



Big crowd for Burchett's Back to School Bash



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Mayor Tim Burchett greets young Knox Countians outside the Expo Center during the Back to School Bash last Tuesday. Over 2,000 attended the event which offered free school supplies and educational information. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and the Knoxville Expo Center also sponsored the event.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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Survey conducted
August 16, 2012.

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

Mayor appoints Rebecca Gibson director of Community Development

Nine-year Knox County Community Development employee Rebecca Gibson has been appointed director of the department, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced last week. The former community development director, Grant Rosenberg, recently accepted a position outside of the Knox County Government.

"I am very excited to have Rebecca in this new role, and I am confident that she will do a great job for Knox County and its citizens," Mayor Burchett said. "Her experience in the department, as well as in the private and non-profit communities, makes her uniquely qualified for this position."

"I am honored and humbled by Mayor Burchett's confidence in me and in the entire Community Development staff," Gibson said. "We have a great group of employees in this department, and I look forward to continuing to work with them in my new role."

The Community Development department oversees and coordinates grants and grant-related projects ranging from defined services contracts to Homeland Security and Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about the department, visit <http://knox-county.org/communitydevelopment>.

Ribbon cut at Wee Course

Mayor Madeline Rogero, Mayor Tim Burchett, Ambassador Victor Ashe, city and county officials, supporters and representatives from Williams Creek and First Tee of Greater Knoxville participated in a ribbon cutting of the new Wee Course on Thursday.

The Wee Course, dedicated by the First Tee of Greater Knoxville, is a newly constructed three-hole short course located adjacent to the Williams Creek Golf Course. The Wee Course will allow youth enrolled in The First Tee golf program to have a designated play and practice area.

Thanks to the generous support of Ambassador Victor Ashe, Steve and Ann Bailey and the City of Knoxville, the First Tee of Greater Knoxville was able to fund the construction of The Wee Course. The yardage of the short course ranges from 75 to 100 yards.

Since its inception in 2003, The First Tee of Greater Knoxville has enrolled more than 6,000 children in the nationally recognized The First Tee Life Skills Experience Curriculum. In addition to teaching the physical components of golf, this program instills the Nine Core Values inherently found in the game; lessons that can be used by participants their entire lives: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.

The First Tee program, including its many outreach initiatives, is expected to expand to serve more than 9,500 children and young adults by 2014. The First Tee of Greater Knoxville serves a nine county area and is headquartered on its 90 acre campus located just two miles from downtown Knoxville. Its campus includes the Williams Creek Golf Course, open year-round to the public, the First Tee Learning Center and now the Wee Course at Williams Creek.



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Young golfer Christian Carrington watches his shot at Wee Course last Thursday.

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Knox Countians Believe Chamber Should Be Accountable

By Focus Staff

This week's *Knoxville Focus* poll queried likely voters, asking the question, "The Knoxville Chamber of Commerce is partially funded with tax dollars. Should the Chamber of Commerce be required to provide a complete accounting of its expenditures if it continues to receive tax dollars?"

The response was a resounding "yes!"

Voters in every district believe the Chamber should report all of its

expenditures with voters in the Third District being almost unanimous in their desire to see the Chamber be accountable. Fully 98% of respondents in the Third District said they think the Chamber should report all of its expenditures publicly. This affirms the position taken by Third District County Commissioner Tony Norman who has pushed the Chamber to provide more information and documentation about their revenue and expenditures.

The district with the biggest number of respondents who do not believe the Chamber should be required to make its expenditures public was the Fourth District with just over 17% of voters saying they don't believe it is necessary for the Chamber to detail its expenses. Still, more than 82% of residents in the Fourth District think the Chamber should be more transparent if it continues to receive tax dollars.

What's Happening to America?

There it was hanging quietly against a brilliant blue sky. I often stop to photograph the red, white, and blue flying proudly in the breeze. But, on this day, the stars and stripes appeared somber and still. For several days, it was a sight seen all over our city and the nation. At libraries, businesses, firehalls, and shopping malls, our United States of America flags flew at half-mast. It is a tribute often shown to political figures in death. This time, it was a national tragedy. Old Glory was hanging at half-mast because one of her own had reigned violence on his fellow Americans at a midnight movie showing.



By **Ralphine Major**
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"What's happening to America?" we may ask in the aftermath of mass murders at Columbine; Virginia Tech; Tucson, Arizona; and more recently, Aurora, Colorado. Are we seeing the products of latch-key kids? Is America suffering a decline in morals and family values? Is it pressure to succeed inflicted on young minds? I am reminded of a young man in one of my graduate classes at The University of Tennessee many years ago. He had completed nearly all of his coursework in dentistry so that he could carry on the family business. One day he found the courage to tell his family he did not want to be a dentist at all. He wanted to be a teacher.

It is one of the ten commandments from Almighty God: "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17. To rob another human being of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of

happiness" goes against the God of all creation. Children are growing up in a world my generation would never have recognized in the days of our youth. A line has been crossed, and places that were once safe havens are no more. With all our modern means of social media—cell phones, ipads, computers, and you tube—communication is greater than ever with its instant, world-wide connections. As I finish penning this article, headline stories of cruelty are surfacing: kittens, only days old, are rescued from a dumpster; three dogs were tied to railroad tracks while the perpetrators watched their demise—one miraculously survived. Such heartwrenching news gives one cause to wonder how an innocent child born into this world can transcend into one who would inflict pain and suffering on other creatures. The creatures put

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	66.67%	33.33%	3
30-49	94.67%	5.33%	75
50-65	90.75%	9.25%	173
65+	86.45%	13.55%	251
Total	89.04% (447)	10.96% (55)	502

By Commission District

1	87.88%	12.12%	33
2	86.57%	13.43%	67
3	98.00%	2.00%	50
4	82.67%	17.33%	75
5	89.04%	10.96%	73
6	88.00%	12.00%	25
7	89.39%	10.61%	66
8	92.06%	7.94%	63
9	90.00%	10.00%	50
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By Gender

Unknown	90.48%	9.52%	21
Female	89.77%	10.23%	264
Male	88.02%	11.98%	217
Total	89.04% (447)	10.96% (55)	502

Survey conducted August 16, 2012

Joys of Summers Past

Summer 2012 is passing by like a speeding car down I-40. It seems that just the



By **Joe Rector**

other day. Amy and I boarded a plane in Nashville as we headed to Mexico. Then we traveled to Charleston with family for another wonderful vacation trip. As a boy, I spent most of the summer at home, and that meant finding interesting things to do.

The boys across Ball Camp Pike used to be, well, adventurous. At least once a month one of them scraped, punctured, slashed, or broke some part of their bodies.

Still, they came up with the best ideas of how to spend summer days.

From our summer after first grade until high school, Mother toiled away at UT to earn a degree. In the early years, when Daddy worked days, we boys were on our own. Dal was the designated babysitter. One day he walked to the store down the road and bought a pack of Camel cigarettes like the ones the boys next door smoked. For a few years we dabbled with smoking, only becoming committed smokers during high school. (It's not a habit anymore.) On another occasion we met up with the neighborhood boys and climbed Baldy, at the time what seemed to be a mountain close the house. On still another day, the middle son and Dal provoked Jim and me into fighting in the yard.

After plenty of flying fists and unintentional landed blows, we both gave up and wondered why we fought in the beginning.

When we were a little older, a gang of us in the neighborhood would camp. One time we set up tents no more than twenty feet from the railroad tracks. Sleep was in short supply. Another time we found a place on Baldy. One boy brought a squirrel he'd killed, and he built a fire and placed the carcass on a spit. We choked down the half-cooked stuff, and to this day, I can't stand the thought of eating anything hunted down. We camped in our side yard one night. After dark we walked around, and one boy who didn't see the electric fence keeping in the calves had a "shocking" experience.

In high school we "ran

the roads" with friends. Cousin Charlie and I logged thousands of miles as we traveled from the Copper Kettle on Western Avenue to McDonalds in Oak Ridge to Shoney's on Broadway. If we worked up our courage, a trip to Cumberland Avenue was in order. Charlie slowly cruised "The Strip" and pulled beside cars filled with girls. Neither of us had enough guts or self-confidence to talk to the opposite sex as cars stopped at red lights.

During the last years of high school and in college, I spent most nights at home. That was a time before cable television and 24 hour programming. I'd grow bored after the tube went black. My favorite thing to do was to jump in my old '54 Chevy and take a midnight cruise. Traffic was sparse at that time, so

when the moon was full, I would sometimes turn the lights off, roll down the window, and drive down the back roads.

These days, I enjoy summer vacations we take and the activities in which we are involved. The best things, though, are right at home. Amy and I both look forward to evening when we can sit on the porch, listen to passing cars and the sounds of critters, and read or talk. Yeah, to many people that is boring.

However, to us, it's drawing a little closer to heaven.

It's August and school is back in session, another thing I don't understand. I'm holding on to the last days of summer and savoring all the good things that come with them. Before we can blink our eyes, cold weather will trap us inside. I'll hang on as best I can until the summer heat returns and offers plenty of time for fun.

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Changing the world in 80 days



By Richie Beeler

Football season is upon us. Last week area high school teams kicked off their seasons in earnest. Their collegiate cousins will commence in just a couple of weeks, and the pros will be soon to follow. It is a captivating time of year for Americans as we celebrate the return of our most popular sport. And amid all the fanfare and anticipation, one can scarcely imagine that a presidential election is just 80 days away.

Believe it or not, in about two and a half months, the United States of America will elect a president. In other words, American voters are about to choose the individual who will claim the title as most powerful man in the world. And as I write this article in mid-August, it seems as though no one is paying much attention.

I know that isn't true of course. When Election Day arrives, Americans will endure long lines and foul weather to cast their vote for Chief Exec. There is not likely to be any talk of voter apathy on November 6th. People will vote for president even when they won't vote for anything else. And

since many are billing the 2012 election as the most important in our nation's recent history, I know folks will be engaged when the time comes. It's just hard to believe it's this close.

There is much to be learned and sorted through in the next 80 days. While Americans are abundantly familiar with President Obama, they barely know Mitt Romney. Yes, he has been through the test of a primary season. But the vast majority of the voting public still has a great deal to discover about the former governor from Massachusetts.

Romney is in more than one sense a rarity. For starters, he is Mormon. And while his conservative religious values will certainly fit well with those of evangelicals, it will nonetheless be unprecedented for them to cast their vote for one of the Latter Day Saints. But in the second place, Mitt Romney is something perhaps even more unusual than a Mormon running for president. He is a Massachusetts Republican.

If Romney is victorious in November, he would be the first New England Republican to occupy the White House since Calvin Coolidge. Yes, George Bush 41 did spend a lot of his time in Kennebunkport, Maine, but most voters associate Bush with Texas, not New England.

Choosing a nominee

from the Northeast has not been the GOPs most effective strategy. Historically, Republicans from big states have performed the best in presidential elections. Ohio, California, and Texas have produced by far more Republican presidents than any other regions of the country. To understand the reasons behind this dynamic, one need only to look at the electoral map. The red states and the blue states.

For starters, in today's world of instant information and global communication, a candidate's home state is almost irrelevant. The ideology and political makeup of a state is now far more important than whether or not a candidate lives there. Al Gore lost Tennessee in 2000. Romney will likely lose Massachusetts in 2012. In fact, Romney will have his work cut out for him to win any of the New England states.

Of course the GOP has never depended on New England to elect a president. The western block of red states, the South, and one or two big swing states (like Ohio) has usually been the winning formula for Republicans. And that begs the question, "Can a Massachusetts Republican sweep the South?"

It's a fair question, and perhaps the most defining factor in determining the outcome of this race. There

is simply no margin for error for the GOP in Dixie. When Barack Obama won Virginia and North Carolina in 2008, the race was over before it even started. Swing states like Ohio, Wisconsin, and Iowa are a moot point if a Republican candidate does not win every Southern state.

At this point the race appears to be a tossup. Despite his fierce unpopularity among conservatives, President Obama is shown to be leading by a few percentage points in some polls. But presidential polls in August are about as meaningful as those college football top 25 predictions on the magazine rack at Walgreens. In 1980, Ronald Reagan trailed President Jimmy Carter by 9 points in the Gallup Poll in mid-August.

Both parties are now about to hold their conventions. They have chosen extremely strategic locations - the Democrats in Charlotte and the Republicans in Tampa. What will emerge from all the festivities is a more clearly defined version of each of the candidates. At least as clearly as they want to define themselves. That will leave the American people two months to form their own definitions.

Two months that could definitely change the world.

Going Crazy



By Sarah Baker
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I couldn't believe it. I was watching a news channel the other night and the big story was not the economy, the election, or what's going on in the Middle East.

No, the biggest story on the show was Miley Cyrus's new haircut. A middle-aged conservative man in a suit spoke of it as though it were a definite indication that the world is going to hell in a hand basket. The headline was something like: "Miley's New Haircut! What does it mean for America?" Are you kidding me?

In case you haven't seen Miley's new do, it is very blonde and very short. It reminds me of the haircuts the skateboarding boy-friends of mine had in the 1990s. One of my students told me it is called a "frohawk." This may not be a popular opinion, but I kind of like it. She's young and beautiful and if she's going to experiment with radical styles, now is the time to do it. I am the only one I know who likes it. After all, I don't have to worry about my own daughter copying her. "Who cares what she does?" Emma blurted out. "She's just some girl who's rich 'cause her dad had a mullet!" Alrighty then!

To me she's a young girl who, while she certainly had some lucky connections, is far more talented and more successful than her father was. How many songs can you name by Billy Ray Cyrus besides "Achy Breaky Heart?" Hmmmmm? Exactly! Give the girl a break.

She has been walking the high wire of what-every-one-managing-her-wants-her-to-be for a long time. I don't blame her for wanting to do something radical. Very often, when we take measures to take control of our own lives, it looks like "going crazy" to other people. Just ask that other Disney girl who made headlines by shearing her long, blonde locks.

Many of us thought Britney Spears's career was over when she rebelled against the micro-managers in her life by going all Sinead O'Conner, but the following year, her album *Circus* sold over 4 million copies. Reluctantly, I admit that I liked the hit single "Womanizer" with the lyric, "You say I'm crazy? I've got your crazy!" It's a good work out song. Neither of these pop stars is on my list of favorite artists, but I have found myself defending the young and blonde a lot lately. Did you know that Jessica Simpson wanted to be a gospel singer, but she was informed by the Christian music industry that she was too sexy?

My favorite "going crazy" to take control of your own life story is not a young blonde at all, but rather the comedian, Dave Chappelle. Though his coarse comedy is not for everybody, I think he is brilliant. In 2005, a year after signing a two-year, \$50 million contract to continue his show, he walked off the set and disappeared to South Africa for two weeks. Chappelle, like Miley and Britney, had a lot of people depending on him for a paycheck. Finally, he had to admit to himself that he didn't like the direction they were taking his life. Others were manipulating

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on this earth for us to enjoy often provide life-saving measures of their own to humans. Cats often detect gas leaks; dogs have been known to detect cancer. Is it too much violence on television that would, also, prompt intelligent students to bully a grandmother serving as a bus monitor and send the images all over the world?

Though the good news often seems overshadowed by the bad, there is much to support what is right and good in America. Words are powerful, and they often break barriers. The Bible's "Golden Rule" from Jesus' words in Luke 6:31 is still at work today: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Generous

Americans donated thousands of dollars so that a bullied grandmother could retire; volunteers donated time, talent, and money to build a new home for a young boy severely mauled by dogs; and even in the movie massacre, heroes emerged to save lives while losing their own. "Good Samaritan" gestures too often go unreported. Most Americans still respect the precious moments that make up life. Just a few days ago, I heard a Colorado survivor say that she would give anything to have just one more hour with the boyfriend who took a bullet for her.

I look, as I often do, at the plaque hanging in our home as if I needed a reminder about the sanctity of life. Its message



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Urban Wilderness Open For Business

Ribbon Cutting For New Wilderness Area in South Knoxville Held on Tuesday

By Adam Sullivan

Bikers and hikers no longer have to shuttle to Norris Dam State Park or the Smokies to get the experience of a lifetime. Local leaders and hundreds of volunteers from the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club (AMBC) have worked tirelessly over the past five years to create over 35 miles of trails located just minutes from downtown. On Tuesday, August 14, a ribbon cutting iced the cake on what has been an exciting and eventful year for the "Urban Wilderness." Over 200 spectators and local leaders assembled on View Park Drive in South Knoxville at an area where the loop weaves through the neighborhood. "What has been done here is really a representation of dreams becoming reality, and just as the connection exists in South Knoxville, between Ijams, Forks of the River, Hastie and Marie Myers, there's no reason this can't set the foundation for the future of greenways leading to the Smokies,

Townsend, or Oak Ridge," said former mayor and former ambassador to Poland, Victor Ashe.

The Urban Wilderness, as it has been designated by the Legacy Parks Foundation and the AMBC, is a collection of trails that connect Mead's Quarry Nature Area, Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area, private land easements, Hastie Park, and Marie Myers Park, all in South Knoxville. The official loop makes up 11 miles of trails and allows recreationists experience each of the local parks.

The loop has recently been signed with trail names and ratings for almost the entire 35 miles. Several pavilions equipped with maps have been installed throughout entrances to the Urban Wilderness.

"In the last five years, outside of Ijams, this and the waterfront are the two biggest things to impact South Knoxville. This has come to fruition very quickly and is a nucleus for all kinds of activity along the way," said Vice Mayor



PHOTO BY ADAM SULLIVAN

Local leaders officially open the new wilderness loop to the public.

and South Knoxville City Councilman Nick Pavlis.

The Legacy Parks Foundation eventually hopes to connect the trails at the Urban Wilderness to the Fork Dickerson area through greenways and other easements. The Foundation continues to purchase easements and properties needed to continue connections between the parks in South Knoxville.

The AMBC routinely cuts new trails and grooms existing trails throughout the year. However, activity

usually dwindles during the summer, as most volunteers are avid riders. In December 2011, workers were able to cut a few miles of trails in just 8 hours using upwards of 100 volunteers. Since December, AMBC leaders Brian Hann and Matthew Kellogg have been using mechanical equipment to dig new trails through Mead's Quarry and Marie Myers Park.

"We built 20 feet of bridge and we were swamped, trudging around in mud up to our knees,"

said Mark Rodriguez, secretary of the AMBC. "With Concord Park out west, we also do a lot of maintenance out there. We built kiosks earlier this year and a giant wood berm in a matter of a few hours."

Outdoors enthusiasts can find maps at legacyparks.org and volunteers can join the AMBC at ambc-sorba.org. The AMBC holds weekly group rides on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Mead's Quarry parking lot.

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his creative choices and some of it was quite offensive.

I really believe that when things are really heading the wrong way, sometimes a person has to make a drastic move to make the 180 degree turn it takes to get it back on track. Sometimes it is necessary to let people know, "You don't own my life. I do." "The worst thing to call somebody is crazy," Chappelle has said. "It's dismissive. I don't understand this person. So they're crazy... These people are not crazy. Maybe their environment is a little sick." When that environment is Hollywood, I think it's safe to assume it is sick. That is why Chappelle needed to get as far away from it as he could.

My boyfriend thinks I'm mistaken. He said, "Sarah, sometimes people are just crazy" and he HATES Miley's new haircut. I agree with the folks who say, "The only normal people are the ones you don't know that well." And shucks, y'all, it's just hair!

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Taiwanese delegation visits Knoxville. *A delegation from Taiwan visited Knoxville last Tuesday where they toured Rural/Metro and then enjoyed lunch at the Golden Wok. Pictured above are Lang-Chin Chiu, Speaker of the Chia-Yi City Council; John Mills, Government Affairs Director of Rural/Metro; and Rob Webb, Division General Manager of Rural/Metro at the Golden Wok.*

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of football in a whole new way – derby style! Watch as "Tennessee" and "Florida" battle it out in our Action Sports arena. This family-friendly event is a fun way to get pumped for the upcoming SEC matchup on September 15. Wear your team colors and come out to support your team!

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"Best of" Concessionaire Fair Food Contest - Friday, September 7 – (Judging will occur pre-Fair) Ever wonder who has the best corn dog, funnel cake and candy apple at the fair? In 2012, we'll showcase the best food the fair has to offer. Winning concessionaires will display a "Best of the Tennessee Valley Fair" banner.

Pink Day Hoe Down – Sunday, September 9 – 3 p.m. (Paint the Fair Pink Day) Line dance to help stomp out breast cancer! Rock your best cowgirl/cowboy couture and boot scoot with the Texas Roadhouse line dance

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YWCA Announces Honorees for the 2012 Tribute to Women Event

The YWCA honors outstanding women in the community by through Tribute to Women. This annual event is East Tennessee's foremost acknowledgment and appreciation of the contributions of local women. The award ceremony held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at the Bijou Theatre honored nine individuals and one corporation.

The six 2012 Tribute to Women honorees are: Wendy Lowe Besmann, Melodie Daniels, Leigha Edwards, Shaun Fulco, Trudy Hughes and Maxine Raines. This year's event emphasizes work and dedication to Equality, Empowerment, and Transformation by all eighteen finalists and by

all honored. These themes reflect the mission of the YWCA, which is to eliminate racism, empower women, and create peace, justice, dignity, and freedom for all.

Nominations were reviewed and scored by three out-of-state judges, including Christine Johnson from Kentucky, Dr. Salome Raheim from Connecticut, and Kathleen Sgambati from New Hampshire.

The YWCA Tribute to Women event also inducted two individuals into the Lifetime Achievement listing. This year, Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner, founders of the Love Kitchen; they have served Knoxville's hungry for over 26 years, and their

passion has inspired individuals across the country.

Additionally, the YWCA honored U.S. Cellular with YWCA's 2012 Partner in Equality Award for their excellence in promoting equality in business and community. "We feel they best exemplify the mission of the YWCA. They are a great role model for our community," said Lorie Matthews, 2012 YWCA Tribute to Women chair.

For more information on the YWCA's Tribute to Women, please contact Danielle Benson at (865) 523-6126 or DBenson@ywca-knox.com or visit our website at www.ywca-knox.com.

Biographies

Wendy Lowe Besmann's mission is to help families "show up, stand up, and speak up" for their needs. Three decades in East Tennessee have given this California native an appreciation of how diverse cultures thrive in our community. Her first book, *A Separate Circle*, traced the 150-year history of Knoxville's Jewish life and times. Another just-for-fun project was a historical romance about a young Jewish woman painted by Rembrandt.

A longtime magazine freelance writer, Wendy's career and volunteer life shifted dramatically with the birth

of her son David, who has autism and bipolar disorder. She served as a peer teacher and statewide policy advocate with the National Alliance for Mental Illness and wrote *Team Up for Your Child*, a practical, step-by-step parent workbook used by family advocacy organizations across the country. This experience led to her work as social marketer and training coordinator for K-Town Youth Empowerment Network, a federally funded initiative that helps youth 14-21 struggling with serious emotional and behavioral issues and their families. Wendy is proudest of helping K-Town's Youth Council and Sarah Moore Green Elementary

produce their award-winning children's book *Be True to You*. Her newest collaborative project is *Team Up for Families/Colaboración*, a series of family workbooks and empowerment trainings in English and Spanish.

Melodie Daniels is a native Knoxville and the middle child of three. At an early age, she developed the gift of gab along with a charismatic personality that embraced everyone with whom she came in contact. She graduated from East Tennessee State University and landed her first job with Florence Crittenton Agency. She became a mentor to pregnant women, a supportive

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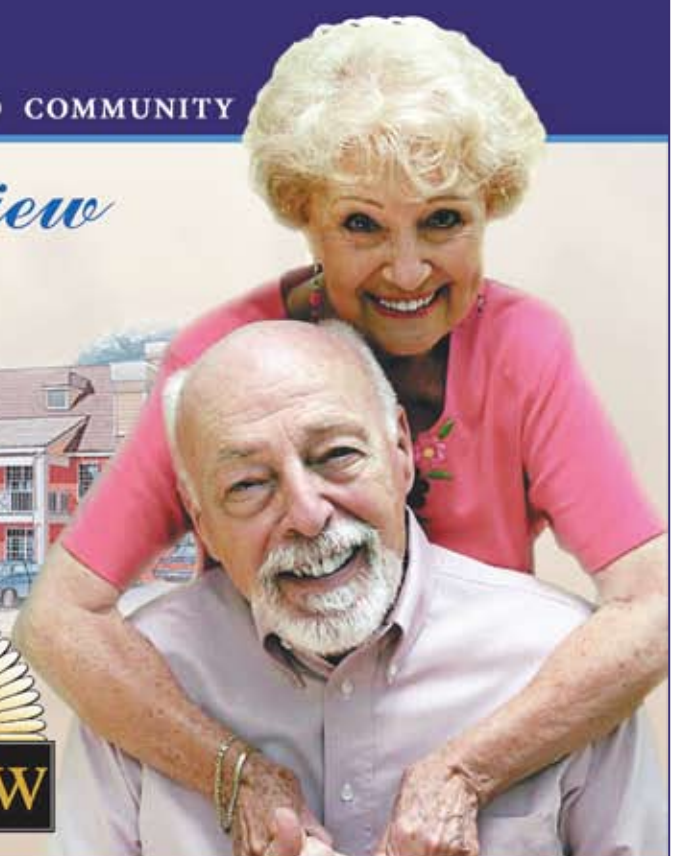
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Take 5 for Education

Getting back into good homework and study habits after summer break may prove challenging for some students, but it is not impossible.

Amy Broemmell, an associate professor of elementary and literacy education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, offers these tips to parents to help their children transition back into school life.

1. Find their rhythm — Are students better studying right after they get home? Or do they need a break and a snack first?

"It's really individual, and you have to know your kids," Broemmell said. "Just like adults, kids have rhythms. Teens are more alert later in the day. Knowing and allowing them to go with what works for them is important."

2. Discourage multitasking — Parents should discourage students from doing homework while they have their phone on or they're on the computer.

"Humans aren't good at multitasking even though kids like to think they are," Broemmell said. "One of the things parents can do is to say, 'We're in the homework zone. We're not going to be texting friends or be on Facebook.'"

3. Take active breaks — Break up long stretches of homework with physical

activity, whether it's going outside to play or frolicking with the dog. After 30 minutes of homework, a 10-minute break might be in order.

"If a child is frustrated, moving forward is not going to do anything for the learning," Broemmell said.

4. Model good behavior — Parents should not watch TV while their children are doing homework. Sit at the table with them and pay bills or read a book. Or you can be fixing dinner so that you're nearby to answer questions.

5. Build up success — If you have a child who struggles with doing homework, do the easy stuff first to build momentum and lead up to the harder stuff.

"If it's a kid who breezes through homework, start with the harder stuff and work backward," Broemmell said.

Parents might have a harder time helping children with homework as they move into higher grades. Broemmell encourages them to talk with the teacher, regardless of their students' academic level — elementary, middle or high school.

"In a vast majority of cases, teachers are going to be thankful and responsive because you ask," she said.



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Superintendent Jim McIntyre, pictured at Farragut Middle School with Assistant Principal Richard Fulford, is making a number of initial visits to selected Knox County Schools during the first three weeks of the new school year. Members of the Board of Education, as well as other elected officials and stakeholders, have been encouraged to join him on these tours.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Councilman Grieves explains the proceedings of the Council meeting earlier this month to Pack 155's Brad Croisdale, Brain Pack, Brandon Pack and Gregory Croisdale.

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listener to the adolescents at Barrett Hall, and a relief houseparent at Columbus Home. Melodie's career journey continued as administrative assistant at DRI. She advanced to HIV/AIDS outreach as an educator, leading to her first acting role in the Kids on the Block HIV/AIDS program. Melodie's desire to help women in her community led her to Helen Ross McNabb Center's SISTERS of the Rainbow as a case manager, and her enthusiasm, clinical skills, and humor made her a natural choice to lead as program coordinator, empowering women on their journey of recovery.

Melodie also serves as a community activist at Community Evangelistic Church. She and her husband Paul are proud parents of a beautiful daughter, Danielle, who is an aspiring student in chemistry at Tennessee State University. Melodie gives God the glory for allowing her the opportunity to work with women

who are like diamonds in the rough in need of help to shine.

As a native East Tennessean, **Leigha Edwards** is proud to call Oak Ridge her home. While holding high-visibility positions at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Leigha has made substantial investments of her personal time in community service to a variety of organizations. She is recognized throughout the region for extensive volunteer efforts that build on and complement her professional roles. Her energy and enthusiasm have made her a highly effective advocate for all of the organizations that she serves, both professionally and personally. She has reached across organizational boundaries to build relationships that create value in the community, and she has brought community leaders together to deliver programs and initiatives with lasting impact on economic and social issues.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Leigha is

married to Blake Edwards and is the very proud mama of Ella, 9, and Hudson, 3. She is dedicated to teaching them the value of giving back to their community and lives by the mantra "from those to whom much is given, much is required."

New Orleans native **Shaun Fulco**, who came to Knoxville in 2005, has a life story that includes more than one instance of remarkable transformation. A survivor who overcame the loss of both parents, ten years of domestic abuse, single parenthood, and Hurricane Katrina, Shaun is not content to say that she made it safely to the other side. Instead, she makes the most of every day, investing her time and energy to make the world a better place. A graduate in accounting and finance from the Elaine P. Nunez College in New Orleans, Shaun serves as CFO of Moxley Carmichael, a premier public and media relations firm in Knoxville. In that capacity, she directs all financial

aspects of the business, including accounting practices, budgeting, financial planning and analysis, financial strategy, and monitoring of financial performance.

As a survivor of domestic abuse, Shaun has a long history of serving others facing similar struggles, first in New Orleans and now at the YWCA Knoxville. At the YWCA, she has been involved in the development of two domestic violence programs: the Hispanic Outreach Program and Enough!, a new initiative that trains citizen volunteers to support YWCA efforts to serve victims and end violence. An accomplished vocalist, Shaun mentors aspiring vocalists between the ages of seven and 20 and is a cast member of Front Page Follies, a fundraiser held by the East Tennessee Society of Professional Journalists. Shaun volunteers with Knox Heritage and was a member of Introduction Knoxville Fall Class of 2011.

Trudy Hughes's commitment to nonprofit service originated from volunteer work with behaviorally and mentally challenged adolescent boys. Trudy holds degrees in finance, human services, and community counseling, all from the University of Tennessee. She currently serves as adjunct faculty with the Maryville College Psychology Department and has taught at several other higher education

institutions.

Trudy's service to the community includes: Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Tennessee Community Service Agencies Board of Directors, Blount County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Tennessee Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers. Prior service includes Starlight Gala chair for the Maryville City Schools Foundation, advocacy chair for the Tennessee Junior League, grantsmanship chair for the Junior League of Chattanooga, and past president of the Southeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth. A graduate of Leadership Blount Class of 2004 and Leadership Chattanooga Class of 1998, Trudy received the 2006 Blue Ribbon Prevention Advocate Award from Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee and the 2000 Jim Pryor Advocacy Award from the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Despite all of these achievements, Trudy's greatest accomplishment and joy is being a parent to two wonderful sons.

Once a lost sheep, **Maxine Raines** was left homeless at the age of six when her alcoholic father left the family. Her mother's mental illness forced Maxine to care for herself, her brother, and her mother. She searched dumpsters for food and other necessities, and she knew

for many years what it was like to be hungry and destitute. During her mother's periodic breakdowns, she and her brother were taken to John Tarleton Children's Home. Maxine married at fifteen, but it lasted just a few weeks. Two years later she married Chester Raines; they were married 48 years when Chester passed away. Maxine has also lived through the deaths of two children and, recently, the death of Joshua, her precious 18-year-old grandson. Maxine's daughter, Sheri, and her granddaughter, Whitney, are truly a blessing to her.

Maxine has worked in the medical field for many years. In 1981, she became part of Women's Aglow, a Christian organization that supports women around the world. At a 1990 Aglow conference in Washington, D.C., she was saddened by the many homeless people she saw on the streets. That was when she received her calling to go back to the streets and help the homeless in Knoxville, and Lost Sheep Ministry was born. Maxine's passion is to help women, men, and children get off the streets. She is their trusted friend and confidant. Most of her days are spent getting clients into rehabilitation programs and a productive lifestyle. Maxine has been called the "Mother Teresa" of Knoxville.

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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter Thirteen

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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By 1940, Kenneth McKellar had represented Tennessee in the United States Senate longer than any other man. At seventy-one, the senator showed no signs of slowing down, much less retiring. McKellar loved his job and was quite good at it. It was quite clear he would seek a fifth term in the United States Senate.

With World War II already raging in Europe, Franklin Roosevelt watched events with a wary eye, knowing it was a matter of time before the United States was involved, but his actions were tempered by the strong isolationist sentiment in America. The isolationists had numerous powerful

spokesmen in Congress, including Montana U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Missouri U. S. Senator Bennett Champ Clark, California's Hiram Johnson and many others. The isolationist campaign, designed to keep America out of European wars, was hardly confined to Congress. Many prominent Americans strongly supported the America First movement, which was especially strong in the Midwestern part of the country. Charles Lindberg, the world famous aviator, was one of the more notable spokesmen at America First rallies all across the country. Support for America First was not confined to the Republican Party, as many influential Democrats were staunch isolationists. David I. Walsh, the first Irish Catholic Democrat ever to be elected governor and United States Senator from the Bay State, hated the British and from his perch as Chairman of the Senate's Naval Affairs Committee, kept FDR from going too far to help Britain, which was then desperately struggling under the Nazi onslaught. Walsh was an interesting character and believed to be gay by many in Massachusetts. In fact, one Massachusetts industrialist once said of Walsh, he would trust the senator to accompany his daughter on a cruise around the world, but wouldn't trust Walsh in a canoe crossing a creek with his son.

Senator McKellar and Senator Tom Stewart both strongly supported FDR's foreign policy, including the Lend Lease program, which accomplished much to aid



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Senator Kenneth McKellar and Georgia U. S. Senator Walter F. George attending a meeting of the Democratic Conference Committee, 1943.

the hard pressed British Empire. Neither Senator McKellar nor E. H. Crump especially liked Franklin Roosevelt personally; both acknowledged FDR's considerable political skills, as well as his deviousness and willingness to lie when it suited him. Allen Drury, a young reporter for the Associated Press during the 1940s and best selling author of *Advice and Consent* once told me years ago that Senator McKellar's sulfuric private comments about President Roosevelt could never be printed in a family newspaper. Still, McKellar issued a strong statement endorsing Roosevelt for a third term, which no man had ever had in American politics. At the time, there was no legal prohibition for a president not to seek a third term in office, but most had followed the example set by George Washington and retired after two terms. Franklin Roosevelt, knowing there would be considerable opposition to his seeking a third term as President of the United States, played a shrewd game as the nominating conventions approached.

Roosevelt gave no indication he was actually a candidate for the Democratic nomination and booms started for other candidates, none of which gained much traction. FDR himself repeatedly stated his only desire was to return to his estate on the Hudson River in upstate New York. Vice President John Nance Garner, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a salty old campaigner, opposed

the idea of a third term for anyone and was himself an official candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. "Cactus Jack" didn't get much of anywhere with his candidacy and other members of FDR's administration harbored presidential ambitions. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, was frequently mentioned, but secretly suffered from Sarcoidosis, a serious illness oftentimes confused with tuberculosis. Hull was also seventy years old at the time and McKellar's announcement backing Roosevelt helped to stall any bandwagon in Hull's home state of Tennessee.

James A. Farley, who had managed Roosevelt's 1932 presidential campaign, had been named Chairman of the Democratic National Committee as well as Postmaster General by a grateful FDR. The association between Farley and Roosevelt had been quite close, but despite being an Irish Catholic (and therefore considered unelectable by most Democrats), Farley wanted to be president himself. Roosevelt's own son Elliott went to the convention as a delegate pledged to vote for Farley.

Many Democrats were frankly terrified of the prospect Franklin Roosevelt might actually return to his estate on the Hudson River. FDR had proven to be the best vote getter the Democratic Party had seen and many were fearful the Roosevelt coalition would fall apart without the president at the top of the ticket. FDR

coily made no declaration of his candidacy; in fact, he made it quite clear he was not running. Democrats gathering in Chicago for the Democratic National Convention erupted into wild cheering when a mysterious voice came over the loud speakers, chanting, "We want Roosevelt! We want Roosevelt!", a cry soon taken up by most the delegates. Frenzied Democrats soon "drafted" Roosevelt to run again.

As Vice President Garner had opposed FDR and stated he was going home to Texas regardless of the outcome of the race, it was a forgone conclusion there would be a new vice presidential nominee. FDR surprised and infuriated many Democrats with his announcement he had selected Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace to be his running mate. Wallace had been, of all things, a Republican before being appointed to Roosevelt's Cabinet. Wallace had never held elective office in his life before and was considered by many to be a mystic or worse.

Democrats mutinied and Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead was nominated for the vice presidency to oppose Wallace, as were several favorite son candidates. The rebellion was so serious FDR himself had to emphatically state he would turn down the presidential nomination if the convention refused to ratify his choice of a running mate. Enough Democrats were frightened by FDR's threat to help Wallace edge

out Speaker Bankhead for the vice presidential nomination.

The Republicans had nominated a dark horse candidate for the presidency, Wendell Willkie, a choice that Senator McKellar found especially loathsome. Willkie had been affiliated with the private power interests for most of his career, which both McKellar and Crump saw as a significant threat to the Tennessee Valley Authority. Crump mentioned to McKellar in a letter his belief the "TVA in Tennessee will go" if Willkie happened to be elected, a view McKellar shared. McKellar told Crump he didn't believe Willkie had any better chance to be elected than Alf Landon in 1936 when Roosevelt won every state in the nation save for Maine and Vermont.

Crump issued his own statement strongly backing FDR, which Senator McKellar pointed out to the president and assured Roosevelt he had nothing to worry about in Tennessee. Neither did McKellar.

McKellar was running for his fifth term in the Senate and opponents despaired of beating him and only the eccentric Dr. John R. Neal entered the primary to challenge the old senator. Governor Cooper had only slightly more serious opposition in the form of Knoxville Mayor George Dempster. McKellar crushed Dr. Neal, winning 230,000 votes to Neal's nearly 15,000 votes, giving the senator almost 94% of the ballots cast in the

primary. Governor Cooper did only marginally less well in his own campaign against Dempster.

The Republicans had nominated Howard Baker, Sr. of Huntsville to oppose McKellar, father of future U. S. Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr. The election must have sparked some interesting conversation around the dinner table as Senator Baker has pointed out his Great Aunt Mattie Keene worked for Senator McKellar. Baker recalls visiting Washington, D. C. to see his Aunt Mattie whom he described as being quite liberated for the time as she smoked, drank and swore as well as any man.

McKellar understood Republicans in Tennessee represented no real threat to his continued service in the Senate and spent most of his time campaigning for Franklin Roosevelt. Once again the Democrats campaigned as a ticket and McKellar and Cooper won easily, as did Roosevelt.

It was during the decade of the 1940s that McKellar began to earn his reputation as a serious and accomplished feudist. McKellar had been a successful attorney before his election to Congress and was thoroughly capable of ambushing an unsuspecting witness before Congressional committees. It was K. D. McKellar who had publicly embarrassed FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, by forcing a sheepish admission from Hoover he had never personally made a single arrest in his career as a law enforcement officer. That particular exchange so chagrined the Director that he insisted being on the scene personally when the FBI cornered criminal Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. Hoover took credit for the arrest, making sure an account of his bravery reached the press, an account Karpis himself hotly disputed later. According to Karpis, Hoover remained hidden until he had actually been arrested by an agent; only when it seemed perfectly safe to do so did Hoover emerge to claim credit for the arrest.

Hoover was quite used to being treated deferentially by the Congress and had been stricken by having to admit he had never made an arrest and was even angrier when McKellar attempted to cut the operating budget of the FBI. Needless to say, relations between the secretive FBI Director and Senator McKellar were to remain strained for decades to come.

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Arts & Entertainment

Pellissippi State hosts Backstage Pass event to launch arts series

For more than 35 years, Pellissippi State Community College has welcomed the community to take part in the institution's many cultural activities. Beginning this fall, Pellissippi State launches The Arts at Pellissippi State, an arts series that offers more opportunities than ever to enjoy everything from music and theatre to cultural celebrations, lectures, and the fine arts.

The series showcases the talents of Pellissippi State students and faculty, as well as those of special guest performers. To set the new series in motion, the college is hosting Backstage Pass, an evening that will showcase a sampling of the arts-related events slated for the upcoming season.

Backstage Pass offers attendees not only a behind-the-scenes look at future arts activities but also a live auction and cocktail buffet. The setting is Knoxville's Cherokee Country Club. Proceeds from the special event will be used by the Pellissippi State Foundation to support The Arts at Pellissippi State.

"Backstage Pass" takes place on Friday, Sept. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. Cherokee Country Club is located at 5138 Lyons View Pike.

Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to order tickets early. Tickets are \$100 per person. Sponsorships also are available.

For additional information on Backstage Pass, call the Pellissippi State Foundation at (865) 539-7351.

Arts & Culture Alliance Presents the Artists of Fairfield Glade

The Arts & Culture Alliance is pleased to present a new exhibition by the Art Guild of Fairfield Glade featuring original oil, watercolor, pastel, colored pencil, acrylic, pottery, photography, mixed media, sculpture, jewelry, and more by nearly 35 regional artists. The exhibition will be displayed at the Emporium Center in downtown Knoxville from September 7-28, 2012, and an opening reception will take place as part of First Friday activities on September 7 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Founded in 1978 by twelve artists, the Art Guild at Fairfield Glade is a volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization formed to support and promote the arts. Membership is open to everyone interested in furthering art appreciation, personal growth in creative activities, and being part of a dynamic, growing organization. The Guild's mission is

to present art through education, exhibitions, and participation in community outreach events; and to provide needed, meaningful services and educational resources to meet the needs of Cumberland County residents, visitors, students, and local artists through its student scholarship program, art library, workshops, special events, and volunteer opportunities. The Guild currently has about 130 members from the surrounding area. During the year, members hold art shows, receptions, studio tours, classes and sponsor trips to area galleries and points of interest. Through the year classes are available in watercolor, oil, pastels, acrylic, pen and ink, and other media as members volunteer to teach. Members at all levels of experience, skills, and interest are encouraged to participate in a friendly, helpful environment



Detail of a Watercolor by Claudia Kirkpatrick

and partake in the camaraderie of learning new skills. Art Guild volunteers also reach elementary grade students through its unique Picture Person Program. For more information, visit www.artguildfairfieldglade.net.

Artwork by The Art Guild of Fairfield Glade will be on display at the Emporium Center,

100 S. Gay Street. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with additional hours on Saturday, September 8, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Arts & Culture Alliance at (865) 523-7543, or visit the Web site at www.knoxalliance.com.

New at the Tennessee Valley Fair

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New Contests / Competitive Exhibits

Tennessee Valley Amateur Winemaking Competition – Saturday, September 8 (Live Judging) Presented by

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Food City Hot Dog Decorating Contest – Sunday, September 16 – 3 p.m. New "day-of" competition – show up and participate! Create your own hot dog masterpiece – top a dog with the most unique

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Cherokees Trap Beavers Again

By Curtis Trotter

Resilience is an asset most coaches love to have late in any football season. Bouncing back from deficits is huge to a team that has play-off intentions. Friday night at Karns High School, South Doyle head coach Clark Duncan experienced that same asset in week zero of play when his Cherokees not only bounced back, but stormed back with 29 unanswered points and a 32-14 victory. Sophomore Malik Lundy, who was silent in the first half for the Cherokees, blazed his way to 172 total yards on the ground to solidify the opening South Doyle victory. Karns went up early on a couple of touchdown connections from Matt Nauman. On the receiving end of the scores were Blake Bowman and Stedman Love. It would be the only scoring a second half Cherokee defense would allow all evening. South Doyle kicker Caleb Mitchell, who dented the score board twice, pulled the visiting Tribe to within a 14-6 contest. Whatever Duncan told his squad in the locker

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Jocquez Bruce of South Doyle breaks up a Karns pass in the first quarter as Karns opened the game with a strong pass offense.

Bearden Offense Impresses in 45-9 Victory

By David Klien

0-32. That was last year. 45-9. This is this year. Hardin Valley blew out Bearden 32-0 last year at home after a two-hour weather delay. This year, Bearden took advantage of four Hawks' turnovers, converting them into 17 points on their way to a 45-9 victory over the visiting Hawks. Bearden's offense came out firing on all cylinders

as they built a 31-3-half-time lead. The Bulldogs had two running touchdowns and two passing touchdowns with one field goal in the first half.

Five different Bulldog players scored touchdowns for the Bulldogs on the night, with wide receiver Hunter Johnson catching two touchdown passes. Quarterback

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Grace Christian upends Carter, 49-21

By Alex Norman

The season started in an odd way for the Grace Christian Rams.

Someone scored on them...

In the end though, it didn't make much of a difference. The Rams knocked off the Carter Hornets 49-21 on Thursday, August 16, in the first

game played on Grace Christian's new synthetic playing surface.

In 2011, the Grace Christian Rams finished 10-0, and would have been favored to play for the Class 2A championship. However, they were still serving the second year of a TSSAA

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Gibbs erupts in second half for win over Scott County

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School's football team used a big second half to run past Scott County Friday night in a season-opening road victory.

Eagles senior quarterback Jay Cade ran for three touchdowns and threw for another to lead Gibbs to a 41-14 victory over the Highlanders.

"We felt like our kids responded well after halftime," Gibbs coach Brad Conley said. "You have one first game every year and it's better to start 1-0."

"It's good to get a win and now, we see that there's room for improvement."

At halftime, the Eagles and the Highlanders were locked in a 14-14 tie and Conley used the break to remind his squad to get back to the basics.

"We didn't tackle well in the first half and we had two turnovers on consecutive series and one of those turnovers led to a touchdown," Conley said. At halftime, we went back and talked to the kids about what we talk about all the time.

"That's taking care of the football, tackling well on defense and giving incredible effort."

The Eagles obviously listened to their veteran coach and outscored Scott 27-0 over the final 24 minutes.

Cade, the Eagles' veteran quarterback, had 17 carries for 291 yards and scored three times on the ground. He had touchdown runs of 45, 84 and 54 yards respectively.

Cade also threw a 43-yard scoring strike to senior

receiver Ryan Hunley.

On defense, junior Skyler Lane had an interception while Keaton Cupp and Brandon Norton were among Gibbs High's leading tacklers.

"I haven't seen our tackling numbers yet but Cupp and Brandon Norton [both defensive ends] did a great job defensively," Conley said.

The Eagles will play their home opener Friday night against Claiborne. Kickoff is slated for 7:30.

Claiborne lost its season opener to Cocke County 32-12 last week and remains a mystery to Conley.

"I don't know anything about them," Conley said. "I know that they had a pretty good quarterback last year and he was a senior."



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS, SPEARSPHOTO

Gibbs quarterback Jay Cade escapes from a pair of Scott County defenders in the Eagles' 41-14 victory at Scott County Friday night. Cade racked up 291 rushing yards and scored three rushing TD's. He also had a touchdown pass.

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Rick Byrd will join dad in Hall of Fame

Doyle grad is one of nation's top coaches

By Steve Williams

Rick Byrd, highly successful basketball coach at Belmont University in Nashville, has not forgotten his South Knoxville roots and those who influenced his decision to go into coaching.

His dad, Ben Byrd, longtime sports editor of The Knoxville Journal, tops that list, and Rick will be joining him as a member of the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame this week.

"I think that being exposed to college basketball so closely since my father covered UT basketball was a big part of it," said Byrd, communicating via e-mail. "I was fortunate enough to be a good enough athlete to continue playing into college which made it easier to find coaching positions."

Former UT coach Ray Mears and Billy Henry, Maryville College athletic director and basketball coach, also played key

roles in Byrd joining the coaching ranks.

"I could just as easily have ended up in high school," pointed out Byrd. "I just wanted to coach as I went through UT. When I became a student assistant coach at UT, I started focusing on the college side. Fortunately, Billy Henry was named the AD and basketball coach at Maryville College and asked me to help him, so my first position was in college. It is difficult to go from high school to college."

Byrd has become a respected coach nationwide as he has led Belmont from the NAIA level to a mid-major power in NCAA Division 1 and a regular participant of late in March Madness. His 26-year coaching record at Belmont is 545-284. Prior to coaching the Bruins, Byrd coached at Maryville College and Lincoln Memorial University. In 31 years overall, he's become

one of the winningest coaches in the nation with a record of 637-339.

The 31st Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony will be Thursday night (Aug. 23) at the Knoxville Convention Center. Phil Niekro, major league baseball Hall of Famer known for his knuckleball, will be the keynote speaker.

"It is special to be honored by your hometown," said Byrd, a Doyle High School graduate. "The fact that my father is in the same Hall of Fame makes it double so."

Byrd still has fond childhood memories of growing up in South Knoxville.

"Kids played more pick up sandlot games back then," he noted. "There were no video games and limited TV offerings. We played whatever sport was in season. I also played Little League baseball at Mary Vestal Park, Biddy League basketball at Lamar Street Gym and golf at Bays Mountain and Deane Hill, wherever I could play."

Byrd indicated he had heard from a couple of childhood buddies who may be coming to the induction ceremony.

"Jimmy Bales, a high school golf teammate, has a daughter at Belmont and we have been in touch."

Byrd still remembers many of his coaches, who may have had a hand in the type of coach he is today.

"Bill Knaffl was my Biddy League coach, Phil French was my B-team coach at Doyle and Pat Robinette was my high school coach," he said.

"All the coaches you are exposed to have an influence. You learn what you like and will do as a coach; you also learn what you don't like and will not do as a coach. Maybe more of the latter than the former."

What was it like having a dad who was a sports editor in Knoxville?

"My father was, and still is, universally respected as a fair man in every way," he answered. "In his writing, he treated sports as a game and

was not interested in criticizing young kids or getting coaches fired. We need more of that perspective today, I think."

Other Hall of Fame inductees this year include Bob Black, Missy Flemming, Rocky Goode, Todd Kelly, Charles "Bud" Lobetti, Jr., Terry McDaniel, Glenn McNish, Dave Parrington and Charlie Severance.

Golfer Scott Stallings will be recognized as Professional Athlete of the Year and Pat Summitt will receive the 2012 Ignite Greatness Award. Thanks for the Memories awards will go to the late Ace Miller and Bob Polston. Elliott Stroupe will receive Special Recognition.

Also to be honored will be the High School Athletes of the Year - Marjorie Butler (Webb), Bethany Oglesby (Carter), Rebecca Stover (Bearden), Caleb Blance (Webb) and A.J. Simcox (Farragut).

Karns High School Volleyball preview

By Ken Lay

Karns High School's volleyball team found itself in an unfamiliar place last season.

The Lady Beavers were sitting at home during the Region 2-AAA Tournament for the first time in 10 years. Karns began its dominance of the area volleyball scene when coach Kynette Williams arrived in 2002. For the next nine years, the Lady Beavers won either the District 3-AAA Tournament, the district regular season crown, or both.

All that ended last season, when the Lady Beavers, who reached the State Tournament in 2009 and 2010, when Karns made an early exit from the district tournament in 2011. In those two campaigns, the Lady Beavers won a combined 116 matches.

By most standards, Karns, which went 32-16 last season, had a successful season.

But early postseason exits are not acceptable for Williams or the Lady Beavers.

"That was the worst season I've had there," said Williams, who took a dormant program and immediately turned it into a winner. "It's funny to say that when you consider that we won 32 games.

"But we've set the bar so high and our expectations are always high. Now, we've grown and we realize that we're vulnerable."

Karns may have six sophomores on its roster on 2012 but that doesn't mean that the Lady Beavers don't have eyes on another District 3-AAA Title.

"Last year left a bad taste in our mouths," Williams said. "I hate to lose and although these kids are young, they're hungry."

"Every year, we have theme pictures in the gym. This year, we have boxers because the girls felt like they didn't fight last year. It's not how hard you hit but it's how hard you can get hit, get up and move forward."

Williams hopes that she'll have the right mix to return to past glory but admits that District 3-AAA will be tough.

"I think our district will be better than [District 4-AAA]," she said. "I don't know much about the teams over there. "Farragut was tough last year but they lost a ton of seniors.

"Maryville always starts strong but something always happens to them."

Karns will waste little time getting acquainted with the teams in District 4. The Lady Beavers open the 2012 season at Lenoir City on Tuesday. They then host West on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Top returners for the Lady Beavers include: Kennedy Brock (senior, setter); Paula Savage (a senior who can play every position on the floor); Brianna Ryan (senior, libero); Jessica Severs (junior, outside hitter) and Lindsey Wright (junior, middle blocker).

"This year, our upperclassmen are running the show," Williams said. "They've bought in to the concept and they've bought into playing with each other.

"We don't want to feel the hunger that we felt last year and I'm really excited. We learned last year that on any given night that you can get beat. And we have the want to win."

The Tyler Bray Problem

By Alex Norman

Tennessee fans... Do you trust junior quarterback Tyler Bray with your football team?

This is a difficult question to answer, but one that we'll delve into... and why not? The season isn't here yet and this is what we do this time of year.

Talk at great length about the upcoming season and make educated guesses as to what the next 12 games will bring...

Or you can just go on sportstalk radio, say that Tyler Bray is going to win the Heisman Trophy, or scream that he should be kicked off the team and all his worldly possessions given to backups Justin Worley and Nathan Peterman.

Why does Bray bring out such strong opinions in Tennessee fans? There are too many reasons to mention in one article, but we'll pick out the important points.

In January of 2010 Bray was an early enrollee at Tennessee. Bray and his family moved to Knoxville, only to find out less than two weeks

later that the coach they trusted was leaving Knoxville for Southern California.

At Tennessee, freshman quarterbacks have had their share of success. Peyton Manning,

Casey Clausen, and Erik Ainge won a lot of football games, and Bray did so as well. After being named the starter for the Vols ninth game of the year, Bray led UT to four straight wins and a berth in the Music City Bowl.

The controversial result aside, the game is best remembered for Bray's immature actions, making a throat slashing gesture of the North Carolina bench, reminiscent of a pro wrestler or something.

But hey, kids make mistakes his supporters said, and Bray was still growing up.

Bray had his best game as a Vol against Cincinnati on September 10, 2011. He threw for four touchdowns and 405 yards, and failed to connect on only 7 of 41 attempts in a 45-23 win.

As all Tennessee fans remember, however, the rest

of 2011 was a disaster. When receiver Justin Hunter tore up his knee in the first quarter at Florida, the team was never the same. Bray broke his thumb against Georgia and missed five games. He returned in time to help Tennessee edge Vanderbilt in overtime.

But in the season finale, Tennessee lost to Kentucky 10-7, the first loss by the Vols to the Wildcats since 1984. Bray reportedly told teammates he didn't want to play in a lower level bowl game, and the weeks of practice that would accompany a trip to Shreveport or Memphis. The loss to Kentucky dropped the Vols to 5-7, meaning that UT would in fact be home for the holidays.

During the past eight months, tales of a new, more mature Bray have been circulating, and head coach Derek Dooley told reporters that Bray was "the face of our offense" at SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama in late July.

Bray said all the right things in Hoover... then returned to Knoxville and was promptly

accused of throwing beer bottles and damaging a woman's car at his apartment complex.

After Bray offered to pay for damages to the vehicle, the woman declined to press charges.

A week or so later, news broke that Bray had been ticketed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for reckless boating earlier in July. Charges were dropped when Bray agreed to certain conditions, including a suspension of boating privileges. Bray also must make three boater safety appearance, or do a Public Service Announcement.

On their own, neither incident is probably cause for suspension, especially not when the first game is so crucial. A loss to North Carolina State at the Georgia Dome on August 31 will send Tennessee fans into a mass panic. But two incidents, within a month, for the seemingly more mature quarterback, show that Bray hasn't learned how to act like someone in his position.

Tyler Bray has the talent

and potential to make a lot of money in the National Football League, and anyone that thinks Bray will pull a Peyton Manning and return for his senior season is kidding themselves. If the grade from NFL scouts is good enough, Bray is gone.

Dooley knows this better than anyone, and his future at Tennessee is in direct alignment with Tyler Bray's success. If Bray has a solid season, the Vols probably win 8 games, which should earn Dooley another season. If Bray struggles, it is hard to see the Vols reaching 8 wins... and that puts Dooley's job in jeopardy.

No one is saying that Bray has to be perfect... but for his sake, the sake of his coaches, and the sake of the fragile psyche of Vols fans... staying out of trouble, and finally proving that he can be a true leader for UT, would increase the chances of Tennessee football returning to at least a shadow of its former self.

Vols' season opener can't get here soon enough

What feels like the longest off-season in UT football history will thankfully be coming to an end soon.

When the Vols kick off against North Carolina State in the Georgia Dome on August 31, we can officially put the 2011 season in the rear-view mirror and look forward to what the 2012

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campaign might bring.

Off-seasons are not all alike. Some go by quickly. Some drag on and on. How the previous season went and ended has a lot to do with the mood of the fans during an off-season. An upcoming season outlook also figures into fans' spirits.

Remember the off-season between Tennessee's 1998 national championship season and the 1999 campaign? We were No. 1 in the nation, so we wanted to bask

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217 Cleo Sideris

High Series Scratch--Female
597 Joy Tindell
583 Carolyn Courtney
552 Carolyn McGill

in our glory for as long as we could. From early January to late August, when we woke up each morning we felt good about being on top in college football.

For the past eight months, we've been going through an off-season on the other end of the scale. It has sort of felt like a long ride home after losing a game, except lasting for months instead of hours.

The last time we saw the Vols in action they were losing to Kentucky, the first time that had happened in 27 years. The 10-7 loss to the Wildcats left UT with a losing record and ineligible for post-season bowl play. Making that defeat even harder to swallow were accusations made after the game about some of our top players caring only about their personal stats and not wanting to play in a lower-tier bowl game.

This off-season could have been worse. But the outlook for the season ahead shows potential and gives fans hope.

Plenty of drama, good and bad, has kept this off-season interesting. The fact head coach Derek Dooley had to replace seven assistant coaches and the defense

was switching from a 4-3 to a 3-4 would have been enough. But, as you know, there's been much more going on.

We won't get into the episodes of quarterback Tyler Bray and wide receiver Da'Rick Rogers, except to say they're still on the team and currently in good standing.

Some Tennessee players rallied in the summer to get their academics in order. Overall, the Vols have been law-abiding citizens, although sophomore tight end Cameron Clear was dismissed from the squad after being arrested and charged with the theft of a laptop computer.

At SEC Media Days, Dooley was treated kindly. No questions were asked about the hot seat he sits on. The Vols, however, were picked to finish fifth in the SEC East, much lower than optimistic fans are expecting.

Tennessee did something differently this off-season, too. Dooley took his team out of town for a week of camp at Milligan College in Elizabethton. More than anything, Dooley wanted to build some team chemistry and bonding. That appeared to be accomplished.

Tennessee football has

D-B victorious over Farragut, 42-14

By Ken Lay

KINGSPORT---Farragut High School's football team entered Friday night's season opener with high expectations.

The Admirals didn't reach their lofty goals and their stay at J. Fred Johnson Stadium was a nightmarish one as Farragut came up on the short end of a 42-14 decision to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett before a nearly-packed house.

The Indians (1-0) scored the first 35 points of the contest and put the

Admirals away early.

Farragut's troubles Friday night began on its first possession. The Admirals went three-and-out and were forced to punt.

From there, things would only get worse for the Admirals (0-1). Admirals' punter Jonathan King had a 54-yard kick returned for a touchdown when Malik Foreman fielded the punt and scampered 77 yards for the game's first score. Indians kicker Chad Diminick added the Indians a 7-0 lead just over two minutes

into the contest.

The Admirals, who host Oak Ridge Friday night, saw their offensive struggles continue. Farragut's second possession was no different than the first.

Meanwhile, the Indians had no offensive trouble. On its second possession, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett marched 77 yards on five plays. Indians quarterback Chris Cook finished the drive with a 50-yard pass to Foreman.

"They have experience with their skill kids,"

Admirals coach Eddie Courtney said and our experience is up front.

"They gashed us and we were really disappointed with that. In the second quarter, they really beat us off the ball."

The Indians added a third first-quarter score when Cook had a 35-yard run that culminated another long drive.

In the second quarter, it was more of the same as Dobyns-Bennett's Devaun Swafford had a pair of short scoring runs to give

the Indians a 35-0 lead at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Farragut pulled to within 35-14 with a pair of early fourth-quarter touchdowns. The Admirals got on the board with 9:41 left in the game when quarterback Bryan Phillips connected with Thomas Barnett on a 27-yard touchdown pass. Running back Jackson Fain added a 25-yard scoring scamper a short time later.

Swafford closed the scoring with a 6-yard run. That

was his third touchdown of the contest.

Things won't get any easier for the Admirals this week when the Wildcats come calling.

"We've got to come back and get back to work," Courtney said.

Farragut defeated Oak Ridge last season. This week's contest will be the season opener for the Wildcats, who are picked by many to win the District 3-AAA title.



PHOTO BY ADAM SULLIVAN

Malik Lundy had an explosive second half with multiple 40+ yard runs that set up three touchdowns. This run set up a 20-14 lead for South Doyle over Karns at the end of the third quarter.

Cherokees Trap Beavers Again

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room at halftime must have been magical, as a complete turn around of his defensive scheme seemed to reign supreme. "We came out in the second half and put them (Karns) back in a hole. We came alive and made some huge adjustments out there. Keeping their quarterback contained was the key," Duncan said.

South Doyle, who rode the legs of Lundy for most of the second half, was fortunate enough to implement just enough passing in the third quarter in order to offset the Karns defense. "We've got to be a little more balanced on offense," Duncan continued. "We knew we were going to be a more 'run' oriented team this year. We have two young quarterbacks who have stepped up. That will pay off."

Karns, who dropped last year's contest to the Cherokees 7-0, did

show some promise offensively in the first half, but a fumble and two interceptions late in the game proved to be too costly for the Beavers.

Assistant Coach Jeff Bryant of South Doyle, who assists in overseeing the offensive and defensive lines, was proud of the effort his unit made as well. "Coach (Jay) Whinery and I asked them to suck it up, give some pride, and make an effort in the second half. They responded. Karns presented some match up problems for us on defense. We knew they would. They brought a lot of guys from everywhere. I'm just glad we responded with our blocking schemes the way we told them to do," Bryant added.

"Their quarterback (Nauman) is a phenomenal football player. He is very elusive. We practiced for him all week. Sometimes you can't match a practice with what's going to happen

on a Friday night. I'm just glad we finally got him contained somewhat in the second half."

Karns will go out of state this Friday when they travel to Knox Central (KY), while South Doyle will take its 'idle week' and recuperate from just a few minor injuries. "We are a little banged up. We will take this week to heal and get ready for our district opener against Morristown East at home. It's good to finally get this season started," Bryant concluded.

If history is any indication of what may happen for Karns, opponents may want to take heed. After dropping the South Doyle game last season, the Beavers went on a tear and made the play-offs for the first time in 37 years. Football is certainly back for both squads as they look forward to a promising 2012 campaign.

Bearden Offense Impresses in 45-9 Victory

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Nicky Frizen threw three touchdown passes and Bearden ran for two others.

That balance on offense is what Bulldog Head Coach Brad Taylor wants to see. "That's good. I like for us to be balanced. We'll have to be significantly balanced to have success as we go further," he emphasized.

Long drives or short drives, it didn't matter to the Bulldogs. Its first drive of 11 plays ended in running back Josh Walls' two-yard touchdown with 5:48 left in the first quarter. The Bulldogs then forced a Morgan Knight fumble on the Hawks' first possession. Two plays later, Bearden's quarterback Nicky Frizen threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Johnson for a quick 14-0 lead. Two touchdowns in under a minute left the Hawks reeling.

"We thought we could catch them in that," Frizen

said. "We were confident we could get a touchdown on that play. We thought we would take a shot at it, and it worked out."

Following a defensive stop on fourth down, the Bulldogs took over at their own 36-yard line. Four plays later, the Bulldogs had a third touchdown. Johnson caught a pass from Frizen, juke the defender, and then ran 43 yards for a touchdown. It couldn't have been a better start for the Bulldogs as they led 21-3 after the first quarter.

The Bulldogs offered a gift to begin the second quarter. Tommy Smith fumbled a punt return, and the Hawks recovered at the Bearden 21-yard line. A third down pass attempt by the Hawks fell incomplete. Chris Gallaher kicked a 36-yard field goal, and the Hawks were on the board but looking at a 21-3 deficit.

Trent Waters scored Bearden's fourth

touchdown, a 30-yard touchdown run. He started inside, then cut it outside to the right and outran all the defenders. Hardin Valley would get the ball back, desperate to just get into the locker room after the Bulldog juggernaut, but Knight fumbled at the Hawks' own 11-yard line. Luke Hopkins recovered for Bearden. Graham Rooke kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired and Bearden led 31-3 at the half.

The only miscue on offense for the Bulldogs was Frizen's interception to start the second half. But Hardin Valley couldn't do anything with the turnover, going three-and-out. However, Bearden went three and out as well on its possession. Hardin Valley got the ball back, but fumbled again with Hopkins recovering his second fumble of the game.

Five plays later, Frizen threw his third touchdown

pass of the game, a 24-yard touchdown pass to Christian Robinson. With 33 seconds left in the third quarter, the Bulldogs led 38-3 and the high school mercy rule began, with continuous running of the clock when one team leads by 35 or more points.

Both teams tacked on late touchdowns. Luis De La Cruz scored from two yards out with 8:30 left in the game for a 45-3 Bearden lead. Hardin Valley marched down the field, and with the clock running out, Colin Hughes barreled in for a 4-yard touchdown run. Bearden was victorious, 45-9.

Taylor was complimentary of his team's execution in the victory. "They came out. They executed. They believed in one another," Taylor said. "They believe in what they were doing. And they felt success because of that," Taylor said.

Grace Christian upends Carter, 49-21

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postseason ban for using an ineligible player.

The Rams defense shut out six opponents during that run, including the last five teams they faced.

So when the visiting Hornets took advantage of a Rams fumble, drove 63 yards down the field, and quarterback Ryan Kirkland connected with Hank Black in the back of the end zone on 4th and goal from the 5 yard line, Carter had a 6-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

"We didn't put them in very good position," said Grace Christian head coach Randy McKamey. "We turned the ball over twice in the first quarter."

It was the first time since last September that the Rams allowed points of any kind by their opponents.

But late in the first the Rams (1-0) responded well. Taking advantage of a short field, Grace Christian kept the football on the ground, driving 43 yards on eight plays, with Will McKamey scoring from a yard out, and it was 7-6 GCA.

In the second quarter Grace Christian scored again, this time on the big play. Quarterback Devin Smith faked a handoff, and found McKamey deep down the field. 36 yards later, it was 13-6 Grace.

The game changed with less than 5:40 remaining in the second quarter.

The Rams were deep in Hornets territory and driving for another score when Carter's Tucker Greene ripped the football out of the hands of Grace Christian's Sterling Bowery, then raced 96 yards for what looked like a Carter touchdown.

Small problem. The

play had been whistled dead. Carter (0-1) head coach Heath Woods went out to argue the call, and was promptly ejected. McKamey scored two plays later, and the Rams were in control, leading 21-6 with 4:41 remaining in the first half.

Woods would be taken to the hospital that evening. His condition at press time was unknown.

Smith would add his second touchdown pass of the first half, a 49 yard strike to Bill Dixon, and Grace took a 28-6 lead into intermission.

Perhaps the prettiest play of the night came when McKamey cut against the grain, and ran 70 yards to the Carter one yard line, Bowery punched it in from there, and Grace led 35-14.

The scoring was complete when Nathan Silver hit the sideline, ran 45 yards with 5 minutes left, and Grace had a 49-21 victory.

"We started slow, this is the mark is a good team," said McKamey. "We stunk in the first quarter but didn't get frustrated. Our goals are the same, to be practicing on Thanksgiving. You can't win them all if you don't win the first one."

Will McKamey, who is being recruited by Army and Navy, gave those coaching staffs something to pay attention to... rushing for 188 yards on 16 carries, and a total of three touchdowns.

"He had a great night," said head coach Randy McKamey, Will's father. "He worked hard and did a lot of training in the off-season."

Next up for the Rams is a home game against Anderson County on Friday, August 24th. Carter will host Grainger the same night.

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Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts made Obama-care the law of the land with his controversial ruling in June defining the individual mandates as a tax on all Americans. The reason we're still debating this issue is that Governor Romney has chosen Paul Ryan as his Vice Presidential running mate and Romney says he will repeal Obama-care if elected president. This could be just campaign rhetoric, if he had chosen anyone other than Paul Ryan. The major news media should be careful what

As I listen to Obama/Biden and Romney/Ryan two facts stand out: President Obama took \$716 billion *from* Medicare to fund Obama-care, and Romney/Ryan's Medicare overhaul will *not* affect anyone currently over fifty-five years old. Even young people are listening because they realize that the current Medicare program will be bankrupt and long gone before they reach maturity and coverage. As a younger person told me this week, "at least I might get something if the Romney/

You may be surprised to learn that I agree with the President on several fundamental issues. I

I wish that I could relax for a moment. I wish that I could leave the front lines of the civil war that rages in our country and enjoy a little R & R (rest and relaxation). Unfortunately, there'll be no rest until November 7, and perhaps not even then. You see in America we are engaged in a great debate about whether we should have *equal opportunity* under the law for all citizens or whether the government is responsible for ensuring *equal outcomes*. This perspective is as fundamental a principle as having the freedom to make choices and then accepting the consequences of those choices. In a nut shell this is what the November election is all about. In point of fact it is our country that needs R & R

I am a Federalist at heart. I believe in a central government, but President Obama, you have gone too far. Jefferson said, "Government that governs least governs best." What a pithy and poignant statement apropos for our times and the choices we will make in November.

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Ernie Haase and Signature Sound are returning to Knoxville and will be in concert at Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church on August 25 at 6 p.m. featuring Dove award winning Ernie Haase and Signature Sound's "Here We Are Again" Tour. Forget your normal Gospel Quartet. Ernie Haase & Signature Sound (EHSS) have broken the mold. Their unconventional approach to communicating the Good News with groundbreaking originality has blazed a trail that will go down in gospel music history. Across Europe they have been nicknamed the "Ambassadors of Joy" because of the message of hope and joy that permeates their performances.

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EHSS' success continues with each new release, but perhaps their most rewarding

achievement is the new generation of gospel music lovers emerging across the globe. The group's contagious energy spreads through entertaining performances ... bringing listeners around the world their refreshing approach to gospel classics and new material that is uniquely Signature Sound.

Tickets for this concert are on sale now and start at \$12 by calling 800-965-9324 or order online at www.itickets.com. They are also available at area Lifeway and Cedar Springs Christian stores in Knoxville and Morristown as well as Maryville/Alcoa Christian Supply and Kings Word in Halls.

Gay Marriage and the Christian

The rhetoric is heating up again in this latest political cycle over the acceptance of gay marriage. Anytime you talk about changing the definition of marriage from the traditional "one man to one woman," you are certain to encounter some heated banter and emotional dialogue. In discussing this topic, or any other topic for that matter, we must do so in a Christ-like way. You do have to care about the person you are sharing with no matter the view. I have several close friends who are gay. I love them very much. My love for them means that I respect them and treat them kindly with the same type of respect and kindness I would hope to receive from them. But showing respect and love for them doesn't mean I have to affirm all that they do.

Every person is valuable to God. Each is made in the image (eikon) of God. There is worth in every human, whether unborn, unattractive, old, mentally handicapped, or physically challenged. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Because of this, we need to share God's truth in love and not be cruel to anyone "different" from us in sexual orientation or any other way.

The Bible speaks clearly about the homosexual lifestyle (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7; 2 Peter 2:6-10).

Many people and a growing number

of "Christians" dismiss these passages as not being relevant today, or if you speak out against the gay / lesbian lifestyle you are labeled non-loving and intolerant. Expressing strong convictions is not intolerant when you do so with humility and gentleness. I admit that too many have done so with anger, ignorance, hatred, arrogance, and harshness. This is not the attitude of Christ.

I have learned much recently about same-sex attraction and the multiple factors involved. I am sensitive and compassionate toward those who have homosexual orientation. I also feel strongly in defending Biblical marriage. I personally believe the government needs to stay out of the marriage business. Marriage is sacred and something that belongs in the Church. This nation was founded on the premise as stated in the Constitution that the government not tell the church what to do (The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"). No church or preacher should be forced to accept a definition of marriage other than what they believe God has established in Scripture. Marriage should be left in the hands of the Church because it is ordained by God and thus should be out of the control of the state.

Seymour United Methodist Church News

Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m., the Chancel Choir resumes weekly practices following a summer break. All newcomers are welcome. Director is Gaile Todd.

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, Seymour area Cub Scout Pack 585 meets at the church beginning at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, the youth handbell group known as the "Righteous Ringers," will resume weekly practices at 3:45 p.m. under guidance of Gaile Todd. Open to youth grades 6 - 12 with prior handbell experience or ability to read music.

Saturday, Aug. 25, the "Calling All Men" spiritual growth and fellowship gathering will be held at Concord UMC from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Detailed information available at website: www.CallingAllMen.net.

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Rosie's World

Joy And Happiness

When I first started writing for *The Focus* I mainly was interested in attracting the Senior citizen readers but it wasn't long before I realized that a lot of readers also read my articles, of course, not just seniors. But they are my main group because, naturally, I am one of them. As we wind our way through the last years of living we yearn for only joy and happiness. We are not always blessed by these attributes but, after all, don't we deserve them? Most of us believe we do.

I am going to quote some paragraphs from my pastor, Rev. Mike Mills', sermon on August 12.

"The famous author, Alex Haley was giving a talk at a local university about how he decided to become a professional author. He was a sailor on board a ship who wrote love letters for his shipmates to send stateside. His letters were so popular with the ladies at home that several of his messmates suggested that he write for a living.

"Love letters are rarely penned in today's world of IPADs and emails. How different from Paul's habit of putting stylus to parchment. Even though he was in a dark, dank, prison cell in Rome, the former Pharisee sang a joyful song of praise

to God. Paul's letter to the Phillipians is a hymn of hope, a song of salvation.

"Philippi was an important city in Northeastern Greece. It commanded the land route to Turkey along the broad highway called the Via Egnantia. Philippi was named for Philip of Macedonia the father of Alexander the Great. Here is where Paul was rescued from the town jail by an earthquake that broke down the doors as the jailor was converted to Christ. The Phillipians had a deep affection for Paul as he did for them. He received financial support from the Phillipians even though he was held as a prisoner. Paul's short letter to this church was a thank you note for the money he had received from them.

"Joy is the theme of this great letter. The word is used 14 times in four short chapters. Paul's joy is different from happiness. Happiness is often tied to our circumstances. 'I am happy I got a promotion at work.' 'I am happy that my team won the championship.' All of us have moments of happiness. Joy is different. It is not rooted in changing events. Christian joy is based on our love for Jesus which cannot be destroyed by any turns for the worst in our lives.

"Water lillies and many varieties of desert cactus bloom in the night to be pollinated by moths and night flies. In the darkness there is a growth. In the darkness of a filthy jail Paul continued to trust in Jesus. Paul knew that God gives us songs in the night.

"Agape' is the Greek word for Christian love. The love that Jesus supremely displayed for humanity when He died on the cross and rose again. Our love and joy is rooted in the strong branch of which we are the vines, the rock of ages and the rest in the wilderness. Joy can never be surgically removed from our souls because it is focused and found only in the outstretched arms of the Lord."

This sermon was such a comfort to me and I thank Rev. Mills for helping me with my column this week. Sometimes it is hard to be joyful when times are rough but with "joy, joy, joy, down in my heart" they can be overcome.

Thought for the day: Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil-it has no point.

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

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Vocabulary for collectibles

There is a certain language and slang for antiques and collectibles that I wish to share in this column to aid you in the understanding of how dealers and collectors talk. This can help you in buying and selling so save this to help get you around with the crowd and talk like we do. There is no formal education for this and is only learned by experience so here are some good examples for you.



By Carl Sloan

Period. Of the era and not a reproduction. A period item

Retro. Usually 1940s to 1960s items and furniture

Folk Art, Primitive. Items hand made mostly antique but can be modern. Baskets, furniture, paintings, quilts and many other items can fall into this category from decoys to advertising.

Re-pop. A reproduction of an original usually modern and nonauthentic though looks good and sells for much less.

Costume jewelry. Decorative jewelry not made with precious metals or stones yet can look as

such. Designer jewelry from the past that is from an era such as Eisenberg, Weiss and others designers as well as others in retro styles.

Art Nouveau. 1900 -1910 flowing feminine style adapted from the French Exposition of the time. Includes architecture, clothing, jewelry, art and most any item. Artists include Tiffany, Gaudy, Christie, Loetz, Quezal, and many others for this late Victorian style.

Art Deco. From the Paris Exposition Art Decoratif 1910 that ran until 1940 in the style that encompassed modern geometric styles to include the Egyptian Revival period after the discovery of King Tut's tomb, Flapper era costumes and jewelry as well as much architecture such as the Chrysler building in New York.

Fifties. A post war period of décor influenced by the atomic age with modern simplistic styles with boomerang shapes, blond furniture, space age designs, science fiction that was incorporated into just about everything.

60s. The 1960s era was the last true era of universal style that accommodated everything from cars to clothing in a very exact manner that encompasses an art style all around. Can be called retro as well.

Now for some terms used in the business:

Hammer price - what the item sold for at auction.

Realized price. includes the auction house buyer's premium to the total.

Times your money - six chairs selling so each winning bid is that times the items.

Choice. A group of items presented when the bidding stops you may choose one or more to include all of the offering. The bidding will then reopen with either choice again or all for one money at the auctioneer's discretion.

Left bid. A bid left with the house to bid for you in your absence up to the amount that you write down and give to the licensed auctioneer and often used by bidders.

Reserve. A certain price determined by the seller to let the item sell through. Most times there is a fee by the house to reserve price for an item if even allowed to do so as most houses sell items without

reserve only. Not recommended for items under \$10,000 by most galleries that I deal with.

By the piece. This term is used for a bedroom or dining room set for example. The set is sold individually as some items are less desirable and others highly sought after. A dining set could be parted into separate categories such as chairs, table, buffet, cabinet, etc., because demand is higher for certain items and lower for others. You may still be able to win the entire set if desired and keep them together.

As Is. Most auctions sell items "As Is" which means just that. No warranty or guarantee of accuracy in any manner though most good auctioneers call it the best they can to their crowd and disclose any defect as they can see it. It is important that the prospective buyer inspect anything and everything that they wish to bid on and should attend the preview the day before for examination and questions. As a buyer you are on your own as to condition and authenticity. My advice is to ask questions and do your homework well before any sale.

Fair holding several pageants

This September, the Tennessee Valley Fair will host 5 pageants:

Little Miss Pageant Friday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. – Pepsi Community Tent Ages: 7-9 welcome; Winner receives: \$100 photography package from Reflections & Images, \$100 savings bond, \$75 cash prize, crown, trophy and more.

Princess Pageant Friday, September 7 at 7 p.m. – Pepsi Community Tent Ages 10-12 welcome; Winner receives: \$200 savings bond, \$150 cash prize, crown, trophy and more.

Baby Contest Saturday, September 8 at 10 a.m. – Pepsi Community Tent Cute babies ages: 9 mos – 36 mos (boys and girls) welcome. Winners receive: \$100 photography package from Reflections & Images, \$50 savings bond, \$50 cash prize, trophy and more.

Jr. Fairest of the Fair Pageant Saturday, September 8 at 7 p.m. – Homer Hamilton Theatre Ages 13-15 welcome; Winner receives: \$300 savings bond, \$200 cash prize, crown, trophy and more.

Fairest of the Fair Pageant Saturday, September 8 at 7 p.m. – Homer Hamilton Theatre Ages: 16-21 welcome; Winner receives: \$500 scholarship, \$300 cash prize, crown, trophy, a trip to Nashville to compete in the state competition and serves as Fair Ambassador until September 2013.

The registration deadline for all pageants is August 30. For more information, please visit TNValleyFair.org and click on "Contests" or call 865-215-1480.

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Found Dog

A small senior beagle was found August 3 on Tipton Station Road (between Bonny Kate Elementary and South Doyle High School). He has a radio collar around his neck, but no other tags. Call 964-9692.

Fountain City Republican Club meeting

The Fountain City Republican Club will meet Monday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Shoney's on North Broadway. Judge John Rosson will be the speaker for the evening. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Michele Carringer at 247-5756 with any questions.

Job Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: "Control Your Job Search" on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue,

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LeConte Photographic Society Presents

The LeConte Photographic Society is pleased to present a program on Saturday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the King Library at in Sevierville. Professional photographer Ron Plasencia will present "How to Compose like a Master." Using examples of classic artworks from the 17th & 18th century, images by the time-honored photographers of the 19th & 20th centuries, and scenes from contemporary films, the art of composition

and how to apply it to your creative photographic efforts will be explored and discussed. This is not a library sponsored program. Please join us for a morning of fun and adventure in photography.

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet at noon on August 21, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway. Doug Floyd will be the guest speaker.

Wright Anniversary

Please join the family in celebrating the 70th wedding Anniversary of Bill (W.P.) and Georgia Wright on Sunday, August 26 from 2-4 p.m. at Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church, Corryton, TN. We invite you

to celebrate with us. No Gifts Please.

ZOMBIE APARKALYPSE 2012

The 10th Annual Haunted Trail of Fears presents Zombie Aparkalypse 2012 opening October 5. There will be a fund raiser to help rebuild the Philadelphia park and volunteers are being sought to help clean and build this year's haunted trail. Do you have what it takes to join our walking dead? Have an experience that you can tell your family and friends for years to come! If you would like to come and help us with this event call Robby at 865-304-6460 or David 256-571-6262.



James and Maxine (Pevey) Byrd of Knoxville celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 13th.

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