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Sheriff's Department apprehends burglary suspect

Alvin Frye, owner of the Exxon Station on North Broadway, called the Knox County Sheriff's Office on September 10th and requested that the agency investigate a theft that occurred that day. A suspect had opened the cash register and taken money. Surveillance pictures were made available to detectives.

KCSO detectives found out through Infocon that a suspect from a robbery in Sevierville matched the description of the same suspect in the Fountain City Exxon theft. Infocon is comprised of law enforcement agencies sharing information and pictures with each other by way of a special email account.

A tip was also called into Sevierville police and shared with KCSO and Knoxville Police that the suspect's last name was **Continue on page 2**



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knox County Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones checks in on Fountain City Exxon owner Alvin Frye following the apprehension of a burglary suspect last week.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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Yes 54.23%
No 45.77%

Survey conducted September 19, 2013.

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

September 24 is National Voter Registration Day

The Knox County Election Commission wishes to remind citizens that September 24 is National Voter Registration Day. The day is the high point of National Voter Registration Month, a time when state and county election officials have been working to encourage voter participation and increase awareness of state requirements and deadlines for voting.

"On September 24, we will have 35 polling locations open for the City of Knoxville Primary Election, and folks may go to any of these places to register to vote for future elections," said Knox County Administrator of Elections Cliff Rodgers. "National Voter Registration Day is a great time to make sure that your registration is up to date or to register for the first time. We are ready to help you in any way we can at any time."

Social media has played a role in this month's promotion. Voters have been encouraged to visit www.GoVoteTN.com, print signs encouraging voter registration, and then post photos of themselves holding the signs on social media using the hashtag #GoVoteTN.

For more information on voter registration options and deadlines in Tennessee, as well as to check your current registration status, visit www.GoVoteTN.com.

City Receives \$2.5M Grant from HUD

On behalf of the City of Knoxville, Mayor Madeline Rogero accepted a \$2.5 million grant today from officials with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eradicate lead-based paints and other home health hazards in the Knoxville area.

The City's Community Development Department was designated for the grant, which will be used to clean up lead

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Haslam announces grant, Seven Islands State Birding Park



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Business and civic leaders from throughout Knox County gathered at Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge last week for this year's Legacy Luncheon for the Parks. The annual event brought a crowd of nearly 700 together for a celebration of the work of Legacy Parks Foundation.

Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge is the East Tennessee

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Adam Blake returns to Knoxville with the cast of Disney on Ice

By Tasha Mahurin
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"Playing hometown is not something a lot of performers get to go do," Adam Blake, told *The Focus*. "Performing with Disney on Ice in Knoxville, is just so, so special."

Although he'll take the ice at the Civic Coliseum in April with the cast of Disney on Ice, it certainly will not be the first time Blake has skated in Knoxville.

When he was five years old the West Knoxville native began playing ice hockey at the Ice Chalet, and loved every minute of it. His second season on

the team, however, Blake was "hooked" by another player.

"Basically, the kid tripped me with their hockey stick and knocked me down," he recalls.

Blake's father told him he could no longer play hockey until he learned to skate and gave him a pair of figure skates. Blake fell in love with the sport and knew as early as high school that he wanted to be an ice show skater.

He auditioned for a role in the Disney on Ice production "High School Musical" and joined Feld Entertainments in 2007. Blake says

his greatest achievement is being able to bring happiness to families everywhere through performing. "It has always been my goal and my dream to skate in the show," he said. "I love the feeling that I get from being in front of a huge audience and knowing they truly appreciate it. I want to be the best performer I can be and let nothing stop my enthusiasm and love for the show."

A century of classic and new Disney stars are taking to the ice to share memories, laughs and

excitement in this year's presentation- Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic. The celebration is coming to the Knoxville Civic Coliseum, October 2-6, 2013.

The production features the largest cast ever of Disney stars on ice - Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket, Stitch, Nemo and the Incredibles - and exciting moments from Disney's Mulan and The Lion King.

Make sure to cheer for hometown favorite Adam Blake who will play the role

of the green army sergeant from Toy Story and the villain from Mulan.

In the meantime, Blake says he is in steady in rehearsal, optimistically awaiting his performance in Knoxville, and hoping the Vols are successful against Florida.

Tickets for Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic are available at www.knoxvilletickets.com, the Knoxville Civic Coliseum box office or by phone at 865-656-4444.

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imperative that more programs become more active and aggressive. As of today we can be thankful that numerous programs do exist to help the needy.

One of these programs is the FISH program which ensures that everyone gets enough to eat. There are four pantries operating in East, South, Northwest, and West Knoxville. In Knox County 57,000 people live in poverty--more than 25% are children. Thousands of other families live near the poverty line and struggle for the basic necessities of life. The number of

families who come to FISH pantries has doubled in the last two years.

Soon after 7 a.m. people begin to line up to await the 10 a.m. pantry opening. More than 11,000 food packages are provided each month from the three Knoxville neighborhood-based pantries. FISH pantries provide more packages of food to hungry Knoxville than all other Knoxville pantries combine. Rather than being concerned with whom is deserving, FISH pantries responds with respect to anyone who asks for food. They seek to nourish both the bodies and the spirits of those they serve.

Families coming for food assistance are able to choose food items most suited to their needs from

the varied selection offered. It is mainly a volunteer organization. A canopied pavilion was recently completed for the Scott Avenue pantry, keeping with their values for treating their guests with respect and increasing their accessibility to provide shelter.

In this supposedly rich country, it's a shame that there are people who have no homes, no jobs, who don't have enough to eat. But thank God there are existing programs such as FISH to aid those who are in great need.

Thought for the day: Thank you is the best prayer that anyone can say. Alice Walker

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	3
30-49	52.63%	47.37%	38
50-65	56.19%	43.81%	105
65+	52.60%	47.40%	173
Total	54.23% (173)	45.77% (146)	319

By District	Yes	No	Total
1	52.00%	48.00%	25
2	64.44%	35.56%	45
3	54.84%	45.16%	31
4	49.02%	50.98%	51
5	66.67%	33.33%	18
6	40.00%	60.00%	30
7	60.47%	39.53%	43
8	42.86%	57.14%	35
9	58.54%	41.46%	41
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By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	55.56%	44.44%	18
Female	54.23%	45.77%	142
Male	54.09%	45.91%	159
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Wright on the Mark! (Part III)

"Wright was a 'streak shooter,' which meant he would not take shots until the situation was right. Then, he would hit several shots in a row, until the defense adjusted," the coach remembers about the player who wore No. 20. Steve Wright was the senior guard on Coach Bob Dagley's 1964-65 outstanding basketball team. Going through his scrapbook, Dagley finds a

write-up about Steve. "One sportswriter described Wright's play in the district tournament this way," he said. "The Eagles held a six point lead when Wright unleashed three baskets in a row in only 28 seconds, two of them from 20 feet out and the other off the fast break." Dagley says more about the senior guard. "You can be sure that all the shots Wright took, with the exception of fast break layups, were from well beyond the present day 3-point line. Just think what it would have been like if there had been a 3-point line back then! We can only imagine." I am trying to imagine the added excitement of a 3-point shot in '64-65. Even without it, the Eagles were awesome. They played to packed gyms, were covered extensively in the media, and were the talk of our community and even some neighboring communities.



Picture of (left to right) Steve Wright and Bob Dagley. By David Wright

Dagley shared more. Another sportswriter said, 'Wright scored 24 points, 18 of them in the second half.' Not only did Wright have "hot streaks," but he was a very accurate free throw shooter. The free throws became a crucial factor in several close games. "Steve Wright did

not share the spotlight as often as some of his teammates, but he played a very important role in the 1964-65 team's success," Dagley said. "Just like the others, he played the role he was asked to play, and he played it well."

At the time, Steve did not realize that the team was accomplishing so much. Until I started writing this series, I did not realize that they played in a league with no divisions. Even with the team's 31 wins, Wright remembers well those two losses to Murfreesboro and Alcoa. He especially remembers playing three games the week they played Murfreesboro on a Saturday night.

As I was writing the conclusion to No. 20's part of this series, I received a call from him. What I heard made me pause in my writing. Steve and his son had visited the coach since we last talked.

I am happy to share with Focus readers the picture Steve's son made as he captured a special moment with the former player and his coach. (This is No. 18 in the '64-65 Eagles' series and coming in two weeks--a wrap-up with Wright.)

Haslam announces grant, Seven Islands State Birding Park

Cont. from page 1 the entire European continent. Hiking trails wind up the ridges and down to the waterfront.

It was announced at the luncheon that the wildlife refuge will become the state of Tennessee's 56th state park. Over a decade ago Pete and Linda Claussen purchased the nearly 200 acres and donated them to Knox County to be used as a wildlife sanctuary. The Claussens were present for the announcement and acknowledged for their dedication to preservation and commitment to Knox County. Governor Bill Haslam also announced TDEC would give Legacy Parks a \$200,000 grant to expand trails in South Knoxville's Urban Wilderness.

Sheriff's Department apprehends burglary suspect

Cont. from page 1 County Detention Facility for violating probation. Sevierville and Alcoa also have "holds" on Biggs. He is also a suspect in the robbery of the Kitchen Diner located at 7355 Chapman Highway. It was robbed on September 12. Biggs is a suspect in a robbery in Ken Jo Market as well.

Officers said a gun used in some of the robberies was a toy gun. Biggs and drove a burgundy Ford Tempo which was used in other robberies. On Sunday, September 15, KCSO officers located the suspect, Donald Biggs, at an apartment in Montgomery Village on Cook Drive. He was taken into custody without incident. The Ford Tempo was also found parked nearby. Biggs is being held without bond in the Knox

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Pictured are (from left): Sharon Yarbrough, program participant; Mayor Madeline Rogero; Todd Kennedy, Community Development; Jonnette Simmons, Healthy Homes Representative for HUD in Atlanta; Becky Wade, Director of Community Development; and Ed Ellis, Knoxville Field Office Director for HUD.

City Receives \$2.5M Grant from HUD

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paint hazards, train workers in lead-safe work practices and to increase public awareness about childhood lead poisoning.

“Even though the use of lead-based paint was banned more than 30 years ago, there are still homes that have significant amounts of this hazardous paint,” said Mayor Rogero. “This grant will help us to make those homes safe and healthy. We are grateful to HUD for this funding.”

Lead is a known toxin that can impair a child’s development and have long-lasting effects. Lead-contaminated dust is a primary cause of lead exposure and often leads to health problems in younger children, including a reduced IQ, learning disabilities and developmental delays. At higher levels, lead is known to damage a child’s kidneys and central nervous system and cause convulsions and even death.

“At HUD, we’ve recognized that housing serves

as a platform to improve health. If you want to improve health you must improve housing too,” said Ed Ellis, HUD’s Knoxville Field Office Director. “The children of Knoxville deserve the best possible home environment to grow up in, and this lead grant will help make that possible.”

Community Development Director Becky Wade said the department is one of 38 agencies chosen by HUD for the grant. Community Development will work together with Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) to conduct lead hazard control work in targeted homes.

The grant program is part of HUD’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control and is used to promote local efforts to eliminate dangerous lead hazards from lower-income homes; stimulate private sector investment in lead hazard control; and educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint.



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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All too often we hear complaints about what we get for our money from our government. Yet one rarely hears folks ask the same question about what we are getting for our money from our school system. Locally, the school system consumes roughly two-thirds of every tax dollar spent. Frankly, most every other aspect of local government is a mere fraction of what we expend as a county government. Knox County’s current debt is in excess of \$1 billion. However, one glaring difference between the two governments is the City of Knoxville has no responsibility for administering or funding a school system.

We have a superintendent appointed by the Board of Education and this change hasn’t proven to be the panacea the good government folks told us it would be. We have more failing schools than ever and the superintendent remains by far the highest paid official in Knox County. In fact, we pay our superintendent

more than the Vice President of the United States. What are we getting for our money?

Just about every year we hear the constant refrain somehow the school system is being starved to death, yet the truth is we spend more than half a billion dollars per year on Knox County schools.

One of our superintendent’s solutions to failing schools is a proposal to reserve one third of seats available at the STEM Academy for those students attending just one of the failing schools. Have you seen any coverage of this fact by local television stations or the Knoxville News-Sentinel? Nobody is mentioning the fact that Dr. McIntyre’s absurd proposal would not only destroy the entire concept of the STEM Academy’s stated purpose, but doesn’t do the students at the failing school any good either. Nor does it solve the problem. If another failing school comes along, will McIntyre reserve yet another third of the seats at the STEM Academy for that particular school? Does the concept of the STEM Academy even really mean anything?

The superintendent hired 66 new employees with one-time money to “coach” teachers. As it turns out, these coaches are to mentor veteran teachers, not the new teachers who can be dismissed without being given a single reason why. Why in the world do veteran

teachers need coaches, yet new teachers don’t?

Each year we hear that we are improving our graduation rate, which is really a less important statistic. If we are going to talk about statistics there is really only one statistic that makes any difference at all and that is how many students are **prepared** to further their education or start a career? The reason we hear nothing about the preparation rate statistic is because the numbers are absolutely abysmal. Those numbers are so bad as to be positively frightening. If folks would look at those numbers and consider what we are spending on education they should be utterly appalled. What are we getting for our money?

Superintendent James McIntyre has been here for more than five years and we ought to be seeing a lot more tangible results besides graduation rates. What difference does it make if 100% of students graduate if very few of them are prepared to go on to college or get a job? It wasn’t so long ago society seemed to believe the job of educators was to prepare our children to further their educations or go on to become a productive member of society. In other words, be able to get and keep a job.

Every year we are told that the solution to our problems in education is more money. It’s very much like the “War on Poverty” started by President

Lyndon Johnson. We’ve spent a ton of money on that particular war and aren’t even close to winning it.

Dr. McIntyre is exceptionally good at flinging about the current school-speak vernacular; he’s also very good at creating new and more layers of bureaucracy. The expanding bureaucracy hasn’t done much to improve education locally.

At a time when resources are diminishing and just about every other aspect of government is expected to do more with less, we aren’t really holding our school systems truly accountable. A reactionary state legislature has taken it out on classroom teachers, even allowing many to be evaluated outside their own field. The legislature has changed the law to make it easier to fire young new teachers and allows the school system to ban them from teaching in that system for two years. It is cruel and needlessly punitive. Where is the accountability for the administration and, again, what are we getting for our money?

If there is anything more important than students being properly prepared to further their educations or go on to get a job, I don’t know what it is. Preparation needs to be the genuine focus of education and that needs to become the standard by which we judge a system’s effectiveness. Otherwise the consequences to society in the near future are scary.

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Knoxville's Founders Day Luncheon and Benefit

The Historic Homes of Knoxville are pleased to invite the public to a luncheon on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at noon at The Foundry to celebrate the founding of the City of Knoxville 222 years ago. Dr. Carroll Van West, Tennessee's State Historian, will be the featured speaker. His talk is entitled "War, Occupation, and Emancipation: East Tennessee's Historic House Museums and the Civil War Sesquicentennial". Knoxville's key leaders will come together to celebrate and promote the city and its most precious properties, including Blount Mansion, Crescent Bend House & Gardens, Historic Ramsey House, James White's Fort, Mabry-Hazen House, Marble Springs State Historic Site, and Westwood.

Dr. Carroll Van West is the Tennessee State Historian and the Director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture web site and director of the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, the only National Heritage Area administered by a university department. His research interests lie in 19th and 20th century Southern and Western history as well as architecture and material

culture. Dr. West has written numerous books, articles, and reviews, including his award winning work The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture, co-winner of the Tennessee History Book Award and recipient of an AASLH Award of Merit in 1999 (Tennessee Historical Society, 1998). Many of his works focus on Tennessee's history on subjects such as agriculture, architecture, the arts, and African American history. His most recent books include A History of Tennessee Arts: Creating Traditions and Expanding Horizons (UT Press, 2004), the state's first comprehensive history of the arts, and Heritage Areas: Getting Started (2006), which he co-authored for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

As a professor in MTSU's history department, he teaches courses in architectural history, historic preservation, and state and local history. Dr. West has directed to completion over seventy MA theses of MTSU graduate students and PhD students in history, historic preservation, and public history. Dr. West serves on the board of advisors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has worked with museum/preservation projects in many other states and has been recently

working on historic preservation issues in California, Mississippi, and Montana. He regularly speaks to history, museum, preservation, and civic groups and conferences in Tennessee and across the nation. A native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Dr. West holds a BA from MTSU, a master's degree in history from the University of Tennessee, and a doctorate in history from the College of William & Mary.

Each of these historic homes is a chapter of history unto itself. Together they exemplify and celebrate the continuing pioneering spirit that created Knoxville 222 years ago.

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at noon at The Foundry, 747 World's Fair Park Drive in downtown Knoxville. Guests may enjoy a meet & greet with Dr. Carroll Van West at 11:30 a.m., and the program and luncheon begin at noon. WBIR's Robin Wilhoit will perform the duties of Mistress of Ceremonies and Mayor Tim Burchett will provide a closing statement. Advance single tickets are \$50; a table of ten is \$500. Purchase tickets through www.KnoxTIX.com or by calling (865)523-7543. Advance reservations are requested by September 26.



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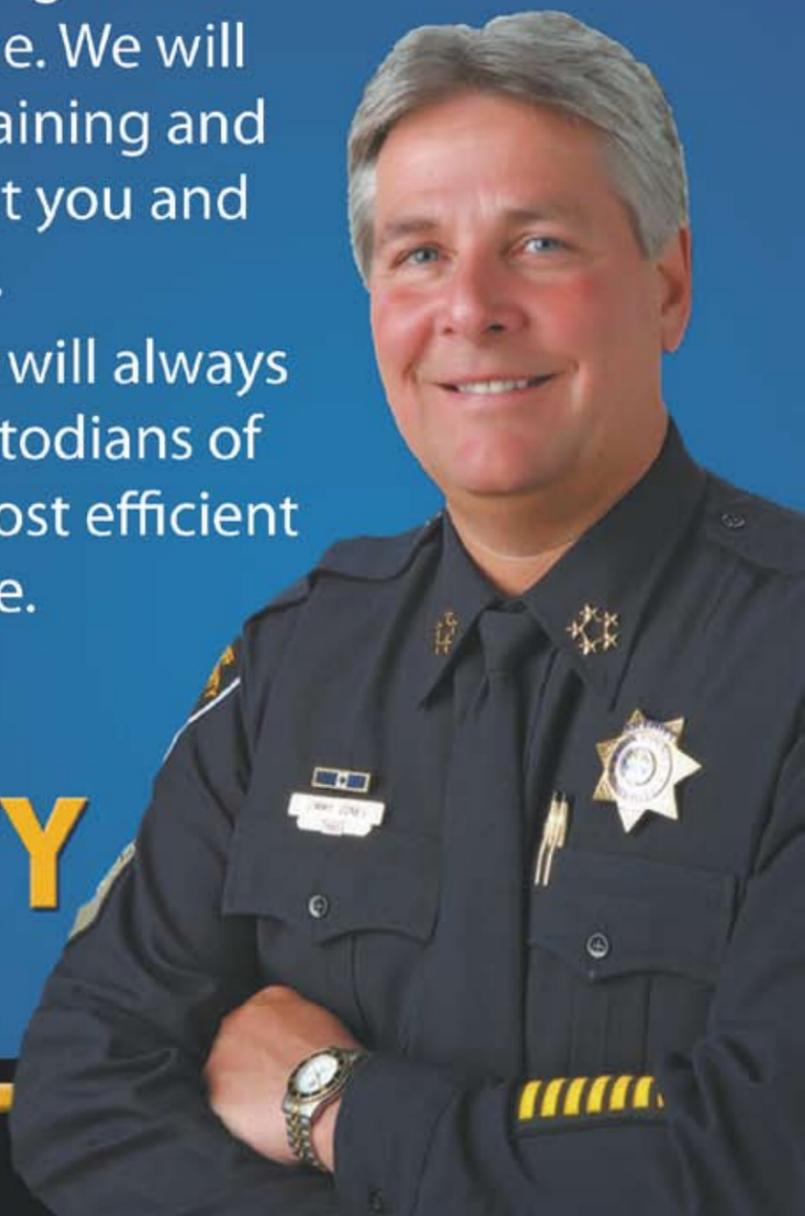


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Marine Outboard Specialties offers topnotch service with a personal touch

By Focus Staff
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A few years ago, Seymour resident Eric Burnett, who had been in boat sales and repair since 1997, saw the need for a boat service and repair shop and decided to open one. "I wanted to bring more honesty and integrity to the business, so I decided to go out on my own," Burnett told the Focus matter-of-factly. With the assistance of wife, Shanea, who serves as the office manager, Burnett opened Marine Outboard Specialties two years ago this October. The family-owned and operated repair shop in Seymour offers service and repair on Mercury, Yamaha, & Evinrude E-Tec boat motors. While customers are treated like they were part of the family, Marine Outboard

Specialties also offers top-notch mechanical repair and diagnostic testing. "We treat every customer like they were a part of our family. Other companies may offer similar services, but our services are the best, and come with a personal touch," Burnett added. In addition to the servicing of boat motors, the shop offers fiberglass and gel coat repair, personal watercraft repair, and trolling motor repair. As a dealer for Pro-Marine, Sierra/Medart, OBR, and CDI the shop also offers a variety of parts and accessories. They also sell and install Nightfashion Backlights, for night fishing, and Power-Poles, which are shallow water anchors. In addition to celebrating two years of business this October, the

Burnett's are also celebrating the birth of their first child, daughter Michelle, who is 9 weeks old. "She is our pride and joy," Shanea said, "and will be fishing with Mommy and Daddy before you know it." Marine Outboard Specialties is located at 755 Old Sevierville Pike, Seymour and serves all surrounding areas including (but not limited to) Sevierville, Kodak, Pigeon Forge, Knoxville, Dandridge, Maryville, Alcoa, Douglas Lake, Fort Loudon Lake, Norris Lake, & Watts Bar. Their hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, call them at 865-898-0009 or visit them online at www.marineoutboardspecialties.com.



Eric Burnett of Marine Outboard Specialties

Stopping the madness

Our country once again witnessed a senseless act of violence today at a Naval facility in Washington, D.C. All we seem to be able to do is shake our heads and wonder what is going on in the world. At the time of this writing (4:00 p.m. the day of the assault), not much is known about the reasons why Aaron Alexis smuggled into the building a shotgun and opened fire on workers. The latest count stands at thirteen dead (including Alexis) and an undetermined number have been wounded. Televisions and iPads and iPhones have broadcast endless streams of "news" all day. Most of what we've been bombarded with is speculation from officials, experts, reporters, and anchor desk individuals. Still, we know little behind the reason for the attack.



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My good friend Rev. Catherine Nance sent out an email earlier in the day. In it, she said, "Afraid that we will miss more breaking news, we do not turn off the TV or the radio. I urge you to turn it off for a bit and reclaim the spiritual act of lament. Just crying out to God. Just being sad. Just being hurt. Before sorting out all the answers and details and descriptions and debates and bloggers and ... just lament." It's good advice. Wringing our hands over each new piece of information, most of which offers no real news, leads to increased senses of anxiety and depression. Our world turns gray with the resulting fear, and many choose to remain home where things are safe. Of course, when they do stay there, the television sets go on, and discomfort is

ratcheted up. We can do nothing about the tragedies that have befallen the U.S. Yes, we should remember those who have lost their lives in such senseless acts. However, being frozen because of them only helps the culprits to win. The time has come for all of us to look inside ourselves and to look about our worlds to see what is causing so much violence. Some will say the problem is guns, and I'd be for getting rid of them all if that were the case. The fact is that guns are only a symptom of the problem. Fear is the engine that drives the random acts of violence and brutal murders. Some are afraid that their holdings in this life are in danger. They see an economy where find jobs are hard to find or their lack of education excludes them from openings. Others are afraid the government will come to take what

they have: property, guns, freedom. Still, other groups are fearful that another ethnic group will replace them in the work force or in social assistance lines. Some have mental illnesses which lead them to acts from their own paranoia. How can we alleviate those fears? In some cases, the federal government must end its childish behavior and begin governing instead of worrying about party ideology. We must create jobs and train workers for them. That means individuals must be willing to go back to school or stay in it so that they can learn the skills necessary to compete in today's economy. For those afraid of losing their place in this society, the answer is making sure that the rich don't get richer while the worker goes deeper in debt. We don't need a modern day version of the mining company store that keeps folks from ever being able to get ahead. Sure, people

who work hard should reap the rewards of their efforts, but at some point, they must be willing to plow some of them back into things that will offer hope to the worker. Last, we must again offer services for those whose mental health is teetering on the edge. Some "morons" at one time thought it would be good to close facilities to save money. What they managed to do was flood the streets with persons who are unequipped to handle daily life or who are terrified of what might be after them. Most of all, we must return to something simple: respect. The times require that we give each person respect for nothing more than being another inhabitant of this planet. The realization that a Creator has made each of us might give pause to some unhappy souls before they blindly go on a rampage.

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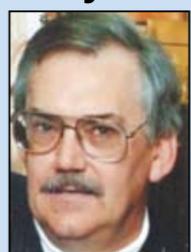
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Remembering the Three Holer

We were spending the day in Townsend recently, taking in the sites around Cades Cove and stopping here and there on the way to and from the Smoky Mountain

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

entrance. One of our favorite stops there is the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center. Seems there's always something going on there, like glass blowers, stained glass artists, artists, etc.

Oddly enough we had never noticed what was out back of the large center, so I peeked through the side door and was surprised at the number of buildings there. We paid our admission of \$4 for seniors (\$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and kids over 6 years old) and strolled up the hill to see what was there.

Wow, there's a village out there: Old homes, buildings, barns, and even a chapel. All relocated there from around the Townsend area. It reminded me a bit of the little village at Levi Jackson State Park near London, Ky. But what caught my eye and lodged in my memory was the smallest of those structures, the little outhouse.

I was raised in the country in my early years, way up a hollow along a dirt road, in a house with one electric light in the front room. The home was heated by a pot-belly

stove and, on a really cold day, by the coal-fired kitchen stove. The four room house had indoor water when you walked out to the well and drew the water from the well. We had outbuildings as well, a smoke house, a little barn, and that outhouse up on the hill, here and there.

I say here and there because a privy, or outhouse, is moved when the pit gets full, the dirt from the new site going to fill up the hole from the old site. Moving an outhouse is not a one-person job and if the little house isn't well build you find rebuilding rather than moving.

It was a long cold walk and visit to the little building on winter days. In the summer you had to watch, inside and out, for wasp, hornets, spiders and snakes. Soon you learned to take your own toilet paper, or whatever was handy, with you because the last person may or may not of left anything there that was useful. Catalogs, which back then came free in the mail, were useful for that purpose and for reading.

My father's mother, my other grandmother, had a grand outhouse. The wide, well built little building was built either to accommodate several people at once or people of different body size. The privy was a "three

holer" and each seat was diamond shaped and they varied in size. I can't imagine being seated there and seeing another person there as well, and I guess she could not as well because there was a hook latch on the inside door.

Outhouses disappeared as a town brought sewer pipes to an area or people went to septic tanks, and finding one now that is in actual use is still possible, but it's rare. I guess the closest you come to it nowadays is the portable potties you see at outdoor events or construction sites. But those are fancy compared to the common privy.

They say that Thomas Jefferson designed and built two brick outhouses. And that in England the term "outhouse" means any unattached building outside the main house. I also have heard that old outhouses are a great find for archeologists and all types of relics are often found when the pits are excavated, including old cans, bottles, shoes, etc. I remember that if you lost something down the hole, like a coin or knife from

your pocket, you considered it gone forever.

So much for outhouses. The Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center is just off the main road

through Townsend and you can reach them at (865)448-0044. There's lots to see in that "Peaceful Side" of the national park and it's a scenic drive from

there to the park's center near Gatlinburg.

Get off your couch, take a drive and discover the area for yourself and your family.



One of the exhibits at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend. Remember outhouses?

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Camille Kelley

'The Little Irish Judge'

Pages from
the Political
Past



By Ray Hill

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One of the more fascinating, as well as disturbing, stories in Tennessee history is that of Camille Kelley who became Judge of the Memphis Juvenile Court. A widow, Camille Kelley was a star in the crown of the Crump machine and when she assumed the bench, she was one of only two female judges in the South and the first woman to be a judge of the juvenile court. A plump, matronly woman with a pleasant smile and given to wearing nice clothes and a flower pinned to her ample bosom, she was also almost certainly corrupt.

Camille Kelley, one of the most prominent members of the Crump machine, would go from national recognition to a suspect in one of the most despicable and lurid scandals in Tennessee history.

Born the daughter of a physician and like many at the time, coy about her actual age, Camille McGee attended medical school for a couple of years before she chose to marry a successful attorney, Thomas Fitzgerald Kelley. Her husband had died by the time she ascended the bench in 1920. Camille Kelley was not a lawyer, but she seemed like a good choice to serve as Judge of the Juvenile Court, at least to Edward Hull Crump, master of the Memphis political machine. Crump and his political ally, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, were strongly in favor of rights for women, which meant the entire machine favored increased rights for women. Crump and especially McKellar worked hard to give women the right to vote in Tennessee.

It was just after Tennessee ratified the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution that Camille Kelley became Judge of the Shelby County Family Court. It allowed the Crump machine to appear progressive and compared to most political organizations, especially in the South, it was. The Memphis Boss had cobbled together virtually every aspect of Memphis's social life to comprise his political machine. Business, labor, public employees all played important roles in the machine, which extended to the PTA and beyond. Several high ranking members of the Crump machine were Jewish, notably Will Gerber and Abe Waldauer; Crump even encouraged African-Americans to vote, a fact which frequently outraged the machine's opponents. As judge of the Family Court, Camille Kelley was not only a demonstration the machine



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Camille Kelley, Judge of the Shelby County Juvenile Court, 1940

was progressive, but believed in the ability of women to serve in office. Judge Kelley herself commented that women really belonged in the home rather than elective office, but she remained on the bench for thirty years and only resigned when details of a sordid public scandal began to emerge.

As one of the few women in America to serve as a judge, Camille Kelley attracted national attention. Kelley delighted in sharing her opinions about child rearing and just about everything else, which were usually in the form of homilies. Never wearing a robe into her courtroom, Judge Kelley explained, "Robes would scare the children to death." Kelley went on to explain the corsage pinned to her breast: "They're not so timid when they see that I am wearing a flower."

Eventually, Judge Kelley would publish three books chock full of her opinions, witticisms, and advice. The first, "A Friend In Court," was published in 1942. Five years later, the judge penned "Delinquent Angels," followed by Kelleygrams in 1949.

Kelley's grandmotherly appearance, despite her love of fine clothes, furs and flowers, made her seem anything but threatening. Despite her lack of formal education, Judge Kelley was clever in her understanding of public relations. Following her original appointment to the bench, Camille Kelley was routinely elected by the people of Shelby County on the Crump ticket. Unlike some of her ticket-mates, Kelley

was so popular, she rarely ever had opposition.

Jennifer Ann Trost has written an interesting book, "Gateway to Justice: The Juvenile Court and Progressive Child Welfare In A Southern City," which contains much information about Camille Kelley.

Ms. Trost points out the Shelby County Family Court "cannot be understood without examining the life and ideas of its chief judge, Camille Kelley. So much of what the juvenile court was and subsequently became was defined by her philosophy and personality."

As Ms. Trost points out, Camille Kelley was quite contradictory about her own role, as well as that of other women in public life. Kelley opined, "No woman should enter public life if it makes her less a woman, for there is no height to which she may climb equal to real home making or wifehood or motherhood." Yet Judge Kelley acknowledged the need of many families for two incomes and she staunchly defended the right of women to work outside the home, but Kelley also excoriated many working mothers for neglecting their responsibilities at home.

"A mother in the home is of greater value to a child than money in the bank," was Judge Kelley's lofty opinion.

Apparently Camille Kelley had fixed opinions about most everything and never doubted her own wisdom. Kelley believed girls were more difficult than boys and one Memphis newspaper

told its readers, "Nor does a boy have to be a 'sissy boy' to be a good boy --- in fact Judge Kelley doesn't care for 'sissy boys'. She likes boys who are manly, boys who are 'reg'ler fellers'."

Although some black youngsters complained of harsh treatment while in the custody of the Shelby County Family Court, Ms. Trost notes Judge Kelley did not attempt to mete out different or harsher punishments to African-American children than she did to white youngsters. In fact, Camille Kelley apparently sought to better conditions for African-American children. Ms. Trost writes, "For her, the condition of childhood necessitated protecting black children as well as white children."

Judge Kelley believed "love is the modern way to educate children" and frowned upon parents spanking children, declaring it to be not "the scientific, advanced method" of discipline in the home. To say the least, that was quite a progressive view at the time.

Being one of the very few female judges in the country, Camille Kelley drew considerable attention not only in Memphis, but nationally. Judge Kelley was the recipient of several national awards and was regularly invited to appear on radio and television programs. By the time she resigned in 1950, Camille Kelley's service on the bench was fodder for a Hollywood production company which intended to produce both a movie and a television series about her work.

demanding "Hands Off Judge Kelley's Court" and "Free the Juvenile Court of Interference."

The official fired from the court was Beulah Wood Fite who was the chief probation officer for the Shelby County Family Court. The working relationship between Judge Kelley and Ms. Fite was apparently quite close, as after Kelley was widowed, Ms. Fite moved into the judge's home. Another employee from the juvenile court, one Altye Barbour, who presided over the mental exams given the children, also moved into Judge Kelley's home.

Fite was evidently well liked by many of the children whom she encountered in the course of her professional life and was generally referred to as "Mamma". Unfortunately for Ms. Fite, she was less well liked by some of the adults she worked with. Ms. Fite was not above chastising anyone she believed to have made a mistake, which extended to other officials. Described as having a "brusque" personality and regularly scolding parents whom she felt had done less than a stellar job with their children, Ms. Fite's forceful personality caused her to run afoul of the City Commissioner who demanded she be fired. A serious flood in 1937 caused the Memphis Red Cross to request children in the custody of the juvenile court to be moved to a location it considered safer. Ms. Fite arbitrarily rejected the request, which caused the City Commissioner to demand the Juvenile Court Advisory Board to dismiss her immediately.

Jennifer Trost writes that "Kelley was strangely silent about losing one of the best-qualified members of her court." Yet there is an explanation for Judge Kelley's silence. It is difficult to imagine any member of the City Commission to have demanded Ms. Fite's resignation without the express consent of Mr. Crump. Memphis and Shelby County was E. H. Crump's domain and it is not hard to believe the Memphis Boss would have been less than amused by a minor official haughtily rejecting a request by the Red Cross. Had Crump sanctioned Ms. Fite's dismissal, Judge Kelley would have had nothing to say about it, realizing to cross the Memphis Boss would imperil her own continued tenure at the court. Camille Kelley was too experienced and too shrewd to think she could countermand an order from Boss Crump.

Look for the second in this series next week.

Although certainly a member of the Crump machine, the Memphis Boss was content to let Kelley rule her own domain. Kelley herself boasted her court was untouched by politics. Judge Kelley condescendingly stated she did not participate in the sordid political arena, opining that women should not "supplant the men in public jobs they have held for hundreds of years. Women are capable, of course," she added, "but we can't spare them. We need them to concentrate on child welfare and education, work we are inherently better fitted to do than men."

When she was finally forced out of office, Judge Kelley told the mayor, "No political interference has ever touched the inside of my courtroom, so help me God." That was not entirely true.

As Jennifer Trost describes in her book, one of Judge Kelley's trusted aides was fired at the insistence of one of Memphis's City Commissioners. The public perception of Judge Camille Kelley was such that local newspapers roared their collective fury at the offending City Commissioner with blaring headlines

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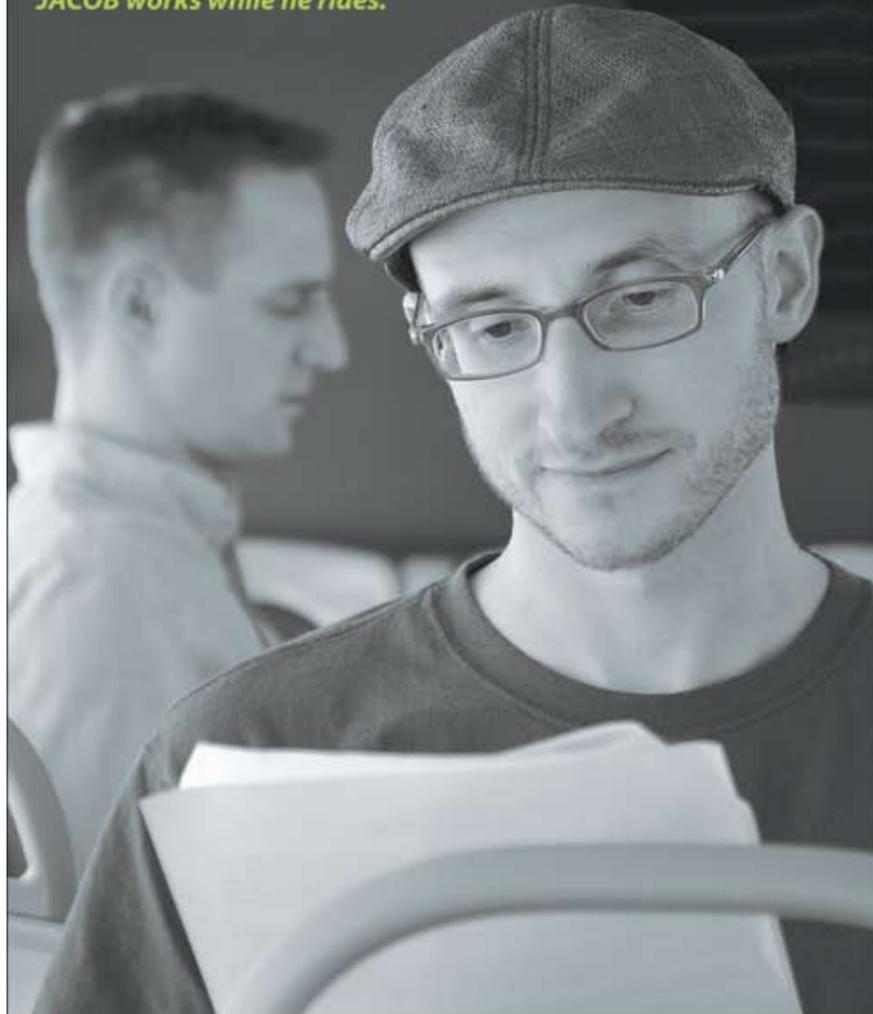
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A Look Ahead, A Glance Back Bobcats and Falcons renew 'great' rivalry

By Steve Williams

Longtime high school football fans no doubt still remember the great rivalry between Central and Fulton.

A new generation, including current high schoolers, are about to get a taste of it.

The Bobcats and Falcons will collide for the first time since 1998 this Friday night at Fulton.

Rob Black, Fulton head coach, said last week he hopes the series will become an annual affair once again.

"I'm glad to get the series with Central started back up," said Black, who was an 8-year-old ball boy for the Falcons' 1974 team which handed the Bobcats their only loss that season on their way to reaching the Class AAA state championship game. "No. 1, our communities are so close, the Fountain City community and the North Knoxville community.

"It was a great football series for a long time and I know it meant a ton to a lot of people years ago, so I'm hoping we can get that rivalry back going again. I think it can be beneficial for both schools."

The two programs currently have a two-year contract, said Black, and the game will be played at Central in 2014.

The rivalry was extremely competitive in the 1970s and 1980s. In fact, during an 18-game stretch in the series, from 1969 through 1986, the record between the two programs was 9-9.

Black was a senior on Fulton's 1983 team.

In the four games between the two schools from 1987 through 1990, the Bobcats won by lopsided scores.

"That was the time when they had voted to close Fulton," said Black. "They redrew some zone lines and we lost some kids to other schools and weren't as competitive at the time. Fortunately, they didn't close the school and we were able to keep this thing alive here and continue to build our program."

The Bobcats and Falcons didn't play each other in 1991 and 1992 but did resume the series from 1993 through 1998, with Central winning all six of those games, including a 28-14 win in 1998.

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Cottrell, Rebels to enough to hold off Admirals 25-16

By Ken Lay

West High School football coach Scott Cummings might've seen his team emerge victorious in a crucial District 4-AAA home game Friday night.

But he was anything but happy.

"We had three touchdowns called back

because we were absolutely 100 percent undisciplined," Cummings said after his Rebels overcame numerous penalties to notch a 25-16 district win over Farragut a Bill Wilson Field. "It was awful.

"We, as a team, can be much better than we even know. If we do this [this

week against Cleveland, we'll get blown out."

After a scoreless first quarter, West (3-1 overall, 1-1 in the district) cashed in on a Farragut turnover. Trey Davis intercepted a pass from Admirals' quarterback Bryan Phillips and the Rebels took possession at their own

43. West High would take a 6-0 lead when Nathan Cottrell rumbled 56 yards to the end zone with 9 minutes, 37 seconds left in the frame. A two-point conversion failed.

Farragut (2-3, 1-1) was playing its third consecutive road game, had its share of mistakes on this

night. Turnovers and penalties would prove to be the Admirals' demise.

"The story of the game was that they were able to overcome their mistakes and we weren't," Phillips said.

The Rebels missed a golden opportunity to go **Continue on page 2**

Central breaks 7 game losing streak to Powell

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When Powell's Tyshawn Gardin scored on a 6 yard run at the 5:42 mark of the first quarter to put the Panthers up 14-0 before Central had even run an offensive play it looked like Powell was on its way to an 8th consecutive victory over the rival Bobcats. JaJuan Stinson and his Central team mates had a very different idea, however.

On the first play following the kickoff after Gardin scored, Stinson took the handoff from Central quarterback Austin Kirby and headed up the middle. Powell seemed to have the play defended well, but the senior speedster cut to the outside and was gone to the end zone - outrunning the Panther defense 53 yards to score. Eli Holbert added the extra point, and from that point on Central continued to fight back until it took the lead for the first time in the game with 9:31 to go in the 4th quarter - a lead that the Bobcats never relinquished as it held on for a 37-35 shootout win.

In ending the streak, Central improves to 2-2 on the year, and 1-1 in district 3AAA play. Powell is also now 2-2 and 1-1.

Defensively Central had trouble finding a way to stop Powell in the first half, as the Panthers built a 28-14 lead late in the 2nd period. Central completely turned the momentum around late in the half, however.

Facing a 4th and 4 at the Powell 38 yard line with just seconds to go in the half, Central coach Joe Hassell reached in to his bag of tricks and pulled out a winner.

Senior WR Jeremiah Howard took the ball on what looked to be a reverse play, but instead of running with it, Howard stopped



PHOTO BY ERIC KENNEDY.

Central running back JaJuan Stinson (33 in black) runs the football, as Powell's Drew Carter (47 in white) tries to make a defensive play. Stinson rushed for 200 yards and returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown in helping the Bobcats to break a 7 game losing streak against the Panthers.

and planted and launched the football towards the end zone. Powell DB Mike Brown was in great position defensively, but somehow Central WR Cedric Washington came down with the football and fell in to the end zone with just 13.9 seconds to go in the half. After Holbert's kick, Central had cut the lead to 7 at 28-21 going to the locker room, giving the home team a huge lift in the process, and it would get the football to start the second half. Momentum had definitely swung towards the home team.

Central took the second half kickoff and drove to the Panther 15, where the drive stalled. Holbert made good on a 33 yard field goal attempt, cutting the lead to 4 at 28-24.

Powell then answered, going on a 5 play, 70 yard drive led by senior QB Hagen Owenby. Owenby's long run put the Panthers in position to score, and then Owenby also did the honors on a 5 yard run at the 7:32 mark of the third. Rogers' PAT stretched the lead back to 11 at 35-24, and again it looked like the Panthers were in good

shape.

Enter Stinson once again. Powell decided to kick deep instead of pooch kicking as they had up to that point in the game, and the speedster made Powell pay.

Stinson took the kickoff to the middle of the field and appeared to be hemmed in by the kick cover team of Powell. Stinson then cut to the outside and found a seam and went 90 yards to the end zone. Holbert slashed the lead to 35-31 with his extra point, and the momentum had swung the Bobcats way once again.

Powell returned the kickoff to the 37, and began a 10 play drive that bogged down at the Central 21. Rogers missed a 38 yard field goal attempt, keeping the score 35-31.

Taking over at its own 20 after the field goal miss, Central began the drive that would result in the game winning score.

It took the Bobcats 12 plays to go 80 yards, and ended when Kirby scored on a 1 yard keeper, bouncing off of a would **Continue on page 2**

Mission accomplished: Gibbs 36, Halls 0

By Steve Williams

It was payback time in Corryton. After years and years of being on the other end of the score, Gibbs beat Halls 36-0 in football Friday night at Ernest Whited Stadium.

It was a historic win for the Eagles, just what their coach wanted.

"We went from the lowest of lows last week at Clinton (38-19 loss) to the highest of highs," said Gibbs Coach Brad Conley. "I know a lot of people around Knoxville probably are not going to think this is a big deal because you had a 1-3 Gibbs team and a 0-3 Halls team, but Gibbs has beaten Halls twice in 55 years, 1958 and 1991. We impressed upon our kids that it didn't matter - the situation or the records.

"We wanted to be the team to start the streak and to be the team for doing something special.

"Our kids came out and had a great week of practice. I give all the credit to our kids. The coaching staff did a great job. It was just a team effort from start to finish."

Prior to their 14-11 win in 1991, the Eagles had lost 22 straight years (since 1969) in the series. The last time the two schools had played each other, in 2008, Halls won 42-7.

Junior quarterback Preston Booth ran for four touchdowns and threw for another to lead Gibbs, which notched its first win in three tries as a new member in District 3-AAA and is 2-3 overall.

"He did an outstanding job of running our offense," said Conley.

"We wanted it (the win) really bad," said Booth. "I can't tell you how hard we practiced this week. We worked as twice as hard as we ever have. I think we were really prepared for this game."

Gibbs rushed for almost 300 yards, with Joiner covering 131 yards on 15 attempts and Booth carrying the ball 19 times for 104 yards. Brock Davis added 38 yards **Continue on page 2**

Warriors Bounce Back in Big Way

By David Klein

Consider last week history. That's exactly what the Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors did in their game Friday night versus the visiting Scott High School Highlanders. CAK put behind the bitter disappointment of a home blow-out loss to Webb a week before and came out on fire against the Highlanders. The Warriors jumped out to a 37-0 halftime lead and were efficient in the passing game as quarterback John Sharpe threw for three touchdowns, all to Billy Spencer. CAK's Drew Jost also ran for two touchdowns as well as the

Warriors blasted the Highlanders 47-7. Sharpe had 276 yards passing at the half.

CAK got their scoring action going with a 4-yard touchdown pass from Sharpe to running back Drew Jost. It came with 7:29 left in the first quarter, and the score followed linebacker Conner Amburn's interception off of Highlander quarterback Jake Phillips.

Scott High got into the turnover act again, this time fumbling a punt. The Warriors recovered on the Highlander 12-yard line. Three plays later, Jost barreled in from one yard for

his second straight touchdown as the Warriors went up 14-0.

Following Jost's second touchdown, Scott's best drive of the first half lasted 13 plays and took up five minutes. The Warrior defense stiffened, and the Highlanders had to punt the ball back.

Now, it was Spencer's turn to get in on the touchdown action. He had dropped two passes on an earlier Warrior drive, but he kicked off his scoring binge with a 78-yard catch and run pass from Sharpe. On the play, Spencer caught the pass on the left sideline, then pivoted

inside to elude the defender and ran untouched for the touchdown and a 21-0 CAK lead.

"The moves just came natural, all reaction, pretty easy," Spencer said.

Spencer's other touchdowns were a 23-yard fade route from Sharpe and a 90-yard touchdown with 27 seconds left in the first half. On the 90-yard touchdown, Spencer caught the ball in the middle of the field, then cut outside to the left, outracing the defense to the end zone. The last CAK points of the first half came on a CAK safety from a quarterback sack, making the halftime

score 37-0 CAK.

CAK Head Coach Rusty Bradley said, "I moved him (Spencer) over to receiver (from cornerback) so that he can focus on receiver and help us offensively till we get some guys healthy and he stepped up and did a really good job."

CAK added a 40-yard field goal from Stephen Neu and a 4-yard run on fourth-and-goal from backup running back Cole Welch for its last two scores. The Highlanders prevented a shut-out with a 32-yard touchdown pass from Phillips to Austin Stephens with 1:39 left, making the final score 47-7 Warriors.

"I really challenged our guys after last week that we needed to respond," Bradley said. "Last week is not who we were (CAK lost 49-7 to Webb). The guys had two choices. We could fold or we could keep fighting back. Our guys kept fighting back and I'm proud of them for that. They showed a lot of courage, a lot of heart to continue to stay the course and I'm glad it paid off for them tonight," Bradley emphasized.

CAK travels to Grace Christian next week in a huge rivalry district game. The Warriors are now 2-3, 1-1 in District 4AA.

In reality or fantasy baseball, No. 17 still gets my respect

The first baseman on my fantasy baseball team had to shut down this season last week because of an injury. When I went on the wavier wire to pick up a replacement for the final two weeks of play, Todd Helton's name caught my eye.

I picked up the Knoxville product and longtime Colorado Rockies star who just a few days earlier had announced he would be retiring from major league baseball at the end of the season. It was just a little way for me personally to pay tribute to Helton.

It felt good to see Helton's name in my lineup. Besides, knowing what kind of competitor he's always been in baseball and football, I



By Steve Williams

figured Todd might just go out with a bang in his last games as a big leaguer, particularly in front of his admiring fans at Coors Field, and help my fantasy team as I battle for ninth place in our 12-team league.

I was right, at least for the first day I had Helton on my team. He went 2 for 6 and hit a tying homer to deep right in the bottom of the ninth as the Rockies outlasted the playoff-contending St. Louis Cardinals 7-6 in 15 innings.

Although it didn't net me any fantasy points, Todd also received national attention in that game last Thursday as he picked off the Cardinals' Mike Carpenter with the oldest trick in the book. After a pickoff attempt at first

base by Roy Oswalt, Helton faked the throw back to the pitcher, and Carpenter, not paying attention, stepped off the base and was immediately tagged out by Helton.

Carpenter, by the way, also is on my fantasy team and has had a great year, but he went 0 for 6 that day in addition to learning a lesson the hard way from a sly veteran like Helton, who is nicknamed the Toddfather.

It was apparent to some that Helton was going to grow up and become a great baseball player. Vance Link, who has been around youth baseball here for many years, once told me Todd was "unbelievable" as a 6-year-old. "He played first base and had a glove that was as big as he was," added Vance. "I told Lawrence House, if we can hang on to him, we'd be rich."

Helton went on to lead Bud Bales' Central High baseball team to a 31-0 record and Class AAA state championship in 1990, hitting .655 as a senior. He was a darn good quarterback, too, for his uncle Joel Helton's football Bobcats.

One thing I always noticed about Todd back in high school and on into his collegiate career at the University of Tennessee was that he had a knack for winning. If it was a close game, more times than not, Helton seemed to provide a winning edge.

At UT, Helton was a backup quarterback and briefly a starter before injuring his knee. That's when Peyton Manning came on to the scene for the Vols and Helton made a very smart decision to give his full attention to baseball, which would

be where he would make his living as a professional athlete.

As a closer for the Vols in 1995, Helton set a NCAA record for most consecutive scoreless innings pitched (47) and had a UT record 11 saves and 0.89 ERA in helping lead Tennessee to Omaha and the College World Series. He won the Dick Howser Trophy as National Collegiate Baseball Player of the Year after his junior season.

Helton signed with the Rockies on July 1, 1995 and made his major league debut on August 2, 1997 as a 23-year-old.

Numbers and statistics are a big part of major league baseball, and Helton has compiled many record-setting numbers in his big league career. But it is the number 17 that impresses

me the most. In this day and age of players coming and going, Todd is one of a very few that has stayed put, playing his entire 17-year career with the Rockies. And what a coincidence, too, that the number he wears is 17.

The Knoxville's summer of 2000, I must say, was a season to behold. As late as August 21, Helton was hitting .400 and would go on to win the NL batting title with a .372 average. He also led the league with 59 doubles and had 147 RBI and 42 home runs.

Those kind of numbers would have any fantasy league player drooling.

Todd was hitting .242 when I picked him up last week. I didn't care. He earned my respect long ago, and still has it.

Bobcats and Falcons renew 'great' rivalry

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Because of changes in the schools' enrollments and district alignments, the series was not continued.

Fulton is now a Class 4A school and Central Class 5A.

Fulton will bring a 5-0 record into the clash this week, and the Falcons are regarded as one of the top teams in the state, including all classifications. Central has won two games in a row to even its record at 2-2.

EARLY BIRDS: Week 5 will kick off on Thursday night with a dandy as once-beaten South-Doyle visits unbeaten Carter in a rivalry game that could be billed as "the Battle of John Sevier Highway."

Karns, seeking its first win, will host Clinton also Thursday in what could be a competitive District 3-AAA contest.

ATTENTION GETTER: South-Doyle Coach Clark Duncan calls Carter wide receiver Hank Black "a weapon" for the Hornets.

Cottrell, Rebels to enough to hold off Admirals 25-16

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ahead late in the first quarter. West started its second possession of the game on the Farragut 34-yard line. Penalties and a bad snap on third down forced West to put.

The Rebels took a 9-0 lead by halftime as Manny Ruiz kicked a 36-yard field goal with 16.1 seconds left in the first half. They had a TD called back on that drive when they were flagged for an illegal block.

Farragut's offense finally showed signs of life in the third quarter. The Admirals took the second-half kickoff and engineered a 13-play drive that consumed more than six minutes and netted a 34-yard field goal from Carter Phillipy to make it 9-3 with 5:59 left in the frame.

Cottrell answered with a 42-yard scoring dash two minutes later to give the Rebels a 15-3 lead.

The Admirals pulled to

Black has five touchdown catches this season.

FRIDAY FEATURES: Powell will test unbeaten Anderson County, the District 3-AAA frontrunner. Other headlines include CAK at unbeaten Grace Christian Academy and Catholic (4-0) at Hardin Valley Academy (3-1).

MUST WIN GAME: "Unbelievably huge," is what Powell Coach Tobi Kilgore calls his Panthers' upcoming game at Anderson County.

"Those guys are at the top of the district looking down at everyone else right now, they are ranked in the top 10 in the state and more than likely will be ranked in the top 5 when the next polls come out. This is an early season must win for us, if we want to be in the district championship hunt at the end of the year. All district games for us are that way this year. The district is wide open this year and we have to treat these games as if they are playoff games."

with 15-10 on a 2-yard plunge by Billy Williams. Williams added a 4-yard run to give Farragut a 16-15 lead early in the final frame. The Admirals had a two-point conversion nullified by a penalty. The second attempt failed and the visitors would self-destruct from there.

Cottrell returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards to give the Rebels a 21-16 lead. West quarterback Seth Marshall converted a two-point play to make it 23-16 with 4:53 to go.

Farragut had a chance to knot the game by Williams fumbled and the Rebels recovered.

West had two more touchdowns called back but picked up a late safety when Phillips was sacked in the end zone with 1:12 to go.

The Admirals have an open date this week and enter the bye having lost two consecutive games.

Mission accomplished: Gibbs 36, Halls 0

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on five carries. Booth also completed 3 of 3 passes for 66 yards.

"Our offensive line kicked some butt tonight," said Booth. "Without them, we couldn't have done anything."

Gibbs got the upper hand early when Brandon Williams and Hunter Lane teamed up to stop workhorse Garrett Moyers for no gain on third-and-one. On the first play after Halls' punt, Silas Joiner roared around right end for a 53-yard gain to the Red Devils' 7-yard line. Booth scored two plays later from the 3. Buck Hawkins' first point-after-touchdown kick made it 7-0.

Joiner did not play in the Clinton game due to an upper leg injury.

"I told him before the game, 'You've got to be the horse tonight, the guy we lean on' . . . He got us rolling tonight, and he gets a lot of tough yardage inside," said Conley.

Halls answered with three first downs and moved to the Gibbs 40, but the Eagles defense, getting minus-yardage tackles from Brandon Norton, Westen Lakins and Dallas Day, forced another punt.

Halls got the ball back at the Gibbs 37 but still couldn't

capitalize on the good field position. Spencer Herd's fourth-and-four pass was just out of Christian Glenn's grasp.

Back-to-back penalties foiled a Gibbs drive, but the Eagles got the ball back at the Halls 35 midway into the second quarter. Booth completed a 13-yard pass to Joiner, then scored on a 20-yard run to make it 14-0.

A running-into-punter penalty kept a Halls possession alive, but the ball was popped out of Moyers' hands and recovered by Gibbs' Davis.

Gibbs' Brendon Wilson returned the second half kickoff 62 yards to the Halls 37 to set up Booth's third TD run from the 7. The Red Devils lined up off sides on the PAT, and Conley chose to go for two. Booth converted up the middle to make it 22-0.

Colby Jones took a bubble pass from Herd 51 yards to the Gibbs 27, but the Red Devils could get no closer than the 20.

Gibbs drove 85 yards in eight plays to go up 29-0. Booth's 42-yard pass to Wilson was the big play. Booth's 11-yard aerial to Ethan Warden on a bootleg produced the points.

Halls went with freshman quarterback Caden Harbin the rest of the way.

Lakins stuck Moyers for a



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS/SPEARSPHOTO

Gibbs junior quarterback Preston Booth hands the ball off to junior running back Silas Joiner in the Eagles' historic win over visiting Halls Friday night. Joiner and Booth were Gibbs' leading rushers and Booth also had a hand in all five Gibbs touchdowns in the 36-0 victory.

3-yard loss on third-and-two to get the ball back and the Eagles still had another TD drive in their bag, going 55 yards in 10 plays. A 29-yard gallop by Joiner highlighted the march. Booth sneaked in from the 1 with 1:26 remaining.

"I think we'll have a lot of momentum going into next week," said Booth. "This win is great, but we've got to put it behind us after Sunday and get ready for Oak Ridge. I think we're going to have a great season. We're definitely not done."

Halls (0-2, 0-4) hosts Campbell County this week.

"We've got to quit self-destructing," said Halls Coach J.D. Overton. "We move the ball, then we turn it over, we

blow a formation . . . We're not finishing what we started."

Defensively, Halls gave up 10 or more yards on eight different plays.

"We lost option responsibilities from time to time and didn't do what we were supposed to do," said Overton. "We didn't play very disciplined on defense, which will hurt you against an option team like this."

Does Harbin's debut mean there could be an ensuing battle for the starting QB position at Halls?

"Every job we've got is open week to week," answered Overton. "Who knows?"

"He has a very bright future. He's a good young kid, a very good football player. We'll see where he goes."

Central breaks 7 game losing streak to Powell

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drive to kill the clock at its own 30, driving the ball to the Powell 20, where it did indeed run out the clock and preserved the hard fought 37-35 win.

"This is really big for us", Central's Hassell told me. "Any time we can get a win over our friends from Emory Road is big for this program."

To say that Stinson played a major role in the win is definitely an understatement. The Panthers just had no answer for Stinson's speed, quickness, and cutting ability. The senior rushed for 200 yards on 23 carries and 2 touchdowns, and he returned a kickoff 90 yards for another score - accounting for nearly 300 all purpose yards.

"He's an amazing young man, both on and off the field", Hassell said of Stinson. "When he gets the ball in his hands he makes special things happen, and that's our goal - to get the ball in his hands as many times and in as many different ways as possible."

Hassell was also very

complimentary of sophomore quarterback Austin Kirby, who directed the Bobcat offense nearly flawlessly.

"He stepped up big. He's a coach's son, and he does the things that we ask him to do, and that is to manage the game and be a leader on the field."

Kirby is a sophomore in his first season starting at quarterback. He carried the ball 5 times for 21 yards and a touchdown. His best run of the night came on a huge scramble late in the game to convert a first down, and he was 8-15 passing for 64 yards and threw no interceptions.

For Powell, Owenby was the clear leader, rushing for 135 yards on 22 attempts and 2 scores. Throwing the football the senior dual sport star connected on 12 of his 18 passing attempts, good for 140 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Total offensive yards were nearly even, with Powell ending the night with a 383 to Central's 356.

The penalty demons

continued to haunt the Panthers, as they were flagged 11 times for 120 yards, to Central's 8 flags for just 47 yards.

Each team turned the ball over twice.

As the season nears the halfway point, Powell will travel to Anderson County next week to take on the Mavericks. AC is 5-0 and was ranked 6th in the state by the Associated Press in Class 5A a week ago, and a convincing win over Karns on Friday will likely do nothing but improve on that ranking.

Central has the daunting task of trying to slow down the Falcons of Fulton this week, as it makes the drive up Broadway to take on perhaps the state's best team, who have given up only 7 points in the Falcon's 4 games thus far in 2013.

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CHS grad Helton will call it a career on the diamond

By Ken Lay

When the Major League Baseball season ends on Sept. 29 it will mark the end of an era for the Colorado Rockies as it will be the last time that Todd Helton will step on the field as a big league baseball player.

Helton, who announced his retirement recently, will end his career at Dodger Stadium, one of the most beautiful ballparks in the National League.

Helton, a 1992 Central High School graduate, was a two-sport star for Bobcats. He was Central's quarterback as well as a star on the baseball diamond. He was drafted out of high school by the San Diego Padres. But he chose to stay home and play baseball and football at the University of Tennessee. His football career was cut short by a knee injury in 1994.

But that didn't seem to hinder his baseball career. In baseball, he led the Volunteers to the 1995 College World Series and won the Dick Howser Award, which goes to the nation's top college baseball player, while at Tennessee.

After a stellar career on Rocky Top, Helton took his show west to Colorado where he became a Major League star. He broke in 1997 before playing his first full Major League season in 1998.

He made an impact early. In 1998, he hit .315 and finished second in the NL Rookie of the Year voting behind Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood.

From there, it was a long, successful ride for the boy from Knoxville. His career with the Rockies lasted 17 years as he became a face of a rabid

sports town. There, he took his place beside Denver Broncos legend John Elway (now the president of the franchise) and Avalanche goaltender Patrick Roy, who now coaches Colorado's resident NHL franchise.

Helton will retire later this month and when he leaves baseball he'll do so as Colorado's franchise leader in hits, home runs and runs batted in. At the time of this writing, Helton has 2,506 career hits, 367 home runs and has knocked in 1,397 runs.

He won a batting title when he hit .372 in 2000. He was a five-time National League All-Star. He won three Gold Gloves (2001, 2002 and 2004) as the NL's best defensive first baseman. He was the top hitter at his position from 2000-2003 when he won five consecutive Silver Slugger awards.

He played in the 2007 World Series. Unfortunately, the Rockies were swept by the Boston Red Sox.

Whether or not his numbers merit a place in Cooperstown is to be determined. Helton however, has hit over .300 during a stellar career and he has been the face of the Rockies for nearly two decades and will continue to be for some time to come.

He never won a World Series but he certainly can't have many regrets. He's brought baseball fans in Tennessee and Denver plenty of joy. And as one of the game's best all-around hitters, he certainly made opposing pitchers miserable.

Here's hoping that he'll have a great life now that his playing days are coming to an end.



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Farragut's Katie Beuerlein (7) moves the ball past Beardens's Riley Strickland (10), Emily Mayfield (12) and Andi Kur (27) in the Lady Admirals' 6-1 victory over the Lady Bulldogs Thursday night in Farragut.

Farragut's offense clicks against rival Bearden

By Ken Lay

The season has been full of offensive struggles for the Farragut High School girls soccer team but things finally clicked for the Lady Admirals Thursday night.

And the timing couldn't have been better. Farragut's attack didn't sputter and the result was a 6-1 victory over rival Bearden in a District 4-AAA match at the Farragut Soccer Stadium.

The Lady Admirals (7-1-3 overall, 2-0-2 in the district) nabbed a signature league victory they sorely needed and the offensive barrage began early when senior midfielder Joanda Parchman promptly buried a shot in the back of the Lady Bulldogs' net just 30 seconds into the contest.

Farragut, Tennessee's sixth-ranked team, entered the game with a sense of desperation. The

Lady Admirals tied their first two district matches against Hardin Valley and Maryville before beating Lenoir City.

"We dug ourselves a little bit of a hole with two ties," Farragut coach Dennis Lindsay said. "We had to have this game."

"Bearden is a good team. They're ranked No. 3 in the state."

The Lady Bulldogs, who suffered their first district loss Thursday, certainly didn't look like State Title contenders against Farragut.

"We got beat by a better team tonight," Bearden coach Eric Turner said

after watching his team fall to 11-2-1 overall and 4-1 in District 4-AAA. "They were ready to play and we weren't."

"They were prepared to play and they scored off three corner kicks."

Farragut's Emma Jeter scored the game's next two markers. Her goals came 14 minutes apart. She scored in the 23rd minute and added her second tally in the 37th to give the Lady Admirals the 3-0 advantage that they enjoyed at halftime.

Farragut remained hot after the break. The Lady Admirals scored in the 43rd minute when Katie

Beuerlein chipped in a corner kick from Parchman, who was celebrating her 18th birthday.

Farragut took a 5-0 lead when Katie Cloud scored four minutes later.

The Lady Bulldogs scored their lone goal of the match from Casey Riemer in the 48th minute.

Cloud, a senior forward and defender, closed the scoring in the 68th minute when she took a pass from K.C. Ward and put into the net for the Lady Admirals, who have reached the State Tournament in each of the last two seasons.

The Era of Instant Gratification

By Alex Norman

Following the Vols first two victories of the season, there were actually callers to local sports talk radio shows (of which there are now approximately 4500) so optimistic that they told the host that they could see UT winning 10 games this season.

Following the Vols 45 point loss at Oregon in the third week, some Tennessee fans were so disheartened that they called local sports talk radio shows to criticize new head coach Butch Jones and the game plan... and the quarterback... and the defense... and former athletic director Mike Hamilton... and basically anyone that has ever played for or worked at or heard of Tennessee over the past 100 years.

It begs the question... what is wrong with people?

Not to be all "Get Off My Lawn!" here... but things were better back in the day in this respect, weren't they?

When Johnny Majors was Tennessee's head coach, the Vols records during his first four seasons (1977-1980) were a combined 21-23-1. It wasn't until 1981 that Tennessee won as many as eight games, and that was also the first year that UT won a bowl game under Majors (the now defunct Garden State

Bowl in East Rutherford, NJ).

Would Majors have been allowed to continue as Tennessee's coach had those records been posted today?

Absolutely not. And Majors didn't turn out too bad, with a 116-62-8 in 16 seasons in Knoxville, including three SEC championships.

Maybe it is the byproduct of a Tennessee football program that hasn't posted a winning record since 2007. Or maybe it is what happens when ticket prices go through the roof. Or just maybe we as fans have simply lost the ability to be patient.

Five years ago, Phillip Fulmer was fired after more than 16 seasons as the Vols head coach. His Vols finished 152-52 during that time, with a BCS national championship mixed in. But he hadn't won an SEC title since 1999. Even though the Vols played for SEC championships in 2001, 2004 and 2007, he was booted after a 3-6 start in 2008.

Maybe Fulmer's best days were behind him. But does anyone think the Vols would have been worse had Fulmer kept his job than the 23-27 mark Tennessee posted in the past four seasons? Remember, Fulmer had a solid recruiting class set

to arrive in Knoxville, led by quarterback Tajh Boyd. He had Clemson ranked in the top five in the nation, and is a serious candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

But this isn't just a problem in Knoxville. The odds are pretty strong that Mack Brown will be fired by Texas at the end of the season. Like Fulmer, he has lasted in Austin into his 16th season, and like Fulmer has won 100 more games than he has lost (a 151-45 record). Like Fulmer, he has a BCS national championship to his credit. And like Fulmer, fans of his football teams want to know why they are in the mix for a national championship.

I'm not saying that every coach deserves fans eternal support. In three years at Tennessee, Derek Dooley's record was 15-21, with an inept mark of 4-19 in the SEC. It was obvious to anyone that watched this football program during Dooley's time that he had to go. An argument could be made that he should have been fired after his second season, when the Vols lost to Kentucky for the first time in more than a quarter century.

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Cruis'n

Just when you think things can't get any better, they do. I turned that phrase around because it reflects my mood as I sit on our cabin's veranda overlooking the exotic port of Dubrovnik, Croatia. We celebrated our thirty-eighth wedding anniversary last night with the bottle of champagne we won dancing; and the Bucket List adventure continues.

Taking a cruise is expensive, but investing in memories is priceless. Cruising is a unique way to travel because you take your hotel room with you as you travel to the next port while you sleep. Also you're spared the daily task of packing and unpacking, and all your meals are paid for. It's a real treat when Becky and I go out to a nice restaurant at home, but on a cruise

it's fine restaurant dining every night. Our ship is home to 2000 guests and 800 crew members, but it's half the size of an aircraft carrier with a complement of 5000 souls. And our floating hotel is far more luxurious with more food than you should eat and complementary room service if you desire. Nightly we're entertained by Broadway class singers and dancers, Cirque du Soleil like performers, piano bar vocalists, and classical violinists. There's always something to do, or you can just sit on the deck and people-watch or snooze. And shore excursions enable you to see the wonders of the world and experience different cultures. Years ago I considered becoming a cruise ship's doctor,

but finally concluded it's good to travel, but even better to come home.

In the opinion of this temporary "travel writer," Venice, Italy is the most interesting city in the world. We spent two days ashore exploring the small twisted streets which traverse innumerable canals by graceful half-moon shaped bridges. Canals are the real streets of Venice and give this floating city its unique charm. The city sits atop one hundred and seventeen islands all supported by pylons which are trying to save the city from sinking into the marsh. This seems to be a losing battle because Venice is sinking nine inches a year.

It's really odd to hear an ambulance in Venice and look up to see Sea Ray-like boats in yellow rushing to the rescue. And rush hour in "Venezia" is doubly strange because it is comprised of delivery barges, public transportation-boats and taxi-boats, amidst gondolas and the private boats of Venetians who pay for boat slip parking just as we pay for street parking.

Have you ever noticed how different your neighborhood looks when you walk rather than

drive? The view from our Tennessee River is certainly different than from the banks. And no trip to Venice is complete without the view from one of its signature gondolas. When I was young and bumbling around Europe before medical school, I couldn't afford a gondola ride; this time I could. Becky admitted that she chose Roberto as our gondolier because he was Italian-handsome. She chose wisely because our ride on the Grand Canal was made even more memorable by his musical Italian elocution.

I've always had wanderlust and I've traveled to a lot of places, but few as beautiful as Dubrovnik, Croatia or Kotor, Montenegro. These countries were formed by the Yugoslavian wars in the 1990s. Many may recall names like Sarajevo, Bosnia or Kosovo, but these strange places become more real when you stand in Dubrovnik and see the scars of Serbian and Montenegrin shelling. The name Yugoslavia means "all the Slavs" yet there were other ethnic groups and many religions that fell upon each other after the death of the former Soviet era dictator, Tito.

I take no sides in these recent wars of

nationalistic and ethnic cleansing because there are enough faults to go around. I see only the sad repetition of history. In 100 AD the Roman emperor Trajan conquered this same region and annihilated the country and people of Dacia. The only remnants are the people of Romania, whose Romanian is even more Latinized than other Romance languages.

Today Dubrovnik and Kotor are UNESCO cultural heritage sites and wondrous. Both have "old city" areas that date to the Middle Ages. From the winding and narrow streets you hear exotic music from radios and the voices of people correcting their children and chatting as they hang their wash from windows to dry in the Mediterranean sunshine. We scaled the walls of the old forts and walked everywhere taking pictures that we may never look at again, but it's what tourists do to help them remember places they'll probably never see again.

We Southerners have a reputation for being hospitable, but we were made similarly welcome in a cliff-side cafe above the Adriatic in Dubrovnik and in an al fresco cafe in Kotor. Perhaps it's just

easier to be hospitable in small towns as opposed to New York or Paris.

We've now rounded the corner in our journey, and the CA Tour Group is on the homeward stretch. We left Corfu, Greece today (the birthplace of Prince Phillip) and sailed westward across the Ionian Sea. By the time you read this we'll have traversed the Strait of Messina and the boot of Italy, and will soon be in the Eternal City. The capital of the Roman Empire lasted a thousand years. Saint Augustine and the ancients thought the city was eternal. That perspective proved wrong when it was sacked by the Visigoths in the fourth century AD. Many have compared America to ancient Rome. I hope they're wrong.

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

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

Study Determines Leading Cause of Death in College Athletes

UT Medical Center Researcher Calls for Educating Athletes, Planning for Loss

The leading cause of death among college athletes is motor vehicle accidents, according to a recently published study. The study showed the rate of death in the general population of college-aged young adults is actually five times greater than that of the athletes. But it also, according to researchers, revealed that athletes in certain sports died in motor vehicle accidents at a significantly higher rate than

that of other athletes, at levels that mirrored the general population.

There were 273 deaths during the five-year study that recorded nearly 2 million athlete participation-years among National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) athletes. Of that number, 145, more than half, were due to accidents or unintentional injury, with 100 occurring from motor vehicle accidents. Dr. Irfan Asif of the

University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine at The University of Tennessee Medical Center conducted the study in conjunction with a researcher from the University of Washington and assistance from the NCAA. The study revealed a higher level of motor vehicle accident deaths associated with athletes participating in three particular sports: men's basketball, football and wrestling.

"It suggests that athletes in the sub-groups, football, wrestling and basketball, may be engaged in higher risk activities,"

Asif said. "Team physicians play a unique role in the lives of student athletes and at times are able to get information from these students that others may not be able to obtain. With that information, perhaps there is an opportunity to halt or at least lessen the high risk behavior and to create effective safety and accident prevention programs."

Asif said discussions about drinking and driving or texting and driving can be helpful, as an example. He also suggested that universities create what is known as a catastrophic incident

plan to help the institutions and those close to them prepare for untimely athlete deaths, regardless of the cause.

If anything happens, the schools can put that plan into place immediately and hopefully help minimize the damage," Asif said. "You never know the kind of impact the loss of life can have on people and how many lives can be affected by the death of a student athlete. In addition to parents, teammates, coaches and training staff, student athletes often earn the attention and admiration of other students and even the

community at large."

Elements of a catastrophic incident plan, according to Asif, should include the availability of counseling for all those impacted as well as a plan for media coverage and publicity that is sensitive to the victim's family.

The study was recently published in the Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine. According to study results, male athletes were twice as likely to be involved in accidents. The study did not reveal a significant difference in accident rates among different races.



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Church On Fire Helps Second Harvest. Pastor Carl Brock (front row red shirt) brought his members to Second Harvest to volunteer their time to label, stuff, and box cereal to be given to people whom otherwise may not have food to eat. Serving people as we are told to do by God. This was a way to share compassion and love of a Christian. Church On Fire intends on attending Second Harvest again in two weeks. Thanks to Second Harvest for the experience.

Jesus Christ. What does that name mean to you? For some people, it means everything. For others, it is only uttered as an expletive. Most people believe that a man in the first century with this name did live. There is too much extra-biblical proof showing that there is an historical Jesus. But for many, He was just a good man and wise teacher. Yet Jesus claimed He was more than that.

Those who encountered Him quickly realized that He was no ordinary man. Many were asking, "Who is this man?" This is by far the most important question any of us could ask. Jesus was a miracle worker, amazing teacher with authority like none other, compassionate, critical of hypocrisy, and kind to the brokenhearted. But Jesus was much more than this.

Those who knew Jesus best were His twelve apostles. They spent many days and nights with Christ over His three-year ministry. When Jesus asked them on one occasion who they thought He was, Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29).

Jesus goes on to explain what the role of the Messiah is. "He (Jesus) then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
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of Christ

rise again" (Mark 8:31).

Peter is not pleased with this declaration of Christ. In fact, he rebukes Jesus. This is nonsense. The Messiah is not to be rejected and killed, but to set up a throne in Jerusalem. Peter thinks Jesus forgot the script for His life. Jesus had a lot of work to do in order to help people redefine their expectations of the Messiah. Jesus goes on to chastise Peter and then uses the moment to teach the crowd around Him about the cost of being one of His disciples.

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:34-36).

Jesus not only tells the crowd who He is, but also gives clear expectations about what it means to follow Him. When it comes to being a Christ follower, He is either the only way, or no way at all. You either follow Him with everything you got, or nothing at all.

"But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in Him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did" (1 Jn. 2:5-6). We want to walk in step with our Savior. This is not a game. This is real. Let Jesus determine your decisions and change your actions.

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request. For more information please call the church office at 865-690-1060 or email blloyd@beaveridgeumc.com.

Church Of Jesus Christ Of Later Day Saints

Free stuff yard sale: September 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Later Day Saints, located at 6024 Grove Drive in Knoxville. Items not for resale.

Gillespie Avenue Baptist Church

Gillespie Avenue Baptist Church, 1701 Gillespie Avenue, will host their bi-annual homecoming on Sunday morning October 6, 2013. Morning service will begin at 10:45 with a covered dish meal to follow at noon. All members, former members and friends are invited.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Next Sunday, Sept. 29th, being a 5th Sunday of a

month, a special offering will be taken, as normally is done on every 5th Sunday, for the Holston Home for Children in Greeneville, TN.

Also, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, a training session for "Safe Sanctuaries" will be held from 3-5 p.m. at Sweetwater 1st United Methodist Church. This is a required program for all those working with children and/or youth. Another session is scheduled for Oct. 20th at another location.

Looking ahead, the youth once again are planning for the annual "Pumpkin Patch" to appear in the church's front yard sometime in early October in support of mission work. They'll need plenty of volunteers, so be ready to serve as you are able.

Remember for your "above & beyond" giving, both the PIP Fund and the "Extra 1/2 Month's Tithe" campaigns.

For further information, please call our church office at 573-9711. Our informational website is: www.seymourumc.org.

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church 701 Merchant Drive will host a free Medicare informational meeting, with a question and answer time, on Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker Blake McCoy will cover topics like, What should I do and when should I do it? Do you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program such as QMB, SLMB or Medicaid? Do you need help with Prescription Drug costs?

Light refreshments provided. Call 688-4343 to register.

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House to Home

Ode to Coach

By Sarah Baker
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The 1970-71 Powell Elementary basketball team met at the home of David Bozeman on Thursday September 19 to honor their beloved coach, Ben Burnette, who led them win the Knox County Championship and finish with a 17-0 season. Burnette taught or worked as a principal in Knox County for thirty-four years. His wife, Martha, a former Central High School home economics teacher, taught thirty-one years. The men who came to honor them still consider them second parents.

The celebration was a surprise to Burnette and his eyes flooded with tears as he realized how many of the team were there. At least one drove from out of state to thank his old coach and give him a hug. The evening was loaded with warm hugs and cold drinks as the former teammates talked over old times. Coach Burnette recounted specific victories of each player and each man's eyes would light up when he realized that his coach still remembered what he brought to the team. For example, Bo Norman made seven shots during the championship

game and didn't miss one. The party was a cook-out with hamburgers, hot-dogs, awesome salads, and a cookie cake with 17-0 written on it. The good time stories started way before supper and continued way after dark. There was the time they put former teacher Tom Jursik's trash can upside down on his desk and the time, after the championship game, when they put both principals in the locker room shower. It hadn't mattered to them that these men were wearing three piece suits. Tommy Milligan explained that the year before they



1970-71 Powell Elementary basketball team honors Ben Burnette.

He took this bunch and made a team
For the ability to run and swish the net
We owe to the coaching of Mr. Burnette

We gave him some anxious moments we found
He sweated it out while we clowned around
But he never got mad and "bawled" us out
With a pat on the back, we'd pull the game out.

And after all these years, they are still grateful. What a legacy. What a life.

won the championship, Coach Burnette made a banner that said "Powell Panthers/1970-71 Champions." "We saw that banner every day," explained Milligan, "and we believed it would be true." Players also remembered fondly a poem that

Friday Night at the Auction

Where, oh where, have the good times gone? I'll tell you where they've gone, they've headed on down to Fountain City Auction! I used to go to auctions about 20



By Joey McKinley

years ago, but over time, the Knoxville auction scene trickled down to near nothing. These days, though, they are back with a vengeance. One of Knoxville's most respected auction houses is right here in Fountain City. It's truly one of the most entertaining Friday nights to be had and you don't even have to spend a dime. On the other hand, Fountain City Auction Owners Greg and Sarah Lawson wouldn't mind one bit if you decided to shop a little while you were there.

The auction process provides a very important service to the Knoxville community. After sitting down with Greg, I came away with a new respect for my beloved Friday night adventure. His and Sarah's main objective is to help people through the particular circumstance that has landed them at the Fountain City Auction house. Greg explained to me that auctions allow families to conveniently downsize their home and belongings.

Auctions can also be the closure a spouse or child is looking for after the passing of their loved one. It's a way to make money and some folks even make their living reselling

vintage, antique and used merchandise. Others may be looking for extra cash flow to supplement their income through troubled times. At a recent auction, Greg shared the story of a woman that needed the money to enable her family to pay medical expenses and help maintain her place within the assisted living community.

Greg and Sarah have a deep love for the service they provide. Neither feel as if it is work, but more like a life's calling. They are often told that their honest and careful disbursement of a family member's beloved collection was more than expected. Like me, they are enamored with "the story." Every item has a story. It is the love of it, the mystery of it, and way it moves into your heart; that keeps us coming back for more.

Several weeks ago, I got a box of antique dolls at Fountain City Auction. I was digging around in the box; looking, looking. I wasn't quite sure for what, but you know what they say, "You'll know it when you see it." Then I found it, a sweet card tucked in a booklet at the bottom of the box, dated 10.11.1949. It read:

"Dear Mrs. Jachowski, I can't tell you the fun I had looking for a doll that would go with your very interesting collection.

Often on a Sunday afternoon ride we would stop

in an antique shop on our way, but not until the other day in a shop in South Philadelphia did I see this sweet Japanese doll.

She isn't perfect but I thought her face and dress most lovely and I do so hope you like her too.

Best wishes, Louise Mayer" Ahhhhh, the story... This is one of the times when I got to read some of it. It made me smile, and I may have even teared up a little bit (shhh, don't tell anyone).

It was only a few days ago that I learned that my antique Southern Railway sign (purchased at Fountain City Auction) was previously owned by a man that had passed away just two days before he had planned to elope with his sweetheart. They were both 80+ years of age and had decided they couldn't wait to get married. He had been an antique dealer, collector, and store owner for most of his life. He lived fully until the very end. I'm proud to be able to pass on this meaningful event, along with his lovely Southern Railway calendar dated February 1926.

Friday night at the auction is more than just a good time; it is a GREAT time! It can be the piecing out and selling off of a person's life, of a person's great loves. It is not to be taken lightly or without regard.

I have not even touched on other parts of the Fountain City Auction experience... How talented an auctioneer Hobie

Humphries is AND how laugh out loud hilarious he is, how inviting and helpful Rick and Ron are, the warm feeling you get when you are there. Sarah's homemade food, the laughter, the community, the sheer entertainment value. The truth is, it is so much more than that. It really is where dreams go to die and become reborn. To be found again. It is a place where the story can go to have a new home. If you go to Friday night at the auction and pick yourself up a little something, you can add your story to it too.

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contact Jacki (Davis) Kirk at (865)250-0103 or Sandra (Strange) Davis at (865)382-3742, by September 28.

On Friday afternoon, October 11, all interested graduates are invited to tour Powell High School, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Afterwards, we will gather at Corvette's BBQ and Sports Bar to continue our visit. Corvette's is located at the intersection of Brickyard and Emory Roads.

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½ tsp ginger
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Yellow cake mix
2 cubes butter
½ - ¾ c chopped pecans
Whipped cream

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