



# County Budget Battle Ends; Mayor Burchett Victorious

By Focus Staff

The long debate over Superintendent James McIntyre's request for 35 million new dollars, requiring a 35-cent increase in the property tax, expired at the recent meeting of the Knox County Commission. McIntyre's supposedly visionary budget died a relatively peaceful death as not a single member of the County Commission dared to move to increase taxes. The Large Assembly Room of the City & County Building was packed to the rafters and Commissioners patiently listened as a wide variety of citizens came to the podium to state their own views on the school budget and a proposed tax increase for education. As is usually the case, some citizens were more eloquent than others and some were admittedly less helpful to their own point of view when they strayed into plots and conspiracy theories. One fellow did manage to break the tension with a brief harmonic recital. Several of the speakers seemed to be school system employees; while others were average citizens who maintained they were having difficulty making ends meet in the current economy.

The vote by the County Commission was anticlimactic after a long and aggressive



Knox County Commissioners listen as speakers talk about the County Budget during the public forum last Monday.

campaign waged by Dr. McIntyre and his supporters on behalf of his budget request and the taxes to support it. The Superintendent had an impressive array of resources at his command, with over \$40,000 worth of television commercials flooding the airwaves, the constant flow of stories from The Knoxville News-Sentinel and a stream of editorials from the same. McIntyre received extensive

airtime on the Haller Hill

radio show, as well as most every other media outlet in Knoxville and Knox County.

The Superintendent was supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, and a host of tax increase campaign financiers. As the Commission vote drew closer, Dr. McIntyre and his allies believed they held the advantage in getting the tax increase passed by the Commissioners.

Mayor Tim Burchett

warned both the Superintendent and the Commissioners that he would veto any attempt to increase taxes, meaning pro-tax Commissioners would need a super majority to override a mayoral veto. A few of the Commissioners, including Mike Hammond, immediately began pondering increasing the local sales tax, already one of the highest in the nation, or perhaps a combination of increasing both the property

and sales taxes to give McIntyre and the school system what they wanted in the way of funding.

Knoxville Focus publisher Steve Hunley, curious about public reaction, launched a series of polls asking Knoxville and Knox County voters their opinions about the proposed taxes, personalities, and issues. The Focus polls soon attracted the attention of other media outlets and

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## FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

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**ELECTED 83.73%**  
**APPOINTED 16.27%**

Survey conducted  
June 8, 2012.

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

## Knox County Teacher Wins UT's Marian E. Oates Teacher Enrichment Award

Jamie Stapleton, a sixth-grade teacher at Whittle Springs Middle School in Knox County, is the 2012 recipient of the Marian E. Oates Teacher Enrichment Award from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The award, which includes a scholarship for professional development, will allow Stapleton to spend the summer collaborating with professor Mike McKinney, director of environmental studies in UT's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. Stapleton and McKinney will study the mechanics of composting and recycling so Stapleton can implement similar programs at her school this fall to help teach environmental science.

The Marian E. Oates Teacher Enrichment Award, now in its fifth year, provides outstanding East Tennessee middle school science teachers with opportunities to make new discoveries in the environmental sciences. Those discoveries can be shared with students and will ensure others continue advocating for environmental conservation.

Throughout her life, UT alumna Marian E. Oates championed the stewardship and conservation of natural resources. She

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# Knoxville Center offers family fun in the sun

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On Saturday, June 2, Knoxville Center Mall and B97.5 hosted a Family Fun Festival outside in front of the mall. The four hour festival included bounce houses, crafts, face painting, and some great music including Yun's Band and Daisy Rain. Blue Bell Ice Cream was also there.

Knoxville Center's Assistant Director of Marketing, Abby Harris said the festival was "just some free, fun entertainment on a nice summer day. We just wanted to do something fun for everybody."

Harris couldn't have asked for better weather. A few hundred people turned out including Liz Hale, her grandson, Drew Fogleman, and her dog, Belle. "It's a great idea to have something fun for kids that's free for a change," said Hale. "It's all about the kids." Indeed, it is.



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Liz Hale, her grandson Drew Fogleman, and dog Belle at the June 2 Family Fun Festival.

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eventually WATE-TV hired the same polling firm used by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero in her successful election campaign last year. The WATE-TV poll showed virtually the same findings as those done for the *Focus*; an overwhelming majority of Knox Countians were opposed to any kind of tax increase. Not a single district inside either the City of Knoxville or Knox County favored McIntyre's budget if it required a tax increase. Evidently another poll was released showing Dr. McIntyre's favorability rating had plummeted, with only 38% of respondents holding a favorable opinion of the Superintendent's performance. It has long been supposed by many that McIntyre was one of the more popular public officials in Knox County, but the long tax battle clearly damaged his personal popularity.

Some Commissioners had almost gleefully stated at the beginning of the tax war their telephone calls and emails were strongly in favor of McIntyre's budget and the tax increase. Some of the Commissioners, as well as the Superintendent's supporters, were growing increasingly uneasy by the weekly polling data being published by *The Focus*. There were a few comments crowing about the "spontaneous" outpouring of support for McIntyre and funding the school system from individuals and various groups, but the real spontaneous eruption of support came following Mayor Tim Burchett telephoning thousands of households with a pre-recorded message, urging folks to contact their respective Commissioners asking them not to increase taxes.

Telephone calls flooded the Commission office, keeping the telephone lines busy for hours on end; Commissioners began being inundated with telephone calls and the mail inside their email boxes changed decidedly against McIntyre's budget and the proposed tax increase.

A few Commissioners, caught by surprise, loudly complained about Burchett having directly appealed to the people. Commissioner

Amy Broyles babbled angrily that Burchett's actions might be illegal, a delusion quickly squelched by Law Director Joe Jarret, who assured her the Mayor's actions were well within both propriety and the law.

County Commission Chairman Mike Hammond moved into the self-appointed role of dealmaker and tried hard to broker an acceptable compromise as opposition to the tax increase began to build. Hammond joined with Thomas Deakins, Chairman of the Knox County Board of Education, to give birth to a conglomeration which increased both the property and sales taxes to provide the school system 31 cents instead of the requested 35 cents, amounting to millions of new tax dollars. *The Focus* published the results of a poll asking more than 500 voters about Commissioner Hammond's chances for reelection and the results were unmistakably clear. More than 75% of respondents indicated they would not vote to reelect Hammond. The statistics were enough to scare just about any politician back to reality.

The Commission Chair had been quietly toying with a primary challenge to Burchett and with the financial elite angry with the Mayor, Hammond may well have thought if he was perceived as having saved the day for the school system, it would give him a boost in any bid to oust Burchett. If so, it seems a fair bet he is badly mistaken as it seems highly likely he could not be reelected to his at-large seat on the Commission and there is even more reason to believe he would be crushed by Burchett in a mayoral primary.

McIntyre and his allies finally realized they were in trouble and enlisted the aid of several local millionaires who quickly ponied up over \$40,000 for television commercials promoting the Superintendent's budget. The commercials likely not only didn't help, but also actually advertised the proposed tax increase to thousands of people who hadn't known a thing about it previously.

Individual Commissioners started to flip flop like trout out of water. Commissioners

Mike Brown, Richard Briggs, and Brad Anders were notable for being on virtually every side, sometimes twice daily.

Those supporters of McIntyre's budget attending the Commission meeting quickly became mourners, as the tax increase died peacefully in its sleep. Commissioners did cobble together an additional \$7 million, in addition to the \$13 million for schools already in Mayor Burchett's budget for the school system. In truth, the Commissioners gave the schools only an extra \$1.5 million, as the extra \$7 million was comprised of \$1 million in expected State funds from the BEP; \$1.5 million from the school's own rainy day fund; and \$3 million already appropriated by Burchett for a literacy program. The final \$1.5 million was raided from the county's general fund balance.

In an interesting sidelight, the only former professional educators on the Board of Education and the Knox County Commission, Mike McMillan and Tony Norman, respectively, voted against McIntyre's budget and proposed tax increase. Norman issued a blistering indictment of the school system, referring to it as "the society for the preservation of cronyism and nepotism."

Superintendent McIntyre put on his best happy face and declared it a great day for children and education in Knox County. McIntyre's allies did their best to pretend to be happy, hoping everyone would forget the original request had been for 35 million new dollars in tax revenue for a total of \$48 million. It was a brave attempt to put a happy face on what amounted to a devastating defeat. As there was no tax increase at all, it could only be interpreted as a victory for Mayor Tim Burchett.

The "compromise" put together by County Commissioner Mike Hammond immediately became suspect as the school system announced it intended to start spending the money just as soon as possible. The school administration announced it was hiring 66 new employees, although it remains to be seen if the funds appropriated by the County Commission are recurring. A recurring expenditure is supposed to have a continuing revenue source to fund it and despite several Commissioners saying their "intent" was indeed for the increase to be a recurring expense, they failed to attach the \$7 million to a continuing source of revenue.

Despite attempts by local media to paint the budget battle as a victory for McIntyre and Mike Hammond, the truth is both emerged from the fracas bloodied. As Stated before, one poll shows the Superintendent's approval rating below 40%, while another indicates Hammond could not get reelected to his Commission seat.

Local businessman and philanthropist Randy Boyd had appeared before the Commission and urged them to set aside politics and vote for the huge tax increase, although he candidly admitted those Commissioners who did so would likely "die on the battlefield." Despite the Commissioners choosing to live to fight another day, there were certainly bodies littering the battlefield and ultimately there is every reason to believe one of the casualties is Jim McIntyre.

The Superintendent was busy making a round of public appearances the day after the vote by the County Commission, anxious to put the best face on things. McIntyre was busily painting the cheeks of a corpse he hoped no one would ask to hop up and dance. In an appearance on the Hallerin Hill radio show, McIntyre even boasted about developing a better working relationship with the Knox County Commission, an attitude urged on the Superintendent and members of the Board of Education months earlier by School Board member Mike McMillan. Not so long ago, Board of Education members had been frequently belligerent when discussing the Commission, although in the wake of the recent vote, they have been oddly muted and meek.

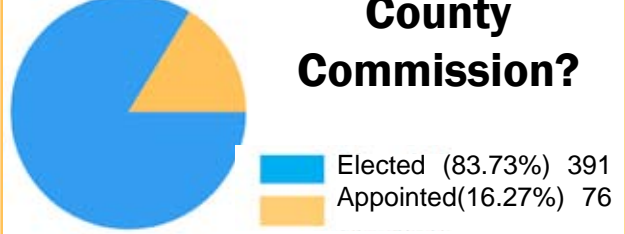
The sad reality is the "compromise" by Commissioner Mike Hammond could almost surely have been worked out by the Superintendent, Mayor Burchett, Chairman Hammond and Thomas Deakins, Chairman of the Board of Education without resorting to a lengthy and divisive budget brawl. It would have spared the community hard feelings that will certainly linger into the next election cycle, as well as potentially compromise the Superintendent's effectiveness for the remainder of his reign. It was McIntyre who chose to fight rather than negotiate and in any fight there is almost always a clear winner and a clear loser. In this instance, it is hard to debate the big loser was Jim McIntyre.

If the Superintendent and the Board of Education think the County Commission will be more likely to raise taxes next year, just before the 2014 primaries, they will likely set off yet another loud protest from citizens and set a tone for the coming elections. A cardinal rule of politics is politicians never raise taxes just before an election.

Mike Hammond summed up things nicely when he said, "We have heard from our people." It made a real difference.

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By Age	Elected	Appointed	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	2
30-49	78.46%	21.54%	65
50-65	84.52%	15.48%	155
65+	84.49%	15.51%	245
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.73% (391)</b>	<b>16.27% (76)</b>	<b>467</b>

By Commission District	Elected	Appointed	Total
1	93.10%	6.90%	29
2	90.91%	9.09%	55
3	83.72%	16.28%	43
4	71.83%	28.17%	71
5	73.68%	26.32%	57
6	90.57%	9.43%	53
7	83.93%	16.07%	56
8	92.86%	7.14%	56
9	80.85%	19.15%	47
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By Gender	Elected	Appointed	Total
Unknown	80.00%	20.00%	20
Female	82.17%	17.83%	230
Male	85.71%	14.29%	217
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.73% (391)</b>	<b>16.27% (76)</b>	<b>467</b>

## Voters Favor Elected Law Director

### By Focus Staff

The most recent *Knoxville Focus* poll asked the question, "In your opinion, should the Knox Law Director be elected by the people or appointed by the Knox County Commission?"

The results show voters in every Commission district overwhelmingly favor electing the county Law Director. Interestingly, the district the most strongly in favor of retaining an elected Law Director was inside the limits of the City of Knoxville. More than 93% of voters inside the First District favor an elected Law Director; the Law Director in the City of Knoxville is appointed rather than elected. The First District comprises largely the African-American community in Knoxville.

Another inner city district strongly favored keeping the Knox County Law Director elected; the Second District posted more than 90% of respondents favoring an elected Law Director.

Outside the City of Knoxville, several all-county districts were overwhelmingly in favor of an elected Law Director. The Sixth District, which is northwest Knox County, saw more than 90% of voters in favor of an elected Law Director. The numbers dipped in the Seventh District, which is comprised of much of North Knox County, with just over 83% of voters favoring an elected Law Director. The Eighth District, which is East Knox County, saw the numbers rise to almost 93% of voters in favor of keeping an elected Knox County Law Director. The Ninth District, which is the city and county portions of South Knoxville, posted more 90% of respondents favoring an elected Law Director.

The most support for an appointed Law Director came from the Fourth and Fifth Districts, although even inside those districts more than 70% of voters preferred an elected Law Director.

The question of appointing versus electing the Knox County Law Director is being considered by the Charter Review Committee who will decide on placing it before Knox Countians in a referendum. A similar referendum two years ago saw Knox County voters defeat proposals on appointing currently elected officials by a 3:1 margin.

*The Knoxville Focus* has attracted a great deal of attention from other media outlets with regard to its weekly polls. Readership has gone up substantially, as has the participation in the polling. As to the accuracy of *Focus* polls, national publications have recently featured polling data, for instance, in the forthcoming race for the United States Senate in North Dakota. Senator Kent Conrad is retiring, leaving an open seat where Congressman-At-Large Rick Berg is expected to be the Republican nominee and former state Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp is presumed to be the Democratic nominee. A poll by Forum/Essman was conducted the first week of May with a statewide sampling of 500 voters; the second poll conducted the first week of June by Mason-Dixon sampled 625 voters statewide. *The Focus* tries to sample 500 likely voters in Knox County versus the entire state of North Dakota with 53 counties.

*The Focus* will continue publishing the result of polls conducted on public issues and personalities. Be sure to participate if contacted and look each week to see what you and your neighbors think.

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# Publisher's Position

## Budget Failure is McIntyre's Failure



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There have been few post mortems about the recent budget vote by the Knox County Commission and it isn't surprising. Local media doesn't want to dwell on it as to do so would reveal the failure by Superintendent James McIntyre. Originally, McIntyre wanted \$48 million for the school system, including 35 million new tax dollars, which would have required a 35 cent increase in the current property tax. The Commissioners adopted a budget with no tax increase at all after an outpouring of opposition by the public. Mayor Burchett had already included 13 million new dollars for

schools in his own budget, as well as \$3 million for an early literacy program. The Commissioners approved an additional \$1.5 million from the county's general fund, \$1.5 million from the school system's own rainy day fund, and \$1 million of revenue anticipated from the State of Tennessee's BEP money. Had McIntyre's budget been approved by the Commissioners, the business elite, the professional good government folks, and the central office would likely have jumped for joy. There is little doubt they would have given McIntyre the credit, yet they are not anxious to give McIntyre the blame for his failure to pass his budget. To be fair about it, McIntyre is no politician, but the failure of the school budget reveals a weakness in McIntyre as Superintendent. Like it or not, budgets are a very political process. Not fully understanding the process naturally puts one at a serious disadvantage and any assessment of the failure of the Commission to approve McIntyre's request is absolutely due

to miscalculations by Superintendent McIntyre. McIntyre asked for everything he could get and thought he had a very good chance to get it all. Rather than stress negotiation with Mayor Tim Burchett, McIntyre rolled the dice in an effort to get it all. McIntyre sought a significant tax increase during difficult economic times; mistake number one. Mistake number two was McIntyre simply assuming the thousands of teachers would rally to his side and lobby the County Commission. As McIntyre's budget included little or nothing for teachers, it was a foolish, if not downright stupid assumption in the first place. The Knox County Education Association's tepid response to McIntyre's supposedly visionary budget was a clear signal to most that McIntyre's budget was in trouble. McIntyre, as do most public officials, clearly has an ego, if not an over inflated sense of self importance. It was bizarre when McIntyre went to Burchett's office to demand to know why the Mayor had not consulted

him before granting general county employees raises. Burchett was naturally shocked as well as annoyed. Yet it was a forecast of things to come as McIntyre never really attempted to work closely with the Mayor in crafting a budget that both could support before the County Commission. McIntyre assumed he could pass a budget regardless of whether the Mayor would support it; mistake number three. McIntyre's chief asset as Superintendent of Knox County Schools seems to be his ability to string together sentences that ring from the rafters of all the latest educational jargon, yet little of it impressed the public. The Superintendent, despite having every possible advantage, proved to be ineffective in selling his message to Knox Countians. Jim McIntyre has never proved to be adept at dealing with any body he cannot control. The mistakes made were those of the Superintendent and we have all seen the results.

### Duane Grieve's Moratorium Too Little, Too Late

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It is never unusual to see a politician attempting to play the hero, especially after having let an entire community down and that is exactly what Knoxville City Councilman Duane Grieve is doing with his proposed moratorium on crematoriums inside the city limits.

Grieve certainly had not the slightest compunction in allowing a crematorium to be sited inside Fountain City nor did he seem to feel the slightest remorse at the time. Councilman Grieve did seem to care after it became obvious Fountain Citians were rightly furious with those members of the Knoxville City Council who abandoned them.

Grieve's proposed moratorium is less to protect the people than refurbish his tarnished image, although it does nothing to help the people of Fountain City. Perhaps it will indeed protect the people of Grieve's own neighborhood of Sequoyah Hills, but certainly that is small comfort to the folks in Fountain City.

Had Councilman Grieve really been that interested in protecting neighborhoods, he would have supported the people of Fountain City as strongly as Nick Pavlis did in the first place; but then again there is an election in the City of Knoxville next year and Grieve will be on the ballot.

A moratorium on crematoriums is likely a good idea, but it is too late for those folks in Fountain City who have to live with one. This proposal is the best of both worlds for some members of Council; they did not stand in the way of supporters and financial contributors who supported locating the crematorium in Fountain City and now they intend to burnish their images as the protectors of neighborhoods.

## A tale of five cities

I do not fancy myself a world traveler. There is no place on earth I would rather be than home. But I have been very privileged in my 47 years to visit some truly fascinating places. There is a tremendous amount of natural beauty to be seen right here in the United States. Fortunately, our nation has seen fit to preserve many of its true national treasures in the form of national parks. I would love nothing more than to visit them all someday. But I've always had a thing for cities.

Since childhood, I have been captivated by cities. How they were founded, why they grew (or didn't grow), how big they are, their architecture - everything about cities has always been a bit of a personal obsession for me. Ironically, I'm a country boy at heart. I'd rather live with plenty of green space around me than have all the convenience in the world. Cities for me are nice places to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

I do love to visit, though.

I was reflecting this week on the many cities I have traveled to in my lifetime. They each have their own distinct personality; their own history and skeletons in the closet. They each have a certain type of food for which they are famous. Each has its own unique attractions and points of interest. Though I have many favorites, it's not easy to come up with a list of those I enjoy most. But I did my best to compile a top five. My hope is that you will find the time and resources to visit each of these cities that are so special in my memory. Here are my five favorite cities:

5. Jerusalem - beginning the list at number 5 is arguably the most famous city in all of history. And



**By Richie Beeler**

talk about history! No city on earth can even compare to Jerusalem in terms of its historical significance and the sheer number of important sites it contains. The Temple Mount, its most prominent and imposing structure, is essentially the religious center of the world. Islam, Judaism and Christianity all converge in Jerusalem, giving the city an electricity that is difficult to describe to one who has never been there.

Top Attractions: Dome of the Rock, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb, Old City.

Best View: Mount of Olives, overlooking the Kidron Valley and the Eastern Gate.

4. Chicago - The Windy City will always be a personal favorite. I have visited Chicago more times than any U. S. city outside Tennessee. It is home to my beloved Cubs, and is also one of the greatest sports cities in America. Although it contains more skyscrapers than any city in the world, Chicago has an amazingly comfortable feel for a large city. Shopping on Michigan Avenue is tough to beat.

Top Attractions: Wrigley Field, Magnificent Mile, Museum Campus.

Best View: Top of the John Hancock Center at night.

3. Boston - America's most historic city is an absolute jewel. And it is not only Boston proper, but the many small New England towns that make up its greater metropolitan area that really bring on the charm. Boston is one of the few U. S. cities that really feels old. So much of its colonial history has been preserved that one can truly feel the presence of the founding fathers. Another great sports town, Boston

boasts the oldest ballpark still in use for major league baseball. Its public park, Boston Common, is one of the largest green spaces within a city in the United States.

Top Attractions: Fenway Park, USS Constitution, Freedom Trail

Best View: Bunker Hill Monument overlooking Boston Harbor

2. San Francisco - I know exactly how Tony Bennett feels. I have visited the city by the bay only once, but I definitely left a piece of my heart there. No city I have ever seen can rival San Francisco for its sheer natural beauty. It also has a historic feel that very few west coast cities can emulate. The climate is simply fantastic, as the temperature rarely goes above 75 or dips below 50 the entire year.

Top Attractions: Alcatraz, Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf

Best View: There are 2. Top of Twin Peaks (at night). Overlook above Golden Gate Bridge (daytime). It defies description.

New York City - could there be another number one? It didn't take the Big Apple long to capture the distinction of my favorite city on earth. They say a truly great city has character. Well, New York has more of that than you could possibly imagine. Manhattan Island is simply a world all its own. I've heard people say they wouldn't give a nickel to go to New York City. That's because they've never been. If you are among them, do yourself a favor and make the trip before you die. Oh and just a travelers tip: go during the month of December. It's the greatest Christmas city in the world. And don't miss Little Italy, my favorite place in the city.

Top Attractions: Times Square, Central Park, 911 Memorial.

Best View: Top of the Rock, 30 Rockefeller Center Plaza.

## Library to introduce new business database: Demographics Now

Three training sessions are being offered this summer to help businesses familiarize themselves with the new tool

Knox County Public Library is pleased to offer a new business reference database, Gale's Demographics Now, which will replace ReferenceUSA. The Library made the decision to switch to Demographics Now because it provided more features at a substantially reduced cost. Demographics Now provides access to detailed U.S. demographic information including the 2010 Census data and information on 23 million businesses and 206 million consumers. Demographics Now also features interactive mapping and reporting capabilities not available in ReferenceUSA.

The Library is offering three training sessions to help businesses become familiar with the new

database. Sessions are available at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, from 2-5 p.m. on June 13, July 25, and August 28.

Attendees will learn to use Demographics Now to:

- assess business viability
- create sales leads and/or marketing mailing lists
- analyze trends in a given population
- find potential sponsors and donors to grow a nonprofit organization

"The Library is working hard to ensure that they have the absolute best and most cost effective resources available to our community," commented Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "Our business community has a lot available to it through the Library."

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This new water treatment plant will increase the utility's capacity of safe, pure drinking water and should provide adequate supply for the next 40 to 50 years. The first phase of this project was completed earlier this year and provided for a new raw water intake located

at the rear of the property adjacent to the existing plant. The new plant is being built by Georgia-based Reynolds

Construction and will use membrane treatment technology, which provides ultra filtration and removes particles up to 0.1 micron, providing a direct barrier to bacteria and other contaminants.

The new plant will have a maximum capacity of 10 million gallons per day (MGD), up from the current plant's capacity of 5.5 MGD. The new plant can also be expanded in a modular fashion to a maximum of 14 MGD.

The new treatment plant is only one piece of a larger infrastructure improvement for KCUD. In 2005, the Board and

management began the master planning process to provide sound, cost-effective improvements to meet the growth demands of the system.

Working with Jacobs Engineering, the wastewater master plan was completed in 2006 and several projects have been completed to expand KCUD's ability to transport flow to the City of Maryville, treatment partner for the utility. System capacities have doubled and KCUD now has service in the High Bluff area which is poised for growth.

The water system master plan was completed in 2008. A recently completed project improves flows in the Seymour area through Shooks Gap. A second major

project has been bid and will provide improved storage and flow to the Boyds Creek area and flow into Sevier County, with a new 2 million gallon storage tank at Bays Mountain, and improved water mains along Porterfield Gap Road. In addition, KCUD will replace 13 miles of aging galvanized pipe to improve the efficiency of the water transmission system. Interconnects are also planned with Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) and Alcoa for emergency preparedness.

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## Teacher Wins UT's Marian E. Oates Teacher Enrichment Award

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lived on Bluff Mountain in Sevier County and aggressively campaigned to restore the area's ecosystem. When she died, she donated her 510-acre backyard as a permanent easement to the Foothills Land Conservatory, ensuring the east end of the Chilhowee Mountains would remain untouched.

Oates, who earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in mathematics from UT and subsequently served on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Arts and Sciences, established the Marian E. Oates Teacher Enrichment Award as a gift to the College of Arts and Sciences in 2007.

"Now and in the future, the study and practice of environmental sciences are going to become more and more important," Oates said when announcing the gift two years before she died. "Through this award, I hope to enable middle school teachers to enrich their knowledge, which will, in turn, equip them to boost their students' interest in taking care of the natural world."

Stapleton said she is grateful to have the opportunity to learn about environmental conservation and bring her knowledge back to the classroom.

"As I encourage my students to learn new things, I also encourage myself to be a life-long learner in order to stay current on the ever-growing body of scientific knowledge," Stapleton



said **Jamie Stapleton** "By

enriching my knowledge this summer, I can help my students find even more ways to help our planet and ensure our natural resources are protected. I tell my students that I want them to appreciate and protect the natural world as a legacy for their great grandchildren, so that future generations can know what it is like to experience nature and sit beneath a tree and read a book."

Stapleton has taught at Whittle Springs Middle School for the past two years, where she already advocates for recycling, supervising sixth-graders every Friday as they empty classrooms' recycling bins into the larger recycling bin outside the school. She hopes to engage students in composting efforts when she returns to school in the fall. She also contributes to the Whittle Springs After School Academy program, giving writing tutorials to students. Stapleton received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Mississippi.



**By Marjie Richardson**

Seymour Farmers Market will be sponsoring a Walk Healthy program in conjunction with its weekly market this summer. The Farmers Market is located in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church and open Saturday mornings from 7 to 11 a.m.

The church has a beautiful paved walking path which surrounds the church grounds and provides an easy way to walk one mile. Come early and enjoy a walk before shopping for fresh produce at the market!

The kick off for the Walk Healthy program was Saturday, June 9. The UT Agricultural Extension office has provided us with information describing the health advantages of walking and of eating fresh fruits and vegetables. The Market gave out free bottles of cold water and t-shirts (provided by The Bakery Lady, our local bakery offering whole grain breads) to those who register. One of our community members,

Rich Henighan, a nurse practitioner, provided free blood pressure screenings.

We are encouraging participants to walk at least 10 miles by the August 25 conclusion of this program. We will be celebrating our health benefits from the summer's activities that day with prizes, tasty (and healthy)

treats and another chance to monitor blood pressure (and see the improvement!).

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## New Federal Training Program for Unemployed Veterans

Unemployed veterans will benefit from a new federal program known as the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, or VRAP. National College will be hosting information sessions on the program at the Knoxville Campus, 8415 Kingston Pike, on Friday, June 22, at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eligible veterans can receive up to \$17,676—\$1,473 a month for 12 months of training in more than 200 high-demand career fields.

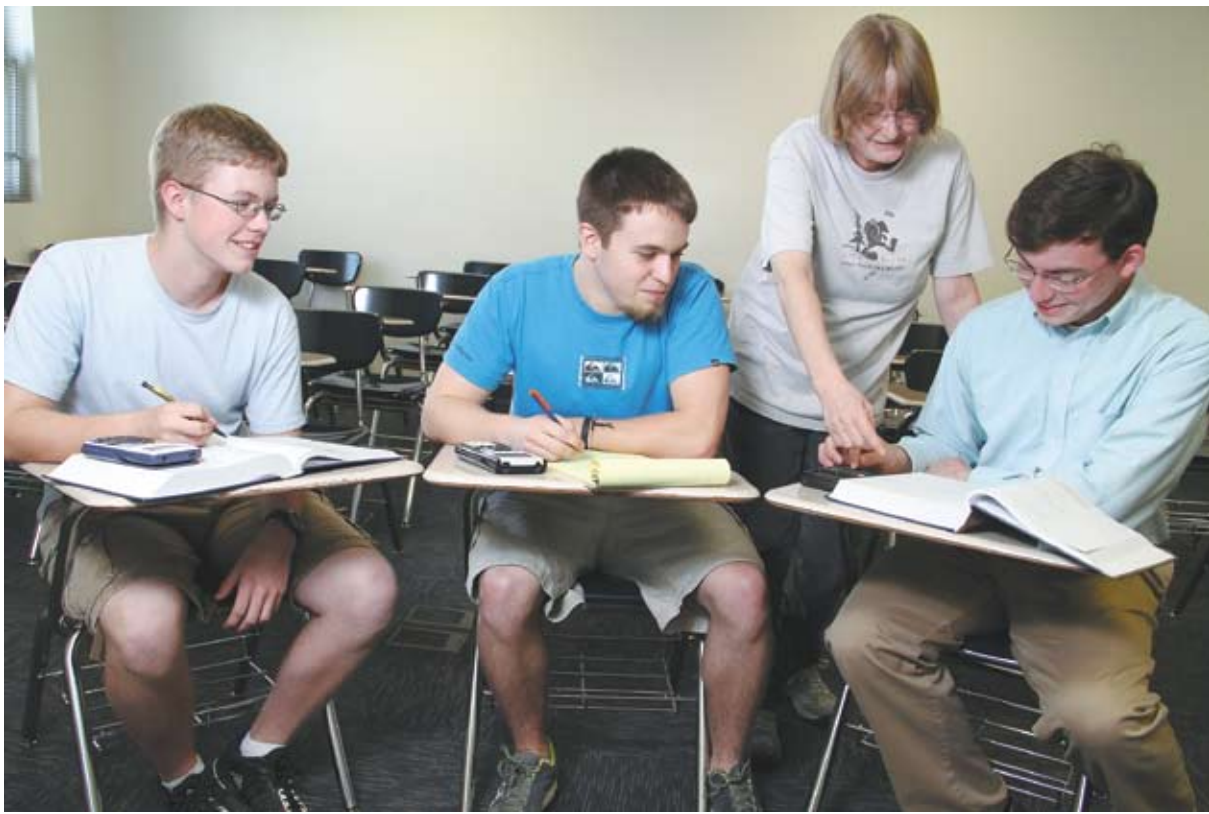
“National College supports this program to show our appreciation to veterans and their families for the sacrifices they made for our country,” said Frank Longaker, National College president. “We are committed to helping veterans develop the skills they need to start their new career.”

When combined with the College’s exclusive Blue Ribbon Grant, veterans could have little to no costs to earn a degree or diploma at National College. The Blue Ribbon Grant will award up to \$10,000 in additional financial support to qualified current and former military, Guard/Reserve, and related individuals (spouses and children) interested in pursuing a higher education. This grant may be used with existing military education benefits.

To qualify, applicants must be unemployed veterans between the ages of 35 and 60 and must be enrolled after July 1, 2012 in a higher education program approved for VA benefits that will lead to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate.

The VRAP is limited to 45,000 participants nationwide from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, and to 54,000 participants from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013. According to the VA, outreach for the VRAP has garnered over 12,000 applicants since May 1.

To learn more about VRAP, to get assistance in completing the application process, and to explore National College’s exclusive Blue Ribbon Grant, call 888-9-NC-MILITARY (888-962-6454) or visit us on the web at [www.National-College.edu/Military/VRAP](http://www.National-College.edu/Military/VRAP).



*Left to right, Trevor Sharpe, Josh Beck and Reed Stracener get help from Beth Long, an associate professor of Mathematics at Pellissippi State. The three students earned high school and college credit for taking Long’s Calculus II course in Pellissippi State’s Dual Enrollment program last semester. Nearly 2,000 high school students participated in the program during the past academic year.*

## High-schoolers, home-schoolers get ahead in Dual Enrollment program

To say home-school junior Trevor Sharpe was able to hold his own in a college-level math competition would definitely be an understatement.

The 16-year-old student, who was enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program at Pellissippi State Community College during the recently ended academic year, took part this past fall in a Student Math League competition. The event took place at Pellissippi State and was sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.

Sharpe took home top honors—first place in the individual competition

category in the Southeast region—and it’s likely that his participation in Dual Enrollment was of benefit.

Pellissippi State’s Dual Enrollment program allows area students to earn high school and college credit for the same course. About 2,000 high school students participated in the program this year. Classes are offered at both the high schools and the college.

For a future engineer who is already looking at graduate schools for his master’s work, earning credit towards college is completely logical.

“Since my dad’s a mechanical

engineer and math and science have always been my favorite subjects, engineering seems like a natural fit,” Sharpe said. “If you have to take a class anyway, why not get college credit for it?”

Sharpe started at Pellissippi State with Calculus I last fall, then moved on to Calculus II spring semester.

“College is definitely different than what I’m used to,” said Sharpe. He says he intentionally transitioned into postsecondary courses slowly, but things have gone so well, he’s now ready to take three college-level

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## City of Knoxville director receives national award

Gary Eastes, Director of Risk Management for the City of Knoxville, received the 2012 PRIMA Public Risk Manager of the Year award in ceremonies last Monday in Nashville.

PRIMA, or the Public Risk Management Association, is a national organization that promotes effective risk management in the public administration sector. With headquarters in the Washington, D.C., region, the group claims more than 2,000 governmental entities as members.

The award will be given during PRIMA’s annual conference at the Gaylord Opryland.

“It’s an amazing honor,” Eastes said. “I have traveled all over the U.S. with the conference, so it’s fitting that this year - as an award recipient - the conference would be held in Nashville.”

Eastes won the award for his efforts to improve the City of Knoxville’s medical and health plans and contain their costs, along with improving the collection of medical claims among employees.

PRIMA has several criteria for the award and looks for individuals who have developed and implemented a successful traditional or enterprise risk management

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## McNabb Center introduces new levels of leadership to support growth

The Helen Ross McNabb Center (HRMC) is pleased to introduce new levels of leadership in its administrative and clinical divisions to provide support and structure as the Center continues to grow. HRMC would like to congratulate Candace Allen, Jill Brantley-Barnes, Janet Jenkins and Mary Katsikas on their recent promotions.

Candace Allen was promoted to Senior Director of Intensive Adult Mental Health Services. Allen’s talents in the identification and provision of clinical interventions,

along with her ability to direct intensive community based services, makes her the perfect fit to lead and expand the Center’s continuum of intensive community based services for adults. In 2001, Allen was selected to implement the area’s first and only Program for Assertive Community Treatment. Under Allen’s leadership, the Center continues to experience success in the specialization of serving individuals with the most unique and challenging mental illnesses.

Jill Brantley-Barnes was

promoted to Director of Work Force Development and Personnel in the HRMC’s Human Resources Department. Brantley-Barnes brings to the position her knowledge and experience of being a clinical supervisor for more than 11 years at HRMC. She is currently pursuing her MBA with a concentration in Human Resources.

Janet Jenkins was recently promoted to Director of Department of Children’s Services (DCS) Division. She will oversee and manage all of the Center’s contracts

and programs funded through the Tennessee Department of Children’s services. Janet has been with HRMC for 10 years and during her tenure has worked with a diverse clientele including adults, adolescents, young children and families. She has extensive experience in supervising and directing the Center’s therapeutic foster care and adoption services including the recruitment and training of foster parents.

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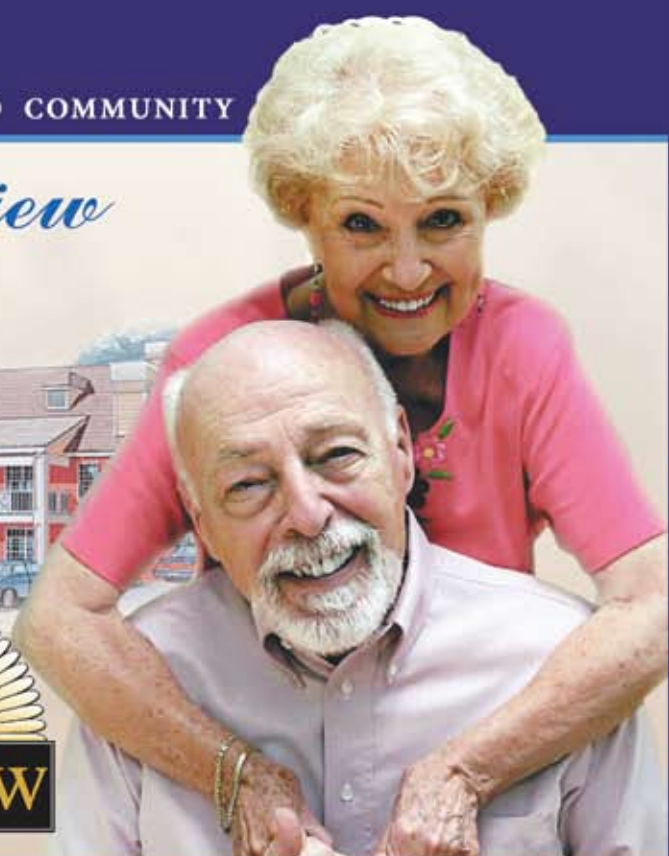
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# It's Not About Party, It's About People!

By Kareta Johnson

The Tennessee House of Representatives 2012 General Election will be held in Nashville November 6th. Jerome Miller of Knoxville will be running in the 14th District. "The 14th District consists of West Knoxville, Farragut, and is broken up into many other precincts," said Miller. His campaign is all about what the citizens need and Miller can offer that with his experience. "I have a desire for serving people, and I really want to make a difference. I feel like I can with the experience I have, experience with working with large companies and small businesses. And the ability to bring those together and solve common problems," explains Miller. "Just prior to this campaign, I ran for the Democratic National Committee to be a delegate, that was a five county race to be elected to represent East Tennessee in Charlotte," he says. Miller has also worked with city, county, state, and federal government.

Last Thursday, June 7th,

was Miller's first campaign fundraiser at Baker Peters in Knoxville! His official announcement of candidacy will be later this week. The candidate has many events coming up this summer and fall before the election. "I will have other campaign fundraisers, going around door to door getting to know people and them getting to know me," he says. "The Farragut Fourth of July Parade is an event that I usually coordinate for the Knoxville Democratic Party, and people from all over come and participate." Miller is also involved in several other organizations in Knoxville. He was Chairman of the Farragut Community Center Study Committee, volunteers with KARM through Cooks for Christ, participated in CBFO Board of Directors, and coached local youth in football, basketball, track, along with other sports.

Miller's campaign concentrates on education and job market issues. The education system in the district is very strong on college preparation. Students

usually do well that come out of the 14th District. However, there are still students that do not know what they want to do right away. "We need to strengthen our vocational skills area, so that way those that do not go to college, can have a skill set to go out and be effective in the job market," explains Miller. "Education is the foundation in which everything else falls upon."

His campaign also focuses on the environment. Miller stated, "Our environment is an area of emphasis in my campaign. We all need to be good stewards of our natural resources, but when I say environment I am referring to our community. We need to have safe streets; safe schools where there is no violence, and a safe workplace environment."

Preparing for the election can be a very demanding process, so it is important to have a supportive circle of family and friends. Having a great campaign team is important. "It's going to be fun and we're going to make



Jerome Miller

progress and together we can make a difference," stated Miller.

"My mental preparation has been prayer, more than anything else, and my family supports me, my mother supports me," Miller shared. "I usually send my mother money, and she sent me a check and that just touched my heart so much." Campaigns are hard to run unless there is funding. "The startup finances that you really need to kick off a campaign in a short period of time have been a challenge and also just getting established," he said. "There are a lot of elements to campaigning, this is a hard race, but I was encouraged to do this."

The 14th District is primarily Republican. Miller explains, "It's not about Party, it's about people. That's the most important thing in my mind, and I'm not running against an opponent; I'm running for a seat and that's my focus."

For more information about the campaign, please email [omega.miller@gmail.com](mailto:omega.miller@gmail.com).



The Trane Corporation donated a tree to the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center for Earth Day. Several Trane employees were there to plant the redbud and present it to Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin, Superintendent Richard L. Bean and staff. Front row — Gerald Myles, Kathy Wallace, Shirley Walker, Jennifer Covington, Della Kennemore and Richard L. Bean. Back row — Gregory Stacy, Chuck Burnette, Judge Tim Irwin, Terry Essex and Natalie Kimbro.

## High-schoolers, home-schoolers get ahead in Dual Enrollment program

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classes per semester. Sharpe traveled to Pellissippi State's Hardin Valley Campus twice a week for classes. Last semester he met fellow high school students Josh Beck and Reed Stracener in Calculus II.

Calculus II was the seventh Pellissippi State course for Beck, 18, also a home-school student. Beck's two years in the Dual Enrollment program have made a significant dent in the credits he'll need to become a mechanical or nuclear engineer.

Like Sharpe, Beck has thrived in the Dual Enrollment program.

"[Dual Enrollment] has prepared me more for college," he said. "It's

definitely a challenge, which is nice."

Stracener, an 18-year-old student at Mount Pisgah Baptist Academy in Oliver Springs, had already completed English Composition I and II in the Dual Enrollment program when he took calculus.

"I don't know what I was expecting at Pellissippi State," said Stracener, "but the resources and infrastructure have been very impressive. All of it has been absolutely good." Stracener says he hopes eventually to become a physicist.

For information about Pellissippi State's Dual Enrollment program, visit [www.pstcc.edu/admissions/dual](http://www.pstcc.edu/admissions/dual) or call (865) 694-6400.

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# A Feudin’ Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Three

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill  
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Even as a freshman Congressman, Kenneth McKellar had demonstrated an ability to bring improvements and projects to his district, a talent that would serve him and Tennessee well during his legislative career.

In April of 1912 as much as 170 acres of Memphis had been inundated with floodwater, including the city of Memphis’s gas and water plants. Congressman McKellar set to work to get Federal engineers to Memphis as quickly as possible.

McKellar’s attention to his district did not go unnoticed by his constituents. When he sought reelection in 1912, McKellar had no opposition either in his own primary or the general election. Many Tennessee Democrats again urged McKellar to run for governor against Republican Ben Hooper, but McKellar’s political interests lay elsewhere. Like many aspiring Congressmen, McKellar had his sights set on a promotion to the United States Senate. McKellar had little interest in serving as governor and knew as well as anyone Democrats in Tennessee were still bitterly divided.

Having no opposition, McKellar was profoundly interested in the 1912 presidential election. Nationally, the Republicans were as divided as the Democrats were in Tennessee. Incumbent President William Howard Taft had been Secretary of War in the Cabinet of his predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt. A warm friendship had developed between the two men and Roosevelt had personally selected Taft to succeed him. Roosevelt, the youngest man to become President of the United States when he succeeded to office after William McKinley had been assassinated, had relished the power and prestige of the presidency. Theodore Roosevelt had exercised those powers beyond its former limits, not only without apology but also with real glee. Despite any statement to the contrary, Roosevelt missed being president and he had soured on Taft’s performance in office. Roosevelt made a determined bid for the Republican presidential nomination and humiliated President Taft in a series of preferential primaries, including Taft’s own home state of Ohio. Still, incumbency is a powerful thing and Taft narrowly won the GOP nomination, causing supporters of Roosevelt to immediately cry theft and walk out of the convention. Roosevelt bolted the Republican Party, accepting the presidential nomination



U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, 1927.

of the new Progressive Party, which came to be popularly known as the “Bull Moose” Party based on Theodore Roosevelt having proclaimed himself to be as fit as a bull moose.

With the long dominant Republican Party ruptured and the acrimony of the fight between Roosevelt and Taft becoming increasingly more personal and bitter, it became quite clear Democrats had an excellent chance to capture the White House. McKellar originally believed Alabama Congressman Oscar W. Underwood would make the best president, but he realistically felt Underwood could not be nominated because of the bias against Southern candidates.

When New Jersey Governor Woodrow Wilson won the Democratic presidential nomination, McKellar was delighted and lent his enthusiastic support. Wilson carried Tennessee and McKellar became a staunch supporter of Wilson’s “New Freedom” program. In fact, Woodrow Wilson would become the chief executive Kenneth McKellar admired the most during his long service in the Congress.

In 1913, the Tennessee General Assembly was to elect another U. S. senator and McKellar was again proposed as a candidate. McKellar was very interested in being elected to the Senate, but the fusionist combine that had elected Luke Lea in 1911 was still too strong to overcome. John Knight Shields, a Justice of the Tennessee State Supreme Court and one of the original Independent Democrats, was elected with the votes of fellow Independent Democrats and Republicans. Shields was to be the last senator elected by the state legislature from Tennessee.

Republican Governor Ben W. Hooper had been reelected in 1912, defeating the old warhorse of Tennessee’s Democratic Party, Benton McMillin. Hooper’s reelection and the election of John Knight

Shields was a bitter blow to most Tennessee Democrats, leaving them seething from the losses inflicted upon them by bolting Democrats and the hated Republicans.

The cause of the internal strife in Tennessee’s Democratic Party had originated with the issue of prohibition. The temperance issue had provided a serious wedge between Tennessee Democrats, sharply dividing urban and rural voters. Governor Malcolm Patterson was an outspoken “wet”, coming from Memphis. Patterson favored at least allowing local option in the matter of selling beer and alcoholic spirits. Worse still for supporters of prohibition was the fact Governor Patterson was a practicing wet, thoroughly enjoying a drink himself. Naturally the “dry” forces were outraged by Patterson’s attitude and considered the governor to be a tool of the liquor interests. The fight for the heart and soul of the Tennessee Democratic Party came to a head in the 1908 primary election when Patterson was seeking another term and was challenged by former U. S. Senator Edward Ward Carmack.

The Carmack – Patterson contest was not only a clash between urban and rural interests, as prohibition was far less popular in big cities while most rural voters at least theoretically supported the idea of temperance, but of two men who had a long history of disliking one another. E. W. Carmack had originally been elected to Congress by defeating Congressman Josiah Patterson, the governor’s father. The election had been so close that a contest was filed in the U. S. House of Representatives and Carmack’s attorney had

been Kenneth McKellar. Carmack managed to win that contest and remained in Congress until he was elected to the U. S. Senate. Malcolm Patterson had been elected to Congress to succeed Carmack when the latter was promoted to the Senate.

Carmack’s senatorial career was ended by former Governor Robert Love Taylor and Carmack certainly had no objection to returning to office over the political corpse of Malcolm Patterson.

Both men were excellent speakers and had long been popular in Tennessee. Both conducted aggressive campaigns for the nomination, their rivalry fueled by a strong personal dislike. Carmack’s supporters wore buttons on their lapels, which featured a picture of E. W. Carmack with the slogan, “Shall the machine or the people rule?” It was a very close contest, but Governor Patterson managed to beat back Carmack’s onslaught with majorities in Tennessee’s urban and suburban areas.

Carmack, a journalist by profession, returned to his former occupation when Luke Lea, owner of the Nashville Tennessean, offered him a job as editor of the newspaper. Carmack, stung by his defeat, used his facile pen and colorful language to relentlessly denounce Governor Patterson and his associates.

E. W. Carmack had an impressive command of and apparently limitless supply of invective, with which he liberally doused Governor Patterson and his friends. Carmack proved to be so good at lading out abuse it led to his eventual demise.

At least one prominent associate of Governor Patterson, Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, strongly objected to being tortured in print by the fiery editor. Carmack and Cooper had at one time been friends; in fact, it was Colonel Cooper who had given Edward Carmack his first job at the Nashville American, writing editorials. Obviously, the friendship had not lasted and after having been bathed once too often in Carmack’s vitriol, Colonel Cooper sent word to the editor he would not suffer any further insults.

E. W. Carmack refused to heed Colonel Cooper’s warning and continued to attack Cooper in print. Carmack’s friends were concerned enough to urge the editor to be wary and they were right. Carmack, not unmindful of the impact of his editorials, had taken the precaution of arming himself as he traversed Nashville. Unfortunately, it did not prove to be enough to save his life. Carmack happened to meet Colonel Cooper and Cooper’s son, Robin, on a Nashville street on November 8, 1908. Apparently all of the men were armed and Carmack, suspecting he was about to be assassinated, drew his pistol and opened fire, wounding Robin Cooper. Young Cooper proved to be a much more accurate marksman and Carmack was hit three times; once in the shoulder, as well as in the heart and the head. E. W. Carmack fell dead into the gutter of a Nashville street.

Even in 1908 a shootout in the streets of Nashville between political enemies was not a commonplace occurrence and the reaction to Carmack’s death was swift. The shooting

caused a sensation all across Tennessee and the prohibition forces proclaimed the former senator was a martyr to the cause. The Coopers were arrested, indicted and tried for the murder of Edward Ward Carmack. The Coopers were found guilty and each was sentenced to twenty years in prison.

Any satisfaction Carmack’s friends and fellow temperance supporters felt with the conviction and sentencing of the Coopers was but momentary. The Tennessee State Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Colonel Duncan Cooper, but reversed Robin Cooper’s conviction and sent his case back for retrial. The prosecutor in the Robin Cooper case requested that charges against Robin be dismissed, and the trial judge granted the request. If that were not bad enough, Tennesseans were stunned by Governor Malcolm Patterson’s announcement he had pardoned Duncan Cooper.

Patterson’s pardon of Colonel Cooper inflamed E. W. Carmack’s friends and supporters to new heights of fury. Even those friendly to Governor Patterson were astounded by his brazen executive clemency to his friend. The legislature quickly passed prohibition and voted to erect a statue honoring the fallen Carmack, which still stands in front of the State Capitol to this day.

Malcolm Patterson’s pardon of Duncan Cooper further spilt the already divided Democratic Party in Tennessee. Divisions and hatreds had not healed when Patterson sought a third two-year term in 1910. The opposition to Governor Patterson was so intense that he finally withdrew as a candidate despite having been nominated, as it was readily apparent he could not be reelected. A slate of incumbent Justices of the Tennessee State Supreme Court announced they were running as “Independent” Democrats, further dividing the already splintered party. Frantic Democrats begged highly popular U. S. Senator Robert Love Taylor to run in Patterson’s stead. Taylor had already served as Tennessee’s governor three times and had long coveted a seat in the Senate and liked Washington, D. C. and did not want to run. In fact, Taylor had defeated Edward Ward Carmack to go to the Senate and finally the old warrior very reluctantly agreed to run for governor.

Kenneth McKellar was an active participant in all the internal wars of Tennessee’s Democratic Party and would do much, in time, to heal some of its wounds.



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# Second Hand Savvy

One of my favorite things about living in Knoxville is the awesome array of thrift stores and consignment shops.

The youngest of five children, wearing second-hand clothes is "old hat" to me. Pun intended. I have become a bit of a connoisseur of second-hand stores here in Knoxville and I would like to share a little bit about what I have learned.

By Sarah Baker  
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First of all, in this economy, second-hand store shopping is just plain smart. Most of my clothes are second-hand. The only things I won't buy second hand are shoes and undies. If they are really unworn, sometimes I will even compromise on shoes. I also have a couple of pairs of jeans that I bought new, because the right fit in jeans can be tricky. However, thrift or second-hand stores are great places to buy tops and skirts. Because I get so many items second-hand, I think it is okay to splurge on a trip to Victoria's Secret or on a really great new pair of boots or sandals every now and then.

My favorite thrift stores are the Goodwill store and the Karm store in the Bearden area on Kingston Pike. These are where I have had my most successful "pickin'." At any thrift store, one has to have a "picker" mentality. That is the fun part. Saving money may not be worth it for some people, but those of us who love it love the thrill of the hunt. In order to become second-hand savvy, you will have to look at hundreds of pieces you couldn't care less about. Yet, when you scope out a really great item, like the pair of Lucky Brand jeans I paid five bucks for, it can be very satisfying.

Thrift stores are not great places to find really trendy items. On the other hand, if you like classic pieces from brands like Ralph Lauren Polo, L.L. Bean, Talbots, etc., you will hit jackpot after jackpot at thrift stores, because these are the kinds of things that never go out of style. I wear a pretty average size, but if I were smaller I would find even more treasures. Thrift stores have clothes in all sizes, but it seems they have a surplus of great items in smaller, petite sizes. I guess that is because people gain weight and then donate their clothes. If you wear a size six or smaller, you could really rack up some great things at a thrift store. Another reason to be jealous of skinny girls!

Repeat Boutique is a consignment boutique closer to the Downtown West area. Without a doubt, it has the best selection of second-hand clothes for women. One need not be a "picker" to go there, because they only carry good brands. The prices are considerably higher than a thrift store, but much better than what would find on the same stuff at the mall. I recently bought a pair of jeans at Repeat Boutique that were exactly the same as a pair I had bought new. They were Ann Taylor Loft "boy-friend" jeans with holes in them. I paid about \$60 for the new pair at a Loft in Louisville, Kentucky two years ago and I bought a pair at a sidewalk sale at Repeat Boutique for \$4. Wow. I have also had some pretty good luck at Wear Else! in Powell and on Northshore.

I have come to think of thrift store and consignment shopping as a way of life. Paying retail for anything seems vulgar and wasteful to me now. Even if I go to Victoria's Secret or Mast General Store to buy lingerie or Chacos, I am usually clutching a coupon or a gift card. I still appreciate a good deal on worthy new attire, but shopping second-hand always

gets me even more bang for my buck. It also makes me feel like I'm being responsible and green. Is there anything more fashionable than that?

When shopping at Karm or Goodwill, you will probably want to wash garments before you wear them. Most nonprofit thrift stores do not have the resources to clean them before they put them out. Consignment shops, however, insist that those putting things on consignment have them cleaned or they clean them themselves before putting them out. If you have an aversion for wearing second-hand clothes, consider donating your old clothes to Karm or Goodwill instead of hoarding them in your closet. It is a great way to conserve resources and to contribute to a good cause. By the way, if you wear a size 8 or 10, could you shoot me an e-mail before you head down there? Thanks!

## McNabb Center introduces new levels of leadership to support growth

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Mary Katsikas was promoted to Senior Director of Children, Youth and Family Mental Health Programming. Katsikas oversees the Center's largest division of services for children and adolescents served by the Center. Her scope of responsibility includes providing oversight and direction for the Center's primary prevention services, juvenile justice programming, foster care, co-occurring adolescent residential treatment, school-based programming and intensive mental health programming. Katsikas has been with the Center for 11 years and has been an integral component to the growth and expansion of services for the Knoxville area as

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## Director receives national award

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program and administered loss prevention and loss control programs to mitigate entity risk exposures. Eastes scored the highest of four nominees.

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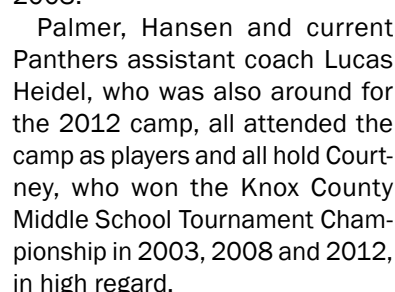
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"Coach Courtney is a great coach and now, he's a great friend. It's awesome to come here and teach these kids," said Palmer, who plays at Roane State Community

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Tres enjoyed success on the hardwood at Powell Middle before heading to Powell High and playing for Mike Ogan. He now plays at Roane State and cherishes

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Those three state crowns were the highlights, but there were



*Christian Academy of Knoxville team members bond and relax after defeating Kingsbury 1-0 to capture the TSSAA Class A-AA state soccer championship May 25 in Murfreesboro.*

The TSSAA also has state championship competition in cheerleading and the CAK squad placed third in the Medium Varsity

The Lady Warriors' track team, with only five competitors at the

CAK's softball and baseball teams also advanced to the state in Class AA, with the Lady Warriors notching one victory in Murfreesboro before being

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# SL All-Star game will be a welcomed sight at Smokies Park

Regulars at Smokies Park are anxious to see some good baseball played this season. Heading into a 10-game homestand and the final two series of the Southern League's first half, the Tennessee Smokies hadn't treated their fans to winning baseball like they had the past three years.

By Steve Williams

Our Smokies have been looking more like their parent Chicago Cubs, if you know what I mean.

Better offensive and defensive play should surface when Smokies Park in Sevierville is the host site for the SL All-Star game on Tuesday, June 19.

Be sure and circle that date on your calendar. As for baseball in this area, it should be the highlight of the summer. And with the mid-season classic rotated among Southern League cities, the Smokies only get to host the game once every 10 years.

"It's a great event to have," said Smokies General Manager Brian Cox last Thursday. "The amazing thing is you're going to see how many of these players are going to be in the big leagues the next couple of years."

In fact, 17 players who played in last season's All-Star game in Jackson, have already made it up to the majors this year, pointed out Adam Kline, the Smokies' media director. That includes Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman and former Mobile Bay Bear Paul Goldschmidt, who I recently picked up off the free agent wire for my fantasy baseball team. Oops, I digress.

Another Kline fact: Since 2008, 17 Smokies have made it to the majors. That includes Steve Clevenger, who was an all-star for the Smokies just last season and is now the Cubs catcher.

Yes, there's really something to that Double-A slogan: "Watch the stars of tomorrow today."

Ticket prices for the All-Star game, which will pit the North Division against the South Division, start at \$15. Gates will open at 3 and fans will have the opportunity to get autographs and see a Home Run Derby prior to the 7:15 contest. An All-Star Fireworks post-game show also comes with the deal.

"It's going to be a full day of events," said Cox, who came to work for the local professional franchise in 1990, when the club was then known as the Knoxville Blue Jays, or K-Jays for short, and played at Bill Meyer Stadium, just off Magnolia Avenue in East Knoxville.

Cox worked his way up in the franchise and became its GM in 2002, two years after the Smokies relocated at its current stadium, just off Exit 407 on I-40 East.

The Smokies franchise was honored



as the Minor League Organization of the Year in 2011 out of 160 to 165 minor league franchises in the nation. "It's a tribute to the franchise and fans in this area," said Cox, who looks at the All-Star event as another opportunity for his franchise to put its best foot forward in front of the entire league.

Not all has gone wrong with the Tennessee Smokies this season. Four of its players – outfielder Jim Adduci, first baseman Justin Bour and relief pitchers Frank Batista and Kevin Rhoderick – were selected to the 25-man North Division team, which will be managed by the Smokies' own Buddy Bailey.

Bour, who was named to the team as a designated hitter, was the SL leader in runs-batted-in with 43 when the Smokies opened their series against the Mississippi Braves Thursday night. Adduci had the league's third best batting average at .320. Batista was perfect in seven save opportunities. Rhoderick had six saves and a 0.79 ERA.

As a team, however, the Smokies have struggled at the plate and in the field in falling to the North Division cellar. Through 60 games, they ranked seventh in the 10-team league in offense and tied for sixth in fielding. Their pitching ranked fourth best.

I've heard more complaints about the team's defense. In fact, I was listening to the Smokies (27-33) on the radio the other night when they committed back-to-back errors in the top of the fourth inning against Mississippi (26-34), allowing a league-leading 41st unearned run in their 61st game. The Smokies did come back to notch an 8-7 win in the series opener against the South Division's cellar dweller.

After an off day this Tuesday, the Smokies will entertain the Birmingham Barons for five games Wednesday (June 13) through Sunday. Another off day next Monday will allow Cox and crew time to make final preparations for the All-Star showcase.

Who knows? With all that all-star talent at Smokies Park, maybe some of it will rub off on our local club. For sure, the Smokies will have a clean record and fresh start when the second half begins Thursday, June 21.

## Champion attitudes taught at Powell camp

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College. "I'd do anything to make these guys better players and I'd do anything for coach Courtney."

Conner, Hansen and Palmer all have busy summer schedules. Hansen works at Knox Rail Salvage. Palmer is employed as a stone mason while Conner will likely return to Nashville to pursue an internship before going back to Tennessee State to pursue a Master's Degree and work as a graduate assistant in the athletic department.

But they all took time this year to work with Powell's young basketball players and Courtney couldn't have been happier.

"I've been blessed to be part of this community for the past 10 years and it's great to be getting back together every

summer with the guys that I've coached," said Courtney, who also guided the Panthers to KCMSBC regular-season championships in 2003, 2010 and 2012. "It's great to see how they've grown as young men."

"To me, that means so much more than winning championships."

The players also cherish the opportunity to reunite.

"I'm glad to see that my former teammates are doing well," Conner said. "I played with Andrew and Lucas. Tres was an incoming freshman when I was a senior."

Hansen, who's also worked two summer camps, said "It's great to catch up with all these guys. We don't get to see much of each other because we're all going to school and we all have jobs."

## The Palmer Panthers of Powell

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the opportunity to teach Trysten and the other campers, who invaded Powell Middle for a four-day camp last week.

"This is just awesome to come in here and work with these kids," said Palmer. "I'd do anything to help these kids become better players and I'd do anything for [Powell Middle School boys basketball] coach [Darin] Courtney."

"He's a great coach and a great friend."

Although Tres, who currently holds a summer job as a stone mason, has moved on to play college basketball, he still takes time to work with his little brother.

"I have special workouts for him at the house," Tres said of Trysten.

Trysten also cherished the chance to learn from Tres at the Powell summer basketball camp.

"This is great because not only do I get to learn basketball from him," Trysten said.

"This is pretty cool because I get to come here and hang out with him."

"I also get to come here and play basketball and I get to come here and play with my friends."

Tres relished the opportunity to work with Powell's young basketball players. But he's also learning some things.

"Teaching the game helps me because it helps me to keep sharpening my skills," he said.

## A super year for CAK athletics

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eliminated.

"Our teams have been blessed this year with great success," said athletics director Steve Denny. "It comes with a lot of hard work and commitment from the athletes and coaches."

"That success goes beyond the scoreboard," added Denny. "They've done a tremendous job in the community with service projects and reaching out to others. I'm very proud of what our program has

done in and out of competition."

More good news came out of CAK last week when wide receiver Josh Smith joined teammate and lineman Brett Kendrick as UT football commitments. Both will be seniors this fall at CAK, along with state record-setting quarterback Charlie High, who also is being recruited by the Vols.

In all, Knox County schools captured 10 TSSAA state championships in team competition this past school year.

In Division I, Bearden and Farragut won dance titles for Large Varsity Jazz and Small Varsity Jazz, respectively. Hardin Valley Academy won the Class AAA girls track meet by a one-point margin and Gibbs brought home another Class AA softball crown.

Webb School captured three titles in Division II in girls basketball, boys soccer and girls tennis.

Several other athletes from Knox County schools earned state championships in individual competition.

## Catching up with former Vols Center Brian Williams

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shoot a lot of jump shots and I handle the ball a lot. Thus far in the playoffs I'm averaging 8 assists per game.

AN: In a recent playoff series, you have gone up against a former UT teammate, Duke Crews. Is it strange to play against a former teammate, especially so far from home?

BW: Yeah. Duke's team is number one in the league and is currently in the deciding game in the finals. Duke was one of the most versatile athletic big men I ever played against or with... and it's cool to

see people you know from the states in other countries.

AN: Are you looking to play in that league again next season? Is the goal to play elsewhere overseas or perhaps in the D-League in the USA?

BW: I worked out for several teams this summer for the draft so I'm still on the radar, and I'll probably will play in the summer league... but the money in Asia is good really good, so wherever I end up, me and my family will be grateful.

AN: What are your best memories from your time at Tennessee? Your four

years were part of one of the best eras in program history.

BW: On the court I'm one of the winningest players in Tennessee history, and of course that Elite 8 run was my favorite... just the atmosphere, I loved it. I'm proud to be a Vol.

AN: I know you have been overseas... have you had much of a connection to Tennessee's new coach Cuonzo Martin?

BW: I still talk with some of the staff, and I worked out with coach when I was on campus last... they said I'm invited whenever when I want to put work in...

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# Arts & Entertainment



OVERTONE. L to R: Emile Welman, Eduard Leonard, Valentino Ponsonby, Riaan Weyers, Ernie Bates, Shane Smith



## Five Questions with Overtone

**1. Your band Overtone has been on “Ellen,” toured with Corinne Bailey Rae, opened twice for One Republic, is currently playing on Satellite radio and now is on a major hit reality TV show involving Dina Eastwood. Coming so far as a band professionally, do you believe the band has “made it” in the industry? If not, what goals do you believe you need to achieve to consider yourself a success?**

ERNIE: As a band we have come a long way. We started in 2006 and we felt at that time that if we get a chance to perform on the main stage at ‘Innibos’ (a South African music festival), we can consider ourselves successful. We never did get a chance to perform on that stage, so we skipped it right into the American entertainment industry. “The success bar” as we call it, gets raised very often. But after all the things we did and achieved as a band I still don’t think we’ve “made it” yet. To consider ourselves successful we would like a second season of Mrs. Eastwood & Company, a number one hit song and an album sale of at least two million.

**2. The band “Overtone” is currently featured on the hit reality TV show “Mrs. Eastwood & Company.” Unlike “American Idol” or the current clutter of other singing shows, your band is in a unique situation. The band is receiving massive exposure via television but does not have to deal with TV**

**show competition drawbacks. How has this approach helped you and did the band ever consider trying out for a strictly music show when they arrived in the United States?**

RIAN: Living in the US gave Overtone a bit more insight to the acappella genre. We were exposed to many more bands that do what we do. As a band we knew there would be tough competition but we had one strong advantage, Being foreign and having Dina Eastwood support us. In a way we are different than other vocal groups out there. We are organically put together and arrange our harmonies in a unique way. We thought of competing on the show “The Sing-off’s” but we had immigration troubles at the time. We were also like a fish out of water, not knowing where to go, what to do in this new music world. With Dina, our first time manager, we had a guide. Dina had a dream of us doing a reality show because of all the crazy experiences we’ve had. The dream came true.

I think doing multiple music talent shows give great experience and exposure, but can sometimes be a hit and miss and discourages the performer. Overtone had to come up with a way to not to get discouraged by any obstacles and to have a prolonged success.

**3. Musical artists expose their thoughts, passion, and lives through their music. As a band that is exposing those same elements through television, does that help**

**or hurt the music writing process?**

RIAN: The writing process has always been difficult. It is not always easy revealing one’s deepest emotions to the rest of the world. The TV show forced us to be real with our emotions and taught us to not be as shy at letting it out there. Another setback is time. Being on a TV show makes for a lot more on the Overtone schedule. We try and work fast as we can but unfortunately to be creative takes time.

**4. Many people might think that by having a famous band manager like Mrs. Dina Eastwood, making a successful band is probably easy because of her Hollywood contacts. Others might think it is harder because with a famous manager comes much higher expectations. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a famous manager?**

ERNIE: Dina is our angel. She is an amazing person with a big and caring heart. She is much more than just a manager to us. She’s like our big sister and mom. Dina wasn’t in the music industry at all before she brought Overtone over to America, so she had to learn it at the same time as we did. It wasn’t easy for her to get us where we are today. It is an advantage to have Dina in our corner because she knows what it takes to be successful in life so she is always pushing us to get better at what we do. Her contacts do help us a lot and the fact that she and her family



ERNIE RIANN

name is backing us as a band will make people listen and look at us for a second time. On the other side, people’s expectations are much higher and we get thrown into the deep water constantly. The pressure is so much higher because we are working with veterans in the TV and music industry so we always have to be on top of our game.

**5. Take us through a typical daily schedule for the band “Overtone.”**

RIAN: A typical day for Overtone is getting up and checking e-mail from Dina. She constantly sends us mail saying “write write write.” Owning your own song is the best thing one can do as an artist. We are a self-sufficient band and we try to do everything ourselves. We write our own music, do our own videos, rehearse, recording, producing, planning, setting up meetings, doing gigs. It’s not easy trying to do everything that a record label would provide, but it does keep you on your toes. We are six guys in the band and try to spread the workload. The day in the life of Overtone is hectic but we do it all to follow a dream.

**“Mrs. Eastwood & Company” airs every Sunday at 10 p.m. on E!**

### Bluegill’s picks

**Monday, June 11**

Steve Kaufman’s Acoustic Kamp, a two-week concert series featuring some of the best picking you’re liable to hear until next year’s Kamp, gets underway at Alumni Gym on the Maryville College campus. This concert presents Steve Kaufman, Mike Clemmer, Harvey Reid, Suzy & Eric Thompson, and Keith Yoder. 7 p.m.

The Royal Hounds will grace the Preservation Pub stage with swinging rockabilly. 10 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 12**

Vance Thompson leads “Jazz on the Square” on Market Square. Free. 7-9 p.m.

Steve Kaufman’s Acoustic Kamp at Alumni Gym on the Maryville College campus presents Rusty Holloway, Steve Spurgin, Rolly Brown, and Joe Collins. 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 13**

The WDVX “Blue Plate Special” live web/radio broadcast (89.9 and 102.9 FM/www.wdvx.com) from the Knoxville Visitor Center in beautiful downtown Knoxville presents Kristin Diable & The City and Pierce Edans & The Dirty Work. Free noon.

Steve Kaufman’s Acoustic Kamp at Alumni Gym on the Maryville College campus presents Mark Cosgrove, Richard Smith, and Brad Leftwich. 7 p.m.

**Friday, June 15**

The Sunset Music Series in the beautiful covered amphitheater of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park presents Townsend premiers those wild and wonderful Early Morning String Dusters. 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 16**

The legendary Raven Records & Rarities store is moving to a new location on Central Street next to the Relix Theater and they are celebrating their Grand Opening with film screenings (“Incoming Freshmen” and “This is Cas Walker”) early in the evening, followed by music by Jack Rentfro & The Apocalypso Quartet, Guy Marshall, The French, and Eric Griffin. In between sets, the legendary scary Russ Harper will screen footage of area bands from the 1980s. And there’s more! Plus it will be a fundraiser for WUTK “The Rock” radio station. 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

# Grants Create Happy Art Campers

By Sylvia Williams

Thirty-three “happy campers” between ages 6 and 14 found art heaven at the Fountain City Art Center last week during the Summer Art Camp Scholarship Classes for Knox County students chosen by their art instructors. These art class scholarships were made possible by grants from the Gene and Florence Monday Foundation, the TN Arts Commission, the Arts and Culture Alliance, and the GFWC Fontinalis

Club. The Fountain City Art Center has been honored to receive the grants, totaling \$2,090, all spent on the students’ art classes and materials. The Center is extremely grateful to these charitable organizations for their generosity and for enabling the Center to administer the summer program for the 8th year.

Instructors for the clay classes were Roger Bench and Penny Berridge. Jan Bolus, assisted by her sister Sharon Henderson, led the

classes in multiple arts and crafts. Much thanks is due to these instructors who go out of their way to make sure the instruction is both creatively stimulating and challenging, and highly entertaining as well!

Be sure to come by and view the extraordinary 7th Annual FCAC Open Show. We’re located at 213 Hotel Avenue next to Fountain City Park in the former library building. The exhibit will be on view, free to the public, until July 17.



Penny Berridge instructs clay handbuilding class at FCAC art camp.



# Notes from CMAfest 2012

Part 1

Last week's CMAfest 2012, formerly known as "Fan Fair," had many new surprises making this year's event possibly the greatest ever. With more artists, more stages, and more interaction, the



By Dan Andrews

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Country Music Association has sent a resounding message to Country music fans that the CMAfest is not looking to rest on its reputation, but strive to make each year bigger and better.

The week started out with the two-day Billboard CMA Country Music Summit. The event included panels on the success of high profile Country music superstars such as Luke Bryan and the duo Thompson Square. The artists discussed what decisions worked in their career and what didn't. For Thompson Square, using other writers' songs pushed them to the next level. One question asked from the audience was about how the band felt about being songwriters yet singing other writers' songs to which Keifer Thompson responded "pride will get you back at Kinkos." (Thompson was employed at Kinkos before finding success as a Country Music artist.) Luke Bryan claimed that touring college towns and getting his CD into as many hands as possible was pivotal in the success of his career. Other panels held topics such as

touring, revenue generating and a variety of industry related topics.

Later that day I caught up with Keifer Thompson at the "Cricket Wireless Muve Music" press event. I had heard Thompson telling a fan earlier in the day that he played trumpet in his church's choir. I asked him how his spirituality affects his writing process as a song writer, and if his faith makes writing Country music harder or easier.

Impressed that I caught that statement, Keifer first asked my name and then responded: "It definitely makes it easier because I know what I won't talk about. You are never going to hear Keifer Thompson talk about going out and getting hammered every night and doin' all that stuff. Spirituality is a huge thing with me and Shawn. I was born into a Southern Baptist family. So was Shawn. God is at the forefront of what we do every, every day. It's a big thing. We don't write Christian music but it (spirituality) definitely guides us in what we will and won't talk about

On Wednesday, the band Edens Edge held their fan party. The connection between the band members and their fans was remarkable. The immense talent of this band indicates that their new album is destined to be a major hit and a must have for anyone who enjoys beautiful and passionate country music. Every fan who attended the party received a picture with the group and autographs. Not only will this band's musical

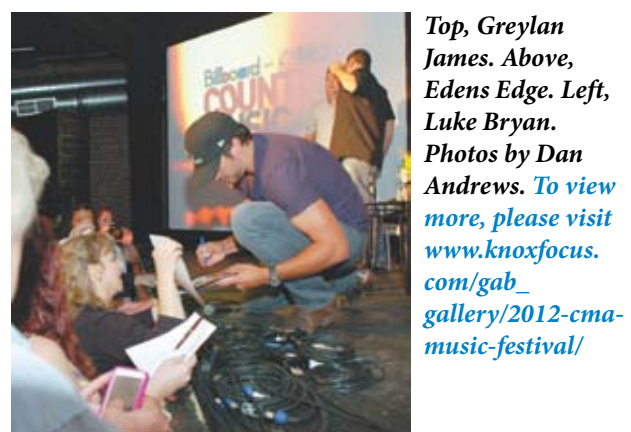


talent propel them to the top of the charts, but the commitment to their fans will create a dedicated group of followers.

On Thursday, I attended a show by Curb recording artist Rachel Holder. Her singing ability and her stage presence are impressive. Her current hit single "In Your Arms" has been steadily climbing the charts. Out of all the new and rising talent at the CMA Festival, Rachel Holder's performance truly set her apart. She shows great promise in becoming the next household name. If her performance is an indicator of Curb Records' standard, then it appears that the company has a very bright future ahead.

Finally, on Thursday night I took in a performance by

15-year-old Knoxville resident Greylan James. He performed at the club 12th and Porter. His performance was so amazing that even the jaded, seen-it-all, Nashville Natives who hear the most talented musicians in the world nightly were blown away. I chose to cover Greylan's performance over seeing the major acts perform at LP Field. It was great to watch the crowd's reaction to this talented young singer outside of his hometown. I have always preferred to cover an artist on the journey to becoming a huge celebrity, rather than waiting until they have made it big. With Greylan James, I believe that I am covering the beginning of what will be a very successful career.



Top, Greylan James. Above, Edens Edge. Left, Luke Bryan. Photos by Dan Andrews. To view more, please visit [www.knoxfocus.com/gab\\_gallery/2012-cma-music-festival/](http://www.knoxfocus.com/gab_gallery/2012-cma-music-festival/)

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## History to be Made at the French Open

By David Klein

One way or another, history will be in the men's draw at this year's French Open at the clay courts of Roland Garros in Paris. Three of the semifinalists will look to make history in different ways.

Top -ranked Novak Djokovich, winner of three straight Grand Slams, is looking to be the first men's player since Rod Laver to win four in a row. His Grand Slam streak started at Wimbledon last year where he beat #2 ranked Rafael Nadal in four sets. Since Wimbledon, he has beaten Nadal at the U.S. Open and at January's Australian Open.

Djokovich is on the cusp of history. He has dramatically improved his fitness and his mental toughness. I think he can win the French Open. He has the stamina, shot-making ability, and luck needed to win.

Speaking of Nadal, he has a chance to make some history of his own. He is going for a record seventh French Open

title. He is 50-1 on the courts of Roland Garros with his only loss coming in 2009 in the fourth round to Robin Soderling. He is one of the best on clay, and if he beats his semifinal opponent David Ferrer, will likely face Djokovich for a fourth straight time in a Grand Slam final. He is trying to shed the reputation he can't beat Djokovich when it counts.

With the prospects of these two players, Roger Federer, the man playing Djokovich in Friday's semifinals, is going for some history of his own. Federer already owns the all-time lead in Grand Slam titles with 16. He hasn't won one since the Australian Open in 2010. He was the last man to beat Djokovich in a slam, ending his 43-victory streak at last year's French Open.

The Djokovich-Federer semifinal will be epic, setting the stage for either player to dethrone the best clay court player of all time, Nadal, who is going for history of his own. Whoever wins, that player will make history at this year's French Open.

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## Consequences

Are we truly free? This is not a rhetorical question, but one that I've been considering lately. Scholars note that freedom can be national, political or individual. An example of national freedom is China, defined as the freedom of that country from foreign control. And yet in that communist state there is no political freedom with the right to vote or to assemble. I often think about the student who stood in front of the tank in Tiananmen Square in 1989. I wonder whatever became of him. Individual freedom is your right to do as you see fit as long as you don't injure someone else. This perspective is embodied in the First Amendment to our

Constitution. We Americans take for granted our unprecedented tri-level of freedoms won at a heavy price of blood and treasure. In ancient Rome Christians served as a scapegoat for the ills of a devolving culture. They were persecuted for, among other things, their refusal to acknowledge that the Emperor was a god. In other words, they said that their individual freedom was not dictated by the state or given by a self proclaimed god-emperor. Obviously, this freedom of conscience was a challenge to the Roman Empire which depended upon slavish allegiance. What a testament to the courage of those Christians and their

nonviolent willingness to die for individual freedom. Eventually their sacrifices won the begrudging admiration of Rome, and within 300 years "Christ had conquered Caesar," and Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. I've discovered that the notion of "free" in southern rural Ohio has a different slant. The locals there have an interesting custom where anyone possessing a treasure they no longer need can place the item along the roadside and liberate the item from their garage. Becky loves a deal and the sign saying free was almost too much for her. I told her we didn't need a brace of discarded toilets nor a "cute" masonry malarlard with a cracked neck. I was also astounded to see Ohioans on motorcycles weaving in and out of heavy traffic without helmets. It seems that helmets are too restricting of their freedom to ride unfettered with the wind in their hair. It made me wonder if we have the right to make choices that injure ourselves or others. What if we eschew seat belts or choose to smoke, overeat, or drink one

liter sodas that Mayor Bloomberg proposes to banish in NY City? Do we have a right to ask others to financially rescue us from the consequences of our poor choices? Can government save us from ourselves? The Alcohol Anonymous twelve step program is well known and is successful if followed. A friend of mine is a recovering alcoholic for the last 25 years. He credits God and says that the transformative Spirit only comes into a person at the point of their surrender to a higher power. My friend believes we too often bail people out of their misery and thereby delay their recovery and prolong their pain. In my opinion he's earned the right to talk the talk because he's walked the walk. In America we do much in the name of compassion. No one would argue that a child should be saved from a predatory adult, or that we should offer people "a hand up." I'm just opposed to "a hand out" that has become emblematic of our welfare state which deprives a person of his dignity and his freedom.

Living on the dole is as destructive a lifestyle as drugs. It is actually modern slavery. We hear a lot these days about personal responsibility. I have to admit that I can get a bit preachy in my medical practice as I try to empower patients to take charge of their problems. It's a delicate balance to speak the truth in love and avoid the appearance of a know-it-all. I believe solutions for the problems in our country go beyond personal responsibility and lie in the realm of consequences. Too often, someone of notoriety "mis-speaks" using scurrilous language or a racial epithet. I'm tired of a talking-head or a star whose passion reveals his or her true self and then has to go on TV with a clarification or an apology and beg forgiveness. I have nothing against Oprah, but I'm glad her show is no longer a place where politicians and Hollywood-types can show up and cry and beg forgiveness. "Man up" and accept the consequences! I grew up with the notion of tough love where responsibility

was the modus vivendi. Freedoms were earned as chores were done, and we lived within our means. Somehow too many American citizens believe they are entitled to the fruits of another's labors, or our compassion will forgive poor choices over and over again. In the Declaration of Independence Thomas Jefferson borrowed from the English philosopher, John Locke, who held that freedom results when one's life, liberty and property are secure. These are now all under assault. The columnist Dennis Prager once said, "When the government gets bigger, the citizen gets smaller." And I might add that freedom dissipates as well.

Doctor Ferguson is accepting new patients. His office is next to Fort Sanders Hospital. For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at [jferguson@summithealthcare.com](mailto:jferguson@summithealthcare.com).

## Get out on local trails with Missy Kane and Legacy Parks

Fitness expert and Covenant Health representative Missy Kane, in partnership with Legacy Parks Foundation and Knoxville Parks and Recreation, has kicked off the "Get Out on Local Trails with Missy Kane" walks. The walks will take place in various city, county, and state parks. All walks in the "Get Out on Local Trails with Missy Kane" series are free and open to the public; however, Kane will be accepting donations to benefit the Friends of Legacy Parks. Through Kane (a melanoma survivor), Thompson Survival Center is also providing sunscreen in case participants forget their own. Hikers should be sure to bring along water and snacks to keep up their energy. In addition to Missy Kane, officials with the City of Knoxville and Knox County Parks and Recreation departments will be joining the walks, depending on

location. Schedules, locations, and contact information for each hike may be viewed on the Outdoor Knoxville web site at <http://www.outdoorknoxville.com/calendar/events> Program Schedule: June 13: New Harvest Park June 20: Victor Ashe Park\*(less difficult) or Frozen Head State Park (more difficult) June 27: Concord Park Trails July 11: Forks of the River with Will Skelton Greenway\* beginning at Ijams Nature Center July 18: Fort Dickerson Greenway & Trails\* at the Augusta Road Entrance July 25: House Mountain Natural Area or Big Ridge State Park \*City of Knoxville trails & greenways For more information, please visit [www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation) or call 865.541.4500 for more information.

## UT Nursing Professor Named Academy of Nursing Education Fellow

Tami Wyatt, associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has been named an Academy of Nursing Education Fellow, part of the National League of Nursing (NLN)'s Academy of Nursing Education. This is the university's first nursing professor to be named a fellow. Wyatt will be inducted Sept. 21 in Anaheim, Calif. The NLN is a membership organization for nursing faculty and leaders in nursing education. Academy of Nursing Education Fellows are selected for their innovative teaching and/or learning strategies; nursing education research; faculty development activities; academic leadership; promotion of public policy that advances nursing education; and/or collaborative educational, practice or community partnerships. Wyatt was one of 32 nursing

educators selected this year. Wyatt helped invent an educational software program recently purchased by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins that integrates electronic health records commonly used in hospitals and medical offices into a simulated learning tool for students. Called Lippincott's DocuCare, the tool is being tested in 200 nursing programs and will be on the market in August. Wyatt's research lies in education technology, childhood chronic illness, simulation and health information technology. Her teaching interests involve education technology, nursing education and simulation. "Dr. Wyatt exemplifies the caliber of the UT College of Nursing faculty," said Dean Victoria Niederhauser. "Her innovative approach to nursing education creates an environment that supports student learning across undergraduates and

graduate nursing programs. She is well-deserving of this national recognition." Wyatt is chair of the Education Technology and Simulation Committee and co-director of the Healthy Information Technology and Simulation Laboratory. She is a 2012 Harvard Macy Health Education Professions Educator Scholar, a 2011 Tennessee Nurses Association Nursing Teaching Excellence recipient and a 2008 recipient of Gamma Chi Chapter's Excellence in Research Award. Wyatt joined UT in 2003 after receiving her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Virginia. This is the NLN's sixth class of fellows. The program was established in 2007. For more information about the NLN Academy of Nursing Education, visit <http://www.nln.org/recognitionprograms/academy/index.htm>.

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# Faith

## A Way of Life

It was a common scene on a summer's evening--neighbors taking time from their farm work to gather and talk to each other. They found time to solve the world's problems, when the problems were much simpler. The sight could be from anywhere across America's farm lands. But, this one was in our own backyard. Then, I could not imagine a day when I would not see it. Now, I sometimes long for another glimpse of those days gone by. It is a way of life that seems to be disappearing.

The setting was a Saturday evening in a rural community. With the work-week winding down, neighbors Tom Sharp and Gene Thompson gathered near the Majors' garden talking to my brother, Wayne, and our father, Ralph. Even though they were involved in some serious talking, the group paused just long enough for me to take a picture of everyday life.

Tom worked for several years in the Maintenance Departments at

Hillcrest Nursing Home and the East Tennessee Chest Disease Hospital before taking a similar job at The University of Tennessee (UT) Hospital. He was also an area farmer for many years. Normally, Tom could be seen in the neighborhood on his green and yellow John Deere tractor which he owned and operated. But, this day found him on Gene Thompson's red Farmall Cub tractor. The Cub was manufactured by International Harvester and was used, instead of horses, to cultivate corn and tobacco crops. On the Farmall Cub, the operator could sit on one side which allowed full view of the ground underneath. The cultivators on the Cub are in under the tractor (as shown in the picture), whereas they are generally behind it. Thompson worked for many years as a driver for the Knoxville Transit Corporation, known as K-Trans. My brother and I attended school with his son and daughter.

Sharp, Thompson, and our father have all passed away. But, one snapshot in time captured forever on film a brief moment of what makes America great and strong. Generations of men, many of them fathers, have passed down their values, morals, and work ethics; they have shared their love of



Wayne Major with Tom's dog, Astus; Ralph Major; Tom Sharp on tractor; and Gene Thompson. Taken by Ralphine Major

God and country; they have provided for their families; and they have been neighbors to one another, helping each other in times of need and forging friendships that could never be broken. What they give to us and leave for us should be celebrated in life with those who are still with us and honored in the memory of those who have passed on.

On a note of neighbors helping neighbors, the NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH presents a "Storm Damage" Benefit Singing, June 23, 2012, from noon until "the Lord says to go home." Featured singers will be New Life Trio, New Echoes, Three on a Journey, and Brad Lee. Money raised will go toward remodeling of the church which sustained heavy damage during the storm of April 2011. Food will be served at the event. The church is located at 1317 Smith School Road, Straw Plains, Tennessee. For specific information, contact Rob Caldwell at 865-225-9011. Donations can be sent to: New Salem Baptist Church, P.O. Box 219, Straw Plains, TN 37871.



### I refuse to be discouraged

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His presence is my comfort, He is my dearest friend. When sickness comes to weaken me, to bring my head down low, I call upon my mighty God, and into His arms I go.

When circumstances threaten to rob me from

my peace, He draws me close unto His breast, where all my strivings cease.

And when my heart melts within me and weakness takes control, He gathers me into His arms. He soothes my heart and soul.

The great "I Am" is with me, my life is in His hand, The "Son of the Lord" is my hope, it's in His strength I stand.

I refuse to be defeated, my eyes are on my God, He has promised to be with me, as through this life I trod.

I'm looking past all my circumstances, to Heaven's throne above. My prayers have reached the heart of God, I'm resting in His love.

I give God thanks in everything, my eyes are on His face, The battle's His, the victory is mine, He'll help me win the race.

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

## Expressing Loving Support

I remember a time when one of my sons came to me with a heavy heart.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Tears filled his eyes as he came to talk to me. He had done something he knew was wrong and the sin in his life left him broken. I gave my young son a hug and reminded him that his mother and I always loved him no matter what he had done or would do. These words of assurance gave my son the courage to be open and honest with me, so I could pray with him and for him. Expressing supportive love to our children is very important. Here are a few tips I gleaned from Gary Smalley in his book "The Key to Your Child's Heart."

First, make an unconditional commitment to them for life. This says, "You are important to me all the time, no matter what happens." This means frequently telling your

children that you love them. It means supporting them through the various stages of their lives. It means giving of both quantity and quality time.

A second way of showing love is to schedule special times with the family. Make this time regular and do something both child and parent enjoy. Some of the things our family enjoys are playing basketball, camping, and music. Being with them communicates that they are loved. If our children see us neglect other things to spend time with them, this communicates how important they are to us.

Third, we need to communicate that we are available for our children. If your child asks if you have a minute and you say, "Not now, I'm busy," they will observe what we are doing and compare their significance with that.

Fourth, children need to be treated tenderly. Harshness and angry outbursts communicate to children that they are worthless or of little value. When we are harsh with our children, we apologize.

Fifth, children need frequent eye contact with us. This communicates our love and it also helps a parent evaluate if our child's spirit is closing. Their eyes communicate much: guilt, joy, truth.

Sixth, listen in an understanding way. Listening is not natural so it takes some training. When we don't listen to others, it communicates that we are not interested in them. A good exercise for listening well is to repeat back to the person what you heard them say, so you make sure you heard them correctly. Listening also involves more than just the ears. Listen with your entire body.

The final way we express our love to our children is through meaningful touching. Studies show that the skin is the largest organ of the body and it needs to be touched. Touching is important and does not need to have sexual overtones. Healthy touching actually aids physical growth of the body as well as communicates to children that they are valuable.

## Church Happenings

### Highland Baptist Church

Highland Baptist Church 6014 Babelay Rd. will host the Bluegrass Gospel band, Jerry Butler & the Blu-J's, in concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 24. A love offering will be taken. More info [www.hbcknox.org](http://www.hbcknox.org) or call Byron 680-8823

### Gospel Singing

The Judy's Barn Singers will be singing in the K-Mart parking lot in Halls on Friday,

June 15, starting at 6:30pm.

The public is invited for this night of Gospel Singing.

### KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

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## Fathers Day with a Mother to Boot

By Joe Rector

Father's Day is coming quick. It's a bittersweet time for me. On the one hand, it's a time to miss my own dad. On the other hand, it's a time to appreciate my mother.

My dad died when my brother Jim and I were 13. It's tough to lose a dad anytime, but boys need a man around during those teen years. Lots of strange stuff is happening physically that doesn't make sense. Emotionally, life is stormy as well. A boy would never think he could like a girl during the years before puberty, and when the change comes, it's good to have someone who's experienced the same thing with whom to talk.

Moms are wonderful. However, they don't always understand the male perspective about relationships. Moms don't appreciate raucous behavior and crude acts that teen boys exhibit. The 'ol "pull my finger" line never fell from the lips of a woman. Few moms can teach a boy how to mow the yard or wash a car or change a tire. Teaching how to kick a football or pass or how not to "throw like a girl" are things from the man territory.

Losing my dad so early put tremendous pressure on Mother. She filled in as best she could to be both parents. We learned the sports stuff just playing with other kids, and before Daddy died, we already knew about the finger pulling and stepping on a frog.

Mother was also "the enforcer." That meant she dealt out punishments, spankings when we were young and groundings when we were teens. I doubt that my dad, as rough as he could sound, would have ever cut me off from any social world for six months for making D's in geometry. She later said her extreme disciplining came because she was scared to death of what "might

happen."

My dad only had a sixth grade education, and that fact made him want more for his sons. We were to do our best in all subjects. He also told us that we might not be able to make good grades in some things, but we knew how to behave and better not ever bring home a bad grade in conduct. (Remember the days when kids got conduct grades and how they suffered at home if those marks were low?)

Mother earned her college degree after Jim and I began school. She served as a role model by taking night classes and spending summers at UT, all the while teaching school on a conditional basis.

I know that both my parents would be proud that their sons each earned a Master's degrees and that their daughters-in-law and all grandchildren earned at least a BS degree. The stressing the importance of education in our home has paid huge dividends in our lives..

It took two individuals to serve as father in our home. Daddy died much too early at the age of 53. Mother filled in admirably in as many areas as possible. Without them both, my life might have taken a different, and not so fortunate, turn.

Now, I'm a dad and a grandfather and have passed the age at which Daddy passed. During my father years, I was much too rough on my kids. I hope they have forgiven me. I also hope my efforts to teach them some things about life and sports and politics and religion are accepted. The good lord has blessed me so that I could be with my kids and watch them grow up into wonderful adults. How proud I am of them, and how thankful I am to have had two people who served as a Dad to me can't be adequately expressed.

### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

## Investment forecasting for antiques and collectibles

There are definite daily trends in buying and selling. The buying trends of today are probably going to only get better for you to sell in the future. Whether you collect as a hobby or as an investment, there are clues in today's economy you can use to your advantage.

Glassware items have taken huge hits with the double whammy of economy and desirability so if you like depression glass, Fenton, pottery, cut glass, china, figurines and such you are in luck as you can purchase them for pennies on the dollar. My opinion is that these type of items will probably not come back economically and should not be confused as an investment but a great time to pick up deals for what makes you happy. Folks love to collect items from their past and this era is just not in the markets anymore.

Furniture can be tricky for the serious investor but the country primitives and handmade items are holding



By Carl Sloan

steady and now is a good time to purchase. The charms of the old step back cupboards, chests, chairs, quality furniture like desks, cabinets, farm tables, pie safes, jelly cupboards, etc. will always be a safe bet in my view.

Coins are really hot right now and it's going to even get better for the top end of this genre. Get thee to a bookstore or go online and learn about this now as it won't be the bullion but rather the dates and mint marks that will be to your advantage and yes you will thank me later yet it does require homework on your part.

Antique and vintage advertising is a good bet but rank with reproductions being highly sought after so the good stuff today will be the great stuff tomorrow. You can look at the mid-range here for a safe bet as supplies will always be diminishing.

I like modern art as well as decorative items of quality nowadays. While some can be cheap now and almost laughable, I see the 1970s and 80s generation wants original pieces over imported reproductions.

Modern artists and designers should be considered very carefully here as returns on today's investments will occur years from now. This includes furniture, jewelry and historical items so look for sleek designs, cartoon, TV characters and toys of the period, musical artists and events such as the Bonaroo as well as important political, military items and memorabilia, advertising from the era as well as thinking outside of the box to determine trends past and present.

Do these things to become the next generation of collectors and historians and carry on the insatiable desire to purchase and own a part of our past.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ftn. City Business & Prof. Assoc.

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, June 13. Mayor Tim Burchett will speak on the Knox County Budget followed by an open Q&A Session. The meeting begins at noon and will take place at Central Baptist Church on North Broadway in Fountain City. RSVP appreciated (but not required) by emailing info@fountaincitybusiness.com.

### Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild meeting

Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild monthly meeting will be June 16, 10 a.m.- noon at 4 Market Square in the Cafe 4 Building. Please enter through Cafe 4 and take the elevator to the 3rd Floor. Meeting is held in the 3rd floor conference room.

### Memoir Writers Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 733 Louisville Road, Alcoa (next to Cracker Barrel).

### Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Meetings

Knoxville Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Night Group will meet at Associated Therapeutics,

Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., 2704 Mineral Springs Ave. For more info call Judy Moyers at 865-922-2281.

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from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
at the O'Connor Senior  
Center. Any employee or  
surviving family members of  
employees are encouraged  
to attend. Donations of  
finger food refreshments  
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information, call J.T. at 523-  
5463

## Upcoming Civil War Talk

On Tuesday, June 12,  
2012, the Knoxville Civil  
War Roundtable will host  
Kent Cave as its speaker.  
Mr. Cave is former Chief  
Ranger of the Fort Pulaski  
National Monument. At 8:00  
p.m. Mr. Cave will speak  
on the topic: "The Siege of  
Fort Pulaski and the End  
of Masonry Fortifications."  
The talk is OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC and will be at the  
Bearden Banquet Hall  
at 5806 Kingston Pike  
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dinner reservations, please  
call (865) 671-9001 by  
11:00 a.m. on Monday,  
June 11. We look forward  
to seeing you there!

## West Knox Republican Club meeting

Knoxville Vice Mayor  
Joe Bailey will speak on  
the Romney Presidential  
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