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KNOX COUNTY HONORS STATE CHAMPS



The Gibbs High School softball team was recently honored by the Knox County Commission for winning their first state title since 2000. The Lady Eagles had a 2-0 win over Goodpasture in the TSSAA Class AA finals. Pictured with Commissioner Dave Wright, members of the team who attended the ceremony included (back row, left to right): Assistant Coach Kristen DeLapp, Anna Mershon, Amber Swaney, Ashley Swaney, Holly Moyers, Kaitlin Beeler, Karri Byrd, Savannah Foster, Assistant Coach Alex Walker, (front row) Head Coach Carol Mitchell, Lexie Needham, Faith Lowry, Cheyenne Boles, Kaitlyn Trent and Samantha Smith. Team members who were unable to attend the ceremony are: Rachel Farmer, Megan Farmer, Logan Baker, Kaetlyn Walker, Danni Jefferson.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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**FAVORABLE
80.89%**

**UNFAVORABLE
19.11%**

Survey conducted
July 24, 2012.

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

Mills joins Board of Free Medical Clinic

Former Knox County Commissioner and Rural/Metro Government Affairs Director John Mills has been appointed to the board of directors of the Free Medical Clinic of America.

The Free Medical Clinic, founded by Dr. Tom Keun Kim, provides free medical services to the uninsured working poor.

"Dr. Kim and I have been friends for many years," said Mills. "I met him over 40 years ago when he was in private practice and caring for my mother. When he came up with his idea of helping the poor by providing free medical services, I helped him put together a plan and his first board of directors.

"My wife, Charlotte, worked in the health care industry with Dr. Kim at the University of Tennessee Medical Center," said Mills. "It was our joint interest in health care that led us to work for Rural/Metro. It allowed us to get involved in caring for people. We have always admired the excellent patient care and involvement in the community that is the focus at Rural/Metro."

Dr. Kim officially opened the Free Medical Clinic of America on Chapman Highway in August of 2005, and has served 10,620 patients to date at that site. He has also founded

4-H, UnitedHealthcare launch Eat4-Health



UnitedHealthcare provided \$300,000 to 10 state 4-H programs last Thursday. From left to right: Dr. Health E. Hound; Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett; Brennan Lytle, State 4-H Chief, Warren County; Scott Bowers, President & CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee; Joseph Minga, State 4-H All Star Deputy Chief, Sullivan County; Hallie Perry, State 4-H All Star Scribe, DeKalb County; Daniel Allen, State 4-H Council President, Anderson County; Delvakio Brown, Senior Representative, Hardeman County; and Polly Gregory, Vice President, Robertson County.

The UnitedHealthcare 4-H Eat4-Health campaign was officially launched Thursday with more than 400 4-H youth and community leaders at the Tennessee State 4-H Round-Up and All Star Conference at UT's Hollingsworth Auditorium. They joined UnitedHealthcare's mascot Dr. Health E. Hound in a discussion about the importance of healthy living and danced the "Macarena" to symbolize the beginning of the partnership.

The Eat4-Health program is to take place in

10 states, activating thousands of 4-H youth ambassadors to make healthy choices for themselves and encourage friends, families and people in their communities to make positive changes through training, creative programs and educational events.

"4-H is pleased to expand its partnership with UnitedHealthcare and launch this new campaign to empower youth to help improve the health of their peers, their families and their communities," said Donald T. Floyd Jr., president and CEO

of National 4-H Council. "4-H youth ambassadors are prepared to work with UnitedHealthcare to make a positive impact on the health and wellness of our nation's future leaders."

Online and printed educational materials will enable participants to learn and commit to making healthier choices. To encourage participation, the campaign will provide simple tips for healthy choices when food shopping, preparing home meals and school lunches, when out with friends or at special occasions.

Chinese students tour Knoxville

By Dan Andrews

On Monday, July 23, the City County Building had some very special guests. The high school students from Sichuan Province of China toured the building as part of a summer US-China cultural exchange program. They visited with the Mayor, members of the Sheriff's Department, County Commission and Chancery Court Judges Weaver and Fansler (pictured). The Knoxville trip was organized by local residents Michael and Kelli Stewart, who are members of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Other members of Cedar Springs served as host families.

After leaving Knoxville the students will

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Knox County Voters Give Burchett High Marks

By Focus Staff

Knox County voters elected Mayor Tim Burchett with 85% of the vote and looking at the results from this week's *Focus* poll, the Mayor remains highly popular. Mayor Burchett was opposed to the tax increase demanded by School Superintendent James McIntyre and apparently Burchett's position is very popular with the public.

Voters were asked, "Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett is almost halfway through his first term. How would you rate his performance as mayor so far?" Voters had the option of selecting favorable or unfavorable. More than 80% of respondents have a favorable opinion of Tim Burchett's performance as mayor thus far.

Every age demographic gave Burchett high marks; slightly more women than

men gave Burchett higher approval as mayor. The district with the lowest favorable opinion of Burchett was the First District, which is wholly inside the City of Knoxville. The First District is a reliably Democratic district and largely African-American. Still more than 66% of voters in the First District have favorable opinion of Mayor Burchett.

According to the survey, Burchett is most popular

in the Eighth District with 87% of voters registering a favorable opinion of the Mayor. Burchett's favorable rating remains high with voters residing inside the City of Knoxville, but it is even higher with voters outside the City limits. Burchett scores big margins in the vote-rich districts outside the City of Knoxville.

Happy Birthday Ruth!

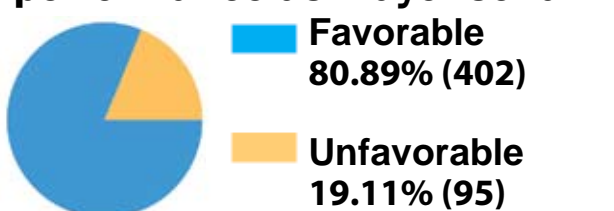
Ruth Barkley celebrated her 100th birthday on July 23, 2012. She was born in rural Marion County, Florida, to P.K. and Edna Richardson, who operated a truck farm in which they grew watermelon, cabbage and eggplant. She graduated from Florida College for Women (now Florida State University), and worked at the University of Florida in Gainesville until marrying Marvin Barkley in 1950. After their marriage, Ruth and Marvin lived in Knoxville and operated Barkley Battery Co. until his death in 1968. Ruth has one son, Bill, two grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She has been an active member of Fountain City Presbyterian Church and many other local organizations. When talking about her upcoming 100th birthday, her comment was that she was not 100 years old - but 100 years young. So very Ruth.



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How would you rate his performance as mayor so far?



By Age	Favorable	Unfavorable	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	4
30-49	75.93%	24.07%	54
50-65	81.01%	18.99%	179
65+	81.54%	18.46%	260
Total	80.89% (402)	19.11% (95)	497

By Commission District	Favorable	Unfavorable	Total
1	62.50%	37.50%	32
2	81.82%	18.18%	55
3	77.55%	22.45%	49
4	77.11%	22.89%	83
5	80.88%	19.12%	68
6	85.71%	14.29%	35
7	84.85%	15.15%	66
8	87.72%	12.28%	57
9	84.62%	15.38%	52
Total	80.89% (402)	19.11% (95)	497

By Gender	Favorable	Unfavorable	Total
Unknown	76.00%	24.00%	25
Female	83.19%	16.81%	226
Male	79.27%	20.73%	246
Total	80.89% (402)	19.11% (95)	497

Survey conducted July 24, 2012

The Power of the People

Or, why I voted 'No' eight times



By Richie Beeler

I early voted for the first time in my life this year. You might call it a practice run to avoid the Election Day crowd this coming November. Unfortunately, while

the convenience of early voting might enable you to avoid the long lines, you will not be able to escape the long ballot.

If you have already voted, you no doubt noticed the eight charter amendments that make up the bulk of this August ballot. Many of you were likely at a loss as to how to vote on these proposals. I say that not to insult your intelligence. I say it because I was at a loss myself. And I work for the county.

Even as I write this

column and early voting draws to a close, I realize that a great number of my readers probably left most or all of the charter questions blank. I chose another route. I voted against all of them. And before you jump to conclusions about my motives, allow me to explain.

Why do we vote?

The beauty of a Constitutional Republic such as ours is that it is a representative form of government. That is, the people reserve the right to vote for their government officials. From the courthouse to the White House, our nation is governed at every level by representatives who are elected by the people, and who govern through carefully crafted checks and balances established by a Constitution. This ability to vote for public officials is the true power afforded

the people in a Constitutional Republic. And it is good government.

The power to govern, however, is a different matter. There are some who believe not in a representative government, but a pure democracy. That is, that virtually every governing decision should be made by referendum of the voters. This is essentially democracy minus the checks and balances of a republic. And it is bad government.

California is a prime example of how government by referendum is a bad idea. Knox County is not far behind. A decade or so ago, by referendum, Knox Countians voted themselves a wheel tax that was predicted to solve all our financial woes. Now the average citizen can hardly even find where a nickel of wheel tax revenue went. A

few years ago, also by referendum, voters passed a pension plan for uniformed police officers. Now many assert that the plan is fiscally unaffordable and unsustainable.

My point? Merely that the power of the vote should not be used to govern, but should rather be reserved to elect public officials who are then charged with the task of governing. So what does this principle have to do with charter amendments? I'm so glad you asked.

Constitution or Charter? The State of Tennessee, of which Knox County is a subdivision, is governed by a Constitution. It was established in 1796 and has been amended on several occasions since then. In other words, our state - along with 91 of its counties - is governed by a document that is 216 years

old, has been thoroughly vetted, and which has stood the test and the battles of time.

Knox County is governed by a Charter, which is barely 20 years old, is deeply flawed, and has already been struck down by a Court ruling, only to be propped up based solely on the fact that it was adopted by the people. In a referendum. I reassert, not the best way to govern.

So my decision was twofold. In part, I voted 'No' because I could not understand what I was voting on. And as county government goes, I'm pretty doggone informed. Let me emphasize that my lack of understanding is by no means the fault of the Charter Review Committee, which is the body that has placed these amendments on the ballot. I am confident the

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Publisher's Positions

Living in the Twilight Zone



By Steve Hunley,
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The America of my youth has come and gone. As I get older, I look around and frequently barely recognize our country. While things must continually change, it doesn't seem to me things are changing for the better. The America of my youth straddled the world like a Colossus. America produced the best products on earth and the fruit of American labor was coveted the world over. The America that I see now is, at best, a crippled giant made irritable by its own largely self-inflicted wounds.

The pubic discourse in this country is less civil than at any time in modern history; politics and political thought seem to be more polarized than at any time since the Civil War. Ours seems to be a time of extremism, both on the far left and the far right. Those many in the middle are disdained by the far right and the far left as soft, stupid or cowardly. "Compromise" is a word oftentimes spat on by those who dare speak it. Yet the far left and the far right have some strikingly similar attitudes; both wallow in their mutual conviction they are ultimately morally superior and cling to the certainty of their own self-righteousness. Both condemn those holding divergent views and both the far left and far right share a heaping helping of hypocrisy.

The American far left apparently thinks there is a

bottomless well of money available to redistribute in what they feel is a more fair fashion. Forget the fact they seem not to care that some 48% of Americans no longer pay a cent in income taxes, yet receive checks from the government in the form of tax rebates. The hue and cry about Warren Buffet's secretary being in a higher tax bracket than her billionaire boss was less about tax equity than generating more revenue for an already voracious government. Notice none of the far left ever made the suggestion of actually reducing Buffet's secretary's tax rate.

Many of the loudest of the American far left love tax loopholes with the same fervency as a lot of Republicans. In fact, the entertainer Jon Bon Jovi (who would never be confused with a conservative) takes advantage of a quirky New Jersey law which permits farmers to write off 98% of their property taxes and keep in mind New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the nation. Jon Bon Jovi lists himself as a bee farmer and pays a grand total of \$104 per year in property taxes. As author Jason Mattera points out, Bon Jovi spends more to have his hair highlighted than he pays in property taxes. Bruce Springsteen, another leftist celebrity who also resides in New Jersey, shares Bon Jovi's love of the soil, as he too, is a horse farmer. "The Boss" who has frequently decried the inequity of wealth in America, certainly has no problem in avoiding his own fair share of property taxes.

The hallmark of the American far left is the collective smug belief that they know what is best for the rest of us, a paternalism replete with the vague odor of intellectual and public spirited superiority.

The American far right has its own share of hypocrites. The far right promotes the

notion of rugged individualism as well as the rights of the individual while at the same time demanding the power to peek inside everyone's homes and bedrooms. The far right doesn't seem to believe in regulating any kind of business and is far more likely to support the concept of corporate welfare than any program that would actually help human beings. They also believe individuals have the right to bear arms just about everywhere, likely including day cares. Evidently assault rifles are necessary for hunting various forms of wildlife, yet the truth is these same assault weapons are used all too frequently by the deranged to hunt innocent people.

The far right believes life begins at conception, yet opposes just about every program designed to benefit children once they actually enter the world. The far left considers abortion merely another choice, but is perfectly willing for the government to support someone from the cradle to the grave otherwise.

The far right would like to imprint their own religious and moral values upon every other citizen. Many of these same folks, whether they would openly admit it or not, would be perfectly happy for America to have a state religion, so long as it was their own religion.

Despite the warning signs --- and there are many for those who don't blissfully reside in a continual state of denial --- Americans seem largely oblivious to the notion we are spending ourselves into a situation that will likely resemble the Greek debacle before long. Since President Lyndon B. Johnson began his War on Poverty in 1964, Americans have spent more than \$16 trillion, yet we have not only failed to win the war against poverty, but there are more poor now than when LBJ first began his crusade. And it certainly isn't for

lack of trying as continued spending on welfare is expected to reach another \$10.3 trillion in just the next six years. When Johnson's war on poverty commenced, only 7% of children born in this country were born out of wedlock. Today, more than 40% of the babies born in the United States of America are born out of wedlock; in the African-American community the figure is an astonishing and disturbing 72%. Our current welfare system discourages recipients from getting married and the statistics prove it, yet there is no penalty for having as many children as one can produce at the taxpayer's expense. Childless adults don't benefit from welfare programs; in fact, welfare was specifically designed to protect children and the women who produce them. Men are certainly not blameless as children cannot be produced without them and they certainly should bear their fair share of supporting their children. Sadly, the end result has been less of a safety net than the collapse of the family and community amongst the poorest of us.

Seniors seem to think once they attain a golden age they should be able to retire and live a tax-exempt life while collecting payments and subsidies from the government. Social Security was originally intended to be a supplement and not totally pay for anyone's retirement. In 1950 there were sixteen workers for every retiree; currently there are three workers for every retiree and shortly there will be only two people working for every retiree. Who hasn't seen the commercials on television promoting just about every kind of health care product and scooters with a beaming senior exclaiming, "And it didn't cost me a thing!" Well, it costs somebody.

As America's resources

The notion society is obligated to protect every person from the consequences of his or her own bad choices or personal stupidity is more widely accepted today than ever. The notion there is a reward for having followed the rules and having been responsible is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

diminish, we have more and more people in our society approaching our government as dependents demanding payment of what they think they are owed. Debates will rage about who is "entitled" to what from the lion's share of tax dollars and class warfare will erupt, further fanning the flames of hatred. The best tax for those with the entitlement mentality has become the tax that someone else pays. Never mind the fact that the tax in question is paid by someone who accrues no benefit from paying it. Nothing good will come from Americans fighting over the scraps from a once bountiful table.

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The America of my youth is obviously that of a bygone era that may never be seen again. I ponder the consequences of how we have lived and the choices we as a society have made and the affect upon my children and

their children. I know there will come a time of reckoning and the bill will eventually come due and have to be paid. It may come sooner than we think. The Congressional Budget Office is estimating that as soon as 2025, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and the interest payments on the nation's debt will swallow up every last cent of revenue collected by the Federal government. That means every aspect of government in the United States would have to be financed by more borrowing.

Even in Knox County we are currently more than \$1 billion in debt, yet a significant number of our own elite, who know what's best for the rest of us, fret we are not spending enough on schools and other government services. We are told we need to "invest" in these things, as if we don't already. Few ever consider our staggering national debt and I would predict that none of the local Chamber's own members would ever consider carrying the same debt load as our government does as a percentage of their own revenues.

I used to wake up in the United States of America. Now, all too often, it seems I wake up in the Twilight Zone.

Mills joins Board of Free Medical Clinic

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additional free medical clinics in Oak Ridge, Briceville and Oneida.

The chairman of the Free Medical Clinic of America board of directors is Wayne Kline of Hodges, Doughty & Carson.

"We are pleased to officially welcome John to our board," said Kline. "He has been a supporter of our mission for many years and we look forward to his help in moving our efforts forward."

In addition to Mills and Kline, the Free Medical Clinic of America current board members include founder Dr. Tom Kim, vice chairman Robbie Proffitt, Sr., treasurer Judy Bacon, Terry Morgan, Wade Saye, Dale Collins, Bo Shafer, Gene Frazer, John Wilkes IV, and Bill Williams.

Rural/Metro of Tennessee is the largest emergency service provider in East Tennessee, with a combined work force of more than 800 firefighters, paramedics, EMTs,

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John Mills



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Chinese students tour Knoxville

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travel to Washington, DC for a week and then return to China.

"I enjoyed meeting with these kids and was impressed with their enthusiasm and interest. It's great to give students a chance like this to see other cultures firsthand," said Mayor Burchett.

"I appreciated having the chance to help arrange these students' visit to the City County Building. The office holders they met made them feel extremely welcomed and I know they left with a better understanding of how U.S. local government actually operates," said Dean Rice.

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Enough is Enough

The tragedy at Aurora, Colorado, brings fears and concerns to all of us. It also makes several things come to mind. Many of them are points that some readers will view negatively, but with which others might agree.

As I said, this tragic event is a gut-wrenching thing for all of us, but our hurt is minimal when it is compared to the devastating pain that family and close friends feel.



By Joe Rector

Television stations aired hours of coverage. One developed special music for breaks. Reporters gathered at the victims' homes and at the home of the parents of the shooter, James Holmes. An endless parade of experts gave their take on the shooting and personalities involved. Anchors repeated the same details dozens of times. I turned off the television in disgust.

Sensationalizing the news is the norm for television stations. Producers would do well to view "The Newsroom" on HBO. Perhaps they would then give the news and avoid beating stories into the ground or showing "cutsie," "warm fuzzy," or trivial clips. Really, how many people truly care that Tom Cruise and Katie are divorcing or that a ground hog is stealing flags from veterans' graves? These are not news.

Another thing that gripes me about this tragic event is the reaction of people. I've

seen too many people who look as if they are posing in front of candles and flowers. Women turn hysterical right in front of the television cameras. Some folks cry in agony without a single tear being shed. (Wouldn't want to have mascara streaks in a picture or on a video.) The fact is that too many publicly grieve in hopes that either they will make the news or will show all the other people around just how much they care. I'd suggest staying at home and praying or sending a check to the families of the victims.

This maniac who carried automatic weapons and wore body armor is the latest example of what happens when guns fall into the wrong hands. I won't advocate taking away all guns. However, in light of this repeat of mass murder, the time has come to stop the sale of assault rifles and automatic handguns. They are intended to sling a lot of lead in a short time. No one hunts with an assault rifle unless he is a little off; how many bullets does it take to drop a deer? We need to use some common sense

in issuing guns and following the laws that are now on the books.

I offer my sympathy to the families who lost loved ones. I chastise anyone who puts on an act to impress so-called news folks who are always hungry for touching photo ops. I request that government get some guts and put an end to assault weapons. A fact to remember is that each year more than 30,000 people die from gunshot wounds. Enough is enough!

South Knoxville Tribe Knoxville City 14U Champions

Congratulations to the South Knoxville Tribe for winning the Knoxville City 14U Championship. The Tribe, undefeated during the regular season, defeated the Rocky Hill Allstars with an offensive explosion winning 16 - 7 totalling 68 runs in tournament play. Along with outstanding pitching down the stretch, the opposition could not keep pace. The mostly 13 year old Tribe team has been playing together since coach pitch and have their eyes on 2013 and back to back city championships. Pictured (Back Row, left to right) are Coach Steve



Irwin, Hunter Sands, Justin Beck, (front row) Gabe Racey, Jacob Irwin, Austin Matt Storm, Christian Nave, Peyton McMahan and Austin Caughorn. Eubanks, Coach Matt Storm, (front



Winding Down

General Douglas MacArthur evaluated his life on his 75th birthday, saying, "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interests, wrinkles the soul. In the central place of every heart, there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, so long are you young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with snows of pessimism and

the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old."

Benjamin Disraeli, former prime minister, expressed it like this in a letter to Lady Bradford, "I am certain there is no greater misfortune than to have a heart that will not grow old. The wisdom of the heart is its growing old in experience, recollected in tranquility and digested in grace, humility, and love. What other wisdom is worth seeing and having? If people are rightly aging, they are growing in that wisdom, and as their years increase so does this wisdom."

G.K. Chesterton tells us that his old Victorian grandfather grew more silent as he grew older. One day his grown-up

sons were complaining about a portion of the "General Thanks-giving" in the Book of Common Prayer. It is wicked, they were saying, to thank God for creation when so many people have little reason to be thankful for their miserable existence. The old man broke his silence to say, "I would thank God for my creation if I knew I was a lost soul."

Sir W. Grenfell reportedly wrote this while in his twenties. "As for the life to come, I know nothing about it, but I want it, whatever it is."

Paul the Apostle, in the second letter to the church in Corinth, tells us that nature is winding down, petering out, while the inner self is being

renewed. It's this new being which is composed of what remains of the old disintegrating self. Aging beautifully is a decision!

These comfortable thoughts about aging came from a small but grandiose book by Robert Strand called "Moments for Grandparents". Whenever I get in a hazy blue mood I read it and I instantly feel rejuvenated.

Thought for the day: For age is opportunity, no less than youth itself, though in another dress, and as the evening twilight fades away the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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The Power of the People

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Committee has done the best they could under challenging circumstances.

The problem is not with the Committee. The problem is with the circumstances. They are charged with fixing a document that has too many problems to mention. Eight amendments appear on the August ballot alone. You might as well get ready for a whole slew more in November. And very few of them deal with issues the average citizen understands or quite frankly even gives a rip about. Some have even raised the question of whether or not we should continue to have a Charter. And that leads me to the second factor in my decision to cast a comprehensive 'No' vote.

I cannot with a clear conscience cast a vote to 'fix' a document when I do not even believe in the document itself. Oh, I follow it as a dutiful county employee. But as a citizen, I passionately exercise my rights of grievance and free speech against it. In short, the Charter needs to go.

Knox County needs to cut its losses - which

include nearly a billion dollars of debt amassed since the Charter's inception in 1990. Supporters vow that the Charter was adopted merely to make the procurement process quicker and easier. Perhaps it has become too quick and easy.

And just a question from an interested voter: if the Charter was adopted simply to make things like procurement and ordinances easier, then why not use it for that purpose instead of trying to completely overhaul the county's system of government? The Charter was no doubt crafted by individuals whose intentions were for the most part noble. But in the subsequent two decades, its effect on Knox County through countless lawsuits and runaway debt has been anything but noble.

It is time to let the people of Knox County decide if they want to discard the Charter form of government, and return to following the State Constitution. Just like 91 other counties that are doing just fine.

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FOCUS MORE ON SEYMOUR & SOUTH KNOXVILLE

Mayor Rogero names two nominees to Planning Commission

Mayor Madeline Rogero has nominated two Knoxville residents to fill open seats on the Metropolitan Planning Commission: Rev. Charles S. Lomax Jr., a University of Tennessee graduate who works for Amachi Knoxville, an initiative of the Knoxville Leadership Foundation; and Janice L. Tocher, a founding member of the South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition and the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association.

Mayor Rogero submitted their names this week to the state's Local Government Planning Advisory Committee, in the Department of Economic and Community Development. Once approved, Lomax and Tocher will join the 15-member Metropolitan Planning Commission. Seven MPC Commissioners are appointed by the City of Knoxville Mayor, and eight by the Knox County Mayor. Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms. They are unpaid positions.

A Knoxville native, the Rev. Charles S. Lomax Jr. is Match and Training Coordinator for Amachi Knoxville, an initiative of Knoxville Leadership Foundation. He also serves as senior pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Alcoa. Lomax graduated from The University of Tennessee with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Political Science. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree from the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

Lomax served at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in various capacities, including

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The Disc Exchange is located at 2615 Chapman Highway.

10 Years returns to South Knoxville for Disc Exchange Performance

By Tasha Mahurin
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10 Years, a nationally known band with local roots, will return to Knoxville for a performance at South Knoxville's Disc Exchange. The band will celebrate the release of their 4th album entitled "Minus the Machine." The album title pays tribute to their recent decision to split with a major record label.

Splitting up with a major label after five years was "a very scary step to take," lead vocalist Jesse Hasek admits. "It's like breaking up with a longtime girlfriend. You're used to the motions, but when it becomes stale and unhappy, you need to move on and get energy back into your life. There was no anger on either side. We just painlessly parted ways."

According to the band's website, working together as a band for the first time since writing the Gold-selling album "The Autumn Effect" helped 10 Years go back to their roots, without label-enforced pressure to create a radio-friendly "hit," and free to experiment with the hard rock sounds that lie at the core of their music.

"Our true fans who buy the albums, not just the singles, understand that our singles, for the most part, misrepresent the entire album," says Hasek. "As a band, we like to explore more and go a little left of center with song structures. We wanted to create an album that has no boundaries, and where we didn't have to make every song 'three minutes and

30 seconds' for a label to approve it. There's a fine line with that, of course, and we're very aware of it. We all grew up on rock music, and as many albums as we've written, the way we've written them, it's ingrained in us to work within a time frame that fits radio. There are definitely songs that work well for that, but as a whole, we wanted this album to represent a journey in a sense."

In addition to Hasek, the band features Brian Vodinh on guitar and drums, Ryan "Tate" Jonson on guitar, and Lewis Cosby on bass.

"When you feel like you're being told to go through motions and jump through hoops, it takes the heart out of it," Hasek said of the band's fresh approach to their music. "We know that we need a hit and we understand that it's important. However, as musicians, we're not a band that says, 'We're going to make a hit.' It's better to do what comes naturally and then figure out the after-effect."

While the well-known band has over a quarter million Facebook fans and a YouTube performance with over 40,000 views, they are committed to staying connected to their fans and look forward to returning to their roots here in Knoxville for their upcoming album release, on August 4th, at 3:00 p.m. The band will hold a "Meet & Greet" session following the performance. Free beer will be provided by Eagle Distributing and free pizza will be provided by I Love NY Pizza. 10 Years stickers will be available with purchase of the album.



Get some ideas for tasty lunches to pack for school at the Seymour Farmers Market on Saturday, August 4th. We will have handouts with healthy snacking ideas and samples. There will be a craft project for kids to decorate brown paper lunch bags using potato stamps. The market is held in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Saturday June thru mid-October. Local, home grown produce, honey, baked goods, plants, flowers and more are available. Okra, tomatoes and melons are especially good this week!

Local Discounts for Seymour Residents

Editor's note: Continued from last week.

Summer vacation is winding down in Sevier County. Students and parents alike are preparing for back-to-school. For Seymour residents who wish to enjoy every last ounce of summer fun, *The Focus* was able to locate a list of local attractions that offer discounts to residents of Sevier County. At many businesses you may have to show your Sevier County ID or a pay stub to get the bargain.

- Attractions & Entertainment
- Ripley's Davey Crockett Miniature Golf: \$3.00 (per person, per round)
 - Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum: \$3.00 (per person)
 - Ripley's Moving Theater: \$3.00 (per person)
 - Ripley's Haunted Adventure: \$3.00 (per person)
 - Ripley's Mirror Maze: \$3.00 (per person)
 - Guinness Museum: \$3.00 (per person)

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Theology courses offered at Academy's Bible Center, Seymour

The Bible Training Center of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, announces two foundational theological studies for adults in its fall semester lineup. Biblical Backgrounds will be offered starting August 18, and Systematic Theology begins in October.

Biblical Backgrounds is a study of biblical events from the time of the patriarchs of the Old Testament to the era of the apostolic church. The world of the Bible in its historical context, and political, social, and economic factors which influenced the people of the Bible will be covered. The class will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, with a mid-morning break in the academy cafeteria. Systematic Theology is

a survey of Christian doctrines, with emphasis upon revelation, the nature and work of God, Jesus Christ, humankind and sin, the Holy Spirit, salvation, and last things, or eschatology. Dr. Mark Martin, Pastor of Smoky View Baptist Church, Maryville, directs this Seminary Extension Center. "I'm excited about starting our new 2012 - 2013 school year, Martin says. "Our students were able to finish out their spring semester with a class entitled Pastoral Leadership in a Small Church, which I know encouraged and strengthened their call to ministry."

Classes meet in the Hasson Building Clark Library at The King's

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Minister of Youth, and was also employed by the Knox County Election Commission. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the National Scholars Honor Society, the International

Theological Honor Society of Theta Phi, and the NAACP. He has been recognized by Who's Who Among College Students and is the recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the National Alumni Council of

the United Negro College Fund.

Janice L. Tocher is President of Averra Media Corp., a website development, multimedia, and custom programming company. She is a founding member of the South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition and the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, where she serves as president. Her business is a

founding member of the Urban Wilderness Arts and Trade District.

Tocher has been a resident of South Knoxville for 25 years. As a planning commissioner, her goal will be to ensure that development is done responsibly with concern for the economy, neighborhoods, the environment and the scenic beauty of Knoxville and Knox County.

Local Discounts for Seymour Residents

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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Ten

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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Kenneth McKellar was sixty-five years old in 1934 as he sought reelection to a fourth term in the United States Senate. Congressman Gordon Browning had thought to challenge McKellar, but decided against it when he could get not a single pledge of significant support. Instead, Browning opted to run against junior U. S. Senator Nathan L. Bachman, who had been appointed following Cordell Hull's resignation from the Senate to become Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of State.

McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine, had established control of Tennessee's elections in 1932 and opponents hoped the 1934 election would have a different result. McKellar and Crump were supporting Governor Hill McAlister for reelection, as well as Senator Bachman. McKellar's support for Bachman was so readily apparent some complained Bachman's reelection drive was being run from McKellar's Senate office. Bachman, an East Tennessean, was a far more inviting target for Congressman Browning than the venerable McKellar. Browning had served in World War I and had long been active in the American legion, which gave him considerable support from veterans.

Senator McKellar left Washington, D. C. when Congress adjourned in July to return to Tennessee. Traveling by automobile, McKellar used the opportunity to make campaign stops all along his route. McKellar's speeches were less in support of his own candidacy than for those of Governor McAlister and Senator Bachman. McKellar was personally present when Bachman's Knoxville campaign headquarters was opened with a grand reception. Senator McKellar conferred with Democratic leaders in LaFollette before moving onto Rockwood and chatted with constituents during a rainstorm at a local drugstore.

By the second week of July, McKellar was moving through West Tennessee, making a longer and more detailed speech in Jackson where he praised the New Deal, heralded the Tennessee Valley Authority and discussed farm prices. McKellar returned to his home city of Memphis and caught up on his correspondence, received callers, and kept an eye on the primary campaign. McKellar left Memphis to speak at the dedication of a project in a rural community near Jackson, which had been



From left to right, Congressman Sam D. McReynolds of Chattanooga, Senator K. D. McKellar, Governor Hill McAlister and Senator Nathan L. Bachman.

built with Federal funds. McKellar took the opportunity to praise Senator Bachman's record in an area where Gordon Browning was strong.

Jake Cohen, a local labor leader in Memphis, was also a candidate for Shelby County Register of Deeds. Cohen was a candidate on the ticket sponsored by E. H. Crump and that same ticket had been endorsed by Senator McKellar. Cohen helped to sponsor a rally at the Labor Temple in Memphis where McKellar spoke briefly and the senator again had kind words for the New Deal and President Roosevelt. McKellar fulsomely praised Senator Bachman and Governor McAlister.

Soon after the rally on at the Memphis Labor Temple, McKellar was endorsed for reelection by the Tennessee Federation of Labor, along with Senator Bachman and Governor McAlister. McKellar closed the primary campaign with a speech on a Memphis radio station. McKellar reiterated his endorsement of Senator Bachman and Governor McAlister, as well as praised the efforts of the Crump organization for its hard work during the primary contest. McKellar used the speech as an opportunity to repudiate charges made against Senator Bachman by the Browning campaign. Bachman, according to Browning, had been less than attentive to his duties as a member of the Senate, as well as his tenure as a member of Tennessee's Supreme Court. Senator McKellar outlined Bachman's strong support for the New Deal, which was virtually a recitation of his own record. McKellar closed his radio speech by praising Crump.

Opponents of the McKellar - Crump organization were to again be disappointed with the outcome of the primary election. While no one believed Dr. John R. Neal would come close to defeating McKellar, Neal could only muster forty some odd thousand votes

to more than two hundred thousand for Senator McKellar. Senator Bachman beat Congressman Gordon Browning by more than forty thousand votes and Governor McAlister defeated Lewis Pope, now again a regular Democrat, by almost sixty thousand votes. Senator McKellar was the biggest vote-getter in the Democratic primary.

The general election featured ghosts of past Tennessee political campaigns as former Republican Governor Ben W. Hooper was again challenging Kenneth McKellar. The Republican nominee for governor, John McCall of Memphis, withdrew and an attempt was made to revive the old "fusionist" movement that had successfully thwarted Tennessee Democrats in a different era. Hooper was joined at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium just after the primary election by Lewis Pope, who had lost the Democratic primary to Governor McAlister. Pope had lost the nomination to Hill McAlister in 1932 as well and had run in the general election as an Independent. Pope's appearance on the platform with Republican Ben Hooper was his announcement he would once again leave the Democratic Party to campaign as an Independent.

The packed audience at the Ryman Auditorium enthusiastically applauded both Hooper and Pope, but the two candidates gave conflicting speeches with Hooper damning the New Deal while Pope praised President Roosevelt. The meeting was more in the nature of a convention, as the candidacies of both Hooper and Pope were sanctioned by a vote of the audience, nominating Hooper to run for the U. S. Senate against Senator McKellar and Lewis Pope for governor against his nemesis Hill McAlister. It was the rebirth of the fusionist ticket in Tennessee.

Ben Hooper had been elected governor of Tennessee in 1910 in a fusion movement of Republicans and Independent Democrats.

Hooper had been reelected in 1912 by the same fusionist combine and the fusionists had successfully elected both of Tennessee's United States senators between 1911 and 1913. Hooper was a colorful speaker, utilizing Biblical references deftly, once even comparing Crump to "Baal", one of the false gods mentioned in the Bible.

Hooper and Pope ran as a ticket throughout the general election, touring the entire state, while McKellar, Nathan Bachman and Governor McAlister did the same. Posters urging voters to "Support the President", featuring a picture of Franklin Roosevelt, along with the entire Democratic ticket began appearing all over Tennessee. The appeal of seeing two United States senators and the Governor of Tennessee helped to bring out bigger crowds for the Democratic campaign.

Senators McKellar and Bachman and Governor McAlister opened their joint campaign at Gallatin, Tennessee, speaking at a local school. Bachman stressed support for the New Deal and Governor McAlister related his achievements as Tennessee's chief executive. Senator McKellar spoke last and proved he was an old hand at campaigning by pointing to old Sumner County friends sitting in the audience for special mention. McKellar flatly declared that support for the President and the New Deal meant support for the Democratic ticket.

McKellar, Senator Bachman and Governor McAlister then set out on a tour of Tennessee by automobile. The first leg of the tour was in Middle Tennessee where Lewis Pope was thought to be strongest. The campaign moved along to West Tennessee where McKellar gave several speeches about farm policy. Following a campaign rally in Jackson which took all day, McKellar was complaining of not feeling well and returned to Memphis. Whatever his ailment, McKellar was able

to rejoin the campaign in a matter of days.

As the campaign progressed, the Democratic nominees concentrated their fire on the fusionist ticket of Hooper and Pope. Governor McAlister made a speech in McMinnville blistering fusionists and Ben Hooper for having driven the regular Republican nominee off the ballot to make room for Lewis Pope. Senator Bachman, an ordinarily affable man, attacked Hooper for the former governor's opposition to President Roosevelt. McKellar himself defended the Shelby County machine, which was being assailed by both Hooper and Pope for alleged election fraud. McKellar, speaking in Shelbyville, attempted to dispel the fears of some, by reminding voters he did not consider whom one had supported in his distribution of the vast amount of patronage at his disposal.

Senator McKellar was honored at an event in Wilson County sponsored by the Young Democrats at the courthouse in Lebanon. McKellar reminded his listeners he had no personal animosity towards Lewis Pope and would have gladly supported him had he been the choice of Tennessee Democrats. McKellar then made an appeal on behalf of the regular Democratic nominees.

McKellar, Bachman and McAlister moved on to East Tennessee, where they attended a gigantic barbecue in Greenville and headed for a rally in Senator Bachman's home city of Chattanooga.

Hooper had made a speech in West Tennessee where he poked fun at

McKellar for being a bachelor. Hooper looked at his audience and asked, "By the way girls, do you think a man who has lived to be almost sixty-six years old and remained an old bachelor deserves to be reelected to the Senate?"

McKellar, asked what he thought about Hooper's gibe, drily replied, "I've courted a hundred and one girls, but none of them would have me. I was in love once and finally got up courage to ask the girl if she loved me. 'Kenny, I don't know whether I love you or not', she told me. So I've been waiting ever since for her to decide!"

McKellar made a short speech over the radio in Nashville and continued the tour of Middle Tennessee. At Murfreesboro, another enormous barbecue was held for the Democratic ticket and McKellar spoke to an audience numbering 6,000 people. The Democratic nominees closed the campaign in Gordon Browning's home city of Huntingdon. McKellar made one last speech over the radio in Memphis, again praising his ticket mates, Roosevelt and the New Deal and disparaging fusionism.

Senator McKellar had consistently defended both Bachman and Governor McAlister. McKellar once said of Senator Bachman, "He is always in the best humor, which is more than I can say for myself."

Tennesseans responded by giving McKellar, Bachman and McAlister handsome majorities on Election Day. McKellar would have another six years in the United States Senate.

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Emily Waldhart with Mayor Rogero and Councilman Campen,

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By Marty McCool

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Anita Lane with Rotary President Wes Stowers.

Anita Lane Honored as Four-Way Test Rotarian of the Year

At a recent meeting, the Rotary Club of Knoxville recognized Anita Lane as the 2012 Four-Way-Test Rotarian of the Year. This award is given each year to a newer club member who, in his or her personal and professional life, exemplifies the qualities of Rotary's "Four Way Test of the things we think, say and do" and embodies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Lane is general manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown.

This year, she co-chaired -- with Tiffany Walker, a vice president at Elite Service Mortgage -- the club's inaugural April Fool's Follies fund raiser, which netted over \$31,000 for the Rotary Foundation of Knoxville.

Local Church Celebrates 60th Year at Tennessee Valley Fair

Fairview United Methodist serves up candy apples to support missionary work

For 60 years, a group of dedicated members from Fairview United Methodist Church have sold home-made candy apples at the Tennessee Valley Fair. They will return in September, selling this fair food staple for only \$1 with all proceeds benefiting the church's mission fund.

It all began in 1952 as a fundraiser put together by several ladies in the church. The brother of one of the ladies was an experienced carnival worker who taught the group how to make candy apples, and a new tradition was born. The women began their operation with shiny copper pots, gasoline-powered cookers, red food coloring, sticks, cellophane wrap, rubber bands, sugar, and of course, apples - crafting each treat by hand. Back

then, each candy apple sold for only 10 cents.

Today, the operation begins much as it did 60 years ago, with fresh preservative-free ingredients, hard work and a dedication to missions.

"We are currently the only church presence at the Fair and we take that role very seriously. Our goals are to make and sell a great product at a great price, have kind hearts and smiling faces for the public...and to make a little profit that we can share in the name of Jesus," said Dale Money, Fairview United Methodist Church Lay Leader.

The group estimates that they have produced and sold over 1 million candy apples during the last 6 decades at the Fair.

"It's traditions like these that make the Tennessee Valley Fair special" said Sarah Thompson, Public Relations Coordinator. "We appreciate Fairview United Methodist's dedication to our event and to



the community."

Fairview United Methodist's booth will be located at the base of the Jacob Building stairs at Chilhowee Park during the 93rd annual Tennessee Valley Fair, September 7-16. The public is also invited to join Fairview United Methodist for worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 2800 Fairview Street in North Knoxville.

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Powell Panthers Prepare to Open the Derek Rang Era

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As they came up just 15 yards short of a Class 5A state championship last December 2 in Cookeville, little did most Powell Panther players and supporters know of the changes that would take place within the program over the following few months.

The first change was the graduation of a one-two offensive punch of the numbers one and two all time Powell High leaders in total offense in running back Dy'shawn Mobley and quarterback Dustin McPhetridge. The two spearheaded an offense that would put up over 6,500 yards of total offense on the season, and average over 40 points per game. Add to that the loss of 12 additional starters who had gone 14-1 in 2011, and 25-2 in their last two years, and that would be enough reason for Panther fans to wonder how they could ever be replaced.

Then in February, popular head coach Matt Lowe shocked the fan base when he resigned his position, citing the need to

spend more time with his family.

After a nearly two month long search, Powell Principal Ken Dunlap hired Derek Rang, the 27 year old defensive coordinator at Knoxville West, to take the reins of the Panther program. While his resume isn't long in years due to his relative youth, it is solid beginning with his three state championship rings as a player under the legendary George Quarles at Maryville High School.

After graduating from Maryville College, where he played linebacker for the NCAA Division 3 Scots, Rang started his coaching career at Anderson County High, where he coached under another long time coach with a solid reputation in Larry Kerr. After a year at AC, Rang moved on to South Doyle and became the Defensive Coordinator for 2 years under Clark Duncan, and then the last two years under Scott Cummings as the Defensive Coordinator for the West Rebels. During both of his years as the DC at West, Rang's defenses helped West get all the way to the state semi-finals, ironically losing at Powell in the semis last November.

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First year Powell High football coach Derek Rang gives directions at the annual Powell High Youth Football Camp earlier this month. Rang will make his head coaching debut on August 17th when Rhea County visits Scarbro Stadium to take on the Panthers in the season opener for both schools.

Hardin Valley Academy Football Preview

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy will begin its fourth varsity season in 2012.

The Hawks, who won just one game in 2009, have made two consecutive playoff appearances. HVA, which went 6-5 in 2011, will enter the season looking for its first postseason victory.

"We want it [a playoff win] real bad," Hawks senior running back Morgan Knight said. "We're itchy for that first playoff win."

Hardin Valley may be looking to make a big postseason splash for the first time. The Hawks, however,

will look to achieve another goal along the way.

"We've never won a playoff game and we've never gone undefeated at home," HVA coach Wes Jones said. "We've had two winning seasons but we still have a lot of things to accomplish."

Hardin Valley will open its season on the road against Bearden on Aug. 17. The Hawks and Bulldogs have a brief but intriguing gridiron history. Bearden routed Hardin Valley in the 2010 Class 6A playoffs only to have the Hawks return the favor in the 2011 season opener. And the Hawks are looking forward to the third

meeting.

"The team's really looking forward to it," Knight said. "It should be a great game."

Hardin Valley returns 10 starters from last year's squad including: Matt Rabren (senior, linebacker who was HVA's leading tackler last season); Demonte Felton (junior, defensive back); Isaiah Burum (junior, defensive back); Knight (senior, running back/defensive back); Nolan Blevins (senior, defensive end); Garrett Curtis (sophomore, defensive tackle); Jack DeFur (junior, wide receiver/H-Back); Peyton

Miles (sophomore, offensive lineman); Torey Rice (senior, fullback); Evan Hall (senior, offensive lineman) and Xavier Dumay (senior, offensive lineman).

The Hawks must replace running back Dorian Eskridge, who graduated in the spring and took the bulk of the Hawks' offense with him. In addition, Hardin Valley must find a starting quarterback after posting one of the KFL's most anemic passing attacks last season.

Jones noted that Knight, Felton and Rice will look to be the feature running backs.

"It's hard to replace

Dorian and we're looking to mold our running backs," Jones said. Morgan and Demonte are probably faster than Dorian but they're not real experienced.

"I'm looking for Torey to have a pretty good and solid year. He's put in the work."

The Hawks' aerial attack was virtually non-existent in 2011 and Hardin Valley has two players competing for the position in Jon Beatty and Joseph Underwood. Beatty made one start last season for Hardin Valley, which completed just one pass in six victories last year.

The Hawks may have a different look this season as some players may be shuffled, but one thing remains constant for Knox County's newest football program.

"We'll have some guys in different positions and I'm cautiously optimistic," Jones said. "But for us, it's about working hard each day."

"We have to work hard on Friday nights, on the practice field and in the weight room to get better each and every day."



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After Lowe resigned and the position was advertised, it didn't take Rang long to jump on the opportunity to apply for the job. "Programming and tradition is definitely important when applying and analyzing head coaching positions", Rang said when asked why he felt like he was a good fit for the Powell job. "Powell has a strong tradition of supporting the athletic programs, it is definitely a community school, and is in a position to be a very successful program based on the hard work and support of many people."

Now that he has been there and seen the team through a spring practice and summer workouts, has that opinion changed any? Not at all, according to the new skipper: "What I like about the program is the mindset of the kids that they are going to compete and be very successful. Coach Lowe did a tremendous job of instilling a positive mindset in the kids about how to practice, and how to expect to win every ballgame that is played. In my opinion, the program is in great shape. Obviously, many key players are graduated from the past two years, but there is a good, talented core group of players and coaches still at Powell. You can tell the program was run correctly on every level, from the school administration to the wonderful coaches we have in place right now."

Losing 14 seniors who started the state championship game against Henry County, including QB McPhetridge - might give some coaches, and especially first year head coaches, nightmares. However, Rang has a special athlete in junior Hagen Owenby to move in from his wide receiver spot of a year ago under center. Owenby was an All District player in 2011, and athletically is as gifted as any rising junior in East Tennessee. In addition to being an outstanding football player, Owenby has been named to the All District 3AAA Baseball Team in each of his first two years of high school. With high school offenses being so dependent on a capable quarterback, Rang fully understands how fortunate he is to have a talented athlete like Owenby to run the show.

"Hagen can definitely play

and his skill set is probably a little different than Dustin's (McPhetridge) was. I think Hagen is a natural competitor, can really manage the game, throw the ball well, but also be a good dual-threat guy back there. Dustin was a big, physical, strong runner but Hagen has all the tools you look for in a high school quarterback and is definitely ready to "break out" this year playing the quarterback position."

Owenby made the most of his limited snaps at quarterback last fall, rushing for 10.2 yards per rush on 24 carries, scoring two touchdowns. He also completed 68% of his pass attempts (21 of 31), good for 242 yards, three TDs and two 2-point conversions. As a wide receiver he caught 13 passes for 215 yards (16.5 yards per catch), including a TD grab and a 2-point conversion. While not an easy task to replace the 6'3" and 235 pound McPhetridge under center, Owenby certainly does have the skill set to be productive at that position.

At the running back spot, while it is virtually an impossibility to replace the state's all time single season rushing record holder and holder of eight career and single season school records in Mobley, the Panthers do have a proved running back for Owenby to hand the ball off to in Montario Washington. At 6'1" and 195 pounds, Washington has the size to go along with good speed and athleticism to carry the load on the ground. As a junior he averaged 6.6 yards per carry and scored three rushing touchdowns in backing up Mobley.

Also in the running back mix will be junior Tyshawn Gardin, a 5'7" and 155 pound speedster, along with newcomer Drew Carter, a junior who moved to Powell from the Memphis area prior to spring practice.

All three looked very capable of stepping in to the running back rotation during spring practice. Up front on the offense line the Panthers return three starters from a year ago, led by Anthony Rivera, a rugged and physical 6'2" and 260 pound senior tackle. Also returning on the O-line are center Harrison Jones and guard Jacob Anderson, also seniors.

Going into fall camp and

Owenby moving in to quarterback full time, the four receiver spots are wide open for the taking. Owenby was the only non-senior among the 2011 starters.

Defensively, just three starters return, including Washington at one of the cornerback positions. Also returning are defensive end Shar'ron Moore (5'11" and 220), and the team's leading tackler a year ago in linebacker Devin Scott. Scott, a 6' and 195 pound senior, registered 97 tackles in 2011, including four tackles for loss, and six sacks.

While not a starter in the Blue Cross Bowl against Henry County, another important returner is senior defensive back Jonathan Strozky, whose junior season ended in the Panther's 8th game of the regular season with a knee injury that required surgery. Even though he played in only 7 1/2 of the Panther's 15 games, the 6'1" and 170 pound senior was named along with Mobley and McPhetridge to the 2011 Class 5A All State team. At the time of his injury, Strozky had tied the school single season interception record with seven, and he is now tied with his former head coach for the career interception lead with 14.

Strozky can play both corner and safety, and will also likely see significant action offensively as a wide out and kick return specialist.

Another returning defender with significant experience will be junior safety Dylan Sweat. Sweat started all five play-off games in place of another departed senior, Jonathan Staggs, who suffered a career ending injury in the regular season finale against Central. Sweat, 6'1" and 170, totaled 33 tackles and two interceptions on the year, most of those during the playoffs.

Defensive linemen and linebackers are positions of need as fall practice gets underway.

Among those hoping to catch the eye of Defensive Coordinator David Hawkins at the all important nose tackle position in the Panther 3-man front defensive scheme is junior Brady Scalf. At 6'3" and 290 pounds, Scalf certainly has the bulk to be a force in the middle of the line. With that being one of the deepest positions on the Panther defense

over the last couple of years, he hasn't been called upon yet to step in to a starting role. This year will be his time to prove he is ready to contribute.

With all of those spots to fill and a new head coach, one might expect a bit of a rebuilding year at Powell. Not so, according to Rang, who certainly seems to understand the pressures of coaching at a program with the tradition and support that Powell enjoys.

"Expectations are going to be very high, even though the team will be quite different from a year ago", Rang explained to me. "That's part of the business of coaching at Powell. I think the fans understand that replacing some of the best talent that's walked the halls in 20 years is going to be tough, but the team just has to try their best to meet the expectations. We are going to coach 'em up hard and hope the results follow."

After having had the opportunity to be around Rang for a few months now, it is apparent that he has the passion and fire that is needed to be a successful high school football coach. The only thing he doesn't have is head coaching experience, but the fact that he chose to retain most of the previous staff should more than compensate for his personal lack of head coaching experience. One of the things that Rang told me in so many words during our initial meeting back in March was that things weren't broken within the Powell Football program, and they didn't need to be fixed. The fact that he has stayed true to that word and he has not changed the fundamentals of the program shows me the maturity to stay true to what has proven successful. Given that he played and learned under one of the best high school coaches ever in this state in George Quarles, that really comes as no surprise to me.

With the numbers and quality of the players that the Panthers lost from last year's team, it would be unrealistic for Panther fans to expect a third consecutive undefeated regular season and District 3AAA championship. That said, however, it would not be unrealistic to expect Powell to challenge for one of the two automatic playoff berths from the district, and at least a wild-card playoff spot in 2012.

Powell opens its season on August 17 at home against Rhea County. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. For the eleventh consecutive year, I will have the pleasure of serving as the Radio Voice of Powell Panther Football on AM 620 WRJZ. Our broadcasts begin each week with the Panther Pre-game Show at 7. The broadcasts are also streamed on the internet. They can be accessed at www.PowellPanthersFootball.com.

Big and bigger will help power Fulton

By Steve Williams

Speed and athleticism will again be a strength of Fulton High School football this coming season. But you can't overlook the Falcons' mammoth offensive line, either.

Even if you tried, you couldn't help but notice Akeem Cooperwood, Christian Kirk and Michael Scates. They're huge.

Cooperwood, a 6-foot-7-inch, 327-pounder, returns at left tackle. Lining up beside him again at guard will be Scates (6-5, 280). Kirk (6-5, 297) is back at right tackle.

Other probable starters up front include center Edward Jones (6-0, 231) and guards Brian Akins (6-3, 245) and Tyler Stokes (6-1, 219).

"Even the sizes of those three would have been big back in my playing days," said head coach Robbie Black, who was a quarterback, wide receiver and free safety for Fulton as a senior in 1984.

When it comes to size, Cooperwood, only a junior, takes it to another level. But, then, he's already been recognized as a player on another level. He was named to Max Preps' All-America high school freshmen team. Last season, he was on Max Preps' All-America second team.

Cooperwood has been attracting a lot of attention.

"We had a very busy spring," said Coach Black. "Tennessee, LSU and Alabama were among 25 Division 1 schools here this spring." The visitors included at least four former UT coaches - John Chavis (LSU), Randy Sanders (Kentucky), Lance Thompson (Alabama) and Dan Brooks (Clemson).

When asked about Fulton's strength this coming season, Black said: "We again will have speed and athleticism, and to go along with that a lot more experience overall, and three returning starters in the offensive line."

Last year was Black's maiden season as head coach, after being Fulton's offensive coordinator for 20 years.

The Falcons were very inexperienced in 2011 plus had to open against three strong teams - Morristown West, Knoxville West and Austin-East. The result was an 0-3 start.

"We had a big second half against Pigeon Forge in the fourth game, and from that point we really turned it on," recalled Black. "We got better all year long as we gained experience."

Fred Elder, who was moved to running back after starting the year at wide receiver, was a key force in the turnaround. Fulton finished 8-5, falling to eventual 3A state champion Greeneville in the third round of the playoffs.

Elder graduated, but Fulton returns six starters on offense, including wide receiver Xavier Hawkins, fullback Trey Fletcher (5-7, 191) and tight end Dean Taylor.

Penny Smith (6-1, 181, junior) will enter preseason camp as the No. 1 quarterback followed by sophomore Adam Diggs. "Penny started one game for us last season and played some in two others, so he has an edge in experience," said Black. "Both are very heady, field savvy, steady and throw a nice ball."

Other projected starters on the offensive side of the ball include junior running back Daryl Rollins, who has breakaway speed, and sophomore running back D.J. Campbell (6-0, 257). Campbell started on the defensive line as a freshman last season.

Black said two newcomers at wide receiver - sophomores K.J. Roper and Domonique Williams - "could be a key" for the Falcons. Both may also see action as running backs and will start in the defensive secondary.

Fulton has a veteran defensive coordinator in Jeff McMillan. He has seven returning starters back, including Campbell, who most likely will play end and middle linebacker this season. Scates will start at end but also can play tackle. Fletcher is an inside linebacker. Shawn Sullivan returns as an outside linebacker, Dean Taylor at end, Hawkins at corner and Tim Ramsey at free safety.

Nose guard Lamarcus Williams and Akins also could start up front. Sophomore safety Gage Seymour, outside linebacker Elijah Clark and senior linebacker Jolante Castle also are expected to be key contributors on defense.

Chris Appling, a senior, is the punter.

The Falcons will be playing in a new stadium this season and the home opener will be Saturday night, Sept. 1, against rival A-E. Fulton kicks off the season Saturday night, Aug. 18, against Morristown East in the second half of a doubleheader at Burke-Toney Stadium in Morristown.



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2012 Gibbs Eagles Preview

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School will play its first 2012 football game on Aug. 17.

The season opener, however, appears to be the least of coach Brad Conley's concerns.

"Everybody wants to win on Aug. 17," said Conley, who opens his fifth season as the Eagles' head coach. "Don't come to me and tell me how much you want to win on game day, you have to show me how much you want to win on July 24, 25 and 26.

"Being 45 years old, I remember the old school coaches like coach [Paul "Bear"] Bryant [of Alabama]

and the way that they did things. By the time Aug. 17 rolls around, the time to prepare has past. We're not talking about Aug. 17."

The Eagles went 6-5 and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs last season after winning the District 3-AA Title in 2010.

That doesn't appear to sit well with Conley and the Eagles, who always have high expectations.

"Our expectation is always to be playing on the first Saturday in December [in the Class 4A Championship Game at Tennessee Tech] and to win the gold ball. And it doesn't matter who left here or who

we have coming back," Conley said. "Our expectation is not to be competitive. Our expectation is to win.

"If your goal is to be competitive that means that you're going to try to hang around and have a chance to win the ball game. We don't use the word 'competitive' around here."

The Eagles have 16 returners who saw significant playing time last season including nine seniors.

Top returners, according to Conley, include: Jay Cade (senior, quarterback/safety); Keaton Cupp (senior, linebacker); Jacob Gasnow (senior, fullback/linebacker); Ryan Hunley (senior, wide receiver/

safety/kicker); A.J. Rucker (senior, tight end/defensive end); Ty Brewton (senior, slot/defensive back); Seth Kennard (senior, quarterback/linebacker); Austin Calfee (senior, fullback/linebacker); Caleb Bales (senior, offensive lineman/defensive end); Austin Breeden (slot/linebacker); Alex Hibbett (junior, center/defensive end); Brock Davis (junior, slot/defensive back); Curtis Childress (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Skyler Lane (junior, slot/defensive back); Cory Currington (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) and Brandon Norton (junior, offensive lineman/defensive

end).

Key varsity newcomers include: Hunter Lane (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Silas Joiner (sophomore, fullback/defensive back) and Brendan Wilson (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back).

Conley said that the Eagles' strengths are experience at the offensive skills positions, a good corps of linebackers and a strong secondary.

"Our strength will be on the offensive side of the ball with an experienced quarterback after the year Jay had as a junior last year," Conley said. "We have strength at our skill positions and with

our linebackers."

The squad's major early weakness will be lack of experience on both the offensive and defensive lines.

"We feel good about the offensive and defensive line," Conley said. "We feel like we have some people that can play but they're just young and inexperienced.

"Football games are won up front and we all know that."

Gibbs, which will face the likes of Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg-Pittman, Carter, Fulton, Austin-East and Union County, will open its season at Scott County.

2012 C.A.K. Warriors Preview

By Alex Norman

After years and years of falling a little bit short, the C.A.K. Warriors finally got over the proverbial hump in 2011, winning their first Class 3A state championship.

Time for a repeat performance?

"We have had a great off season. Our kids have really worked hard," said Warriors head coach Rusty Bradley. "There have not been any signs of complacency. If anything, last year's success has motivated our guys to work even harder. I feel as though we are the strongest we have ever been. We have pushed them hard this summer not only in the weight room but also in conditioning and they have handled that well."

Bradley added, "Our guys enjoy playing the game and all that goes along with that.

They enjoy the process of the season. What makes this rising senior class so special is their competitiveness. They love the pressure and the focus being on them so if anything last year's success has motivated them even more."

The Warriors, who return 10 starters on offense, and 5 on defense, feature two players entering their senior season with the knowledge that this won't be their last year playing together. Offensive lineman Brett Kendrick and wide receiver Josh Smith have both verbally committed to UT head coach Derek Dooley and the Vols.

"Brett Kendrick is a steal for Tennessee," said Bradley. "He is unbelievably athletic for a 6'5, 290 pound big guy. He bends well, has great feet, and is very explosive. He had a great second half of the

season last year for us and really helped himself by playing basketball. It's not every day you see someone his size get a rebound, dribble down court and have a no look pass for a layup. I expect Brett to have a good season for us and to be one of the leaders on our offensive line."

Smith caught 96 passes for more than 1900 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2011. "He is one of the most polished receivers to ever come through C.A.K.," said Bradley. "He runs very precise routes and has great ball skills. He has great speed and is also very athletic. He catches the ball well in traffic and always seems to make big plays for us. Tennessee happened to be the first camp he went to and when they offered he took it. I expect Josh to have another productive season and to

make a lot of plays for us."

The guy responsible for getting Smith the football is quarterback Charlie High, a player that has his critics, despite putting up monster numbers with the Warriors. Smith set six single-season state records during the 2011 season, including 5,191 passing yards 357 completions, and 65 touchdown passes.

Listed as 6'2, 180 pounds, he's been offered a scholarship by Tennessee Tech, and is waiting for others.

"Charlie High is a special player. There should not be question marks on him at all. The question marks about him are the result of him not fitting the mold that coaches look for in a high school quarterback physically," said Bradley. "Once you get to know him and watch him run our system, you will fall in love with him.

He has a quick release and is unbelievably accurate. Other schools can take whoever they want in recruiting, I want Charlie High on my team. I will take him any day of the week. He is a winner that will be a productive college player. God has a plan for his future and I am excited to see how this all plays out."

High not only has Smith to throw to, but a player Bradley says is the best all-around receiver he has ever coached, Davis Howell.

"He has great ball skills and always seems to make big plays in clutch situations for us. He has a high football IQ that helps him be a great player," said Bradley. "He wants the ball in his hands in pressure situations. I am not sure that we beat Austin East and Milan (in the postseason) last year without him. He

came up big in both games for us. He is also a great leader. His has a personality that is contagious."

There is a better than average chance that the District 4-AA title, as well as the Class 3A championship once again will be captured by C.A.K. or the Alcoa Tornadoes. It has emerged as one of the best rivalries in East Tennessee.

"They have pushed us, and been such a huge factor in why we have gotten to this point," said Bradley. "I think the thing that makes the rivalry so much fun is the amount of respect that exists between the two teams. I have so much respect for Coach (Gary) Rankin, his staff, and the program that they run. They do things the right way."

2012 Webb Spartans Preview

By Alex Norman

The Dutchtown Road area in West Knoxville is home to some pretty good football...

Knoxville Catholic (just past Dutchtown on Fox Lonas) won its first state championship in 2008.

Christian Academy of Knoxville (just off Dutchtown) wins their first state championship in 2011.

The Webb School Spartans (just off Dutchtown)? This season they are going for their sixth state title, and third in the past four years.

"Our goal is to always win a state championship," says Webb School head coach David Meske. "Our past players have created an expectation of excellence."

Last year the Spartans goal

of a three-peat was dashed in the Division II-A state semifinals. Still, there is a decent amount of talent returning, with six starters on offense and six starters on defense back in the fold. Meske says that it has been a good off-season, with his players working hard in the weight room especially.

Among the returning starters at Webb School is a familiar name to those that pay attention to big-time recruiting. Junior running back/defensive back Todd Kelly, who is listed at 6'0" and 185 pounds by rivals.com with a 4.5 40 time in the books, has already picked up scholarship offers from a bunch of major college programs.

Lane Kiffin and Southern

California want him to be a Trojan. Former Vols assistant Trooper Taylor is trying to get Kelly to commit to Auburn. Three-time national championship winning coach Nick Saban believes Kelly would be a good fit at Alabama. And yes, Derek Dooley and Tennessee have also extended an offer for Kelly to play his college football close to home.

Meske says that Kelly is handling the attention very well. "Todd Kelly is an extremely grounded individual. He understands what he has to do and to work hard every day to get better. He is committed to that on the field and in the classroom as well."

It's a luxury for a coach to have a veteran quarterback to count on, and Meske has that

in Jack Grayson, who started all 12 games for Webb in 2011.

"Jack's experience last year will have a great impact on our team this year," said Meske. "He is becoming a very sound quarterback."

Led by Grayson, Webb won its own passing league this summer. This could be a sign that we'll see more balance between the running attack and the passing game for Webb.

"We have to get the ball to our playmakers in space so I do see us throwing more this year," said Meske.

In 2009 and 2010 running back/defensive back Aaron Blance was a big part of the Spartans state title winning squads. He transferred to

Hardin Valley in 2011, but is back at Webb for his senior season. Meske knows that Blance can be a difference maker for the Spartans.

"Aaron brings more speed to our team," said Meske. "He has the potential to score on any play and he makes plays on defense. He will also return kicks."

Among other players that Meske says fans should keep an eye on in 2012 for the Spartans include Johnny Chun, who is listed as a quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back... Robby Strachan, who is listed at running back and linebacker, as well as Matthew Melton, listed on the roster as a running back/defensive back.

One of the interesting moves

that Webb has made involves the early season schedule. It certainly isn't a cake walk, right from the get go. Meske agreed to play perennial powerhouse Maryville in the 2011 season opener. This year? Another traditional Blount County state champion... the Alcoa Tornadoes.

"Playing some of the premier programs in the state challenges our players, and in the end makes us a better team," said Meske. "It is hard to find any teams locally to play us, so having the opportunity to play a Maryville or an Alcoa is something our kids look forward to.



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Karns sweeps state honors, goes for more

By Steve Williams

Karns' 9 and 10-year-old All-Stars pulled off three "firsts" in their Little League state baseball tournament at Bristol.

The talented team became the first team in the Karns program to win a state championship, plus the first to beat Goodlettsville and be presented a Sportsmanship award at the state tourney, said Coach Shane Parks.

After losing its first game in the tourney, Karns completed its comeback with a 5-3 victory over St. Bethlehem of Clarksville in the deciding game Monday, July 23.

"Truly an amazing group of kids," said Parks, whose team qualified for the eighth annual Tournament of State Champions at legendary Mitch Stadium in Ceredo-Kenova, West Virginia.

Karns was scheduled to play South Carolina Saturday night, North Carolina Sunday afternoon and the Virginia state champs today

(July 30) in pool play. Quarterfinals and semifinals are Tuesday, with the finals slated for Wednesday.

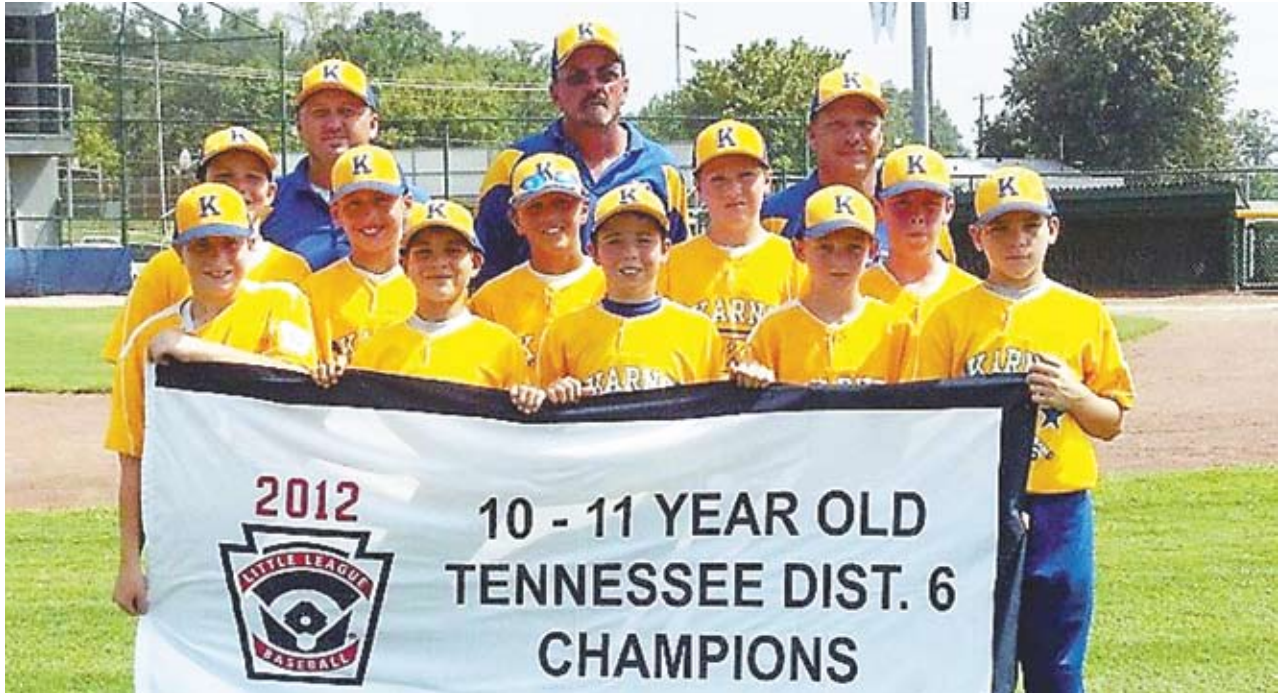
"We're going to go up there and see if we can have a little more fun," said Parks.

In the state finale, Nolan Parks was the winning pitcher. "Carter Gillette came in and really showed some composure to close it out," said Coach Parks.

Karns had beaten Tullahoma 13-3 Friday night (July 20) with Jonathan Nelson getting the mound win. Every Karns player got two hits, said the coach.

The following morning, Karns eliminated Goodlettsville 7-2 behind the pitching of Chris Vinson. Josh Stubblefield and Parks each had two RBI. Gillette and Nelson each scored two runs.

Karns was presented the Johnny Leonard Sportsmanship Award from the Bristol Little League Association prior to the win over Tullahoma. "That just meant the world to us," said Coach Parks. "We emphasized



Karns' 10 and 11-year-old Little League All-Stars won this year's District 6 championship and went on to take second place in the state tournament held at Lexington. Members of the team are (Left to right): Front row: Landen Smitty, Tanner Thornton, Bryce Jenkins, Caleb Constant, Zachery Thornton. Back row: Noah Gent, Jayce McGaha, Lucas Cook, Noah Price, Denver Hubbard. Coaches: Manager Mike Jenkins, Assistants Mike Thornton, Ernie Hubbard

that award was as big as any win all week."

Karns beat St. Bethlehem 8-0 on Sunday to force the "if necessary game." Drew Kregel stood out on the mound, recording his second complete

game shutout of the tourney. He had to make only 53 pitches in six innings. Karns jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning.

OTHER STATE ACTION: Karns' 11 and 12-year-old All-Stars defeated

Greeneville 6-5 but lost to Goodlettsville 6-0 and Clarksville 5-4 in their state tourney at Murfreesboro.

Karns' 10 and 11-year-old All-Stars finished as state runners-up. They lost to Goodlettsville 10-1 in the

championship game. Karns rolled past Spring Hill 13-1 to reach the finals, after falling to Goodlettsville 11-6 in the winners' bracket finals.

Naturally, Dooley tries to make light of the issue

Is there a Natural Light National Quarterback of the Year



By Steve Williams

has to be under strong consideration.

Well, if head coach Derek Dooley is going to joke about the latest embarrassment Bray has brought to the Vols' football program, I mind as well crack on it, too.

One of Dooley's first reported comments to media in regard to Bray's beer bottle and golf ball throwing that damaged a parked vehicle at his apartment complex was, "Obviously he needs to work on his accuracy. He missed the trash can."

Just another example that Dooley could be a standup comedian, if he ever needs to make another career move.

Based on the latest negative news involving his quarterback, Dooley wouldn't do so good as a fortune teller. The Tennessee coach complimented Bray's increased maturity level at the recent SEC Media Days and said

he had made the "lifestyle change" required to be a UT quarterback.

Less than 48 hours later, Bray and his roommate reportedly were tossing beer bottles and golf balls at a parked car from a balcony at The Landings on Riverside Forest Way.

We assume Bray was no longer wearing the black suit with orange tie and orange Power T on the lapel that he donned at Media Days.

It was announced that no charges would be filed as the owner of the damaged car no longer wished to prosecute, since Bray had offered to pay for damages.

There had been a witness to the incident, who called 911 and told police "there had been males drinking and throwing beer bottles and golf balls at (the victim's) vehicle."

What is most disturbing is that on the following day, the car belonging to the witness had its windshield smashed when the witness came home to eat lunch. The witness told police she suspected retaliation as the motive.

The witness also said the office manager had told her Bray and his roommate had been served

with an eviction notice just prior to her coming home for lunch.

Dooley was notified by police that Bray was a suspect in both incidents. At last report, the second incident was still under investigation.

If Bray had anything to do with the second incident, he should be dismissed from the team immediately.

As for the first incident, there are two ways to look at it for Vol fans: Boys will be boys or the leadership of the UT football program IS a joke.

There are questions that still need to be answered . . . the drinking age in Tennessee is 21. Bray turns 21 in December. His roommate reportedly is 26 years old. Wouldn't UT players be better off living in an athletic dorm as they did in the past?

Jimmy Stanton, UT's sports information director, reported Bray had neither been arrested or evicted. Why the conflicting reports about eviction?

This story won't go away anytime soon. Expect to see opposing fans wave signs like: "This loss is for you" or "Bray is a Natural". Creative/mean headline writers might type: Vols Handed

Sobering Loss, UT Staggers Past Georgia State or Vols Still Have Hangover After Loss to Florida.

It won't be Tyler's first go around with negative publicity. As a freshman, he was criticized for his double throating-slashing gesture at the North Carolina bench in the Music City Bowl. Last season, he and teammate Da'Rick Rogers were accused by a teammate

of not wanting to play in a lower-tier post season bowl and caring more about individual stats than continuing the long winning streak over Kentucky.

Still, the 6-6, 215-pounder from Kingsburg, Calif., enters his junior season as one of the top-rated quarterbacks in the nation. Lindy's 2012 preseason edition honored him as having the "Strongest Arm

in SEC."

Here's some wishful thinking. Maybe Tyler's beer-bottle tossing could lead to bringing back the old Beer Barrel, which for years went to the winner in the Tennessee-Kentucky rivalry. And Bray will do his best to try to skin the Wildcats this season.

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Dr. Jim Ferguson

A hand-drawn diagram illustrating an allergic reaction. On the left, several red triangles represent "Venom or Ragweed". Below them, a yellow box labeled "IgE on cells" has an arrow pointing to a curved line representing a cell membrane. On the membrane, yellow Y-shaped structures represent IgE antibodies. Red triangles are shown binding to these antibodies. This binding triggers the release of "histamine" (underlined in blue) from the cell. An arrow points from the histamine to the text "Allergic Reaction" in red on the right.



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Faith

Gratitude Returned for the Gift of Life

A prominent place in Bill Wallace's life was KNOXVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL, now Serene Manor Medical Center. The place where he did his internship and served as house physician still stands tall and stately with its white pillars at the front. "I'm trying to imagine what this building was like as a hospital back then," I heard my brother say as our group gathered in the lobby. Being the only hospital of that day, I imagine it was bustling with activity. Here we stood in the very halls of the hospital where Bill Wallace began doctoring. The re-enactment of Dr. Wallace and a nurse by Jeff and Sheri Stewardson took us back to exactly how things must have looked back then. Sheri even donned a nurse's cap from that day.

A highlight of the tour took place just inside the old Knoxville General Hospital. After the tour group spent a few minutes mingling with the residents, Dr. James McCluskey, tour guide and pastor emeritus of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, began speaking. The room became quiet as he started telling a story from the message he preached at the Memorial Service for William Lindsey Wallace at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, on January 12, 1985. I noticed one resident who had been staring toward the wall turn and follow his voice. After hearing several people on the tour talk about what the story meant to them, I wanted to share it with *Focus* readers. With Nina Fletcher's assistance, I am able to bring you the following story from Dr. McCluskey:

"A little more than twenty years ago (now forty-seven years), this church (Wallace Memorial) began a new church in an adjoining community. Seeking a choice piece of property, believing that the location of a church is very important to its outreach, we set our eyes on one special piece of real estate that seemed to be 'head and shoulders' above any other property in the area. Commercial real estate people told us that the property could not be bought, that the owners lived on the back side of the property themselves and did not want to live behind commercial establishments. Despite this information we decided to contact the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Summers.

"Taking one of our charter members, N. E. Burtleon, with me, we made an appointment with the Summers. After explaining our need for the property and hearing the Summers explain that they did not desire to sell, I tried to explain to them the contribution they could make by letting this property have such a wonderful use as a church site. For some reason, I happened to mention the growth of our church and that our church was named for Dr. Wallace.

"Suddenly the face of Mr. Summers changed. He asked, 'Did that Doctor once work at the old Knoxville General Hospital?' I replied that I understood that he had served his internship there in 1934 and 1935 before going to China. Tears began to come to



Picture of Dr. Bill Wallace provided by Rev. Eddie Hodges from the Wallace Memorial Baptist Church archives.

his eyes and then to roll down his cheeks. When he could compose himself, he said, 'That young Doctor saved my life in 1935 by performing an emergency operation on me!' Need I tell you that we purchased that beautiful piece of property for the new church? Today, the Cumberland Baptist Church stands there as part of the remains of William Lindsey Wallace." (Next week: Final segment of the Bill Wallace Tour.)

A Nation of Violence

Our nation continues to grieve and ask questions



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

over the motives of 24 years old, James Holmes for killing and injuring so many people at a midnight showing of the Dark Knight Rises at the Century 16 Movie Theatre in Aurora, CO. What we do know is that at the time of this writing, there are 12 dead, 58 wounded, and 7 others still fighting for their lives.

Whenever a mass killing takes place in this country, we are sure to find a discussion taking place about gun control. Feelings are strong from one side to the other. Those for guns state that criminals will get weapons no matter what the laws are and law-abiding citizens will be left defenseless. Those against guns say that this act of violence is just another example of many of what happens when you allow people easy access to weapons. What is clear to me is that if someone with James Holmes' mental health can get easy access to automatic weapons, explosives, and thousands of rounds of ammunition plus body armor, something is wrong with the system. I am personally a proponent of stricter controls on who can get guns, how they are purchased, and what types of guns are available for sale. I like what Tony Campolo wrote, "I have a deep conviction that if Jesus were still physically incarnated among us today, He would not be packing a .40 caliber semi-automatic

weapon" (Red Letter Christians, 100).

After such a tragedy, many wonder where God was in all of this. God is heart-broken. One of the ultimate acts of selfishness is to take the life of an innocent person. God calls it murder and is angered by it. Jesus said the greatest commands are to love God and others. If James would have listened to Jesus, none of this, nor any other crime would take place. But violent crime continues to escalate which tells you much about how far we moved away from the words of Jesus. For example, since 1970, there have been more Americans killed by privately owned firearms than the combined number of deaths in all of the wars in U.S. History (Red Letter Christians, 101).

There are now more Americans in jail, 6 million, than there were in Stalin's Gulag, reports Fareed Zakaria, in a column called "Incarceration Nation." The U.S. has 760 prisoners per 100,000 citizens. How does that compare to other countries? There really is no comparison. Japan has 63 per 100,000. Germany has 90 per 100,000. France has 96 per 100,000. South Korea has 97 per 100,000. Britain has 153 per 100,000. And consider this, in 1980, the U.S. only had 150 prisoners per 100,000 citizens. (March 24, 2012, Business Insider.com).

Crime is now an epidemic in America. As a culture our society moves further from God and without a moral compass, people become more and more self-centered. So how would Jesus have us deal with criminals? My next article will tackle this important question.

Church Happenings

Faith Fun Fest in West Knoxville

A faith fun fest will take place at Hillside Baptist Church on Saturday, August 4 from 10:00 to 4:00, with registration starting at 9:30 followed by games and activities and lunch, with the fun continuing on Sunday, August 5 with a service at 11:00 followed by a lunch, a bike giveaway, and

more games and activities. Activities on both days will include a Water Slide, Dunking Booth, Inflatable's, and lunch. Special gospel presentation through music and skits on Saturday and Sunday. All activities are free of charge.

Directions: 1321 Hickey Road off Bob Gray and Lovell Roads in West Knoxville.

Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United Methodist Church invites you to our Young at Heart senior adult meeting on Tuesday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. when we will host missionary Ron Naugle as our speaker. Mr. Naugle will show slides and discuss his and his wife's years of mission work in South Africa. His

website is www.NauglesToAfrica.com if you would like to learn more. All are welcome! Potluck luncheon and fellowship follows the speaker. Faith UMC is located on the corner of Dry Gap Pike and Rifle Range Road at 1120 Dry Gap Pike, Knoxville, TN. (865) 688-1000. www.faithseekers.org

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

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How to do research

In last week's column I put forth some old time trivia questions that I hope caused you to do research on your own. In the business, we do research like this every day for the history and cur-



By Carl Sloan

rent rates for items in the gallery. I hear folks saying that they've looked all over the internet, library, etc. and can't find anything on what they are searching for all the time. For those people, I'd like to share a method that I use daily. If the first attempt at research comes up with no results, it's because you are probably asking the wrong questions. Go into it sideways is my advice. Look at the big picture and come at it from different angles, getting pieces of info that you can build into a whole conclusion. No easy button, but it works and is how I go at it when doing tough appraisals for individuals and insurance companies. Try it on your own and you will see that you can do your own forensic-style research on most anything much better.

Ok, now for the answers to the questions from last week's column.

1. When was the last funeral for a Civil War soldier?
Let me guess. Your mind saw an old, gray-bearded individual that lived to be 104? Not quite! When the Hunley Confederate submarine was excavated in 2000, it contained eight crew members. Hundreds of members of The Sons Of Confederate Veterans marched with the crew's remains in full period regalia to Hollywood Cemetery in Charleston for a burial with full military honors. The inventor of the submarine, Horace Hunley, is also resting in Charleston. This was the last Confederate burial.

2. How did Henry Ford greatly increase his production of automobiles?
After spending money on time-management studies that never made any difference, Ford was walking through his young factory and observed a group of men standing around doing nothing. This group was well known for being lazy and Ford was in no mood for slackers. When asked why they were standing around they answered that they had long ago finished their daily tasks and were just waiting for the whistle to blow. Ford then formed a group of more of this type and finally solved his problem with incentives to go home early with the same pay and bonuses.

3. In the 19th century almost every home had lightning rods on top of their homes. Why don't we today?
With the advent of electric copper wiring that was grounded as well as metal plumbing lighting rods were no longer needed.

4. Robert Shaw, who would go on to invent the thermostat for automobile engines, was fired while

still a student and employee of UT for not leaving his office in order to record river data. Why?
Robert Shaw ran a copper wire connected to a thermometer from his desk down to the water so did not need to walk down to the river every hour.

5. During the siege of Knoxville in 1864 the Union commanders placed two privates to guard one of the largest telescopes in the nation at the time placed in the tower of the UT's main building then located off Kingston Pike. The telescope was being used for astronomy studies. The large telescope had a marvelous big lens hand ground in Germany and it being November with very cold temperatures the soldiers took out the lens and used it to start a fire to stay warm. The lens disappeared when it was then stolen by other soldiers thus blinding the Union Army's ability to observe long distances. General Longstreet was able to escape unobserved with only a rear guard.

6. Early in the century an inventor came to Knoxville and demonstrated his device that changed the world forever and still effects each and everyone in the entire world today. Who was he? Wilbur Wright came to Knoxville with one of the newly invented airplanes, his brother staying behind recovering from a crash. Wright performed a demonstration flight on what is today Speedway Circle a horse race track then.

7. A South Knoxville businessman was awarded a contract by the government that was key to defeating our enemies on all fronts during WW2. What did he do? A South Knox furniture and wood factory owner was awarded a government contract to build stocks for the M-1 Garand rifle from walnut. Later stocks were made of beech wood at many other locations.

8. Catherine Wiley, a Knoxville native, studied art at UT during the 1880s under art professor and legendary painter Lloyd Branson as one mentor. Wiley left and studied in New York and then moving to South Carolina painting in the Post Impressionistic styles of William Merritt Chase. She is recognized as one of the greatest of the Southern artists and has paintings in museums and galleries all over. You may see her original works at the East Tennessee Historical Society or at the Knoxville Museum of Art. Wiley stopped painting after a mental breakdown in 1929 and died institutionalized in 1959.

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Counting your chickens!

It's a common predicament: you need to sell your home and at the same time buy and move into another, possibly in another city. Since it's not likely that you'll close on both homes in the same day, how do you proceed? Buy first or sell first? It's a classic "chicken or the egg" scenario.

If you sell first, you're pressured to move, perhaps into temporary quarters. But if you face something like job relocation,



By Jan Cole

there may be little choice. If you buy first, you might be paying two mortgages for some time. But if you can't afford two payments, you'll probably have to sell first to qualify for a loan. What a headache!

There is an option called a "contingency contract," wherein you make an offer on a home that is "contingent" upon selling your current home. This type of offer usually contains a 24 hr. "First

Right of Refusal" clause. This simply means that the sellers will continue to market their home and if another offer comes in and is agreed upon by both parties, the original buyers with the contingency, have 24 hrs. in which to decide whether to remove it, or let the home go to the second buyers. This is a good option for a buyer who has a home to sell, however, it can lead to heartache when another offer comes in and they are not in a position to buy.

All in all, the best bet is

to go ahead and list your home for sale as soon as possible, and start looking at other homes. When your home is under contract, take your loan pre-approval, and with the help of a Realtor, choose from the houses you've already selected as your top three. Make your offer and make your plans to start moving!

Whether you are looking for a home or thinking of selling, give me a call. I will guide you through the processes involved and will always be looking out for your best interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blount Mansion presents "An Evening at Chisolm Tavern"

First Friday, August 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m., free and open to the public.

The woodwork from Chisolm Tavern was saved to Craighead Jackson House when Neyland Drive was built in the 1960's and the original Chisolm Tavern was demolished. Located in the Craighead Jackson House (built in 1818) adjacent to Blount Mansion, 200 West Hill Avenue, in downtown Knoxville. Music will be provided by The Chisolm Tavern Trio featuring Nancy Brennan Strange, Don Cassell and Dan Gammon singing period pub songs.

For more information, please call 865-525-2375 or visit www.blountmansion.org.

Carter Reunion

Carter High School Class of 1957

will hold it's 55th reunion Saturday, Sept. 29th at the Chop House, exit 407 at 5:00 p.m. For information call Peggy Wilson 933-2608 or Sue Walter 933-3077

Jobs Fair

On Tuesday, July 31, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. the Tennessee Technology Center at Knoxville will host a free job fair for the local community. The fair will be free to both vendors and our community. The fair will be held on the campus at: 1100 Liberty Street, Knoxville, TN 37919. For more information on attending or to reserve a booth, call 865-546-5567.

Karns Library Summer events:

TUESDAY, JULY 31 AT 2 PM: ASA DIAMOND, VENTRILOQUIST. Come join Asa Diamond and "Charlie the

dog" for "Go Fetch a Book." This fun, interactive reading presentation includes ventriloquism, music, and the zany antics of Asa and his loveable characters. Awaken your imagination and let it soar! Learning and fun blend to create Asa's hilarious brand of "edutainment".

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 2 PM: LEGO BUILD with ROBIN MARSH. Join Robin Marsh of the TN Valley Fair to learn new tips and techniques for building your own LEGO creations! The Fair is having a LEGO BUILD Contest!

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

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2 TBSP salad mustard
1 TBSP sugar
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
pinch cayenne

Wash the potatoes but don't peel them. Place the potatoes in a large pot with enough water to cover them. Heat to boiling, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook the potatoes until they are tender but not mushy, about 30 minutes. Drain them and cool.

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