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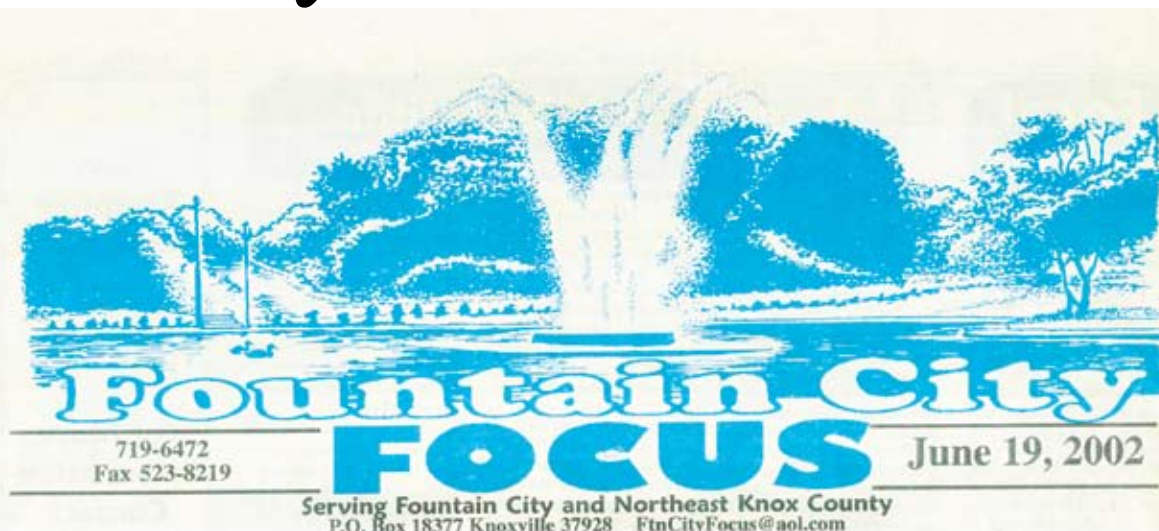
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The Editor and staff at Fountain City Focus are pleased to bring you this first edition. Many hours of research, time, and energy were spent preparing a publication that would cover topics of interest and inform those in Fountain City and surrounding areas. Readers will find a vast range of subject matter being covered by many area writers, local story coverage, as well as a growing service directory to aid readers to quickly locate phone numbers.

Our intent is to report local news openly, honestly, and above all, fairly to Fountain City and the surrounding communities. Our desire is to make every issue both informative and entertaining. The outpouring of support from Fountain City residents and businesses regarding the paper has been a wonderful encouragement as we began preparing for our first edition. This paper was created based on the local input that we received, and a staff that would not stop until

## First Edition!



we had a product that we and the community both could be proud of.

We believe that a free community paper showed focus on the local positive aspects that tends to be lost in the larger daily papers. The

support that we receive through advertisers allows us to make this weekly publication possible. Those that have chosen to advertise with us have brought you our first edition. We encourage our readers to thank them for

the strong support of their communities.

Fountain City Focus enjoys hearing from their readers and is always open to your suggestions. So from everyone at the Fountain City Focus, thank you and enjoy!!!

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## 10 years and growing

By Marianne Dedmon  
Editor

When I moved to Knoxville to start work at *The Focus* as a graphic designer in June 2005, *The Fountain City Focus* had just transitioned from a tabloid sized paper to a broadsheet larger than what you are holding now. The headlines were about the new Food City opening on North Broadway and a recap of the week's Honor Fountain City Day. We had a whole six-page section on Real Estate and a single page for sports. We were only distributed in Northeast Knoxville and Knox County.

In the past year alone, we have launched a terrific new website, expanded our distribution, made headlines with our Focus Poll and have even been to Washington. Not bad for a community weekly in an age where the big dailies are suffering!

So much has changed in my seven years, not to mention the paper's ten, for *The Focus* and none of it would have been possible if not for our loyal readers, faithful advertisers and all of my dedicated staff members, past and present. Thank you all.

I hope you enjoy this special edition and get a kick out of some of our columnists' "throwback" headers.

## The Heart of Fountain City

By Ralphine Major

It is one of the most recognizable landmarks in Knoxville. The serene setting draws visitors of all ages. Summer days find lots of children at the site feeding the ducks. Occasionally, nearby traffic is slowed by a line of ducks crossing the street. I often reach for my camera during the delays to capture our web-footed friends on film. Adults can be seen walking the trail around it or simply sitting on a park bench enjoying the beauty of the water and flowing fountain. Fountain City is

home to the historic Fountain City Lake, commonly called the "duck pond." It is also home to the Knoxville Focus office located just across the street from the heart-shaped lake.

Just last week, a Focus reader asked how I started writing for the paper. In 2006, when I learned that Zane Daniel had passed away, my thoughts found their

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**Look for the 10  
throughout the issue to  
find special columns on  
our anniversary**



## FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

Would you  
support an in-  
depth financial  
audit of the Knox  
County School  
System by an  
accredited,  
outside,  
independent  
auditor?

**SUPPORT 74.89%**  
**OPPOSE 25.11%**

Survey conducted  
June 14, 2012.

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

## FOCUS FACTS

There are 95 counties in the state of Tennessee. Only two, Knox County and Shelby County (Memphis), have a charter form of county government.

## Knox County Law Director Will Be Elected

**A Victory For the  
People**

By Focus Staff

The Charter Review Committee has voted against placing a proposal in referendum on making the Knox County Law Director an appointed position. Historically speaking, the post has been elected by the people.

The Charter Review Committee has been slogging through numerous proposals, although as of yet it has yet to accomplish much. Despite it being on the agenda for discussion, the panel never even discussed the pension plan for Sheriff's deputies, which is hanging over the heads of taxpayers like a noxious cloud. At present, the fund requires more than \$28 million more dollars, as that is the current estimate needed for balancing the books on the pension plan. Knox County voters narrowly voted in

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# Underdog role just sharpens The Focus

My first sports column in *The Focus* was actually written at a time when I was not employed by any newspaper. It was a reaction piece to News Sentinel columnist John Adams' calling for the resignation of Phillip Fulmer as UT head football coach in February of 2008. I wrote Adams was the one who should resign, not Fulmer.



By Steve Williams

I offered the News-Sentinel the first opportunity to publish my column. Editor Jack McElroy welcomed me into his office, read my column and offered to run it in the comments section of GoVolsXtra.com. I felt it was worthy of better display, since I had been a sportswriter in the 1970s and '80s at *The Knoxville Journal* when it was a daily. I would try elsewhere.

I still had contacts in the newspaper business in other parts of the state. I tried the *Tennessean* in Nashville and *The Daily Times* in Maryville but to no avail. The editor at *The Knoxville Journal*, which had become a weekly in the early 1990s, also told me thanks, but no thanks.

Later on, Bud Ford, then the Sports Information Director at UT who I had worked under as a student assistant in the early 1970s, suggested contacting Chip Kain, sports editor at *The Focus*. It wasn't long afterwards that I met with Chip, and he offered me the opportunity to write a weekly column. That was in May, three months after I had written the column supporting Fulmer and disagreeing with Adams.

With Chris Lofton's outstanding collegiate basketball career having come to an end that year, in another one of my earliest columns, I suggested renaming Lake Loudon Boulevard – which passes Gibbs Hall and Thompson-Boling Arena on its way to Neyland Drive – Chris Lofton Way.

This was fun. I was enjoying writing again. No longer would I have to call a radio sports talk show to express my viewpoint. I feel more comfortable behind a keyboard, anyway. It has a delete button. You can start over, if need be.

Once when I thanked Kain for the opportunity he had given me, he sounded like a doctor addressing his patient, with his response: "It's therapeutic."

Kain is no longer with *The Focus*. He changed careers, from sports broadcasting/writing to police work. The last I heard he had left UT police and was working in Clinton, of all places. That's my hometown. Hopefully, I'll see him sometime when I'm out that way. I'll always be indebted to him.

As *The Focus* commemorates its 10-year anniversary, I've been a part of its staff a little over four years, so I guess you could say I entered the game early in the second half.

At least two of my columns, I've been told, have been home runs:

In our Monday issue prior to the football Vols hosting South Carolina on a Halloween night in 2009, I wrote I had a sneaking suspicion Tennessee would be wearing black jerseys in the upcoming game. They did!

Not long after that season ended, the Southern Cal job became open when Pete Carroll left for the NFL. In my column in the January 10, 2010 issue of *The Focus*, I asked: Should UT fans be concerned about Lane Kiffin leaving UT for USC? And my column headline stated: Kiffin won't put USC on hold, if the Trojans call. A day later, Kiffin answered that call!

For a little while, I was looking like a psychic.

Since I joined *The Focus* staff, there's been so much going on in regard to UT athletics, and most of it negative. The controversial and emotional end to Fulmer's career. The coming and going of Kiffin. The rise and fall of Bruce Pearl. The NCAA investigation. Another baseball skipper. The sad but courageous end to Pat Summitt's legendary career. Will Derek Dooley survive?

Writing for *The Focus* continues to be "therapeutic" and editor Marianne Dedmon continues to give me the freedom to write what I want. That's important to any columnist. You have

to be inspired about a topic to write your best.

Realizing our journalistic niche in the community also is important for *The Focus*. We are the David in David and Goliath. We are little Hickory High in the movie *Hoosiers*. We are Stony Brook in this year's College World Series.

Our sports pages are not dominated by UT news. High school coverage is a high priority and we recognize sports below the prep level, too.

Examples:

When Karns hosted the Little League State baseball tournament last summer, *The Focus* had pictures and stories.

In December, *The Focus* devoted two full pages to run photographs of all 18 Knox Metro Youth Football championship teams, from junior grasshoppers to senior midgets. That's never been done before!

Ken Lay and I double staffed the annual Knox County Middle School basketball tournament finals won by the South-Doyle girls and Powell boys in February. For these young competitors, it was just as meaningful, just as exciting as college basketball's March Madness.

My greatest joy from newspaper writing is still someone coming up and telling me they've seen and read my column. That makes my day.

Since January, I've been wearing another hat in my employment with *The Focus*. A delivery route carrier's position became open for the East Knox County area and I accepted the offer. So on Mondays, I and other carriers have the responsibility of delivering *The Focus* throughout the area – another important part of the communication process.

Rose King, *The Focus*' Front Desk person who manages the carriers in addition to many other office duties, makes sure there are doughnuts and coffee to start the day.

I'm glad I found a newspaper home at *The Focus*. It was worth the wait.

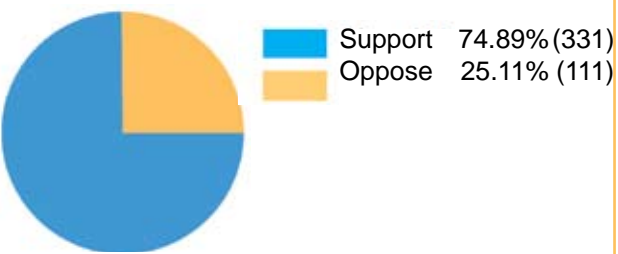


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The Charter Review Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 13.

## FOCUS Weekly Poll

Would you support an in-depth financial audit of the Knox County School System by an accredited, outside, independent auditor?



By Age	Elected	Appointed	Total
18-29	75.00%	25.00%	4
30-49	73.68%	26.32%	57
50-65	77.08%	22.92%	144
65+	73.84%	26.16%	237
Total	74.89% (331)	25.11% (111)	442

By Commission District	Elected	Appointed	Total
1	73.91%	26.09%	23
2	68.89%	31.11%	45
3	72.73%	27.27%	44
4	69.70%	30.30%	66
5	66.07%	33.93%	56
6	76.92%	23.08%	52
7	83.87%	16.13%	62
8	84.31%	15.69%	51
9	76.74%	23.26%	43
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By Gender	Elected	Appointed	Total
Unknown	80.00%	20.00%	20
Female	74.43%	25.57%	219
Male	74.88%	25.12%	203
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## Knox County Law Director Will Be Elected

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referendum to give deputies a defined benefit package, meaning unlike general county employees, whenever the stock market dips and funds are lost, the taxpayers replace the lost money. Governments all across the country are finding defined benefit packages for employees to be too much of a burden in the current economy.

While the Charter Review Committee never got around to discussing the pension plan, it did spend two hours debating the necessity of an

appointed or elected Law Director. An appointed Law Director has long been a cherished goal of The Knoxville News-Sentinel and a few self-proclaimed good government types. Knox County voters overwhelmingly rejected a similar proposal in referendum only a few short years ago.

The *Knoxville Focus*'s last poll showed more than 83% of Knox County voters preferred keeping the Law Director's position elected.

"Frankly, appointed versus elected shouldn't be the paramount issue


facing the Charter Review Committee," Focus publisher Steve Hunley said. "The unfunded portion of the pension plan represents almost 30 cents on the property tax rate. That bill is coming due very soon if something isn't done about it and it's likely only to get bigger.

"That means every dollar spent to keep the pension solvent is another dollar that can't be spent on roads, health, libraries or any other county service. It will eat up any new growth."



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# Letting kids be kids



**By Sarah Baker**  
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At the lake with some friends, I joined in on a rant about something they heard on a local radio talk show. The popular, charismatic talk show host was admonishing parents to make their children read this summer, to do some chores around the house, or to do some volunteer work. According to my friends, all educators, a mother called into the show and was very obstinate about the host's advice. According to the mother, kids should still get to have a summer and we should "just let kids be kids." As teachers, we all got our backs up about this mother's reaction – Perhaps I was the worst, and I didn't even hear the show on the radio.

First of all, I agree with both the talk show host and the mother. That is, I agree completely with the talk show host and I agree with the words of the mother. I'm just not sure the mother and I think of "letting kids be kids" the same way.

To me, letting kids be kids means not letting them watch R rated movies when they're in elementary and middle school. It means not enabling your thirteen year old daughter to dress like she is auditioning for a rap music video. Letting kids be kids means not trying to be the kid yourself. Be a parent, not a friend. If you have a daughter who shops in the junior department, you should no longer be buying your clothes in the junior department. Capiisce? Let your kid be the kid.

I believe strongly that letting kids be kids means time out of doors with absolutely nothing to do but explore or play a game without an official or an agenda anywhere in sight. Nonetheless, letting kids be kids doesn't mean letting them play video games all summer and absolving them of learning any responsibility whatsoever. Nor does it mean buying them whatever they want without them lifting a finger to contribute- even when they're in preschool.

It makes me very sad that there are people out there in the world who think that reading is not a big part of being a kid. If a person does not become a reader when he is still considered a kid, it will be almost impossible for him to become one later on. As long as your child is reading something that is age appropriate, he or she is most certainly still being allowed to be a kid even if it is a parent and not a teacher who is assigning him reading. Parents, after all, are

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# Rosie's WORLD

by Rosie Moore

Around eleven years ago I spent six months in my hometown of Strasburg, Pennsylvania. I rented a room in a beautiful colonial home decorated with flowered wallpaper and many old-fashioned pieces of furniture that you could sink into and dream away. My room had two large windows which were shadowed by four copious trees so there was no need for air-conditioning as the trees provided an endless cool breeze. I would go to sleep at night listening to the clatter of the horses' hoofs pulling the Amish carriages. Clip! Clop! It was a lulling sound that took one off to dreamland.

I became acquainted with the neighbor next door and as we regaled about our childhood experiences I

happened to mention that I lived on a farm down the road where the Strasburg Railroad, a famous tourist attraction now stands. I told her that when I lived there, there was just a huge field of grass from the road down to the farm. One day I was trying to pull two loose teeth when I suddenly looked up and saw an airplane land in the field. It was a small passenger plane but I was so excited, jumping up and down. When I was finished jumping I opened my hand and there were my two teeth. To this day I don't remember yanking them out or if they fell out because of my jumping.

I told my neighbor some other tales and she said, "I know the editor of the Strasburg newspaper. Why don't you write some of these

stories down?" Which I did. She took them to the editor who printed them in the newspaper. My first published article. I was jubilant!

When I returned to Knoxville I happened to notice that a newspaper was being printed in Fountain City. I got one and read through it and noticed that there wasn't anything written for the Seniors. A light bulb went on in my head. I trotted down there and asked to speak to the editor, at the time it was Margaret Dillingham. I told her we need someone to write for the Seniors. I handed her my article from up North so she could read it but, lo and behold! She just

glanced at it and said, "send me an article next week."

That was the start of my lovely affair with the *Fountain City Focus*, now *The Knoxville Focus*. I am so glad that I have the opportunity to share my thoughts with others. I know not everyone will agree with what I say but it's still a great way to pass one's thoughts onto others. I certainly want to thank Steve Hunley for putting up with me the past ten years. There is always a story to tell--every life has a story, and God has been good enough to share them with me.

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



*Conner, Dan and Jackson Archer learn about the Read20 Family Book Club from Amanda Kerns and Tennessee First Lady Crissy Haslam on Wednesday, June 13 at Smokies Park. The First Lady's Read20 Family Book Club is a great summer activity for children and families of all ages. For more information about the Read20 Family Book Club visit [www.tn.gov/read20](http://www.tn.gov/read20), [www.facebook.com/CrissyHaslam](http://www.facebook.com/CrissyHaslam), or follow @Read20TN on Twitter. Photo by Dan Andrews.*

# The Heart of Fountain City

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way onto paper. Zane was a legend in the legal world. When I was in college, I had the opportunity to work for him and John J. Duncan, Jr., who is now our Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. There was no one else in the office to teach me my job, so Zane taught me. Using a handheld cassette recorder, Zane explained how to schedule depositions and prepare legal documents. As I listened, I learned how to do my job. *The Focus* was kind enough to print my tribute to Zane. *Focus* readers may recall "Life is a Gift."

A few months later, I picked up my pen again. It was still called St. Mary's when we took our mother to the emergency room and learned she was having a heart attack. After she was settled in her room in the Coronary Observation Unit, my brother and I stayed the night in the waiting room. In the quietness of those early morning hours, the day's activities played over in my mind. I reached for a brochure on the table beside me, grabbed a pen from my bag, and started writing. I jotted down what I had seen, heard, and felt during our emergency run to the hospital on the hill. I asked permission from mother's Cardiologist, Dr. Kyle McCoy, to have it printed. "The Real McCoy" was the story that started my weekly contributions to the paper. It was published, appropriately enough, during February—the heart month.

Journalism was never among my college courses, and I had no plans to write

another story-- until the publisher asked me. I had no idea what to write next. My brother heard about the book, "Heaven is for Real," a true story about a little boy who "visited" heaven. His suggestion to read the book and write about it resulted in "Glimpses of Glory." That was seventy-nine stories ago! Since that time, I have met faithful *Focus* readers in restaurants, stores, malls, hospitals, and churches. You, the readers, have made my day again and again with comments, cards, calls, letters, and e-mails. You have honored me by telling that you have placed my columns in scrapbooks, mounted them on bulletin boards, mailed them across the country, and even framed your favorite. I am inspired each time someone tells me that my writing is a gift from God. It is a thrill to hear from teachers who are using the history pieces I have written in their classes. You have given me a ton of topics, too. There are enough scheduled through Christmas and beyond. (By the way, do not forget to go by and see the beautiful Christmas decorations at the Fountain City Lake this year. The Fountain City Lions Club does a magnificent job for passers-by to enjoy.)

I could never have imagined all the ways this paper has reunited me with "old" friends, connected me with new friends, introduced me to cowboys from Hollywood, and linked me to a Luttrell legend's family. As I write, I continue to read and enjoy the columns of fellow *Focus* writers, also. Congratulations, *Knoxville Focus*, on this Tenth Anniversary;



**Historic Fountain City Lake by Ralphine Major**

and thanks for giving me the opportunity to share my true, human interest stories. To the *Focus* readers—thank you for your feedback and encouragement. Your kind remarks bring me so much joy.

Here is a final reminder that the NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH will present a "Storm Damage" Benefit Singing, June 23, 2012, from 12 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-

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# FOCUS MORE ON Seymour

## CNB hosts 5k to benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee

Citizens National Bank is hosting our 1st Annual "Racing to Remember 5k Run/Walk" to benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee on Saturday, August 11th at 8:00am.

The race will start and finish at the Sevier County Senior Center located at 1220 West Main Street in Sevierville. Early registration is \$25 before July 27th. Registered participants will receive a t-shirt and goody bag. Awards will be presented and refreshments will be served after the race.

"We are very excited about hosting our first ever Racing to Remember 5K to benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee," says Chrissy Cowan of Citizens National Bank. "Both runners and walkers are welcome

to participate."

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. There are currently 5.4 million Americans living with this disease.

Funds raised from this event will help provide education, training and support services for local Alzheimer's patients and their families.

Additional information about this event and the registration form is available at [cnbtn.com](http://cnbtn.com), [racingtoremember5k.com](http://racingtoremember5k.com), or contact Chrissy Cowan at (865) 453-9031.



By Marjie Richardson

Seymour Farmers Market will be providing home canners an opportunity to have the pressure gauge on their canners checked in conjunction with its weekly market this Saturday, June 23. Our local UT Agricultural Extension agent, Linda Hyder, will be present from 8 to 10 a.m. She will have information on canning and be able to answer questions you may have.

The farmers market is located in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church. We are open Saturday mornings from 7 to 11 a.m., June thru mid-October. Local farmers bring their homegrown produce, plants, honey and flowers. We should also have the first of locally, home grown peaches and blueberries. A local bakery brings bread, cookies and pastries. Come join us for a wonderful morning of fun and fellowship.



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## Letting kids be kids

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the most important teachers in a child's life.

I have been teaching literacy in public school for fifteen years. I like it. I'm good at it. However, I cannot

make up what a child has lost if he or she was not read to when he was small enough to sit on the lap of his mom and dad. In much the same way, I cannot get a kid to respect me who is not made to respect his

parents at home. Letting kids be kids certainly does not mean getting away with talking to their parents as if they are their parents equal. Your children should be treated fairly, humanely, compassionately, but they should not be treated as equals. Your children are not your peers. They are your children.

I am not mentioning the name of the talk show host because: 1. I didn't ask him about writing this, and 2. I'm not that crazy about him. However, I do know that he is right about giving your children structure and responsibilities

during the summer. Why should it only be a teacher's job to do that during the school year? Letting kids be kids also doesn't mean expecting your children's teachers to raise them for you. I also happen to know that this talk show host lives by what he says. When I worked at Ijams Nature Center, one of his children volunteered there and did a fantastic job. In short, let your kids be kids, but don't do it by letting them act like irresponsible adults.


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**Community meeting on Downtown North Brownfield grants**

The City of Knoxville will hold a community kick-off meeting this week for the Downtown North Brownfield grant program. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the Community Room of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Ave. Parking is available in the surface lot on Dameron Avenue.

The Downtown North area is bounded on the west by I-275, I-40 and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, on the south by the railroad tracks adjacent to Dale Avenue and West Magnolia Avenue, on the east by North Broadway, and on the north by Woodland Avenue.

The city was awarded a total of \$400,000 in grant monies from the Environmental Protection Agency: \$200,000 for petroleum site assessments, and \$200,000 for hazardous material site assessments. These funds can be used toward Phase I and Phase II assessments.

Phase I assessments are generally considered to be the first step in the process of environmental due diligence, while Phase II assessments typically focus on sampling soil and water from a specific site.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to work with the EPA, TDEC, property owners and our consultant, S&ME, to perform Phase I and Phase II assessments in the Downtown North area," said Anne Wallace, Project Manager for the City's Office of Redevelopment. "We anticipate that the work will continue to spur economic redevelopment in this core neighborhood of the city."

Anyone with an interest in Downtown North is encouraged to attend.

More information about Downtown North is available at [www.cityofknoxville.org/downtownnorth](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/downtownnorth).

By Sarah Baker

The Medicine Shoppe is now located at the back of Fountain Square above and behind Verizon Wireless. Owner and pharmacist, Kenton Page, operated The Medicine Shoppe from its previous location in Fountain Village for over 35 years. The new location is comfortable and secure and has generous parking.

The Medicine Shoppe specializes in customized medications by compounding. According to their website, "compounding is the practice of preparing customized medications using pure, active ingredients to solve problems or meet specific customer needs." Page explained that they mix medicines that are not pre-made. Therefore, they are able to offer specialized prescriptions that other pharmacies may not be able to provide. They work with many local physicians, but they don't work with pain clinics. "We don't carry the high-powered stuff," said Page. "We do offer more personal service and good parking."

Indeed, that does seem to be what customers like about The Medicine Shoppe. Besides the



PHOTO BY SARAH BAKER

*The Medicine Shoppe owner and pharmacist, Kenton Page, gives Kim Parks her medicine.*

specialized skills and customized medications, The Medicine Shoppe is snug and organized. When you walk in you will find some run of the mill over the counter stuff, some really neat cards and books, and two comfortable

benches where you can sit and wait for your order. Kim Parks has been a customer of The Medicine Shoppe for a couple of years. "I think it's more personal," says Parks. "There's not a huge line, and he knows who I am when I

come in. He's done a wonderful job tracking down what my pets need. I've always had a wonderful experience coming here." If you have any questions about The Medicine Shoppe, call 865-688-7025.

# Notes from CMAfest 2012

Part 2



By Dan Andrews  
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There was lots of music and even more marketing at the recent Country Music Association festival. From marketing TV shows to marketing the next big act in Country music,

many new methods stood out to me at the CMAfest. The first marketing technique that really caught my eye was by a young singer named Lizzie Sider. At the popular Billboard CMA Country Music Summit, I noticed her cd was on every chair in the room. With the thousands of CD giveaways during the festival, this was the most effective technique to get to industry insiders! It was a direct yet subtle



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*Visitors to CMAfest relax and watch "My Big Redneck Vacation" while their cell phones charge.*

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**I Was Just Thinking...**

by Joe Rector

## Feeling at Home

I hadn't been writing that long when the desire to find a paper to publish my columns bit me like a mosquito. It was an itch I just couldn't scratch. Like most writers, I struggled to find some publication that would give me, a novice, the chance to share my work with others, and like others, I shot off hundreds of letters to large papers and magazines, always hoping that a "yes" would come from one of them and that would set me up for fame and fortune.

Supposedly, a writer can't begin to count on

success until he or she has received enough rejection letters to paper an office. I was well on the way to redecorating my writing space when the most wonderful correspondence of my writing career arrived in the mailbox. It was from Charmin Foth, the editor of *The Fountain City Focus*. She'd taken the time to read the collection of columns that I'd submitted, something that doesn't occur with most editors.

Charmin liked my writing style and topics enough that she decided to give me a chance to write one piece for

each week's edition. She quickly explained that it would be a trial run to see if the reading public liked my columns.

For the next several years, I flooded *The Focus*' offices with columns, and each week, just as Charmin had promised, they appeared in the paper. All the while, I worked on other projects and eventually landed pieces in *Chicken Soup* books and other magazines. Why, at one point I even picked up an assignment as a weekly columnist with the Knoxville News Sentinel's Community section.

Still, nothing gave me as much joy as completing a personal column for *The Focus* and sharing it with readers. Over that time, I covered

plenty of personal stories about family and friends; at other times, I voiced my righteous indignation over injustices that I saw. All the while, *The Focus* staff and the readers hung in there with me.

About three years ago, an opportunity to write for another paper for a salary came around, and after much soul-searching and praying, I took it. In doing so, I had to leave *The Focus*, and it came with much sadness and more than a few tears. It felt much like I was packing my bags and leaving home. Still, Steve Hunley told me it was okay and wished me well. He also left the door open should I ever choose to return to *The Focus*.

Life has a way of coming full-circle, and a few months ago, that

paper and I parted ways as "cuts" in budgets led to cuts in staff. That news came in an email from the paper. After the shock and hurt wore off, I penned a letter to *Focus* editor Marianne Dedmon. I told her that I would like the opportunity to return to *The Focus* and once again be in contact with the readers who had been so loyal. She welcomed me to submit pieces but reminded me that the paper has a stable of columnists and that I would have to "take a number" to have my work published intermittently.

I'm glad to be HOME again. Sure, I enjoyed the experiences with other papers, and I learned plenty.

However, being in touch with the place and folks who gave this East Tennessee native his first chance is comforting. I'm blessed with this association with the *Focus* and hope that it continues for years to come. Happy Tenth-Year Anniversary to *The Knoxville Focus*. You have the interests of your readership in mind, and for that, all of us will be loyal for years to come.



# Notes from CMAfest 2012

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approach.

The most popular marketing technique I noticed at festival was "cellphone charging stations." When tens of thousands of fans converge on an area, cellphones drain quicker. This is partly because the cellphone is searching for a signal. Also with more usage of a cell phone for taking pictures, sending text messages and video at the fair many cell phones batteries drain and need recharging. CMT the Country Music Television network had a "recharging station." Fans were able to plug their cellphone into a charging station that had multiple cellphones charging adapters. While charging their cellphone, exhausted fans were able to sit in lawn chairs and relax. CMT had "My Big Redneck Vacation" on television screens located at eye level. This was the perfect use of a captive audience. CMT even brought in the stars of the show to sign pictures and take autographs.

Another popular attraction at music festival was "HGTV The Lodge." The Lodge offered fans a chance to meet major country artists every day of the festival. A typical day, for example, would include

Little Big Town, Easton Corbin and Kellie Pickler. Also going on would be Chris Lambton, host of HGTV's "Going Yard," participating in a meet and greet with fans. Todd Davis, designer, contractor and host of HGTV's Room Crashers designed a blank room in the theme of a popular country song as part of HGTV's The White Room Challenge competition, which took place at The Lodge daily. Casey James, third-place finalist on the ninth season of American Idol, performed live on the GAC Living Country Stage.

HGTV's The Lodge offered fans and viewers a unique interactive experience. Fans were encouraged to participate in multiple activation areas, such as the HGTV Red Carpet photo booth and DIY Network's "Ice My Cup" cooling station, which gave out free flavored shaved ice. "The Hook-Up" was an interactive newsstand in The Lodge. Here fans could even treat themselves to an ice cream sandwich in celebration of the new series, Adam Richman's Best Sandwich in America. The whole process was a very well coordinated event. HGTV's top notch public relations official on site, Paul Byk, was onsite to keep the media

informed and assist in interviews and photos. It is interesting to note that all the action took place in a building that was built to look like a farm for the fair.

Country music group The Lo Cash Cowboys had a novel idea for keeping fans entertained during the parade. They threw soft rubber balls that looked like baseballs with their logo on it to the souvenir-hungry crowd.

The Country Music Hall of Fame converted their meeting room into a rest area for their members. The room had ice cream, soda, water, chairs and a sofa. For an idea that cost so little, this was a brilliant marketing technique because it gave members a personal bond with the museum. With temperatures soaring outside, it was awesome to be able to go inside to relax and cool off.

Finally, BMI, a company a leader in rights management which collects license fees from businesses that use music, held the nightly "BMI Tailgate Party." This event took place just outside the stadium every night before the doors opened. Fans were able to see hot emerging acts such as the "Florida Georgia Line" perform and then easily walk to the stadium entrance



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**CMT cell phone charging station.**

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# A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Four

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill  
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Tennessee Democrats entered the 1910 gubernatorial campaign divided and in disarray. Many Democrats breathed a collective sigh of relief when the veteran old campaigner Robert Love Taylor agreed to seek the governorship. Taylor had been Governor of Tennessee no less than three times, once facing his own brother Alf, a Republican, in a campaign that was known as the “War of the Roses” due to the fact each brother’s supporters wore a different colored rose to signify support for his particular favorite.

Despite Bob Taylor’s best efforts, he lost to a little known Republican from Newport, Ben W. Hooper. Taylor returned to the Senate, but died the following year and many of his friends believed his heart had been broken at having been rejected by the people of Tennessee.

Hooper’s victory was the result of the division inside the Tennessee Democratic Party. A coalition of Independent Democrats and Republicans referred to as “fusionists” had handed regular Democrats a stunning defeat. The power of the fusionist combine was undiminished when the General Assembly met to elect a successor to United States Senator James B. Frazier. Frazier wished to succeed himself, but withdrew when it became clear he could not be elected. The fusionists supported the owner of the Nashville Tennessean and E. W. Carmack’s former employer, Luke Lea, to be Tennessee’s next United States senator.

The fusionist rule continued for another two years, with Hooper being reelected governor in 1912 and the Independent Democrats and Republicans elected Tennessee’s other United States senator in 1913.

Hooper was finally defeated in 1914 when he sought a third consecutive two-year term. Tennessee Democrats were elated by the victory of Tom C. Rye and were eager to seek a full measure of vengeance upon Senator Luke Lea whom many considered to be the architect of the fusionist movement in the Volunteer State.

There was no dearth of candidates to replace Lea with Congressmen Cordell Hull, Thetus W. Sims and Kenneth McKellar all testing the political waters. Former Governor Malcolm Patterson, driven from office after his pardon of a friend who had shot down one of his political opponents, also thought the time was ripe for a comeback. Neither Hull nor Sims decided to run, but McKellar was being encouraged to run by many Democrats in strongly Republican East Tennessee.

Tennessee Democrats were so anxious to be rid of Luke Lea the primary election was held in 1915, with the general election a year away. It was also the only known modern instance where Tennessee had a runoff election, meaning there were two primaries, with the two top vote-getters competing in a second primary to determine the ultimate winner.

K. D. McKellar was the least well known of the three candidates and many discounted McKellar’s ability to win as both he and former Governor Malcolm Patterson were from Shelby County. Evidently both Senator Lea and former Governor Patterson gave McKellar’s candidacy little thought as the two concentrated their political fire upon one another.

As Senator Lea and former Governor Patterson roundly denounced one another, Kenneth McKellar quietly crisscrossed the state, visiting with Democrats everywhere and seeking support. McKellar made the usual speeches, shook countless hands, and made numerous new friends.

Considering that both Luke Lea and Malcolm Patterson were polarizing figures to thousands of Tennesseans, it is not surprising McKellar stressed harmony. With the first primary in November of 1915, McKellar surprised virtually everyone by running first, carrying East Tennessee and his own West Tennessee. Malcolm Patterson actually carried Middle Tennessee, which was Senator Lea’s own home base. McKellar had narrowly edged past former Governor Patterson by about two thousand votes, but Luke Lea had been eliminated in the first primary.

McKellar’s showing in heavily Republican East Tennessee was largely due to the influence of U. S. Senator John Knight Shields, himself an East Tennessean. Senator Shields, despite having originally been elected by the same fusionist coalition as his colleague Luke Lea, had fallen out with Lea and disliked him intensely. The frequently curmudgeonly Shields liked McKellar personally and with a Democratic administration in Washington, much of the Federal patronage in Tennessee was in the hands of John Knight Shields. Many of those appointees went to work for McKellar.

The second primary was held in December of 1915 and once again McKellar won the primary, increasing his margin of victory and carrying East and West Tennessee. McKellar was to remain highly popular in ordinarily Republican East Tennessee throughout his Congressional service. Some have rewritten history to suggest that it was E. H. Crump who solidified the understanding between Tennessee Democrats and East Tennessee Republicans, but the truth is it was Kenneth McKellar who reached any accommodation between GOP leaders and McKellar’s own faction of the Tennessee Democratic Party.

Republicans in Tennessee, having held the governorship from 1911 until 1915, had not

become entirely irrelevant in the Volunteer State by 1916. The Republicans had not only nominated a serious candidate for the United States Senate, but quite likely their strongest candidate in former Governor Ben W. Hooper of Newport. Unfortunately for Hooper, McKellar’s nomination for the Senate had the effect of unifying Tennessee Democrats. Both Luke Lea and Malcolm Patterson were highly controversial figures; both had serious liabilities as candidates and many enemies. Hooper could quite conceivably have emerged from a contest with Lea or Patterson as the winner. Without the support of the Independent Democrats, the fusionist cause was dead and the last fusionist in office, Senator John Knight Shields, was supporting McKellar.

The Democratic ticket in Tennessee was bolstered by the reelection effort of President Woodrow Wilson, who was enormously popular in the Volunteer State. Posters featuring President Wilson, Vice President Thomas Marshall, Governor Tom C. Rye, K. D. McKellar for the Senate, and Colonel B. A. Enloe for the Railroad and Utilities Commission appeared plastered to telephone polls, trees and sat in the windows of store fronts all across Tennessee.

Ben Hooper campaigned hard and made a race of it, winning forty-five percent of the vote. K. D. McKellar had defeated three of the strongest political figures in Tennessee, Luke Lea, Malcolm Patterson and Ben Hooper, to get elected to the United States Senate. It was an impressive statewide debut.

Before the passage of the Twentieth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, a newly elected Member of Congress would be elected in November, but not take the oath of office until the following March. Any session of Congress following the election would be populated with many members who had just been defeated and the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution was frequently referred to as the “Lame Duck” amendment. Sponsored by Nebraska U. S. Senator George W. Norris, the amendment changed the swearing-in date of Members of Congress from March 4 to January 3. The lame duck amendment was some years away from passage and Kenneth McKellar took the oath of office as Tennessee’s junior United States Senator on March 4, 1917.

McKellar immediately began the practices that would keep him in the United States Senate for the next thirty-six years. McKellar, a bachelor, was consumed with being the Senator from Tennessee and worked very hard at it. McKellar’s office was open for business six days out of the week and the senator himself was

usually in his office on Sundays as well. Senator McKellar insisted that every letter from Tennessee be answered the same day it arrived; McKellar replied to all telegrams and telephone calls promptly. McKellar would frequently personally visit the various departments and agencies of the Federal government on behalf of constituents. No request from a Tennessean was too large or too small to merit his personal attention. McKellar soon won a well-deserved reputation for being not only conscientious and persistent, but effective, a reputation that served him well at home and increased his personal popularity with Tennesseans.

As McKellar took his seat in the Senate, America was faced with new challenges, not the least of which was the war raging in Europe. President Wilson, having campaigned for reelection on the slogan, “He Kept Us Out of War”, was facing increasing pressure to involve the United States in World War I. Several incidents inflamed American opinion and the United States inched closer

to open hostilities with the German Empire. Wilson tried to remain aloof and keep America neutral, often-times in the face of severe provocation.

Former President Theodor Roosevelt, still very popular with his fellow citizens, was one of the more strident voices for war. Speaking just before the 1916 election, Roosevelt evoked lurid images following the sinking of the luxury liner Lusitania by a German submarine. The loss of life included American citizens and Roosevelt referred to Shadow Lawn, President Wilson’s vacation home away from the oppressive heat and humidity of Washington, D. C. in his speech.

“There should be shadows

now at Shadow Lawn; the shadows of the men, women, and children who have risen from the ooze of the ocean bottom and from graves in foreign lands; the shadows of the helpless whom Mr. Wilson did not dare protect lest he might have to face danger; the shadows of babies gasping pitifully as they sank under the waves . . . Those are the shadows proper for Shadow Lawn; the shadows of deeds that were never done; the shadows of lofty words that were followed by no action; the shadows of the tortured dead.”

The United States of America would indeed soon enter World War I; it was to change America and most profoundly Woodrow Wilson and his administration.



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# Old Sevier Neighborhood

## By the Old Sevier Community Group

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Tennessee School for the Deaf are about a mile to the east.

Two ridges, three valleys, and the old flood plain of the river comprise our neighborhood. It is bounded on the north by the river, on the east and south by the James White Parkway, and on the west by Chapman Highway and Lippencott.

In spite of our metropolitan location, the neighborhood has the feel of a small town. There are many trees and several wooded areas.

Many residents have lived in the neighborhood all their lives. Many houses are owner-occupied and often have front porches. Homeowners enjoy remodeling their houses and working in their yards. Some residents work in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood has over 50 businesses, eight apartment buildings and complexes, two of which are large and occupied by UT students, four churches, an elementary school, and a fire hall. It is diverse in every way—racially, economically, educationally, and as to age,

but in general we are a low income neighborhood.

In addition to needing to improve our economic outlook, other problems of the neighborhood are: older homes in need of repair, decreasing home ownership, old infrastructure (water, gas, and sewer lines; streets and sidewalks), declining retail business, a school in need of updating and enlarging. However, in recent years the city has done much work on infrastructure.

We have had a neighborhood organization since 1995. It has made many

improvements in the neighborhood. It initiated down-zoning for most of the neighborhood and NC-i designation for one area of the neighborhood. Between 1998 and 2000, we worked with the Center for Neighborhood Development (CND) to develop a neighborhood plan through the TNT (Transforming Neighborhoods Together) Program and published our plan. We have a neighborhood wide clean-up in the Spring in conjunction with Keep Knoxville Beautiful and a Fall clean-up of our two

main streets in cooperation with the County's Adopt-a-Road Program. The organization is open to all residents of the neighborhood and all owners and employees of businesses in the neighborhood. There are no dues. We stay afloat by recycling aluminum. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month February through October at 7 p.m. At present we are meeting at Stanley's Greenhouse. A police representative attends our meetings, so we can stay in close touch to cut down on crime. We are a low crime neighborhood.

Hope you have gotten a good picture of our neighborhood. Come by and see us.

For more information on the Old Sevier Neighborhood, please contact Dianna Conn at dconn@yahoo.com, Whitney Stanley at mwstan@comcast.net or Gary Deitsch at garydeitsch@bellsouth.net.



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**By Alex Norman**

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**By Steve Williams**

Austin-East: Female – Jalan Harper (junior), cheerleader, volleyball and basketball. Male – Jarod Henderson, football and basketball.

Female – Kaylah Cutshaw, basketball. Male – Dalton Keck, basketball and baseball.

Grace Christian Academy:  
Female – Callie Cox, basketball.  
Male – Bryce Kendrick, golf and basketball.

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**By Ken Lay**

The sixth annual Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League will tip off tonight (June 18) at Bearden High School.

Opening games pit Knoxville News-Sentinel against De Royal Industries at 6 p.m.; Campus Lights will tangle with Rice Buick GMC at 7:30 and the evening's final game features R. Larry Smith and Associates against Choice Spine at 9 p.m.

Over the last six summers, the Pilot Rocky Top League has combined competitive basketball and a fan friendly atmosphere.

"This is a chance for fans to see some good basketball and it's a chance for the fans to interact with the players," League Commissioner Andre Whitehead said. "It's gotten better every year."

"I think that we had the best talent, from 1 to 60, last year. Everybody wants to see [former Tennessee Players] Wayne Chism and Dane [Bradshaw]."

Bradshaw, a four-year player with the Volunteers, is always a fan favorite and he'll be joined in the league by other former Vols Ron Slay, Cameron Tatum, **Continue on page 2**

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### By Steve Williams

Jalan Harper is not your typical high school athlete. That's because she is a cheerleader, too.

At Austin-East, she gets to enjoy both – playing and cheering.

Harper did both so well this past school year, she was named the female Athlete of the Year at A-E.

Harper, a junior, was a football cheerleader and played volleyball and basketball, earning

enter is also a concern, containing

*Jalan Harper plays basketball for Austin-East, but that's not all. The A-E female Athlete of the Year in 2011-12 also is a cheerleader, plays volleyball and is a honor student.*

**By Joe Rector**

Bryce Brentz left Knoxville to play baseball for Middle Tennessee State University after graduating from South-Doyle High School in 2007. Since then, he's been a busy and successful in the game.

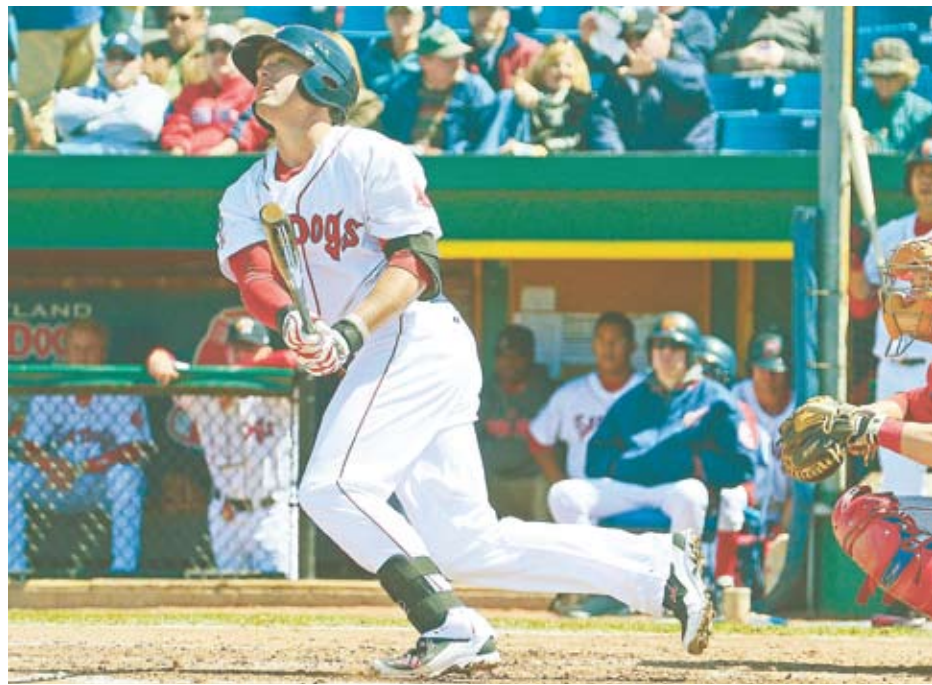
Most recently, Brentz set a record for his team, the AA Portland Sea Dogs. On May 13 and again on May 31, he went 5-for-5, an astonishing feat. To add to such amazing statistics, in the second game Brentz hit three doubles and scored four runs. For his efforts he received Player of the Week and Player of the

Month honors.

His climb through the different levels has been tough. Brentz learned more about baseball at every level, and after he became comfortable, his talents began to shine. He's played in Lowell, Massachusetts, Greenville, South Carolina, and Salem, Virginia before his most recent stop in Portland, Maine.

Bryce isn't homesick. He says that came when he played ball at MTSU. Now, he's adapted to being away from home and suspects that his

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### South-Doyle alumni Bryce Brentz

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# Bryce Brentz continues to succeed

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parents are the ones who might be a bit homesick. It doesn't help them that Brentz's twin brother Jared is now living and working in Nashville.

A first round draft pick in 2010 and the second player chosen by the Boston Red Sox, Brentz works hard to succeed. After a bit of a struggle at Lowell, Bryce set out on a mission to prove his worth, and in his first game with Single-A Greenville, he jacked a grand slam homerun. He works to become a complete hitter who can go to the opposite field or up the middle. Such dedication makes him a valuable prospect.

Minor league ball is a tough life. On more than one occasion, Brentz and his teammates completed a game and then boarded a bus to opponents' parks. The rides can be as long as ten-twelve hours. Players are paid only during the regular season, which means that covering expenses is tough. Sometimes four athletes share a two-bedroom apartment to help make ends meet.

Keeping a routine is also difficult. Bryce says he works hard to maintain the same bed time, the same workout schedule, and even the same time he arrives at the ball field

for games.

"It's that discipline in all phases of life that help players like me to be as successful as possible," he said.

Still, the hardest thing about minor league ball is the downtime. Players have so much of it during the season. They play games away from home and have to find things to do until time to report to the field. At home, their nights might be finished by 9 p.m.

"Sometimes finding something to do is hard for players. At the same time, we all have to be aware that we represent the Sea Dogs and the Boston Red Sox organization, so not making bad decisions is important."

One of the best things about playing ball is the travel. Brentz says he's seen as many as fifty cities while playing ball.

"The opportunities to see places that wouldn't be possible without being in baseball are fantastic. I'm lucky to be in this position."

Through it all, Bryce Brentz has remained humble. He never takes all the glory for his accomplishments but praises his teammates for the things they've taught him and the help they've given in game situations. He also appreciates the fan support and

looks for opportunities to help children. Because of the physical problems his brother Jared endured as a boy, Bryce reaches out to youngsters with disabilities.

He also maintains a close relationship with this twin. According to his dad, Charlie Brentz, Jared is sometimes the only person to whom Bryce will listen. They've maintained a close bond throughout the years.

Knoxvillians don't hear much about Bryce Brentz and his successes in baseball. For example, few know that during his sophomore year he led the all college players with a .465 batting average and 28 homeruns. However, now they can keep up with him by going to the Portland Sea Dogs official website and listening to the game.

Bryce is the first to say that plenty of hometown guys are doing well in the minor league. He points to such players as former South-Doyle teammates Cody Hawn, Matt Kirkland, and Chad Zurcher. All are working to reach the ultimate goal—"the show."

That's Bryce Brentz's goal, and with continued hard work and just a little luck, Knoxville's might just have a hero like Todd Helton to brag about.

# Our Athletes Of The Year

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Halls: Female – Sydney Carden, soccer and basketball. Male – Brady Brown, football.

Hardin Valley Academy: Female – Emily Yarnell, track. Male – Will Templeton, cross country and track.

Karns: Female – Audrey Woodbey, softball. Male – Brant Nickens (junior), football, basketball and track.

L&N STEM Academy: Female – Ayanna Troutman (freshman), cross country and track. Male – Dagon Useton (freshman), cross country and track.

Powell: Female – Meredith Hawkins, golf. Male – Dyshawn Mobley, football.

South-Doyle: Female – Jesse Kiapperick, soccer and track. Male – Jordan Cormack, football and baseball.

Tennessee School for the Deaf: Female – Micheala Evans (freshman), volleyball, basketball and track. Male – Michael Whittemore, football, basketball and track.

West: Female – Addison Leinart, soccer. Male – George Bullock, football.

# Rocky Top League tips off tonight

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Chris Lofton, Tyler Smith and Jon Higgins, who was recently named head coach at Central High School.

The Pilot Rocky Top League will have a new wrinkle this summer as college coaches are now permitted to attend games.

"The coaches can attend this year for the first time and that will make things different," Whitehead said. "The players may play harder and things may be a little more competitive."

The Pilot Rocky Top

League always provides fans to see current Vols and this summer will be no exception. Four current Tennessee stars won't be around in 2012. Trae Golden, Dwight Miller and Jeronne Maymon are all recovering from off-season surgery while Josh Richardson and Jarnell Stokes, last season's freshman star, will be absent due to international obligations.

Lofton also will play a limited schedule due to prior commitments. Whitehead said, however, will have a place in this year's league.

# A-E's Harper

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beside the cheerleaders during the boys game," she said. "I really wanted to be out there in uniform and cheering for our boys. That's what I plan on doing next year."

Harper is a pretty good basketball player herself. She is mainly a shooting guard but also can play point guard, she said. "I've been told I have a well-rounded game. I love defense."

On the Lady Roadrunners' volleyball team, Harper, who said she has a 3.8 GPA, was a setter and left-side hitter.

Harper currently is playing AAU basketball as a member of Tennessee Flight Select.

# Time Capsule Opened 10 years Later!

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all-time Tennessee win total in 2010.

Men's Basketball: 2001-2002 was a tough first year for Vols head coach Buzz Peterson, but he certainly will turn things around. He was Michael Jordan's college roommate for crying out loud! And he is a really nice guy.

Women's Basketball: Pat Summitt will continue to lead the Lady Vols to Final

Fours and national championships, and remain the top ambassador for the University of Tennessee, and women's athletics in general.

Baseball: In 2001 Rod Delmonico coached the Vols to the College World Series for the second time in seven seasons. He'll get them back on a more consistent basis.

Hockey: The new Knoxville Ice Bears will go the way of the Knoxville Speed

and the Knoxville Cherokees before them, and fold by 2005. The Knoxville Civic Coliseum will fill those empty dates with two monster truck shows per week.

Track and Field: UT grads Justin Gatlin will win an Olympic Medal, as will Dee Dee Trotter. An unknown pole vaulter named Tim Mack will win Olympic Gold, and go on to start in a reality television

show about pole vaulting, which will be the surprise hit of 2006.

Softball: The Lady Vols program will continue to struggle, and never get close to national recognition.

The athletic department secures funding for renovations to Neyland Stadium, which will increase capacity to 115,500, and put a retractable roof over Shields-Watkins Field. When asked if this is a sound fiscal move, a UT spokesman says "Of course! This place just prints money... wait, you aren't going to quote me, are you?"

High Schools: Fulton will win state titles in football and in basketball over the next ten years. Farragut and Bearden will battle for the first TSSAA championship in squash. The rest

of the state gives up boys' soccer in the latter part of the decade, after West Knoxville schools become unbeatable at each level.

National Predictions! The Boston Red Sox are now only 6 years away from reaching 100 years without a World Series title. The Chicago Cubs avoided that mark in 2007, with their first title since 1908.

The Dallas Cowboys, no longer satisfied being known as "America's Team," patent the term "Grand Warlord of Mars's Team." They are still waiting for another Super Bowl title to live up to that nickname.

The Sacramento Kings become America's darlings, following that controversial 2002 Western Conference Final loss to the L.A. Lakers. The Kings

win three NBA championships before Commissioner David Stern bans them from league competition because they are ... well... Sacramento.

The Nashville Predators win the 2011 Stanley Cup. Garth Brooks is their head coach.

**International Predictions!**

The U.S. Men's Soccer team advances to the World Cup semifinals in 2006, only to fall in penalty kicks to Lichtenstein.

The National Football League will move franchises from St. Louis, Jacksonville and Minnesota and place them in London, Madrid, and in a shocking move, Jellico, Tennessee...

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# Jackson excited to return to Knoxville

By Ken Lay

Basketball has allowed James “Boo” Jackson to see the world. “It’s truly a blessing to get paid to play basketball,” said Jackson who played professionally in both China and Canada recently. “It’s what I love to do.” He’s brought his game home for the summer to play in the sixth annual Pilot Rocky Top League which opens tonight (June 18) at Bearden High School. He was the first player selected in the league’s draft Wednesday night at Ray’s ESG. Jackson, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, opens his third season in the summer league that showcases some of the best high school, college and professional players. He loves playing in Knoxville, one of his adopted hometowns. “My parents are here

and they moved down due to a job relocation,” said Jackson, who played his college ball at Eastern Michigan University before pursuing a professional career. “It’s a good time. “It’s competitive and it helps me stay in shape and I’m not just sitting at home on the couch.” He’ll play for DeRoyal Industries and coach Pat Walden is happy that Jackson decided to spend part of his summer on the hardwood in East Tennessee. “I’m happy to be reunited with Boo Jackson,” said Walden, who has coached in the league since its inception six years ago. For Jackson, who has spent the majority of his pro career abroad, it’s a chance to play in a gym packed with dedicated basketball fans. “These fans are great,”

he said. “I’ve played in a lot of summer pro leagues and this is one of the few places where you can get 1,000-plus fans in a hot gym.” Jackson, who has spent time in the NBA’s Developmental League, has had several opportunities to latch on to NBA rosters. He’s had tryouts for both the Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Clippers. He’s obviously had desires to play with basketball’s top players, but he also relishes world travel. “I love to see different cultures,” Jackson said. “I’ve bounced around in 12 [NBA training] camps. “I just got back from China and the people there really love sports and they love the game. [Former Houston Rockets center] Yao Ming is a cultural icon over there and now they really

love [New York Knicks point guard] Jeremy Lin. Now, Jeremy Lin is their new Yao Ming.” No one knows where Jackson’s travels will take him next but he’ll spend the next few weeks playing at Bearden High School with the likes of former Tennessee players Dane Bradshaw, Chris Lofton and Ron Slay. Other area players include former Vol and Central High School coach Jon Higgins, Drew Standifer, a 2012 Bearden graduate and former Central Bobcat standout Ben Williamson. Current Volunteers Skyler McBee, Kenny Hall and Jordan McRae will also participate in the Pilot Rocky Top League. Jackson and DeRoyal will open their season today at 6 p.m. against Knoxville News-Sentinel.

# Walden looking forward to season

By Ken Lay

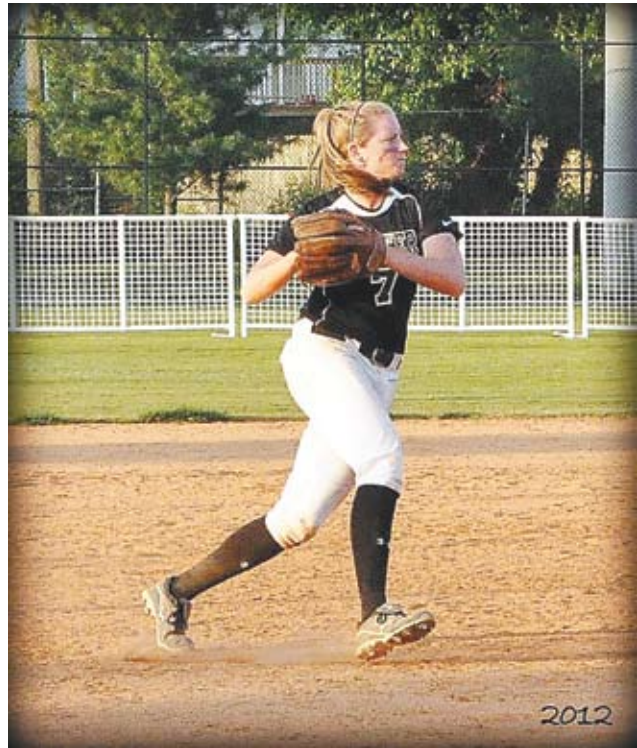
Pat Walden looks forward to his summers coaching in the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League. He’s been a fixture on summer Mondays and Wednesdays at Bearden High School since the league’s inception six years ago. “You have great crowds and great basketball,” said Walden, who along with Rick Campbell, Farragut High graduate Brent Watts and Carter High School athletic director Chad Smith (who formerly coached at South-Doyle) has coached since the league began in 2006. “You have great players. You have a good mix of college players, professional players and high school seniors.” The league has been a hit with fans over the last six summers as games have almost always played before packed houses. “It’s been a great experience,” Walden said. “We have some super athletic kids and this gives kids from smaller schools a chance to play against some kids from bigger colleges. “I love seeing the kids from the smaller schools compete against the kids

from the bigger schools.” Walden’s DeRoyal Industries squad will play the season opener tonight (June 18) against Knoxville News-Sentinel at 6 p.m. Walden had the first pick in Wednesday night’s draft and selected Central Michigan graduate James “Boo” Jackson. Later, Walden selected Lee University’s Rico Cunningham. “I’m happy to be reunited with Boo Jackson and I think I got one of the best players in Rico Cunningham,” he said. “He’s been on ESPN’s Top 10 Plays several times. I’m excited.” High school seniors and recent graduates are also eligible and Walden said that the Pilot Rocky Top League is extremely beneficial to those players. “The league is competitive and physical and this really prepares those kids for college basketball,” he said. Walden’s team includes Lincoln Memorial players Lorenza Ross, Keenan Peterson, C.J. Wakeley, Curtis Webb and Desmond Johnson. East Tennessee State’s Lester Wilson, a Carter High School graduate is also playing for DeRoyal.

# Versatile Oglesby hopes to make softball a career

By Steve Williams

Softball has been a big part of Bethany Oglesby’s life probably for as long as she can remember, and plans are for it to remain that way for years to come. But the fast-pitch game wasn’t her only sport at Carter High School. Not only was the versatile Oglesby an all-stater in softball, she also earned all-state honors as an outside hitter in volleyball and was a post player on the basketball team. Oglesby, a three-sport prep standout in the traditional sense, was selected the Athlete of the Year at Carter. Most Knox County high schools named both female and male Athletes of the Year, but “Carter only named an Athlete of the Year,” according to Carter athletic director Heath Woods. “I first started playing softball when I was 4 years old,” said Oglesby. “Softball has always been my main sport and a dream of mine to play in college.” That dream will soon come true as Oglesby has already signed a softball scholarship with Western Kentucky.



Carter High Athlete of the Year Bethany Oglesby will continue her softball career at Western Kentucky and possibly as a Division 1 college coach in the future.

WKU head coach Tyra Perry recruited the 5-10, 150-pound Carter shortstop as “a middle infielder or utility player,” said Oglesby. “I just want to get on the field. I’ll play wherever the coach wants me.” Oglesby said she is excited and humbled by the opportunity to play on the Division 1 level. Western Kentucky,

which is located in Bowling Green, posted a 33-25-1 record this past season. The Lady Toppers were eliminated by South Alabama 4-2 in the Sun Belt Conference semifinals. Oglesby is leaving Carter with satisfaction, knowing she helped the Hornets build their softball and volleyball programs. “We made it to the

region in softball, and the last time that happened was back in the ‘80s,” said Oglesby. “We really built up the program. And we made it to the region in volleyball, also a big deal.” Being involved in so many sports actually helped Oglesby concentrate on her academics. “To play college ball, you know you have to have the grades,” she said. “I knew I had to do well in school.” The message from her parents, Terry and Tammy Oglesby, was always “keep the grades up.” She said she graduated with a 3.75 GPA. Oglesby, whose dad is an assistant softball coach at Carter, hasn’t even left town yet, but already has a long range plan and goal. And, yes, it includes softball. “I want to be a Division 1 softball coach,” she said. If that opportunity doesn’t come, Oglesby said she would coach on the high school level. She plans to major in education.

The Focus spotlight will shine on more high school Athletes of the Year in its June 25 issue.

## STATE CHAMPIONS

### DIVISION I

#### BOYS

##### CLASS AAA

Will Templeton, Hardin Valley, cross country.  
A’Darius Sanders, West, track, 300-meter hurdles.  
Steven Patrick and Harrison Smith, West, tennis, doubles.

##### CLASS A-AA

Xavier Hawkins, Daryl Rollins, Dominique Williams, Amir Chapman, Fulton, track, 4x200-meter relay.

#### GIRLS

##### CLASS AAA

Megan Ferowich, Ashley Welborn, Natali Knight, Camille Baker, Catholic, track, 4x800-meter relay.  
Ashley Kessler, Hardin Valley Academy, track, pole vault (set state record)  
CLASS A-AA  
Shenora Rogers, Austin-East, track, shot put.

### DIVISION II

#### BOYS

##### CLASS A

Elliot Baerman, Webb School, cross country.  
Brian Carman and Lorenzo Rollhauser, Webb School, tennis, doubles.

#### GIRLS

##### CLASS A

Natalie Ritchie, Webb School, cross country  
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# Arts & Entertainment

## How My Column Came To Be

By Ray Hill

As *The Knoxville Focus* celebrates its Tenth Anniversary, I thought I would relate just how my column came to be; I am frequently asked how my column originated.

Steve Hunley, publisher of *The Knoxville Focus*, and I had long been acquainted and it was not unusual for us to have wide-ranging conversations on many topics. One evening Steve and I were talking and he recalled the legendary story about Tennessee Senator Kenneth D. McKellar visiting President Franklin D. Roosevelt to discuss a hidden appropriation, which became the genesis of Oak Ridge, "the Atomic City." After listening to the version Steve gave, I replied that I knew Senator McKellar's last Administrative Assistant, W. R. Davidson and told him the version that Senator McKellar himself liked to repeat. Upon hearing that particular version, Steve exclaimed his delight and said that he believed readers would enjoy hearing tales from the past and wondered if I would be interested in writing a weekly column.

I gave it some thought and over a few months, my present-day column evolved. Steve gently hinted that the column would be better still were we to publish a picture with each column and how right he was! I have long collected all sorts of memorabilia and Steve has invested considerable financial resources in finding some rare pictures to

go with some of my columns. It has been great fun to share some of that memorabilia with readers and in many instances; readers are seeing photographs that have not been viewed by human eyes for decades.

Over the past two years, there have been many changes in my columns and the number of people who read it has truly surprised me. I enjoy receiving emails, which have come from all over the State of Tennessee and I have made some wonderful new friends because of my column.

Apparently many other publications have followed suit and readers have been the beneficiaries of some really interesting historical columns. Relating our past has been a lot of fun for me personally and I have enjoyed every minute of writing my column.

I want to take this occasion to thank Steve Hunley for having the foresight to recognize such a column could be widely read and popular with a great many people, as well as *Focus* editor Marianne Dedmon for her unparalleled designed skills; most of all, I want to thank you, the readers of *The Knoxville Focus* for your generous comments and sharing your own stories. I am very happy to join in the celebration of *The Knoxville Focus's* Tenth Anniversary and hope the next ten years will be even better!



**Happy Birthday!** *Focus* publisher Steve Hunley visits with close friend, former School Board member and Armina Community resident Mrs. Kathryn Barnhill at her 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, June 10 at the Barnhill home.

## Treaty of the Holston Reenactment Set

The fourth annual Treaty of the Holston Reenactment has been set for Saturday, June 23, at James White's Fort in Knoxville. The event is open to the public and offers free admission. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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will be the focal point of the event, with both sides arguing the finer points of the treaty, as well as the benefits and problems associated with the conflict between the two cultures.

In addition to the treaty signing, other activities include traditional Cherokee storytelling and dancing, self-guided tours of the fort, blacksmithing and open-hearth cooking demonstrations, lectures on the history of the treaty

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## Special

Every week I sit down to write because it gives me joy, and as I do so I thank Mr. Steve Hunley for giving me my voice. That’s writer’s lingo for the outlet of my creative muse. As you know, Mr. Hunley is the owner and publisher of *The Knoxville Focus*. Ten years ago he decided that Knoxville needed an alternative to the News Sentinel and now we celebrate *The Focus*’ ten year anniversary.

Humans are time oriented creatures. We exist in the moment, but consider the past. We celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and look forward to special events that shake us out of the doldrums of our routines. I have a friend who is a Jehovah Witness. He tells me that his denomination

doesn’t acknowledge special days, even Christmas. This devout Christian maintains that every day is a special day. I understand what he’s saying because I wake up each morning thanking the Master that I’m able to re-boot my brain-computer and enjoy another day of life.

But, Heavens to Betsy! I love “special” days and moments. I think humans need a break from our routines and to occasionally “kick it up a notch.” So, as Bill and Ted said in their *Excellent Adventure*, “Party on, Dudes” of *The Focus*, and Happy Tenth Anniversary!

I’ve thought about starting a blog as friends have urged me to do. However,

I’m fiercely loyal to *The Focus* and writing is my avocation not my vocation. I wonder if having to make a living at writing would commercialize my message? I’m a teacher at heart and my missives in the *Focus* afford me an educational outlet and satisfy my artistic muse. And since *The Focus* reaches all fifty states and more than seventy countries, my perspectives reach far beyond Knoxville.

Mr. Hunley affords me complete literary freedom and that is a rare commodity. As I look back over the last four years and two hundred and twenty essays, I wonder why Mr. Hunley chose me to write in his paper. Perhaps he saw something in me that I didn’t know I possessed.

Do humans have an essence beyond our flesh and blood or the obvious? I happen to believe that we are more than the sum of our parts. I read an article some years ago that purported to have calculated the value of the chemicals in a human body. It was chump change. Man is obviously more than his renderings. In fact, all life is wondrous even if we occasionally

take it for granted. A man named Protagoras once said, “Man is the measure of all things.” What hubris (arrogant pride)! With all our knowledge and science we can’t create a single microbe.

“We are fearfully and wonderfully made,” said the Psalmist. And we were gifted with the ability to reason which we believe makes us special and the highest life form on this Earth and perhaps anywhere in the Cosmos. I personally doubt this latter perspective which I explored in my novel “Epiphany.” In the book “The Victory of Reason” by Rodney Stark the professor makes the point that God is rational and can be known by his rational creation, man. Read Isaiah 1: 17-18, if you need a reference point for this assertion.

Before 2001 I had never written anything other than publishing some scientific papers and the obligatory high school/college English assignments. A friend of mine challenged me to begin a devotional journal. The American poet laureate Robert Frost once spoke about choosing a life-path. He said, “I shall be telling

this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence, two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Perhaps my friend saw something in me that led a non-writer to writing, just as Mr. Hunley perceived something in me that brought me to the *Focus*.

The educator David McCullough, Jr. (son of the author and historian David McCullough) recently said at a commencement address that none of us is special – everyone is. This assertion has gone against the grain in the politically correct world of 2012 which I’m afraid coddles children and doesn’t demand effort and excellence. I often wonder what my life would have been like if I had never been challenged or accepted into medical school. Now I wonder what the next phase of my life will be as a writer and educator and speaker of my truth.

Take my word for it, writing honestly is risky. When I first penned my thoughts for public consumption it felt like being naked in a crowd. And yet there was a blessing awaiting me I had never imagined. At my first



book signing I thought a few friends and fellow parishioners might attend, but I was overwhelmed when crowds of friends and patients came to support me. As I signed books I had the image of attending my own funeral and seeing how many lives I had touched.

I’ve come to realize that we are all God’s touch in the world. We are in fact special.

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).

# How soon is too soon to begin the alcohol conversation?

Many kids are introduced to alcohol before they even reach middle school. It is a dilemma many parents struggle with. How do you talk to a child about alcohol when they haven’t even left grade school?

It is never too early to start a conversation about alcohol. As young children start to become aware of alcohol, their natural curiosity may prompt them to ask questions. Parents and teachers should begin talking about alcohol as early as elementary school when adults have the most influence.

“Studies show that kids begin to view alcohol more positively around ages 10 or 11. In Knoxville, 1 in 10 middle school students admit to taking their first sip of alcohol before age 11,” Heather Sutton, media

relations and project director for MDC, said. “Intervening before your child begins drinking can make the greatest impact.”

Alcohol is a topic that is uncomfortable or unfamiliar for many parents. Remember, elementary schoolers are young and must be talked to differently than you would talk to a teenager. The conversation should be developmentally appropriate and become more advanced as they grow. The following tips can help make the discussion flow easily:

### Ages 4 to 7

- **Stay in the Present:** At this age, children have little concept of long-term consequences. Talk about alcohol by

relating it to a scene from a current TV show or commercial. Allow them to ask questions, too.

- **Be Kind:** Keep the conversation positive and non-threatening. Don’t get too specific or overwhelm your child with graphic detail about drugs and alcohol.
- **Eliminate Confusion:** Explain the difference between foods, poisons, medicines, alcohol and drugs. Don’t forget to include prescription drugs in the conversation.
- **Look At The Big Picture:** Make alcohol and drugs a part of a bigger conversation about wellness. Teach them to value themselves and respect their health.

### Ages 8 to 11

- **Discuss The Consequences:** Now is a good time to talk about the long term and short term effects of alcohol and drug abuse, including brain damage, seizures, coma and death. Explain how abuse can be harmful to those around them as well.
- **Practice Refusal Skills:** Help your child learn to say “no” with role play. Emphasize the importance of being in control of your mind and body. Offer suggestions about what to say and praise them for good responses.
- **Encourage Choice:** Allowing your child to make their own decisions, no matter how small, will build their confidence and self-esteem. When

it comes to substances, remind your child that they have the power to rise above negative influences.

- **Talk About Friendship:** Peer pressure plays a major role in substance use. Discuss what makes a good friend. Let them know “friends” that pressure them to drink or use drugs are not friends at all.
- **Provide Alternatives:** Research shows that teens with excessive spare time are 50 percent more likely than other teens to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. Clubs, camps and community service opportunities stimulate the mind, build good character and promote positive behaviors. Plus, an active schedule affords

kids fewer opportunities to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

- **Keep It Lighthearted:** Integrating the conversation into your daily routine (in the car, during homework time or while playing sports) keeps the topic casual. Your child’s attention span will thank you!

No matter your child’s age, it is important for adults to be good role models. Remember, you are a living, breathing example for your child. Parents must “walk the walk” and “talk the talk” when it comes to alcohol abuse.

For answers to your drug and alcohol questions or for other parent tips, visit [underageddrinking.samhsa.gov](http://underageddrinking.samhsa.gov) or [www.metrodrug.org](http://www.metrodrug.org).

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# Focusing on Faith for Ten Years

In January of 2003, my family relocated to Knoxville, TN, from Rochester Hills, MI. It was a big move for us. Our families still live in MI to this day, so being the first ones to move away created much emotion. We love our families as well as the spiritual family I ministered to in MI, but we love God more and He made it clear to us through specific answered prayer that Knoxville and the Arlington Church of Christ was to be our new home.

**By Mark Brackney,**  
Minister of the  
Arlington Church  
of Christ

One of the first Sundays I

preached, one of the members, Terri Trent, told me about this local newspaper called the *Fountain City Focus*. She is a dental assistant for Dr. Earl Keister (who became our family dentist) and enjoyed reading the paper and especially a section titled "Focus on Faith." I have always liked reading the newspaper, and was thankful *The Knoxville Focus* provided a section for an examination of faith and how it intersects with life. Terri encouraged me to help contribute some articles for that segment of the paper.

That next week, I went to the staff

office of the newspaper and had a wonderful visit. I was informed that there was a spot open for a contributing article once a month. At that point in time, several different preachers were writing articles. Over the next couple of years, those other ministers stopped writing for various reasons and I was asked if I would be willing to contribute an article each week. I was happy and thankful to do so.

One of the real joys I have had over the past nine years is to meet fellow residents in the community who read these articles and share

kind comments of the instruction they provide. My prayer is that each article will offer some hope and encouragement as we each travel through life and eventually on to our eternal home.

I want to personally thank the staff at *The Knoxville Focus* for their hard work and encouragement. They provide a quality paper for this community with news that informs and instructs. My prayer is that God might continue to use this paper as He has over the past ten years for more people to be encouraged and enriched and thus ultimately bring glory to our loving God.

Happy anniversary, *Focus*!

## Cross Train is a dream come true

### Youth sports camp combines athletics with gospel message



When Kandy Holt awoke suddenly at 3 a.m. one morning several years ago, she knew she must have been dreaming. But the thoughts in her head just would not go away. The Gibbs community resident told her husband, Tim, that she knew the Lord wanted them to start a youth sports camp.

Now in its third year, Cross Train Sports Camp will likely host more than 300 youth when it begins

the week of June 25th. It is a dream that began not with Holt, but with her father.

"This was a vision my dad had 12 years ago, just before he died," said Holt. "He had done a lot of the groundwork to get it started. It was his passion."

Although Kenneth Stipes did not live to see the full realization of his dream, it has been carried to fruition by his daughter, and is now a vision that has spread throughout an entire community.

At least four Gibbs area churches - Graveston Baptist, Fairview Baptist, Clear Springs Baptist, and Corryton Church - have combined efforts to make Cross Train a reality. Along with numerous church and community volunteers, the camp is also enlisting the services of several high school coaches and athletes who will instruct campers in

the skills of six different sports. Baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, football, and cheerleading will all be incorporated into the camp.

This year Cross Train will move most of its activities from the Gibbs Ruritan Park to Gibbs High School. Holt said it is a move that has been logistically necessitated by the camp's rapid growth.

"The high school has more parking, more facilities, and is just a little more secure environment," she said. "Last year we had 300 campers and 200 volunteers and parking became a nightmare."

Holt said campers will still be transported by bus to the Ruritan Park for baseball and softball instruction.

But aside from athletics, what sets Cross Train apart is that it is much more than just a sports camp. The vision begun by Stipes and carried on by his daughter has been one of spreading the gospel message of

Jesus Christ. Each night the camp will host inspirational speakers who will address the campers. This year's camp theme is "Undefeated" - a concept taken from Romans 8:31 - and the list of speakers certainly fits the bill. University of Tennessee fullback Ben Bartholomew, as well as former Vol Inky Johnson are among this year's camp speakers. Also appearing will be Sue Buckley, who founded Club VIBES, an organization that encourages visually impaired individuals to be active through sports and other activities.

The inspirational theme and the sharing of the gospel in a sports camp environment are the true hallmarks of what Cross Train is about, Holt said.

"Not every kid will walk through those double doors at the back of a church or sit on a pew," she said. "We want to take the message of Christ to them."

This year Cross Train is incorporating a new

ministry, as campers are being asked to bring their loose coin change to raise money for Special Olympics. Holt said she does not know at this point whether the camp will surpass last year's number of 300 participants, but she really isn't concerned. She has a peace in the fact that her father's vision has become much more than just a dream.

"Whatever God does we're happy with," she said. "I realized early on that God was doing something

through this that is bigger than dad, bigger than me."

Cross Train Sports Camp will take place the week of June 25-29 at Gibbs High School and will be held from 6:30 until 9:00 pm each night. The camp is open to kids from kindergarten through 8th grade. Cost is just \$20 per camper. For more information go to [www.crosstrainsports-camp.com](http://www.crosstrainsports-camp.com).

## Church Happenings

### Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, Heiskell, on Raccoon Valley Road is having their 70th Anniversary Homecoming on June 24th at 12 noon after the morning services. We invite all our members, Old and New and anyone who is looking for a church to call home to come out for our anniversary. For further information you can contact me at owl10@juno.com Hope to see you all there.

### Clapps Chapel United Methodist

The Clapps Chapel United Methodist Mens Club will be having a Catfish Fry on Saturday, June 23 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot and fellowship hall of the church. Tickets are available at the door and prices are \$7.00 for adults and children under 10 eat free. The menu

consists of catfish, hushpuppies, french fries, cole slaw, white beans, dessert, and lemonade or ice tea to drink. There will be hot dogs for the kids. Proceeds will go to the churches various outreach programs.

### 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.

### Glenwood Baptist Church

The 2nd Annual Family Festival of Faith & Fun will be held on June 30 from 2-6 p.m. Door prizes, inflatables and games from 3:17 Adventures including SlipNSlide, Jumper, Obstacle Course,

and more. Also, face painting, clowns, balloons and carnival foods such as hot dogs, corn dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and soft drinks.

Christian music provided by radio station 106.7 The Light.

Special Guests: Knox County Sheriff's Office - K-9 Officers, Life Skills Officers and Animal Control Officers.

Glenwood Baptist Church is located at 7212 Central Ave. Pike, Powell, TN 37849. For Info: (865) 938-2611 or [www.glenwoodpowell.com](http://www.glenwoodpowell.com).

Cost: Free for everyone

### KFL Outreach

#### Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet June 19, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Neil Silverberg will give his testimony. Neil Silverberg

is the Senior Pastor of Trinity Chapel, which is located at 5830 Haynes-Sterchi Road, Knoxville, TN 37912.

Bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com>.

### North Acres Baptist Church

Dr. Emir Caner, author, speaker, and president of Truett-McConnell College will be preaching at North Acres Baptist Church at 5803 Millertown Pike, Knoxville TN on Sunday, June 24 in the morning service. Come hear this former Sunni Muslim and son of Islamic leader speak of the power of the gospel. For information, call church at 522-7590 or visit [www.northacres.net](http://www.northacres.net).

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Telling Tales

By Becky Andrews and Angel Kane

# Buying in bulk

Somewhere in history, who knows when, it became clear that ‘Enough-would NEVER be- Enough.’ It probably started between Cleopatra and Marc Antony’s demise at the Battle of Actium and they knew death was not far off that Cleo turned to Mark and said, “Why didn’t you bring more than two spears? Now we are staring death in the face”

“Maybe if you would have packed more”

‘Maybe if you would have bought more”

“If you can tell me where I can buy more than two at a time, I’ll do it. Until then, shut up and fight!”

And so the Big, Bulk, Budget Club was born. Where the diapers come in packs of 800, canned corn is purchased by the gross, and you can get your tires rotated while picking out an engagement ring.

It’s ironic how I will fight to avoid the grocery but instead opt to go to budget clubs just to take advantage of deep discounts and savings yet leave with a palate of non-perishables and a receipt for \$600.00!

As much as I hate to spend a Saturday afternoon wandering the isles of these stores, once I’m there, it’s heavenly. Where else can you find the latest New York Times bestseller (at a 30% discount), sample chocolate covered puff pastry and buy new living room furniture under the same roof?

My children love it too. Especially my oldest who insists we wait until lunchtime to go. “Because that’s when all the food samples are out. It’s a free lunch, Mom!”

He’s starting to act more and more like his father.

My husband likes to brag about how long our essentials last...to anyone that will listen. Last weekend we were grilling out. Jay walked inside followed by his shadow; our youngest. He pulled out the aluminum foil and very proudly said, “You were still in kindergarten when we bought this. Isn’t that cool?”

For the first time I saw our baby look at his father like he normally looks at me when I’m helping him finish his homework. It’s the disappointed look that says, “There had to be a mix-up at the hospital. There’s no way I’m biologically part of this family.”

I like a good deal as much as anyone. In fact, it’s liberating to only buy dryer sheets once a year. I just don’t feel the need to tell everyone. I even thought about letting our membership expire and start buying my hot dogs in 8 packs again instead of 32.

One afternoon, my oldest and a friend were playing. They stopped long enough to get a snack. They grabbed something out of the pantry and headed back upstairs. As they tore the wrapper from a fruit roll-up (and left that wrapper on the steps), his friend shouted, “DUDE! That is a HUGE box of Fruit Roll-ups!”

“I know! We bought that before Christmas and still have a ton left. You should see our closet full of toilet paper.”

I guess I can keep the membership going for now.

Comments? Email Becky. becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com.

## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

# Why the young should attend auctions

One thing that truly astonishes me is the lack of the younger generation’s attendance at auctions these days. The deals I see make me scratch my head and wonder why in the world would anyone want to miss out on such tremendous buys! I want to see more 20 to 30 year olds coming to pick up these deals instead of spending fortunes on modern furniture that’s mostly made overseas from pressed board and doesn’t last even 12 months many times.

If antiques aren’t your thing, fine; but if modern is your style then you are going to love an auction. Sleek modern styles from the 1950s-60s are yours for the taking these days. Sleek, long, solid wood credenzas or low double dressers are perfect for flat screen TVs and you can have your pick usually for under \$75. It will look better than a modern one that costs up to \$600 at a department store and is not even made of wood. You just can’t go wrong here and will always get your money back or perhaps make a profit in the future if you wish to trade up or move. Retro tables, chairs, cabinets, coffee tables and accessories also go so cheaply you will be amazed.

I’m assuming the younger generation thinks estate auctions are not for them because they do not understand how to place a bid or how the system work. There is nothing to be afraid of as auctioneers are licensed professionals who liquidate items to the highest bidder in most cases. It’s simple, go to the preview the day before or get to the sale at least an hour prior and look for what you may wish to bid on. Examine

for condition then decide how much you are willing to spend. When the item comes up and bidding starts, simply bid what you want or counter bid up to your budget or planned spending. You can pay with check, cash or credit card. Most auctions charge 10% over the hammer price to help with expenses and, yes, you have sales tax too. The clerk will have your total at the window when you are ready to leave and you can then take your items or come back within a few days to pick up furniture if you need to.

Another way to bid and what I do because of a busy schedule is go to the preview and simply leave your bids with the auctioneer and they will bid for you. They will call you to let you know if you won any of your items chosen and then come in and pay and take home. Be sure that you are serious, as not following through with your commitment can get you black-listed in more than one place of business.

If nothing else, it is fun and exciting to watch an auction even if you don’t buy anything!

OK here is my challenge to you who have not experienced an auction and are in the 18 to 40 year old range: I have the perfect auction for you to attend. On Friday, July



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6 at 6 p.m., Fountain City Auction will be selling a large consignment of items from Michigan. If you are not a registered bidder just bring a copy of this article with you for a free hot dog and drink from the concession stand. Make it a date to be there and look online at Auctionzip.com, Fountain City Auction for the upcoming sales and pictures of items to be offered.

And yes, there is a super nice 1960s Mahogany credenza with drawers perfect for any flat screen TV or any other need you may have. Auction estimate \$50 - \$100.00. Credit cards accepted as well as cash or good check. See you at the sale. Fountain City Auction 4109 Central Ave Pk, Knoxville, 37912.

# It’s time!

If you have been waiting for the right time to buy your first home, then wait no longer! The inventory is high and home loan rates remain near historic lows. Here are a few tips that will make your home buying experience a little less daunting and a lot more successful.

Get pre-approved

Prices may be low, but good properties go fast. Pre-approval shows buyers you’re serious, and gives you leverage over your competition.

Know what you can afford

Qualifying for a loan and being able to afford the payments are 2 separate issues. The predatory loans of the early 2000s may be a thing of the past, but you can still get in over your head. Remember to factor home repairs, family savings, and any other planned expenses into your budget-then stick to it. Just because you “qualify” for a certain amount doesn’t mean you can “afford” that amount. You must consider your own lifestyle and what amount would be comfortable for you.

Stay objective

There will be plenty of

time for emotion once you’ve moved in. During your house hunt, stick to facts and figures. Write down everything that appeals to you, and every concern you have. Take photographs. Keep statistics and notes on every home you view. Bring up your concerns with your agent. When it’s time to decide, you’ll have a portfolio of real data to help you make this very important decision.

Let a professional handle the deal

You’re not a professional negotiator, but your Realtor is. If you’ve taken care of the items on this list,

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**Coffee with the Councilman**

Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis will be holding his quarterly “Coffee with the Councilman” Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Round Up restaurant

located at 3643 Sevierville Pike. He encourages you to come to discussion City issues.

**Halls Business and Professional Association meeting**

This month’s meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, June 19, at Beaver Brook Country Club. The speaker will be Janet Drumheller of Knox County Public Libraries. She will give us an update on the new and wonderful services offered by our library system, some of which might surprise you! Lunch is \$10.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Executive Board Meeting, June 27, 2012.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, June 27, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Consideration of Bylaw Changes, TIP Updates, Air Quality Conformity, Update on PlanET; and other business.

If you would like a complete agenda, please contact MPC at 215-2500 or see the TPO web site at [www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org). If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact MPC at 215-2500 and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

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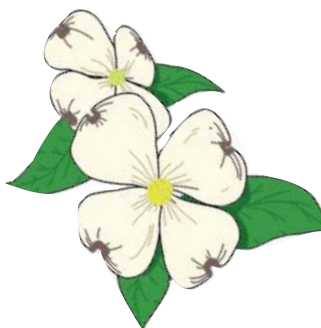
  
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#### Halls Republican Club Meeting

Halls Republican Meeting will be Monday, June 18, 2012 at QQ Pizza on Maynardville Hwy. Dinner begins at 6:15, meeting begins at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be State Senator Randy McNally (Republican, District 5).

#### Healthy Events for Body, Mind and Spirit

Eusebia Presbyterian Church, 1701 Burnett Station Road in Seymour, is proud to offer Healthy Events for Body, Mind and Spirit!

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Thursday ~ June 28, 2012 6:30 p.m. FREE Presentation by Heather Pierce, registered dietician for Blount Memorial Hospital, on "EATING WELL for OPTIMUM Health". This presentation will outline simple strategies that can make eating healthier a more attainable goal. Healthy snacks and recipes will be provided. [www.eusebiachurch.org](http://www.eusebiachurch.org).

#### Judy's Barn Singing

Judy's Barn Singing every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on Grissom Road in Union County, 245-0820.

#### Standard Knitting Mills reunion

"Family Members" of Standard Knitting Mills announce their Annual Reunion is planned for Saturday, August 4, 2012

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 are welcome. For further information, call J.T. at 523-5463



### Apple Pancakes with Syrup

2 cups pancake mix (or baking mix)  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
3/4 cup apples, diced  
1 egg  
1 cup milk  
1/3 cup apple sauce  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp cornstarch  
1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
2 cups apple juice  
2 TBSP lemon juice  
1/4 cup butter

In large mixing bowl, mix first six ingredients together until all lumps are dissolved. Place in refrigerator. Mix next 6 ingredients together in a saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Boil for 1 minute then remove from heat. Cook pancakes in a lightly greased heavy skillet until bubbly and starting to brown around the edges. Turn and cook until brown. Serve hot with syrup.

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