



POLITICAL ANALYSIS

Kane Beats Hutchison



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Roger Kane thanks his supporters during the Election Night celebration at the Crowne Plaza last Thursday.

By Focus Staff

Redistricting gave birth to the new 89th District and the best known candidate to fill the seat was former Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison. Several other candidates entered the primary and yet another prospective candidate tried in vain to get on the ballot. The Republicans were always thought to have the advantage inside the 89th District and eventually four candidates competed for the GOP nomination: Hutchison, Roger

Kane, William G. "Bo" Pierce, and Joey McCulley. Shelley Breeding, a young attorney, tried to get on the ballot to run as a Democrat in the general election, but was unsuccessful due to residency requirements.

All of the Republican candidates have been around the edges of politics and government. "Bo" Pierce was the long-time Director of the Knox County Housing Authority; McCulley's father is a member of the Blount County Commission; and Kane

made an unsuccessful bid for Knox County Trustee in 2008.

Once the most powerful and perhaps the most personally popular politician in Knox County, Tim Hutchison was seeking to come back from a devastating defeat for the mayoral nomination, which he lost to then-State Senator Tim Burchett two years ago. At his peak, Hutchison commanded the loyalty of thousands of Republicans in Knox County. As Sheriff, Hutchison was pursued by The

Knoxville News-Sentinel relentlessly, yet he was elected five times.

Tim Hutchison literally came out of nowhere to win election as Knox County Sheriff in 1990, defeating two-term incumbent Joe Fowler. Hutchison quickly improved the department and put his personal stamp on just about everything. Young, handsome, and exceptionally photogenic, Hutchison was enormously popular. The Sentinel's vendetta against Hutchison

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Knoxville is the 130th largest city in the United States yet has an airport similar in size to those located in much larger cities such as the twelfth largest city of Indianapolis or Austin, the fourteenth largest.

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the McGhee Tyson Airport, the East Tennessee Historical Society and the McGhee Tyson Airport will present "Knoxville's Gateway to the World - McGhee Tyson Airport after 75 Years" by Bob Davis to look at the history of airport's establishment, the role it has played in regional growth through the years, and the important cooperation between civil aviation, general aviation, and the military. He

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'Valley of the Kings' now open

Knoxville Zoo's much-anticipated new African lion and Hamadryas baboon habitats were unveiled over the weekend and are now open to zoo visitors.

The Valley of the Kings habitat offers zoo-goers closer proximity to the inhabitants and enhanced visibility with an indoor courtyard, woven stainless steel netting and glass viewing areas and specially-designed windows that allow visitors an intimate look at training sessions with the animals and their keepers.

Hamadryas baboons Cairo, Tchabu and Buzz will be joined by three more males after settling in. African lions Jimmy and Zarina are the first of the zoo's lions to make the move to their new home and after they are comfortably acclimated they will be joined by a second group of female lions.

Harris Elected to Board of Education

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, Karen Carson, and Indya Kincaid were all formally reelected to new four-year terms last Thursday while businessman Doug Harris was elected to succeed Third District representative Cindy Buttry, who choose to not seek reelection.

Harris defeated Gina Oster to win a seat on the Board of Education and it will be interesting to see if his background as a businessman will make a difference with an entity that consumes the lion's share of Knox County's budget. All told, the school system spends more than \$500 million. Superintendent James McIntyre had asked for \$35 million above natural growth, which would have necessitated a 35¢ property tax increase. The County Commission refused to increase taxes following loud protests from citizens. Tax backers including The Knoxville News-Sentinel, the Chamber of Commerce and Support Our Schools had the help of a \$40,000+ advertising campaign financed by Chamber members, but it made no impact upon Commissioners.

Whether Harris will become yet another rubber stamp vote for the Superintendent and his administration, only time will tell.

'Lunch with the Mayor' to support local restaurants

After organizing a series of successful cash mobs, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett kicked off "Lunch with the Mayor" last Friday at Harby's Pizza & Deli on Walker Boulevard in North Knoxville. "Lunch with the Mayor" will occur every month at various locally owned restaurants.

"The 'Knox Cash Mob' has been very popular and very successful, but it's been mostly geared toward locally-owned retail businesses. I think 'Lunch with the Mayor' will be a good way to take the cash mob concept to local restaurants, because they need our support, too," Mayor Burchett said. "The important thing about the cash mob, and now 'Lunch with the Mayor,' is getting people to start thinking about supporting locally-owned businesses."



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Joining Mayor Burchett for some pie at Harby's last Friday are Edie Clemons, Kathy Michalec, Ernie Roberts and Bobby Black.

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Knox Countians Favor Direct Election of Judges

By Focus Staff

This week's *Knoxville Focus* poll asked the question whether voters prefer direct election of judges or the current "retain or replace" method of ratifying judges.

Over 66% of likely voters favored direct election of judges, although several

districts gave strong support to the current method of choosing judges in Tennessee. Bare majorities in the Fourth and Fifth Districts favored direct election, with strikingly similar results in both districts. More than 47% of voters like the current method of determining judges in

Tennessee. Tow districts entirely within the confines of the City of Knoxville favor direct election of judges, the First and Second. The greatest support for direct election of judges came from the Seventh District, which is comprised of Fountain City and Halls in north Knoxville and Knox County.

80% of voters in East Knox County also favor direct election of judges.

Voters ages 30-49 were least likely to want to change the current method of selecting judges, while those most strongly supporting direct election of judges were voters over age 65.

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(somewhat reminiscent to its current pursuit of Mayor Tim Burchett) did little to damage his popularity. In fact, one could argue it had precisely the opposite effect. Harry Moskos, then-editor of The Knoxville News-Sentinel, exhibited a personal hatred for Hutchison while at the same time loyally supported Mayor Victor Ashe. For years, politics in our community was divided between "city" and "county" factions and Tim Hutchison was at the top of the heap in county politics.

The apex of Hutchison's county organization came when voters overwhelmingly rejected consolidating the city and county governments. Yet Tim Hutchison frittered away much of his personal popularity with endless disputes and feuds. Dissatisfied with the pace of a proposed Justice Center, Hutchison demanded control over the project and a subservient County Commission gave it to him. It was also the death knell of the project, which was never built.

Elections were getting closer for Hutchison and more and more voters inside the City of Knoxville were voting for his opponents, but the Sheriff was still enormously popular in the outlying county precincts and his large majorities there kept him in office. When term limits were enforced, Tim Hutchison's reign as Sheriff came to an end.

His tenure ended in controversy, as he was due to receive a generous pension after voters had approved a defined benefits package for deputies.

Hutchison seemed not to realize his popularity had diminished and the continuous feuds had taken their toll. He had publicly pondered whether his future lay in Congress or perhaps as the head of Knox County government. Hutchison announced he would run for County Mayor and suffered a humiliating defeat with Burchett winning by a huge majority.

As Hutchison prepared for a comeback, many thought he would benefit from a crowded primary field. The former Sheriff was better financed than Roger Kane, although Kane ran a more modern campaign. Hutchison plastered the district with billboards, always a staple of his campaigns. Kane's own campaign concentrated on robo-calls, mailers and radio advertising. In the end, Hutchison's liabilities were simply too much to overcome, along with Roger Kane simply running a better campaign. Kane won the Republican nomination with better than 42% of the vote. Without a Democratic opponent in the general election, Kane will certainly go to Nashville and has an opportunity to make a difference.

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will also highlight some of the aircraft and important visitors that have been in Knoxville over the past half century, as well as a display of models of aircraft that landed at Tyson McGhee.

A pilot who has flown over Knoxville in his own airplane since 1986, Bob has spent his retirement years conducting extensive research into the history of aviation in Knoxville and compiling numerous newspaper sources to document that history and growth. He is currently a flight instructor and designated pilot examiner.

Free and open to the public, the Brown Bag Lecture will begin at noon Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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Elected 66.49% (254)



By Age	Appointed	Elected	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	1
30-49	43.24%	56.76%	37
50-65	32.84%	67.16%	134
65+	32.38%	67.62%	210
Total	33.51% (128)	66.49% (254)	382

By Commission District

1	30.00%	70.00%	30
2	25.00%	75.00%	48
3	39.02%	60.98%	41
4	52.54%	47.46%	59
5	52.63%	47.37%	57
7	15.52%	84.48%	58
8	20.00%	80.00%	50
9	28.21%	71.79%	39
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By Gender

Unknown	50.00%	50.00%	14
Female	32.32%	67.68%	198
Male	33.53%	66.47%	170
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Publisher's Positions

The School Board's False Economy



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Last week Superintendent of Schools Dr. James McIntyre informed the Board of Education the cost of insuring high school students that participate in athletic events has risen. While the school system was taking new bids, it appeared the cost of insurance may have risen as much as \$200,000. Of course that isn't a lot in a school budget that is over a half a billion dollars, but the reaction of the Board members was interesting to note.

When told that ticket prices to attend high school sporting events might have to go up to absorb the cost of higher insurance, several Board members reacted as if McIntyre had proposed burning down schools with

the children still inside. Board Chairman Thomas Deakins lamented the cost of increased ticket prices for his family, while Vice Chair Indya Kincannon all but said she would not vote to increase the price of tickets for any reason. In fact, most every Board member who spoke up on behalf of beleaguered families were the very same members who supported a proposed huge tax increase of \$35 million during the recent budget hearings. Even increasing the cost of tickets by a mere dollar would not have the same effect as raising property taxes on everyone, including those who haven't attended a high school football game since Abraham Lincoln was splitting rails.

Perhaps the Board members suddenly realize just how tough the economy really is for folks now, but they certainly had no such concern when trying to get the County Commission to raise taxes. Chairman Deakins was himself supportive of a plan that would have raised both the property and sales taxes. Kincannon repeatedly compared the cost of the tax increase to that of a Coca-Cola per day or some such nonsense, yet didn't both

er to do the math for purchasing tickets to high school football and basketball games.

The only member of the Knox County Board of Education who did not support the huge tax increase proposed by Dr. McIntyre was Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board. Every other member of the Board was out trying to sell the tax increase. Even after getting an additional one-time extra appropriation of \$7 million, most of the Board was trying to figure out how to keep it in their budget forever. Unfortunately, it is the sort of hypocrisy voters have come to expect from politicians.

Certainly some families are hard pressed financially, but they are not any more hard pressed than when most of the Board was seeking to increase their taxes. It may be difficult for some families to pay all the costs associated with their sons and daughters playing a sport, but what's wrong with Americans realizing the actual cost of a program and paying that cost? More and more seem to expect everybody else to bear the cost of their own choices and decisions. As I said last week, the best tax

is that one you don't pay, but derive a benefit from.

The school system has been negotiating with local TV stations to collect fees from broadcasting high school football games, allowing the school system to generate more revenue and allow everyone to watch the game from the comfort of his/her home.

As to entertainment, no other form of entertainment is subsidized by the taxpayers; in fact most other forms of entertainment are actually taxed. Movie-goers pay not only for the ticket, but an entertainment tax. Look at your monthly cable bill and the myriad of taxes charged. The franchise fee on your monthly cable bill is a tax passed along by the cable companies for local government; those funds are used to pay for the programming and channels for public meetings and the like. They aren't free.

The University of Tennessee routinely brags that its own athletic program is self-supporting. Every school has its own booster club and those clubs are always selling something. The proceeds from concession stands are used to support high school athletics and virtually every

principal retains control over the money generated from the vending machines in their schools.

Evidently the school system failed to take bids on new insurance prior to receiving the bill from the insurance company. Perhaps lower bids will come in, but the Superintendent has the right idea. If the cost is more, increase the price of the tickets to pay as you go. The suggestion of using the windfall of unexpected sales tax revenue to subsidize the cost for people to attend local high school sporting events is irresponsible. It simply reinforces the notion that the price can be kept artificially low because the taxpayers subsidize it. Folks are going to have to contend with

increasing food and dairy prices next year because of the severity of the recent drought.

Things are tough all over, but it won't keep these same Board members who look like they're concerned about working families from going back to the County Commission next year to ask for an increase in your taxes. The Board of Education is rightly not known for its fiscal responsibility or monetary restraint. The Board pretending to care about working families paying 50 cents or a dollar more per ticket is just another heaping helping of the same old stale rainbow stew they serve up at regular intervals. They cook it next to the barn housing the unicorn herd.

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Charter offices are a bad idea



By Richie Beeler

Change in status could compromise services, raise fees

It sounds like a perfectly sensible idea. Knox County is a home rule charter county. So why not reclassify the so-called 'constitutional offices' as charter offices? That is the opinion of some on the Charter Review Committee, which could decide Wednesday whether to move forward with placing such a measure on the November ballot. But while the intentions of those desiring such a move may be noble, the idea of abolishing constitutional offices and replacing them with charter offices is simply not good government.

The offices in question are those commonly referred to as 'fee offices,' - the County Clerk, Trustee, and Register of Deeds. They are offices mandated by the State Constitution. Every county has to have them. Well...not exactly. The legislation that allows counties to adopt a charter form of government also allows them to essentially abolish their constitutional offices, so long as they replace them with county departments that perform the same functions - i. e., charter offices. Sound harmless? Well, it's not, for several reasons.

What's the harm?

For starters, all the duties of these fee offices are mandated and governed by state law and the State Constitution. But if they cease to be constitutional offices, and instead become charter offices, the Knox County Charter would become their governing document. So could the Charter merely refer to state law to prescribe their duties? Yes, but it could also prescribe new ones - and new fees. Today, all recording fees for property deeds are uniform across Tennessee. But suppose Knox County decided it needed a new revenue stream and enacted a \$100 "deed fee" on all transfers. If the Register of Deeds were merely a charter office, it could happen.

But proponents of this change definitely won't speak of additional fees or duties for these offices. What they will talk about is the need for more accountability. It appears that the primary motive for reclassifying these offices is to give the Mayor and County Commission more control over them - a notion that was overwhelmingly rejected by voters in 2008. Then, a measure that sought to make the fee offices charter offices appointed by the Mayor was defeated in

referendum by a nearly 3 to 1 margin.

"But this is not about appointing offices," some supporters say. "We can still elect them, but just put them under the fiscal control of the Commission and Mayor."

Yes we could still elect them. For now. But once they cease to be constitutional offices, making them appointed is simply the next logical step. If this move doesn't do it, the next one will. Keep this in mind: you cannot appoint a constitutional office. You can appoint a charter office. But either way, the move to charter offices would be a move in the wrong direction. As one commissioner put it, "If you make these charter offices, whether you elect them or appoint them, they'll be nothing more than a glorified babysitter."

Such was definitely not the intent of our state's founders when they laid out the structure for county governments. In fact, the various county offices that were created by the Constitution were designed to have a degree of independence. Especially the fee offices.

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

Dale Carr takes District 12 House Seat

By Tasha Mahurin
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In what is being heralded as perhaps the biggest upset during last Thursday's primary, Sevierville Alderman and auctioneer, Dale Carr defeated longtime incumbent Richard Montgomery for the Republican House seat in District 12.

"I'm running for State Representative in District 12 because I want to be your advocate in Nashville. I will bring the same level of enthusiasm and passion to protecting and promoting your interests that I bring to serving our clients in the auction business. It's the only way I know how to do it," Carr stated during his embattled campaign.

As the precincts began reporting, Carr began the

night with a narrow lead (61 votes) when early voting and absentee ballots were totaled. Carr's lead jumped to over 100 votes with almost half of the 24 precincts reporting, then narrowed to just a couple of votes when the Seymour vote came in. Carr ended the night with 3,535 votes to Montgomery's 3,457.

The race was not won without tremendous effort on the part of both candidates and was particularly contentious in Seymour, which is Montgomery's home. It is historically difficult to unseat an incumbent in the 12th district. However, several surveys have coined Sevier County as one of the fastest growing counties in the state. This influx of new voters has undoubtedly

contributed to a shift in the political climate.

"I'm so appreciative of all the voters of Sevier County," Carr told the Focus. "I felt like this was a grass roots effort, and the people have spoken. I want to continue to listen to the people so that we can achieve maximum results in Sevier County."

During his campaign, Carr promised to fight for better roads and infrastructure throughout Sevier County. The area struggles with notoriously heavy traffic through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, and he also discussed the need for more turn lanes and other improvements along the heavily traveled Chapman Highway. Additionally, Carr campaigned for higher per-pupil spending in Sevier County schools



Dale Carr

and conservative principles.

"I want to thank all those across the county who worked on this campaign. I could not have done this without each of them," Carr added. "It also would not have been possible without the good Lord above and the prayers sent up on my behalf. God bless everyone of you. I will give my very best to Sevier County."

South Haven Neighborhood Association to host membership rally

By Tasha Mahurin
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The South Haven Neighborhood Association will be hosting a membership rally and elect new officers and board members on Saturday, August 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

"Neighborhoods are the strength of any community and that is why it is important that participation is needed in this restructuring of the South Haven Neighborhood Association. It is a vibrant neighborhood with many strengths and challenges that need addressing by active community members," stated Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis.

Those who wish to join the association or seek an appointment must be a paid member. (Dues are \$12.00 yearly.) Membership is open to residents and business or property owners within the boundary lines. The boundary lines are from the Tennessee

River and along Island Home Avenue to the North, Tilson Road to South Doyle Middle School and the church to the South, Gilbert Lane (including the area over to Vucrest) to the East and the James White Parkway from Cottrell Street to the West.

Send nominations for board members or an officer to the board to Scott Romines via email at scott@del-ta-group.com before August 18th. Nominations will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. the day of, with elections commencing at 11:00 a.m.

"I hope you will consider becoming a board member or officer or just an active participant with a say in how your neighborhood will move forward. I hope to see you then and in the future," Pavlis added.

The event will be held at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, located at 1615 Price Avenue in South Knoxville.

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What is a fee office?

The term 'fee office' refers to an elected county office that collects user fees for the services it renders, and which is to be operated from those fees, and not from county tax revenue. Ever heard the expression, "Government ought to be run more like a business?" That's exactly what the founders had in mind when they created fee offices. They are designed to be self-sufficient in performing their constitutionally mandated services to the people who use them, by charging statutory fees for those services.

But what is to keep the county from taking the fees of such an office and using them to subsidize other departments that might have a fiscal shortfall? In other words, robbing Peter to pay Paul, even if it means reducing the service level of Peter's office. A perfect example of this is the United States Postal Service. When you mail a letter, you assume your 45 cents is going to help operate the post office. Unfortunately, thanks to legislative interference from Congress, postal fees are hijacked by the federal government and absorbed into the black hole of national debt, rather than being dedicated to the department they were designed to fund.

Two things help prevent such a scenario for county fee offices. One is their status as constitutional offices which ensures their independent election. The other is a little known vehicle called a salary suit.

What is a salary suit?

Its name sounds adversarial; however it is seldom a contentious process. A salary suit is not an antagonistic legal action taken by an elected official against the county. It is the legal vehicle that protects the services of a fee office from being compromised by the fiscal needs and pet projects of bureaucrats and

lawmakers. It keeps them from robbing Peter to pay Paul.

It works like this. Every year or so the fee officeholder prepares a letter or document outlining the number of employees they need to operate their office, along with their salaries. That document is presented to the County Mayor for review, suggestions, and approval. If the Mayor feels the officeholder is requesting a staffing level that is reasonable and affordable within that office's fees, the document is placed of record in the Chancery Court (thus, the term 'salary suit.') If the Mayor and the

official do not agree, they both present their case and the matter is decided by an impartial Court. It is a well-designed and balanced system in which the Mayor provides oversight and the Court provides protection.

This salary suit ensures that the services of a fee office, which are mandated by the Constitution and funded by the office's users, cannot be compromised by the political agenda or fiscal needs of a legislative body,

which might otherwise cut staff and services and use the fees elsewhere. For example, the title and real estate communities, which pay the bulk of the fees that operate the Register of Deeds, are assured that the Register's office can use those fees to be sufficiently staffed and up to date with its services. This assurance is only possible because of the salary suit. It is not an archaic, outdated way of doing things, as

some have suggested. It is an essential and carefully crafted check and balance designed to protect the services of a fee office from legislative interference.

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“A Caribbean Affair” will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 7-10 p.m. at The Broker Banquet Hall, 3434 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., Knoxville, TN, 37914. The event will include hors d’oeuvres, door prizes, a Silent Auction, and Caribbean music by the Carib Sound Steel Drum Band. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the door or contact 687-2752.

Mayor appoints Chris Caldwell director of Knox County Finance

Ten-year Knox County Department of Finance employee Chris Caldwell will be the county’s new finance director, Mayor Tim Burchett announced last week.

“Chris has done an outstanding job as interim finance director and has proven that he is fully capable of serving in that position on a permanent basis,” Mayor Burchett said. “His work during the budget process, combined with the amount of respect he has earned from commissioners, employees in his own department and other financial professionals give me great confidence in this decision.”

“This is an amazing opportunity and also a humbling appointment,” Caldwell said. “I am honored by the faith and confidence the mayor has shown in me. I know how difficult this job can be, but I am committed to doing whatever

work is necessary to make the citizens we work for proud of this office. We are stewards of their money, and at the end of the day I want to do my part to make certain they feel good about their government.”

“As chair of the audit committee, I’ve been impressed with Chris’s knowledge, integrity and interpersonal skills. I know that Knox County and its citizens will be well served with Chris as Finance director,” Knox County Audit Committee Chairman Dr. Joe Carcello said.

Caldwell began working for Knox County as an accountant in June 2002. Since that time he has worked his way up to the position of accounting and budget director, and has been serving as interim finance director since April. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA).



Chris Caldwell

Caldwell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lincoln Memorial University with a Bachelor’s of Accounting. He went on to earn a Masters of Business Administration from Bellevue University.

Ring in the new, ring out the old

Well, the end of the local races for offices has finally come. Here’s hoping that signs will be plucked from every corner and along the highways and by-ways. The people have spoken, but there’s more than just their selections to consider.

Folks in Karns and Hardin Valley chose one of their own when Roger Kane won the newly created 89th House seat in the state legislature. Kane has been around for several years. Since his move to the area in 1996, he actively participates in a variety of community activities. He has led the Greater Karns Business Association, and the Karns Fair still takes place due, in large part, to the efforts of Kane to organize the event. Even though that fair draws large crowds, as do the parade that kicks off the weekend event, Kane never beats his chest or crows about all he’d done. Instead, he works in the background to make sure things work as expected.

Kane’s children attended community schools. They have participated in several school-sponsored organizations and track and field teams. Kane chose to leave his children in public schools because he believes in supporting and making them better. His strong abilities as a parent are evident in his children, who are model citizens committed to achieving their goals and serving the larger community.

Messages of congratulations pour in to Kane, but perhaps this election signaled something even more important. It involves one of Kane’s opponents: Tim Hutchison. Once upon a time, he was one of the most powerful individuals in Knox County. His tenure as sheriff ran from 1990 until term limits ousted him in 2007. He tried to win the election for Knox County Mayor but lost to Tim Burchett.

Along the way, the man has been tied to the problems that developed around replacement of officials who were sent packing due to term limits. In what seemed to be an instant, Hutchison found himself on the outside looking in.

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Back from Italy

I just returned from the most amazing trip of my life. I’ve written here before that growing up, coming to Knoxville and seeing the Sunsphere was big city stuff to me. I didn’t see the ocean until I was 13, and I didn’t fly in an airplane until I was 17. As a matter of fact, my first plane ride was a graduation present from my brother Jeff. He was working on his dissertation for his PhD at Louisiana State University and he flew me down to Baton Rouge and took me to New Orleans. What a great brother, right? Wait until I tell you.

Fast forward 20 years and my generous big brother is now a very successful scientist. He just took my daughter, my sister, my niece, and me on an all-expense paid trip to Italy, France, and Spain. Can you believe it?

Couldn’t you just choke on your Biscotti? It really happened. The kid who didn’t see the ocean until she was 13 actually stood inside the Sistine Chapel and the Roman Coliseum, and I didn’t do a ding dang darn thing to deserve it. I just happen to have a generous brother who loves me. By the way, I knew he loved me and that he was generous long before I got my first stamp in a passport.

On my trip, I was honored to see Michaelangelo’s ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, his sculpture, David, and his sculpture, Pieta. It was Michaelangelo who once said, “If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn’t call it genius.” These words remind me of my brother. He is all that and a box of Cannoli. Back home in Kentucky, in our small pond of fish, my family has a reputation for being intellectual and artistic (and what I’ll call eccentric). Jeff is sort of the biggest fish in the family. Lots and lots of folks who know him go on about him being a genius. People are right that he is quite brilliant, but here is what they might be missing. My brother is not successful

because he is brilliant. My brother is successful, because he has worked his Cassata off since he was a kid riding his bike six or seven miles to fry hamburgers at Clancy’s every day. Jeff has had to work hard for every inch of ground he has gained. This is what makes his generosity that much more special- knowing how hard he has worked to be able to give so much.

I sobbed when I stood in front of Michaelangelo’s Pieta, because I thought of the agony of Mary as she held her dead son in her arms. I thought about how when the angel told her she was going to bear the son of God, he hadn’t warned her about this part of the journey. I wept and wept for Mary. I did not weep in the Sistine Chapel. Any tears that did well up in my eyes beneath that ceiling were not ones of spiritual awe. They were consideration of the four years of back-bending work it took Michaelangelo to complete it. I think my ideas about the ambition of papal conclave have hardened me to any spiritual reverence I should have felt. I

do revere the genius and even more the effort of the man who strained his back, his neck, and his brain to create such a masterpiece. However, I felt closer to God back in our room, when my sister Robin brushed my hair like she did when I was little.

My daughter Emma takes Latin at Powell High School and she just read Julius Caesar in her English class last year, so she was able to make connections with many of our experiences in Rome. I had flashbacks of dozens of art lectures from Lincoln Memorial University. We actually got to see the countryside in France where Vincent Van Gough lived and painted his most famous works. I squealed over the “Café Terrace at Night.” No, I didn’t see the real painting. I saw the real café!

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The Olympics

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moments of our time. The opening ceremony was breathtaking, very British, of course. Even the Queen partook in a small demonstration of pageantry which was contrary to her usual sober self.

I do not care for water polo, men or women. Fencing doesn't attract me, but archery is somewhat interesting. Most of the scenes I've watched had to do with swimming, which seemed to be covered almost every time I watched. The friendly feud between Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte was outstanding. They are both so talented and dedicated to their sport. But, let's face it; I'm afraid Michael has had his day.

Rowing, both men and women, and also synchronized diving are the most awesome sights to behold. To see two figures go through the same routine at the same time seems entirely impossible, yet, there they go, as if they are one body instead of two. The rowers also synchronize their oars in the water, every paddle sweeping through the water at the same time—what a sight to behold!

What a disappointment for the American male gymnasts. They looked so promising in qualifications but something happened in their rotations. Was it nerves? Were they tired, offset by aches pains that suddenly cropped up? No one knows.

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Hutchison also found himself embroiled in a lawsuit about an Oak Ridge car dealership that went belly-up. He claimed to have had no part in the dealership and that a bank official promised to "get me off the note." The suit was settled in the early part of 2012 without comment from Hutchison or the bank.

Now, the former sheriff has lost another election. Perhaps this will be his last attempt to hold a public office. We can hope so. It's time that he withdrew from the public view, thereby closing the books on the Term Limits fiasco from five years ago.

Most people don't know that the former sheriff lives in the area. Unlike Roger Kane, he hasn't been visible in developing or supporting organizations or events in the area represented by the 89th seat. His involvement has been focused on larger offices and spheres of influence. This election proves that residents want a representative who knows the problems and needs of their communities.

Roger Kane is the people's selection, and he is the logical choice based on his love for community and its business. All of those who live in the Karns and Hardin Valley areas hope that he will continue that strong devotion. If he instead dedicates his efforts and energies to another agenda that has little to do with his constituents, Kane could find himself in the same situation as Tim Hutchison—on the outside looking in. Let's hope Roger Kane proves to be the person all believe him to be.



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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Eleven

**Pages from
the Political
Past**



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Kenneth McKellar was Tennessee's senior United States Senator and had been reelected easily in 1934 for another six-year term. McKellar had carried with him his junior colleague Nathan L. Bachman and Governor Hill McAlister. The alliance between McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine had again asserted its dominance in Tennessee elections.

By 1936 there were rumblings Senator McKellar and the Memphis Boss were at odds. The partnership of McKellar and Crump was as complex as their respective personalities. The two shared an obvious interest in politics, as well as a passion for horse racing. Both men were also highly sensitive to real and imagined slights and both were dominant personalities. Crump could be quite petulant, especially when he felt he or the Shelby County organization were being ignored. McKellar was usually quite considerate of the Memphis Boss's feelings and patiently responded to Crump's complaints.

Governor Hill McAlister wanted a third consecutive two-year term in 1936, but had proposed a sales tax, which was anathema to Crump. The Memphis Boss roundly denounced McAlister and made it quite clear he would not support McAlister again. Senator McKellar, who was much closer to McAlister, was prepared to back the governor for reelection but McAlister decided not to be a candidate again.

McAlister disappeared from Tennessee politics after leaving the governor's office. The former governor received an appointment as Counsel to the Bituminous Coal Commission in Washington, D. C. through Senator McKellar in 1936. In 1940, McAlister became a referee in Nashville's bankruptcy court, likely another position secured for him by McKellar.

Former West Tennessee Congressman Gordon Browning was already preparing a campaign for the gubernatorial nomination after having lost his first statewide race to Senator Nathan L. Bachman in 1934. Senator McKellar had taken an intense dislike to Browning when the former Congressman had actually contemplated running against him. McKellar



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Senator K. D. McKellar points to an article about Memphis Boss E. H. Crump.

naturally did not look favorably upon any Browning candidacy and the senator harbored suspicions Browning had not given up his senatorial ambitions.

Senator McKellar was clearly interested in seeing Gordon Browning defeated and settled on Burgin Dossett of Jacksboro as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. Dossett had been the Superintendent of Campbell County Schools before accepting a position in the Federal government extended to him by Senator McKellar. Once McKellar endorsed Dossett, most Tennesseans expected a similar announcement from Crump, although there was nothing coming from Memphis save for an ominous silence.

McKellar regularly pointed out what he felt to be Browning's all too numerous shortcomings to Crump, but the Memphis Boss said nothing, as the primary campaign was well under way. Finally, Crump did the unthinkable and issued a public endorsement of Gordon Browning, which stunned Senator McKellar. Browning beat Dossett badly, which was seen as a blow to McKellar.

The vote in Shelby County during the Democratic primary was especially one-sided; with Browning winning almost sixty thousand votes to Dossett's eight hundred and twenty-five. The exceedingly small vote for Burgin Dossett in Shelby County humiliated Senator McKellar and it may well be Crump spitefully wished to remind McKellar it was Crump who ruled in Memphis. While Crump certainly presided over his domain of Shelby County like an autocrat, there is ample reason to believe the Memphis Boss was somewhat jealous of McKellar's personal popularity across Tennessee. Crump was also likely equally jealous of McKellar's power

in distributing patronage in Tennessee and frequently complained about officials whose allegiance was to McKellar alone.

Crump's endorsement of Browning certainly sent Senator McKellar a message, but the Memphis Boss probably also thought Browning was likely to win regardless of whether he had the support of the Shelby County machine.

A flurry of speculation erupted that the break between Senator McKellar and Crump was permanent and some wondered if the Memphis Boss would support another candidate in 1940 when the senator would have to run again. McKellar ignored the rumors and bided his time, although he missed few opportunities to remind Crump that Browning was not to be trusted.

Crump became uneasy when Browning named Wallace Edwards Commissioner of Administration; Edwards had been the personal secretary to Governor Henry Horton and was close to Luke Lea, a bitter Crump opponent. Crump was even unhappier when Governor Browning appointed Lewis Pope as a special agent of the State of Tennessee to collect back taxes owed. That particular position was quite a lucrative one, supposedly providing Pope with an income of around \$50,000 a year, a sum roughly equivalent to \$750,000 today. Pope had twice run for governor against Hill McAlister and after losing the Democratic primary, refused to support the nominee and ran as an Independent in the general election. Pope had even allied himself with the Republicans in 1934 and had long accused the Shelby County machine of election fraud and corruption.

Another event shaped the future of Tennessee politics

and further defined the relationship between Gordon Browning and E. H. Crump. Senator Nathan Bachman had been reelected to a new six-year term in November of 1936; Bachman died suddenly of a heart attack in Washington, D. C. after serving less than four months of his term. Governor Gordon Browning had the right to appoint a successor to the late Senator Bachman.

Browning went to Memphis to meet with Crump to discuss the senatorial appointment and other political matters. Both Crump and Browning revealed details of the meeting, but each had his own version of events. Browning claimed Crump wanted the appointment to the Senate; Crump disclaimed any interest in being appointed to the United States Senate. Crump had served in Congress for four years and had not especially enjoyed the experience, but it is quite possible the Memphis Boss would have liked for Browning to make the offer even if he intended to turn it down. According to Crump, Browning did offer to support Crump for the Senate, but in 1940 against Senator McKellar. Browning himself expressed interest in running for the Senate in 1938 for the remainder of Senator Bachman's term.

The meeting between Browning and Crump left both men with the understanding their alliance had come to an end. Browning returned to Nashville and launched a major assault on the Memphis machine. Browning summoned the Tennessee General Assembly into special session on October 11, 1937. Browning gave the legislators bills to purge the voter registration lists, as well as create a county unit plan. The county unit plan was used in other states and worked something like the national Electoral College;

whatever candidate carried a particular county would be accorded that county's unit vote. In practicality it made the huge majorities in Shelby County for favored candidates meaningless. A statewide candidate could win the popular vote and still lose the election.

Crump was left reeling by the direct nature of Governor Browning's war on the Memphis machine. He quickly marshaled the legislators from Shelby County to fight the governor's bills and was forced to plead with Senator McKellar for help.

Kenneth McKellar would have been less than human not to take some measure of satisfaction from Crump's plea; he had consistently warned the Memphis Boss about the possibility of treachery at the hands of Gordon Browning and now the Shelby County machine was in mortal peril. McKellar responded by coming to Nashville and addressed the legislature and denounced Browning's legislation in typically blunt McKellar fashion. Both sides used every means to pass or defeat Browning's proposals and the Memphis Commercial Appeal reporter opined the session was "as bitter as ever seen upon Capitol Hill."

Governor Browning narrowly got his bill approved and called the General Assembly into yet another special session on November 8, 1937, ostensibly to approve a crime bill, but he also wanted approval of a bill to enlarge the State Election Commission, giving him the ability to appoint Election Commissioners favorable to him.

Browning was successful in his quest to take over the State Election Commission and proceeded to demand the voter rolls be purged. Crump fought back as best as he could and was elated when the Tennessee State Supreme Court struck down

Browning's county unit plan.

Governor Browning had also appointed a new senator, naming George L. Berry, long-time President of the International Pressmen's Union, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Nathan Bachman. It was a curious appointment as Tennesseans were not especially friendly to labor leaders and Berry's first action was to hire Browning's older brother, F. L., as his Secretary.

Senator Berry received a frosty reception from McKellar and did nothing to improve relations between them by sending a letter proposing a division of patronage in Tennessee. As McKellar controlled virtually all patronage, it was a proposal that did not especially appeal to him. McKellar wrote Berry back to say he could not agree to any division of patronage.

George Berry proved not to be especially adept and found himself frustrated and outmaneuvered by the shrewd McKellar at every turn. McKellar also was quick to take advantage of Berry's mistakes. President Roosevelt had summoned Governor Browning to the White House to discuss the senatorial appointment.

There was good reason to believe Secretary of State Cordell Hull wished to be free of Roosevelt and return to the United States Senate. Hull had been corresponding with friends in Tennessee, quietly assessing his chances to displace Nathan Bachman in 1936. Judge James Gardenhire was encouraging Hull and Hull reported he had visited Senator McKellar to ascertain McKellar's own attitude.

Hull did not run in 1936, but there were rumors he would welcome being appointed to the late Nathan Bachman's Senate seat in 1937. Franklin Roosevelt did not want Hull appointed to the Senate, but he did want a senator who would vote for his court-packing plan. FDR's "court packing" legislation was highly controversial and most presumed Senator Berry would be another sure vote for Roosevelt's bill. Senator Berry was in the Senate chamber during the roll call, but refused to answer to his name while McKellar loyally supported the President. McKellar was quick to remind a very angry FDR his junior colleague failed to support the President. Roosevelt was so livid over the rebellion against his court-packing bill he determined to purge conservative Democrats from his own party and patronage in Tennessee was even more firmly in McKellar's hands than ever before.

The fight between Gordon Browning and the McKellar - Crump alliance would prove to be one of the most hard fought and bitter in Tennessee's tempestuous history.

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The Olympics

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But I do know they did the best they could. On the other hand, the American female gymnasts flew through their rotations with gusto, expertise, and, quite possibly might have a chance to win a medal. I do not understand the rules of the Olympic Games at all, but I was very disappointed when one of our female gymnasts was not included in the All-American finals. She will miss the shot at the Olympic gold because only two competitors per country are allowed in the finals. That just doesn't seem quite fair to me.

My very favorite sport--tennis--I didn't get to see at all. It was either on in the middle of the night, or six in the morning. Just can't be up at that hour even for my favorite.....

The most miraculous claim to me is the fact that out of the thousands of athletes (I may be wrong, but I think they said

there were 42,000 attending), not one of them were on drugs. Maybe steroids--let's hope not. Each athlete was supported by loving parents. Each one had a goal or inspiration early in life, some at the early age of four, or even later at eight or ten. But they kept on fighting for their dream. None of them were in "gangs"; none of them were dependent on drugs to keep them facing reality. None of them turned to crime to realize their aims. When you read the daily newspapers about all the ones who do determine their lives by not accepting reality, it is a great pleasure to have the Olympics show us that there are many, many young people who are on the straight and narrow path to happiness through their endeavor to be--GREAT!

Thought for the day: Help yourself and God will help you. Dutch proverb

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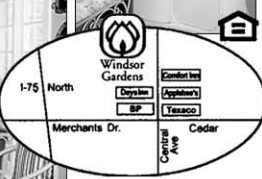
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A mature offensive line is returning to South Doyle this year, which will be beneficial to the new focus on the running game.

South Doyle Tribe to Run in 2012

By Curtis Trotter

When South Doyle High School football coach Clark Duncan needs to get some questions answered about his football team, he just loads up the squad on a bus and heads west on I-40. For two consecutive years, Duncan has placed his tribe of Cherokees on the turf of Tennessee Tech University in hopes of finding out just what will make his team click for the upcoming season. Last season, the Cherokees found

themselves in the play-offs for the first time in years, thanks to the hard effort the team put forth in the off season of the 2011 campaign at the university campus. The 2012 season looks to be no different than last year. In fact, it just may be a little tougher for the South Doyle mentor to teach yet another young tribe just how things are done. With the loss of quarterback Taylor Mason and a slew of receivers, one may wonder what type of offense the 32-year veteran

coach may run this year.

When he was asked that question by *The Focus*, he quickly had an answer. "We will be more of a run oriented football team this year, no doubt. With the maturity we have up front on the offensive line, there's no reason we shouldn't be," Duncan continued. "We lost some great senior receivers last year to graduation, but no one up front on

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2012 Grace Christian Academy Rams Preview

By Alex Norman

"Grace Christian was the best team in the state of Tennessee in (Class) 2A but unfortunately we could not prove it and make it official."

Those are the words of Grace Christian Rams head football coach Randy McKamey. In 2011 the Rams finished 10-0, including six shut-outs, as well as wins over Class 1A state runners

up South Pittsburg, and Class 3A state champion CAK.

That perfect season is in the rear view mirror but is the memory of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) two year postseason ban for using an ineligible player?

"We are off the postseason ban and ready to move forward," said

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2012 Halls Red Devils Preview

By Ken Lay

As the 2012 high school football season looms perhaps no coach has a tougher job than Halls High's J.D. Overton.

Overton, a former Gibbs player and Carter High School offensive coordinator, inherits a team that has won just one game in the past two seasons. What's more, Overton wasn't hired until June.

He, however, is eager to reverse the recent fortunes of a Red Devils program that has posted a 5-25 record since 2009.

"Our expectation is to go out there and put a competitive team on the field

that the community can be proud of," said Overton, who replaces Kevin Julian, who resigned over the summer. "Right now we're not worried about how many games we're going to win. We don't talk about that."

"Right now, we're focused on the processes. We have a great coaching staff and once you master the processes, the wins should take care of themselves."

The new coach said that he's happy to be in Halls and noted that things are moving in a positive direction.

"We're getting things

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Bulldogs Return Experienced, Hungry

By David Klein

Shaking off a 5-5 record from last year, the Bearden High School Bulldogs look to rely on more experience this season to give the big boys of Maryville and Farragut a run for their money in District 4AAA. Bearden High School football was youthful last year. This year, Head Coach Brad Taylor says his team is "pretty experienced."

As part of that returning experience, Bearden returns senior quarterback Nicky Frizen, who

Taylor describes as a natural leader. "He's a leader by example," Taylor said. "Nobody's going to outwork him in the weight room or in conditioning or on the practice field. "He's gotten more reps at quarterback and will do a nice job for us."

Frizen also explained how he has developed as a player. "I'm able to be more accurate with my throws," he said. "I got experience last year in reading defenses; I'm better at it this year."

To get better, Frizen

attended a quarterbacks camp hosted by coach Tubby Strange. Charlie High, record-setting quarterback at Christian Academy of Knoxville, also attended.

Frizen attributed Bearden's inability to win more games last year to the offense not finishing in the red zone. "We moved the ball well, but we didn't finish," he added. "We can't be content just moving the football."

Besides Frizen, Taylor mentioned several other key Bulldog players

returning. Senior running back and outside linebacker Trent Waters returns. Taylor said he is a physical back.

"We got a couple of good players in the backfield," Taylor emphasized. Echoing Taylor, Frizen said the Bulldogs have a balanced staple of running backs. "We are going to go with whoever is working better at the time," he added.

Another key returner, Ethan Pollack, returns at outside linebacker/safety and at receiver on offense. "He's a hard-working

young man, athletic, and a leader," Taylor said.

Taylor said one of the goals for the Bulldogs is to make a postseason run. "We want to compete for district championships and make playoff runs," he stressed. The Bulldogs are in a tough district with Maryville, Farragut, West, Catholic, William Blount, Lenoir City, and Heritage. With the tough district, Taylor said the team will be prepared for a playoff run from playing those competitive teams in the regular season.

Again, like last year, Bearden plays the teeth of their schedule in the middle of the year with Maryville and Farragut back to back. "We got a bye week, then we'll play Maryville here." It's a tough little stretch, but our guys need to be ready for it. We got the potential to play with every team."

The Bulldogs' first opponent, Hardin Valley, beat Bearden 32-0 last year after Bearden eliminated them in the 2010 playoffs. Taylor said his team wasn't

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2012 Farragut Admirals Preview

By Ken Lay

Every year Farragut High School's football team plays one of East Tennessee's toughest schedules --- and that's by design.

"We take pride in our schedule and we want people to respect us," said longtime Admirals coach Eddie Courtney. "In high school football, you get the opportunity to play 10 games."

"Last year, nine of the 10 teams we played made the playoffs."

Farragut, which plays in District 4-AAA, the toughest Class AAA conference in Tennessee, won't have any easy non-district games.

The Admirals will open their 2012 campaign on the road against Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett on Aug. 17 before hosting Oak Ridge the following week. Farragut's other non-league tilt will be at home against McMinn County on Sept. 7.

Add those games to the Admirals' district slate, which includes a hungry Catholic squad (Sept. 1), two-time Class 5A State semifinalist West (Sept. 14), Heritage (Sept. 28), Bearden (Oct. 5 in one of Knox County's biggest rivalry games), two-time defending Class 6A State Champion Maryville on Oct. 12 and you have perhaps the most difficult schedules around. The Admirals close the season with a home game against Lenoir City and a road tilt against William Blount.

Farragut went 7-5 in 2011 and made an early exit from the playoffs and things didn't end the way the Admirals would have liked.

From there, Farragut's young team began preparing for 2012 season --- almost immediately.

"These kids have done a great job," Courtney said. "They came in and got to work as soon as they could."

"We had a great spring practice. These guys have worked hard and they're ready to go."

Farragut was young last season and had a small senior class but that won't be the case in 2012.

"Last year, our senior class was small in numbers," Courtney said.

The Admirals have a bevy of experienced veterans including: Jackson Fain (senior, running back); Josh Gbendah (senior, running back); Bryan Phillips (junior, quarterback); Jake Bruce (senior, free safety); Franklin Bruce (senior, wide receiver); Aaron Suadi (junior, wide receiver); Billy Williams (junior, tight end); Jonathan King (senior, quarterback/kicker/punter); Christian Jetton (junior, outside linebacker); Blake Farmer (junior, wide receiver); Mitch White (junior, linebacker); Charvis Coffey (junior, cornerback); Taylor Hunt (senior, cornerback); Java Rodriguez (junior, linebacker); Cody Reinke (senior, cornerback); J. Bo Partin (sophomore, outside linebacker); Chris Farnier (junior, linebacker); Justin Brabson (junior, cornerback); Anwar Al Hussein (junior, defensive end); Nick Henningson (senior, linebacker); Patrick Doucette (senior, center); C.T. Leavell (senior, noseguard); Andrew Saah (junior, offensive guard); Brett Dockery (senior, offensive guard) and Mason Taylor (senior, offensive tackle).

This group of veterans was around for last year's disappointing campaign. They don't want a repeat.

"Playing at Farragut has been a great experience for me, and my dad coached there and we're not used to making an early exit from the playoffs," Doucette said. "Our class has never won it all and I look forward to playing with the younger guys."



Carter athletes take a knee during a break in practice last week.

Hornets Look to Sting Again in 2012

By Curtis Trotter

On any given morning in East Knox County, local residents just may be awoken by the sounds of pads popping, helmets hitting, and whistles blaring. But don't be alarmed. It's just Heath Woods and his superior assistant coaches trying to get the attention of the Carter High School football team. Practice starts early for these Hornets in hopes of an outstanding 2012 campaign that is sure to be a promising season for the maturing squad.

After losing 16 seniors from last year's team, high hopes will ride on the upcoming sophomore and junior linemen as well as the arm of senior quarterback Ryan Kirkland. Woods sat down with the Focus this week and shared what he thinks needs to happen in order for this team to return to play-off football status. "We are really excited about this group of kids. We played a lot of sophomores last year. With the natural growth spurt that occurs from the sophomore to the junior year, we can now see a bigger and stronger team. I don't want to take away anything from them that happened in the weight room, but maturity is also own our side this summer," Woods continued. "On day one of practice, these

kids come out here all hyped up and excited. But when they took to the field, it looked like a sack of marbles hitting the ground. Then on day three we see a complete turn around from them. I like the way these guys are responding and bouncing back so quick to what we are telling them."

Kirkland, this year's signal caller agreed with his mentor. "Our first day was by no means perfect. But over the last couple of practices, we have made some much better strides. Coach expects leadership from the seniors. That's what seniors do," Kirkland continued. "As far as our team is concerned, I think both offensive and defensive lines will need to step up more. If that happens, our backs and receivers will have better opportunities and options for our offense. There is not one guy I wouldn't pass to or hand off to that I wouldn't trust with the ball."

Defense has always been a major priority for Woods. So much in fact, that on any given day one may see the eleven-year Carter veteran wearing a shirt that states, "A defensive man's worth is measured by his distance from the ball at the end of the play." Woods loves that quote and preaches defense daily to his squad. "That saying is

pretty honest if you think about it. If we can get to the football and not make it complicated more than it is, we will be a good football team this year." Woods said.

Carter will more than likely run a multiple-I offense according to Woods. "Our personnel suits an I-formation with a tight end a little more this year than in the past. We will still spread the field with young quick receivers. With Ryan's four years of leadership, we should be a fun group to watch."

Woods will be aided on the sidelines this year by a staff that returns O'Brien Bennett (Wide-receivers), Kelsey Finch (Running Backs), Clyde Moore (Defensive-line), Justin Bailey (Defensive-backs), Nick Walsh (Line-backers), and Rocky Riley (Offensive-coordinator). Practice and conditioning for this Carter team seems to have come together fairly quickly this summer. Woods thinks that with a healthy remaining two weeks of practice, anything is possible for this 2012 squad. "If we stay healthy, and focus on the extreme basics of fundamental football, this team will win some football games." Woods concluded. Carter kicks off in the first game in Tennessee Thursday night at Grace Christian Academy in week 0.

2012 Grace Christian Academy Rams Preview

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McKamey. "We did not approach the off season any different as we always work hard and I think we proved that last year playing a very tough schedule and still able to boast a 10-0 perfect season. Very few teams can claim that they played an entire year and remained unbeaten."

However, McKamey admitted, "I would be lying if I said we didn't have a party on March 26th. Workouts that day seemed a bit more upbeat and players had a swagger in their

step. That day marked the 2-year anniversary of the post season ban."

The Rams lost some very good players to graduation, including wide receiver/safety Jake Minge, fullback/linebacker Harley Palmer, and linemen Christian Stewart and Preston Morris. However, the Rams do return seven starters on offense and seven starters on defense, and McKamey isn't shying away from expectations.

"The main goal is win state! In life we should always set our goals to be the best, why would we do anything different in football? To me it's like a teacher handing you a test. Do we look at the teacher and say 'Do I need to try for a 100? Or are you OK with just a passing grade?' Any teacher worth their salt will respond 'I want to see your best effort. Make a 100 if you can. We will win state... if we can.'"

McKamey added, "As we always tell our team, 'You can't win 'em all if you

don't win the first one.' We take the season one game at a time and every game is treated like a playoff game."

On offense the Rams will be asking running back Will McKamey and quarterback Devin Smith to carry a great deal of the scoring load. In 2011 McKamey, who is being recruited by Army and Navy, rushed for over 1200 yards and scored 21 touchdowns. His 4.3 GPA won't hurt his college opportunities either.

Smith is only a junior, but already has the strong arm and size (6'3, 185) to get noticed by college scouts in summer camps.

The off season has meant a change in alignment for the Rams defense. "We changed from a 4-3/2 scheme to a 3-4. We play fast and aggressive," said McKamey. "We put a premium on toughness! Never will we let a team be tougher. They may be faster or bigger but never tougher... period!"

The new season will mean a different look as well for the Rams. A new synthetic playing surface replaces their old field which, according to the Grace Christian Academy website, is the same type of surface used by the NFL's Buffalo Bills at their home stadium.

"What a blessing! Who would have ever thought that we would be entering into the 2012 season with a new synthetic playing surface? In fact, some may have speculated that our program could or should be in shambles due to the unfortunate post season ban that was handed down by the TSSAA," said McKamey. "In spite of what some meant for evil, God meant for good and our program has never been stronger. Our entire school and church body have been united due to the incident and nothing but good things are in store for Grace!"

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the offensive line, which is huge for us. We are not saying we won't line up and throw it this year though. We are lucky to have Jacob Faucette and Brody Rollins at the quarterback position. You then add Malik Lundy at the tailback position and you have quite a nice offensive attack on your side."

Defensively the Cherokees look even more promising with the return of senior defensive ends Julian Goins and Anthony Hamilton. Dennis Mongon will also anchor the defensive unit that is led by assistant coach Jeff Bryant. Duncan was all smiles when asked about his team's progress defensively in the off season. "Coach Bryant does an outstanding job of getting these young men where they need to be as a unit. With him (Bryant) being a great state champion at Oak Ridge leading us speaks volumes to his ability to lead and coach these guys. Coach Bryant's work ethic is never-ending. So glad to have him on staff," Duncan said.

Mason McNutt (DT), Madison Bliss (LB), and Jacob Jones were mentioned by

Duncan as important parts of the defense this year as well. "That inside seven has a chance to be really good. If those guys click and reach their potential, we'll win some football games."

Many games are won and lost in one department of any squad. That being the 'special teams' unit. South Doyle will be blessed once again with the services of place kicker and punter Caleb Mitchell. Duncan couldn't be prouder of the way Mitchell played last year.

"Caleb put us in some great opportunities last year that helped us win some ball games. I like his leg strength and accuracy he brings to us. He will be a weapon for us down the road this year no doubt."

Duncan retained all assistant coaches from last year's squad as well. Those include John Gibson, Bobby Graham, Matt Lance, John Rollins, Austin Rutledge, John Snyder, Jeff Bryant, and Jay Whinery. "There is no way this team would work as well as it does without those guys. I am truly blessed to have the staff I do. Our players believe in them and I trust anything they coach on the field with



PHOTO BY CURTIS TROTTER.

Cherokees prepare for the 2012 season.

these young men," Duncan said of his assistants.

Last season South Doyle opened the season with a home victory over Karns.

This season the Cherokees will return that game to the Beavers on opening

night. The win South Doyle placed over Karns last year seemed to spring board the Beavers to an outstanding season as they went on to win several consecutive games after the opening contest. Duncan is aware

of just how good this Karns team can be. "This will be a good challenge for us as an opener no doubt. They are well coached and will be ready just like any other team on opening night. Just look what they did last year

after coming to our place. If our football team will retain what they have learned in practice and apply what we teach day in and day out, we will win some football games." Duncan concluded.

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done in practice and we're taking care of the kids," Overton said. "We're being very positive with them. We're trying to make this beneficial but we also want to make sure the kids have fun. Sometimes, that's hard to do. But the attitudes have been great and it's been a good camp so far."

Top returners for the Red Devils, who won their season opener against Clinton in 2011, include: Blake Burleigh (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Connor Rohrbaugh (senior, tight end/linebacker); Tyler Lawson (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Blake Ellis (senior, center/defensive lineman) and Andrew Starrett (senior, fullback/linebacker).

Key newcomers include sophomore Jakob Woods and freshman Cole Patterson. Both will look to make an impact on the offensive line. Woods will also play linebacker and Patterson will also get playing time on the defensive line.

Overton hasn't settled on a starting quarterback. Senior Elijah Soon and junior Spencer Herd are competing for the starting spot.

"We have two kids competing for the [quarterback] position and they're

getting better every day," Overton said. "They're grasping the offense and they're learning what we're teaching them."

The coach said that the team's major weakness is depth.

"That's glaring out at me right now," Overton said.

Overton noted that Halls' strengths lie in a big senior class and expects the Red Devils to be strong on both the offensive and defensive fronts.

"Our strengths are our

seniors," he said. "We have a big senior class and those kids are eager to get things turned around and win ball games. Our strength will be on both the offensive and defensive line."

The Red Devils will face some tough opponents in 2012. They open at Sevier County on Aug. 24. Halls travels to Powell on Aug. 30 to face the Class 5A State Runner-Up Panthers. Halls makes its home debut against Webb

on Sept. 7. Sevier County was one of East Tennessee's top Class 6A squads in 2011 while the Spartans have won two of the last three Division II-A State Championships.

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ready to play last year in the Hardin Valley game. Frizen said of Hardin Valley, "we want revenge."

As to the aspect of coaching he enjoys the most, Taylor said he enjoys teaching the players. "I enjoy helping a player become better at their craft," he said. "Football is a great tool for life lessons."



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Karns players carry in the Tennessee state flag at the Tournament of State Champions in West Virginia. Karns was this season's state champion in Little League's 9 and 10-year-old division.

Karns All-Stars earn third place honors and respect

By Steve Williams

The Karns All-Stars brought home bronze medals last week from the Tournament of State champions. Representing Tennessee at Ceredo-Kenova, West Virginia in Little League baseball's 9 and 10-year-old division, Karns also won a lot of admiration from the tournament director and the event's board members. "They were very complimentary about the class of our players, coaches and parents shown in the tournament," said head coach Shane Parks. "They said we were fun to watch and we did it the right way." Karns lost its first game in pool play on July 28 by a score of 6-0 to South Carolina, but battled back to earn a berth in final four bracket play and

ended up tying for third place in the eight-team tourney field. Karns got its offense rolling in Game 2 with a 15-5 victory over the North Carolina state champs. In that game, Elias Bohlen, Drew Kregel, Carter Gillette, Austin Sykes and Jonathan Nelson sparked offensively, while Nelson also notched the mound win. In one of the tournament's top games, Virginia pulled out a 6-4 win over Karns in eight innings. Virginia ended the seasaw contest by turning a 6-4-3 double play in the bottom of the eighth when Karns had loaded the bases with one out. Matthew Campbell came off the bench to go 2-for-2, Conner Hubler smacked a solo homer and Chris Vinson scored two runs to lead the Karns attack against the Virginians. Nolan

Parks pitched five innings, staking Karns to a 3-2 lead. Despite the loss, Karns won the tie-breaker over West Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia to advance to the semifinals. The tie-breaker was based on defensive runs allowed divided by defensive innings played. Karns led the category with 17 runs allowed in 19 innings. Solid defensive play carried Karns throughout the tourney. In fact, Karns became only the third team to not make an error out of 120 games in the eight-year history of the tourney. Karns actually played two error-free games – in the opener against South Carolina and in its 11-1 semifinal loss to Florida. Tourney statistics kept included defensive gems and Karns had

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Buell fills QB void for playoff hungry Central

Central High has a winning tradition in football, but the Bobcats have been d o w n for quite awhile. In fact, not a single p l a y e r on this season's t e a m

By Steve Williams

has ever been in a playoff game. They want to change that in 2012.

"That's what we're trying to accomplish this year – get to the playoffs where it's a one-game season, put our best guys out there and see what happens," said second-year head coach Joe Hassell.

Central (3-7 overall, 3-5 in Region 3 3A in 2011) had a lot of close losses last season before winning three of its final four games in convincing fashion.

"Our goal has been to take the success we got from our senior leaders last season, apply it to spring practice and summer camp and carry it on into the start of the season," said Hassell.

"And hopefully play the Catholic game all in one night," the coach added with a chuckle.

Hassell was referring to last year's season opener against visiting Catholic, which was suspended at halftime because of thunderstorm and lightning and finished the following day. Central led 7-0 when play was stopped and increased its lead to 14-0 when play resumed, but Catholic came back for a 21-14 victory.

"It was very odd," said Hassell, "and kind of how things went for us early on.

"We were also going through an adjustment period, with me being the new head coach. As the season progressed, we continued to improve."

Central capped the season with a 33-0 victory at Halls, where Hassell played his high school ball and coached 10 years before making the move to the other side of Black Oak Ridge.

"I feel I have one of the most talented staffs around," said Hassell, who will call the offensive plays. Tobi Kilgore is the

defensive coordinator. The Bobcats' strength will be their offensive and defensive backfields, said Hassell. Depth is a weakness.

Central lost its returning quarterback, after going through spring practice with Xavier Johnson at the controls. Johnson and his family moved to Florida, said Hassell. The Bobcats are fortunate to have a solid replacement in Ben Buell.

"He steadied the ship," said the coach. "It's a position that is a natural for him."

Buell, a 6-foot-1-inch, 211-pound senior, also will start at middle linebacker. That should say something about his toughness.

"Last year we asked Ben to play center for us, even though he was a little undersized for that position," said Hassell.

"He's a team player. Whatever we need to do to win, he is willing to do.

"When he walks into the huddle, he has the command and respect of his teammates. They know the sacrifice he made for us last season."

Also returning on offense are wide receivers Gavin Adams and Rex Howard and running back Josh Poplar (5-9, 197).

Senior guard Aaron Lopez is the lone returning starter up front. He'll be joined by sophomore Ethan Dane (6-1, 287), junior Jonathan Holcombe (6-2, 220) and seniors Brandon Turner (6-0, 250) and Sean Oliver (6-2, 270).

Rounding out the offensive unit are wide receiver Markieus Campbell, tight end Dominique Wilson and running back JaJuan Stinson.

Six starters return on defense – Buell, Lopez at end, Adams and Stinson at corners, outside linebacker C.J. Holloway and inside linebacker Nate Caldwell. New starters on the defensive unit are expected to be tackles Dylan Skiles (5-8, 270) and senior Charlie Pratt (6-4, 240), Holcombe at an end post and safeties Cedric Washington and Brennan Nichols (6-3, 170).

Corey Plont will handle the place-kicking and punting duties.

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Dooley optimistic for 2012 season



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UT football coach Derek Dooley responded to questions at last week's media event.

By Ken Lay

University of Tennessee football coach Derek Dooley has spent the off-season bragging about his team's effort.

The Volunteers couldn't have had a worse finish to

a campaign than they did in 2011. The Tennessee finished its second consecutive losing season under Dooley with a loss at Kentucky as the Wildcats snapped a 27-game losing streak to the Big Orange.

If the Vols, who finished 5-7 overall and 1-7 in Southeastern Conference play) wanted excuses, they were there as the young Tennessee squad struggled to find its way in an SEC that sent two teams to the BCS National Championship Game in January.

What's more, junior quarterback Tyler Bray missed several games with a broken thumb. Star wide receiver Justin Hunter tore an ACL early in Tennessee's SEC-opening loss to rival Florida in Gainesville. Senior linebacker Herman Lathers redshirted in 2011 due to injury.

Last season, the Vols were young and injured but there won't be any such excuses in 2012 as Dooley, the Volunteers' third-year head coach, finds himself firmly on the hot seat and the players are eager to reverse their fortunes.

"It's a different feeling

around here this year," said sophomore linebacker Curt Maggitt, who finished with 56 tackles during his freshman season. "This year, you know what to expect and I feel like we're ready to make plays."

Tennessee had to start several freshmen last season but Dooley said this Vols team is the deepest squad of his three-year tenure.

"Last year, people were going to have to play whether they were ready or not," Dooley said. "This is more of the norm than what we had last year."

"This is the deepest team we've had since I've been here, and even though this is only my third year, that's the way it should be."

Tennessee had its most disappointing season since 2008 when it went 5-7 and longtime coach Phillip Fulmer was fired.

But that was last season and the Vols are ready to

put 2011 in the rear view mirror.

"Every year, you start fresh," Dooley said. "Up to this point, I've bragged on these guys and the great offseason they've had."

"All that's great but it doesn't mean much if we don't do what we're supposed to over the next four weeks. Training camp is going to be harder and we're going to have to have good leadership and we're going to have to get them [the players] comfortable being uncomfortable."

Offensively, Hunter will return and said he's ready to continue his career after his sophomore season was cut short by a knee injury.

"Rehab was hard but the knee feels like it's 100 percent," Hunter said. "My leg is not as strong as it was, but it's healthy."

Tennessee's rushing attack was among the nation's worst in 2011. The Vols averaged just

90.1 yards per game as the offensive line struggled.

The offensive front must be better if Tennessee has any hope of returning to past glory. The offensive line had high expectations but performed miserably in the running game and Antonio "Tiny" Richardson knows last season's performance was unacceptable.

"We know how much talent we have," said Richardson, the Vols sophomore left tackle who saw playing time as a freshman despite injuries. "We spent all spring emphasizing the running game. Our pass protection is some of the best in the country."

"We have to come together and I'm looking forward to being a leader on this team, especially on the offensive line."

Karns All-Stars earn third place honors and respect

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four players recognized for making outstanding plays in the field – third baseman Kregel, second baseman Bohlen, left fielder Campbell, and center fielder Gillette.

Florida used plate discipline in its semifinal win

as Karns pitchers gave up nine bases on balls.

In the championship game at legendary Mitch Stadium, Coby Mayo slugged two grand slams in a 13-run second inning to power Florida to a 14-3 win over South Carolina in four innings.

"I left there feeling like

our team could play with anybody," said Coach Parks. "We didn't play our A game against Florida, and they have a very, very good team."

"Overall, I'm just proud of the kids . . . what a ride it's been."



Karns coaches and players stand at attention during the playing of the National Anthem prior to a game in the Tournament of State Champions played at legendary Mitch Stadium in West Virginia. Karns, the Tennessee state champion in Little League's 9 and 10-year-old division, tied for third place in the eight-team field.

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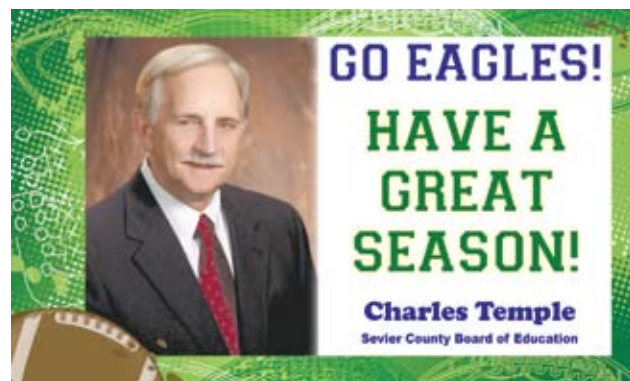
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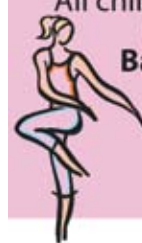
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August 7- First Day for Teachers – In-service Day
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 August 9- System-wide Staff Development Day
 August 10- In-service Day (In-School)
 August 13- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
 August 14- First Day for Students (1/2 day for students)
 September 3- LABOR DAY – Holiday
 September 11- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period
 September 17- Constitution Day (Students In School)
 September 21- Staff Development Day – K-5 In-School/6-12 System-wide (Student Holiday)
 October 17- End First 9-week Grading Period
 October 18-19- FALL BREAK
 November 6- In-service Day – Election Day (Student Holiday)
 November 20- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period
 November 21-23- Thanksgiving Holidays
 December 4-6- AYP/EOC Tests
 December 7- AYP/EOC Tests Make-up Day
 December 21- End Second 9-week Grading Period (1/2 day for students)
 December 24 – January 4 (10 days) WINTER HOLIDAYS
 January 7- In-service Day – First Day for Teachers (Student Holiday)
 January 8- First Day for Students
 January 21- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – HOLIDAY - Schools, Central Office Closed
 February 4-8- Writing Assessment
 February 5- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period
 February 18- System-wide Staff Development Day – K-5 In-School/6-12 System-wide (Student Holiday); President's Day
 March 13- End First 9-week Grading Period (Third 9-week Grading Period)
 March 19- ACT (State Wide)
 March 25-28- SPRING BREAK
 March 29- Good Friday – Holiday
 April 1- Holiday
 April 18- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period
 April 23-30- Achievement Tests
 May 7-9- AYP/EOC Tests
 May 10- AYP/EOC Tests Make-up Day
 May 15-18- High School Graduation
 May 22- Last Day for Students (1/2 day for students)
 End Second 9-week Grading Period (Fourth 9-week Grading Period)
 May 23- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
 May 24- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers

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Calendar Summary

175 Instructional Days (excludes days earned through extended hours)

4 Scheduled Administrative Days

1 Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours (formerly Teacher-Parent Conference Day)

4 Scheduled In-service Days

1 Unscheduled In-service Days

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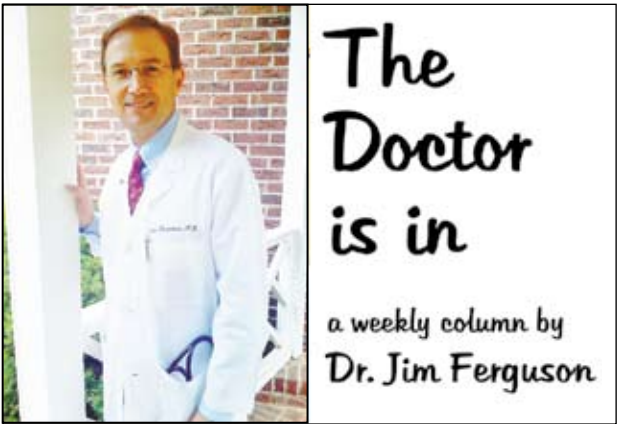
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Koinonia

Is there such a thing as right or wrong? Do people know what's right anymore? Perhaps they've just forgotten what's right or need reassurance and encouragement to "speak the truth in love."

Sometimes in my medical practice I feel like a cheer leader at a pep rally. I try not to lecture, but it's hard because I grew up with the "encouraging words" of my ex-military father. I suspect people know what they should do to maximize their health; it's just tough to diet and avoid tobacco and drugs. Perhaps my patients want me to pull a rabbit out of the hat. Modern medicine does seem to border on magic sometimes, but most of the time it's

just common sense and applied science.

Lately, I've been thinking about ontological questions. Say what? Ontology is the study of being. In other words, the reason we are the way we are. The 18th century French philosopher Henri Rousseau said that we are born with a blank slate called the tabula rasa. And he said that society corrupts the otherwise noble savage. Rousseau believed that if people were educated and provided sufficient food a utopian society would occur. It hasn't worked in America. We have plenty of educational opportunities and enough food to make two thirds of us overweight or obese—so much for Rousseau's

philosophy.

Luminaries such as Socrates, Sophocles, Cicero, St. Paul, Thomas Aquinas, John Locke and Thomas Jefferson all had a different take on the question of being and the human condition. Jefferson's synthesis of Natural Law theory says it best; "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed..." I've always been intrigued by Jefferson's use of capitals. Was this for emphasis or was he acknowledging the Divine source of "rights" that make us what we are?

In America we are now engaged in a great debate asking whether the State or the Spirit is the prime motivator of humanity and right. John Adams once asked if we were a country of laws or men. That question is again relevant these days. Two thousand years ago the nascent Christian

church practiced koinonia, translated as fellowship. However, this was more than Wednesday night fellowship and potluck. These folks truly shared all they had.

Problems arose about a hundred years ago with the reinterpretation of the koinonea philosophy in America. Two perspectives emerged in protestant circles. One group held that koinonea was a social gospel where the Church was called to aid the least fortunate and change the world. The other group's interpretation emphasized the transformation of the individual through the gospel's message. It was the new man who then went to change the world. I personally identify with both perspectives, but the sectarian debate continues and even extends to the philosophies of our two dominant political parties.

The ancient Greeks ascribed to what we now call the cardinal virtues or right behavior. They said that a society could be built on courage, common sense, moderation and justice. Unfortunately, this only works in a society with the same backgrounds and standards.

And even then situational ethics can take over as in Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables."

Humans need a standard by which to measure themselves. If I tell someone to measure a door frame and they report to me that it's thirty-six inches, I trust they've used a yardstick and not a meter stick. Otherwise, I'm in real trouble. NASA made this error some years ago. St. Paul articulated a higher level of standards or morality with what we now call the theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

I was getting a cup of coffee last Saturday in the Doctor's lounge when I heard several older colleagues grumbling about being on-call and how things have changed. It's natural to feel that your cohort has it tougher than the rising generation. However, I was struck by their observation that the new generation of doctors is focused on lifestyle issues rather than the "calling" of medicine. It made me reconsider the notion of right and who I would want to be in charge of my care.

Hippocrates was a physician most known to us for his Hippocratic Oath.

There's a lot in his now famous oath that isn't germane for us, but his perspective that a doctor is called to do his best for the patient he serves has been the mantra of medicine for thousands of years. The world is changing and the emphasis of the new order is for doctors to refocus on cost-effective herd management rather than on the one lost sheep that wanders off from the ninety-nine and is in the ER.

I'm not sure what's going to happen and this seems to be a common concern these days. What I do know is that I will side with the philosophy of the Master and do my best and my duty to help one sheep at a time.

Doctor Ferguson is accepting new patients. His office is next to Fort Sanders Hospital.

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at jferguson@summithealthcare.com.

It's Relay Time in Tennessee!

Mercy Milers Give Back to the Community

By Kareta Johnson

If you haven't heard of the Ragnar Relay Series you may have been living under a rock the last few years. Ragnar Relay Series is the nation's largest series of relay races. The relay is run all across the country every year. "It's an adventure series run, where you could have either eight people or 12; we decided to do a 12 member team," states John Ewart, Executive Director of Mercy Fitness Center and Mercy Child Development. The Mercy Milers of Tennova Health and Fitness Center know this race very well. They will be participating in the 3rd annual Tennessee Ragnar Relay 195 mile Endurance Running Series.

The relay is set for this November and will start right along the beautiful Tennessee River in Chattanooga and ends in the birthplace of country music with a remarkable view of the Tennessee

Titans Stadium in Nashville! The team will run through country roads, by farms, woods, and right along the interstate. Most members of the Mercy Milers run about 15 miles! Also, each team must have two support vehicles with 6-7 runners in each vehicle. The vehicle's purpose is to follow each runner and when the runner is finished with their run, another runner starts while the previous runner gets back into the vehicle. Since it is an overnight run where each runner must do 3-8 miles, many relay runners will experience extreme exhaustion, fatigue, and sleep deprivation. "That's what got us last year, you are sitting in a van for 28 hours, and your second run is at night, but you still want to cheer for every person running!" With the support of the team the Mercy Milers are always able to keep going. "It's the camaraderie, learning about each other and our families. That's what makes this

event so unique. Running is usually an individual sport but this relay is a team sport," shared John. The Mercy Milers may get tired but it's the bond they have that will allow them to cheer on a teammate at 3 in the morning!

With the constant support from teammates, the Mercy Milers are sure to go the distance this year! "In 2011 our team finished the 196 miles in 31 hours and 22 minutes; in 2010 we finished in 28 hours and 18 minutes; and our goal for 2012 is under 27 hours!" shared John. "We are not doing this just for the run, but also for a fundraiser."

The Mercy Milers run to support Mercy's Foundation for CARDIAC Kids. "Brad Hood is the chaplain for Turkey Creek Medical Center. He helped us partner with CARDIAC Kids program. We are sponsored by East Tennessee Cardiovascular Research Foundation and all donations will go to that

foundation," stated John. CARDIAC Kids screens and assesses heart disease and cholesterol in fourth and fifth graders as well as parents. "We have raised over \$6,000 in the first 2 years for this program. Our goal this year is to raise over \$3000," explained John. The team has already raised \$1,000 of their goal by promoting awareness about their fundraising efforts and also participating in bake sales.

Anyone can give monetary donations or donations in kind to the organization. People can also support the race by registering a team. John shared, "Knoxville usually has about 6-8 teams; I would love to see Knoxville have more teams, but most importantly I would love to see other teams do what we are doing....giving back to the community!"

For more information about the race, please visit www.ragnarrelay.com/race/tennessee.

The Bill Wallace Heritage Tour

As the sun blazed down on that hot July day, the cold bottled water that Sandy Bolton

handed out from the trunk of her car never looked more refreshing! Sandy is the

Director of Mission Ministries for Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. On that day, she had to go to the airport to meet a group returning from a mission trip overseas, one of many mission groups carrying on the legacy of Bill Wallace. Seeing Dr. Wallace's mode of travel by train at the depot, however, seemed so

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How Christians Deal With Criminals

In my last article, I talked about the nation of violence America has become. Crime is an epidemic in this land. What should a Christian's response be toward criminals who have left a trail of destruction and broken hearts?

Scripture points out four responses to criminals.

When a crime or evil act is done, the first thing that should be asked of the criminal is repentance. I think many criminals are not even aware of the harm they have done to their victim or family. One example is that of rapists. Studies show that many rapists convince themselves that their victims "enjoyed" what happened to them (*The Rape Culture*, 50-53). Part of the sentencing process should be a chance for victims to tell offenders the nightmares, anguish, anxiety, and fear they caused either face to face or by video. Perhaps these confrontations would help bring about godly sorrow and repentance by the offenders. Repentance is not regret over getting caught. True



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
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of Christ

repentance is remorse over sin and the suffering an innocent victim has endured due to their selfish act. From Scripture, repentance is the first thing required of a sinner (2 Corinthians 7:8-11).

The second response to criminals in order to see them grow into responsible citizens is that of

restitution. Jesus enters into the life of a cheat named Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). He was a Jewish tax collector working for Rome. He took more than he should from the people in order to line his own pockets (not that this ever happens today). Once Zacchaeus saw his sin, he repented and then paid back money to those he defrauded. In fact, he paid four times the amount he had stolen. While this seems generous, the Bible says this is exactly what he was supposed to do for stealing (Exodus 21 and 21 gives a long list of requirements for restitution). Restitution to this degree should be required today of criminals. This would help victims move forward by their loss and help

criminals in dealing with guilt. Tony Campolo states, "After a criminal is released from prison, that person is said to have 'paid his or her debt to society.' But it wasn't society that was robbed! cries the victim. It was me! And nobody has paid me back for my loss" (*Red Letter Christians*, 144).

The third response is reconciliation. God desires to bring about reconciliation, that is why He sent Jesus into the world as well as Christians (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). While this sounds impossible on the surface, with God, all things are possible. By God's grace, reconciliation is possible, and where real healing takes place. When a victim can look in the eye and forgive an offender who has repented, reconciliation is taking place.

And finally you have restoration. Attempts need to be made to restore offenders to what God intended for them (Galatians 6:1). The church should help in the care of those in prisons (Matthew 25:31-46) and those ex-felons entering back into society (*Red Letter Christians*, 146-148).

The Bill Wallace Heritage Tour

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far back in time compared to the modern air travel today. As the tour continued, a trek back through time to the landmarks in Bill Wallace's life opened up a treasure-trove of memories for many on the Bill Wallace Heritage Tour, including our mother. She was born on Dameron Avenue where she lived until the age of five, later lived on Elm Street off of Baxter, and went to Beaumont School in the fifth and sixth grades. During her childhood years, she walked the routes we traveled on the tour many times and especially remembers walking by the National Cemetery with her parents on their way to town and carrying her pink parasol. Her father, T. C. Torbett, was a night watchman for thirty-three years at Security Feed Mills located below Dameron. In later years, she sat with her grandmother at the Knoxville General Hospital.

On the bus, I sat with Dorothy Johnson and so enjoyed hearing her memories. Dorothy's family lived on Carrick Street near the old Moses School. Their house was a block from Second Methodist Church, which was called the Red Cross Church because of a red cross on the front. Dorothy and her brother got bicycles for Christmas and rode all over the downtown area, which was quite small then. On the main street, called Gay Street, was Woodruffs, J. C. Penneys, and The Knox stores. Dorothy said those were "good times" and "going downtown was a real treat on Saturdays."

The important places in Bill Wallace's life---home, church, school, and work---were separated by short distances in Knoxville. But, Bill decided to leave his familiar surroundings and a lucrative career when he answered God's call to go to a foreign land.

Bill's parting words to his church family at Broadway Baptist were heartfelt. "I would rather be going out as God's missionary this morning than anything else in the world," he told them. In his letter to the Foreign Mission Board, Bill wrote: "As humbly as I know how, I want to volunteer to serve as a medical missionary under our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. I have always thought of Africa, but I will go anywhere I am needed." As a surgeon, he was needed in China. Bill fell in love with the Chinese people he was sent to serve, and they loved him as much. For fifteen years, he treated their sicknesses and touched their souls.

Between stops, Dr. James McCluskey, tour guide and pastor emeritus of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, gave us more insight into this remarkable man. He once made an artificial foot for a boy who later became a Chinese athlete. He would give his portions of rice to a very ill nurse and would later be seen eating pieces of burned rice, images that were hard to get out of my mind.

Along the tour route is the former KNOXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL which posthumously inducted William Lindsey (Bill) Wallace into its Hall of Fame. (Next week: Bill Wallace---finally home.)

Church Happenings

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By Carl Sloan

Consignments are now being accepted from now until September 14 for this sale. We are looking for: fine art, sterling flatware and serving pieces, sterling trays, tea and coffee sets, Kirk, Tiffany, Jensen, Gorham, upper-grade silver coins with key dates, upper-grade gold coins, fine porcelain, Meissen, KPM, Newcomb, Weller, Arts & Crafts items, Roycroft, Handel, Pairpoint lamps and vases, Stickley furniture, contemporary masters, contemporary glass masters, early music boxes, fine instruments, important military, historical items, documents, political, folk art including pottery, jugs and carvings, early hook rugs, quilts, toys, antique rugs, Civil War/Spanish American/WW1/II/Korean/Vietnam photographs, early

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tage of the occasional cool day to work in comfort--or at the very least do your gardening chores in early morning or late evening.

Regular watering is essential at this time of year both for your flowers and your lawn. Be sure to water thoroughly and deeply. During hot and dry periods, it is far better to water the lawn slowly and thoroughly than frequently and lightly. Light, shallow waterings will only tease the lawn and encourage shallow roots. To check on water levels, trowel into the soil and look for moisture to a depth of three or four inches, or deep enough to ensure that water is reaching roots. Water evaporates quickly on sunny, hot days, so water early in the morning to give plants a head start. Check hanging baskets and container plants every day in hot weather and water accordingly. Add a light layer of mulch around young plants to help their roots retain water.

Also during periods of high heat and drought, it is important to raise the height of your mowing deck one or two notches to maintain the grass at a slightly higher level. Be sure to keep your mower blades as sharp as possible to

make for a more attractive and healthier cut on your lawn grass.

Keep deadheading flowers as they fade; not only will the plants look better, but if they're allowed to produce and shed their seeds, they're more likely to stop producing new blooms. Deadheading is a maintenance practice that can be done throughout the growing season, from spring until autumn. The best time to deadhead a flower is when its appearance begins to decline. Choosing where to make a deadheading cut can seem confusing, since perennials have different flower forms. Because deadheading, like other types of pruning, is so species specific, it can be difficult to group plants into categories. For most plants, however, all you need to remember is to prune spent flowers and stems back to a point where there's a new lateral flower or bud. If no new flower is apparent, prune the stem back to a lateral leaf. Dahlias are probably getting leggy about right now, if so, support them with stakes. Iris and other early-blooming perennials can still be divided this month and even into September. Choose a cool time of day or a cooler day, and give them a tall drink of water in their new locations. Fertilize roses once again this month.

Staying on top of your garden chores, even during the dog days of summer, will reap rewards.

"August rushes by
like desert rainfall,
A flood of frenzied upheaval,
Expected,
But still catching me unprepared.
Like a matchflame



Need a butterfly magnet? Try *Vernonia lettermannii*, also known as narrow-leaf ironweed. It's a native perennial at UT Gardens August 2012 Plant of the Month. The cultivar 'Iron Butterfly' has tiny, royal purple flowers that attract plenty of butterflies.

Bursting on the scene,
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.

Like a dream
Of moon and dark barely recalled,
A moment,
Shadows caught in a blink.
Like a quick kiss;
One wishes for more
But it suddenly turns to leave,
Dragging summer away."-
Elizabeth Maua Taylor

"Sometimes I wonder
what I'm a-gonna do
'Cause there ain't no
cure for the summertime blues."--Eddie Cochran

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carter Reunion

Carter High School Class of 1957 will hold its 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.

Fifth Avenue Reunion

It's that time again for the annual get together of the Fifth Ave. group! Everyone brings a covered dish or

two to Elm Street Baptist Church (Elm Street off of Baxter) on Saturday, August 11. Bring any pictures you might want to share. Looking forward to seeing you there. For information, call Bob Roach at 974-9678.

Heiskell Community Centers Monthly Seniors Program

The Heiskell Community Centers Monthly Seniors Program will be held on Thursday, August 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Center is located at 9420 Heiskell Road in Heiskell. This month's program and speaker will be Walta Patt from Powell Florist. She will be showing us how to

decorate our homes for fall and will be bringing florals and accessories from her shop to demonstrate and will be available for purchase. Lunch served at noon with bingo to follow. We will be discussing our "Senior Prom" scheduled for Saturday, September 1 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available for purchase at meeting. Sign up sheet for fall bus trip to Crossville will be available at the meeting. All seats are currently filled, but alternate list will be available. All senior citizens are welcome to come to meeting, there is no charge for meeting or lunch, donations are

appreciated. Bring a dessert and a friend. For more information call Janice White at 548-0326.

LeConte Photographic Society meeting

The LeConte Photographic Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the King Family Library in Sevierville. Competition of photographs will be done in four categories: Beginner, Advanced, Star and Assignment. This is a great chance to learn how to improve your images and creativity. The meeting is open and free to attend, while members only may compete. Please

see our website for more information: www.lecontephotos.com.

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Meetings

Knoxville Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Night Group will meet on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., at Associated Therapeutics 2704 Mineral Springs Ave. For more information, contact Judy Moyers 865-922-2281.

North Knoxville Business and Professionals Meeting

This month's NKBPA meeting is August 10, 2012 at 7:45 a.m. at All Occasion Catering, 922 N. Central St.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Technical Committee Meeting, August 14, 2012 and Call for Projects for the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Recommendation to Approve the Transportation Planning Work Program, Air Quality Conformity Report for Lakeway MTPD, Updates on the Regional Mobility Plan, PlanET, Maryville-Alcoa Signals Study, and Federal Legislation; and other business.

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

Call For Projects: The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is also opening up a Call for Projects for the update of the Regional Mobility Plan. The Mobility Plan, updated every four years, is the first step for transportation projects to receive federal funding. This Plan will include anticipated projects between now and the year 2040. Anyone interested in submitting a project for consideration in this Mobility Plan update can find the application at www.knoxtrans.org/mobilityplan, contact the TPO at 215-2500, or pick up an application at the MPC office at the City/County Building, Suite 403, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Applications must be received by September 20, 2012.

NOTICE

KENDRA LYNN COX AND RONNIE CLARENCE HOYLE

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HAS FILED A PETITION AGAINST YOU SEEKING TO TERMINATE FOREVER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO KENDRA ANN HOYLE. IT APPEARS THAT ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW CANNOT BE SERVED UPON YOU BECAUSE YOUR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO SERVE UPON M. ANNE AUSTIN, ATTORNEY FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, 1300 SALEM ROAD, COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE 38506, (931) 646-3013, AN ANSWER TO THE PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FILED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AND PURSUANT TO RULE 39(E)(1) OF THE TENN. R. JUV. P. YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT WOODBURY, TENNESSEE ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012, AT 1:00 P.M. FOR THE ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FILED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-1-117(N) AND RULE 55 OF THE TENN. R. OF CIV. P. FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. YOU MAY VIEW AND OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PETITION AND ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENTLY FILED LEGAL DOCUMENTS AT THE CANNON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, CANNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PUBLIC SQUARE, CANNON COUNTY, TN 37190, 615-563-4461.

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shredded zest of 1 lime
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