Ragnar Relay held October 25th-26th.

The Tennova relay team, sponsored by East Tennessee Cardiovascular Research Foundation will raise money for Cardiac Kids. The project helps with the early detection of heart disease in

fifth graders living in Appalachian communities. During the past four years the relay team has raised more than \$14,000 for Cardiac Kids.

Approximately 300 teams participate in the Ragnar Relay that covers 195 miles from Chattanooga to Nashville. To register your own team, visit <http://www.ragnarrelay.com/race/tennessee>.

Tennova team members include:

Front: Kim Carter, Meghan Elkins, April Brooks, Rhonda Garrison

Back: John Ewart, Brett Carter, Kevin Tweedy, Brad Hood

Not pictured: Adam Clark, John Goodwin, Misty Wong

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USDA, EPA Release New Report on Honey Bee Health

WASHINGTON, May 2, 2013-The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today released a comprehensive scientific report on honey bee health. The report states that there are multiple factors playing a role in honey bee colony declines, including parasites and disease, genetics, poor nutrition and pesticide exposure.

"There is an important link between the health of American agriculture and the health of our honeybees for our country's long term agricultural productivity," said Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrihan. "The forces impacting honeybee health are complex and USDA, our research partners, and key stakeholders will be engaged in addressing this challenge."

"The decline in honey bee health is a complex problem caused by a combination of stressors, and at EPA we are committed to continuing our work with USDA, researchers, beekeepers, growers and the public to address this challenge," said Acting EPA Administrator Bob Perciasepe. "The report we've released today is the product of unprecedented collaboration, and our work in concert must continue. As the report makes clear, we've made significant progress, but there is still much work to be done to protect the honey bee population."

In October 2012, a National Stakeholders Conference on Honey Bee Health, led by federal researchers and managers, along with Pennsylvania State University, was convened to synthesize the current state

of knowledge regarding the primary factors that scientists believe have the greatest impact on managed bee health.

Key findings include:
Parasites and Disease Present Risks to Honey Bees:

The parasitic Varroa mite is recognized as the major factor underlying colony loss in the U.S. and other countries. There is widespread resistance to the chemicals beekeepers use to control mites within the hive. New virus species have been found in the U.S. and several of these have been associated with Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

Increased Genetic Diversity is Needed:
U.S. honeybee colonies need increased genetic diversity. Genetic variation improves bees thermoregulation (the ability to keep body temperature steady even if the surrounding environment is different), disease resistance and worker productivity.

Honey bee breeding should emphasize traits such as hygienic behavior that confer improved resistance to Varroa mites and diseases (such as American foulbrood).

Poor Nutrition Among Honey Bee Colonies:

Nutrition has a major impact on individual bee and colony longevity. A nutrition-poor diet can make bees more susceptible to harm from disease and parasites. Bees need better forage and a variety of plants to support colony health.

Federal and state partners should consider actions affecting land management to maximize available nutritional forage to promote and enhance good bee health and to protect bees by

keeping them away from pesticide-treated fields.

There is a Need for Improved Collaboration and Information Sharing:

Best Management Practices associated with bees and pesticide use, exist, but are not widely or systematically followed by members of the crop-producing industry. There is a need for informed and coordinated communication between growers and beekeepers and effective collaboration between stakeholders on practices to protect bees from pesticides.

Beekeepers emphasized the need for accurate and timely bee kill incident reporting, monitoring, and enforcement.

Additional Research is Needed to Determine Risks Presented by Pesticides:

The most pressing pesticide research questions relate to determining actual pesticide exposures and effects of pesticides to bees in the field and the potential for impacts on bee health and productivity of whole honey bee colonies.

Those involved in developing the report include USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Agricultural Research Services (ARS), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as the EPA and Pennsylvania State University. The report will provide important input to the Colony Collapse Disorder Steering Committee, led by the USDA, EPA and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

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by pollination, mainly by honey bees. In the United States, pollination contributes to crop production worth \$20-30 billion in agricultural production annually. A decline in managed bee colonies puts great pressure on the sectors of agriculture reliant on commercial pollination services. This is evident from reports of shortages of bees available for the pollination of many crops.

The Colony Collapse Steering Committee was formed in response to a sudden and widespread disappearance of adult honey bees from beehives, which first occurred in 2006. The Committee will consider the report's recommendations and update the CCD Action Plan which will outline major priorities to be addressed in the next 5-10 years and serve as a reference

document for policy makers, legislators and the public and will help coordinate the federal strategy in response to honey bee losses.

To view the report, which represents the consensus of the scientific community studying honey bees, please visit: <http://www.usda.gov/documents/ReportHoneyBeeHealth.pdf>.

Faith

Church Happenings

First Lutheran Church

55 Alive, the senior group at First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, will meet on Thursday, May 9th at 12:00 noon in the church Meeting Room. The program

speaker, medical doctor and author, Edie Wadsworth, will talk about her ebook, "31 Days to a Heart of Hospitality. A hot meal will be served at noon and costs \$6.50. Reservations are required and the public is invited. Call 524-0366. The church is located at 1207 N Broadway.

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 "Scrapbooking" fellowship and activity group

will meet this Friday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Janelle McBride for details and further information.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and donations are being accepted in honor or memory of your Mother through that date.

There will also be the regular monthly Order of the Arrow Scout meeting held at 2:30 p.m. that same date.

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 available in church hallway.

Please call our church office at 573-9711 for further information.

Forerunners of Christ and the Holy Spirit

If there is a character in the Bible who was a clear forerunner of Christ, it had to be Moses. Moses was told to go up on

Mount Sinai to meet with God, receive instruction in the commands and covenant that would guide the nation of Israel, and teach these principles to the people. It took forty days to get these instructions, which reminds us of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

Time and again we find Moses passionately interceding for Israel due to their disobedience. Moses filled his ambassadorial role by reminding God of the promises He made with Abraham (Genesis 12). Moses' first request on behalf of the people was that God would not destroy them (Exodus 32:9-14). Moses loved his people to the point of sacrificing himself so that they might continue to live. In an ultimate act of intercession when God was ready to wipe the nation off the face of the earth, Moses pleaded before God, "Please forgive their sin, but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written" (Exodus 32:32). This is exactly what Jesus did when He gave His life on the cross.

Moses was an amazing example of what an intercessor looks like. God did forgive the nation for their wickedness, but God said, "I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the

way" (Exodus 33:3). While the nation was happy God was not going to destroy them, they were devastated. Without God, they had no chance of survival. So Moses, for a second time, intercedes on behalf of the nation. "Don't withdraw your presence" (Ex. 33:15-16). God listened to Moses.

Moses has one additional request of God. Moses asks, "Now show me your glory" (Exodus 33:18). Again, God grants Moses' request. Moses can't see the face of God and live, but God allowed Moses to see His back as He passed by.

Moses was, no doubt, a forerunner to Jesus. Jesus, like Moses, continued to go before the Father on behalf of His disciples and the people He encountered. In fact, on the very night of his arrest, Jesus spent the night interceding on behalf of you and me (John 17:20-23).

Once intercession was made, God gave His people the most prized possession He could offer: His presence. The Tabernacle was constructed, and then hundreds of years later, the Temple. In these dwellings, God's presence was with them to give them rest. Jesus makes a similar promise: "Come to me...and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Just as Moses led the people in the wilderness, so our Intercessor does the same through the Holy Spirit. We no longer need a tent of meeting (Tabernacle) or a Temple made with hands. As believers, we are now the tent of meeting where the Spirit resides, where God is with us.

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Where Christ is Making a Difference in Our Lives and in Our Community

House to Home

UT Gardens named as Tennessee's botanical garden

Governor Bill Haslam has signed a bill designating the University of Tennessee Gardens as the official botanical garden for the Volunteer State. The UT Gardens are operated by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and can be found in three locations: the UTIA campus in Knoxville, the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson, and the recently added location at the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center in Crossville. The new location was formally announced April 26 at the Cumberland County 2013 Flower and Garden Show.

The UT Gardens mission is to cultivate an appreciation of plants through horticultural displays, educational programs and research. Every year more than 100,000 visitors travel to UT Gardens locations to attend one of the many special events and educational seminars or simply to explore the beautiful grounds. The gardens also serve as an outdoor laboratory where researchers evaluate the performance and landscape appeal of each plant.

Dr. Susan Hamilton, director of the UT Gardens, is elated about the statewide recognition. "Everyone associated with the gardens, from faculty, staff and student interns, to the many volunteers, Master Gardeners and donors, has worked hard to present an outstanding collection of public gardens. To be recognized as the state botanical garden is a great honor," she said. "The designation also heightens awareness of one of Tennessee's best botanical resources." Hamilton thanked State Senator Becky Duncan Massey, of Knoxville, and State Representative Jimmy Eldridge, of Jackson, for being the primary sponsors of the legislation. The designation passed unanimously in both the state senate and house. Previously, Tennessee did not have an official

botanical garden. A botanical garden is defined as a garden where experts study, exhibit and teach about plants.

The original UT Gardens location in Knoxville is celebrating 30 years of landscape research and education. Established in 1983 by the UT Department of Plant Sciences, the UT Gardens have grown into a nationally recognized research and teaching site. They are recognized as one out of 51 official All American Selections (AAS) test sites in the United States, conducting evaluations assessing heat and cold tolerance, flower production, plant uniformity, flower and plant size, pest resistance and landscape appeal. Such information is important to commercial plant and seed companies and essential to the success of commercial growers, landscapers and gardeners, allowing the Tennessee green industry to flourish and for gardening to remain the number one hobby in America. In addition, public horticulture is among the fastest growing concentrations of study in the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The gardens are also recognized as a certified Tennessee Arboretum. All UT Gardens locations are open to the public and free to visit, although some events are fee based. Plans for additional displays as well as additional locations are in the works. For more information about the UT Gardens, including upcoming events, visit <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu> or follow us on Facebook.

The UT Institute of Agriculture provides instruction, research and public service through the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch, including its system of 10 research and education centers, and UT Extension offices in every county in the state.

UT Gardens May 2013 Plant of the Month: Chinese fringetree

Submitted by Carol Reese, UT Extension horticulture specialist, Western Region

For beauty, durability and adaptability, Chinese fringetree (*Chionanthus retusus*) should head anyone's list for a small flowering tree. It features glossy foliage and white lacy flowers in late spring.

The foliage is attractive throughout the season — a shiny dark green that looks clean and polished through even the dog days of summer. Fall color may be a nice yellow, but rarely spectacular.

The tree is dioecious, and females bear egg-shaped blue-black drupes about a half inch long.

While its close cousin, the American fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) is a great beauty, if I only had room for one, it would be the Chinese. The flower's individual petals are larger, so the flowers appear a brighter white. Plus, the flowering panicles are borne above the foliage, almost like snow lying atop the dark green leaves. In



Carol Reese, UT Extension horticulture specialist, shows off the "snowy" blossoms of a Chinese fringetree ('China Snow') on the grounds of the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson.

of variability in the foliage characteristics. Invariably, they are broader than American fringetree, but on some forms, such as 'China Snow', the leaf is leathery and nearly round with an undulated margin. This makes the already shining leaf multifaceted, so that it practically glitters in the sun.

The Chinese also has a more attractive bark, and is a bit more widespread than the American, unless you locate the columnar form called 'Tokyo Tower'. Harald Neubauer at Hidden Hollow Nursery of Belvidere, Tenn., reports that the parent plant was about 15 feet tall, but just six feet wide, and remarkably beautiful.

Chinese fringetree is easy to grow in sun or mostly sun and tolerates a wide range of soil, except extremely wet. You should expect it to eventually reach 20 feet tall and wide. It's a head-scratcher that these trees aren't planted more.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

The 'old stuff' is green

Buying or using antique or vintage furniture and accessories in your home is not only the ultimate way to recycle but is also good for you, your community and your country. That's a mouth full so let me explain just why this is true.

First of all you are doing yourself a big favor by investing in better, solid construction that will serve you well and that you can hand down or, in many instances, sell at a profit or the same as you paid. Today, most furnishings that you see for sale aren't even made in this country and have a short usage and lifespan due to being manufactured for a price point rather than a lasting factor.

Vintage items that are upholstered generally have solid hardwood frames and made to last as opposed to tubular plastic; pine and stapled rather than screwed. A vintage wingback chair made from the 1920s to the 1960s is a perfect example of an item that is worth investing in having recovered and restored.

This goes for solid wood furniture as well as you can repurpose it with a bit of imagination. This is called reclaiming and has become a major focus of homeowners today. Take an old wash stand or dresser and convert to a bathroom or kitchen sink cabinet. Cabinets from old stores can be used for kitchens and counters and the list is infinite and only limited by the imagination.

Burnett's Salvage on Prosser Road in Knoxville is a good place to find construction items to be refitted.



By Carl Sloan

Auctions are hands-down the way to go when furnishing and there is no need to go into debt with credit card interest.

I see truckloads of everything pouring in daily at my favorite hang out, Fountain City Auction located at 4109 Central Ave Pike 37912. You can find a world of items there all for the bidding to make any home the best at a fraction of buying new. You can see most of the items by visiting Auctionzip.com and doing a search for Fountain City Auction. This is a clean, well managed and reputable venue that I would recommend to anyone without hesitation not mention a whole heck of a lot of fun!

I work at Fountain City Auction as a contractor, usually behind the scenes preparing for high end specialty auctions that are conducted on Saturdays about every 5-6 weeks. I also offer professional appraisals for insurance or estate property division purposes at a very reasonable rate to the public. For those thinking about selling I do assessments by appointment at no charge. Give us a call (865)604-3468 to request a return call from me as I usually have time for two or three more appointments a week and am available most weekends with notice.

Shout out this week to Theresa R. of Knoxville: Had a great time at your home and thanks! Also to Kay L. and John D.: Many thanks for letting us serve you and more great returns are on the way with the May 25th sale.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fontinalis Meeting
Fontinalis Club will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at Beaver Brook Country Club for the May Luncheon. Please call Mary Ellen by Monday, May 6, for your reservation. The Board Meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., General Meeting at 11:00 a.m., and the luncheon will be at 12:00 p.m. The Artist of the Year award will be presented to Jim Tumblin. Highlighting the program will be a fashion show by The Silk Purse.

Fulton Alumni seeking names
The Fulton High School Alumni Association has begun an effort to retrieve the names of all Fulton High Alumnus that have lost their lives in the military service of our country.

Send name of graduate, year of graduation and branch of military served to: Fulton High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 27434
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37927-7431

Healthy Choices
Healthy Choices, a plant-based Free Cooking Class to help prevent/reverse some cancers, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity, is coming to the North Knoxville 7th-Day Adventist Church, 6530 Fountain City Road, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, in the church fellowship hall. Space is limited, so call (865-314-8204) or go online (www.knoxvillestep.com) to register.

K2 Committee Meeting
The K2 Committee of the Knoxville Transportation Authority will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the Training Room at Knoxville Station, 301 Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN to discuss the development of required policies pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration's new Title VI regulations.

West Knox Republican Club Event

The West Knoxville Republican Club (WKRC) invites all area GOP Club members, friends and family to attend the May meeting to hear Dr. Manish ("Manny") K. Sethi speak on "Why Every Tennesseean Should Care: Healthcare Reform and the Future of Our State." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at West High School (main auditorium), with Dr. Sethi speaking at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come hear him.

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- 4 cups (24 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon shortening

In a large bowl, beat the sugar, peanut butter and butter until smooth. Shape into 1-in. balls; set aside.

In a microwave, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip balls in chocolate, allowing excess to drip off. Place on a wire rack over waxed paper; refrigerate for 15 minutes or until firm. Cover and store in the refrigerator. Yield: about 5-1/2 dozen.

Mounds Bars

- 1 stick butter
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 T cocoa
- 3 eggs
- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1 c flour
- 1 c nuts
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups coconut

Mix all ingredients but milk and coconut; pour onto greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350°. Mix Eagle Brand milk and coconut. Spread evenly over warm brownies. Bake 20 minutes or until set at 350°; cool.

Frosting

- 3 T butter, melted
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