

South Knox Community Hosts Commemoration

By Focus Staff

The South Haven community in South Knoxville will be hosting a community commemoration of last year’s violent hail and thunderstorm. Most of South Knoxville was hit hard by thunderstorms and a possible tornado last April 27 and the “From HELL And Back” event will be held at Hillcrest United Methodist Church at 1615 Price Avenue.

Folks are being encouraged to bring pictures from the storm and there will be prizes for the “biggest hail stone” as well as the “most hail-damaged automobile.” There will be a raffle for a weather radio, gift certificates from local restaurants, and more.

Nick Pavlis, South Knoxville’s City Councilman, said, “It should be a great event and our community is still healing from that storm.”

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. A free picnic dinner will be provided.



Pat Summitt and friends watch UT play Georgia last October from the sidelines at Neyland Stadium.

The End of an Era: Pat Summitt Steps Aside

By Alex Norman

Over the past few days, you’ve likely read many articles about Pat Summitt.

You’ve read about her years coaching the Lady Vols (38), her career victories (1098), and her national championships (8).

But those statistics, as record breaking and impressive as they might be, don’t properly represent what Summitt has meant to the University of Tennessee... and to women’s athletics in this country.

Let’s start with UT... the University certainly looks and feels a lot different today than it did when Summitt took over the reigns of the women’s basketball program in 1974. And since then, the name Pat Summitt has been synonymous with the University of Tennessee.

Winning has helped of course... championship coaches get more attention than mediocre ones. But Summitt’s style, intensity, her stare... those things made her a popular choice with the media. And Summitt

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FOCUS Weekly Poll*

In your opinion, should the county-wide constitutional officers, such as the County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Trustee, Property Assessor and Law Director, be elected by the people or appointed by the County Mayor?

ELECTED 85.94%
APPOINTED 14.06%

Survey conducted
April 17, 2012.

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

KCS to Host a Recruitment Job Fair

The Knox County Schools Human Resources Department will host a Recruitment Job Fair on Saturday, April 28 at Central High School located at 5321 Jacksboro Pike. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and showcases both teaching and non-teaching job opportunities within the Knox County Schools. Various representatives from many Knox County Schools and service areas will be onsite to meet and interview candidates. In addition, early contracts and signing bonuses will be offered for certified positions with critical needs.

For more information, visit www.knoxschools.org.



An overwhelming show of support and solidarity was demonstrated Thursday night at the Pension Review meeting as City Employees Association head Anita Cash (at podium) rallied the city workers.

Knoxville To Host 2014 Medal of Honor Convention

As announced last month, Knoxville, Tennessee will be the host city of the 2014 Medal of Honor Convention October 1 - 4, 2014. Last Wednesday, leaders convened to share more information about the convention and its positive economic impact on the city of Knoxville and the surrounding region.

“We are two and a half years away from the convention, but we are already hard at work planning this milestone

event for Knoxville,” said Joe Thompson, who shares host committee co-chair responsibilities with Chris Coyne. “Our goal is to make this the best Medal of Honor Convention ever and to put Knoxville on the map as an ideal location for military-related conventions and reunions in the process.” In addition to the Medal of Honor Convention, there are military reunion groups from all services and eras which produce dozens of events and gatherings

each year.

At this point, the Knoxville Medal of Honor host committee estimates the economic impact to the region may exceed \$2 million. “In addition to the budget to produce the convention, which is anticipated to exceed \$1 million and almost all of which will be spent with local vendors, the visitors we’ll bring to Knoxville will have an impact through their hotel stays and purchases while

here,” said Thompson. The host committee is in the process of obtaining sponsorships and planning the scale of the events, which will ultimately include attendance into the thousands for several of the convention’s associated events.

Today marked the official announcement of the selection of Knoxville as the host city for the 2014 Medal of Honor Convention. Sammy Davis, Medal of Honor recipient

for his heroic acts in the Vietnam War, who was the featured speaker at Morgan Keegan’s annual “In the Company of Heroes” luncheon, also represented the Medal of Honor Society at a variety of events to help publicize the upcoming convention.

The day began with an HonorAir sendoff of a plane-full of veterans and chaperones to Washington, D.C. at 8:30 a.m., followed by a presentation by Davis at Sacred Heart Cathedral

School as part of the Medal of Honor Society’s character development program. Later in the day Davis spoke to several hundred service men and woman at the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base.

City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero cited local initiatives supporting and commemorating veterans as important in the city’s selection as the host of the 2014 event. “HonorAir

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Poll Results Should Send A Message

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The latest poll conducted by The Focus should send a message to the members of the Knox County Charter Review Commission. More than 85% of those polled favor keeping countywide offices elected rather than appointed. While the reason for reviewing the Knox County Charter has ostensibly been to work out a few small kinks in the system, some have long wanted the opportunity to reverse the decision made by the voters in rejecting a proposed Charter amendment that would

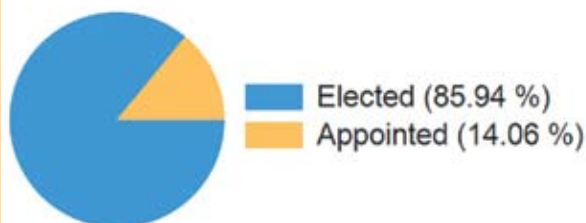
have given the County Mayor the power to appoint the Law Director, Property Assessor, Trustee, and Register of Deeds. The opinion was virtually the same amongst both female and male voters. Voters in every age category supported keeping countywide offices elected and every County Commission district favored retaining elected officeholders. National pollsters frequently conduct polls with samplings of opinion of about the same number of those polled in Knox County. Still, certain members

of the Charter Review Committee will surely try and press ahead with giving the County Mayor the power to appoint currently elected offices. The Knoxville News-Sentinel has predictably been loudly ringing the same old bell to call home the cows and the Sentinel has complained that the reason voters rejected the proposed amendment was due solely to the wording employed by then Law Director Bill Lockett. There seems to be an inability on the part of The Sentinel and some of the professional do-gooders to accept the notion the people of Knox

County simply preferred choosing their own officials. The offending question frankly plainly stated the obvious: do you prefer keeping certain offices elected rather than appointed. A healthy majority of Knox Countians did indeed prefer elected officeholders to having them appointed by the Mayor and there is every reason to believe the result will be the same, although it won't be especially surprising to see an effort to come up with artful and confusing language.

FOCUS Weekly Poll

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By Age	Elected	Appointed
18-29	100.00%	[None]
30-49	77.94%	22.06%
50-65	83.95%	16.05%
65+	89.05%	10.95%
Total	85.94%	14.06%

By District	Elected	Appointed
1	84.38%	15.63%
2	87.27%	12.73%
3	86.00%	14.00%
4	79.22%	20.78%
5	81.25%	18.75%
6	88.33%	11.67%
7	91.80%	8.20%
8	91.23%	8.77%
9	85.71%	14.29%
Total	85.94%	14.06%

By Gender	Elected	Appointed
Unknown	88.46%	11.54%
Female	86.59%	13.41%
Male	84.98%	15.02%
Total	85.94%	14.06%

The World Came to Knoxville

For one entire summer, I walked the route every day on my way to work. I would leave The University of Tennessee campus and head up Cumberland Avenue. As I started up the hill toward Henley Street, I would often cast a glance toward Bradley's Steak House on the left. I could never have imagined then how differently the site would look nine years later. "You've got to be there" was the slogan used to promote the 1982



By **Ralphine Major**
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World's Fair. "There" referred to Knoxville, which had been dubbed by some media as the "scruffy little city." However, city officials and World's Fair Committee members seemed determined to change that image; and on May 1, 1982, the "scruffy little city" welcomed the world to Knoxville. It was a beautiful May day when we watched the opening day festivities on television. Seeing the United States President, Ronald Reagan, in

attendance was especially exciting. As the pavilion names for the visiting countries were read, World's Fair employees—neatly dressed in white uniforms with a military flair—escorted them. The towering Sunsphere, with its golden globe top, was billed as the main attraction and was later seen in the opening segment of the Miss USA Pageant. The fair brought sights and sounds that would become a part of our daily lives for the six-month period, such as the Waters of the World lined with festive flags. The Energy Express could

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Sign the bill, Bill



By **Richie Beeler**

There's a new law in Tennessee. Just a few weeks ago the State Legislature, by a bi-partisan 3 to 1 margin, passed a bill allowing educators to teach creationism alongside evolution in Tennessee public schools. According to our State Constitution, such a bill becomes law after ten days even if the Governor does not sign it. He didn't. And it did. Knowing that a veto would face a certain override by the General Assembly, Governor Haslam chose to express his symbolic opposition to the measure by allowing it to become law without his signature. It was a disappointing decision from an otherwise skilled and capable leader. In citing his reasons for not signing, the Governor praised the bill's overwhelming bi-partisan support, but criticized the measure stating that "good legislation should bring clarity and not confusion." Well, yeah, that's the whole point. The bill IS trying to restore clarity to a

public school system that sacrificed clarity on the altar of secularism decades ago. Opponents of the new law are having a collective meltdown at the notion of God being given equal standing with the Almighty Charles Darwin. You can hear their cries from the Smokies to the Mississippi. "Creationism is religion!" (So is evolution.) "It's not science!" (Neither is evolution.) "The Bible and science are not compatible!" (Now there's a change of tune.) If you know your history, back in the early years of the 20th century, when it was Darwinian evolution that was fighting to get in the classroom, its supporters vowed that it was in no way a threat to religion and was actually perfectly compatible with Christianity and other faiths. They were lying through their highly evolved teeth. Any honest Darwinian knows that evolution is merely the attempt of science to explain life and its origin without God in the equation. And any attempt to interject the idea of an intelligent deity into the mix is met with vicious

opposition. The same scientific community that once used compatibility as a reason to teach evolution, has long since abandoned that argument in its attempts to wall any acknowledgment of God out of public education. Fact is, the Bible and science have not always been compatible. For example the Bible, written between 2,000 and 3,500 years ago, has always taught that life can only come from life. Science discovered this in the past 200 years. During the time when the Bible was written, science thought the earth was flat and rested on the back of a mythical creature. The Bible, however, states that "God hangs the earth on nothing." Had the Bible always agreed with science, it would have been wrong countless times over the centuries. Science on the other hand is always discovering. Oftentimes, discovering that what it previously discovered was not correct. The Bible never discovers. That is because it was written by an eternal Being that already knows everything. It isn't a science book. But when it speaks on such matters, it speaks truth. Such as the truth that "in the beginning, God created



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Governor Bill Haslam catches up with Knoxville City Councilman Marshall Stair during the governor's visit to Blount Mansion on Friday. The purpose of Haslam's visit was to discuss the efforts to restore and preserve the historic site.

the heavens and the earth." The first statement from the Book of Genesis is the very foundation of all truth. Its implications are staggering. Here are just two: 1) everything that exists was created by a self-existent Being. 2) every person created is accountable to that Being. Now some would suggest that somewhere in the first chapters of Genesis, everything evolved just the way science claims it did. But that presents a difficult question. If God created everything, and then His creatures gradually evolved into humans, at what point in the process did we become accountable to God for our behavior? Did Jesus die on the cross just for humans, or are really smart apes also included in the plan of redemption? If you are a Christian, stop fooling yourself. Science has been wrong before, and it will be wrong again. In the 1970s they told us that the planet was headed for an ice age. Now it's apparently overheating. When Darwin wrote his ground-breaking work On the Origin of Species, he taught us much about species and almost nothing about origin. In the century and a half that followed, radical secularists have hijacked his research and turned it into a weapon of mass destruction in their atheistic crusade against religion. All Tennessee is doing is giving people who value the truth a weapon with which to fight back. I only wish our leader were fighting with us.



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Publisher's Position

A Tale of Education And the Elite



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Since the Knox County Superintendent of Schools became an appointive rather than an elected office, one refrain Knox Countians hear repeatedly is the emphasis on “the best”. We want the best Superintendent, the best teachers, the best students, the best of everything. Of course the best of everything is always expensive, which is exactly why we hear that constant refrain. And who doesn’t want the best for his or her children? It is as ingrained in parents as breathing.

Local media outlets pay so little real attention

to the school system, save perhaps at budget time, it is embarrassing. With the current budget request of Superintendent Jim McIntyre requiring a 35 cent increase in the property tax, the school system has been busily preoccupied with assorted public appearances and media events to lure the public into supporting a request Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has flatly said he will not recommend.

The logic of attracting the “best” person for the job in education is hardly new to Knox County. It is a philosophy practiced by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, which oddly functions much like the current Board of Education in Knox County. The UT Board of Trustees were rigidly practicing the philosophy of bringing the best to Tennessee when they employed Wade Gilley and John Schumaker. It didn’t stop with just the presidency of the University; once again, to attract the best, the UT folks employed a young coach to lead the Tennessee Volunteers,

Lane Kiffin. In fact, UT seemingly had to hire just about every member of Kiffin’s family to get him to Tennessee.

The financial deals these individuals have been awarded have certainly reflected the desire to attract the “best” possible individuals and have been eye-popping. While the President of the University of Tennessee has never been as well compensated as a football coach, John Schumaker managed to wrangle an impressive deal and the Board of Trustees did all they could to keep him happy.

What likely attracted the UT Board’s attention to Schumaker was the fact he had managed to increase the University of Louisville’s endowment funding from \$183 million to more than half a billion dollars. With dollar signs dancing in their heads, the Board of Trustees moved to get the “best” for the University of Tennessee. The Board, like just about everybody else in Knoxville, had been astonished and perhaps a little embarrassed by

the presidency of Wade Gilley who left UT in 2001. Schumaker inked a deal paying him a total of \$733,550; that sum allegedly made Schumaker one of the highest paid university presidents in the entire country.

Schumaker, like Jim McIntyre, was adept in directing impressive-sounding phrases about education and investing in the future. Unfortunately, Schumaker’s fall came swiftly, profoundly embarrassing both the University and the Board of Trustees.

Schumaker was toppled from his post due to allegations of financial irregularities. A number of allegations were made, but what most Knoxvilleans clearly remember are Schumaker’s complaints about the official residence of the University of Tennessee President. Renowned and highly successful attorney Ray E. Jenkins had donated the imposing home on Cherokee Boulevard in the heart of Sequoyah Hills to the University of

Tennessee to use as a residence for the President of UT. Schumaker had been unhappy with the stately old home even after almost \$800,000 in renovations and improvements had been made. Schumaker insisted upon further renovations and furnishings totaling almost another half a million dollars.

Schumaker haggled with UT over a severance package after being let go, an embarrassing episode and since his departure in 2003, no other President of the University of Tennessee has been offered so generous a compensation package. Yet, it clearly illustrates the search of the “best” so often promoted by many of the professional do-gooders in our community. Even the mighty Board of Trustees, which is comprised of some of the most successful and brilliant individuals in Tennessee, for the University of Tennessee are not infallible.

The refrain of always seeking the “best” doesn’t mean we usually get it; nor does it mean all the

money spent to acquire and retain the “best” isn’t always money well spent. Logic would dictate that the truth lies somewhere in the middle. Good old common sense tells us that we could buy our children the “best” pair of athletic sneakers at a cost of \$500, yet if we are only able to spend half that amount, are we terrible parents for not having bought the best for our beloved children? Probably not.

Eventually nicely turned phrases must translate into a definable pattern of success with a discernible result and benefit to those who have sacrificed and made an investment. Today, the former home of University of Tennessee Presidents sits in its stately grandeur, put up for sale by UT. The beautiful old home failed to sell at auction and remains on the market. It is a sad legacy for having sought the best and failed.



Air bubbles in Third Creek are created by the aeration system.

City of Knoxville Crews Use Aeration To Help Third Creek

Crews with the City of Knoxville Public Service and Stormwater Engineering departments have created an aeration system in Third Creek to help manage mulch runoff and improve conditions for fish that have been affected by the fire at Shamrock Organic.

The City is working with the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation on the aeration process that is pumping oxygen into the creek at two points.

The mulch fire and runoff have released material into Third Creek, causing a reduction in the water’s oxygen content. To push oxygen back into the water, crews drilled holes in PVC pipes and weighted them

down below the water’s surface. Air compressors were then brought in to push air through the pipes, creating a turbulent effect -- like blowing air through a straw into your drink to make bubbles.

“This is just a partial solution, but we want to do everything reasonable to keep pollution in the water to a minimum,” said David Hagerman, professional engineer with the City’s Stormwater Management. “TDEC came out this morning and was very appreciative of what we were trying to do and offered suggestions, but there will need to be a permanent containment system in place onsite once the fire is extinguished.”

The mulch fire began Sunday, April

15 and is now manageable, though firefighters continue to concentrate on hot spots. City resources have been used to haul debris away from the site, which will result in normal brush collection schedules being suspended for the next week. Residents should place yard waste out for collection, but it might be two to three weeks before it is collected. Managers in the field are tracking needs and routing resources as needed.

Also at the aeration site, the City is pumping mulch water runoff from East Fork Creek onto grass, where it may increase oxygen and reduce debris before flowing back into the creek.

Knoxville To Host 2014 Medal of Honor Convention

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Knoxville was founded by Eddie Mannis, who serves as chief operations officer and deputy to the mayor of the city of Knoxville,” said Rogero. “HonorAir’s dedication to honoring

East Tennessee World War II and Korean War veteran by flying those veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials built in their honor is truly inspiring,” said Rogero. “Kicking off today’s events with an

HonorAir send off this morning was an emotional experience that only began to tell those veterans how much we appreciate their service to ensure the freedoms we continue to enjoy today. We could not

be more delighted to host this fantastic convention in Knoxville in October 2014.”

For more information, visit www.mohknoxville.com.

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When this paper comes out, we will have just had Earth Day on the previous Saturday. Many Knoxville residents will have attended Earthfest or some other Earth Day



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event, while many others won’t even have realized the day at all. Some will even scoff at the idea of Earth Day and make derogatory remarks about nature lovers being pansy, hippy tree-huggers. I’m not exactly sure where that mentality comes from.

The first environmentalist I ever learned about was Theodore Roosevelt. As far as I know, the 26th president always had a haircut and a real job. He never joined PETA or burned a draft card. As a matter of fact, he was an expert huntsman who was a hero in the Spanish-American War. Did I forget to mention that he was a leader of the Republican Party? We’re talking Teddy, not FDR. His face is on Mount Rushmore for crying out loud. He led the Rough Riders up San Juan Hill. He was no wimp.

During his term as president, he created the U.S. Forest Service and 150 National Forests. He also signed legislation establishing five national parks and 18 national game preserves. In addition, he protected a large portion of the Grand Canyon and established 18 national monuments. He laid the groundwork for what would become the National Park Service.

As a conservative and an environmentalist, Roosevelt explained, “I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the nature resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us.”

The stereotyping goes both ways though. Just as all environmentalists are not unemployed nut jobs, not all hunters and gun owners are barbarian nature haters. About two years ago, I was in a situation where I did not feel safe. My friend and her husband took me to the rifle range to teach me how to shoot a gun. It wasn’t as scary as I thought it would be. It reminded me of when my father taught me to swing a golf club. At the rifle range and at the driving range you’ll hear “follow through and don’t bend your elbow.”

I have seen more than a few nature lovers at the rifle range. One of the reasons why hunters hunt is their enjoyment of the outdoors, much like Teddy Roosevelt. My friends, the same ones who taught me how to shoot a gun, also recycle, compost, and use a rain barrel. They are conservatives in the true sense of the word. They conserve.

Another misconception I see is the idea that being an environmentalist means that you worship the Earth.

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour

South Knoxville TaeKwonDo to participate in Festival of Reading

Knox County Public Library will be holding their annual Children's Festival of Reading at World's Fair Park on Saturday, May 19th, and South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International will be there to promote children's reading in a big way! Owner, Master 5th Degree Black Belt Bobby Hargis, will have a booth at the festival with literary activities for the children as well as a free giveaway of autographed children's books from around the world. Authors already signed up to partner with South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International include Susanna Leonard Hill, Heather Newman, Debbie LaCroix, Salina Yoon, Ann Haywood Lea, Tracey Cox, Sarah Frances Hardy, Alayne Kay Christian, Lisa Chottiner, Genevieve Petrillo and many more, but they need your help!

Local and regional children's book authors who are interested in partnering with South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International to help promote their own books are encouraged

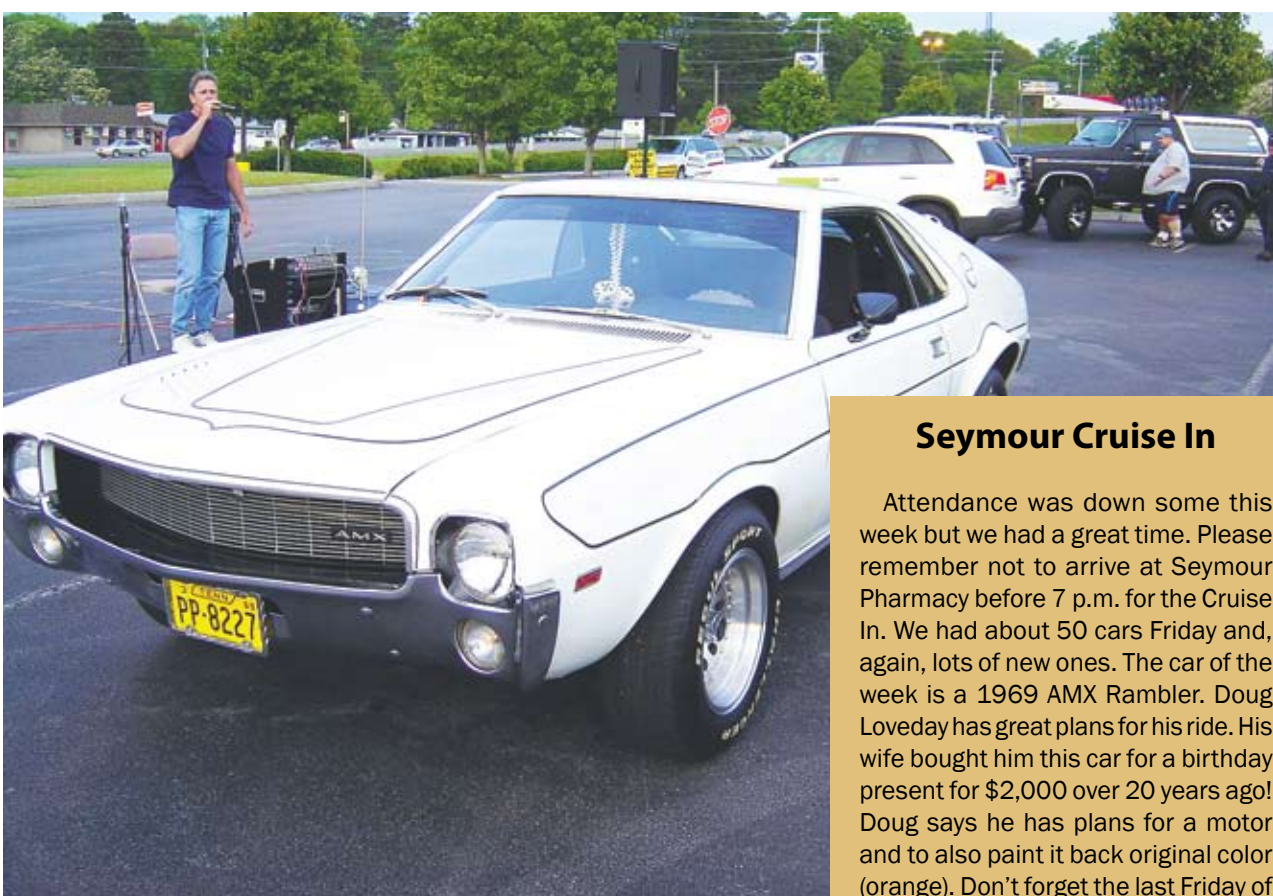
to contact Donna Martin, Program Director, at 865-579-6300 or email her at tkd2lady@yahoo.com for more information. South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International will be accepting autographed books (picture books, middle grade, and young adult fiction or nonfiction) or autographed swag items (bookmarks, posters, postcards, brochures, etc) through May 5th, in order for local authors to be able to participate at their booth. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase local talent within the children's book arena.

South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International is a community leader in promoting children's literacy through their participation in Knox County's Partners In Education and the Read To Me programs.

South Knoxville TaeKwonDo International is located at 6510 Chapman Highway, next to the Rush Fitness Complex. Their website address is www.knoxvilletkd.com.



Seymour Intermediate School officials and students along with friends from U.S. Cellular on March celebrate the unveiling of the school's new computer lab, which was purchased through shared funds from Seymour Primary School when it won the 2011 U.S. Cellular Calling All Communities grand prize of \$150,000. Seymour Primary School shared its winnings with the other schools in the community, and Seymour Intermediate School used its share of \$37,500 to refurbish the computer lab with 25 new computers, a projector, computer software and more. U.S. Cellular's Calling All Communities campaign awards \$1 million to schools across the nation in support of education and will return in the fall of 2012. Pictured from left to right: U.S. Cellular associate Autumn Galyon; Seymour Intermediate School Principal Peggy Oakes; and Shirley Clepper of U.S. Cellular authorized agent store Network Technologies in Seymour.



Seymour Cruise In

Attendance was down some this week but we had a great time. Please remember not to arrive at Seymour Pharmacy before 7 p.m. for the Cruise In. We had about 50 cars Friday and, again, lots of new ones. The car of the week is a 1969 AMX Rambler. Doug Loveday has great plans for his ride. His wife bought him this car for a birthday present for \$2,000 over 20 years ago! Doug says he has plans for a motor and to also paint it back original color (orange). Don't forget the last Friday of every month: SWAP MEET. Call Dana at 865-680-9933 with any questions.

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or make an idol of it. I don't see it that way. I see conservation as taking care of a precious gift out of respect for the One who gave it to me. It boggles my mind that some people who, in other ways, seemed determined to give God the glory for creation become angry at attempts to protect His creation.

I have been involved in some kind of ministry most of my life, but I never feel closer to God than when I'm alone in the woods and there is no traffic, no television, no internet there to distract me from

His still, small voice. From the times I attended Centrifuge at Ridgecrest in North Carolina growing up, I have found it easier to hear God's voice when I block out the voices of this world. I haven't found a better place to do this than in the woods.

Steven D. Martin, a pastor in Oak Ridge, addresses the issue of environmentalism in an article he wrote for the Associated Baptist Press. "Shattered faith in ambitious scientists aside," writes Martin. "Doesn't basic Christian sobriety demand that we live in ways that reduce our impact upon this world

-- that show love to God and to neighbor? For Christians, our ethics ought to be determined by love, in spite of stolen e-mails and other scandals that cast doubt, for some, on science."

Earth Day will have passed by the time you read this column. If you saw me on Saturday, I am sure I was not hugging a tree or sitting with a blue bird on my shoulder. Hopefully, however, I will have found a creek to stick my feet in and will have lifted my eyes up to the mountains to remember where my help comes from. Maybe I even spoke softly and carried a big stick.

The World Came to Knoxville

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be heard as it canvassed the grounds, and even now I can hear the catchy tune playing in my head. New life came to the landmark Candy Factory building with restaurants and gift shops. The fair brought us the Belgian waffle, See's Candies, and Petros—which featured the meal served in a corn chips bag.

Early in September, stories surfaced in the media that some visitors to "The Fair" were misdirected to the TVA&I (Tennessee Valley Agricultural & Industrial) Fair on the grounds of Chilhowee Park! The massive crowds



Waters of the World with the L&N Depot in the background taken by Ralphine Major.

dwindled near the close of the World's Fair, leaving the locals with mostly stories, memories, and the

World's Fair Park. But, for six festive-filled months, millions came to Knoxville—the "scruffy little city."

The End of an Era: Pat Summitt Steps Aside

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was more than willing to accommodate. She was always willing to take a few moments for reporters. They didn't necessarily have to come from the New York Times or ESPN either.

Summitt realized that every time she took time to do an interview, the Tennessee Lady Vols, and the University of Tennessee were getting publicity.

On the flip side of that coin, you have Tennessee's football program, which has limited access as the years, and coaching staffs have changed.

Following the crushing loss to Kentucky, Derek Dooley did the customary post-game interviews inside Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

He wasn't heard from again in the press for more than 5 weeks. Local media made requests, but he was nowhere to be found.

Think Summitt would have done that after one of

those devastating losses to Connecticut?

The UT football program hasn't been anything for the University to boast about in quite some time. This is the time when it is crucial to get that Vols name out there... that publicity can make a difference with recruits, with boosters, with fans. Dealing with the media can be tiresome, but it pays dividends down the road. Summitt understood that part of the job, and never shied away from it.

As far as women's athletics in this country is concerned, Summitt's timing could not have been better.

Title IX came into law in 1972, just two years before Summitt's coaching career began.

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program

or activity receiving Federal financial assistance..."

This legislation opened the door for women in many different forms... including sports.

And Summitt did all she could to build up women's athletics... not only at Tennessee, but across the nation.

Summitt's family cared so much about giving Pat the opportunity to succeed in sports, that they moved from Clarksville to Henrietta when Pat was in high school because Clarksville didn't have a girls basketball team. Summitt would go on to co-captain the US Women's Basketball team to a silver medal in the 1976 Summer Olympics.

That experience has stayed with her throughout her lifetime. And she has spent countless hours working to make sure girls get similar opportunities.

Summitt grew the sport... at the expense of her own



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Tennaova Healthcare's Physicians Regional Medical Center and Turkey Creek Medical Center have launched a new initiative called Getting2Great (G2G). G2G is designed to build a stronger, more cohesive culture for the Tennaova team of Associates, physicians, caregivers and leaders. The goal of G2G is to become an even stronger organization, providing extraordinary care to the community. Pictured above at the Turkey Creek Medical Center's big launch are (left to right) Ayse Grillot, Linda Davis, Pat Fox, Andrea Roberts, Marla Thode, Brittany Bundren, Lisa Manfredo, Lana Sellars, Connie Aiello and Lance Jones.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

As I write this, it is Thursday afternoon. Today's session adjourned about a half hour ago, and I have returned to the office for a bite of lunch before heading to a Budget Committee meeting. News just arrived of a crash or slide on Interstate 40 blocking all eastbound lanes in Roane County. I had hoped to leave Nashville just in time to speak to the Powell Republican club tonight, but with the problems on the interstate, there is no way I can make it. Hopefully I can attend one of their meetings later this year to update them on legislative happenings.

Today I want to discuss two bills working their way through the House this week. The first one has to do with DUI offenses. Generally speaking, under present law, upon conviction of a first DUI offense, the offender is fined between \$350 and \$1,500, is prohibited from driving a vehicle in this state for one year, and sentenced to between 48 hours to 11 months and 29 days of probation. Also, as a condition of probation, the offender is ordered to remove litter during daylight hours from public roadways or publicly-owned property for a period of 24 hours. In addition, if at the time of the commission of the DUI, the person was accompanied by a child under eighteen, then the person must be punished by a mandatory minimum incarceration of thirty days and a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000. This requires that the minimum incarceration of thirty days be served consecutively with any sentence for convictions of DUI, vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, or aggravated vehicular homicide. The new bill increases the penalty for

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Bill Landry to Headline Gala at the Sunsphere

Knoxville's Sunsphere will welcome Bill Landry on Wednesday, May 16 from 11:30 until 1 p.m. as the featured speaker for Lunch for Laughters.

Prolific Living's Sara Spangler, the exclusive booking agent for the Sunsphere, says that hosting an event that includes Landry is a thrill. "We love keeping the

6th floor of the Sunsphere filled with activity," she said. "We were pleased to see this deal develop and become a reality."

Landry says he has been given two rules for the Lunch for Laughters: 1. Be yourself and 2. ONLY humorous stories allowed. He says he has

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Melanie Staten named communications director for KSO

Melanie Staten has been named Communications Director for the Knoxville Symphony. She will be directing the organization's communications efforts including strategic communications planning for the 2012-2013 season, media relations, social media and media promotion.

"With an extensive background not only as a public relations professional but also as a musician, we welcome Melanie to the KSO staff," said Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Executive Director, Rachel Ford. "This unique combination of skills aligns well with the Symphony's communications goals for the 2012-2013 season, marking Maestro Lucas Richman's

tenth anniversary with the KSO."

Melanie brings many years of experience in media and public relations. She served as Deputy Assistant Press Secretary and also Managing Editor of the White House News Summary in the White House; Press Secretary to a Congressman from Illinois; Director of Legislative and Political Issues for the Chamber of Commerce of the U.S. and later as Director of Promotion for the Chamber. She has been a radio, television and newspaper reporter as well as public relations director for a large retirement community in Northern Virginia. Most recently, she served as Communications and Media Director for the

Knoxville-based Amputee Coalition of America, a national non profit.

As a church and show choir director, Melanie has conducted musicians of all ages: children, teens, adults and senior citizens. As a choreographer and director, Melanie produced many multi-generational musical reviews in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She studied under choreographer John Jacobsen while serving as Director of Music at Westminster at Lake Ridge in Lake Ridge, VA. Melanie lived in Northern Virginia for many years and relocated to Knoxville four years ago to marry author and newspaper columnist Vince Staten. She is currently on the Board of

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Knox County's third Cash Mob was held Friday, April 13 at Strawberry Fields Market, located at 3701 Sutherland Avenue, and Red Onion Pizza & Subs, located at 3625 Sutherland Avenue. Owners of both establishments said the mob was a success and that the number of transactions were more than triple the usual number. Pictured above, author and community activist Myles Walker took time out of his busy schedule to attend encourage the community to support local business. Below, Bobby and Robin Lane of Strawberry Fields Market.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

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violation of DUI when a child under eighteen is in the vehicle to require that the mandatory minimum thirty day sentence for this offense be served consecutive to any sentence received for a violation of specified other alcohol-related offenses. In addition another minimum fine of \$1000 will be assessed to the base DUI violation fine.

A second bill deals with unemployment insurance. It disqualifies any claimant from receiving unemployment benefits if the claimant is receiving, or has received, wages in lieu of notice or a severance package from an employer if that amount is equivalent of salary the employee would have received if the employee was working during that week.

Furthermore no one may receive unemployment benefits if the person was discharged from the most recent work due to layoff by the employer, and the employer offered the claimant the same job the claimant had prior to the layoff. If the offer of work was withdrawn by an employer due to the claimant's refusal to submit to a drug

test or had a positive result from a drug test benefits will be denied.. In addition, the claimant is required to make and provide proof of a reasonable effort to secure work. Detailed information regarding contact with at least three employers per week or attending a career center is required. Random verification will be made weekly to determine that claimants are complying with the requirement.

We were told in session this morning to prepare to remain into the week-end next week by bringing extra clothes and making hotel reservations. Fortunately where I stay we are confirmed through the end of the month, thus, making it easy for me to extend my time.

If we finish by the end of the month of April, it will be the earliest we have adjourned in the ten years I have been in the Legislature. This will allow us to be back in our districts where we can best serve our constituents and spend more time with our families. Thank you for allowing me to be your Representative. It is an honor.

Annual awards season ends on high note for Weichert, Realtors® - Advantage Plus

The year-end "awards season" tour of events congratulating agents and offices across the Weichert Real Estate Associates (WREA) network has concluded-- with outstanding results for WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Advantage Plus. The banquet held at the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville spotlighted winners of national awards from both WREA and the Weichert® Tennessee-Kentucky Broker Council.

Weichert Affiliates President Martin J. Rueter made the presentations to agents, including 15 from the

Knoxville agency. The office itself was also presented with a 2011 "Ambassador Cup," one of only 16 "awards of excellence" presented to an office system-wide in 2011. Broker/ Owner Jeff Grebe and Sales Manager Dan Evans accepted the award giving credit to the "hard work and tenacity of our agents, along with our tireless support staff," Grebe said.

Among the hard working agents to receive recognition was Christie Sox stood out as an inductee into the *Ambassador Club*, the second of three

top awards presented to agents annually by the franchise organization.

She was followed by *Executive Club* inductees James Corbitt, Elizabeth McDaniel, Keith Allison, Terry Patton, Mary-Ann Linkowski and Susannah Dunn.

The company's Jan Moore, Dottie Webb, Mike Legate, Jacqueline Burg, John Sadler and Carol Zimmerman were recipients of the 2011 *Sales Achievement Award*.

All national awards are based on minimum requirement per award category in gross

commission income or units earned.

Keith Allison also took a separate bow as the Tennessee-Kentucky Broker Council's *Top Selling Agent in Units*, and James Corbitt was the *Top Listing Agent in GCI* (gross commission income) Council-wide for the second year in a row.

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plenty of those.

Lunch for Laughters will have a country theme and include music, a picnic-style lunch, plus some truly special door prizes. It will be a time when people can enjoy the majestic landscapes provided by the Sunsphere and share a tasty lunch with friends.

Those who attend are guaranteed side-splitting laughter as Bill takes to the microphone to entertain as only Bill can.

The purpose of Lunch for Laughters is to highlight the use of the Sunsphere as a great place for meetings and events of all types.

Bill has agreed to headline the event in honor of the 30th year history of the building.

Planners for the event say that Landry will also take time to sell and sign books. He has been burning up the highway since the debut of "Appalachian Tales" and "Heartland Adventures," published by Celtic Cat. Landry says he has nearly worn out the tires on his car traveling around on the book tour.

Landry says the response his fans have had to his book has been overwhelming and heart-warming. "It does something to you. It has made me very grateful and humble. The Series,

and our work and these stories behind the scenes really has meant a lot to folks," he said.

Martha Woodward, local writer and avid supporter of the Sunsphere, says she became involved with the event because it is a relief from all the negative news. "We are bombarded 24/7 with mayhem. Seems like all we hear about is murder, war, missing children and angry mobs," she said. "People need something refreshing and positive. We need a break and some fun. I love to laugh. I can't wait."

You do not have to buy a book to attend Lunch for Laughters. If you have

a book and want it signed, Landry will take care of you. This is an opportunity for folks to kick back and laugh. Books will be on sale before and after the event as a courtesy for any fans who may want them. Soft cover \$27; hard cover \$49.

Tickets for Lunch for Laughters are on sale now and include admission and lunch. \$16 for Individuals and \$120 for a Table of 8 (if 8 seats purchased at one time).

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Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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Governor Gordon Browning had unleashed a fierce assault on the Memphis political machine, as well as its leader, E. H. Crump. Browning proposed to institute a county unit bill to render the huge voting majorities produced in Shelby County meaningless in statewide elections.

Boss Crump sent an urgent appeal for help to Senator Kenneth McKellar. McKellar had not supported Browning for the governorship and had repeatedly warned Crump he would be sorry for backing Gordon Browning. Since Browning's election, Senator McKellar used every opportunity to fan the flames of Crump's discomfiture with the new governor. McKellar was highly respected and personally popular with most members of the Tennessee legislature and the senator responded to Crump's plea for help by taking the train from Washington, D. C. to Nashville where he spoke before the General Assembly. McKellar roundly damned the county unit plan and Gordon Browning in typically blunt McKellar fashion.

Browning, realizing he was fighting for his political life, used every means available to him to pass his legislation. Appointments, jobs, patronage and other favors were used as inducements to hold wavering legislators in line as well as pick up the votes of those who remain uncommitted. More than a few legislators were reluctant to cross the powerful McKellar who dispensed the Federal jobs and positions available through the New Deal administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

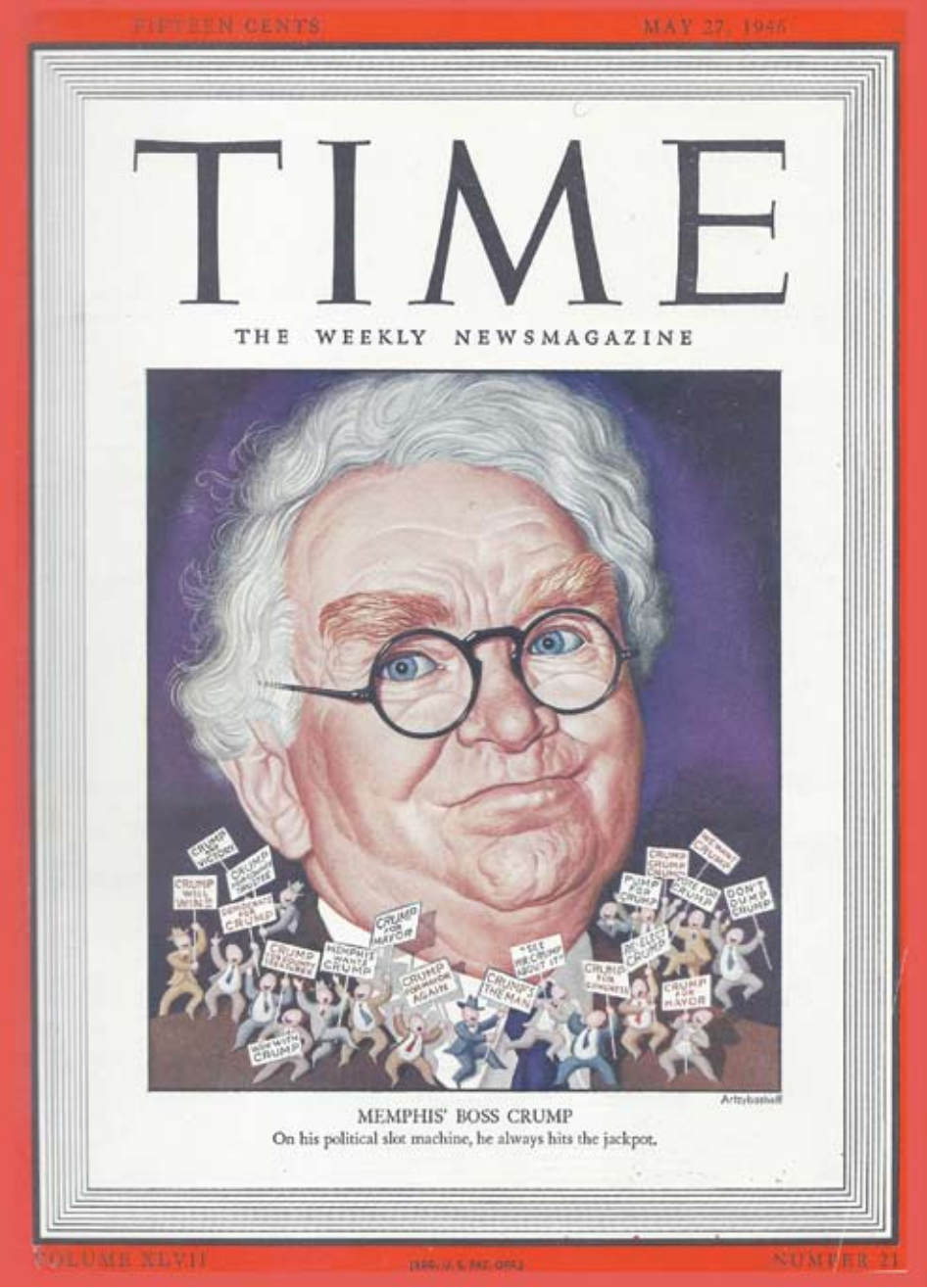
Governor Browning was finally successful in having the Tennessee General Assembly pass his county unit bill, only to see it struck down by the state Supreme Court. Browning also managed to further imperil his own political standing with his appointment of George L. Berry to the Senate seat held by Nathan Bachman, who had died suddenly of a heart attack on April 23, 1937. Browning

appointed George L. Berry, long-time President of the International Pressmen's Union, on May 7, 1937. It was a curious appointment, as Tennesseans had never been overly friendly to labor leaders. Berry himself had been an occasional candidate for high public office, but had never been elected to anything outside his own union.

Governor Browning had been summoned to the White House by President Franklin Roosevelt to discuss the Senate appointment. Roosevelt told reporters he did not intend to tell the governor whom to appoint, but rather whom not to appoint. Rumors circulated that Secretary of State Cordell Hull, a former senator from Tennessee, was dissatisfied serving in FDR's Cabinet and wanted to return to the Senate. Roosevelt did not want to lose Hull, as the Tennessean commanded enormous respect from the Congress in particular. FDR had another reason for being interested in who the new senator from Tennessee would be; the Senate was debating Roosevelt's attempt to enlarge the U. S. Supreme Court. Angry because several important New Deal bills had been invalidated by the high court, Roosevelt wanted the right to appoint an additional justice for every justice on the court over age seventy-two; that would have given FDR the right to name at least six justices at the time.

After Governor Browning appointed George L. Berry to the United States Senate, Berry departed for Washington with his new Secretary, F. L. Browning, the governor's older brother and his chief political advisor. Berry's employment of the governor's brother further cemented in the public mind the ties between Gordon Browning and his appointee, which would have political consequences for the both of them.

Senator Berry immediately encountered hostility from his senior colleague, K. D. McKellar. Berry further antagonized McKellar by proposing a division of the patronage in Tennessee, a proposal McKellar refused. Senator Berry had also been expected to support President Roosevelt's court-packing bill, but despite being inside the Senate Chamber during the vote, he did not answer the roll call, a fact Senator McKellar quickly pointed out to a very peeved FDR. Berry's failure to support the administration more firmly cemented McKellar's authority over Federal



E. H. Crump on the cover of TIME, circa May 1946.

patronage in Tennessee.

The wily McKellar outmaneuvered George L. Berry at every turn and Berry increased Governor Browning's political woes by engaging in a very public dispute with the Tennessee Valley Authority. Berry owned considerable real estate holdings in Tennessee, as well as significant mineral rights for even more property. Berry claimed that he owned marble deposits in land flooded by the TVA worth millions, a claim TVA not only disputed, but also flatly rejected as untrue. Boss Crump, understanding most Tennesseans revered the TVA, exultantly started referring to Berry as "the marble wizard".

Congressman Walter Chandler was the first opponent to declare against Governor Browning, but Crump was uncomfortable about a candidate from inside his own domain. Senator McKellar was cool to the notion of a Chandler candidacy and the Memphis Congressman soon withdrew. McKellar looked much more favorably upon Prentice Cooper, a young and largely unknown State Senator from Shelbyville. Crump did not know Cooper and went along with McKellar's choice in the gubernatorial race.

The McKellar - Crump organization entered a candidate in the 1938 special election for the United States Senate as well. Incumbent George L. Berry evidently liked being in the Senate

and intended to run again. The senatorial nod went to yet another McKellar ally, Tom Stewart, who was the District Attorney for a Middle Tennessee district centered around his home city of Winchester. A third candidate entered the senatorial sweepstakes when Fourth District Congress J. Ridley Mitchell announced his own candidacy. Mitchell had been a Judge of the Circuit Court and had first been elected to Congress in 1930. He had been reelected in 1932 by defeating a fellow Congressman, Ewin L. Davis, who had served in Congress for fourteen years. Mitchell had demonstrated impressive political skills and was highly popular inside his own district, although he was little known outside the confines of the Fourth District.

Congressman Mitchell had been warned by several family members a race for the Senate was not only highly risky, but quite likely would end his own political career. Mitchell apparently believed the fight between McKellar and Crump on one side and Governor Browning on the other, would allow a third candidate to win the Democratic nomination.

The 1938 campaign in Tennessee was so bitter and hard fought, it became something of a scandal and prompted an investigation by the United States Senate. Gordon Browning tried to ignore his own appointee to the United States Senate, George L. Berry, as Berry

had become a clear liability in the election. Browning tried to make Crump and the Memphis machine the chief issue in the campaign, denouncing bossism all across the state, but his own heavy-handed tactics had cost him dearly and even the Nashville Tennessean, Browning's most faithful press ally, deserted him in his reelection campaign.

Both Crump and Senator McKellar were deeply and personally involved in the campaign from day to day and were overjoyed when Governor Browning and Senator Berry lost badly. For the next decade, the McKellar - Crump alliance would completely dominate Tennessee politics.

E. H. Crump had thoughtfully gone to the trouble to draw up a proposed political platform for gubernatorial candidate Prentice Cooper. The Memphis Boss was not a little chagrined when Cooper politely acknowledged the platform, but disregarded it. Cooper would be Tennessee's governor for six years and remained much closer to Senator McKellar than Crump. As time passed, Crump was little impressed with Governor Cooper and felt much the same about Senator Tom Stewart, who was also much closer to McKellar than the Memphis Boss.

While national publications would frequently refer to both Governor Cooper and Senator Stewart as faithful servants of Boss Crump, the truth is Crump had not selected either man to run for office. The Memphis Boss had acquiesced in Senator McKellar's choices, perhaps

in penance for Crump having embarrassed his old friend in the 1936 election and his choice of the hated Gordon Browning.

E. H. Crump had succeeded Senator McKellar as Tennessee's Democratic National Committeeman and the Roosevelt administration paid court to the Memphis Boss. Crump, while one of FDR's original supporters at the 1932 Democratic National Convention in 1932, did not trust nor especially like Franklin Roosevelt. Yet, Crump was a practical politician with a keen understanding of his fellow human beings. The Memphis Boss and Senator McKellar both quickly endorsed FDR for a third term well before it was clear Roosevelt would accept an unprecedented third term in the White House.

McKellar was himself a candidate for reelection in 1940, as was Governor Prentice Cooper. The opposition to the McKellar - Crump alliance was so disheartened and depressed following the staggering defeat of Gordon Browning in 1938 that neither McKellar nor Cooper faced any significant challenger in the primaries and the Republicans posed no serious threat in the general election. Once again, the McKellar - Crump ticket won the election easily.

In 1939 Crump would be a candidate for elective office for the last time. Crump ran for Mayor of Memphis with the explanation he was an "elector" for Congressman Walter Chandler who remained in the nation's Capitol. Crump was elected without opposition and took the oath of office just as he was about to depart for New Orleans. A crowd had gathered in a blizzard to watch Crump be sworn-in as he waited on the platform of his train. Crump promptly resigned, leaving the Vice Mayor to become Acting Mayor until the City Commission appointed Walter Chandler. Crump went on to Louisiana and the Sugar Bowl. Crump's election and the subsequent resignation gave Memphis four mayors in a twenty-four hour period.

The decade of the 1940s would see both E. H. Crump and Senator Kenneth McKellar at their political peak. The Memphis Boss, while a poor public speaker, enjoyed the attention he received from the press, although he was notoriously thin-skinned about criticism. Crump was flamboyant in both his demeanor and his dress. The Memphis Boss could be observed at the numerous public functions he attended with a large hat, a walking stick firmly grasped in one hand, wearing custom-tailored clothes that were frequently a bit loud. His head crowned by a head of fluffy white hair like a halo surrounding his head, E. H. Crump was impossible to miss.

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My sister-in-law Brenda brought a Johnny Mathis album from Nashville the other day. It's one of those hard to find albums—Johnny Mathis Sings the Music of Bacharach and Kaempfert. It belonged to my brother Dal. I had an identical copy, but over the years stuff disappears. However, the sounds of old records continue to play in my ears as if they were spinning on a turntable right now.

This Mathis album doesn't contain any of his hits from years gone by. However, songs like "Spanish Eyes," "The Look of Love," and "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" are just some of the well known tunes that folks of my generation recognize. I played this record on those occasions when I was lonely in college. I didn't begin dating my wife Amy until my senior year, and the three years before that brought a number of dates that could be counted on one hand. Johnny managed to get me through those lean, lonely times.

Our entire family wrapped itself in gospel music years ago. We spent hours on end listening to albums by the Oak Ridge Boys before they turned to country music and The Imperials. We talked about all the spectacular notes



By Joe Rector

the tenors would hit and marvel at the low ones that bass voices slid into. After listening for so long, three brothers and two sisters-in-law performed our own renditions. Many times we sang a cappella. Thanks to those records, our family shared a wondrous time when Mother was in her last days of the battle against with cancer. The six of us (Amy was a part of us by then) sat at the foot of her bed and sang songs from those albums, as well as her favorite hymns. It brought peace to all of us, and the following Monday, Mother passed with the assurance that she'd done a good job and that her boys and girls would be all right.

I played hundreds of records during my last year in college. Part of my time was spent at the college's radio station, WTTU. I spun records one after the other and sent tunes over the airways to college students who might have been listening. I found two songs that became Amy's and my favorites. One was Stevie Wonder's "For Once in My Life." The other, which we still claim as "our song" is Chicago's "Just You and Me." Every time I worked as an unlicensed disc jockey, I'd talk in the record and dedicated it to her. Yep, new love causes us all to do some really

sugary, sappy things.

Over the years, we've watched records take a back seat to technological advances. First was the eight-track tape deck, and close on its heels was the cassette player. Today, we have iPods that play our music with remarkable clarity and fullness. Almost everyone owns at least one mp3 player or uses a cell phone. We listen to music on the go, whether it's completing projects at work, homework in our rooms, or exercise in the gym or on the track.

Even with the technological advances, I'm not so sure that music is as good as in earlier times. Something special happens when a record player is turned on and a LP starts spinning. The music mesmerizes us. It fills the place where we are and demands that we sit down, be still, and listen. Yes, record albums demand that we stop the hustle in our lives. They offer a treat that can come only when we sit in comfortable chairs and let the melodies of old songs carry us back to some of the best times of our lives.

Johnny Mathis finished singing, and I now have CDs for the car. I'll save the songs to my iPod for other times. However, just listening to him on a record while I've pecked on the keyboard has been the best way to spend the afternoon.

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Directors for the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society and also serves as the organization's Publicity Director. She is an active member of the Volunteer Chapter, Public Relations Society of America.

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Eagles fall to Tigers in District battle



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Gibbs coach Geff Davis talks things over with his infield, including Adam Saah (2) and Trey Carpenter (5), in the Eagles 5-1 District 3-AA loss to Pigeon Forge last Monday at Steve Hunley Field.

By Ken Lay

PIGEON FORGE— For the past decade Gibbs and Pigeon Forge have dominated the District 3-AA baseball scene.

The two rivals renewed acquaintances Tuesday night at Jack A. Parton Field.

This one started a little late thanks to a lengthy rain delay. Once things started, however, there was plenty of excitement as the host Tigers prevailed 4-1 and strengthened their hold on first place.

The Eagles (9-12 overall, 7-4 in the district) started fast.

Gibbs scored its lone run of the contest in the first inning. Eagles second baseman Pierce Elliott started things with a lead-off double. He advanced to third

when Trey Carpenter singled. Elliott scored when Matt Pack lifted a sacrifice fly to center.

The Eagles held their advantage until the Tigers (17-5, 9-0) pulled even in the bottom of the third.

Pigeon Forge, which defeated Gibbs 5-1 on Monday, April 16 in Corryton, missed some early chances. The Tigers left the bases loaded in the first and had a rally snuffed out in the second when Scott LaFollette grounded into a double play.

They finally broke through in the third by taking advantage of a pair of Gibbs errors. Adam Hickman led off the frame with a single and scored when Drake Byrd reached on a defensive miscue by the Eagles.

"They're probably the best

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Gibbs High first baseman Matt Pack holds Pigeon Forge's Colt Buchanan on first base in the Tigers' 5-1 victory over the Eagles in last week's district contest in Corryton. The Tigers would also win Tuesday in Pigeon Forge to sweep the season series.

Red Devils enjoying success on the court

By Ken Lay

Halls High School tennis coach Cheri Duncan couldn't be more pleased with both her teams this season.

The boys squad is enjoying its best season in her tenure while the Lady Devils are pursuing their second consecutive District 3-AAA Championship.

Both Halls squads saw their respective success continue Wednesday afternoon. The Lady Devils posted an 8-1 victory over Emory Road rival Powell.

Meanwhile, the Red Devils shut out the Panthers 9-0 at Beaverbrook Country Club.

In the boys match, Halls (5-2 and in second place in the district) swept Powell easily.

At No. 1 singles, Jake Breeding defeated Jake Beliles. James Parmly outlasted Jacob Hodges 8-5 and No.2. In the third singles

match, Adam Kramer downed Sam Denney 8-2. At No. 4, Josh Farmer edged Austin Scircle 8-6. Joseph Whipple notched an 8-3 victory over Powell's Chris Bright 8-3 while Tyler Milligan routed Clay Hansard 8-1.

In doubles, the tandem of Breeding and Parmly recorded an 8-5 victory over Beliles and Hodges. At No.2 doubles, Kramer/Farmer won 8-1 over Denney/Scircle. In the No. 3 doubles match, Whipple/Milligan downed Bright/Hansard 8-4.

Duncan said the 2012 season for the Red Devils has been a long time in the making. She inherited the team four years ago and has seen the players work hard and grow.

"The boys have really worked hard," Duncan said. "I'm really pleased with the boys.

"They've finished third

in the district the last two years and they've practiced hard. It's been great to watch them grow and improve."

Meanwhile in the girls match, the Lady Devils captured five of the six singles matches. The Lady Panthers claimed their only victory of the day at No. 2 singles as Corbyn Skeen continued her magical 2012 run with an 8-5 victory over Emily Kitts. Skeen is undefeated in singles competition.

"Corbyn is undefeated this season and I look for Corbyn and [No. 1 singles player] Kelsey Vinsant to make some noise in the [individual] district tournament," said Greg Pavinich, Powell's second-year coach.

"We're trying to build a program and the majority of the boys and girls are seniors."

At No. 1 singles, Meredith

Yearly (Halls) defeated Vinsant 8-3. At No. 3, Rachel Katz downed Olivia Lawson 8-0. At No. 4, Helen Wilds posted an 8-3 win over Caylin Kerr.

Ashley Hillard beat Chelsey Wulf 8-0. Halls High's Elizabeth Campbell defeated Mandy Miller 8-2.

The Red Devils (6-1 overall), who are unbeaten in district competition and are in pursuit of their second straight district championship, swept the doubles competition.

Kitts and Wilds defeated Vinsant and Skeen 8-2. The Lady Devils won 8-2 at No. 2 doubles as Katz/Campbell downed Lawson Kerr. Hillard and Delaney Burton prevailed in their doubles match against Wulf and Miller.

Did press conference reveal a special moment in time?

The past, present and future, I believe, may have come together at UT

women basketball's historic press conference last week.

Years from now, it may be looked back upon as a special moment in time.

Pat Summitt represented the past and Holly Warlick the present as head coaches of the Lady Vols' nationally acclaimed program. Tyler Summitt, Pat's son, also sat at the head table. He very well could be Tennessee's head coach in the future, and maybe sooner than later.

There are two factors which could play into Tyler's rise to this position. One, he is one of the country's brightest young coaches, with knowledge well beyond what one would expect from someone his age. Two, Warlick isn't just following a tough act, she is taking over a position held by the sport's greatest coach of all time.

After 27 years as an assistant to the legendary Summitt, this is also Warlick's first head coaching job. It is without question she deserved this opportunity, but not everyone is cut out to be a head coach. Holly's forte may be as an assistant. It remains to be seen if she can succeed as a head coach.

How patient will the Lady Vols fan base be?

The UT program is not in the best of shape, as it is. The Lady Vols have slipped in recent seasons, as far as their standards are concerned. This past season's group of seniors, in fact, comprised Summitt's only class which failed to reach at least one Final Four. Next season's team, unless something changes, will be minus a strong inside presence.

Who's hot in women's college basketball?

Defending national champion Baylor, with Brittney Griner – arguably the game's best inside player ever – coming back, tops the list. Notre Dame has played in the

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Eagles fall to Tigers in District battle

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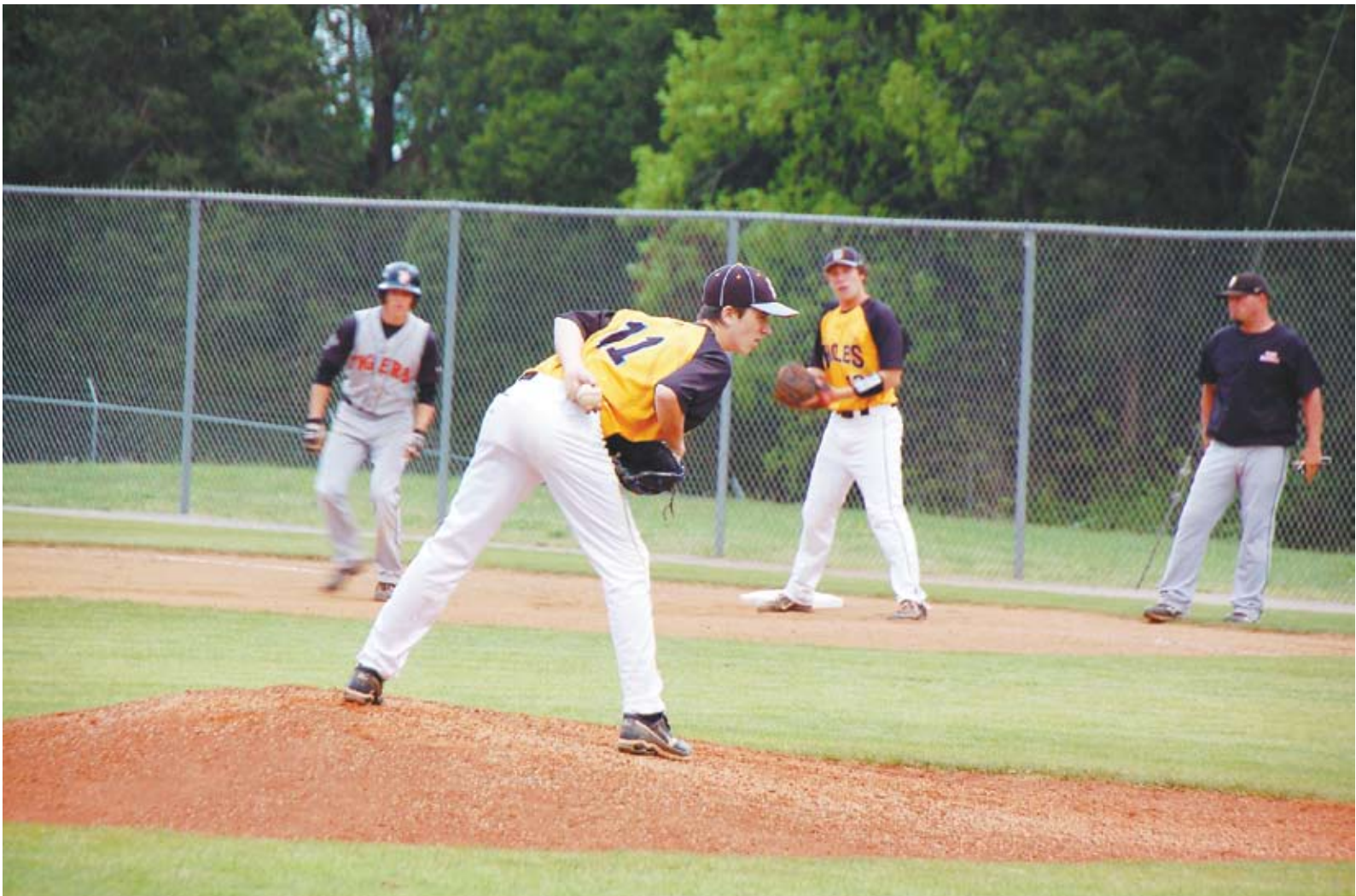
Double-A team in the state right now," Gibbs coach Geff Davis said. "We gave them some extra outs and they made us pay for it."

"Anytime, you jump out to a lead against a team like that, you have to feel good about it. Right now, we're competing hard and we just need to make a couple of plays here or there. We've got the district tournament coming up in a couple of weeks and we're getting better."

The Tigers went ahead for good in the fifth when they scored a pair and again, they took advantage of some shaky Gibbs defense.

Byrd drew a leadoff walk in the inning and then moved to third when the Eagles mishandled a sacrifice bunt by Kyle Savage. Byrd scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly by Colt Buchanan. Pigeon Forge got some insurance when Savage scored on a groundout by Josh Miller. Savage scored on a controversial call on a fielder's choice by LaFollette.

"That was a bad call," Davis said of what appeared to be the third out of the inning. "But that's high school baseball."



Gibbs High's Andrew Willis prepares to pitch while James Jinnette gets his lead from first in Pigeon Forge's 5-1 win over the Eagles last Monday at Steve Hunley Field.

Pigeon Forge coach Mike Guinn said his team played better in the series finale.

"We played well tonight," Guinn said. "Last [Monday], we won 5-1 but I really

wasn't all that pleased. I felt like we left a lot of runs on the field."

"Tonight, we got some big key hits and every game takes on its own personality."

Guinn also noted that both wins were hard to grab.

"Gibbs is Gibbs and every game we play

against them is tough and I guarantee that we will see them again [in the district tournament]."

Did press conference reveal a special moment in time?

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past two national title games. Perennial powers Connecticut and Stanford also played in this year's Final Four.

With Summitt's career cut short by her disease, early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type, the sport's biggest coaching names now become Geno Auriemma of Connecticut, Kim Mulkey of Baylor, Muffet McGraw of Notre Dame and Tara Vanderveer of Stanford.

Matthew Mitchell of Kentucky and Dawn Staley of South Carolina are among the profession's rising stars.

Former Summitt assistants Mickie DeMoss and Nikki Caldwell, who both left UT for head coaching jobs, have bigger name recognition than Warlick, but that's not Holly's fault. It is what it is. Warlick has had chances to leave and be a head coach but chose to stay. She was rewarded for her loyalty. How her lack of notoriety affects her recruiting remains to be seen.

It's possible having Summitt on campus in her new position of head coach emeritus will help

Tennessee in recruiting. But will having the former coaching giant so close to the program restrict Warlick from spreading her own wings and taking off as a head coach? Just another question that only time will tell.

Parity in women's college basketball also won't make Warlick's new task any easier. Her former boss, of course, deserves credit for the growth of the sport more than anyone.

Holly, a product of Bearden High and a former Lady Vol record-setting point guard in assists and steals, came to UT as a scholarship 400-meter track standout in 1976. If she can be successful as UT's head coach for 10 years or so, that would give Tyler Summitt plenty of time to be ready to take over the reins.

If need be, he could be ready before then.

Coincidentally, on the same day his mom announced she would be stepping down after 38 years as the Lady Vols' head coach, Tyler was named a full-time assistant coach for the Marquette women's program. That could very well be the

clue that he will enter the women's side of the sport as a coach.

Tyler, naturally, has been training to be a coach for much of his life. He grew up in the Lady Vols' program. He played point guard at Webb School and took notes on how his high school coach, Landry Kosmalski, a former college assistant at Davidson, conducted business.

When he arrived at UT, he spent his freshman year serving as a practice player for the Lady Vols. Then he became a walk-on on the men's team, primarily to learn from Vols coach Bruce Pearl and then Cuonzo Martin. He has coached boys and girls AAU teams.

When news came out he had gotten the job at Marquette, Tyler, now 21 years old, joked he had only a year to become a college head coach at the same age his mom did at UT. He might not make it at 22 years old, but he might not miss it by much.

For Lady Vols basketball, it's very possible he's the future.

Correction: The misidentified player in April 16 issue is Clinton goalkeeper Tyler Duncan, not Central goalie Corey Plont.

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Arts & Entertainment

Rossini Festival to celebrate 11th anniversary

Knoxville Opera delivers cultural arts and entertainment to East Tennessee with International flair in the form of the widely popular Rossini Festival from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 covering 12 blocks of downtown Gay Street and the Market Square District. The Rossini Festival is one of the region's largest and most beloved special event. It serves as a celebration of the arts. The Street Fair features mouthwatering foods and beverages, an upscale artisan's market, and live music and dance. Attendees enjoy entertainment from over 30 local and regional dance, musical and arts groups on four outdoor stages on Gay Street and Market Square. It comes from humble beginnings drawing 6,000 its first year and has grown to attract attendance of 100,000 under pristine weather conditions.

"The performing arts are much too diverse to promote as one culture. The Italian flair we've enjoyed for the first 10 years is being enhanced by German, Hispanic, Asian, French and American foods and beverages as we expand the event", says Knoxville Opera Marketing and Public Relations Director Michael Torano. "We welcome Cellular Sales as a new sponsor for this 11th Annual Rossini Festival. They will be exhibiting at Market Street and Union Avenue."

For 10 years, the Rossini Festival was primarily modeled as an Italian Street Fair. The Knoxville Opera Rossini Festival International Street Fair introduces the color and excitement of opera to attendees, many of who are experiencing opera for the first time. This is the only Rossini Festival in the U.S. and one of only two in the world, the other of which takes place in Rossini's birthplace of Pesaro, Italy. Knoxville's event is a celebration of the performing, visual and culinary arts with an emphasis on opera and International culture featuring a full day of live entertainment with over 800 entertainers, and a multitude of artisans showcasing superior traditions of the Southeast's finest craftsmanship and a family-friendly KidsZone of engaging activities on Market Square.

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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Carter is a pretty common name in East Tennessee, as well it should be. In Knoxville along there are places named for that family, like the Carter Senior Center, the Carter Swimming Pool, etc. In the Knoxville telephone book there are so many Carters that they take up an entire page in very small print.

And then there's Carter County and the first "Carters" of what would become Tennessee. If you are a Carter descendant or an early state history buff and you haven't driven over to Elizabethton, here's why you should.

Back as early as 1770 John Carter came into upper East Tennessee and started a trading post in an

area above Rogersville that is known today as Carter Valley. Chased off by the Cherokee, Carter returned two years later and settled on the Watauga

River, again inside Indian territory.

Other settlers arrived and Carter bought 640 acres in an old Indian field. He began building a large house and cultivating his land, but died before everything was finished. His son Landon assumed ownership. Both he and his father had been involved in frontier politics and involved in the Watauga Association. Landon became involved in the attempt to establish a State of Franklin. A town grew around the Carter Mansion and was named for Landon's wife, Elizabeth.

Early on, Fort Watauga stood on a rise above the Carter home. Today the frontier fort has been reconstructed on the river



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Probably the oldest wood frame house in Tennessee, the Carter Mansion in Elizabethton dates back to before the American Revolution. The Carter family played an important part in the history of the eastern region and the house is now part of the state park system.

bank nearby.

Today the Carter Mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest original wood frame house in Tennessee. It is decorated with hand carved panels, crown moldings and chair rails. There are landscape paintings above

the fireplaces and the paintings may be oldest in our state.

In 1973, the state acquired the home, restored it and then set about to reconstruct the various outbuildings.

The property by the home is overseen by the Sycamore Shoals State

Historic Area, which also maintains Fort Watauga, and is located just beyond the Fort on West Elk Avenue. You can call them at 423-543-6140. You can also Google the state park.

The home is open for tours May through August but you can peek inside

and walk the grounds year-round.

While you are in Elizabethton you might want to check out the covered bridge nearby or take a drive to Roan Mountain State Park.

POWELL DANCERS TAKE FIRST PLACE



The Powell Middle School Dance Team recently participated in the Encore Cheer and Dance Competition in Sevierville, TN. The competition was held at the Sevierville Events Center where several cheer and dance teams came to participate. Powell ended up taking first place in the Middle School Pom category beating two other teams. The team has been practicing weekly since school began and also performs at home basketball games. Choreographer Kristin Kendall created the routine especially for this group in August, and the girls have been working on it since then. Left to Right Standing: Caitlyn, Megan, Molly, Sydney, Natalie, Sarah, and Allie. Sitting Left to Right: Callie, Jayla and Jaiden. Not Pictured: Summer. Coach is Jessica Cate.

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Bread and Circus

You may find it odd, but I love history. I don't mean the boring books of facts we were given to digest and memorize in high school. History is storytelling, and if done well, it is compelling; and it's very important. It was the statesman Edmund Burke who first said, "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it."

One of the books I'm currently reading is "The Wisdom of History" by J. Rufus Fears. The professor is a scholar of antiquity and a master storyteller. I could listen to him lecture on wood working; he's that good. One of his main points is that the Founders of our country believed that there were important lessons to be learned

by studying history. We moderns have lost sight of that truth.

Our Founders admired the ancient Greek democracies and especially the structure of the Roman Republic. Ancient Athens adopted citizen (demos) rule in the 5th century BC. Our word democracy comes from this "rule by the people." The Romans also embraced the awesome responsibility of self rule in 509 BC when they threw out their last King. Their republic would span nearly 400 years until Julius Caesar would be king and was assassinated by Brutus and Cassius in 44BC ushering in a prolonged and bloody civil war.

You ask why I speak of history. Well, right now the lessons of

history are more important than medicine. A recent Gallop poll found that only 24% of Americans think our country is on the right path. We Americans have forgotten our history and who we are. And the professor has opened my eyes to the striking similarities between ancient Rome and our United States. Solutions can come only when there is recognition of a problem.

In the 1st century BC the Roman Senate had become corrupted by money and was divided into two parties, the Optimates and the Populares. The Optimates stood for traditional moral values and reform from within the existing structures of society and government. The Populares ("which literally means democrats") demanded more democracy that was "responsive to the popular will." These two groups were grid locked with neither side willing to compromise or allow the other side to win a political battle or gain an upper hand. They spent much of their time investigating the other's sexual scandals.

Our Founders admired the old Roman Republic's constitution which had

a legislative and executive branch sustained by the democratic popular support of the people. The Founders used this model to construct our representative republic. Unfortunately, by the first century BC the people of Rome had lost faith in their government and the moral, patriotic, citizen farmer (our small businessman?) had been squeezed out by big money and large estates. And the divide between the very wealthy and the poor had become huge.

In his treatise the professor notes that government jobs in ancient Rome were coveted and expensive to purchase. Petitioners often sponsored gladiatorial games to curry favor with the hoi pilloi and procure their vote. Rome had a "culture of violence." How interesting to compare their gladiatorial games to the violence of our modern video games and movies.

Rome ran on human muscle not oil as our world does. Therefore, a steady supply of grain from Egypt was necessary to feed the masses, increasingly dependent upon public assistance. The Romans cleared the Mediterranean Sea lanes

of interfering pirates and then embarked on military intervention in the Middle East to establish buffer states (Palestine and Iraq) between Rome and the powerful Parthian (Iran) empire.

The historians Sallust and Livy believed that the decline and destruction of Rome occurred because of "moral rot." The virtue of the individual citizen was the backbone of the Roman republic where all male citizens served in the military. By the time of Jesus the Roman army was increasingly non-Latin (barbarians trying to win citizenship through military service) and mercenary, because Romans didn't want to march off to foreign wars in Asia Minor and Germania. They preferred the "bread and circus" offered by the government designed to appease the masses.

In the Roman Republic two elected consuls (presidents) jointly served as leader of the army and the executive branch. They served only one year and could veto each other's vote. By 44 BC the people were so disgusted with their government and apathetic that they looked to a Caesar (commander of

the army) to solve their problems. What they got were emperors and self-described gods.

A core principle of conservatism is freedom of choice and acceptance of the consequences of those choices. We are at similar crossroads as the Roman people were in 50BC. Will we awaken from our self absorbed slumber and again be responsible for ourselves and our neighbors and our country? Will we return to the virtues that founded our country and defined us as a people, or will we choose an ever increasing government that promises everything (bread and circus) and gives us, instead, dependency and tyranny?

Food for thought...

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Metropolitan Drug Commission, WBIR-TV hold town hall about teen drinking

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. On Tuesday, WBIR-TV, in partnership with the Metropolitan Drug Commission (MDC), brought a modern-day perspective to this decades-old problem at a special town hall meeting titled "Too Much, Too Soon."

A team of eight panelists discussed underage drinking prevention, including Webster Bailey (Cornerstone of Recovery), Dennis Rowe (Rural/Metro), Don Lindsey (AAA Tennessee), Dr. Martha Buchanan (Knox County Health Department), Ashley Blamey (University of Tennessee), Matt Jones (Knox County Juvenile Court), Anna Baranova (Volunteer, Rescue 180)

and Karen Pershing (MDC Executive Director).

"As a community, we sometimes minimize the dangers of alcohol. When we talk about prevention, we must not forget that alcohol is still the number one drug of choice and the leading cause of unintentional injuries among teens," Jeff Lee, general manager of WBIR-TV, said. "WBIR is a proud partner with MDC because we care about the health and well-being of young people in our community."

According to the 2011 Knox County Youth Risk Behavior Survey, nearly one third of high school students have used alcohol within the past month. Of

those, nearly one in five say they participated in binge drinking, defined as consuming five or more drinks within a couple of hours.

Heavy drinking can have far-reaching health impacts, such as brain damage, unintentional injuries, traffic collisions, risky sexual behavior, unplanned pregnancy, alcohol poisoning and death. With underage drinking at dangerously high levels, MDC hopes to involve local parents in prevention.

"Parents sometimes think they are powerless to stop their teen from drinking, but this is simply untrue," Pershing said. "What parents may not realize is that children say that their parents'



Robin Wilhoit, John Becker, Karen Pershing, Webster Bailey, Anna Baranova, Dennis Rowe and Dr. Martha Buchanan at the "Too Much, Too Soon" discussion.



disapproval of underage drinking plays a key role in their decision not to drink." Viewers that missed the live telecast can watch Parts 1 and 2 online at wbir.com.

Parents and community groups can request materials to help keep kids healthy and prevent underage drinking and drug use by visiting the "Too Much, Too Soon" page at www.metrodrug.org.

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By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

The reason that confession is a corporate discipline is because sin both offends God and creates a wound in Christian fellowship. While God does the forgiving, often God uses human beings as channels for His forgiving grace.

Richard Foster mentions four things that are necessary for a good confession: asking for an awareness of sin, confession of specific sin, the receiving of God's mercy, and obedience where we determine to avoid sin (*Prayer*, 42-44).

The Psalmist, David, wrote, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (Psalm 51:17). There is value in a broken and contrite heart when we are aware of our sin. But how do we experience a contrite, broken, sorrowful, repentant heart today?

We first must ask. It truly is a gift from God. God loves to grant repentance upon those who ask. Godly sorrow from the heart will bring about confession of sin. If sorrow doesn't come at first, keep asking God for this gift. The tax collector

in Jesus' parable pled to God, "Be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). The famous Jesus prayer comes from this parable, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Second, we confess. We freely admit our sinfulness, our weakness, our hardness of heartedness. We stop making excuses and come clean before God. We stop praying generic prayers of confession like, "Forgive me of my many sins." No, you begin to name them one by one, which is painful, embarrassing, and necessary. God already knows it, but He is waiting for us to acknowledge our sin before Him. In C.S. Lewis' *Letters to Malcolm*, he wrote, "The true Christian's nostril is to be continually attentive to the inner cesspool" (98).

Third, we receive God's mercy. Our God is like the dad in the Prodigal Son parable. At our first sign of turning the heart toward home, the father rushes to us. It is party time. God gives us gifts we don't deserve and can never earn, which is where the communal or corporate aspect of this discipline comes in. There are times we don't experience forgiveness ourselves. We need help from others. We get to bring God's forgiveness to one another (John 20:23). We are to confess our sins to each other and pray for each other (James 5:16).

Fourth, we are determined to avoid sin through obedience. We want to stop patterns of sin and replace them with actions of love toward others. I sometimes tell people, if you want to stop sinning, fill your time with doing good.

UT Veterinary College offers spring pet memorial celebration

In an effort to help pet owners celebrate the lives of their companion animals, both living and deceased, Veterinary Social Work (VSW) at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting its Spring Pet Memorial Celebration Friday, April 27, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, allows people to reflect on the impact pets have on their lives. Participants are invited to bring a human-friendly food item to share that reminds them of their animal.

Sarina Lyall, VSW social worker, says the opportunity to gather with others who have also experienced the loss of an animal can be therapeutic. "People should realize they don't have to grieve alone. They can share stories of beloved animals and know they are supported through their loss." Lyall says the event is an opportunity to find new ways to memorialize their pets.

Participants are encouraged to bring copies of photos of their pet that can be used in a memorial art project.

The free event will

be held in the Sequoyah Room at the College of Veterinary Medicine on the UT agricultural campus which is located at 2407 River Drive off Neyland Drive in Knoxville.

Reservations are required. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 25, by emailing Veterinary Social Work at vetsocialwork@utk.edu or calling 865-755-8839.

One of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine educates students in the art and science of veterinary medicine and related

biomedical sciences, promotes scientific research and enhances human and animal well-being.

In addition to the programs of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the UT Institute of Agriculture also provides instruction research and public service through the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT AgResearch system of ten research and education centers and UT Extension offices in every county in the state.



THE DIET OF WORMS

I think I was in Junior High School when I first heard about Martin Luther and his "Diet of Worms." Immediately I thought he was subjected to a wilderness and had to eat worms, something on the order of John the Baptist eating honey and locusts. It wasn't long until I was enlightened on this subject and I was intrigued by his beliefs and this extraordinary life.

He was born in 1483

to peasant stock in Eastern Germany which was then ruled by the Holy Roman Empire. His father was a miner who wanted a better life for his son, sending him to well-known schools for an education to be a lawyer. This aim, however, was interrupted by a horrific thunderstorm. Thinking he was going to die, he screamed out a vow. "Save me, St.

Anna (who was presumed to be Virgin Mary's mother) and I shall become a monk". He kept his vow, but it turned out

to be a difficult decision. He was also haunted by insecurity about his salvation. Luther's critique of the theological world around him begins to take shape. In his lectures on Paul's Epistle to the Romans, his critique becomes more noticeable. During these lectures Martin finally found the assurance that had evaded him for years.

A "diet" was a conference of the Roman Catholic Church. An official meeting that included representatives of the Pope, various bishops, rulers and religious leaders. "Worms is pronounced "Verm" and refers to a small town in Germany.

Martin Luther thought that salvation was by grace alone, not through the sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church. This

was the start of Protestantism. His most notable work was a sheet with ninety-five theses which he posted on the door of the University he attended. These theses set out a devastating critique of the Church's sale of indulgences and explained the fundamentals of justification by grace alone.

Finally the Pope had enough. He threatened Martin Luther with excommunication.

Needless to say, Martin Luther refused to recant and became a condemned and wanted man.

To read more on this profound subject, consult the book "Here I Stand A life of Martin Luther" by Roland Herbert Bainton.

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717.

Church Happenings

Church of God of Knoxville

The Church of God of Knoxville at 5912 Thorn Grove Pike will hold Revival May 1-6 featuring Evangelist Bro. Darrell Sandford. Services Tuesday through Saturday will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday Service times will be 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United Methodist Church will host Faithstock 2012 on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This marks the third year for Faithstock, a Christian music festival that is open to the public.

Faithstock 2012 will feature the musical talents of: Faith Youth Praise Band, Faith's Praise & Worship Director David Boyd, Jonathan Maness, Logan Murrell, Catching Fireworks, Sunday Believer and Roger Williams and The All Mixed Up Quartet.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the Contemporary Christian bands outside. Be sure to also come hungry and stop by the concession stand for some delicious treats and to visit the silent auction tables for a great selection of items from local businesses. There is something for everyone!

All are welcome and admission is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Youth groups can purchase ten wristbands (tickets) for \$25.

Faith United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Dry Gap Pike and Rifle Range Road at 1120 Dry Gap Pike. For more information visit our website www.faithstock.info.

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet April 24, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Larry

Mullins will be the guest speaker. You may view his complete Bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>.

Pleasant Gap Baptist Church

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Psalm 2

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Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto

me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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Featured item this week is a Nazi SS chained dagger value \$2500.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Military Collectibles

Military collectibles today are very much in demand in the market place and practically every sale that I have conducted live over the past seven years has had them in the sale. Uni-

forms, naval clocks and instruments, helmets of all nations, daggers, swords, firearms, photographs, diaries, caps, badges and just about anything that was used during a conflict that you can imagine has crossed the block and usually has done quite well for the consignor. I know a lot of the collectors of these items and they are generally well versed and highly knowledgeable with the history and values. I would say almost everyone has a military collectible or antique in their home today, be it grandfather's items from World War II or an uncle's items from Viet Nam or great-great-grandfather's sword or photograph from the Civil War.

Such items evoke thoughts of what it was like then to be there in conflict and to romanticize about the history and glory of war. Soldiers for centuries have brought back battlefield souvenirs picked up or captured for a keepsake. Some of these types of items can command enormous prices and have seen to continually rise over the years. The highest values and most sought after items are from the Civil War and World War II, with the losers of these conflicts being the most sought after. Confederate



By Carl Sloan

items, such as buttons, go for big bucks as well as belt buckles and weapons. Nazi German items are big in the markets with daggers being one of the most sought after. Both of these categories, however, are full of counterfeits and reproductions so always get an expert's opinion. There are now World War II re-enactors that seek original equipment for battlefield dramatizations and parades. Knoxville has a great group of these folks who you will often see in our annual Veterans Day parade on Gay Street dressed in period uniforms and with weapons and gear, even an original Willys Jeep! Veterans seem to be the most interested in preserving these items over the years and collecting them for the future values and history. Being a soldier myself stationed on the East German border during the Cold War, I am seeking out items that I've lost or should have brought back when I had the chance; I'm far from being alone in that sentiment. On Saturday, June 2 starting at noon, Fountain City Auction will again be hosting a live broadcast international auction that will include many military items as well as fine estate antiques and the public is invited. If you have any items that you wish to consign you may contact Greg Lawson at 865-604-3468 for more information. Dates for accepting items close soon.

Celebrate Mother's Day at UT Gardens' Blooms Days Festival and Marketplace

Specialty plants, unique garden goods, live musical performances, garden workshops, children's activities and more make the UT Gardens' Blooms Days a great destination for more than just gardeners. Blooms Days has become a summer tradition, drawing families, students, and Knoxville natives to experience the splendor of the gardens. The event will run Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

More than 20 workshops (included in the cost of admission), led by regional gardening experts, will be offered for everyone from novice to advanced gardeners. Workshops will cover a variety of gardening topics such as roses, edible gardening, lawn care, basic landscaping, and more.

This year, give your mom the perfect gift-- a day outside enjoying the sights and sounds of Blooms Days. Special festivities for moms will be held on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Live musical performances will be held on both days.

Kids of all ages can visit the Kids Corner to create make-and-take projects and make a special gift for mom.

The festival will also include a

garden marketplace in which visitors can shop for plants, arts, crafts, garden goods and specialty plants from more than 20 vendors. Snacks will be available on site for purchase.

Round out the day with a self-guided tour of the gardens and learn about some 4,000 annuals, perennials, herbs, tropicals, trees, shrubs, vegetables and ornamental grasses.

Tickets at the gate will be \$6 for one day and \$10 for two days. Friends of the UT Gardens receive discount tickets of \$5 for one day and \$8 for two days. Children 12 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit the UT Gardens. For more information and a complete schedule of the weekend's activities, please visit: <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>.

Blooms Days, in its 10th year, is made possible through the generosity of WBIR-TV, the Knoxville News-Sentinel, WUOT 91.9 FM, Pilot, and UT Federal Credit Union.

The UT Gardens is located just off Neyland Drive behind the UT Veterinary Medical Center in Knoxville. Parking is available in lot 66. For more information, please visit utgardens.tennessee.edu.

Mrs. Clark to retire

Mrs. Olivia Clark will be retiring from Knox County Schools after 32 years of teaching.

Mrs. Clark taught kindergarten at Carter Elementary School for 28 years, and second grade for 2 years. Prior to that, she taught in the Alcoa City Schools.

Mrs. Clark and her husband Warren raised their son Matt in Fountain City Presbyterian Church. They now attend Bookwalter United Methodist Church, where Mr. Clark is the choir director. Matt will receive his Master's degree from Vanderbilt University this spring.

There will be a reception for Mrs. Clark at Carter Elementary School on Thursday, May 3, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. She would like to invite all her friends and former students and their parents to come by and wish her well.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gibbs High School Pink Out at the Park

Gibbs High School and Halls High School will join together to raise money for the UT Mobile Mammography Unit on Monday, April 30, 2012 at the Gibbs Baseball Stadium.

The Night will be punched with Pink Events including, Bake Sale items, Auction items and a Wall of Honor to recognize those affected by breast cancer. The Outreach Team and Mobile Mammography Unit will be at the stadium from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Baseball games will begin at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to wear pink !!!

South-Doyle Middle School 5th grade orientation

South-Doyle Middle School (3900 Decatur Road) will hold its annual 5th grade orientation on Thursday, May 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Parents with children who will enter 6th grade in the 2012-2013 school year are encouraged to attend. Displays of all core and special subjects will be showcased in the library, teachers will be available to meet, and performances will be given by the school's Jazz Band and Chorus. Tours of the middle school will be offered throughout the evening, and refreshments will be provided compliments

of South-Doyle Middle School PTSA.

Candoro Art and Heritage Center

Life drawing sessions will not meet May 2 and May 9, 2012. The building is being used for the Festival event. Sessions will resume Wednesday 16, 2012.

Carter Senior Expo

Carter Senior Center will be offering a free Senior Expo hosted by Independent Insurance Consultants on Friday, May 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Exhibitors will be displaying their products and services - included are health care, senior care, assisted livings, area businesses, pharmacies, beauty products, Knox County offices, screenings and more. There will be door prizes, take home goodies, and refreshments.

Doyle High School Reunion

Doyle High School (currently known as South-Doyle High School) classes of 1970 to 1979 will have a reunion at Rothchild's, 8807 Kingston Pike, Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The cost is \$37.50 per person or \$70.00 per couple (Prepaid is preferred). Checks should be made to Gwen Cameron and mailed to: P.O. Box 9401, Knoxville,

TN 37920. For more information, please e-mail GCameron@etch.com.

Hillcrest reunion

Hillcrest employees, past and present reunion will be on Saturday, May 5 from 3 p.m. until close at QQ Pizza in Halls. Everyone will purchase their own meal. Buffet and salad bar including tip less than \$10. For additional information, call Sue Chesney at 689-4158, Mildred Thompson at 688-0700, Gaye Vandergriff at 456-0531 or Vivian Baley at 689-3451.

Fountain City Republican Club

The Fountain City Republican Club will meet on Monday, April 23, 2012 at Shoney's on Broadway. Dinner will begin at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. Newly elected Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong will be the speaker. You may contact President Michele Carringer at mwcarringer@yahoo.com or call 247-5756.

Fulton High Wall of Fame

The Fulton High School Alumni Association will be hosting the 4th annual Wall of Fame Banquet on Saturday June 2, 2012 at Rothchild's on Kingston Pike. We will also be having an open house at Fulton High School on Sunday June 3,

2012. For more information call Bill Warwick at 865-755-3333 or e-mail local65@comcast.net.

Fulton Reunion

15th Old Farragut School Reunion Saturday, May 5th. For details, call George Hamilton at 688-6777.

LeConte Photographic Society

The LeConte Photographic Society will present a program by local artist Dick Ensing entitled "Canson Paper and Printing Demonstration" on Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the King Family Library. This program is free and open to the public. More information on the artist can be found at www.dickensingartist.com. This program is sponsored by LeConte Photographic Society and not a library-sponsored event. Please see our website at www.lecontephoto-graphic.com.

Knoxville Writers' Group

Knoxville Writers' Group meets Wednesday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Naples Italian Restaurant, 5500 Kingston Pike. Poet, Linda Parsons Marion, presents "Bound and Unbound" with readings from her latest poetry collection, Bound. RSVP by Monday, April 23, to 865-983-3740.

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5 strips cooked bacon
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Dice Spam oven roasted turkey into approx.
1/4 in x 1/4 in x 1 1/2 inch strips. Set aside.
Spread each English muffin half with 1/2 tsp
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er and set aside. Heat olive oil in a large skil-
let over medium-high heat. Add sliced mush-
rooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mush-
rooms begin to brown, about 5 minutes.

Stir in pesto until smooth. Add diced spam
and sliced black olives, continue to cook, toss-
ing gently once or twice until Spam is heated
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UT Leads Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains

As flowers blossom and birds and insects emerge, so will hundreds of pilgrims—as they head to the Great Smoky Mountains for the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. In its 62nd year, it is a tradition led by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The Wildflower Pilgrimage began with a handful of UT botanists and now involves as many as a thousand participants. This year's event—a four-day exploration of plant and animal life—will be held April 25-28. Online registration is now open at springwildflowerpilgrimage.org and onsite registration begins April 24 at Gatlinburg's M. L. Mills Conference Center.

The pilgrimage kicks off with a welcoming luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday,

Market Square will come alive with the sounds of bluegrass, jazz, blues, Americana, and other music this spring and summer, with free concerts planned for Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Tuesdays will see the return of last year's popular "Jazz on the Square" series. Beginning May 1st, local jazz musicians will take the stage on the Bill Lyons Pavilion every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Meanwhile, selected Thursday evenings will be home to the new Market Square Concert Series, sponsored by the City of Knoxville, WDVX, and Stellar Visions and Sound. It will spotlight local and regional acts in a range of genres to create a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere on the Square.

The first concert, on April 26, will feature the

Grassroots Gringos, a rising area band that describes its sound as "Old-time Island Mountain Music." The band is made up of local young professionals who have a passion for Appalachian roots music. Further dates and performers will be announced shortly, including some specifically for children.

"Past concert series have shown that Knoxville's love hearing music on Market Square," said Judith Foltz, the City's Director of Special Events. "These shows, featuring mostly acoustic performers, will add to the Square's lively ambiance."

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

to sit on the Square and enjoy the shows.

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Dogwood Mile & Party on the Square

Walk, run, or sprint one mile through the streets of Downtown Knoxville while enjoying Gay Street's springtime beauty with your friends, family, organization, or your co-workers on Friday, April 27 in one of the few night races in Knoxville. There will be a plethora of activities before and after The Dogwood Arts Parade happening on and around Market Square including a kid's fun run, 1 mile run, live music, and a single bracket elimination Dogwood Art's Corn Hole Tournament.

Come make the most

of your time together downtown by entering your children in The Kid's Fun Run beginning at 6 p.m. on Wall Street before heading off to see the Dogwood Arts Parade move down Gay Street. People of all ages are invited to come participate in the Dogwood Mile beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Wall Street with a Party on Market Square following after the race which will include live music, entertainment, and the 2nd Annual Dogwood Arts Corn Hole Tournament.

WHAT: Dogwood Mile and Party on the Square and the 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

WHERE: Market Square in Downtown Knoxville (starting line is on Wall Avenue)

WHEN: Friday, April 27
Kids Fun Run at 6 p.m.
1 Mile Race at 8:30 p.m.
Corn Hole Tournament at 8:00 p.m.

COST: Race Individual (Must be 12+): \$20.00
Day of Race/\$15.00 Pre-Registration
Race Team (minimum of 4 members): \$10.00/person
Kid's Fun Run Individual (Ages 7-12): FREE, thanks to Subway!

CORN HOLE

TOURNAMENT: \$20 per two-member team—Single Elimination Bracket

Dogwood Arts Festival Parade

Where: Hill Avenue to Gay Street /downtown Knoxville

When: Friday, April 27 at 7:00 pm

Visitors come from near and far to line the streets of downtown Knoxville for the Dogwood Parade. Marching bands, decorated floats, performing arts groups, and nine giant helium balloons will make the hour-long Parade one of the Festival's most exciting events.

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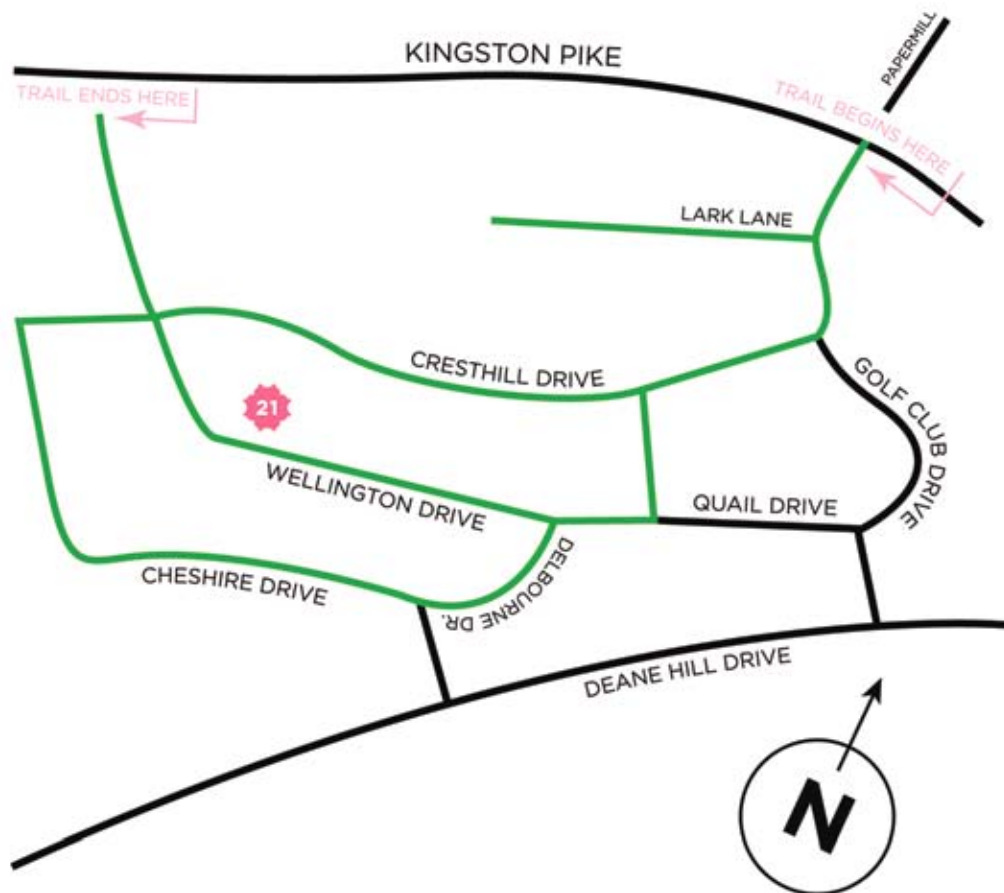
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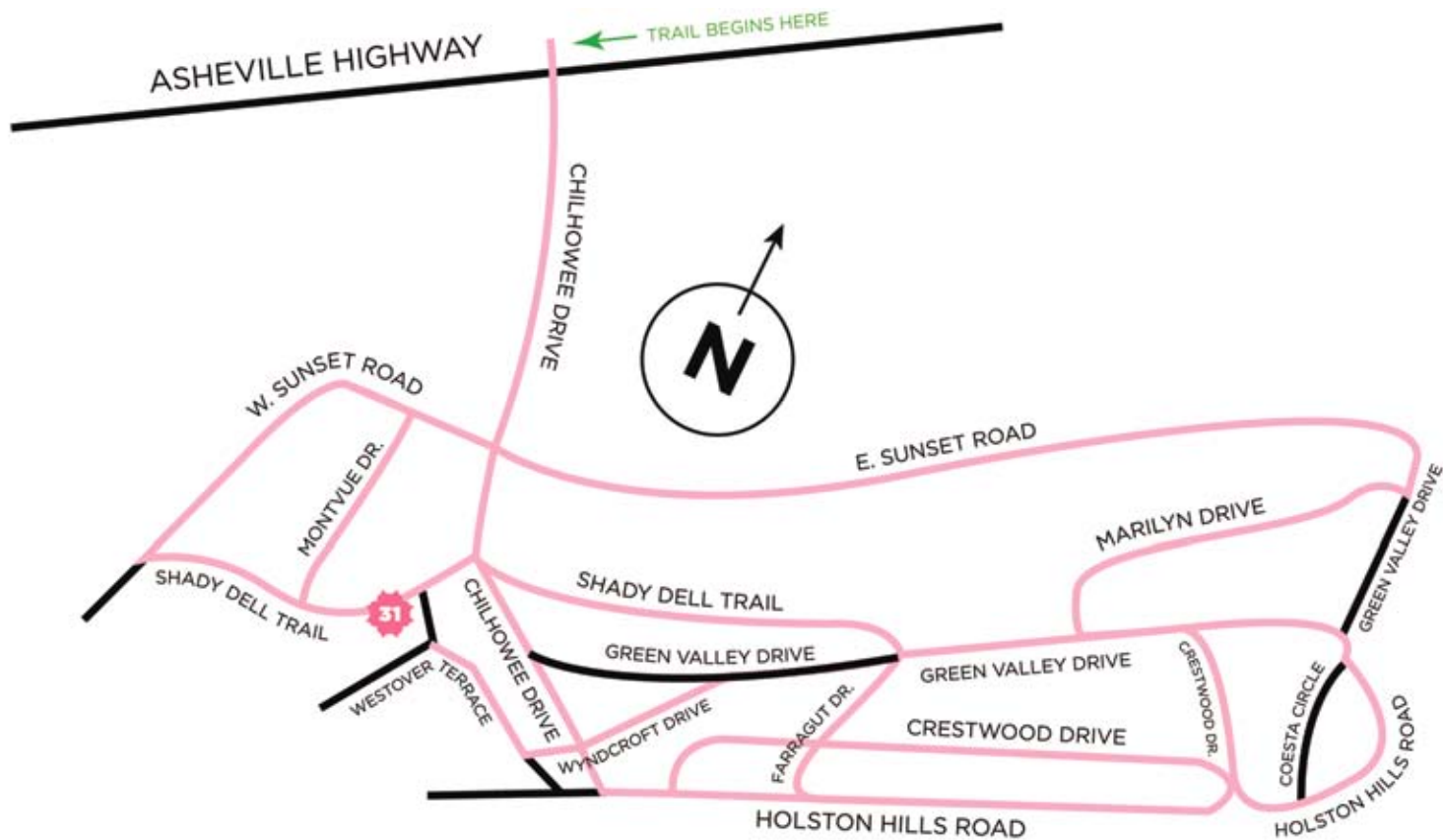
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April 25, at the Mills Conference Center. It will feature entertainer Doug Elliott who will weave traditional and contemporary plant lore and

scientific information into a lively and informative performance called "Weeds for your Needs." Elliott takes center stage again for the Wednesday evening program, "Weeds, Woodlore and Wildswoods Wisdom,"

which is free and open to the public. Featured evening speakers on Thursday and Friday are Bob Miller, Great Smoky Mountains National Park public affairs officer, and Tim Spira, Clemson University professor of botany.

The event includes 134 guided walks and indoor presentations that cover the region's rich wildflowers, fauna, ecology, and cultural and natural history. The 115 pilgrimage leaders are specialists in mosses, ferns, wildflowers, fungi, birds, bears, bats, wild hogs, salamanders and more.

The event also features a photography contest, an art exhibition at the Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, a native plant sale, and numerous exhibitors at the registration site.

"Annually this event attracts people from more than 35 states and other countries," said Ken McFarland, chair of the Wildflower Pilgrimage organizing committee and lecturer in the biology department. "It's a unique opportunity to

experience the most biologically diverse area in the continental U.S."

"The Wildflower Pilgrimage hosts many returnees as well as interested newbies like us on expert-led hikes," said Nancy Keller Cox, a 2011 attendee from Ohio. "We discovered wildflowers, trees and shrubs, mosses, and Appalachian history of Tennessee and North Carolina. At the time, we felt rather overwhelmed by the wealth of knowledge dispensed by enthusiastic professionals but will never walk the woods again as blind."

Tickets are \$75 per person for two or more days. Single-day tickets are available for \$50. Student tickets are \$10 and must be verified with a student ID.

For more information, call 865-436-7318, ext. 222, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or visit springwildflowerpilgrimage.org. Lodging information is also available at this site.

28th Annual Provision Health & Wellness Dogwood Classic 5K

The 28th Provision Health & Wellness Dogwood Classic 5K Run/Walk will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the west end of Cherokee Boulevard in Sequoyah Hills.

Race start is 8 a.m. for all 5K participants. Online registration is open through April 25, 2012 and cost is \$20 through April 18, 2012. Cost is \$25 from April 19 through race day. Knoxville Track Club members can deduct \$5 through April 18 as part of their membership during early online registration. Participants who choose not to get a t-shirt may deduct \$5 from their registration at any time.

Optional packet pick-up will be available on Friday, April 27, 2012 at Provision Health & Wellness from 10 am to 6 pm. Participants will receive their bib, chip, t-shirt, and goody bag then. Race day registration and packet pick-up will open at 6:30 am and close at 7:45 am in the race tent adjacent to the far west end parking lot of Cherokee Boulevard.

The 5K is open to all runners and walkers. The course will close after 1 hour and 10 minutes. Runners and walkers will follow the same course. The Provision Health & Wellness Dogwood Classic 5K will award overall participants, age groups and team competitors. Participants will receive a goody bag and post-race refreshments.

Sponsors for the event include Provision Health & Wellness, Pilot Flying J, Runners Market, Tennessee Sports Medicine Group, Advanced Chiropractic, and Tim Hathaway/Realty Executives. Rita's Italian Ice will be served post race.

For more information about Provision Health & Wellness Dogwood Classic 5K and other events, contact Kristy Altman, Managing Director, at 865-805-2008.

Legend of the Dogwood

As a child I heard this tale, Long ago during the days that Jesus was here on earth in the form of man there were many dogwood trees. The dogwood was comparable in size to the oak tree and other monarchs of the forest.

Because of its firmness and strength it was selected as the timber for the cross, but to be put to such a cruel use greatly distressed the tree.

Sensing this, the crucified Jesus in his gentle pity for the sorrow and suffering of all said to it: "Because of your sorrow and pity for My sufferings, never again will the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it will be slender, bent and twisted and its blossoms will be in the form of a cross two long and two short petals.

"In the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints brown with rust and stained with red and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see this will remember." ~ Author Unknown

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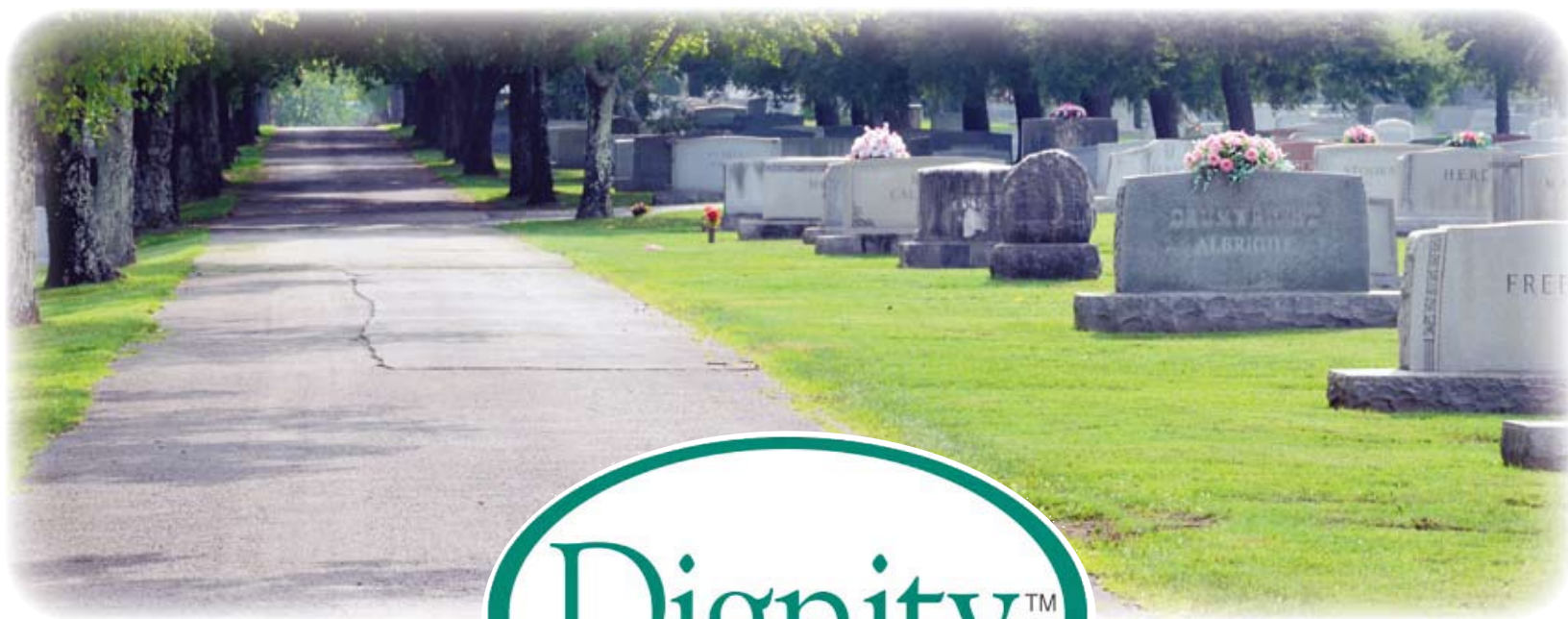
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