

Seymour holds on for state sectional win in softball



Seymour High's softball team celebrates a 9-8 win over Maryville in Friday's TSSAA Class AAA state sectional game at Everett Park in Maryville. Story by Steve Williams on C1.



Former Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen, IV spoke at Thursday's Knoxville-Knox County Peace Officers Memorial Service.

Officers remembered in service

The City of Knoxville, Knoxville Police Department, Fraternal Order of Police and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies held a joint Peace Officers Memorial Service on Thursday, May 17 in the Mary Costa Plaza outside of the Knoxville Civic Auditorium/Coliseum to honor National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Former Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen, IV was

the Memorial Speaker.

On October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week containing May 15 as National Police Week.

The 103rd Congress later amended this law as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322

which directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half staff on May 15th, National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

On May 15, 1982, the first National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service was held in Washington, D.C.

Activities during National Police Week now include the annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial,

COPS National Police Survivors Seminars as well as the National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service.

The 2012 Knoxville-Knox County Peace Officers Memorial Service was presented through the support of the Fraternal Order of Police Volunteer Lodge No. Two in cooperation with the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has submitted a budget for the 2012 to 2013 fiscal year.

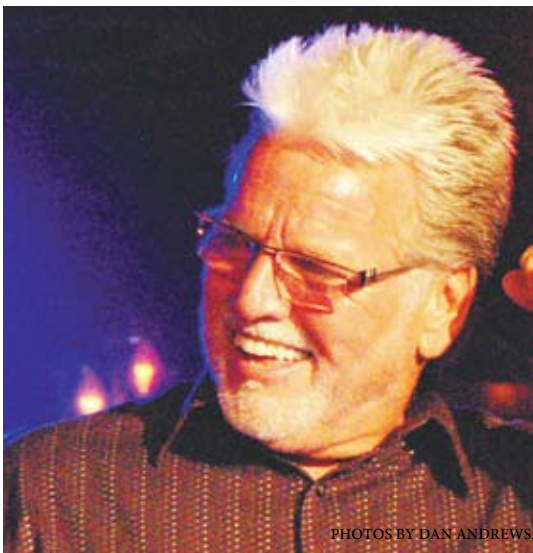
Do you support or oppose the budget as proposed for the 2012 to 2013 fiscal year?

SUPPORT 73.40%

OPPOSE 26.60%

Survey conducted May 17, 2012.

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



PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS

Knoxville's Con Hunley was one of many artists to take the stage at the Jack's Back party last Thursday.

Jack is Back

By Sarah Baker
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A "boot load" of fans turned out for the Jack's Back Party at Cotton Eyed Joe on Thursday, May 17. Jack Ryan was a live wire electrifying his faithful fans who have followed him from WIVK to his new home at Merle FM. Many in the crowd expressed extreme disappointment in WIVK's decision to switch from Ryan to syndicated show and they are thrilled he was picked up by Merle.

"Jack's the first one I heard on WIVK," said fan Garrett Strand. "He's a great guy and I don't plan on listening to WIVK anymore."

Many great acts took the stage including Holly Norman, Southern Drawl Band, and Fairview Union. Local singer/songwriter Stephen Hunley gave the audience a glimpse into his incredible talent. The piece de resistance for most of the crowd was when Stephen's uncle, Con Hunley, took the stage. Con Hunley made many in the audience swoon and sway to familiar



Merle FM's Jack Ryan

ballads and songs, some from his new CD, "Wayfarin' Stranger." Merle FM also gave away free Jack's Back t-shirts and tons of other prizes including a car with \$1,000 in cash inside. "We're turnin' some heads tonight," said Ryan who absolutely did turn heads all night, enjoying good vibes from old fans and new as he thrilled the audience with prizes and good music throughout the party. It is obvious observing him that Jack Ryan is not just a dynamic personality. He makes each artist and audience member feel like more than a fan, which is why so many who have been listening to him over the years recognize his voice as one of their own.



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By Focus Staff

The latest *Knoxville Focus* poll shows Knox Countians overwhelmingly favor Mayor Tim Burchett's budget. Almost 400 Knox Countians were asked the question, "Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has submitted a budget for the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year. Do you support or oppose the budget as proposed for the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year?"

A whopping 73% support the budget as proposed by

Mayor Burchett. County Commissioners are currently discussing the budget and Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre has asked for 35 million new dollars, which would necessitate a 35 cent increase in the property tax.

Every district in Knox County posted healthy margins in favor of Burchett's budget. The Third Commission District is the district which most strongly supports Burchett's budget with more than 82% of respondents

saying they favor the Mayor's proposal. Another district comprised of all city residents, the Second District, also strongly supports Mayor Burchett's budget. The Fifth District, which is Farragut, as well as East and South Knox Countians all registered more than 76% in favor of Burchett's budget.

The least support for the Mayor's proposed budget was in the Fourth District, which is Sequoyah Hills and westward, but still more than 64% of voters were in favor

of Burchett's budget. The Fourth and the First Districts were the only districts where support for Mayor Burchett's budget dipped below 70%.

These poll results indicate a heavy majority of Knoxvilleans and Knox Countians have not been moved by the intense campaign waged by Superintendent McIntyre and his allies in the Chamber of Commerce and the local news media.

FOCUS
Weekly Poll

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has submitted a budget for the 2012 to 2013 fiscal year.
Do you support or oppose the budget as proposed for the 2012 to 2013 fiscal year?

By Age	Support	Oppose
18-29	66.67%	33.33%
30-49	68.00%	32.00%
50-65	71.33%	28.67%
65+	75.58%	24.42%
Total	73.40%	26.60%

By Commission District	Support	Oppose
1	65.63%	34.38%
2	75.44%	24.56%
3	82.05%	17.95%
4	63.64%	36.36%
5	76.92%	23.08%
6	74.19%	25.81%
7	70.27%	29.73%
8	76.36%	23.64%
9	76.09%	23.91%
Total	73.40%	26.60%

By Gender	Support	Oppose
Unknown	82.35%	17.65%
Female	72.41%	27.59%
Male	73.68%	26.32%
Total	73.40%	26.60%

From left to right: Knox County Sheriff's Office Deputy Pete Steele, Officer of the Month Rex Armstrong, March Detective of the Month Brian Williams, April Detective of the month Shawn Hensley and David Wise. The Officer of the Month program is sponsored by the Knoxville Elks Lodge 160. It is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 5600 Lonas Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Good Water, A Man's Mission

He held the forked peach tree stick in his hand and walked slowly. The end of the stick jerked and pointed to the ground. It indicated the largest vein of water lay beneath the ground right where the stick pointed. Our paternal grandfather was the one holding the Y-shaped stick from the peach tree. He was performing the art of water witching, which is locating water beneath the ground. Water witching, also known as dowsing, has been used for years.



By Ralphine Major
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I was in school the day our grandfather used his water witching skills to find a site to dig a well on the place where our parents were building a house. As my parents told it to me, I was amazed. To have been able to see him "water witch" would have been an education in itself. Years later, the term "water witching" came up in one of my classes at the university. I was the only one in class who knew what it meant. But for my grandfather, I would not have known either. He had done water witching for many of the neighbors over the years when we lived on the farm. It was common in our rural area for people to dig wells on their property for their source of water. For nearly twenty years, our grandfather's finding of the precious liquid hidden beneath

the ground sufficed nicely for our family. The well supplied water not only for our household but for a small barnyard of farm animals, also. One day, just weeks before Christmas, however, the well on our farm dried up. We determined the best option was to sign up for utility water. For three weeks during the holiday season, we hauled buckets and barrels of water from our neighbors' homes. It was a welcome relief when the process was completed and water was finally piped into our home—though it came at a tidy sum. Knowing what it is like to finally get utility water in a home gives me an appreciation for those who work in the water industry, like Mr. Greene.

Bill, as he is known to his friends, has dedicated many

years of his life to providing water to homes in several East Tennessee communities. Water is one of the most valuable resources and commodities on earth. It is necessary to sustain life. Man can live without food much longer than he can live without water. It seems likely that a man who spent four years serving his country in the United States Navy would choose a lifetime of work in the water industry. Bill also had a thirty-year career with the Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company. But, Bill's family tells me that providing water to homes was so important to him that he spent more than two-thirds of his time working toward that end. Starting in 1962, water commissioners were appointed for each county

in our rural area: Knox, Union, and Grainger. Bill was appointed to represent the Union County district. Water commissioners receive compensation for their work now. However, there was no pay to go with the demanding position when Bill was first appointed. Often, the commissioner post required him to spend many nights working in the communities. Bill did whatever was necessary to help people, even providing financial assistance if it was needed.

In 1987, Bill was tapped to be the District Manager, a paid position, for the LBC Utility which includes parts of Union, Grainger, and Knox Counties. He used his managerial skills to run the utility and even brought it out of

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Publisher's Position

The High Stakes of the McIntyre Tax Increase



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As the month of May moves on, the debate about increasing taxes to pay for Superintendent of Schools James McIntyre's proposed budget will get hotter still.

Despite virtually every media outlet in Knoxville and Knox County heavily promoting McIntyre's plea to increase taxes to fund his ambitious budget, the public seems largely disconnected from the debate. Should McIntyre get all he wants from the Knox County Commission, it will require a 35 cent increase in the property tax rate. McIntyre's determined drive to increase funding for the school system has hit a snag in the form of Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, who promised to veto any tax increase sent to him by the County Commission.

McIntyre needs six of the eleven members of the Knox County Commission to agree to give the schools the \$35 million the Superintendent is demanding "to improve local education." Seasoned observers think McIntyre getting six votes on the County Commission may be possible but the Superintendent will need seven Commissioners to override Burchett's expected veto, a number that seems to be out of McIntyre's reach.

The school system has a fall-back position, as some members of the Knox County Commission, most notably Commission Chairman Mike Hammond, have pondered a half cent

increase in the local sales tax. While a sales tax increase wouldn't generate the same kind of revenue for the school system as the proposed property tax increase, it would still generate approximately \$28 million new dollars.

Increasing the sales tax would be a much more difficult proposition than convincing six members of the County Commission to increase property taxes by 35 cents. To merely get the sales tax increase before the voters in a referendum, McIntyre and his allies would have to convince the County Commission, the Knoxville City Council and the Farragut Board of Aldermen to agree to vote to place it on the ballot. That alone fills many elected officials with dread. Some, like Hammond, probably think voting to increase the property tax to be a politically risky proposition, especially with a largely angry and unforgiving electorate. The political logic employed by Hammond and some of his colleagues is that they would be held blameless for merely allowing folks to vote on increasing the sales tax in referendum. There are those that think even that path is fraught with danger, as the reality is many potential opponents will run campaigns against incumbents for having technically voted for an increase in a sales tax that is already one of the highest in the country.

Presently, Knoxville and Knox County give 72 cents out of every dollar collected from the sales tax to the school system, while the Town of Farragut is stingier, giving only 50 cents out of every sales tax dollar.

While McIntyre and his associates seem increasingly desperate to convince parents and citizens to come out in number to support what they claim is McIntyre's bold vision for the future, their call has largely gone unanswered.

The Superintendent and his allies finally noticed that even teachers were avoiding McIntyre's public appearances. The Knox County Education Association pointedly refused to endorse McIntyre's proposed budget, the first time in memory the KCEA refused to back increased funding for education.

The Superintendent seemed paralyzed by the conspicuous absence of classroom teachers at the public meetings. In the past, the KCEA has turned out large crowds, filling the Large Assembly Room of the City & County Building with teachers roaring their demand for more money for education. The truth is they were usually yelling for higher teacher pay and there is the problem with McIntyre's budget. It does literally nothing for classroom teachers. Despite wanting \$35 million new dollars, the Superintendent's budget does not give teachers a local raise.

South Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown initially gave a ringing endorsement to McIntyre and the tax increase for education. Brown pegged his argument on the fact Knox County is losing teachers to other, better paying systems in the area. Evidently Brown didn't realize or simply ignored the fact there was not a single thing in McIntyre's budget to increase teacher pay, save for those lucky 15% who might benefit from the merit bonus plan. Even The Knoxville News-Sentinel has offered its support for McIntyre's tax increase on the basis of better pay for teachers, when the Superintendent's budget does nothing of the kind.

Instead, McIntyre's budget provides for funding for his much-heralded merit bonus plan, but that plan is estimated to provide bonuses for perhaps 15% of teachers. With little in it for them, teachers have

absented themselves just when McIntyre needs them most. It was a clear and ostentatious vote of no confidence by professional educators, which local media has done its best to ignore.

Long-time Board of Education members recognized the profoundly embarrassing reaction of teachers to McIntyre's proposed budget and have been making the rounds to beg for support. Some Board members have promised teachers that if they will support the Superintendent and his spending proposal, they will change the criteria in the merit bonus plan. The problem with that is explaining to the public (not to mention the staid good government folk who have hailed McIntyre's merit bonus plan as the Second Coming) why they significantly watered down the Superintendent's proposed plan to reward excellence, turning it into little more than a general pay raise for educators.

Board members have also tried to minimize the size of the tax increase needed to support McIntyre's plan. A few have equated it to pennies per day, but the reality is not a single member of the Board of Education has admitted taxpayers will not be billed on a pennies-per-day basis, but rather in the form of higher mortgage payments and increased rents.

McIntyre himself is always careful to refer to the tax increase as "an investment," which certainly sounds better to the casual observer.

Following the vote on May 30, one thing is certain. Knox County's political landscape will have changed dramatically. There is also the intriguing and nagging question of just what happens to Jim McIntyre?

If McIntyre deserves all the praise and credit for his budget being approved by the County Commission,

does he not similarly deserve the blame if his budget is rejected by the Commission or the people? At some point, the Board of Education is going to have to reluctantly address just how effective McIntyre can be in the future following such a defeat. That is one explanation for just how hard the Superintendent and his followers are pushing the tax increase. It is a fight for survival and there is little logical reason for McIntyre to remain in Knoxville if his budget is rejected.

Clearly, McIntyre's relations with Mayor Tim Burchett will not improve in the foreseeable future. The fight over spending the public's money will leave hurt and bitter feelings in its wake. There are already Chamber-types and political financiers who are darkly hinting Tim Burchett better find a new place to land.

McIntyre has publicly indicated his personal distaste for leading a school system that can only achieve its goals incrementally. If true and McIntyre's bold plan is rejected, what is there left for McIntyre to accomplish in Knox County?

With the passing of each day and the ultimate showdown on County Commission pending, the tax increase is being more and more personally identified with Jim McIntyre. The Superintendent's personal popularity has likely seen its peak and will probably begin to ebb quickly.

The majority of the Knox County Board of Education and the Superintendent's allies will predictably grouse that any failure of his proposal to be adopted is anyone's fault but McIntyre's. Fingers are sure to be pointed by elitists who never saw a tax increase they didn't like at an intransigent Mayor Tim Burchett and a backward County Commission that was afraid of risking the wrath of an ignorant public. Accusations and responsibility for the failure of Superintendent McIntyre's budget will likely be spread around like fertilizer on a bed of dying roses.

Still, there are likely to be many who recognize with all the many resources available to him, not the least of which was a pliant press and news media, that if McIntyre could not succeed in selling his wares this go round, it is even less likely to work the second time around. Eventually, the Board of Education will have to consider if McIntyre hasn't outlived his usefulness to both the school system set out to find a Superintendent who can and will make a success of what a community can afford, even if it is incrementally.

Any effort to place the blame for the failure of McIntyre's budget elsewhere may well be like putting lipstick on a pig; it accomplishes little, not making the pig any prettier and merely annoys the pig.



Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He was not a Christian and did not believe in any sort of Christian training. His was the life of a reprobate. The girl he married was of the same opinion and had the same sort of questionable character. These were not nice people by any stretch of the imagination. Their personal lives and their home life was a mess. Out of this union they have 1,025 descendants. Each of these descendants was followed through their lifetime with these results. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred of these descendants were sentenced to spend an average of 13 years in prisons. One hundred-ninety of the girls were public prostitutes. There were more than one hundred drunkards. The results are that this family of descendants ended up costing the state and federal government millions of dollars--dollars that were spent to care for

them on the welfare rolls, as well as making room for them in the prisons--let alone what they cost in their immoral influence. Not a one of these descendants made any kind of a positive contribution to society that could be found.

But....

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state at about the same time. He believed in Christian training. He was a well-known preacher in his day. He lived his religion in his home life. The girl he married also was a committed Christian and set about to raise their family in these same concepts. From this union they had 729 descendants that were studied. Out of the family have come 300 preachers. Further, 63 went on to become college professors and 13 became college presidents. Sixty of these family members became of authors of what would be considered good books with a positive influence. Three were elected to become United

States congressmen, and one was elected the-president of the United States. And except for Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards who married a lady of questionable character, the family has not cost the state or federal government a single dollar to care for. The Edwards family was a family who impacted our nation in a very positive way. What's the major difference? Christian commitment and training against the absence of such. We must also add that the vast majority of the Edwards family became Christians at an early age.

Well, that's certainly food for thought, isn't it?


An excerpt from the book, Moments for Grandparents by Robert Grand.

Thought for the day:
Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die,
Life is like a broken-winged bird
that cannot fly. Langston Hughes

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The New Unabridged Collegiate Dictionary



By Richie Beeler

I'm broadening my horizons these days. In 2011 I wrote a book. In 2012 I'm learning a new language. College students certainly have a way with words. In fact each successive generation of collegians tends to come up with its own distinct dialect of the king's English. And since I do ministry to college students on pretty much a 24/7 basis, I can't help but be exposed to their unique way of talking. And it is unique.

"Oh, but it's just urban," someone might say. No, it's not just urban. "It's just a derivative of Ebonics." Yes and no. But no, not exactly. What I find the new collegiate language to be is an odd mixture of urban, Ebonics, Appalachian, and redneck. It is a fascinating tongue. And this week I would like to offer those of you who do not have the privilege of spending time with these young adults, a sampling of some of their vernacular. Since I can hardly claim expert status at this point, I must defer credit to Morgan Wallen and Ryan Webster for their superior linguistic skills in various areas of this

language. Here now are some random examples from what I will call the New Unabridged Collegiate Dictionary. aight - interj. (alt. sp., ight) 1. An expression of consent or agreement; okay. "Aight man I see you there." 2. Goodbye. "Aight, Dick." Dick - proper name. Nick-name for Richard; what college guys seem to prefer to call me. bet - adv. Definitely; you can count on it. "You comin to hoop tonight?" "Bet." hoop - verb. To play basketball. "We gon hoop tonight." gon - colloq. Going to. lurked - adj. 1. Foolish or stupid. "That dude on TV

is lurked." 2. Behaving in a silly or annoying manner. "My dog is lurked." 3. Ridiculous looking. "(Name omitted) hair be lurked." busted - adj. In a state of disarray; deformed. "That dude's teeth are busted." bruh - noun. 1. A derivative of the 1970s jive term "bro." Used in either the formal or familiar sense to address a male. "What up, bruh?" 2. A sarcastic substitute for the term "bro." "What up.....bruh!" my guy - noun. A formal expression of friendship or acquaintance. "What's up, my guy?" my man - noun. (alt. sp. my mans) A familiar expression of friendship or acquaintance. "Thank you, my man."

my dude - noun. A more intense expression of friendship or acquaintance. "That's my dude, fam." fam - colloq. An intense expression of friendship or endearment; like family. "You already know I'll be there, fam." already know - colloq. A statement of a reality that should be obvious to the hearer. "You already know my man did good leading Bible study." slick - adj. Completely; for sure. "I am slick in the worst pain of my life." (Often spoken when one tears every ligament in one's ankle.) bo - noun. (alt. sp. bo) A male. "Wha ye say, bo?" feller - noun. A male. "Wha ye say, feller?"

tryina - colloq. 1. Earnestly intending to; going to. "Who tryina hit the quarry?" 2. Hopefully desiring to. "I'm tryina hoop tonight." who - colloq. A question; who is? "Who goin tonight?" crucial - adj. Intense or difficult. "Man that exam was crucial." real talk - colloq. 1. An expression of genuineness or sincerity. "Real talk, man, I feel you on that." 2. Seriously. "You shouldn't say that word, man. Real talk." So as you can see, we off an runnin on this project, fam. I am slick tryina make me a dictionary. Bet. And that's real talk.

Good Water, A Man's Mission

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the red during his tenure. Through his management, Bill spearheaded the effort to obtain and own property in Luttrell for a new office/maintenance building. Prior to that, the utility had offices in three different smaller buildings. He also spearheaded the acquirement of property in the Gravesend Community, where the lake is now, for the LBC Treatment Plant and added several additional springs on Tazewell Pike. Before his retirement, he worked tirelessly to obtain the land easements to pipe utility water into the Washburn area from Luttrell. He daily inspected the work of the contractors. Bill also applied for and received several federal grants for the district. The water company was run totally off of three different springs until it tied on to the Northeast Knox Utility, which is used as a backup in times of water shortages. What great strides took place from the time Bill Greene started out as an unpaid water commissioner until the day he retired as the District Manager!

Bill Greene has left his mark in a market that serves all of us—with something we all need. Whenever I turn on the faucet, pour a drink of water, or run water through a garden hose these days, I try to not take it for granted. I often stop and think how fortunate we are to live in a place where we can enjoy safe water. I am reminded that behind the stream of clear flowing water was a dedicated man like Bill Greene, a man who worked tirelessly through the years to ensure water was piped into homes. These days, Bill no longer works on a mission to provide water to homes. He is retired from the water industry and Home Beneficial. Bill and his wife, Melba, have been married fifty-nine years. They continue to live in the Gibbs Community and attend Cedar Ford Baptist Church in Luttrell where he has also served as a deacon. Bill and Melba are the proud parents of three sons, Sherrell, Ted, and Wynn, who have outstanding careers in their own rights and highly admire and love

both of their parents. They also have five living grandchildren. There were six, but Josh Greene's life was taken by a drunk driver at age sixteen. At eighty-one years old, Bill Greene has made a wonderful contribution to his fellowman by his service in the Navy, the insurance business, and the water industry; by his leadership in his church and community; and all the while being a husband, father, and grandfather. What a legacy this family man has created and what an inspiration he is to those who know him! One of those who knows him best is his oldest son, Sherrell. This highly-skilled nuclear engineer is a story all his own. He did not need to draw from his nuclear knowledge, however, when reflecting on his father; and he needed no technical terms in his touching tribute—only words of admiration, respect, and love. Sherrell has authored numerous publications, but none so important as the memories he writes of his father. The following words he shares are from his heart, and that is a



A 1996 picture of Bill Greene at his desk in the LBC utility office taken during the time he worked there.

language we all can understand: "Especially during the early years of the Luttrell Blaine Corryton Utility District, there were numerous problems with piping that had been installed incorrectly by the contractor. Water leaks were numerous – especially during those cold, frozen winter nights. Countless times over the years, our phone would ring in the middle of the night and the voice on the other end would say

something like, "Bill, we're out of water over here, can you help us?" – the caller hoping Dad could work his magic to restore their service before morning. I can't tell you how many times I saw my Dad get out of bed, put on his warmest clothes, and spend the remainder of the night searching for the leak and arranging for its repair. Then he would return home (usually cold, wet, and muddy), take a quick bath, and head off to his job at Home Beneficial

– the job that was putting bread on our table. Dad was a "volunteer", unpaid, "jack of all trades" for the water district for over twenty years. We didn't even receive free water. Dad paid our water bill, and more than once, paid water bills for other folks out of his own pocket. I've never witnessed such sustained sacrifice and community service by another person. Needless to say, I am proud of my Dad." So are we.



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My mother, the boxer

My mother had the allure of a mountain cove at twilight, the dark hair and dusky skin that often claim to be Cherokee, but is most likely a rich mix of Melungeon. Her eyes were dark as smoldering coal and deep as her secrets. A woman I barely know stood up at her memorial and described her as “this striking woman” and indeed she was in every sense of the word. She struck you with her eyes, with her switches, and with her tongue. The sacrifices she made for me and the love she gave me are lessons, however, that cut much deeper than the whips she harvested from the blackberries and the honeysuckle.

Blackberries and honeysuckle were floating through my consciousness along with parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme as Simon and Garfunkel played in my brother’s car on our way to the funeral home to

negotiate Mom’s cremation. My oldest brother Jeff is fourteen years my senior. He was in college when I was in kindergarten. I remember clearly that I wanted to go on stage at his commencement and sing “You Light up My Life.” Hearing the playlist he selected for his drive to inter our mother, I was reminded that despite our age difference we grew up with the same soundtrack, the same producer, the same mom.

The lyrics and melody to “Scarborough Fair” ring mom-like to a lot of people, I’m sure, and they brought to my mind a hundred potluck dinners, church picnics, and private sing-alongs with mom in the laundry room. I reminded my brother that mom’s favorite song by Simon and Garfunkel was always “The Boxer” and he graciously played it next. I had always thought of Mom’s reaction

to “The Boxer” as a lesson on sympathy. Poor kid goes to the big city broke and gets railroaded and trapped into a life as a boxer, a sad character for whom my mother could feel pity. Now I realize that it was not a lesson on sympathy at all, but a lesson on empathy.

My mother was not a boxer, of course, or even a boy. She never went off to the city to make it big. I do think, however, that when she married my father in 1955 there probably were a pocketful of mumbles such are promises. All lies and jest. Still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest... (Insert Paul Simon’s melancholy hum)

My father was tall and handsome, a popular basketball player in school. He was charming. He wanted to get married and, well, my pretty, dark Southern Baptist mother was the ideal candidate. I have no way of knowing whether he meant to keep his promises when he made them to her or not. I just know that

he didn’t. He neglected her physically, abandoned her emotionally, and betrayed her rather overtly. Lie la Lie...Lie la Lie...Lie la Lie... Mom always became passionately animated during the part of “The Boxer” that goes like this:

In the clearing stands a boxer
And a fighter by his trade,
And he carries the reminders
Of ev’ry glove that laid him down
Or cut him ‘til he cried out
In his anger and his shame
“I am leaving, I am leaving”
But the fighter still remains

I wonder how many times my mother said to herself about her life with my father, “I am leaving, I am leaving.” Before I was born, she did leave him once. She took my siblings and went to live with an aunt for a while. By the time I came along, however, she was back in the

ring with Daddy.

She was in the ring with him for thirty-five years and she fought back, but she never fought dirty. She was faithful to him, and she took care of him when he was dying of emphysema. All my life no matter what anyone did to me, my mother would say, “Don’t stoop to their level. Hold your head up high. Don’t lower yourself because someone hurts you.” My mother would not let down her God no matter how many times that man let her down.

After a failed marriage, I felt that I had let down my God and my mother. I had chosen poorly when I chose to marry my husband and I experienced a level of betrayal and abandonment that cost me dearly. On some level, I felt that failing at marriage meant I was not as virtuous as my mother. When I told her about feeling this way, she took my hand in hers and told me that she was proud of me. Unlike her, I had gotten my education. I was in the middle

of a career that I love and I’m good at. She didn’t leave my dad, because she couldn’t. She was proud of me that I could leave. I was doing the right thing for me and my daughter. She loved me no matter what and it wasn’t my fault. She gave me permission to exit the ring. I wasn’t expected to take the blows she took again and again. I didn’t have to pretend to believe a liar.

I am so thankful for my mother, the striking beauty, the fighter who taught me when to fight and when it is okay to stop fighting. She was my champion. I miss her so much sometimes I feel like quitting. I really do. But I have a daughter of my own now and someone has to show her how to fight without fighting dirty, when to walk away, and how to keep from getting knocked out. There is a new generation of champion now.



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Knoxville Elks Host Annual Scouting Award Dinner

The Annual Scouting Award Dinner, hosted by the Knoxville Elk’s Lodge #160, was held on Friday, May 11, in the Lodge Ballroom. This year 19 young ladies and 92 young men achieved the highest award in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in Knox County - the Gold Award and Eagle Award.


The presentation of American flags, and Elks certifications of achievement was made by the Exalted

Ruler David Brooks, invocation by Michael Jackson, past Exalted Ruler, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Dawn Barks, Esquire. Amanda Meade, Leadership Specialist for the Girl Scout Council of Southern Appalachians provided information on Gold Award achievements and Doug Buchanan, Senior District Executive for the Great Smoky Mountain Council, outlined projects

and requirements for the Eagle Scout honorees. The Master of Ceremonies was Ted Hatfield, Elk’s Scouting Chairman, who serves on the Executive Board of the Great Smoky Mountain Council.

The honorees, their parents and Lodge officers were treated to a spaghetti dinner. The annual event hosted by the Elk’s Lodge, honors outstanding youth in our community.

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour

Seymour junior golfers have 'the right stuff'

By Coach Will Witucki
Seymour Middle School

Once again Seymour was well represented by the golf teams in the area. King's Academy won 1st place with a team score of 183, and Seymour Middle School came in 2nd with a team score of 193. Seymour's seventh grader Katelyn Witucki placed 1st overall with a low 18 hole score of 86. King's Academy's 8th grader Julia Weech placed 2nd overall with an 18 hole score of 88, and 8th grader McKenzie Davis placed 5th overall with an 18 hole score of 95. Other notables were Seymour's 8th grader Mollie Webb who shot a 107, Seymour's 7th grader Caroline Hood who shot a 113, and King's 7th grader Megan

Laboy who shot a 112.

Other top scores outside of the Seymour teams were Maryville's 8th grader Kelly Herman with a 91 and South Doyle's 8th grader Lexi Shaw with a 90. Seymour also had one boy compete as an individual in the tournament - 7th grader Wesley Jones was able to grab the 3rd spot overall with an 18 hole score of 75.

With an hour delay to start the tournament, the boys were finally able to start teeing off about 9 a.m. and the girls were able to tee off about 10 a.m.. Once the rain let up about 11a.m., the tournament turned very competitive and we really saw some great golf shots from these young players. We (Seymour) knew

that King's Academy came prepared to play and they didn't let us down. Those girls really came together and played as good of golf as I've ever seen. Seymour came prepared also, but just came up a few shots short in the end. But through the rough weather and the soggy course conditions, these girls played like professionals that never gave up. I am so proud of these girls always playing their best with no complaints all throughout the year. I'm really going to miss seeing these 8th graders compete next year, but I know that the high school coaches will welcome them with open arms. Once again we thank our Lord and Savior for such great talent and success.



Left to right is King's Academy's Julia Weech, McKenzie Davis, Megan Laboy, and Seymour Middle's Caroline Hood, Mollie Webb, Katelyn Witucki and Tori Tyler. Katelyn Witucki placed 1st overall in the State Tournament.



Napa Sevierville was on hand at a recent Seymour Cruise-In with drawings for car cleaning products and local restaurants gave out free dinners. There were over 60 cars and several motorcycles participating! This week's car belongs to Ron and Suzanne Williamson from South Knoxville. They found this 1954 Chevy Bel Air in Pigeon Forge last year at a car show event.



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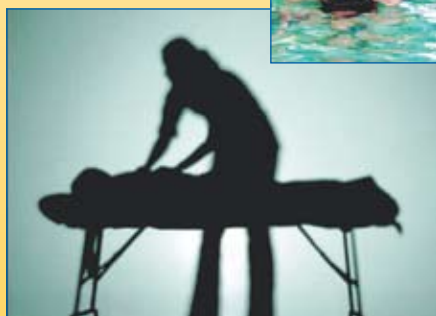
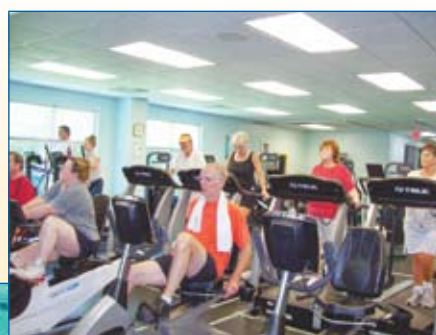
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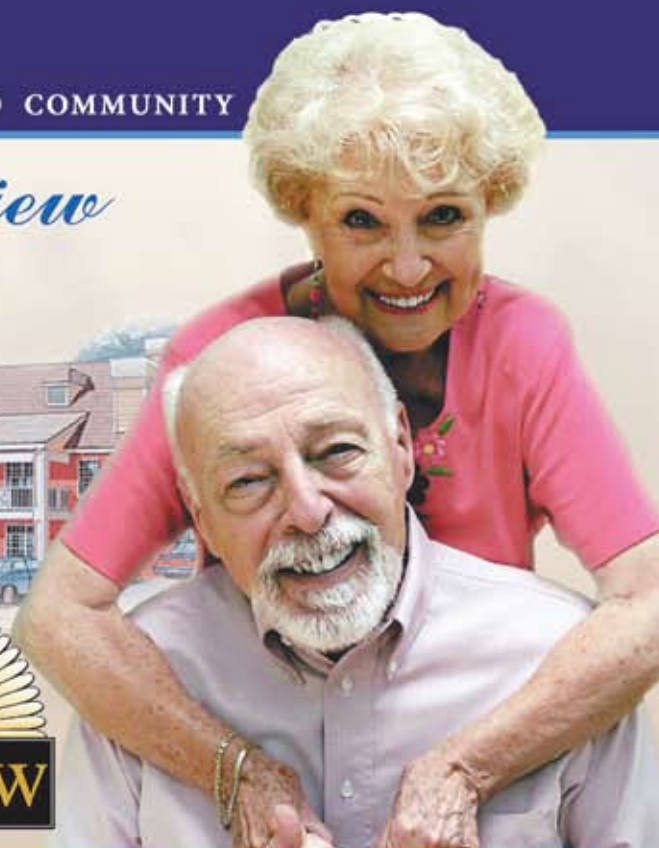




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West Knox Republican Club Meeting. *The West Knox Republican Club met at Red Lobster Monday, May 14 to hear Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett speak on his county budget proposal.*

Vietnam vet, Purple Heart recipient named Knox Veteran Services Officer

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has named Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient Robert "Buzz" Buswell Knox County's new Veteran Services Officer. Buswell has worked in Knox County Property Management since 2006. He worked for the Knox County Fire Prevention Bureau from 2003 until 2005, when he became Homeland Security's Hurricane Katrina ombudsman for Knoxville and Knox County.

"I am very proud to have Buzz in this new position, because I know how much he cares for our veterans," Mayor Burchett said. "I am confident that he will help make sure the Knox County Veteran Services Office continues to be the best in the state."

"I know the commitment of our veterans, and I've seen firsthand what military families have to do in support of our servicemen and servicewomen," Buswell said. "I will draw on that experience everyday as I work to serve Knox County's veterans and their families."

Buswell enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1968. He was a first lieutenant when his platoon was ambushed while fighting the North Vietnamese in Cambodia in 1970. He was gravely

wounded and was hospitalized for 19 months after the attack. He retired from service as a captain in 1972, and received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

In addition to his selfless service to his country, Buswell is also committed to community service. He remains active in the Optimist Club of Knoxville, Angel Tree, Inc. and the Knoxville Open.

Buswell, whose father was a career officer in the U.S. Air Force, met his wife Donna in their high school glee club in New Hampshire. They have a son and a daughter.

The Knox County Veterans' Services assists veterans and their families and dependents in the presentation, proof, and establishment of all claims, privileges, rights and other benefits which they may have under federal, state, or local laws, and to cooperate with all national, state, and local governments and private agencies securing services or any benefits to veterans, their families and dependents. Veterans or their families may call the office at 865-215-5645.

Haslam unveils new jobs database

Jobs4TN Online brings self-service functions to job seekers and employers

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Karla Davis today announced a new jobs database to help connect job seekers with Tennessee employers.

Jobs4TN Online is a virtual recruiter, automatically notifying job seekers when jobs they may qualify for are posted and notifying employers when candidates who fit their needs register.

The online database contains positions from job orders placed directly by Tennessee employers, from corporate Internet sites, and from major job search engines. Jobs4TN Online also identifies available green jobs.

"The unemployment rate for Tennessee is at its lowest since November 2008 and has fallen below the national rate, but it is still too high," Haslam said. The governor committed to developing a new jobs database during his gubernatorial campaign. "With Jobs4TN Online, those

without a job will have quicker and better access to job openings related to their skills, and as we work to make Tennessee an even better place to expand and start a business, we want to help employers find the employees they need."

Jobs4TN Online makes available labor market information, including demand occupations, education requirements and salaries for positions, labor force projections, and training program graduates. Information can be tailored to focus on specific communities, metro statistical areas or statewide. Employers and job seekers are encouraged to log in to Jobs4TN Online at www.jobs4tn.gov.

"This system is much more than a traditional job search engine," Davis said. "Jobs4TN Online offers extensive information for interviews, lists of local training providers, and the capability to create and send resumes."

The state's previous job search site, the Source, included job orders received by Tennessee Career Centers and jobs listed by Fortune 500 companies. Jobs4TN Online uses a more robust search that provides

first-run jobs from newspapers, government sites and private job boards, and the amount of jobs listed in Tennessee has gone from 30,000 to more than 85,000.

Jobs4TN Online can be accessed anywhere with a computer and Internet access. Tennessee Career Centers across the state have free computer resource rooms with guidance on job searching. For anyone not comfortable with using a computer, referrals can be provided in person at the center once they have registered for services. To find the nearest Tennessee Career Center visit <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty.shtml>.

Also, Tennessee Career Coaches are another available resource. They are mobile career centers with computer workstations and access to the Internet anywhere by satellite. Three mobile units operate in east, west, and middle Tennessee to provide job searching resources to those attending job events or to those that don't have access to the Internet. The Career Coaches' schedules can be found at <http://www.getonthecoach.tn.gov/>.

Computers 4 Kids Puts Brand New Computers into the Hands of Foster Children

Earlier this month Connected Tennessee presented more than 150 foster children across East Tennessee with brand new computers through the Computers 4 Kids program at two separate awards ceremonies in the Knoxville region. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded project deploys computers, academic support programs, and workforce training to two disparate, but especially at-risk, populations: those in the state's foster care system who are "aging out" as they turn 18, and youth who are active in the state's 76 Boys & Girls Clubs. The program will impact the lives of nearly 60,000 youth across the state throughout the life of the grant.

The first event was held at the Knox County DCS office and featured special comments from Knox County Juvenile Court Judge, Tim Irwin. Among the youth awarded a computer was Jazmine Page, who received a scholarship from Southern Adventist University and will be majoring in Chemistry there



Pictured: (l-r) DCS Awardee Jazmine Page, DCS Employee Gwen Jones and Jazmine's adoptive mother, Karen Page.

this fall with plans on going to medical school once she has completed her four year degree.

"We see the Computers 4 Kids program as helping hand to launch these youth into the next phase of their lives," remarked Connected Tennessee's Alyson Sumerford. "Whether they are moving on to college or into the career field, a computer is a vital piece to the puzzle and we are thrilled to be able to play a small role in helping these kids realize their dreams."

The second event was

held at Smokies Stadium and honored youth from Blount, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, and Sevier Counties.

"It's incredible to see the impact that this program is continuing to have on youth across our state," said Connected Tennessee's Corey Johns. "To be able to attend these events and meet the recipients and hear their success stories is truly an honor. We are proud to be partnered with the Department of Children's Services and the Boys and Girls Clubs in Tennessee as we carry out this worthy endeavor."

The "Preparing Tennessee's Next Generation for Success" project is a result of a \$2.3 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant awarded to the C4K program in August 2010 by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). BTOP provides grants to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, and encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service.

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The Senator's Secretary: D. W. McKellar

Pages from
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Tennessee's longest serving United States Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, employed several secretaries during his thirty-six years as a member of the nation's upper chamber. For sixteen years, Senator McKellar's secretary was his youngest brother, Donald White McKellar. A "secretary" to a member of the Senate at that time would be the equivalent to a Chief of Staff in today's parlance.

When K. D. McKellar first went to the Senate in 1917, he took Lonnie B. Ormes with him as his secretary. L. B. Ormes had managed McKellar's successful senate race in 1916. It was a common practice at the time for a Congressman or Senator to employ his campaign manager as his secretary, as the secretary would need to have a thorough understanding of the state or district and its residents. A knowledge of the leading citizens and dynamics of the state or district certainly didn't hurt either.

Lonnie Ormes returned to Tennessee where he served as Clerk of the Federal District Court for Middle Tennessee, an appointment secured for him by Senator McKellar. Senator McKellar then employed a woman, Miss Sue Shelton White, as his Secretary. For that time, it was extremely rare for a member of the United States Senate to have a female Chief of Staff. McKellar was a strong proponent of giving women the right to vote and Sue Shelton White was a very active suffragette. Ms. White was, not surprisingly, an accomplished woman and eventually earned a law degree at a time when very few women were practicing attorneys.

Miss White joined Senator McKellar in actively lobbying the Tennessee General Assembly when the legislature was the pivotal state in ratifying the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. Certainly Miss White would not have been such an outspoken suffragist without McKellar's approval.

Sue Shelton White remained as McKellar's secretary until the Senator decided to employ his younger brother, D. W. McKellar. The McKellar clan was a large one and "Don" McKellar was the youngest of the McKellar siblings. James McKellar, the patriarch of the family, had died when Don was only seven or eight years old and his older brothers and sisters helped to rear him. Miss White was naturally quite unhappy when she learned that Senator McKellar intended to hire his younger brother as his Secretary. McKellar tried hard to pacify



PHOTO FROM AUTHOR'S ARCHIVES.

Senator McKellar and his staff circa 1943. Don McKellar is standing just behind his brother, Senator McKellar, and Janice McKellar is standing by her husband's right side.

Miss White, even offering to make up the difference in her salary from his own pocket. Miss White did not relish the notion of taking the "second place" in the McKellar office and left the Senator's employ, although McKellar helped her secure employment then and later. Sue Shelton White eventually found a well-paying position in the New Deal, a position she secured with McKellar's assistance.

Don was quite different in both personality and appearance from his older brother, K. D. Don was over six feet tall and quite handsome, especially when younger. Senator McKellar, while a very courtly man, had a quick temper and was quite straight-laced. The Senator was a teetotaler, having seen the devastating effects of alcohol on a family member, perhaps his own father. Don had no similar compunction about alcohol and enjoyed having a drink; in fact, he may have enjoyed adult beverages a little too well.

Don McKellar was a convivial person and liked people and people liked Don as well. Don had married Elise Donelson, fathered three daughters and gone into business and was living in New York City when Senator McKellar summoned him to serve as his Secretary. Don's marriage was apparently not successful and those who recall his wife remember her as a very difficult woman. Don's business had failed and Senator McKellar was naturally concerned about his younger brother.

When Senator McKellar decided Don would serve as his Secretary, his baby brother did not like the idea at all. It became a contest of wills and the McKellars could be stubborn to the point to make a mule seem capricious, but K. D. himself had the tenacity of a terrier worrying a bone and could be positively relentless when he had a notion. Don, exasperated, listed all the reasons why he should not be the Senator's Secretary; he had no experience, the pay was anything but generous, and he was not anxious to live in Washington, D. C. K. D. McKellar dismissed Don's complaints with a snort and continued to insist Don come to work for him. The situation

was likely complicated by the fact Don, a frequent visitor to his brother's Washington office, had been dating a McKellar staffer following his divorce.

Don refused to leave New York and Senator McKellar ignored his younger brother's obstinacy and directed that Don be put on his payroll as his Secretary and insisted that Don report for work. Don finally capitulated and the Senator's instincts about Don's ability proved to be correct. It wasn't long before Don was acknowledged as one of the most effective staffers on Capitol Hill.

Being a very social man, Don was popular with other staff members, senators, and thousands of people in Tennessee who contacted the McKellar office for assistance. Senator McKellar earned a well-deserved reputation for answering his mail the same day it arrived and doing countless favors for his constituents. Don oversaw the McKellar office operation and was good at it. Don worked hard for his brother and the State of Tennessee and Senator McKellar soon became dependent upon his younger brother. The Senator would chide Don occasionally when Don enjoyed one drink too many and in turn, Don was one of the few people who could snap back at K. D. without fear.

Don's relationship with Janice (pronounced Jah-niece) Tuchfeld had reached the point where they had been dating for almost ten years and Janice finally told Don matter-of-factly in 1936 that she was ready to move on, as they apparently weren't going to get married. Don immediately replied that Janice should get her coat and they were promptly married and remained that way until Don's death.

Janice Tuchfeld McKellar was a very remarkable woman by any standard and she and I were good friends. It was my pleasure to have known her for the last several years of her long and interesting life. Janice was an uncommonly frank and candid woman who carefully nurtured and encouraged my interest in Senator McKellar and her family. Well into her eighties and nineties, Janice would respond

with still perfect letters typed on a manual typewriter and would patiently endure very long telephone calls with not only good grace, but a wonderful sense of humor.

Janice Tuchfeld was born in 1903 and lived to be ninety-five years old. I recall Janice was still going on cruises around the world when she was quite nearly ninety. Her conversation was spiced with laughter, frank talk and fond memories. Janice had the capacity to be almost shockingly objective about people, things and even family members. Janice never bothered to sugarcoat anything, simply saying, "That's how it really was." No history about Don could be written without detailing the life of Janice McKellar.

The Tuchfelds were a prominent and successful Jewish family in Jackson, Tennessee. Janice was one of two daughters and a son born to her parents and while much of the family fortune had been lost with the stock market collapse in 1929, they remained quite comfortable. Janice had attended Martha Washington Seminary, a business school, and joined the McKellar staff in the early 1920s where she met the Senator's youngest brother, Don.

Janice was captivated by Don's considerable charm and would frequently point out, "Senator was not a handsome man; Don was a very handsome man."

Occasionally, Senator McKellar was criticized by "muckraking" national columnists like Drew Pearson for employing his brother and sister-in-law. Pearson also delighted in pointing out Senator McKellar's brother Clint was the Postmaster of Memphis. Senator McKellar serenely replied that Don was the best Secretary employed by any member of the Senate and saw no reason to discharge Janice for the crime of marrying his younger brother. Janice had, in fact, offered to leave the Senator's employ after she and Don had married and the sensitive McKellar had been somewhat hurt by her suggestion and refused.

Janice had been so upset by one Pearson column after Don's death that ran while

she was away on vacation that she submitted her resignation. Senator McKellar would not hear of it, insisting that Janice enjoy her vacation and return to his office when she was ready.

Don helped to turn the McKellar office into one of the most efficient on Capitol Hill. Don kept up with the voluminous correspondence from all over Tennessee and was especially attuned to matters involving appointments, projects for the Volunteer State and patronage. Don knew many of the correspondents personally and with the advent of the Great Depression, thousands of Tennesseans looked to Senator McKellar for help. Many folks were out of work and jobs were scarce. Although Senator McKellar would come to be labeled as a "patronage-monger", the Senator's own attitude was as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal was spending literally billions of dollars, people were hurting and McKellar fully intended to make certain Tennessee and Tennesseans benefited directly from the Federal largesse.

One trait Don McKellar shared with his older brother was his ability to be very candid and they could both use colorful language and Don was perfectly capable of complaining about some of the "sons-of-bitches" contacting the McKellar office. Don was especially fond of Missouri Senator Harry Truman, whose own fondness for blunt talk, bourbon and profanity was legendary. Don enjoyed the social life of the nation's Capitol, drinking cocktails and like many people during that time, smoking an endless succession of cigarettes. Don preferred using a cigarette holder at a time when most cigarettes were unfiltered. President Roosevelt himself was famous for his quill cigarette holder and many Americans today remember the silhouette of FDR, jaw jutting out and his cigarette holder clenched between his teeth.

Don and Janice McKellar enjoyed playing cards and their poker parties were frequently attended by much of Washington's elite. The McKellars also liked going dancing and occasionally

slipped away to New York City to see Broadway shows. While Janice didn't share Don's love of alcohol, she did have a fondness for cigarettes, which she reluctantly abandoned in her seventies. Janice enjoyed fine clothes and was always dressed immaculately and she loved to travel, a hobby she continued almost to the end of her life.

The happy and busy social life enjoyed by Don and Janice McKellar likely slowed down a bit with the arrival of their only child, Donna Charlotte Bacon McKellar, who was born in 1939. Donna was born late in life to her parents and was the youngest of the fifteen nieces and nephews to Senator McKellar, who doted on her, as did her parents.

Don's lifestyle eventually caught up with him and he died of complications from lung cancer near Christmas of 1945. Evidently Don's illness was not widely disclosed and even Senator McKellar did not realize just how sick Don really was at the time. McKellar was on the train, traveling back to Memphis for the holidays, when the news reached him that Don had died. The Senator never really recovered from the loss of his younger brother and his office was never the same.

Janice McKellar continued working for her brother-in-law until McKellar's defeat in 1952. Janice's ability and efficiency was recognized by no less than Tennessee's other Senator, Estes Kefauver. McKellar and Kefauver were not personally fond of one another and despite their political differences, Kefauver hired Janice as his executive secretary after Senator McKellar left Congress in 1953. After Kefauver's sudden death in 1963, Janice worked for Herbert "Hub" Walters who was appointed to serve an interim appointment by Governor Frank Clement. Finally, Janice worked for Congressman William Anderson, who had been the Captain of the submarine Nautilus and is still remembered to this day for the famous journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans by going under the North Pole.

Janice retired following Anderson's defeat in 1973 and returned to Jackson, Tennessee and lived a very active life until she passed away in 1998. Janice rests with her family members in Jackson and she laid Don to rest in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis where he sleeps beside the older brother he loved and served so well.

I still love Janice to this day and always will.

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GCA victorious over Oneida, Rockwood

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plate in the first inning. Grace pounded out eight hits and scored seven runs in the frame. The first five batters singled and scored before Indians pitcher Matt Williams retired Chase Newsome and Josh Liford. Newsome, however drove in a run on a groundout. Shortstop Chandler Adkins, who led off the game with a single and later scored the game's first run, delivered a clutch two-out two-run single to cap the inning. Xander Helton also had a two-run single in the frame. Bryson Shelton and Brad Andrews contributed RBI singles to give the Rams a 7-0 lead. "We've been swinging the bats pretty good for two weeks," Rams coach Brian Hochevar said. "From here on, you just have to play hard and what happens happens." Grace's bats were hot. The Rams opened the second with three



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Grace Christian's Zach Slagle swings at a pitch in the Rams' 11-0 victory over Rockwood Wednesday in the Region 2-A Championship game at Grace.

consecutive singles by Helton, Zach Slagle and Shelton. Shelton's hit plated Helton with Grace's eighth run. Grace added another run in the third as Matt Cunningham's sacrifice fly plated David Stallworth, who doubled to open the inning. The Rams all but polished off their five-inning victory with two more runs in the fourth. Slagle, Grace's starting pitcher who hurled two perfect innings and had three strikeouts, doubled. He scored when Shelton, who went 3-for-3, drove in three runs and scored two more, doubled. Shelton scored the game's final run on a single by Andrews. While the Rams' offense took center stage against Oneida, Slagle, Liford and Tanner Fee combined to throw a one-hit shutout. Grace would claim the region championship Wednesday with another 11-0 five-inning win over Rockwood. The Rams' offense again clicked early. Grace roughed up Tigers starter Matt Coffey. Grace scored nine runs had 13 hits

Revenge time for Bearden boys

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Jordan Newby relieved Raby and had similar struggles. He gave up two more runs as Ronnie Broyles had an RBI single in the frame and York drove in a run with a groundout. Farragut tallied twice in the bottom of the third to pull to within 7-3. Sophomore first baseman Chase Chambers opened the inning with a double. David Logan then followed with an RBI double and later scored when Raby (who moved to left field after being chased from the mound) grounded out. In the top of the fourth, Lance hit the five Bulldog homers, to give Bearden an 8-3 lead. Gore's second blast of the contest, a two-run shot, gave Bearden a 10-3 lead. The Bulldogs then had to withstand a pair of Farragut rallies. The Admirals pulled to within 10-5 when Raby's one-out two-run double plated Logan and Roy Mutta (a courtesy runner, who entered after Hagenow singled). Simcox added another solo shot in the bottom of the sixth to pull Farragut to within 10-6. The Admirals would shave another run off Bearden's advantage in the bottom of the seventh as Logan started that inning with a homer off Hill. Logan would be the last batter the Bulldogs' starter would face. Kyle Wentz then entered and walked Hagenow. Wentz then recorded consecutive strikeouts before Alex Schuettler reached on catcher's interference to put runners on first and second and send Jammer Strickland to the plate. He represented the tying run but was robbed of a hit when Thomas, who led off the game with a homer, ended it with a dazzling catch. Bearden was set to host Jefferson County Saturday in a Section 1-AAA game while Farragut was set to travel to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett. Results were not available at press time.

Bulldogs claim comeback victory

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but if we want to get back to state, then we're going to have to take care of business." The Bulldogs have handled their business since post-season play began over two weeks ago. Bearden, which won the ultracompetitive District 4-AAA Tournament to advance to the regionals, nabbed a 3-2 victory against second-seeded Farragut and defeated Maryville 3-2 in the title game. The Bulldogs were down in both those matches. Bearden saw things go much the same way in Thursday night's match. The Bulldogs and Hawks were embroiled in a defensive struggle throughout much of the first half before Hardin Valley's Jonathan Perelman blasted a shot past Bearden senior goalkeeper Logan Dodson inside the final minute of the first half. Cameron Schnieder picked up an assist on the match's first marker. "Cam just gave me a great ball and I put it in," said Perelman, Hardin Valley's junior midfielder, who has emerged as a top scorer for the injury-plagued Hawks. Both Bearden and Hardin Valley have battled through their share of adversity this season. The Bulldogs struggled to find their shooting touch until recently. The Hawks were bitten by the injury bug early, losing four starters to season-ending knee injuries out of the gate, making their title defense even more difficult. But Hawks coach Mike McLean wasn't about to make any excuses. "Being the target and the injuries, I think we're over all that," McLean said. "We just want to play." The Bulldogs, who pulled even early in the second half when senior forward Conner McCarty took a throw-in from Jake Goodman and promptly banged it into the back of the net in the 47th minute. Goodman also picked up an assist on James Ferguson's game-winner in the 13th minute of overtime. "Jake's throws have been outstanding," Turner said. "We've scored 95 percent of our goals on those set plays."

The Tennessee Fan Base... Still Divided...

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of them... there really is no middle ground with this guy. On one side you have the people that will support Tennessee football no matter what. These are the folks that have continued to purchase their season tickets, year after year without complaint. They travel to the road games, and save their money for the trip to a bowl game... even if there hasn't been a BCS bowl for the Vols since 1999. Those folks believe that Dooley walked into an almost impossible situation when he walked into Neyland Stadium for that January 2010 press conference. They say that the roster was depleted due to player attrition following the firing of Fulmer and the midnight run of Kiffin, and that Dooley hasn't been given a chance to succeed. Those fans say that 2012 is Dooley's first real opportunity to be competitive in the Southeastern Conference... and that star players Justin Hunter, Da'Rick Rogers, and A.J. Johnson were all brought to Rocky Top on Dooley's watch. The other camp is dominated by folks that believe this is a make or break year for Derek Dooley. Nine wins are the minimum for Dooley to keep his job. They look at the departure of seven assistant coaches, the 11-14 record for Tennessee in Dooley's first two seasons, and the lack of a victory against any of the teams in the top half of the SEC. That camp feels that new Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart must have a short list of football coaches ready WHEN things go poorly this Fall. They would likely sell their beloved family pet to see Jon Gruden patrolling the Tennessee sidelines in 2013... They dial their phone and yell on the radio call-in shows... they type on their keyboards and criticize on the message boards... These two groups both want to see Tennessee return to the glory years of the 1990s and 2000s... they just have very different beliefs on the best way to get there... The division that Fulmer spoke about still exists... As I write this, I look on my television screen. The reporter is talking about Phillip Fulmer's selection to the College Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2012. Tennessee's football program likely never wins a National Championship in 1998 if Phillip Fulmer isn't promoted following the 1992 regular season. Even then... the Tennessee family was divided. Those that wanted Johnny Majors to remain as UT head coach, and others begging for a change. Perhaps William Shakespeare said it best... What's past is prologue.

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Seymour holds on for state sectional win in softball

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Seymour junior hurler Carly Lewis fired the ball over the inside corner of the plate to strike out Ciera LaGrange and end the game.

Lewis said she “was really nervous and just shaking” before putting the game-ending strikeout in the score book.

Lewis also had the big hit – a three-run homer to straightaway center – as Seymour (38-7) got on track offensively in the fifth, scoring four runs to take the lead.

Maryville (35-8) had jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, getting a bases-loaded clearing double from cleanup slugger Haley Hilliard.

The Lady Rebels evened the score at 4-4 in the sixth, but Seymour, bouncing back from its loss to Daniel Boone in the Region 1-AAA finals, struck for five runs in the top of the seventh on Kaitlin Atkins’ two-run single down the left field line and Kerigan Newport’s 3-run homer over the left field fence.

“I had two strikes and she (Allison Barbee) pitched me a change-up, and I was just waiting on it,” said Newport, senior shortstop who bats in the leadoff position. “Right when it came off the bat I knew it was gone.”

Just when it looked like Seymour had its second straight trip to the Spring Fling for this week’s state tournament in Murfreesboro locked up, Newport made two errors on the first play of the bottom of the seventh, booting LaGrange’s grounder and then throwing the ball off target to first.

What should have been a routine out gave the Lady Rebels a spark.

“As the score got closer and closer, I was definitely thinking that (error) could be a big part of how it



Above, Seymour High's softball team after defeating Maryville 9-8 Friday in TSSAA Class AAA state sectional game.



Left, Carly Lewis rounds first base after blasting a 3-run homer in the fifth inning to put Seymour ahead of Maryville 4-3 in the Class AAA state sectional softball game Friday. Lewis also was the winning pitcher as the Lady Eagles held on for a 9-8 win to earn a berth in this week's state tournament in Murfreesboro. The Maryville first baseman is Taylor Hodge. Photo by Dan Andrews

turned out,” admitted Newport, “but I knew that my team could come through for me and Carly was pitching great. I depended on my team to pick me up.”

Eventually, they did.

Even Newport, who made a key defensive

play in the sixth when she tagged out a runner at third, redeemed herself in the seventh when she fielded Hilliard’s grounder and flipped the ball to third baseman Caitlin Cox for the second out.

After Lewis’ game-ending

pitch, “I couldn’t even control myself, it was so exciting,” said Newport.

In post-game comments, Newport acknowledged the game could have gone either way. It was “head to head with such a good team ... I felt my heart a

little.”

Coach Carter praised both teams.

“It was a true display of two unbelievable teams,” said the former University of Oklahoma pitcher and UT pitching coach who is now in her 11th season at Seymour. “They both were fighting and scraping and clawing until the bitter end. It’s a shame one team had to lose. These two teams are so good that I wish we could both go to state.”

Seymour went 2-2 and finished in fourth place

in its first state tourney appearance last year, beating Munford and Maryville and falling to Soddy-Daisy and Murfreesboro Riverdale.

“Our motto right now,” said Carter, “is win the inning and the rest will take care of itself.”

That certainly turned out to be true in the last inning of the state sectionals, with Seymour outscoring Maryville 5-4 in the nail-biting seventh.



Doug and Emily Hays stand with their daughter Kelli during scholarship signing day. The Karns High graduate will play softball for Carson Newman.



Carter High Senior Anthony Lewis signs to play basketball at Tusculum College. Anthony was the starting guard for the Hornets for three seasons and played in the TSSAA state championship tournament twice. He was named to the All-District team his senior year. Seated with Anthony is his grandmother Mildred Westfield. Standing from left are Carter High head basketball coach Tony Buell and Athletic Director Heath Woods.



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Engaging the regional visual arts community, the Rainy Day Brush Off produces a unique collection of barrels, while providing the community with an aesthetically compelling and easily accessible water conservation tool.

Since its inception, the Rainy Day Brush Off has created 116 unique rain barrels produced by artists, school groups, 4-H clubs, design collectives and businesses. The painted barrels are displayed throughout Knox County and feature helpful information on the benefits of using a rain barrel and tips on reducing storm water pollution.

Currently there are more than 2,250 functioning rain barrels throughout the Knoxville area as a result of this program.

All of this year's barrels will be available for public viewing in and around Knox County through May. All of these barrels and more are on the Water Quality Forum's website (www.waterqualityforum.org). The public is invited



If you have any questions about rain barrels, please contact Parci Gibson with Knox County Stormwater Management at 865-215-5861 or parci.gibson@knoxcounty.org.

Pictured is "R2D2" by Curtis Glover. You can see this barrel in person at Bearden Beer Market @ 4524 Old Kingston Pike through May 24.

go to this website to vote on their favorite barrel, learn more about the artists, find out where to go to see the barrels and learn about the hosts and sponsors of the Rainy Day Brush-off event.

Also in this year's Brush Off is a Rain Barrel Workshop presented by Fort Loudoun Lake Association and Water Quality Forum. The workshop includes an instructional demonstration, information on the benefits of using one, a rain barrel, and supplies to install the one you take home.

The next workshop will be June 23, 2012 from 10 a.m. - noon at the New Harvest Park. Rain barrels are \$35 per barrel. Limited to the first 40 barrels reserved with payment. Attendance is required for this special rate workshop series.

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The Best Table at the Garden Party featured a country theme.

FCAC Garden Party 2012!

By Sylvia Williams

The 9th Annual Fountain City Art Center Garden Party Luncheon and Auction was held on Saturday, May 12, in the gardens of our wonderful hostess and host, Ginger and Bill Baxter. Two hundred and forty guests were treated to jazz by the Ben Maney Trio, club sandwiches donated by Jeff Patton, owner of the Creamery Park Grille, and almost 100 incredible live and silent auction items. Among the business patrons donating items were Fountain City Jewelers, the Cottage Door, Jerry's Art-a-rama, John C. Campbell's Folk School, and the Clayton Center for the Arts.

The "Best Table" award this year went to Cheri Compton, Dotti Justice, and Sue Lane for their country theme table. Seats were covered in burlap feed bags marked "Tea," "Sugar," etc.; mason jars were used as glasses; real home canned goods added color; red

and white checked napkins were used; and a beautiful quilt served as tablecloth. Other tables of note featured a peacock theme by Nan Scott and a fortune teller's theme by Ken Clayton. The Art Center grossed approximately \$14,400 for programming and operating expenses for the rest of 2012.

Check out the Art Center programs through the website or Facebook: there are five big events each year, classes, workshops, field trips, and much, much more! We are located in the old library building next to Fountain City Park at 213 Hotel Avenue. Call: 865.357.ARTS; email: fcartcenter@knology.net. We're open 10-5 Tuesday through Friday and 9-1 on most Saturdays.

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The Other Side

Lately, I've been spending a lot of time in hospital waiting rooms. The first circumstance was during my daughter's labor and delivery, and that was a blessing. This time it's not fun, but ominous, and now I wait with my family for the results of surgery and hopefully the doctor's reassurance that the enlarging tumor is not cancer. I'm familiar with waiting rooms where families wait to hear about their sick loved ones. Updates are necessary and helpful even if things aren't going well. I often think about how those poor people wait for hours for scraps of information about their loved ones, and for solace.

As a doctor I have to be careful about my words because everyone hears something different. I'm keenly aware that sometimes what a patient hears is different from what I've said. I like to identify a spokesperson when I speak with a family. I'm especially careful in the emotionally charged situation of illness that can color people's perception. That's a recipe for adding to a family's anguish. As we wait for the doctor, I think about how I feel to be on the other side. Maybe there's a lesson in empathy for me in this situation. I analyze what I can do as the doctor in our family and conclude that my role is

to just be here and offer up prayers. I realize that I'm powerless to directly help the surgeon or even the pathologist who will decide if the tumor is cancerous. Becky is an expert on this side of medicine, and firmly believes in the waiting room vigil. We need to circle the wagons, as the idiom goes. Though we no longer defend against hostiles attacking our wagon train, we do benefit from loved ones around us. I choose the perspective that there is purpose and plan to life. I believe this is more likely than events being just due to chance or serendipity. And I often counsel patients that decisions regarding their health care are preferentially based on probability rather than possibility. We can't do CT scans on every ache and pain, nor can we do explorative surgery on the possibility of a tumor. You have to use common sense and consider the likelihood of serious disease. As I sit here I wonder why bad things happen to good people. This has long been a question

for humans and actually was the title of a book written by Rabbi Kushner as he pondered why his son was stricken with an incurable illness. Perhaps the apparent randomness in the universe is due to our limited vision. We mortals understand more about our world than those in past ages, but I believe there will always be some uncertainties and mysteries. And just because we don't understand something doesn't make it the result of happenstance. I'll admit that I can't see an obvious benefit in suffering or cancer or heart attacks. Does illness occur because God doesn't care, or because of our poor choices, or because of genetics or because we've chosen our way over the Way? I don't have the answers, nor did Job or innumerable other sages over the ages. We humans have limits and I'm feeling mine as I sit here and wonder about the future and consider the feelings of others who sit in this worry-filled room. I've been thinking a lot about prayer lately. I

know that this is a medical column, but you must know by now that there's more to me than medicine. Once I was only a scientist and a rationalist. Now I have a spiritual perspective as well. I once thought that there was an explanation for everything. Now I see further with spiritual eyes. We have great news! The operation is over and the surgeon told us the tumor is benign. Life can go on, and so can I without a broken heart. There are those who would demand proof if I were to say that my prayers were answered today. I've heard it said that there are no atheists in foxholes. Perhaps a survey should be taken in surgical waiting rooms. I'll admit that I too often rely on my own abilities. However, when I'm in one of those "foxholes" of life I pray for courage, wisdom, and peace. And in these last few days I prayed like a child for the tumor to not be cancerous. One could argue that my surrender to competent surgeons and greater powers was rewarded

with a good outcome. Some would say that my faith perspective is nothing but a sop for my soul. Well, so what? The famous American psychologist and philosopher William James is known as the father of pragmatism, though he despised the moniker. James said in his work "The Varieties of Religious Experience," that if there are two diverse perspectives and there is no incontrovertible evidence that either is wrong, the rational man is free to choose which ever perspective works best for him. Well said, professor. I'll choose the Way because it makes life better now and there is the hope of then.

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Rural/Metro offers families safe swimming tips for Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend is right around the corner, and many families are headed to the lake, visiting the newly opened neighborhood pool, or pulling the cover off the backyard pool for the first time this season. May is National Pool Safety Month, and Rural/Metro urges families to practice safe swimming during water sports and activities. As the weather heats up, a splash in the pool or a day at the lake can be a welcome cool down. Without supervision, however, swimming can also be a dangerous

activity for children. Drowning can happen quickly. Even children who are skilled swimmers should not be left unsupervised near water. "It's important to understand how quickly drowning can occur. Parents need to be constantly alert, because a child can slip under the water in a matter of seconds," said Dennis Rowe, market general manager for Rural/Metro. "Always have a CPR-certified adult near the water to ensure children's safety." Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children between

the ages of one and 14. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 300 children drown each year and 3,000 children are hospitalized for water-related accidents. Most of these accidents are due to lack of supervision. Safety measures like fences and flotation devices are helpful, but more measures must be taken to ensure children's safety. Rural/Metro provides these tips for safe swimming:

- Always actively supervise your children

and have a phone nearby to help in case of emergency. Teach children to never swim alone.

- Make sure your pool has a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate and cover and lock pools and hot tubs when not in use.
- Get certified in CPR. Find out who offers classes in your area and get trained.
- Enroll your children in swim lessons. Children from non-swimming households are eight times more likely to be at risk of drowning.
- Wear a life jacket and have your child wear

a life jacket when boating or on the dock. Eighty-four percent of fatal boating accident victims were not wearing a life jacket.

- Avoid entirely or moderate your alcohol consumption when boating.
- Immediately exit the water when the weather turns for the worse, especially when you hear thunder or see lightning.
- Don't rely on flotation devices as a substitute for supervision or swim lessons.
- Don't dive into water without checking the depth of the pool or lake. Rural/Metro advises



"feet first, first time" to help prevent spinal cord and brain injuries.

- Be aware of your limitations. Never swim when tired or immediately after eating.

Keeping these safety tips in mind before making a splash in the pool, taking the boat out on the lake or jumping in the ocean will keep families safe this summer. "Remember these important guidelines for safe swimming practices, and swimming can be a fun activity for the whole family this Memorial Day weekend," Rowe said.

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Importance of the Family

This last week our family spent some time together in North Carolina to celebrate my parents' golden anniversary that will take place next summer. Both of my brothers and all of their families, along with my mom and dad, holed up in a chalet with a magnificent view of the mountains. I had not spent this much quantity time with my brothers and parents since



By Mark Brackney,
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Christ

we were all home together twenty-seven years ago.

What this time together reminded me is that what we experienced this past week was very precious and unique. Few marriages make it to the 50th mark and even fewer have families that enjoy spending time cooped up together for a week. Each day one of the older grandchildren would take a turn leading the devotional thought for the day and we would lift up our voices in praise to God for family worship time. It sounded like a choir as all twenty three of us sang in harmony. The games, hikes, and sharing of memories was priceless and I

thank God for each moment.

I have been told that of all twenty major civilizations that have ever existed, the downfall and eventual destruction of each was the breakdown of the nuclear family. When families falter, nations falter. Most criminals in prisons today have something in common, the absence of a loving and nurturing dad in the home. God has called men to serve their families, not abandon them and live for self.

One of my primary duties is to lead my children to God. I can't nor would I want to force them to follow Jesus as their Lord, but I can introduce them to Jesus and reflect Christ to

them in how I treat my wife and others. My children's understanding of God will be largely based on my relationship with them. That is more than sobering. I thank God for the example I have had in my parents.

I am launching a new preaching series this week where we will be examining for forty lessons different aspects of loving God and loving others. Moses instructed the nation of Israel the importance of their total commitment to God and how foundational this is to teach their children as they readied themselves to enter into the Promised Land. Moses told them, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love

the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deut. 6:4-9).

Moms and dads, never forget your primary responsibility, to teach your children to love God and others (Mark 12:29-31).

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy (at the Karns Red Light) still has spaces available in the Parents Day Out and the T-N-T program for this summer. Summer Parents Day Out and T-N-T begins June 5. Enroll NOW! Summer PDO is loads of fun for children age one and walking through age five. T-N-T is for elementary school aged children and is a mixture of adventure, crafts, and outings to fun places. For more information, please call Lori or Lisa at 531-2052 or the Church office 690-1060.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church in Heiskel is planning their 70th Annual Homecoming celebration on June 24. All former members, current members and any person who is looking for a church to attend is invited. More information will be coming as we put together the very special homecoming.

Centerpointe Baptist Church

Centerpointe Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Let's Meet in the Park!" event on Saturday, May 26 in Edgewood Park. Come

join the neighborhood for a day of bluegrass music, games, fun, food (free hot dogs, chips and drinks) and much more from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Colonial Heights United Methodist Church

Support the youth and their summer projects (and get your car looking spiffy at the same time). Saturday, May 26, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot located at 6321 Chapman Highway, South Knoxville. Donations will be appreciated.

On Sunday, May 27, we are gathering for a cook-out and evening service. The cook-out is at 5:00 p.m. and worship begins at 6:00. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to go along with hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone is welcome. For more information on this and other activities at CHUMC please contact the church office M-T - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 865-577-2727

The CHUMC United Methodist Men are sponsoring an opportunity to purchase copies of the "Strength for Service to God and Country" devotional books for distribution to U.S. service personnel around the

world. Books are \$5 each and individuals can receive their own copy to share with someone (be sure to include your name with the contribution). This program is being held in Connection with Memorial Day, May 28, 2012. For more information about how to participate and provide a special gift for a service personnel contact the church office at 865-577-2727.

Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Avenue Pike, will open the John 5 Food Pantry on Thursday nights, starting May 17 at 6-8 p.m. Appointments to receive food once monthly must be requested by Wednesday, May 16. Please call the church office at 938-2611.

Gospel Singing

Gospel Singing at Judy's Barn every Saturday at 7 p.m. on Grissom Road behind Big Ridge Elementary School in Union County. Featured singers are Jim and Jackie, The Crownsmen, Glenn Farrington, Joyce Morris, D.C. and Judy, Bryan Yow, Judy Grissom and others. Admission is free. Call Jim Wyrick at 245-0820.

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet May 22, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Gerald Mason will be the guest speaker. You may view the complete Bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>. The KFL is not affiliated with any denomination or organization. An offering of support will never be requested. Men and women of every church affiliation, or with no church affiliation, are invited. The

focus is to provide an opportunity for Christians to share their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mount Harmony Baptist Church

Mount Harmony will be having Homecoming May 27 at 11:00 a.m. Rev Gray Day will bring the message. The Church is located at 819 Raccoon Valley Rd, Heiskell, TN 37754

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Musical Instruments

Let's learn about musical instruments and what to look for if you wish to collect or purchase to use.

Most wooden orchestra instruments

for students today are made of plywood and, in my opinion, are not a good investment past Kindergarten age. They meet a price point you wish to see but quality usually suffers because of it. Good used vintage instruments are out there in quantity and quality. With just a little homework you can snag a great deal.

I have always advised one to rent before buying if the instrument is for a child in band. The student needs to commit to playing it before you invest in owning the instrument. A poor instrument is hard for a beginner to overcome and they can become frustrated. For band or orchestra instruments check into purchasing a good one from a good dealer like Rush's on Chapman Highway. A refurbished vintage



By Carl Sloan

instrument can be refurbished for far less than the cost of a new one.

On the collector's market, the top instrument has to be the guitar. Try to get a good used one that is well made and not hard to play. The difference is like a golf cart to a Cadillac in ease of use and can encourage a student to continue with success as they gain from this. Also you are then in position to trade up as everyone looks for quality and your investment will be cheaper and better.

Here is what to look for in a vintage first off. Always check for cracks or evidence of repairs. For woodwinds, the pads and sealing need to be in excellent shape, as these are expensive to repair. Names brands for winds to keep an eye out for include Gemeinhardt, Bundy, and Conn.

String instruments are harder to grade but they do need to be all wood, not plywood, and have minimal pressure to press a string. Always check the string instrument from a



This week's featured item is a vintage 1960s-70s SX electric guitar. This will be offered along with many other instruments from flutes, acoustic guitars, mandolins and more at the June 2 noon auction at Fountain City Auction. Plan to attend to find a great deal! You can view the listings at Auctionzip.com > 37912.

sideways angle to see if the strings are nice and close to the fret board. In strings, the main names brands are too many to mention but Yamaha, Martin and Gibson are still made in the US- Japan last

I checked. Piano manufacturers to look for include Yamaha, vintage Kwai, and Baldwin. Always be certain to have the keyboard's sound board checked for cracks or warping before purchasing.



Robert Michael Courtney and Minerva Webb Ridner will be joined as husband and wife on June 10, 2012, 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at Christ United Methodist Church, Halls Crossroads. "Every yesterday is a memory of dreams. Every tomorrow is a vision of hope."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHS Reunions

Central High School Class of 1967's 45th Reunion will be July 22-24. For information contact Idonna Tillery Bryson 688-5816 or Ann Paylor Williams 687-7759.

Career Night

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Gibbs retirement Reception

Gibbs High School is hosting a reception to honor retiring educators Rick Anderson, Linda Adams, Sheila Cooper, Nini Weaver, and Deloris Anderson, May 23 from 4-6 in the GHS library. The community is invited to drop in, greet, renew friendships, and honor our retirees. There will be baskets for each retiree where friends may drop off cards of well wishes and memories.

Halls Business and Professional Association

The HBPA will meet again Tuesday, June 19, at noon at Beaver Brook Country Club.

Halls Republican Club meeting

The next Halls Republican Club meeting will be Monday night, May 21, 2012, at QQ Pizza (formerly Mandarin House) at 6:15 p.m. if you plan to dine or 7:00 p.m. for the meeting. The guest speaker will be Richard "Bud" Armstrong, Knox County Law Director-elect.

Job Search Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: "Job Search Tools and How to Use them" on Thursday, May 24, 2012, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Instruction provided by MForce Staffing. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call 865-524-5511.

LeConte Photographic Society

The LeConte Photographic Society will meet Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the King Family Library

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Carter High social studies teacher Terry Cunningham was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year during the school's Senior Awards Day assembly held in the gymnasium on May 10. He was presented a crystal trophy to commemorate his award.

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Rainbow Poetry Contest

A one-thousand dollar prize is being offered to the last poet standing contest sponsored by Rainbow Poets. Poems of twenty one lines or fewer on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Dr. Michael Thomas. "Fifty prizes totaling more than \$5000 will be awarded. Send one poem only by the June 18 deadline to: Free Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 761, Medford, Oregon 97501. Or enter at www.rainbowpoets.com. Those sending entries should include their name and address on the same page as the poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. For questions, call Dr. Michael Thomas at 541-621-4252 or email to thomasmike_us@yahoo.com.

Side/By/Side Reception

Pottery, paintings, sculpture and glass works created by Community School of the Arts student interns and their professional artist mentors including Richard Jolley, Andy Saftel, Jean Hess and others will be on display and up for grabs during the silent auction June 1, 5-8 p.m. Proceeds benefit the non-profit school based in downtown Knoxville, which provides more than 200 under-served youth with free arts lessons. CSA celebrates its 20th anniversary later this year. For more information, call 865-523-5684. Bennett Galleries and Company is located at 5308 Kingston Pike.

Sons of the American Legion Golf Tournament

The Sons of the American Legion Post 2 Knoxville, TN is holding a golf tournament on June 16, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The tournament is being held at the Three Ridges Golf Course, 6101 Wise Springs Rd, Knoxville, TN 37918. The proceeds from this tournament will go to various youth organizations in East Tennessee. Advance registration is requested. To register yourself or your four person team contact Josh Plane, phone 865-805-8781 or e-mail littlemantag@yahoo.com.

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Volunteers Portable Moving and Storage, hereby publishes notice, as required by Tennessee Self-Service Storage Facility Act (TN Stat. 66-31-101- 66-31-107) of a public sale of the property listed below to satisfy a landlords lien. All sales are for cash to the highest bidder and are considered final. Volunteers Portable Moving and Storage reserves the right to reject any bids, Auction is to Be located at:

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