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## Teachers vent at school board meeting



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

The Board of Education, addressed by Mark Taylor above, faced a room full of red-shirted Knox County Schools teachers and supporters.

By Mike Steely  
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Teachers and supporters voiced their frustration with the current state-required teaching method and attacked School Superintendent James McIntyre and the Central Office at a teacher-packed City County Building where the Board of Education meeting was held last Wednesday.

Dressed in red for solidarity,

teacher after teacher stood at the podium to unload their opinions. Many spoke for longer than their allotted five minutes, and received standing ovations from an audience who shared their complaints.

"I have never, ever, seen morale as low as it is right now," said a high school science teacher with 19 years of experience.

Another thirty year teacher

came to tears after introducing herself to the board, but, encouraged by the support of other teachers, went on to tell the board that teachers are being told: "We are not enough."

Others said that the Common Core and APEX evaluations are turning students into "test takers" and "robots."

Several speakers said that the unexpected and unannounced

evaluation in the classrooms, along with the evaluation scores of teachers by outside evaluators, is causing good teachers to retire early or simply quit, "Students are distracted by the interruption (during evaluations) and some students have complained to their families about "stalkers" in the classroom.

"We are being mistrusted and

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### FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

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November 7, 2013.

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

### Pellissippi State opens Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center today

Pellissippi State Community College celebrates the grand opening of the Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony. The community is invited to attend.

The ceremony begins at 3 p.m. in the courtyard outside the Educational Resources Center, where the new facility is housed. The Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center is located on the Hardin Valley Campus, 10915 Hardin Valley Road.

The dedication will be attended by Pellissippi State student veterans, area dignitaries and elected officials. The Veterans Success Center's namesake, Ben Atchley, an early and longtime supporter of Pellissippi State, also will be present.

Atchley, who was born in Knoxville in 1930, served in the U.S. Naval Reserves-Seabees (Construction Battalion) for 10 years, 1948-58. He was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1972, then to the Senate in 1976, where he served for 28 consecutive years. He retired from the Legislature in 2004.

The Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center will centralize veteran-related services—including tutoring, mentoring, advising, financial assistance and job placement services—at a single location. The facility plans to serve an estimated 125 veterans each year.

"We're trying to provide an additional layer of

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## Election results are in Della Volpe to serve second term

By Tasha Mahurin  
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"Knoxville continues to be a great place to live and work- a city with a bright future. I will continue to work for sound healthy neighborhoods and rational economic growth, and I will continue to speak out on behalf of our citizens," Nick Della Volpe told *The Focus* following his win last week.

The 4th District councilman was re-elected to another 4-year term on Knoxville's City Council over challenger Rick Staples.

A Holston Hills resident and veteran attorney, Della Volpe has been involved in the community for over 40 years and looks forward to a second council term.

"I greatly appreciate the support and vote of confidence from the voters and the generous help I received from neighbors and friends during the campaign. Despite a light turnout, I think the voters turned away a pitch from the special interests behind my opponent," Della Volpe told *The Focus*, citing opposition from special interest groups such as the Fraternal Order of Police and the Firefighter's Association.

Della Volpe defeated Staples with 51.67 percent- garnering some 2,068 votes to Staples 1,934. (The Knox County Election Commission reported only 4,349 of 105,000 eligible

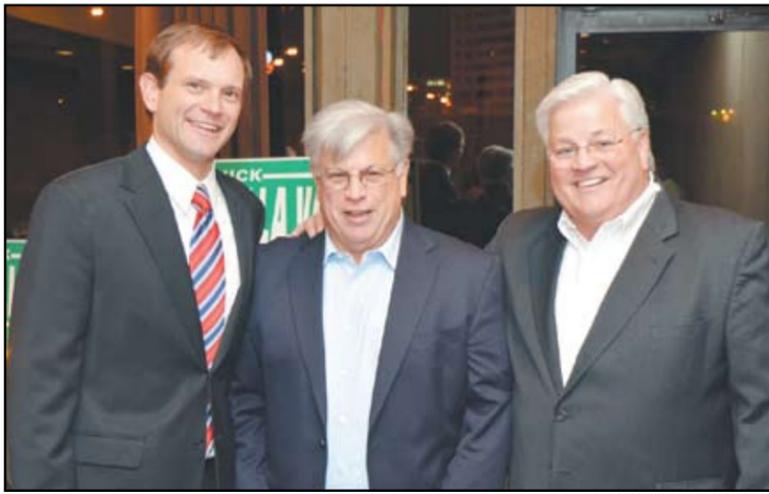


PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Councilman Marshall Stair, left, and Focus publisher Steve Hunley, right, congratulate Councilman Nick Della Volpe on his successful reelection last Tuesday night.

voters cast ballots.)

Looking forward, Della Volpe maintains the \$200 million deficit in the city's employee pension fund will continue to be an important issue.

"I am not against reasonable pension benefits for our city employees, but we need to keep any such plan affordable and fiscally sound going forward. We can't stick our heads in the sand. We need to talk openly about the problems and fix them before they fester," he added.

He also looks forward continuing the effort he spearheaded to

revitalize the business community in and around Knoxville Center Mall.

On a related note, 6th district City Councilman Daniel Brown handily defeated challenger Pete Drew with 77.42 percent of the vote. The 6th District seat represents portions of East Knoxville, downtown and a number of West Knoxville neighborhoods along Interstate 40.

Council members Nick Pavlis (1st District), Duane Grieve (2nd District) and Brenda Palmer (3rd District) ran unopposed in last week's election and will all serve second terms.

### INSIDE:

One Person, One Vote  
by Dan Andrews

### The Nursing Home vote

By Mike Steely  
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Ever wonder how people in a nursing home or assisted living facility vote?

Not who they vote for, but how they actually cast their vote? The answer may surprise you.

The Knox County Election Commission has a special program during early voting. Teams visit those licensed nursing homes, take the machines, and either have those residents come to the machine and vote or take the machine to them, even to the bedside.

When the visits are made the assisted living or nursing home become

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# Focus on the Law

## Genetic information discrimination

With the tremendous advances we have seen in medicine, and particularly in genetic research, the law has to try to anticipate problems resulting from these advances. One area that I want



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

genetic information of a fetus or any embryo legally held by the individual or family member of the individual. This type of information is important because it helps people understand health conditions that run in their families and risks of developing certain health conditions or having a child with certain conditions. It helps doctors provide better health care and helps individuals make important lifestyle and medical decisions.

to focus on today is laws relating to genetic information discrimination in employment and health insurance.

"Genetic information" includes family medical history because that information is often used to determine whether someone has an increased risk of getting a disease, disorder, or condition in the future. Information about an individual's genetic tests and genetic tests on family members is included. Genetic information also includes an individual's request for, or receipt of, genetic services, or the participation in clinical research that includes genetic services and the

discrimination on the basis of genetic information when it comes to any aspect of employment, including hiring, firing, pay, job assignments, promotions, layoff, training, fringe benefits, or any other term or condition of employment. An employer may never use genetic information to make an employment decision because genetic information is not relevant to an individual's current ability to work. GINA also makes it illegal to harass a person because of his or her genetic information.

A charge of genetic information discrimination must be brought within 180 days under federal law and federal employees have 45 days to contact an EEO Counselor. It is illegal to retaliate against an applicant or employee for filing a charge of discrimination, participating in a discrimination proceeding or otherwise opposing discrimination. GINA prohibits issuers of health insurance from

discrimination on the basis of the genetic information of enrollees. Health insurance issuers may not use genetic information to make eligibility, coverage, underwriting or premium-setting decisions. They may not request or require individuals or their family members to undergo genetic testing or to provide genetic information.

GINA does not apply to health insurance through the TRICARE military health system, the Indian Health Service, the Veterans Health Administration, or the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The law does not cover long term care insurance, life insurance or disability insurance.

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## One person, one vote

By Dan Andrews  
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In Knox County both the administrator of elections Cliff Rogers, and the members of the election commission, made sure of that in a number of ways. This past election day, *The Knoxville Focus* was a part of that process,

Election commissioner Christopher D. Heagerty invited two independent journalists to ride with him in a Knox County Sheriff's car (driven by a Sheriff's Reserve Officer) as he did random inspections of polling sites throughout the City of Knoxville.

Joining commissioner Heagerty from the media was WUTK radio host Hubert Smith and myself. The inspections were uneventful and that is a good thing. Everything ran smoothly and no problems were reported.

Later in the evening when the poll results were physically being brought to the City County Building and were tabulated (pictured below), the media had complete open access to the entire process. Mr. Rogers made every effort to ensure an open, fair, and transparent process for everyone to see.



## Pellissippi State opens Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center today

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support to an important group of students, and a growing group of students, who are returning to college after service in Iraq or Afghanistan," said L. Anthony Wise Jr., Pellissippi State president.

"We want to provide the best possible environment for them to learn and grow while they're here at Pellissippi State."

Pellissippi State hopes the Veterans Success Center also helps increase

retention among student veterans.

Statistics indicate that more than 88 percent of veterans using the Post-9/11 GI Bill abandon higher education pursuits after the end of their second semester of college, and only 3 percent graduate. Feelings of isolation are said to be a major contributing factor to veterans' dropping out.

"The Veterans Success Center will offer not only the 'formal' network of

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	50.00%	50.00%	2
30-49	95.92%	4.08%	49
50-65	94.12%	5.88%	153
65+	89.61%	10.39%	279
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.51% (442)</b>	<b>8.49% (41)</b>	<b>483</b>

By District	Yes	No	Total
1	91.67%	8.33%	24
2	90.63%	9.38%	64
3	90.91%	9.09%	55
4	85.92%	14.08%	71
5	90.16%	9.84%	61
6	96.36%	3.64%	55
7	89.80%	10.20%	49
8	93.44%	6.56%	61
9	97.67%	2.33%	43
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By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	92.86%	7.14%	14
Female	92.21%	7.79%	244
Male	90.67%	9.33%	225
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support these students need," said Ted Lewis, vice president of Academic Affairs, "but it will also provide them with an informal network through which they can work together, socialize and share common interests."

The Ben Atchley Veterans Success Center was funded in part by grants from the Tennessee College Access and Success Network and

the Tennessee Board of Regents Office of Access and Diversity.

For more information about the Veterans Success Center, call (865) 694-6400 or visit www.pstcc.edu. To request accommodations for a disability, contact the executive director of Human Resources at (865) 694-6607 or humanresources@pstcc.edu.

## The Nursing Home vote

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an official voting place and the same 100 feet restriction applies to campaign workers and candidates. The ballots are stored and counted with the absentee ballots following the close of the precincts.

Charlie Wilson, a precinct official, told *The Focus* about the little known

outreach by the election officials.

If you know of anyone in a nursing home, or homebound, that wants to vote you can call 215-2480. There's lots happening over the next couple years and it would be nice to include the senior citizens in the process.

## 'Sacrifice and Valor: East Tennesseans in World War II'

On Monday, November 11 the East Tennessee Historical Society will present a special Veterans Day Brown Bag lecture at the East Tennessee History Center by Jerome Melson who will discuss the contributions of East Tennesseans in World War II. Both on the homefront and abroad, Medal of Honor winners or average Joes and Janes, sacrificed for the cause of freedom. They continue to inspire today's generation with their sense of duty and legacy of valor. Enjoy the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Knoxville which starts at 10:40 a.m. The lecture will begin after the parade has concluded at 12:15 p.m. All

veterans and their families are invited to receive free museum admission to the Museum or East Tennessee History on Veterans Day from 9:00-4:00.

Jerome Melson is a scholar of World War II and has a special interest in Tennesseans who fought in the conflict. He currently serves on the ETHS Board of Directors and is a native of Madisonville. Melson graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law with honors in 1988, after which he worked both in Washington and Knoxville as a staff assistant and field representative to U.S. Congressman John J. Duncan. He is an attorney for Monroe County,

the Industrial Development Board of Monroe County, and as City Attorney for the cities of Madisonville, Vonore, and Lake City, Tennessee.

The program is sponsored by 21st Mortgage, and free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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# A Coach and His Team

By **Ralphine Major**

If you listened closely, you could almost hear it. You could a-l-m-o-s-t hear the roar of the crowd 49 years ago when Coach Bob Dagley's 1964-65 Eagles marched Gibbs High School right into the record books. It was an incredible year!

I was only ten years old and knew nothing about dunks, defense, or rebounding; but, I remember hearing comments my parents made. I knew we had a special coach and a great ball team, and the chemistry between them gave Gibbs High School and the entire Gibbs Community so much to celebrate and remember. That is what the former coach, his players, and families did in a private gathering in the old gym on a beautiful autumn afternoon, Sunday, November 3.

Gibbs High School Principal Tom Brown, Athletic Director Jeff Thomas, and Basketball Coach Timmy Meade unveiled a huge picture of the team's 1965 yearbook photo which will hang in the old gym where it all happened. The beautiful photograph measures



**Picture of the Gibbs Eagles' 1964-65 team. Pictured (left to right): Lynn Miller, Steve Wright, Les Spitzer, Mike Graves, Ronald Graves, Head Coach Bob Dagley, Tommy Everette, David Widner, Stanley Butler, Charlie Ballard. Not pictured are players Gene Cantley (unavailable) and Steve Wilson (deceased) and managers Dickie Dunn (deceased) and Scott Dozier (unavailable)---picture provided by Tommy and Carolyn Everette.**

4 feet by 4 feet and is printed on vinyl which is encased in a wood-trimmed plexiglass frame. It will preserve the legacy of this team in the history of Gibbs High School. Except for Steve Wilson who is deceased and Gene Cantley who was unable to attend, all the players were there and seated in the formation of the original picture. It

was truly a history-making moment. I found a place among a wall of cameras--all aimed at capturing the coach and his players on this day. A print of the unveiled picture was given to each player.

The coach had not seen many of his former players since graduation, and it seemed someone was surrounding the beloved coach all afternoon. No

wonder--he is a treasure among us. "It was a special time, and I hope I never forget it," Coach Dagley said of the '64-65 season. The "treasure" and his team took us on a remarkable journey that year when they accomplished a 31-2 record. They represented their small, rural school with class and courage as they competed with much

larger schools in a league with no divisions. Just like the coach, I hope none of us ever forget. The big black-and-white photo that has found a home in that old gym will serve as a reminder to all who see it.

As I was leaving the gym, I turned for one last glance. The chairs marked with "GIBBS" on the backs were still arranged in a semicircle,

but they were empty. The coach had gone. The hugs, handshakes, and hellos were done for the day, and all that was left were the memories made in the gym on this day. The coach commented earlier that "it would be a special time, because it will never happen again." He is right. It will always be a time to cherish.

## Teachers vent at school board meeting

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micro-managed" said one. Two speakers called on Superintendent McIntyre to leave and called on the school board to back the teachers. One speaker called on the teachers to blame the county commissioners and to "vote for a commissioner "that supports their cause.

Several addressed the requirement to touch on the "61" criteria demanded in a one-hour class, no matter the subject being taught.

Teachers stood and applauded as State Representative Gloria Johnson, a special education teacher in the system, walked forward to speak to the board. "Teachers cannot overcome the poverty at home," Johnson said, referring to under privileged and special needs students. She called the current requirements of teaching a "top-down management" by the state and said that

test scores are not a good evaluation. She also said that letters to the Central Office by teachers are not answered, a subject mentioned by other speakers. But she added that the complaints are "not limited to Knox County but are state-wide."

"I'm a teacher, it's not just my profession, it's who I am," one speaker said, adding "I love to teach but I no longer love my job."

Several speakers said they were there to speak but were in fear of losing their positions as a result. "Teachers no longer feel safe," one teacher said about their jobs.

Others spoke regarding long time teachers who have received "letters of concern" after an evaluation. "You are robbing people of their dignity with these letters," one teacher told the board.

Another speaker said that both he and his wife are teachers and his wife

told him "I'm done." Others complained that their classroom students are being tested on subjects they have not yet been taught.

"According to Knox County I am an ineffective teacher," one teacher said.

"I'm tired of being told to speak less Spanish in my Spanish Class when the evaluator doesn't speak Spanish," another teacher said.

Another said that some teachers are crying in the halls after being evaluated and that the "stress levels are on the rise and we can't focus on teaching

each child."

Following the heated and emotional presentation by teachers, coaches, and even a librarian, board member Lynda Kincaannon suggested that the complaints be discussed in their mid-month meeting. Board chair Lynn Fugate said that the matter would probably be discussed at the state conference (held last weekend) which would give the board insight.

The next meeting of the Board of Education is a work session, scheduled for Monday, November 18th, at 5 p.m.

Teachers speaking at

the meeting included Mark Taylor, Amber Rountree, Don Sage, Tim Goddard, Sara Bellah, Emily Parker, Karen Latus, Melissa Batista, Robert Taylor, Bob Savery, Maureen Myers, Linda Holtzclaw, Richard Yoakley, Amy Arnold, Irene

Patterson, Sandra Rowcliffe, and Tanya Coats. Ethan Young, a Farragut High School Senior, also spoke on behalf of the teachers.

John Peach, of the Textbook Review Committee, also spoke.

**Thanks to all Veterans for their service!**



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## FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

# New Veteran Cemetery available in South Knoxville

By Mike Steely  
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There's a 2 p.m. Veterans Ceremony today at Lyons View Cemetery and it's open to all veterans, their families, and the general public.

But did you know that Lyons View, as well as the old National Cemetery, is not open to new burials? If you or some Veteran you know is not already "enlisted" there however, there is an alternative.

The East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway is just a few years old, opened in September of 2011, and will have more room for Veteran burials, eventually having 28,000 graves.

"That's over the next 70 years," said Bill Griffith, cemetery director. Currently there are 700 graves in the 4 acres developed and two other sections being developed. Griffith says that the federal government gave a grant to the state to develop state owned cemeteries.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

**There's room for veterans and their spouse in the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier Highway. The cemetery is two years old and already has more than 700 burials and cremation interments there with each military service represented.**

Burial or a columbarium for cremated remains is free to veterans but registering to reserve either is necessary. Both the veteran and their spouse can be interred there and there's a cost for the spouse of \$700 for burial in the same plot as the veteran or \$150 for cremated remains to be

placed with the veteran.

Current development will allow for 4,500 graves as the cemetery expands. Veterans will need their DD 214 discharge papers in order to register.

The cemetery is located between Chapman Highway and Asheville Highway at 2200 John Sevier

Highway next to the river. The phone number is 577-3228.

Griffith suggested a veteran or their spouse, or loved ones go on line to the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs to get more information.

## Sevier Soiree Fundraising Event to Benefit Marble Springs State Historic Site

Marble Springs State Historic Site is hosting their first annual fundraiser. The Sevier Soiree is a unique opportunity to experience the historic site of John Sevier, first governor of Tennessee, like never before. Join us Saturday, November 23 from 6:30 until 8:30 for a spectacular night under the stars. Your ticket price includes open hearth cooked hors d'oeuvres by the bonfire, wine, dinner, dessert, and music provide by Red Shoes & Rosin. The historic cabins will be open and a silent auction will take place featuring items from local arts and culture venues.

Please register for this event by November 15th. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please mail payment to P.O. Box 20195, Knoxville, TN 37940; or please purchase online from the Marble Springs website at [www.marblesprings.net](http://www.marblesprings.net). You may also purchase your seat on-site before November 15.



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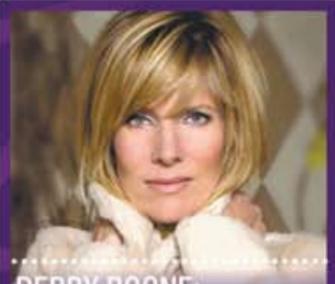
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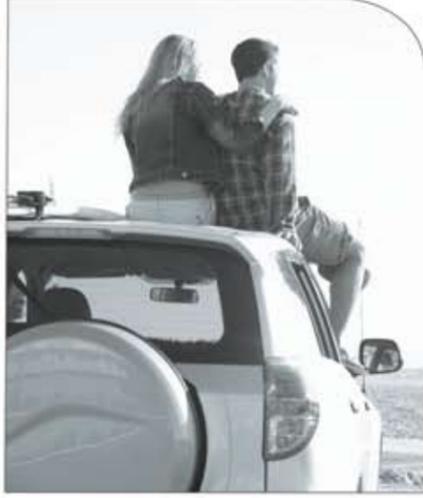


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## Fifth Third Bank, Rebuilding Together-Knoxville repair home for local vet



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Luis Parodi, Vice President and Community and Economic Development Manager of Fifth Third Bank, carefully moves a ladder in order to continue painting.

By Tasha Mahurin  
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Employees from Fifth Third Bank joined forces with Rebuilding Together-Knoxville to refurbish the home of Robert "Bob" Hubbard, a 78-year-old disabled army veteran who lives in Knoxville.

The team of 20, which included volunteers from both organizations and neighbors, spent two days repairing windows, cleaning gutters, painting soffit boards, and replacing Mr. Hubbard's tool shed.

"It is unbelievable. I'm not used to anything good happening my way," Hubbard told *The Focus*.

Fifth Third Bank allocated \$16,500 for the repairs to Hubbard's Home. As part of the repairs, Hubbard received a new HVAC system. His entire unit had stopped working, and he lived without central heat and air. The kitchen, also in need of extensive repair, was redone as well.

Hubbard suffers from vision and heart problems, among other ailments,

which make it difficult for him to perform necessary repairs. With the assistance of close friends and neighbors, he is able to continue living in his home.

"My wife passed away years ago, and she loved this house. I thought to myself: my wife loved this house, so I'll live here till I die," he said.

Robert served four years in the U.S. Army during the 1950s. Originally from Knoxville, Robert returned home after his honorable discharge and married his wife, Elaine. They had one daughter but tragically she and Elaine both died in 2009. Robert lives by himself in the small ranch-style house with his two dogs- one of which he rescued. The small dog had been abandoned in a shoebox at a local high school track.

"I look forward to living a lot longer in a nice home with my animals," he added, nodding to his dog. "That one there is special, and he's as house-broke



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Bob Hubbard and his companion watches volunteers fix up his home.

"We teamed up with the local Fifth Third Bank here in Knoxville, Messer Construction worked to complete the kitchen repairs, and local neighbors," Chris Bieger, of Rebuilding Together-Knoxville told *The Focus*. "It's been great that we're helping out a veteran, to make his house a little more comfortable and a little more livable."

Fifth Third Bank also donated planter boxes to Hubbard's neighbors who look out for him year-round.

as I am."

Fifth Third Bank has donated \$150,000 to Rebuilding Together for home rebuild projects for veterans in six U.S. cities. Knoxville was selected as one of the six cities and is the only city in the state to benefit from the grant. This effort originally began in Chicago, where Bank employees decided that Veterans Day should be a "day on" and not a "day off."



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(Front, l-r) Mayor Rogero, Emerald Youth soccer players Julio Rico, Lena Foster, Abby Diggs and Hector Purulla, and Bill Sansom; (back, l-r) Doug Kennedy, Lee Martin, President of the Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee, which has made a \$150,000 grant to help Emerald Youth in its first year of operating the complex; Steve Diggs, Council Member Duane Grieve of the 2nd District, and Council Member Daniel Brown of the 6th District.

## Fourth and Gill to discuss Old Knoxville High School

By Mike Steely  
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The future use of the Old Knoxville High School gets another public meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the Central United Methodist Church at 201 East Third Avenue.

The proposed use, as an active adult living facility, will face a Knox County Commission vote in their next regular meeting. A motion to postpone a vote failed and approval was given for the bidding process to be approved takes the matter for a possible final decision on November 18th.

Commissioner Amy Broyles, absent from the "process" approval vote, will be attending the meeting hosted by the Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization. Broyles attended another meeting two weeks ago about the proposal. Since she and other commissioners may be present minutes will be taken on the discussion.

"I'm fine with the approval of the process," Broyles told *The Focus* Thursday, adding "A lot of people who oppose it (the proposal) have no idea what an independent living facility is."

The on-going issue arose with the commission were presented an approved proposal after a bidding process, for Family Pride Corporation \$ 500,000 offer. The idea was to purchase the school and remodel it as a facility for active senior living, along

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## New downtown sports complex will serve Knoxville's urban youth

The H.T. Hackney Company employees and The Sansom Family will develop a downtown sports complex to serve thousands of inner city young people and bring investment to the City of Knoxville's Downtown North Redevelopment area.

Emerald Youth Foundation will oversee and operate the sports complex, to be on a 14-acre parcel of property near World's Fair Park, once

occupied by an H.T. Hackney warehouse. Sansom is CEO of Knoxville-based H.T. Hackney, one of the largest wholesale grocery distributors in the U.S.

The Sansom Sports Complex will provide world-class playing fields and facilities for soccer, lacrosse, flag football and performance training. Primary users will be the children and teens who attend Knoxville's urban

schools, said Steve Diggs, executive director of Emerald Youth.

"We are overjoyed. This complex will provide an environment where Emerald Youth can minister to urban young people through sports," Diggs said. "This will greatly increase their opportunities to participate in physical activities. Urban kids are often left out of sports because they don't

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with preserving the historic structure. Opponents of the idea want the facility used for other purposes, many wanting it converted to house younger adult apartments.

Should the commission vote not to follow the recommendation and reject the bid the future of the historic old school goes back to the table and starts over again. Since the commission voted 7-2 to approve the bidding process the matter could be resolved. Or a final decision could be postponed again and that may be discussed in their November 12th work session.

Old Town merchants and some neighborhood residents are suggesting that younger residents would be more active in the community, shop locally, and contribute more. Supporters of the senior living idea stress that the bid was accepted, the process approved, and the seniors that would live there would be active and engaged with the neighborhood.



## Central High School inducts Wall of Famers

The Central High School Foundation and the CHS Alumni Association honored four distinguished alumni as additions to the Central "Wall of Fame" on Saturday, November 2.

This year's honorees are: Charles "C.E." Harris, Class of 1935 (d. 2005); (Pictured) James C. Tumblin, Class of 1944; Sylvia Blankenship Williams, Class of 1970; and Stephen Land, Class of 1971.

Photo by Dan Andrews.

## New downtown sports complex will serve Knoxville's urban youth

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have a place to play or resources to pay expensive fees."

The project will transform a vacant industrial site bordered by Dale Avenue on the north, the Norfolk Southern Railway tracks on the south, Seventeenth Street on the west, and the Western Avenue viaduct on the east. Located near the junction of I-40 and

I-275 downtown, the land is centrally located, level and nearly ideal for playing fields.

"The Sansom Sports Complex is a welcomed addition to our city. It will provide additional playing fields where our youth can be active and will help revitalize the area. Bill Sansom and the Sansom Family have opened their hearts to our community in a way that will greatly benefit the lives of our boys and girls," Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero said.

The first field, pavilion and field house should open by spring 2014, and the last two fields should be completed by summer 2015. When complete, the unique complex will include three synthetic turf fields, a pavilion covered turf field, and a 5,000

square foot field house with a performance-training center. Baseline Sports Construction of Knoxville is the builder.

Diggs said three of the fields will be large enough for high school, collegiate and even professional soccer and, by using different color paint for the playing lines of different sports, they can be used for other sports.

Sansom will pay for construction of the complex, and Emerald Youth will fund the yearly operating costs. Emerald Youth will hire a sports complex staff, to include a complex manager, director of soccer coaching, and sports performance trainer.

Sansom said he is a long-time admirer of Emerald Youth's mission of ministry through sports teams,

which now include basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming and soccer.

"These programs are all part of a strategy to build wholesome young leaders in our communities while providing opportunities to participate in some non-traditional sports and have outlets for physical exercise," Diggs said.

Sansom said he hopes to correct a shortage of playing fields for urban youth. Emerald Youth has no playing fields of its own. Its fall soccer league drew 103 players, with the 12 teams playing on a single converted football field at Alice Bell Park.

A preliminary study for use of the facility has outlined plans for a range of non-traditional sports, with soccer as the centerpiece. Plans include: recreational

soccer for ages 5-adult; competitive soccer teams that could play local club teams; a winter futsal (indoor soccer) league for boys, girls and young adults; and helping establish boys' and girls' soccer teams at inner city middle schools and supporting inner city high school teams where desired. Emerald Youth also plans to start lacrosse teams and offer flag football for older youth.

About 300 children and youth who receive after-school care through Emerald Youth would use the fields periodically, and Emerald Youth also looks to work with the international soccer community in urban Knoxville who need playing fields, Diggs said.

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# Part Four: Tennessee's Old Gray Fox Albert Gore

Pages from  
the Political  
Past



By Ray Hill

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Albert Gore's Congressional district had been eliminated in the redistricting following the 1950 election. Gore was unconcerned as he had something bigger in mind; he was determined to run for the United States Senate seat held by Kenneth D. McKellar.

K. D. McKellar remains to this day Tennessee's longest serving United States senator. McKellar was Tennessee's first popularly elected senator, defeating incumbent Luke Lea and former governors Malcolm Patterson and Ben W. Hooper. McKellar was one of the most powerful members of the United States Senate and had done more personal favors for voters in Tennessee than any other man. McKellar was the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as well as the Chairman of the Senate's most powerful committee, Appropriations. From his perch on the Appropriations Committee, Senator McKellar directed billions of dollars to Tennessee.

McKellar was such a formidable figure that Chattanooga Congressman Estes Kefauver had contemplated a race against the old senator in 1946 and quickly decided against it. When Congressman Gordon Browning had likewise contemplated a race against McKellar in 1934, he later admitted he could not garner a single pledge of support from any important personage in Tennessee.

Yet, there were cracks in the McKellar foundation that were readily apparent to those with sharp eyes. McKellar would be eighty-three years old in 1952 and had earlier announced he would not run again for the United States Senate. In 1948, McKellar had issued yet another announcement that he was keeping his options open. Realizing there were several potentially serious candidates eyeing his office, including Governor Gordon Browning and Congressmen Pat Sutton and Albert Gore, McKellar released a statement in June of 1951 that "God willing", he would be a candidate for a seventh term in 1952.

Senator McKellar had not aged well and the news media dutifully reported every cold and illness plaguing the old gentleman. McKellar suffered from rheumatism in his legs and was oftentimes unsteady and every fall was reported in the newspapers. McKellar once fell so hard in the Capitol, it cut a gash in his forehead and broke his glasses. It was increasingly difficult for McKellar to get around and his health was to be an issue in the coming primary campaign. There were also those who claimed McKellar was not as mentally alert as he had been and there was some evidence he had



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Albert Gore, 1954

suffered a series of small strokes during the 1940s. Certainly, K. D. McKellar was perhaps the most formidable political force in Tennessee's political history, but by 1952 the old senator was vulnerable.

The long friendship between Congressman Albert Gore and Governor Gordon Browning would be ruptured by their competing senatorial ambitions. Browning had served in Congress for twelve years before being elected Tennessee's governor in 1936; despite winning three terms as governor, Browning's fondest wish was to serve in the Senate of the United States. As 1952 approached, Browning still hungered to run for the Senate, yet he was wary of attempting to unseat Senator McKellar.

Years later, Albert Gore admitted that his friendship with Gordon Browning suffered due to their conflicting ambitions. Browning, being the older of the two and having given Gore his start in statewide politics, felt he was entitled to first consideration in the Senate race. Gore had already begun his own quiet effort to take the Democratic nomination away from Senator McKellar. Browning thought there was some possibility McKellar might die before the election or withdraw; if so, Governor Browning determined to run for the Senate. Browning had decided he would seek reelection as governor if McKellar were able to run again, as he believed a three-way race would simply reelect Senator McKellar.

Albert Gore crisscrossed Tennessee as often as possible from 1950 until the 1952 election. He campaigned hard for Frank Wilson in 1950, who was challenging Republican

Howard Baker for Congress. Baker had defeated the incumbent Congressman, John Jennings, in the primary. Wilson made a spirited race, but fell short of victory. Still, many local Democrats appreciated Gore's hard work on behalf of Wilson.

As usual, Gore entered the 1952 senatorial primary short of money, while Senator McKellar had little difficulty in attracting contributions. Gore made his plans official on February 2, 1952 in Jackson, Tennessee. In his speech, Gore subtly underlined McKellar's advancing age by reminding voters they would be electing a senator for a six-year term. Throughout the 1952 campaign, Gore would always point to the future and a senator would be ninety-years old at the conclusion of his term seemed to have little to do with the future.

Years later, Albert Gore would tell interviewers that he had calculated a strategy of treating Senator McKellar with respect. Gore admitted that McKellar's record of support for the Tennessee Valley Authority was superior to his own, as far as securing funding was concerned and he made no criticism of McKellar's record in that respect. Gore believed that Tennesseans held McKellar in high esteem and affection, so he determined not to run against McKellar, but to tout his own record and relative youthfulness. It was a brilliant strategy.

Senator Estes Kefauver complicated the Tennessee political situation by running for the Democratic presidential nomination that year. Kefauver both mortally embarrassed and infuriated President Truman when he beat Truman in the New Hampshire primary. Truman quickly announced he would not be a candidate himself,

but the president had never especially liked Kefauver and his dislike escalated to outright loathing.

Kefauver's presidential aspirations would have serious political repercussions in Gordon Browning's reelection race for governor. While Gore was supportive of Kefauver, he wisely managed to avoid the fallout that tumbled around the governor's head. Having been affiliated with Browning and Kefauver's wing of the Tennessee Democratic Party, it was natural that he would draw significant support from those who had long opposed the domination of Volunteer State politics by Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump. Gore even invaded Shelby County, seeking support inside Crump's domain.

Having been reelected in 1946 without once visiting Tennessee, Senator McKellar was advised that he could not afford that luxury once again facing the forty-four year old Congressman Gore. McKellar came home to Tennessee, appearing before a rally of some 10,000 persons in Cookeville, which was in the heart of Albert Gore's Congressional district. McKellar spoke for almost an hour and while his voice was strong, his hand shook so badly when he tried to raise a glass of water to his lips that he had to put it down without drinking.

Congressman Gore continued to run a campaign stressing his own abilities and was openly complimentary of his opponent. When reminded he had landed at McKellar Field (the local airport) in Jackson, Tennessee, Gore immediately responded the airport was one of the many things Senator McKellar had done during his time in Congress.

The crux of Gore's

argument to be sent to the Senate was summarized by his question as to which of the two would best be able to represent Tennessee during the next six years. It was a powerful argument and TIME magazine, reporting on the Tennessee Senate race, headlined it as "44 v. 83", the ages of the two candidates.

While Gore moved across Tennessee with the vigor and stamina of a young man, Senator McKellar's own appearances were carefully planned and highly choreographed. McKellar traveled in limited areas in an air conditioned bus to avoid the oftentimes stifling heat of a Tennessee summer. Many of the senators' strongest supporters, like McKellar, had aged or died and were not active during the campaign. McKellar's campaign stressed the importance of retaining the old senator in office due to his power, prestige and seniority in Congress. As the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, McKellar wielded enormous power. Signs began appearing all across Tennessee urging the "Thinking Fellow Votes McKellar". It was a subtle reminder of McKellar's power and at first Gore admitted he was amused by the campaign posters. His amusement turned to alarm when he noticed it was having an effect with voters. Many national publications covering the Tennessee Senate

race had felt that Gore enjoyed an advantage over the ailing Senator McKellar, but some were beginning to believe McKellar was closing the gap with his return to Tennessee to campaign personally.

Congressman Gore credited his wife Pauline with the reply to the McKellar campaign posters. The two fixed a pot of coffee and sat at their kitchen table to think of a retort. Pauline Gore came up with "Think Some More and Vote for Gore". Those posters were placed beside those of Senator McKellar and proved to be effective.

Like many another aging incumbent, K. D. McKellar had remained in Washington far more often than returning home to Tennessee. When he had been home in Memphis, he rarely visited other cities and communities. Crump himself observed it had been a decade since Senator McKellar had traveled the state extensively. Congressman Gore demonstrated remarkable energy and it was not unusual for him to make perhaps 10 or 12 speeches in one day. Senator McKellar no longer possessed that kind of stamina and he managed to make appearances in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Jackson, as well as a few other towns and cities close to his home in Memphis. Save for Jackson, where he appeared outside and gave a speech, McKellar's campaign appearances were oftentimes held in hotels, allowing voters to come to see the senator and shake hands.

Gore effectively used the new medium of television as well as radio. He won a comfortable victory on Election Day, taking 58% of the vote. McKellar carried upper East Tennessee and his native Shelby County, while Congressman Gore won most everything else. Interestingly, McKellar carried Putnam County, the site of his big speech in Cookeville.

Senator McKellar was gracious in defeat, offering his congratulations to Albert Gore. McKellar told friends on the night of the election he harbored no ill will toward any Tennessean. Later, McKellar said he hoped Tennesseans would find in Albert Gore a man better suited for the Senate than he would have been. Gore's respectful attitude toward the old senator during the campaign doubtless took out much of the sting of defeat. Senator McKellar offered his support to the Democratic ticket in the fall campaign and while State Senator Hobart Atkins of Knoxville was the Republican nominee, nobody expected Gore to have any trouble beating him.

Yet there were troubling signs for the future. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the Republican candidate for president and for the first time since 1928, Tennessee supported the GOP nominee for president.

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# Inskip residents hear zoning proposal

By Mike Steely  
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The second densest housing neighborhood in Knoxville may tighten up restrictions on multi-family housing, apartments, condos, and even duplex houses as proposed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). A meeting at the Inskip Baptist Church last Monday heard the plans explained by MPC's Mike Brusseau and Mike Reynolds.

"We're now getting ready to make a staff recommendation," Brusseau told about 30 Inskip residents. He went on to explain that most of the neighborhood is now zoned R-2, which permits a wide variety of housing, including apartments, and the idea is to preserve what remains as single-family residential.

commission and neighborhood meetings before being permitted to build. Currently the R-2 zone has no such restrictions.

Councilman Marshall Stair attended the meeting and said "We're trying to preserve the neighborhood, keep things the way they are."

"I'm losing my option to do what I want with my property," one resident said.

"The apartments you have here is a direct result of the lack of restrictions," Brusseau said.

The residents, who were notified of the meeting by a letter from the MPC, also brought up the question of the need for sidewalks. Brusseau said "It's about resources." He added that sidewalks were in the longer

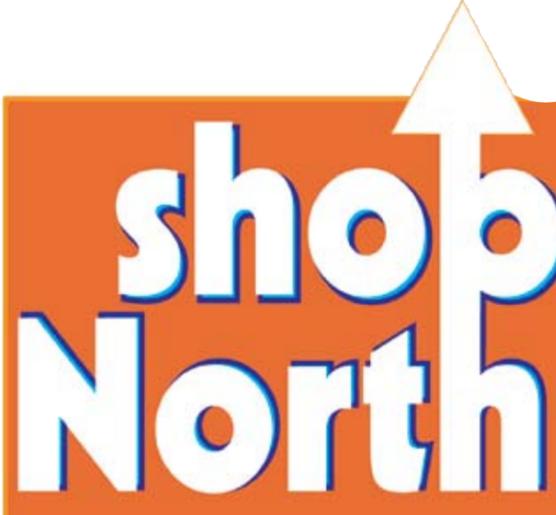
range plans, especially for the area along Bruhin from the Inskip Pool and Park to Dutch Valley Road. One resident said that he is concerned for children walking over from the Christenberry Heights apartments to the pool.

The planners agreed that a sidewalk was needed in that area. The long range plans of the MPC for Inskip also call for eventual sidewalks from Inskip School to the Inskip Recreation Center and Ball Field, along Central Avenue Pike, Rowan Road, and Inskip Road.

The rezoning now goes to a November 8th meeting of the MPC Staff and on to their agenda meeting on November 12th, then to the MPC's monthly meeting Nov 14th at 1:30 in the City-County Assembly Hall.

A final recommendation will be made to City Council and the first of two readings should be held in that December 10th regular meeting. If the first reading passes the final zoning decision would come at the Council's December 19th regular meeting.

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## Fulton Starts Playoff Run With Rout

By David Klein

Fulton emphatically got their quest for a second straight title in Class 4A rolling at home Friday night against the Unicoi County Blue Devils. Fulton scored from every part of the field, and quickly. Their touchdown drives lasted mostly three plays or less. The Blue Devils were overmatched as Fulton jumped out to a 55-0 first half romp on its way to a 74-0 victory.

By the middle of the

second quarter, the Falcons had set the all-time record for points in a Fulton season. Xavier Hawkins got the scoring started with a 62-yard touchdown catch from Penny Smith. The two-play drive took 36 seconds.

Penny Smith would add another touchdown pass in the first half, a 37-yard pass to tight end Kenny Marsh. Xavier Hawkins ran 23 yards for his second touchdown.

In between Smith's

touchdown passes, Fulton's Daryl Rollins-Davis ran for a 66-yard touchdown in one play. On their next possession, the Falcons' Kentel Williams ran for a 51-yard touchdown on a two-play, 23 second drive.

Unicoi County presented no offensive threat. They had -2 total yards in the first half.

Rollins-Davis scored from 14 yards out for his second rushing touchdown of the game; the drive took

three plays.

Near the end of the first half, Fulton had a punt return for a touchdown, but it was negated by a block in the back penalty. It didn't matter. They drove the ball in five plays, culminating in a D.J. Campbell 23-yard touchdown run. Fulton would miss the extra points. The touchdown made the score 48-0 Fulton.

The Blue Devils actually got the ball into Falcon territory on a big kickoff

return. However, Blue Devils' quarterback Lucas Hensley threw his second interception of the game to Lennox Roper, who would have 2 interceptions on the night.

Following the interception, Hawkins took a direct snap and ran 55 yards for a touchdown, his third of the game. This gave Fulton a 55-0 halftime lead. "I try to come out here and make big plays," Hawkins said. "We try to spread the ball,

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### A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

### Rebels reveal plan to stop Cougars' air attack

By Steve Williams

West Coach Scott Cummings made no secret of how his team would deal with Campbell County's passing attack in the second round of the TSSAA Class 5A playoffs this week.

The Rebels, known for their fast defense, plan to get after the Campbell County quarterback.

"We know they will throw it 50 times a game, if they think that gives them the best chance to win," said Cummings. "They definitely want to throw the ball first. A run play for them is throwing a little screen or a little hitch. They're going to throw the football, bottom line."

Cummings said "the philosophy" his team will use is "that quarterback can't throw the football when he's lying on the ground. That's how we'll choose to defend that pass."

While West was overwhelming David Crockett 60-0 in first-round play last week, Campbell County quarterback Ethan Jeffers completed 19 of 27 passes for 266 yards and three touchdowns as the Cougars notched their first playoff victory ever, turning back Gibbs 41-7.

All playoff games kick off Friday at 7 o'clock local time.

West was one of five Knoxville teams to log first-round playoff wins last week.

In other Class 5A action, South-Doyle rode a four-touchdown performance by running back Jocquez Bruce to an impressive 41-14 win at Tennessee High in Bristol. Clark Duncan's Cherokees (7-4)

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## Campbell County downs Gibbs 41-7



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS / SPEARS PHOTOGRAPHY

Gibbs quarterback Preston Booth runs with the ball against Campbell County as he gets a block from James Spears (54) in TSSAA Class 5A playoff action Friday night.

By Alex Norman

The Gibbs Eagles finished the regular season winners of three games in a row, but on a cold Friday night in Jacksboro, their postseason came to an early end.

The Eagles fell to Campbell County 41-7 in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs. This was a rematch of a game played on October 11th, when the Cougars edged the Eagles 35-28.

Gibbs (5-6) first season in Class 5A should be considered a success, despite a rough

finale.

Late in the first quarter the Cougars got on the board. An 11 play, 69 yard drive that ate up 4:45 of clock was finished when Ethan Jeffers found Corey Phillips. A 29 yard pass play hookup ended in the end zone, and with 29 seconds to go in the first, Campbell County was up 7-0.

In the second quarter, the Cougars offense put together an impressive 96 yard drive that lasted nearly seven minutes. Paul Courdle ran up the middle, broke a couple of tackles, and 10 yards later he had scored a touchdown.

Gibbs led 13-0 with 2:16 to go in the first.

The Eagles finally got their offense moving following the kickoff. Quarterback Preston Booth lead Gibbs to the Campbell County 30 with 21.6 seconds to go in the half. But the drive would stall, and the Eagles trailed 13-0 at the break.

The second half was all Cougars.

The Eagles fumbled the football on their second snap of the half, giving Campbell County (10-1) the football on the Gibbs 38.

Six plays later, Nick Bailey ran it in from a

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## Karns hosting alumni basketball game

By Joe Rector  
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Karns High School men's basketball coach announced that the school will hold an alumni game for both men and women on November 23 at the Karns High gym. It's being held in conjunction with the KHS 100 year anniversary.

"We're trying to start an alumni game that can grow over the years. It's also a way to reconnect with former players and to involve them in the school's basketball program," Henson said.

Any former player is welcome to participate and contact Henson for more information at khsleehenson@

hotmail.com. The women's game will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the men's game following at 7:00. No admission is being charged but donations to the school's basketball program will be accepted.

"It's important for us to start an alumni association that can be involved in the school and its many programs. This game is just one area to promote that and is a work in progress," Henson added.

Henson also said that all alumni players who participate will be given 2 complimentary tickets to the Karns-Powell home basketball game on November 22.

## Admirals to open season at West Valley

By Ken Lay

Farragut Middle School's boys basketball team will open the 2013-14 season today (Nov. 11) at West Valley and Admirals' coach Randy Swartzentruber has some modest but high expectations.

"I would kind of like to have another week of practice but we'll have the first two games to get going before we open league play," Swartzentruber said. "I think we have good athletes and I think we'll be competitive."

"I think if we play the way that we can play, I think we'll continue to improve."

The Admirals went 13-3 last season and finished third in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference. Farragut also claimed third place in the James A. Ivey, Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament. The Admirals left Karns in February with the third-place trophy by upsetting top-seeded Powell in the consolation game.

This, however, is a new season and Farragut has a few returners and a group of talented newcomers, according to Swartzentruber, who will open his 14<sup>th</sup> season today.

"We have some players back from last year," he

said. "We have seven kids returning and we picked up some new kids that are pretty good."

Farragut's returning eighth graders include Caleb Thompson (center); Braden Collins (guard); Ethan Sherrill (guard); Chris Dalton (guard); Max Travis (guard/forward); and Tre Moreno (forward).

New eighth graders include: Jacob Warren (center); Jaberie Lewis (forward) and Cameron Cool (guard).

Those players along with others will look to make their respective impacts on Farragut's tradition-rich program.

As far as the conference race, Swartzentruber isn't quite sure what to expect.

"You always hear that certain teams have certain guys back but you never really know until you see the teams and you don't normally see the teams in middle school until you play them," he said.

The Admirals' veteran coach does know that his team will be tested tonight in its non-league game against the Wolves.

"I know that West Valley is well-coached," Swartzentruber said. "They work hard and they get after it."

## Rebels reveal plan to stop Cougars' air attack

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now face another road test at highly-regarded Anderson County, which has an outstanding running back of its own in Matt Fox.

CAK overcame a 21-point deficit on the road and beat Gatlinburg-Pittman 56-21 in Class 3A. Coach Rusty Bradley's Warriors will host Johnson County, a 23-20 winner over Chuckey-Doak, in the second round. Both teams are 5-6.

In Class 4A, unbeaten Fulton blasted Unicoi County 74-0 and Catholic rolled past DeKalb County 55-13, but Carter was eliminated at once-beaten Sullivan South 40-23. The Hornets hang up a 9-2 record.

Versatile Carter senior Hank Black had two touchdown catches and also scored on a punt return. Jonathan Freeman threw for over 300 yards and two TDs in a losing cause.

Fulton will host Sullivan South this week, while Catholic travels to Signal Mountain, which opened with a 52-17 win over Marshall County.

Farragut, Knoxville's lone Class 6A representative, fell at Science Hill 56-42 and ended the season 6-5.

Undefeated Grace Christian Academy and Webb School will get in the mix this week after having first-round byes. GCA entertains 9-2 Oneida, a 17-7 winner over Tellico Plains, in Class 2A.

The Spartans (8-2) will host University School of Jackson (7-4), which warmed up with a 21-13 win over Davidson Academy in Division II-A.

HOPES TO STAY: Travis Tipton said in an e-mail prior to Karns' last regular season game he planned to pursue the Beavers' head football coaching position and hopes to drop the interim tag that had to be placed on it this past season.

"From my understanding the position will be posted and all candidates must be considered," wrote Tipton. "I do have to go through the interview and application process, but as far as I am concerned, I will show up to work each and everyday.

Until someone takes my keys and whistle away, I am the head coach and that's the way I am going to treat it."

Meanwhile, two local schools will have new head football coaches next season. It was reported last week that Joe Hassell is out at Central and Jim Moore has resigned at Seymour. Athletic director J.D. Lambert said the decision was made to move in a new direction at Central.

STRING OF INJURIES: Before the season was over, Powell was down to its fourth-string quarterback. After starter Hagen Owenby was injured and lost for the season, Marcus Weaver was lost after the Gibbs

game with a season-ending injury, stated Coach Tobi Kilgore. Connor Sepesi handled the workload in the regular season finale against Campbell County but suffered a season-ending injury on the Panthers' go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Cougars executed a double pass to retake the lead and Brandon Brown finished up at QB for Powell.

TEAM WORK: As his team's win streak grew longer late in the regular season, West Coach Scott Cummings was asked what his team had done to make him most proud.

His reply: "Learning to be good teammates. Not caring who gets the credit. Playing

for each other and not just for themselves."

DODGE BALL: Alcoa coach Gary Rankin declined an offer to play Fulton on either October 11 or October 25 this season, Falcons coach Rob Black recently confirmed.

Rankin instead scheduled the Tornadoes against Lancaster Christian Academy and Nashville Maplewood on those two dates, respectively. Alcoa beat Lancaster 42-8 and Maplewood 43-7.

Fulton remained open on October 11 and landed a 10th opponent against Christian County, Ky., which is approximately 250 miles and four hours away from Knoxville.

## These Falcons on track to become Knoxville's best ever

Are these Fulton Falcons the greatest Knoxville high school football team of all time?

Answer: Yes, if.

To earn such a great distinction, Fulton must win the state championship. One slip-up, and the Falcons' argument for "best ever" wouldn't hold up against five former Knoxville teams that finished undefeated with a state crown.

Before we go any further, I'm going to change best of all time to the best since the TSSAA's playoff era began in 1969. I'm making this change for multiple reasons. For one, the playoff system provides us with an additional measuring stick. It gives us that list of teams that went unbeaten and captured state titles.

I'm also old enough to have seen a lot of high school football in this area since '69, but I've only heard and read about many great teams from the earlier years, when the Knoxville High Trojans, old Central High Bobcats and the Young



By Steve Williams

Yellowjackets topped the prep football scene. Not many folks who could compare those teams of yesterday with today's teams are still with us.

We often hear that today's football players are bigger and stronger and faster because nutrition and training methods are much more advanced for athletes and society as a whole in this day and age. That advantage is offset a little by the fact that many post-World War II high school teams had older, more mature players on them, as many young men came back to finish high school after serving in the military.

I did a little research before tackling today's topic. Knoxville has had 17 state champions since 1969. That's really not a whole lot considering how many different classifications and divisions we have and how many seasons it's been since 1969.

Knoxville didn't produce its first state champion until 1981. Webb School, coached by Ron Gratz,

won it, a 7-6 decision over Memphis Prep. The Class A title game was played at Webb. At that time, the TSSAA had three classifications and public schools and private schools were still competing against each other.

Over the years, Webb has totaled six state titles in football, followed by Fulton with four, Austin-East three, CAK two, Catholic one and Halls one.

If there's a leader in the clubhouse for best of Knoxville since '69 I would have to say it's Austin-East's 1986 team. That outstanding Roadrunners squad was coached by Sam Anderson and led by running back Leroy Thompson, one of the most highly recruited prep football players Knoxville has ever produced. He went on to play at Penn State and in the NFL.

The '86 Roadrunners outscored their 10 regular season opponents 375 to 49. They defeated Brentwood Academy 28-20 for the Class AA state title and finished 15-0. Von Reeves, who went on to play tight end at Tennessee, also was

on that team.

Knoxville's other four undefeated state champion teams to date include Webb (13-0, Division II-A) in 2010, Austin-East (14-0, Class AA) in 1983, Catholic (15-0, Class 3A) in 2008 and Halls (15-0, Class AAA) in 1986.

These Fulton Falcons are on track to become recognized by many as Knoxville's greatest high school team. Some will say since 1969. Some will say for all time.

Bob Black, who started playing at Fulton as a freshman in 1956 and has been on the Falcons' coaching staff since 1965, has already proclaimed these Falcons as Fulton's best team ever.

It would be hard to argue against that.

Since Fulton posted that jaw-dropping 46-0 win at Powell on the opening night of the season, the Falcons have been putting up big numbers on the scoreboard. In their 10 regular season games, they won by an "average football score" of 60-6, officially outscoring their opposition by 612 to 57. They

started the Class 4A playoffs with a 74-0 win over Unicoi County.

Many times this season I've stated that Fulton has been the most dominating team in Knoxville high school football I've ever seen.

"This team, with what they have with the size and the speed and the aggressiveness and athleticism, I think it's by far the best team we've had at Fulton High School," said Black.

Is it the best team in Knoxville since 1969, too?

"I think it is," answered Black. "I don't think any other can match what we have on this squad."

Still, these Falcons have to finish what they started. Rob Black, head coach and Bob's son, will surely, if he hasn't already, remind his squad of two previous Fulton teams that went undefeated in the regular season but lost in the state finals. That happened in 1974 and 2002.

I would also tell these Falcons they are playing for more than a state championship.

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The Catholic Fighting Irish celebrate Friday night's playoff win over DeKalb County. Catholic snapped a two-game losing streak with a 55-13 victory over the Tigers at Blaine Stadium.

# 'Healthy' Irish rolls past Tigers 55-13

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School limped in to the Class 4A Playoffs but the Irish wasted little time finding victory lane Friday night.

Catholic scored on its first six possessions en route to a 55-14 victory over DeKalb County at Blaine Stadium.

In fact the only thing that stopped the Irish's balanced offense in the first half was the clock, which ran out on their final possession.

Catholic, which was riddled with injuries late in the regular season, lost its final two road games before coming home to dismantle the Tigers.

"We're starting to get back to being healthy," Catholic first-year head coach Steve Matthews said. "We were missing our quarterback and he came back tonight and I thought he did a great job."

Irish junior quarterback Zac Jancek returned against DeKalb County (6-5) and immediately led the Irish on six consecutive touchdown drives.

Catholic (8-3) took the opening kickoff and marched 58 yards on eight plays for the game's first touchdown. Junior running back Logan Lacey capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. Wyatt Price added the extra point to give the Irish a 7-0 lead with 9 minutes, 24 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

And that was just the beginning as Catholic scored 21 first-quarter points. Lacey scored his second TD on a 7-yard reception with seven minutes to go.

"I'm just glad that we came out and played hard," said Lacey, who rushed for two touchdowns, caught another and threw a scoring strike to Will Martinez. "We got our physicalness back. "From here, it just gets tougher."

Elijah Brown extended Catholic's advantage to 21-0 with a 22-yard run late in the frame. Brown's second scoring run came at the 10:17 mark of the second quarter and made it 28-0.

Lacey, who also had five receptions for 95 yards before halftime, scored on a 20-yard scamper to make the score 34-0 just over three minutes into the second stanza. His scoring strike to Martinez made it 41-0 midway through the frame.

Erik Profetto scored the Irish's final touchdown before the break on a 13-yard dash with 3:53 left in the first half.

Catholic's defense added the exclamation point when Haydn Tanner scored on a 23-yard fumble return in the third quarter.

The Tigers scored their first touchdown on a 43-yard run by Divonta Milan. DeKalb County's other score was a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Steven Jennings to Lance Ball.

Catholic will play at Signal Mountain Friday night. Signal Hill, the top-seeded team in the quadrant, routed Marshall County 52-17 in the first round.

# Fulton Starts Playoff Run With Rout

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get good looks for everybody," he added. Oregon State had a scout at the game to view Hawkins and Rollins-Davis.

Fulton had the ball for just 5:03 to Unicoi's 18:52 in the first half. The Falcons had 414 total yards of offense in the first half, 266 yards of rushing. They averaged nearly 22 yards a play.

Fulton tacked on three more touchdowns in the second half. Rollins-Davis ran for an 81-yard touchdown on the Falcons' first offensive snap of the second half. Zach Winston ran for a 27-yard touchdown. Unicoi County intercepted the 2-point conversion. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, De'Ontay Tate ran for 3-yd touchdown. That made the final score 74-0 Fulton.

Fulton finished with 591 yards to -1 yard for Unicoi County. It had 394 total yards of rushing. The only negative statistic for Fulton was that they had seven penalties for 45 yards. Fulton Head Coach Rob Black praised his defense after the game. "Those guys are playing well, flying around, and hitting people, and it's fun to watch."

Black also said his big-play offense is versatile. "We're very multiple, we can do it in the throwing game, we can do it in the running game and we can do it with different people running it and different people catching it," Black said.

Fulton hosts a second round 4A playoff game next Friday. They will play Sullivan South, who defeated Carter.

# Campbell County downs Gibbs 41-7

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couple of yards out, and the Cougars were in control, up 20-0.

On the next Eagles possession, Joseph Elkins made the interception, and the Cougars had the football at the Gibbs 37.

It didn't take long for the Cougars to score again, this time from the air. Jeffers to Elkins from 12 yards away put Campbell County up 27-0 with 6:07 to go in the third.

A few minutes later, Courdle broke a couple of tackles and ran 12 yards for the touchdown and a 34-0 lead.

And with 28.5 seconds to go in the third, the Cougars struck again, with Jeffers throwing a perfect deep pass to junior Trey Torres. That put Campbell County up 41-0.

Certainly a third quarter to forget for head coach Brad Conley, with his Eagles getting outscored 28-0. The clock would run in the fourth, but Preston

Booth would help Gibbs avoid the shutout, scoring from one yard out with 14 seconds to go.

This was a historic victory for the Campbell County football program. The Cougars were 0-3 all-time in the playoffs before beating Gibbs, and they have been playing football at Campbell County for nearly four decades.

Getting win number two will be more difficult for the Cougars, as they will travel to face Knoxville West. The 10-1 Rebels advanced to the second round with a

60-0 win over David Crockett.

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# Bearden routs Sacred Heart in season opener

By Ken Lay

The Bearden Middle School boys basketball began defense of it James A. Ivey, Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament title with a lopsided win on Nov. 4.

The Bruins erased an early 4-3 deficit and cruised to a 41-25 non-league victory over Sacred Heart in the season opener for both schools.

The Eagles had an early 4-3 lead before Bearden scored the last 10 points of the first quarter. From there, the Bruins, who won the tournament title last season and reached the finals in 2012 after going undefeated and winning it all in 2011, seized control.

"I thought we played pretty well," Bearden coach Ben Zorio said. "I really liked our ball pressure. Before the game, we talked about turning our defense into offense."

"We wanted to create offense in transition."

The Bruins certainly accomplished that goal early last week. In fact, they did whatever they wanted to do against the Eagles (0-1).

"I liked our effort," Zorio said. "But we have a long way to go."

The Bruins were without the injured Hunter Green. Green is a three-year player who saw significant playing time last season. In his absence, Bearden (1-0) boasted a balanced scoring attack.

Sam Higdon led the way with 10 points. Chandler McBride added six. Cal Cook and Thomas Harper scored five points each and Charles Dupree finished with four.

Cook had all five of his points in the first quarter and keyed Bearden's early run that set the tone.

"The big things were that Thomas hit a couple of perimeter shots early and that gave us confidence," Zorio said. "Cal was big early. [Center] Patrick [Moffatt] hit a perimeter shot and did a good job on defensive rotation."

All that added up to a lopsided win and a positive start to the season. The Bruins led 22-6 at halftime and opened a 35-11 advantage by third quarter's end.

Sacred Heart's Ryan McDonald led all scorers with 14 points (including eight in the fourth quarter). The Eagles closed the gap against the Bearden reserves over the last six minutes.

# Special teams, defense lead West to 60-0 win

By Steve Williams

Even if David Crockett had teamed up with Daniel Boone, it probably wouldn't have been enough to sidetrack West High's streaking football team.

The Rebels' special team play took charge right from the start - recovering an onside kick on the opening kickoff - and their swift defense tormented David Crockett High to lead a 60-0 romp in TSSAA Class 5A first-round action Friday night at Bill Wilson Field.

Reserves did their part too and kept visiting Crockett, which is located in Jonesborough in upper East Tennessee, out of the end zone in the closing seconds to preserve the shutout.

The Rebels (10-1) have now won nine straight since their loss at Maryville in Week 2 and will host Campbell County in the second round this Friday night at 7 o'clock. The Cougars, which posted a 41-7 first-round win over Gibbs, are also 10-1 and enjoying one of their best seasons ever.

Crockett, making only its second playoff appearance in 44 years, finished 5-6. First-year Crockett Coach Jeremy Bosken was very impressed with the Rebels.

"The discipline and the speed of their defense is something we really don't

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# Lady Bruins edge Sacred Heart in opener 18-16

By Ken Lay

Bearden Middle School girls basketball coach Rachel Simmons had no idea what to expect when her Lady Bruins took the court to open the 2013-14 season on Monday, Nov. 4.

"We've had five practices and I have a young team," Simmons said after her team outlasted Sacred Heart 18-16 in the season opener at Bearden. "I only have three returning players and I'm starting three sixth graders."

"But they're all working hard and they're getting better."

The Lady Bruins (1-0) did struggle and work their way to victory against the Lady Eagles. Both squads battled offensive struggles early and combined for just four points in the first quarter. Rency Dunlap had Sacred Heart's first quarter basket while Jalen Norwood scored for the Lady Bruins.

The Lady Eagles (0-1) pressed Bearden throughout the contest but the Lady Bruins had little trouble with Sacred Heart's full-court defense.

"Defense has been our calling card around here and that's what we hang our hats on," Lady Eagles coach Jason DeVries said. "We need to play better defense."

"We didn't do a good job in our press and they were able to beat it by going over the top."

Bearden, which had its own offensive struggles on this night, managed to outscore the Lady Eagles 7-4 in the second quarter to open a 9-6 lead by halftime. Dimiya Smith scored five of her game-high nine points and second stanza and buried a long-range 3-point jumper in the frame.

The Lady Eagles kept things close in the third quarter thanks largely due to the effort of guard Rachel DeBarr.

She hit three free throws while Laura Cunningham had Sacred Heart's lone field goal of the frame. Smith and Kyeisha Dalton had buckets for Bearden while Lauren Wahl hit a foul shot for the Lady Bruins, who were 1-for-13 from the free throw line in the contest.

The Lady Eagles knotted the game at 14 early in the fourth quarter when DeBarr scored and was fouled. Her free throw tied things before the Lady Bruins pulled ahead 18-14 with 1 minute, 39 seconds left on baskets by Messiah Crews and Smith.

DeBarr scored the final bucket of the game with 1:13 left. She was fouled there but missed the foul shot and Bearden hung on to pick up the win.

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## Visit Knoxville kicks off First Friday with exhibit from local artists

By Tasha Mahurin  
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Visit Knoxville kicked off "First Friday" in November with an open house featuring the work of some of Knoxville's most talented artists.

"As Visit Knoxville, we are excited to partner with local artists to ensure that our offices display the best visual possible. We want customers and visitors to the Visit Knoxville building to leave with a sense of what our community has to offer," Visit Knoxville President Kim Bumpas told *The Focus*.

Among the work featured is the photography of Knox County E-Government Services Manager, Jon Gustin.

Jon has been an avid photographer since 1966; his portfolio includes pictures from Korea where he served in the military and surveillance photos from his twenty year career with the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Over the last decade, Gustin has captured over 200,000 images of local landmarks, events, and personalities. In addition to Visit Knoxville, Gustin's work can be viewed at the local federal building, the City County Building, and in many local businesses.

"It was very flattering to be selected to display my work alongside other local talented artists," Gustin told *The*

*Focus*. "Visit Knoxville had a great First Friday event and it was fun talking to many folks who attended about the photographs I have on display there."

The work of Gary Heatherly, Bill Foster, Bobbie Crews, Phil Savage, Lori Douthat, and Brad Keaton is also currently on display at Visit Knoxville headquarters. Guests to the open house were invited to meet the artists, as well as, participate in a wine tasting presented by Blue Slip Winery.

While this event focused on local talent, Bumpas says it's a natural fit for Visit Knoxville offices, located at 301 S. Gay Street.

"Sometimes a potential customer might only experience our building for a meeting, and we wanted the imagery in our building to make them want to come back and Visit Knoxville again," she added.

First Friday Knoxville is a community-wide event located in and around downtown Knoxville. Patrons are invited to browse open stores, art galleries, exhibits, take in shows, and dine downtown. Events related to First Friday typically begin around town 6 p.m. and go into the late evening hours.



A piece by Anne Freels

## Special teams, defense lead West to 60-0 win

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see up in the northeast part of Tennessee," he said. "Very disciplined, great fundamental football tacklers and the speed overall was very impressive."

"We've faced some pretty good teams in Science Hill, Dobyys-Bennett and Elizabethton, but by far this defense is the best we've seen. It's the overall best team we've played by far."

West mounted a 53-0 lead in the first half before starters were pulled and the mercy rule kicked into effect. Crockett's up-tempo offense

was held to 28 total yards before intermission (minus 48 yards rushing and 77 yards passing).

Max Bacon pounced on Manny Ruiz' kickoff at the Pioneers' 49-yard line to start the game, but West failed to cash in as Nathan Cottrell fumbled the ball away on second down. That may have been the Rebels' only serious mistake of the night.

West's defense forced a punt and Cottrell quickly redeemed himself with runs of 22, 12 (plus a horse collar foul) and 11 yards, the last carry taking him into the

end zone to put the Rebels ahead. Ruiz' first PAT kick made it 7-0 with 9:30 showing in the opening quarter.

West's kickoff team flexed its muscles again, this time with Cody Underwood smothering Crockett's return man at the Pioneers' 15. Underwood and Noah Hoxie combined to sack Crockett quarterback Ryan Burger for a 10-yard loss and the Pioneers had to punt from their 5.

On the return, Bacon emerged out of a crowd of Crockett defenders, reversed his direction and completed a 40-yard touchdown play. Holder Tommy Pridemore

surprised the Pioneers with a 2-point run around the left side to make it 15-0.

Again, West's kickoff team backed up Crockett as Khalil Watford and Jeremiah Russell got down field to tackle Hunter Metcalf at the 14. The possession ended with the ball being snapped over punter Heath Ricker's head and recovered by Crockett inside the 1. Justin Hodge punched it across on first down as the Rebels increased their lead to 22-0.

"We play kids one way on offense and defense, so we can put great players and

starters on special teams," said West Coach Scott Cummings. "We make it a big priority. We do special teams the first thing every practice. When it shows up like this, it makes you proud."

After a three-and-out by the defense, West quarterback Seth Marshall faked a hand-off inside, rolled around left end and, with a great block by Leon Humphrey, went 56 yards to score. West was up 29-0 after one quarter.

Hodge tacked on TD runs of 13 and 15 yards, Cottrell scored from 45 yards out and Ruiz kicked a 46-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Backup QB Sam Raines' 1-yard keeper, set up by Trey Davis' 41-yard punt return to the Crockett 7, completed the scoring in the third quarter.

"Let's be honest about it. Since we played Maryville, we haven't played a team to that caliber," said Cummings. "But at the same time, we are playing fast - on offense, defense and special teams. That's what we strive for - to be the fastest team on the field, not just individually but as a team. When we can do that, our athletes can make plays."

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

### The Tell

As I entered the exam room I knew something was up. It was the first time my patient was accompanied by his wife. I've seen this before when families come with their loved ones who are having tough times or receiving bad news. In poker it's called a "tell" and occurs when your emotions betray the four aces you've just been dealt. Only this time it wasn't four aces this stalwart professional had been dealt. It took only a moment for me to realize that things had drastically changed since I last saw him. This community leader with dementia now needed his wife's help. It's no secret that I've been troubled by the state of my country, the medical profession and my company. It's not

working and anyone with intellectual honesty or integrity knows it. There comes a time when you realize you've done all you can and it wasn't enough. I have made a difference in the lives of many, but you always wish you could have done more. I like the poetry of Emily Dickinson. One of her poems resonates with me these days: Success is counted sweetest By those who ne're succeed To comprehend a nectar Requires sorest need. Not one of the purple Host Who took the Flag today Can tell the definition So clear of Victory

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 nized and clear!

Luke was the author of Acts and the third New Testament Gospel. I believe he was an internist even though there weren't "specialists" 2000 years ago. Luke certainly approached issues like an internist. In the opening lines of his Gospel he said he "carefully investigated everything from the beginning...so the [the reader] may know the certainty of things...taught."

Of Luke's many stories, one in particular resonates with me these days. Two of Jesus' friends were the sisters named Martha and Mary. One day Jesus (and I suspect his entourage) came to supper at the sisters' home. Martha was quickly caught up in the business of hospitality and eventually complained to Jesus that her sister Mary wasn't helping her with preparations and dinner. With his loving touch The Master pointed out that Mary had chosen to sit with Jesus, and that her choice "is best and it will not be taken from her."

It's time for me to choose what is best. For more than two thirds of my life I have been focused on medicine. First it was the sacrifices to succeed in college and get into medical school. Then there were the challenges of medical school and post-doctoral residency training. And for the last thirty-four years I've practiced my trade and cared for my patients. The world is changing and so must I. My plan was to wait until the end of the year to announce that I was leaving Summit Medical Group and private practice. But ever increasing numbers of patients ask me if I'll be able to continue another year. I cannot be dishonest. There are too many lies these days by our titular leaders whose dishonesty is perverse and pernicious. The Washington Post recently awarded Obama "four Pinocchio's" for his statements regarding his signature legislation, Obamacare. Pinocchio's be damned! A lie is a lie if you have the courage to speak the truth. Our country is in crisis and I believe it is ruled by people who have betrayed America's trust. The Chronicler

in 2nd Chronicles 7:14 outlines the solution to our problems. We must choose the wisdom of the ages rather than follow the Belt Way boys to certain destruction. These days I am asked to change my principles; I cannot and be true to myself or to those I serve. I have three options: change the system - I have concluded after years of effort I cannot; change my foundational principles and get along; or leave the system. A friend of mine suggested I "compartmentalize" my feelings, but after reflection I conclude this is just a variation of the 2nd option and unacceptable. After a year of reflection and soul searching I must go away for a time. It would be nice if doctors could step back and take sabbaticals like those in academia. However, when you are responsible for people's care you can't wander off to some mountain top or a monastery for reflection. In my profession it is either 110% or not at all. I have decided that it must be not at all for awhile. I am not alone in this difficult decision. Studies say that 70% of physicians are now thinking of quitting medical

practice. Many of my colleagues are thinking of the end-game strategy. This week two physicians in their mid-fifties told me that they must hang in for five more years and then they'll quit. Who will care for the tsunami of baby-boomers now entering retirement age? I suspect a lot of care will be done by physician assistants and nurse practitioners who are trained differently than physicians. Experts predict that routine care and mild illness will be handled by "healthcare providers" in Wal-Mart, Walgreens and CVS-like venues. If you're really sick you'll go to the emergency room and the system will then assign you a doctor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the thousands of people who call me their doctor. I will still be available in the Focus and perhaps elsewhere someday. Who knows what will happen in 2014? It was Mark Twain who once quipped, "The news of my death has been greatly exaggerated." The same applies to me. Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com.

### Vegan Supper Club to Focus on Diabetes

The Knoxville Vegan Supper Club will meet on Sunday, November 17, 2013, at 5 p.m. at the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Attendees will enjoy a plant-based meal and see live food demonstrations. Participants will hear a presentation on sugar and diabetes by Dr. Larry Rahn. Dr. Rahn is Director of the Care Today Clinic, with the East Tennessee Medical Group. He obtained his Medical Degree from Loma Linda University and specializes in Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, & Occupational Medicine. He is member of the American College of Emergency Physicians. The event is open to the public. There is no entrance fee but a suggested donation of \$10 per person can be made on site. Registration is limited to 50 participants and the registration deadline is Thursday, November 14, 2013. For more information and to register, visit [knoxvilleinstep.com](http://knoxvilleinstep.com) or contact Kimberly Crider at 865-264-3894. The Knoxville Vegan Supper Club is sponsored by InStep for Life Health Ministries and the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church.

# Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis Gets Jingling

The 23rd Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis will bring Knoxville together on December 14th to raise funds to fight and cure arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. This holiday-themed event will be held at Market Square from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. The Arthritis Foundation expects more than 2,200 participants to take part in the Jingle Bell Run/Walk this year. The 2013 medical honoree, Dr. Darryl Millis, recently hosted the corporate kick-off event at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine followed by a tour of the new small and large animal hospital. Not only is Dr. Millis a wonderful orthopedic surgeon and advocate for animals with arthritis, he also shared the personal struggles of his sister-in-law. "The topic of arthritis is important to me not only on a professional level with the patients that I see, but also a personal level. My sister-in-law was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis as a teenager. I

have watched her battle this disease, with lifestyle changes, medications, and joint replacement surgery" explained Millis. At the kick-off event Dr. Millis said "One in 4 people in Tennessee have some form of arthritis, with nearly 6,000 of these being children. There is someone very close to you that has one of the more than 100 forms of arthritis. Maybe it's a spouse, sibling, parent, neighbor, coworker, or even yourself. Or maybe it's your dog, because 1 in 5 dogs have arthritis. Clearly this is a huge issue affecting our community, and the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for the Arthritis Foundation is a local event that can directly help people in our area that cope with arthritis on a daily basis, and work toward improved treatments and a cure by funding research." Dr. Millis works with one of the most important dogs on the University of Tennessee campus, Smokey. "Smokey developed an ACL tear in the

fall of 2011. Although the surgery to stabilize the knee was successful, there is an ongoing need to continue to work to slow the progression of osteoarthritis. Weight control, regular exercise, and medications as needed are all used to help maintain his knee in winning form," says Dr. Millis. Smokey has been chosen as this year's dog honoree because dogs get arthritis, too! Help "Team Smokey" at this year's Jingle Bell Run/Walk. Join Smokey's team, "Team Smokey" at [www.knoxvillejbr.org](http://www.knoxvillejbr.org) to help Smokey and Dr. Millis find a cure for arthritis! As the nation's largest holiday race series, the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis offers a ten kilometer timed fun run, five kilometer timed fun run and a one-mile walk with other activities for the entire family. To learn more about the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis or to register your team today, visit [www.knoxvillejbr.org](http://www.knoxvillejbr.org)

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# Faith

## Remembering Our Veterans

Veterans Day has a rich history. World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside

the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The original concept for the celebration was for a day

observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with

other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day" and later inserting in its place the word "Veterans" to include veterans of World War II. With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Let us focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

(Information taken from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

## Church Happenings

### Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy, invites you to join the youth at the MOTH BALL! Dust off those moth balls and put on your dancing shoes! Beaver Ridge youth will sponsor a MOTH BALL on Saturday, November 9 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Wedding dresses, powder blue tuxedos, bridesmaids dresses, platform shoes, football jackets/jerseys, mother of the bride dresses, or anything that you've been dying to wear again is welcome!! Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased from any youth or at the door. For more information call the church office: 690-1060.

### Colonial Heights United Methodist Church

Each Thanksgiving, members of CHUMC give up their Thanksgiving Day to serve others less fortunate. This is the 13th annual dinner which is held each year in memory of Rick Flanagan, a dedicated member of CHUMC who was involved with the Choir, Sunday School and Youth Programs. The dinner is designed to assist those less fortunate than a lot of us and provides a wonderful meal along with fellowship for those who either have no current home or family to enjoy Thanksgiving Day with. Along with the dinner, guests attending will have access to a clothing closet, Barber shop and can choose a pair of new socks, gloves and hats from our special Christmas tree designed just for them. If you or if you know of anyone who would like to join us for dinner simply call the church office at (865)577-2727 if you need transportation a church member will be more than glad to pick you up and take you back home. CHUMC looks forward to having Thanksgiving Dinner with EACH of YOU; November 28th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CHUMC is located at 6321 Chapman Highway, South Knoxville.

### Cornerstone Baptist Church

In honor of pastor appreciation month, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2500 Mynatt Rd, wants to take this time to recognize its pastor, leader, and friend, Dr. Frank D. Epperson. He and his precious wife, Jamie, became a part of the church family in 2008. Cornerstone Baptist would like to thank him for his continued love and support for his church and community. Frank's Christian values and understanding of the bible, soon give the congregation the comfort of knowing he is a man of God. The church looks forward to reaching new heights under his leadership.



**Seymour United Methodist Church**  
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# House to Home

# Winter Color

Don't think that just because winter is coming that your garden must look dull, brown or dead-looking. There are many flowers and plants that can provide color in your winter garden.



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

Evergreens are, of course, a good choice for winter interest but there are also other options available that offer blooms, structure or berries to take your winter garden from dull to dazzling! Winter heath is a good choice for its early bloom and evergreen presence and that it is deer resistant. The foliage is evergreen and needlelike. Dependent on the variety, the foliage displays varied shades of green, from lime-green to dark green. The flowers come in shades of red, pink or white, with small drooping bell- or urn-shaped blossoms. Winter heaths bloom in late winter or early spring and grow in full sun to partial shade. They like moist but well-drained, acidic soil. Daphne shrubs are an excellent choice. This

evergreen shrub produces rosy-pink to rose-purple buds that open to white and are intensely fragrant. The leaves are variegated with yellow-margins. They bloom in winter and early spring. They are beautiful, low-maintenance shrubs and do quite well in open woodlands or as a border shrub.

Arum italicum, commonly known as Italian Arum, is a unique perennial for the winter landscape. The leaves are shaped like arrowheads and grow 8 to 12 inches long and are variegated green and white. They prefer part to full shade and moist, but well-drained soil. A woodland area is a perfect location.

There are few perennials that can rival the seasonal interest of hellebores... often called the Christmas or Lenten rose. These are staples of the winter garden. Most bloom in early to late winter. These plants are long-lived and provide exquisite blooms at a time when flowers are a scarce delight. They are drought-tolerant once they are established. Plant in partial shade and keep the soil evenly moist. They have beautiful nodding saucer-shape flowers

with 5 showy petal-like sepals surrounded by leafy bracts. Flowers may be flat with many fuzzy stamens or tube-like with the stamens concealed. The foliage alone is worth growing, being attractive clumps of leathery, dark green foliage and makes an excellent ground cover. The flowers are good for cutting.

Of course, there are pansies and violas which provide winter blooms. Planted in large drifts they provide cheerful color throughout the winter. They are also excellent container plants. They perform best in full sun; however, violas will tolerate shade. They come in a plethora of colors and certainly can add some pop to your winter garden.

Camellias, which you all know is one of my favorites, have varieties that bloom in fall, winter and spring. They are evergreen shrubs producing rose-like flowers that will add color, texture, fragrance and flowers to your landscape year-round. They grow best in partial shade. The bloom colors are red, pink,

white and variegated. The blooms can be single or double and can reach up to 5 inches in diameter. There are primarily two species of camellias grown in our zone (area). Camellia japonica with glossy leaves, dense foliage and large blooms from late winter through early spring. Sasanqua camellias tend to be more open, have small leaves and usually small, single blooms in the fall. Camellia japonica is normally hardy to 10 degrees, but sudden changes in temperature can damage the foliage or kill open flower buds. Sasanqua camellias are more cold hardy---tolerating temperatures as low as 5 degrees. Many new cultivars have exceptional winter hardiness. We will explore a few of the winter-blooming

varieties. Probably my very favorite and one of the most popular, is the Yuletide Camellia (Camellia Sasanqua 'Yuletide'). It has simple, single yet elegant red flowers with golden, bright yellow centers or stamens making it a beautiful addition to the winter garden.

Now let's not forget those options which provide berries for color. By providing berries, they also provide food for the birds and readily obtainable Christmas decorations. Hollies are the first that come to mind for berries. There are red, black, orange, yellow and white-fruited types, evergreen and deciduous ones. Next to mind are nandinas with their large clusters of red berries. Pyracantha or scarlet firethorn shrub produces abundant bright

scarlet red fruits. Indian hawthorn shrub produces blue-black fruits. Skimmia japonica or Japanese skimmia shrub produces bright red persistent fruits at the tips of branches--very showy. Some Viburnums produces excellent red fruits that persist through winter.

There are many options that provide winter color so there are no excuses in your garden to have a dull, brown landscape when you can have dazzling winter color!!!!

I wish each of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!!!! We all have so much to be thankful for!!

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.--John Fitzgerald Kennedy

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAR Meeting

The Samuel Frazier Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Silver Spoon, 210 Lovell Road on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The program will be on Education and presented by Edna Eickman. She is the Program Manager of the Grandparents as Parents Program at the Community Action Committee Office of Aging. Visitors are welcome to attend. For reservations or more information, please contact Martha Kroll at (865) 603-4655.

## Free Stop Smoking Class

A two-hour introductory session on how to stop smoking will take place at the North Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6530 Fountain City Road, Knoxville, TN on November 21, at 7:00 p.m. November 21st is the national "Great American Smoke-out Day", which has been designated by the American Cancer Society as a time period where people stop smoking for 24 hours. The class is free and open to the public but registration is required. For more information and to register, call Kathy Reid at (865) 314-8204, or visit knoxvilleinstep.com. The class is sponsored by the North Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Fountain City Business & Professional Association November Meeting

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at Central Baptist Church. Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The lunch sponsor is Beth Dunn with Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union Northeast Branch at 4520

Greenway Drive and the speaker will be Dr. Jody Goins, Central High School Principal.

Jody Goins was named principal of Central High School in June. Previously he was principal of Oak Ridge High School since 2009. He joined Oak Ridge Schools in

2004 and served as a social studies teacher, coach, and assistant principal prior to his appointment as a principal. Jody Goins has a bachelor's degree in education history, a master's degree in education and an education specialist degree in administration and supervision, all conferred by Lincoln Memorial University.

## Halls Business & Professional Association Annual Banquet

The Halls B&PA will hold their Annual Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Beaver Brook Golf & Country Club in Halls.

The guest speaker for the evening will be John Becker, WBIR-TV News Anchor. He will reflect on the holiday season, his award winning series "Service and Sacrifice," and his love of pets. He moderates Ten News Sunday - a political and public affairs roundtable. John has won numerous awards from professional organizations. John and his wife, and their two pups make regular runs on Knoxville's greenways.

The organization will name the Halls Man and Woman of the year at the banquet and announce officers for the incoming year. There will be a silent auction prior to the festivities. Tickets are available by contacting Sue Walker, chair of the event (865-925-9200) The event, for business, professional and residents of Halls and the surrounding communities, is always a sellout.

## Heiskell Community Meeting

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Seniors meeting on Thursday, November 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The seniors will be honoring our Veterans with a traditional Thanksgiving luncheon on that day. Robert "Buzz" Buswell with the area Veterans Assoc. will be our

speaker and all veterans are invited to attend. Veterans and veterans' families are invited to bring pictures or other items to display on our honor table. Announcements and program begin at 11am with luncheon to follow. This month will be the last month to bring

school supplies and personal hygiene items for our "Totes of Love" program for area needy school children. For more information regarding any of our programs, please call Janice White at 548-0326.

## Hospice seeks volunteers

UT Hospice, serving patients and families in Knox and 15 surrounding counties, conducts ongoing orientation sessions for adults (18 and older) interested in becoming volunteers with our program. No medical experience is

required. Training is provided. For more information call Penny Sparks or Sarah Palma, Volunteer Coordinators at (865)544-6277.

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group is for any adult who is suffering loss and meets the first and third Tuesday of every month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the UT Hospice office at 2270 Sutherland Ave. A light supper is served. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Brenda Fletcher, Bereavement Coordinator at (865) 544-6277.

## Knox County Democratic Women's Club Meeting

The Knox County Democratic Women's Club will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. Call 742-8234 for more info.

## Ossoli Circle November Meeting

November 18 is the Founders Recognition Day. 9:45 a.m. coffee and fellowship in small dining room. At 10:30 a.m., Pamela K. Deko with FBI Community

Relations will speak on "Legislation & Resolution," in particular Identity Theft. At 11:30, Founders Recognition program chaired by Faye Julian. Visitors always welcome. Ossoli Clubhouse, 2511 Kingston Pike. Info: (865) 577-4106.

## Powell Republican Club Meeting

Jason Zachary, candidate for US House District 2 will be the speaker for the Powell Republican Club on Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. at Shoney's on Emory Road.



## 4c's Coconut Cake

- 1 box white or yellow cake mix
- 1 container (8oz) sour cream(light or regular)
- 1 tub cool whip (light or regular)
- 2 c flaked coconut
- 1 c confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla'
- 1 cherry

Make box cake as directed and make 3 or 4 THIN layers. Mix sour cream, cool whip, sugar, and coconut together and blend thoroughly. Begin with placing one layer on a cake plate, and use the coconut mixture as icing.

Continue by icing each layer. Place cherry on top.

## Fruit Fizz Punch

- 2 qts boiling water
- 3 Lipton family size tea bags
- 1 can (6oz) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 can (6oz) frozen grape juice concentrate
- 1 can (6oz) frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 bottle (32oz) ginger ale

In a large pitcher, pour boiling water over the tea bags. Brew for 4 minutes; remove tea bags. In punch bowl combine tea, juices, and lemonade. Before serving add ginger ale and ice. Makes 20 (50z) servings.

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