



## Celebrating 70 years

### Bill and Georgia Wright of Corryton

By Ralphine Major

On a beautiful day filled with blue skies and a gentle breeze, family and friends celebrated with this outstanding family of the Gibbs Community in Corryton. Everything was perfectly planned and carried out the "Wright" way! My family and I were on hand for this joyous occasion on Sunday, August 26, at Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church. The event was hosted by the Wrights' sons and their wives. The daughters-in-law, with help from Judy Spitzer and Becky Calfee, honored this wonderful couple in a clever way by using a farm theme. With farm decorations adorning the table, guests were treated to delicious pastries topped with berries, fresh-baked cookies, mixed nuts, a tasty Tennessee orange punch, and mouth-watering cupcakes created by Becky Calfee. The cupcakes, which were



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Present at the Wrights' 70th Anniversary Celebration are: (front row) Georgia and Bill, (back row) Dave and Pat, Charlie and Christina, and Richard and Jane Wright.

topped off with chocolate-shaped farm animals, were eye-catchers. In fact, they looked so professional, I

thought it was a catered event. The Wrights were surrounded by family and friends, including the

Spitzer and Thompson families on Georgia's side. Though I did not need to attend a reception to write

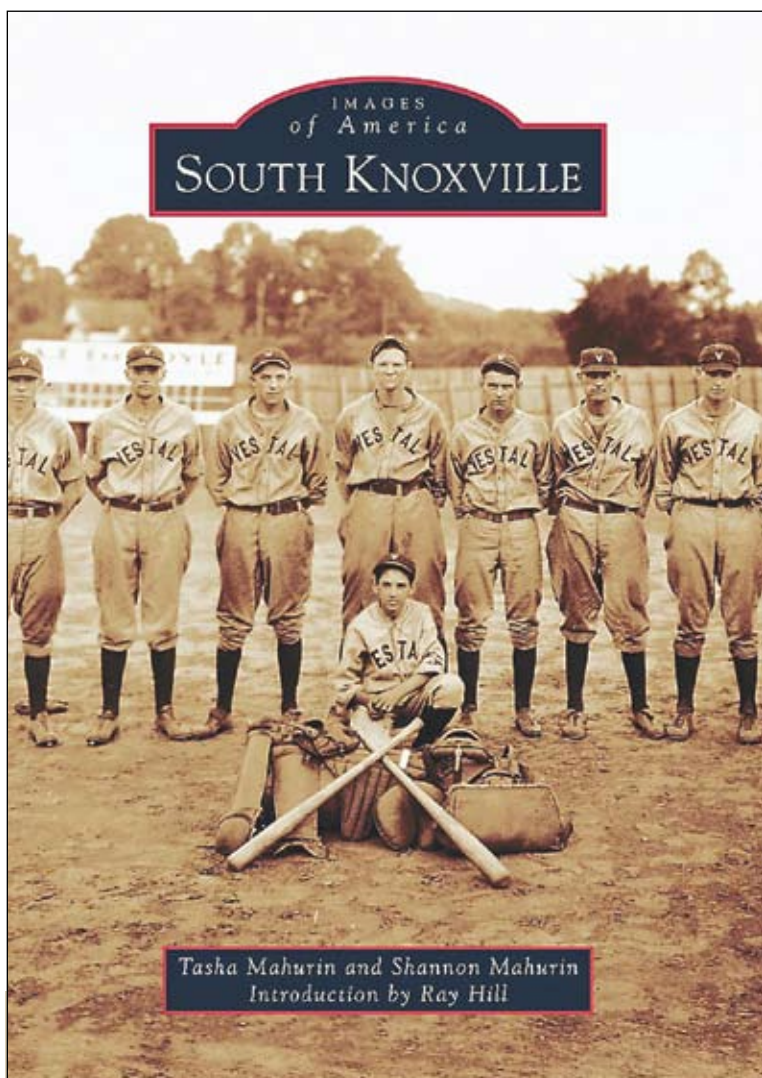
about this special couple whose marriage has spanned 70 years, I would **Continue on page 3**

## Love of history, community shines in 'South Knoxville'

By Sarah Baker  
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We have known for quite a while here at *The Knoxville Focus* that our beloved Tasha Mahurin is something special. As a young mother of two toddlers, she bought *The South Knox/Seymour Times*, which she successfully ran for two years before selling it to *The Focus*. She is a sharp professional, an enthusiastic wife and mother, and she is now a book author. "South Knoxville" is co-authored by Tasha and her husband, Dr. Shannon Mahurin, a physicist at an Oak Ridge research facility. Shannon's exceptional research skills and Tasha's gifted writing style, along with their shared love of history, make for an impressive account of South Knoxville's rich heritage.

Tasha grew up in South Knoxville and her love and respect for the region are evident from her selection of more than 200 vintage photographs contained in the book. There is currently a tremendous push to revitalize the South Knox area and it is an effort dear to Tasha's heart. "I thought that by combining my love of history with my passion for the South Knox community, I might in some way contribute to that effort," she said.



"South Knoxville" will be available at area bookstores, independent and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com) on Monday, September 10.

"From the closure of the Henley Street Bridge to the opening of the Urban Wilderness South Loop, and the inception of the Urban Wilderness Arts and Trade District, South Knoxville has the brightest future, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to document its past," Mahurin explained.

"South Knoxville" tells the story of the region through amazing rare photographs that the Mahurins collected from the community. Each one tells a story by itself. Readers from all over Knoxville will enjoy these treasures discovered in the personal collections and private archives of South Knoxville. Highlights of "South Knoxville" include community, early history, industry, education, religious life, and recreation. Home to Ijams Nature Center, Fort Dickerson, Fort Higley, Fort Stanley, and the Gov. John Sevier Home, South Knoxville's story is certainly one worth knowing. "South Knoxville has an interesting history that really hadn't been documented, and, as we began to research the area, I developed a profound respect for its unique history and those who contributed to it," explained Shannon Mahurin.

Tasha's book features a forward written by *Focus* historical

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### Commission allocates \$50,000 for the Beck Cultural Exchange Center

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Knox County Commission voted last week to allocate \$50,000 to the Beck Cultural Exchange Center in East Knoxville.

The center originally missed the application deadline for county dollars during the budget process and was not expected to receive any county funding.

However, Knox County Commissioner Sam McKenzie made the request for additional funding after it was determined earlier this year that there was additional money in the budget due to an increase in property tax revenue among other things.

Citing valuable services that the center provides, McKenzie told other commissioners especially for children who need additional after-school tutoring.

"They needed this funding to continue their work. Beck is such a great institution, and it really can be an economic driver for Knox County," Commissioner McKenzie stated.

The vote passed unanimously among commissioners.

"I think that Beck is very important to the East Knox community," Commissioner Tony Norman told *The Focus*. "It's a unique center that offers a number of services that are not available other places."

The money is part of a defined service contract

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# A suggestion of secession



By Richie Beeler

"It's time for the South to secede from the Union."

That is neither a rebel yell from 1861, nor the battle cry of a gun-totin Tea Partier from 2012. It is the thoughtful suggestion of a frustrated but refreshingly honest Northerner.

Chuck Thompson, a self-described Northern liberal, has written a book that lays out the framework for a friendly divorce between the American North and South. The book, "Better Off Without 'Em: A Northern Manifesto for Southern Secession," alleges that the two most politically recognizable regions of the United States - the North and the South - would do themselves a favor by parting ways.

Thompson did not undertake his endeavor lightly. He has spent a great deal of time in the South, talking with its people and gaining a better understanding of Southern culture. There are many things about that culture that Thompson likes, not the least of which is the food. But it is the marriage between Southern culture and Southern politics that gives him heartburn that just won't go away.

The book builds the case that Southern political views are profoundly shaped by religious beliefs - far more so than those

of their counterparts in the North. Conservative Evangelical Southerners, according to Thompson, build their political ideology upon the foundation of an unwavering belief in the literal truth and absolute authority of the Bible. It isn't that these Southerners don't want to be tolerant on issues like abortion and same-sex marriage. It's that they can't be. Their religious views are so tightly held that they supersede any thought of political pragmatism.

It is primarily based on this perceived reality that Thompson has formulated his belief that North and South should part ways. And lest you think he's just being a Northern elitist, it isn't just the North that Thompson alleges would benefit from such a scenario. In a recent interview, he made a statement that perhaps sums up the whole issue:

"...a lot of people in the South are just as sick and tired of people like Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid having an impact on their country as I am sick of people like Newt Gingrich and Jeff Sessions, Eric Cantor and Haley Barbour having an impact on my country."

Like his politics or not, Thompson has a point. From some perspectives anyway, the more liberal North and the more conservative South really do seem like two different countries. About all one need do to see that is look at the last few red state-blue state presidential election maps.

But as the old saying goes, things are not always what they seem. A small but significant tweak of the electoral map reveals a truth about North, South, and America that might not be so obvious to the casual observer.

After the 2000 election, USA TODAY published a map of the red and blue states, but the color scheme was based not on state voting totals, but on counties. The counties carried by the Democratic candidate were colored blue, while the ones carried by the GOP were colored red. What resulted was a map that looked like someone had spilled ketchup all over it.

Nearly the entire country, except for pockets near the big population centers, was red. What the map revealed was really two things. For starters, it showed that America is a geographically conservative country. No one was shocked by that. The larger, more rural expanses of this country have always been more conservative in their politics. But the second reality was far more telling.

What the USA TODAY map revealed was precisely the same thing that Thompson had to admit in his book: there are conservatives all over America, not just in the South. Now it is true that there are also a fair number of liberals in the South. But the reality that even honest liberals have a hard time admitting is that geographically speaking, the North is almost as conservative as the South. If Philadelphia,

Chicago, and New York City were to be removed from within their borders, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York would be red states. In fact it really wouldn't be close.

The point I'm making? Only that despite Thompson's well-crafted idea, secession would not be as simple as extending the Mason-Dixon line, or displacing a few discontented Northern conservatives. The fact that sticks in the craw of liberals is that America is still a right of center country ideologically. And while I agree that the prevailing Northern views are often quite different than those of the South, I also happen to believe that ours are closer to those held by our nation's founders.

The South tried secession in the 1860s and the North would have none of it. Now a sympathetic Northerner is suggesting we try it again, and perhaps that his America would benefit from our departure, just as our Confederacy would as well. Only problem is, some of us like to think that the America founded in 1776 is our country, too. We like to think it benefits from the tension between our Southern values and those of our brethren to the North. We're frustrated at times just like they are, but we believe this marriage of convenience can still benefit us all in the long run.

So in the words of a true Confederate son: we ain't going anywhere just yet.

## FOCUS Weekly Poll

**Would you support or oppose a two term limit for all local, state and federal elected offices?**



**Support 73.53% (350)**  
**Oppose 26.47% (126)**

By Age	Support	Oppose	Total
18-29	80.00%	20.00%	5
30-49	73.58%	26.42%	53
50-65	69.09%	30.91%	165
65+	76.28%	23.72%	253
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.53% (350)</b>	<b>26.47% (126)</b>	<b>476</b>

### By Commission District

1	60.71%	39.29%	28
2	79.31%	20.69%	58
3	70.45%	29.55%	44
4	72.60%	27.40%	73
5	72.73%	27.27%	55
6	76.79%	23.21%	56
7	79.63%	20.37%	54
8	70.00%	30.00%	60
9	72.92%	27.08%	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.53% (350)</b>	<b>26.47% (126)</b>	<b>476</b>

### By Gender

Unknown	81.25%	18.75%	16
Female	75.91%	24.09%	220
Male	70.83%	29.17%	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.53% (350)</b>	<b>26.47% (126)</b>	<b>476</b>

Survey conducted August 30, 2012



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had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied, "Yes, and they walked every where they went!"

### JOKE TIME!

A minister's son had just gotten his driving permit.

He asked his father if they could discuss the use of the car.

His father took him to his study and said to him, "Son, I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the Bible a little, and cut your hair. Then we'll talk about it."

About a month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah

Two elderly ladies were discussing the upcoming dance at the country club. "We're supposed to wear something that matches our husband's hair," said Mrs. Smith.

"Oh, no," said, Mrs. Jones, "I better not go!"

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night, Holmes woke Watson up and said, "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes said, "And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson replied, "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like earth out there. And if there are a few planets like earth out there, there might also be life."

And Holmes said, "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent!"

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with the county, which means Beck must provide specific services in exchange for the funding.

"I do hope everyone will become more involved and aware of the Beck center going forward, it's a tremendous asset to our area," McKenzie added.

The mission of Beck Cultural Exchange Center is to promote, preserve, exhibit, and acquisition artifacts and other evidence of contributions relating to the history and culture of Americans of African descent in Eastern Tennessee and throughout the United States.

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not have missed it for the world! Bill and Georgia have already written their story day by day all through the years.

This amazing couple met at Gibbs High School after Bill's family moved to Corryton in his sophomore year. They had lived in town where he attended Fulton High School. When she was twelve, Georgia's family moved to Corryton from the Loyston-Norris Dam area after the TVA buyout of property. After they were married, Bill worked for Fulton's about fifteen years. He left Fulton's after discovering that: (1) he made more money on the farm at the time than at Fulton's; and (2) running a dairy farm himself and also running two milk tankers for Dairymen, Inc., hauling milk for the surrounding farms in the area took more time than he had when "working full-time." Many times, my brother, Wayne, and I saw the Dairymen milk tanker pull into our dairy barn to load and transport milk.

With all the scenes from a farm setting, their homestead could appear in any magazine about country life. There is the house, barn, silos, pond, hay, animals, and, of course, family. The Wrights have always set aside time to spend with family. They are blessed with three sons and daughters-in-law. Dave is retired from South Central Bell. He is often in the media and is probably best known as a Knox County Commissioner for the Eighth District. His wife, Pat, owns

her own beauty shop; and they have been married 46 years. Richard works for the post office. He and his wife, Jane, celebrate their 40th anniversary this year. Jane retired from TVA as a computer analyst after thirty-one years but continues to do contract work three days a week. It was our dad's delight to stand at the top of the driveway and yell to Richard when he went down the road on his mail run. Charlie and Christina are retired Lieutenant Colonels for the U.S. Army. I once rode to work in a vanpool with Charlie, though the West Point graduate now works in Oak Ridge. Charlie told me that he and Christina only have 37 more anniversaries to go to catch up with his Mom and Dad!

The Wright's family tree branches out with five grandchildren who are graduates of Emory University, University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State University, United States Air Force Academy; and the last one is a junior at Milligan College. There are two great-grandchildren: one in Tennessee and one in Florida.

The Wrights were some of our Dad's dearest friends. Ralph could roll off the words "Bill Wright" as though they were one. I have seen Bill Wright baling hay in our field many, many times. Wayne reminded me that Bill Wright went with Dad and him to Sweetwater, Tennessee, to look for a tractor. Wayne recalls when they drove onto the parking lot, Bill spotted a Massey Ferguson 135 and said, "Majors, there's your

tractor." They bought it. Ralph also bought a white '84 Chevrolet pickup truck from Bill Wright. Though he had it painted a wine color, Dad drove it for years and still had it when he died.

In addition to family, something else is very important to Bill and Georgia. Just inside the entrance at Clapps Chapel were pictures of Bill in uniform along with military memorabilia. A basket on the table held donations that were designated for HonorAir, the program started by Eddie Mannis to honor war veterans by taking them on a trip to visit the war memorial in Washington D.C. Bill served in World War II and Georgia traveled with him whenever they moved from one military base to another while he was in the service.

Bill and Georgia Wright embody all that is good in America: working hard, helping neighbors, and putting a strong emphasis on family ties and values. They are what makes families and communities strong

and our nation great. Truly, they are awesome! Jane shared something so precious about her mother-in-law and father-in-law, I hope it inspires all who read it: "At the end of the day, Bill and Georgia have 'story hour' as they call it. Because of her failing eyesight, he reads to her the noteworthy news of the day from the newspaper, The Knoxville Focus, Reader's Digest, Foxfire book, etc. This time, the story will be 'their own'---and what a life story to tell.

*Publisher's Note: I have been very blessed to know Georgia and Bill Wright for several years. There are no two finer people anywhere. They embody everything that is good with regard to Family and Community. In fact, they are an outstanding example of what parents and grandparents should be. I am thankful that they are my friends. My prayer is that they enjoy many more celebrations together. Steve Hunley, Publisher.*

## Faith and Fantasy

C.S. Lewis once said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see



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it, but because by it I see everything else." Lewis proved this true not only with his celebrated non-fiction books on Christianity, but also through his much beloved fantasy novels, "The Chronicles of Narnia." I remember watching the 1979 animated version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" as a little girl and absolutely sobbing as the white witch's cronies shave Aslan's mane and humiliate him. As I watched the witch tie the great lion to the stone table and kill him, I thought in my five year old brain, it's like Jesus. I really remember thinking that.

It is a well known fact that the Narnia series is loaded with Christian allegory. When the most recent films were released, they were highly marketed in Christian bookstores and Christian magazines. A somewhat lesser known fact is that the father of fantasy fiction, J.R.R. Tolkien was also a Christian. It was he who influenced his friend Lewis's decision to become a Christian. The Christian themes of Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" series may not be as apparent to the reader as those found in Lewis's "Narnia" series but I assure you, they are there.

In high school, yours truly dated a German exchange student who introduced me to "The Hobbit" and I have been a proud fantasy/science fiction geek ever since. I've owned a cat named Bilbo Baggins, another named Mrs. Baggins, and two dogs named Mulder and Scully. In all my thirty-seven years, I have never felt that my love of fantasy fiction and science fiction conflicted

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KFL meets at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway in Knoxville at noon every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to join (the buffet is only \$7.64!) for great food, fellowship, and community.

**Norma Henry** (pictured with husband Zach):

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share what Jesus Christ has done in my life. I grew up on a small cotton farm in Northern Mississippi (Calhoun County). I accepted Jesus Christ at a summer revival when I was 13 years old at a small country church. My grandfather Jones had given the land for the church. My grandmother Jones witnessed to me by asking if I had given my heart to the Lord. I was baptized in a spring fed creek that was very cold water.



I grew up in a Christian home with seven brothers and sisters. We went to Sunday school almost every Sunday. It was about a three-mile walk. We had preaching once a month at first. Later, we had a full time pastor with preaching each Sunday.

I graduated from Big Creek, Mississippi High School. I always had in mind to go to college or nursing school. The Lord was good to me and I did get into Baptist Memorial School of Nursing in Memphis, Tennessee. I graduated in 1952 and got a job as head nurse on the charity ward at the hospital. I was working there when I met Zach at Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis. Later I was offered a job with the Chief of surgery at the University of Tennessee Hospital, as well as, the Baptist Hospital. He was a Christian doctor and talked to me a lot about surgery and life.

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# FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

## Jeff Sims honored as Tennessee Statesman of the Year

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The 36th Annual Tennessee Republican Party Statesmen's Dinner was held earlier this summer at Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville. Headlining this year's event was former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Among those present were Jeff T. Sims and wife Dr. Nancy Sims of Sevierville who was recognized as the Tennessee Statesman of the Year for the First Congressional District. He was nominated for this honor by First District U. S. Congressman Dr. Phil Roe. In a letter written by Governor Bill Haslam, Jeff

is praised for his tireless efforts in support of Republican candidates and party ideals in Sevier County and throughout the state of Tennessee.

"Jeff is a good friend and I know he worked hard for the honor of the 2012 Statesmen's Award for the First District," Congressman Roe told the Focus.

Jeff has supported the likes of such campaigns as Andrew Farmer for State Representative, State Senator Doug Overbey, Sevier County Sheriff Ron Seals, and U.S. Representative Phil Roe, among others.

In addition to their passionate support for the



Jeff Sims and Congressman Dr. Phil Roe

Sevier County Republican Party, both Jeff Sims and wife Dr. Nancy Sims are active in the Sevier County community. Jeff owns and operates Sims Tractor and Implement in Sevierville, while wife Nancy, serves as the principal at New

Center Elementary School.

"He is a very deserving public servant, devoted to conservative principles, and I am proud the Tennessee Republican Party to have chosen him for this year's award," Roe added.

calls and dulcimers. A local watercolor artist will be bringing stationery--write a note or frame for a small print. Dried flowers and wreaths along with pumpkins and other fall decorations will give you home decorating ideas.

Our September activities will include children's crafts and a cooking demo using fall greens. See the complete fall schedule on our website seymourfarmersmarket.org. The market is open 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church on Chapman Highway just south of Hwy 411/441 intersection. Please contact Marjie Richardson 453-0130 or Lucy Henighan 573-3579 for guidelines for selling crafts or produce at the market this fall.



By Marjie Richardson

September brings the addition of crafts to our market. These are hand made items displaying the artistic talents of our farmers and other people in this community. We will have a variety of crafts ranging from needlecraft such as counted cross stitch and baby quilts to woodworking such as bowls, tables, hand carved writing pens, turkey

## Faith and Fantasy

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with my Christian faith. In fact, I have been able to glean more Christian lessons from those genres of literature than from any other. I suspect this is because so many of those authors are influenced by Tolkien and Lewis. Any of you guys watch the sci-fi television series "Lost?" It had Lewis's "Narnia" all over it.

The most recent science fiction series to impact our culture has been "The Hunger Games" series by Suzanne Collins. Like "Twilight," "The Hunger Games" is a series I took upon myself to read simply because so many of my students were reading it. They introduced these books to me. After reading "The Hunger Games," I insisted that my daughter read them. The main character, Katniss Everdeen, is the best female role model since Scout Finch. She actually takes care of herself and saves others. At the same time, she has relationships with males that are equally give and take. She is not as needy as Twilight's Bella Swann.

My penchant for "Twilight" was a surprise. When a student told me it was a teen vampire romance novel, I thought reading it would be about as fun as a root canal. Then I devoured the first three novels in about 36 hours. I told you I was a geek. I know lots and lots of folks cannot believe that there could be Christian themes in a book about the

undead, but I found "Twilight" provided many opportunities to discuss Christian issues with my daughter. The protagonist vampires in the book are committed to NOT feeding on humans. They drink only animal blood. They make a conscious decision to live against the desires of their own flesh in order to not hurt others. Rather, they choose to live a life of peace and love in accordance with their neighbors. Hmmm-mm..... Why would anyone protest a message like that?

Perhaps the most oft attacked fantasy series is "Harry Potter."

My daughter loves "Harry Potter" and if you have read the series, you know that Tolkien's influence on J.K. Rowling is oozing out everywhere. When the last book came out, Rowling openly acknowledged her use of Christian allegory in her writing. This is most apparent to the Christian reader when the orphan Harry discovers on his parents' tombstone the words: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Cor. 15:26). If you read the last book in the Harry Potter series, you know that, like Aslan, Harry Potter had to defeat death by dying. Sound familiar? Matthew 16:25: "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." Still, I guess those who want to find a reason to be offended will also be able to find it.

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columnist Ray Hill, who is also a native South Knoxville.

"When Tasha asked me to write the forward, I was obviously quite flattered," Hill said. "I think preserving our history for future generations is mighty important. Tasha's book is beautifully done and I think anyone interested in Knoxville, South Knoxville and our past will want a copy."

Nick Pavlis, Vice Mayor and South Knoxville's representative on the Knoxville City Council, praised Tasha for her efforts.

"I'm very proud of Tasha and her husband Shannon for working so hard to write a book of great significance to South Knoxville and our city," Pavlis said. "Tasha and Shannon have put together some truly incredible pictures with a text that are interesting and fun."

"South Knoxville deserves a book detailing the history of our community and the Mahurins



Tasha Mahurin

have completed a book that is worthy of its subject."

"South Knoxville" will surely give a lot of people the same respect for history. It is well-organized, well-written, and captivating to the eye. Published by Arcadia Publishing, the official on-sale date is Monday, September 10. It will be available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com. Pre-orders are now available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

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## Will Mayberry Survive?

By Stephen Young

Does the recent death of Andy Griffith and George (Goober) Lindsey and the passing of other “Mayberry” actors effect the town of Mt. Airy, North Carolina?

Aside from a few posters and quickly-made gifts, the passing of Griffith apparently has little consequence on Mt. Airy’s representation of Mayberry. If anything, the little town in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is booming and tourism may have actually picked up.

If you visited there several years ago there are some new things to lure your back. There’s a new Andy Griffith museum, a new statue of Andy and Opie on their way fishing, a new Mt. Airy Museum, and an attempt to recreate the courthouse, jail, and other places from the show. You can even now take a riding tour of the town in a 1960s era sheriff’s car.

The Griffith Museum has exhibits, costumes, and relics of all of Andy’s television and movie roles, from “Onion Head” and “No Time for Sergeants” to “Matlock” and various other items from his personal and professional life. And, yes, there are exhibits of Don Knotts, Jim Nabors, and many other series actors.

Everything in Mt. Airy is in easy walking distance. You can peruse dozens of Mayberry-themed gift shops, you can peek inside Floyd’s Barber Shop, and you can shop at Aunt Bea’s or Opie’s Candy Shop. You can have a meal at “Snappy Lunch” and drive just out of the little downtown area to see Griffith’s real childhood home on Worth Street.

Nearby attractions include a tribute to hometown girl Donna Fargo, a quarry claiming to be the world’s largest open face quarry, and three festivals during the year.

“Mayberry Days” is scheduled for September 27-30 this year, with appearances by Betty Lynn (Thelma Lou), the Darling Boys, and several other actors who were regular or occasional characters in the show.

Mt. Pilot, the “Mt. Pilot” in the show, is just down Interstate 74 and there’s a state park there. The Blue Ridge Highway is just to the west a few miles and there are vineyards dotting the landscape in the area. “Mayberry” is about 3 to 4 hours from Knoxville and you can go up Interstate 81 through Virginia or on Interstate 40 to Statesville. Either way you’ll get on Interstate 77 to Mt. Airy.

The community is a great example of how a small town can take

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# City Holds Ribbon Cutting for Lonsdale Rec Center



**Friends of Lonsdale Recreation Center and community leaders came together last Wednesday to celebrate the Center’s expansion and renovations.**

The City of Knoxville held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday for the renovation and expansion of Lonsdale Recreation Center, located at 2700 Stonewall Street.

The \$500,000 project expands the center by nearly 2,500 square feet, with most of the space going toward a multi-purpose room that will host activities such as exercise classes, community meetings, and special events.

Other upgrades include new ADA accessible restrooms, a new office, an updated computer lab, as well as upgraded windows and

HVAC system.

“Community centers strengthen neighborhoods and bring people together,” said Mayor Madeline Rogero. “We are pleased to offer this updated and expanded facility to the people of Lonsdale.”

This is the second recreation center expansion opened by Mayor Rogero and City officials this month. Last week, the City held a similar ribbon-cutting for Larry Cox Senior Center.

Both projects have been part of the City’s plan to systematically update its recreation centers that were built in the 1950s and

’60s.

Knoxville’s Community Development Corporation contributed \$150,000 toward the project, with the City covering the remainder of the renovation’s costs. The City contracted Thomas Caldwell, Architect, to design the Lonsdale Recreation Center renovation project and K&F Construction to serve as the contractor.

Knoxville Parks and Recreation has maintained close communication with the Lonsdale neighborhood throughout the project.

“Each community has its own needs for a recreation center; you

can’t cookie-cut these facilities and expect them to thrive,” said Joe Walsh, Director of Knoxville Parks and Recreation. “That’s why we make it a priority to meet with local groups - so that we can personalize each facility to best serve its community.”

For more information on Lonsdale Recreation Center, please call 311 (215-4311) or visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation/centers/lonsdale.asp>.

## Officers Awarded Medal of Merit for Response to Critically Injured Trooper

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch presented the Medal of Merit award to Knoxville Police Department Officers Andrew Keith and Steve Taylor last week. Officer Keith and Officer Taylor have been with the Knoxville Police Department since January 2007.

On March 13, 2012, at approximately 2:50 a.m., Officer Keith was responding to assist another officer when he observed a fire on I-40 west near the Walker Springs exit. Officer Keith stopped his vehicle and ran towards the flames. It was at that point he discovered the fire was

coming from a Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) car.

Chief Rausch said, “Officer Keith immediately observed two AMR paramedics and a citizen working to free the trapped trooper. Officer Keith radioed for the Knoxville Fire Department then ran to the driver’s door of the burning car to assist with rescue efforts.”

By now the flames had spread throughout the trooper’s car and were covering the trunk, the backseat, the passenger front seat and the siren box next to the driver’s seat. Heavy smoke was continuing to billow from the vehicle. The

flames became so hot and the smoke so thick that it kept driving the rescuers back. Each time the rescuers would take a deep breath and then charge back to Sgt. Lowell Russell’s burning vehicle.

Chief Rausch said, “Just as Sgt. Russell was freed from the wreckage, his driver’s seat ignited. At the same time, road flares began igniting and shooting off like rockets. Dozens of loose handgun and rifle ammo began cooking off and exploding all around them as the AMR paramedics were performing CPR on Sgt. Russell.”

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## Officers Awarded Medal of Merit

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Officer Taylor arrived on the scene just as the explosions began. He immediately realized the danger that Sgt. Russell and the rescuers were in as the fire continued to engulf the vehicle.

Chief Rausch said, "Officer Taylor immediately jumped into the AMR ambulance and pulled it between the exploding ammo from the burning car and the rescuers who were continuing to provide aid to Sgt. Russell."

"This effort provided a shield for the paramedics and prevented further injury to Sgt. Russell," said Chief Rausch.

Chief Rausch said, "By all accounts Officer Keith's actions on the scene helped save Sgt. Russell's life. His behavior was exemplary. He acted in total disregard for his safety to protect others involved in the face of danger."

"Officer Taylor acted quickly and decisively by getting the ambulance into a defensive position to shield the emergency personnel," said Chief Rausch.

"By placing the ambulance between the paramedics and the burning car it calmed the scene down and allowed the paramedics to focus on providing aid to Sgt. Russell," Chief Rausch said.

Mayor Rogero said, "We are extremely proud of the courage, calmness, and outstanding leadership that both of these officers displayed on that stressful night. Without the presence and decisions that these two officers made in the face of danger, the situation may not have ended without the loss of life."



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On Monday, August 27, 2012, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and Tennessee Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman announced 169 schools as the 2011-12 Reward Schools. These schools performed in the top 5 percent of schools in the state for annual growth and the top 5 percent for academic achievement. Ten Knox County Schools received the Reward School status. Pictured above, Commissioner Dave Wright, Principal Jamie Snyder and School Board Member Mike McMillan celebrate Corryton Elementary's REWARD achievement.



Mayor Rogero speaks with Art & Culture Alliance artist Neranza Noel Blount following the new art installation on the 6th floor of the City County Building last week.



Mayor Rogero and Attorney Albert Harb congratulate Julius Hinizeh from South Sudan following the United States District Court's Naturalization Ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, at the City County Building.

## Will Mayberry Survive?

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an event, historic or fictional, and flourish by promoting it. Many other towns have done the same including Jonesborough, Tn., Helen, Ga., Juliette, Ga., and Jamestown, N.Y. In these little towns you could visit the oldest Volunteer town, an "Alpine" theme town, the "Fried Green Tomatoes" or Lucille Ball's hometown.

"Mayberry" will survive long after the passing of the rest of the cast members. It will live on in reruns and the memories of several generations of viewers who see it as their ideal home town, even if it is fictional. Well done, Mt. Airy, Andy would be proud.



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A mock up of the Mayberry Sheriff's Office, complete with two jail cells, Andy's desk, and much more inside the "Mayberry Courthouse." Next door is Wally's Service Station and other representations from the beloved television show.

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# A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

## Chapter Fifteen

### Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill  
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America's entry in World War II brought significant changes to society and to Washington, D. C. The population of the nation's Capitol quite nearly doubled over a period of months; rationing went into effect, affecting the availability of meat, butter, sugar, gasoline and tires for automobiles. Even fashions were affected by the war effort as dresses became shorter; cuffs disappeared, as did vests for men, in order to save valuable materials like cotton and wool. Many items that were part of daily life soon became very hard to get; for example, nylon stockings for women were considered a luxury and became hard to find.

The availability of housing in Washington, D. C. became scarce and rents skyrocketed due to the surge in the population of new workers staffing the various war agencies and Federal bureaucracy. Prior to the war, it was not unusual for Congress to be in session for five months of the year, leaving members with the ability to be at home for the other seven. With the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire, life in America changed profoundly for everyone, including the members of Congress.

Congressional sessions were longer, the demands on Congressmen and senators far greater. Tennessee's senior United States Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was seventy-three years old in 1942. McKellar was one of the more senior members of the Senate and the Tennessean was acknowledged to be one of the most powerful members of Congress.

In November of 1942, the Senate was debating a civil rights bill to eliminate the poll tax and Southern senators started a filibuster to prevent the bill from passing, prolonging the session. Most Southern states had instituted a poll tax, meaning to be able to vote in elections one had to pay the poll tax. Most Southern states, to keep African-Americans from voting in elections, had introduced the poll tax, as well as requiring literacy tests as a requirement for voting.

The war was not going especially well for the Allied powers in 1942 and voters had been angry and frustrated, costing Democrats nine seats in the Senate. Alben Barkley of Kentucky was the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and the Kentuckian was one of Kenneth McKellar's warmest personal friends in the Senate. As the filibuster

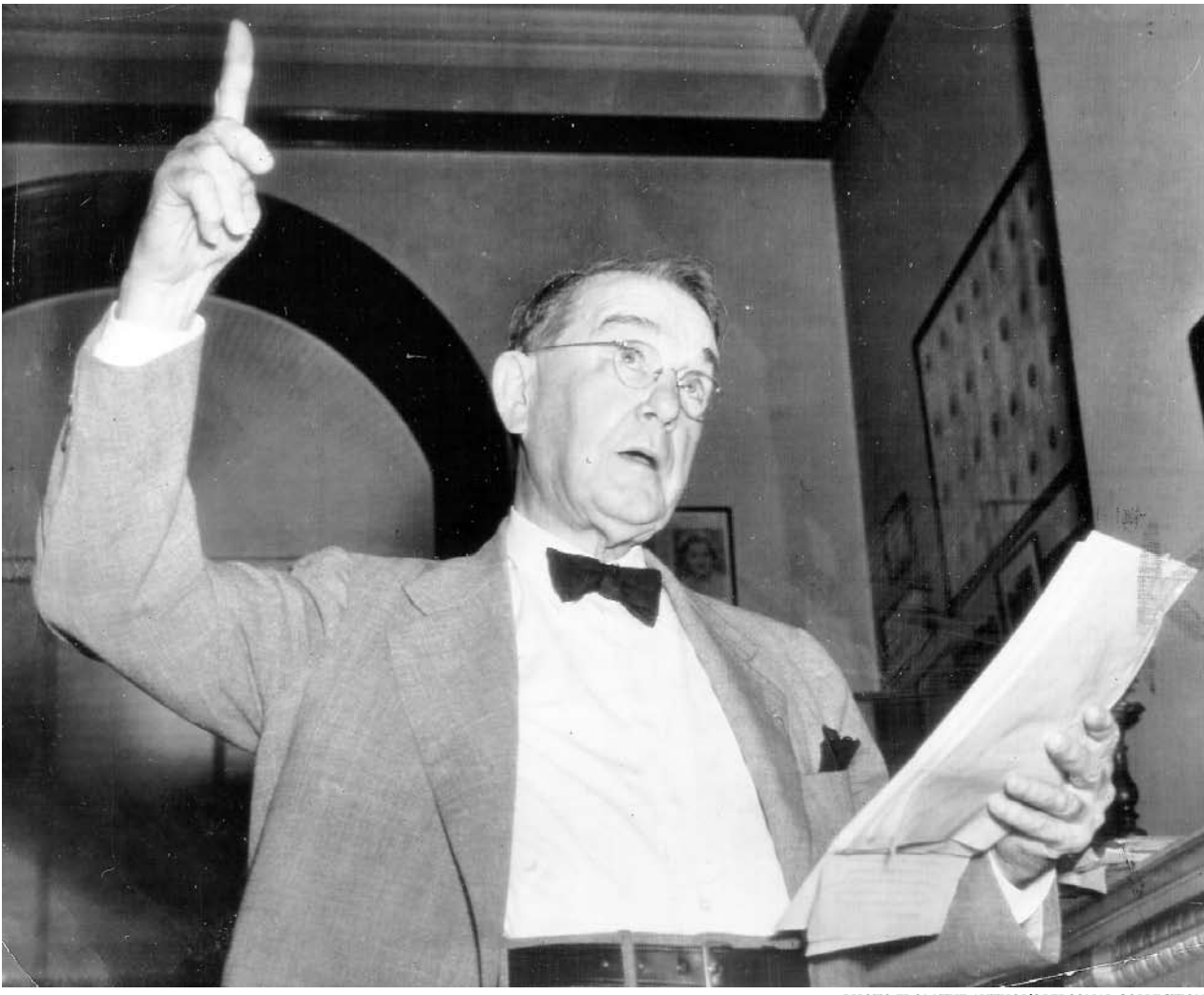


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*Senator K. D. McKellar strikes a pose in 1941*

went on for five very long days, Barkley became increasingly irritated and determined to bring the filibuster to an end. During a Saturday session of the Senate, Barkley sought an order, which would allow the Senate's Sergeant At Arms, Chesley W. Jurney, to compel the attendance of Southern senators who were absent from the Capitol to provide the necessary quorum to conduct business.

Jurney was an affable white-headed gentleman from Texas and had been the Senate's Sergeant At Arms ever since the Democrats came back to power in 1933. Jurney sent Deputy Sergeant At Arms Mark Trice to fetch recalcitrant members of the Senate. Young Mark Trice, aware of the irascible Tennessean's temper and power, tremulously asked Barkley, "Do you mean Senator McKellar, too?"

"I mean everybody!" Barkley roared in reply.

Trice set out to return with the senior U. S. Senator from Tennessee, Kenneth D. McKellar.

McKellar lived in an apartment in the elegant Mayflower Hotel while in Washington and Trice dutifully arrived at the Mayflower and tried telephoning McKellar's rooms. Receiving no answer, Trice convinced a maid to knock on Senator McKellar's door. McKellar answered and Trice quickly explained that the senator was needed at the Capitol on urgent business. McKellar agreed to return to the Senate with Trice and by the time the limousine reached the Capitol grounds, the Senator saw the lights and he realized exactly what was going on and his famous temper began to rise.

McKellar shot out of the car and hurried down the corridor to find out who had summoned him.

The "arrest" of the old Tennessean was to have serious repercussions, both politically and personally.

McKellar was so angry with his friend Alben Barkley, he refused to speak to him for nine months, something that profoundly depressed the Kentuckian, especially as they sat beside one another on the Senate floor. McKellar did not forget Sergeant At Arms Chesley Jurney's role in his arrest. The Senate routinely elected its officers at the beginning of every Congress and Texas U. S. Senator Tom Connally got up before the Democratic caucus to nominate Jurney for another term as Sergeant At Arms. McKellar rose and placed in nomination Wall Doxey; Doxey had been elected to the Senate from Mississippi in a 1941 special election, but had lost his seat in 1942. Another senator, allied with McKellar, stated there were some financial improprieties in the operation of the Sergeant At Arms's office and when Senate Democrats proposed an investigation of those charges, Jurney withdrew as a candidate and Wall Doxey was elected to replace him. It was not only a demonstration of Kenneth McKellar's power inside the Senate, but his shrewdness.

Alben Barkley's depression at having McKellar seriously angry with him was even mentioned to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The President seemed not to care and took the genial Kentuckian for granted. When the need for more revenue due to the war led to Roosevelt pressing Barkley to pass a bill raising taxes by ten billion dollars, Barkley responded and worked diligently to do the best that he could, cobbling together a bill that could pass the Senate, although the new bill contained far less than the President had wanted. Senator Barkley went to the White House twice to personally meet with Roosevelt and assured him the bill was likely the best he was going to get and begged him to accept it. To Barkley's dismay, FDR vetoed the bill the Kentuckian worked so hard to pass.

Alben Barkley was considered the most loyal of all Franklin Roosevelt's loyalists in the United States Senate and for good reason. Barkley had barely won his initial election as Majority Leader in 1937, when he defeated Mississippian Pat Harrison by a single vote. The tension in the Democratic caucus was so high and Barkley so nervous, he bit the stem of his pipe in two. Barkley's election as Majority Leader had come with the not so tacit support of President Roosevelt. For many members of the Senate, Barkley was less the leader of Senate Democrats than he was the personal spokesman of Franklin Roosevelt. When FDR referred to the tax bill pushed by Alben Barkley through the Senate at his own request as being "not for the needy, but the greedy", a furious Barkley took to the Senate floor to defend the bill, himself and the Senate.

The Senate chamber was packed as a furious Barkley began his speech. Kenneth McKellar, still not speaking to the Majority Leader, sat at his desk beside Barkley, listening as he fingered the Phi Beta Kappa key attached to the watch chain

of his vest. Barkley frankly condemned Roosevelt for his "deliberate and unjustified statements." The Kentuckian told a hushed Senate the President's veto message was nothing less than a full frontal assault on the integrity of the Congress.

Barkley assailed Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his speech, daring to actually ridicule the President, an experience that was rare for Roosevelt and unprecedented for the normally faithful Kentuckian. Referring to the portion of the tax bill which placed a new tax on timber, Barkley thundered with deadly sarcasm, "The President cites his own experience as a timber man. I do know that he sells Christmas trees at Christmas time. But to compare these little pine bushes with a sturdy oak, gum, poplar or spruce is like comparing a cricket to a stallion."

Barkley's speech was his own personal declaration of independence from Franklin Roosevelt. Senator Barkley told his fellow lawmaker's and the packed Senate galleries he was resigning as Majority Leader in protest. The next morning, the

Democratic caucus met to consider Barkley's dramatic resignation as Majority Leader.

Senator McKellar was so pleased by Barkley's display, he cried, "I forgive him everything!"

Kenneth McKellar presided over the Senate Democratic caucus and Barkley's resignation delighted the Tennessean, who immediately forgave his old friend for having had him arrested during the filibuster. Senate Democrats promptly and unanimously reelected Barkley as Majority Leader.

Barkley's bitterness and resignation so surprised Franklin Roosevelt the President gasped that the Kentuckian must have lost his mind. If Roosevelt failed to get the point after Barkley's speech, he could not help but realize his own position was seriously weakened when the Senate joined the House in overriding Roosevelt's veto of the tax bill.

Senator McKellar appeared in newsreels congratulating Barkley and happily pointed out to the gathered reporters the mountain of approving telegrams which had buried the Kentuckian's massive desk.

Although Alben Barkley had begun his famous speech noting he spoke without regard for the political consequences, there were indeed serious consequences; in fact, that speech may well have cost Barkley the presidency. It appeared obvious to all, FDR would dump Vice President Henry Wallace from the ticket in his bid for a fourth term; the only person who seemed oblivious to that fact was Wallace himself. Many believed Roosevelt would have chosen Barkley except for his irritation at Barkley's speech denouncing him. Instead, Roosevelt accepted little known Missouri Senator Harry Truman as his running mate.

Senator McKellar, having installed his own Sergeant At Arms, and delighted by Barkley having asserted his independence from Franklin Roosevelt, resumed his cordial relations with his colleague from Kentucky.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Art-a-palooza, more offered at Art Center

By Sylvia Williams

The excitement in the air at the Fountain City Art Center is almost palpable! So much is going on!

In addition to currently hosting our biggest and most creative exhibit ever, "The Recycled Kingdom," we are preparing for Art-a-palooza, October 4-6, and we have added many new classes and workshops. If you have any interest in the Arts, then you will definitely find something to intrigue you here at the Center!

Art-a-palooza offers three days FULL OF ART: art activities, art demonstrations, art for sale, food, music, and even a silent auction with remarkable jewelry, glassware, pottery, hand painted chairs and more! Saturday, October 6, 10-5 is the BIG DAY for the whole family with art activity tents just outside the Center! And if you are an artist, craftsman or craftswoman, you should contact us about renting booth space for displaying, demonstrating, and

selling your work, especially for Saturday! We would love to have you join the fun! Contact information: fcartcenter@knology.net; 865.357.2787; www.fountaincityartctr.com; Facebook; we're located at 213 Hotel Ave. in the old Fountain City Library building next to the PARK! Hours: Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays 9-1.

Just as exciting as Art-a-palooza and our exhibits are our classes and workshops! We have added four

new advanced pottery and sculpture classes by Amy Hand and Michael Robison, new metal and bead jewelry workshops, a photography class, a new mixed media class, an advanced macramé jewelry class, workshops in oil pastels and soft pastels, and all the regular classes such as watercolors, oils, hand-made books, and portrait drawing and painting. If we don't have what you want, just let us know! We're looking forward to your visit!

## Fountain City Music Festival set for September 11

Members of the Knoxville Songwriters Association will perform at the "Fountain City Music Festival" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., September 11, at the Fountain City Library, 5300 Stanton Road.

"The songwriters group meets each Tuesday at our library. We're pleased that some of the original songs they worked on here will be part of this annual concert that's free and open to the public," said Elizabeth Nelson, manager of the Fountain City Library.

"Our members will play songs they have written and tunes by writers who influenced them," said

Edna Riddick, president of the Knoxville Songwriters Association. "We'll have country, folk, blues, and gospel songs and a little unplugged rock 'n' roll."

Because the performance date falls on the 11th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Riddick said the concert will feature some traditional and original patriotic songs.

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*Tyshawn Gardin (#6 in black) rushes for one of his 3 touchdowns on the night, as team mate Jamerial Parks (#21) leads the way. Gardin tallied 166 yards on just 5 carries in Powell's 55-12 win over arch rival Halls Thursday at Powell's Scarbro Stadium.*

## Strong running game helps Powell extend its winning streak in the Battle of Emory Road

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When Halls' Shawn Hocker returned the game's opening kickoff 32 yards in to Powell territory, hope sprung eternal that the Red Devils could be in for a good night against the heavily favored Panthers. Those hopes dimmed quickly, however, as the Panther defense stopped Halls cold, and then Powell's offense took over and rolled to a 34-0 halftime lead before eventually winning 55-12. With the win, the Powell winning streak is now 5 games over its most traditional rival, and the Panthers have won 9 of the last 11 games played between the two teams separated by just 7 miles of Emory Road.

Powell's offense put nearly 500 yards of offense on to the stat sheet, scoring on some big plays along the way. The one-two punch of running backs Montario Washington and Tyshawn Gardin did much of the damage. Each

had big nights running the football, and each found the end zone 3 times against Halls.

Powell got on the board first at the 8:54 mark of the first quarter when the speedy Gardin, a 5'7" 150 pound junior, broke a tackle at the line and cut back across the field, going 66 yards untouched in to the end zone. Austin Rogers' kick gave the Panthers a 7-0 lead. Powell needed just a minute and three seconds to go 88 yards in only 3 plays to get the lead.

Powell added to the lead with 1:54 left in the first, this time scoring on a 3 yard run by Washington, a versatile senior running back/defensive back. That drive, covering 69 yards, took 4:11 off of the clock, lasting 10 plays. Rogers added the point after, and Powell lead 14-0.

The Panthers scored 3 more times in the second quarter to build the big halftime lead.

The first came on a 1 play drive when Gardin sprinted 45 yards to score. After Rogers' kick, Powell led 21-0.

On its next possession, set up by a blocked Halls punt by Jacob Story, the Panthers scored on a 52 yard, 6 play drive when Washington found the end zone for the second time, this time from 4 yards out. The conversion attempt was botched however, and Powell's lead was 27-0.

After a defensive three and out, Powell forced a Halls punt and took over in good field position at the Halls 46. That led to an 8 play drive, culminated by a 4 yard Hagen Owenby to Drew Carter touchdown pass out of the power set. Carter, lined up in a blocking back position, snuck out of the backfield uncovered, and Owenby's pass was right on the money. Rogers added the point after, and Powell took the 34-0 lead with them to the locker room.

After a halftime show where both bands performed in semi-darkness due to a breaker box issue that had to be fixed during the halftime break, Halls showed some pride in battling

back to make the Panther offense look human after all.

A combination of Halls defensive adjustments and a lack of third quarter execution by the Panther offense gave the Red Devils hope, holding Powell to negative 10 yards for the quarter.

After pinning Powell deep in its own territory and forcing a bad handle of a punt snap near the Panther end zone, Halls got on the board at the 4:33 mark of the third. It took them 2 plays to go two yards to score, as QB Elijah Soon found Blake Burleigh on a fade in the left corner of the end zone for the touchdown. The kick was no good, however, and Powell's lead had been cut to 34-6. That score held to the end of the third quarter.

In the final period, the Panthers added three more touchdowns, and Halls one.

Powell scored on the quarter's first play when Washington went 60 yards for his 3rd TD of

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## Central falls to Oak Ridge, 28-6

By Ken Lay

Central High School football coach Joe Hassell had to feel confident at halftime Thursday night.

The Bobcats put up a stellar defensive first half and nearly kept the potent Oak Ridge offense off the scoreboard.

But the Wildcats (2-0 overall, 1-0 in District 3-AAA) finally scored with 1 minute, 7 seconds remaining in the second quarter and from there Oak Ridge cruised to a 28-6 victory over the Bobcats at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

"All we talked about with our kids was competing," Hassell said after watching his team drop to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in district play. "When you get kids to compete, as a coach, that's all you can as for."

Hassell, the Bobcats second-year head coach, asked his team and compete it did. Central played Oak Ridge to a standstill until Wildcats quarterback Rian Hall connected with Blake Goins on a 64-yard scoring strike. Kicker Blake Beeler added the extra point to give the Wildcats the 7-0 lead it enjoyed at the half.

The late touchdown pass was only the beginning of Hall's dominance. The Wildcats senior quarterback went 12-for-14 through the air and threw for 180 yards and three touchdowns. Hall wasn't slowed by the intermission.

Oak Ridge scored on their first three possessions of the second half to open a 28-0 lead with 7:14 left in the game.

Hall gave the Wildcats a 14-0 lead on the Wildcats first possession of the third stanza when he hit Rashad Gray from 24 yards out. The scoring play culminated a 9-play, 65-yard drive that consumed 4:23.

Central's first two second-half drives each netted a first down but stalled after that.

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# A bat, a ball and boys are all it takes

Those who are a part of Karns' Little League baseball program probably felt a little closer to South Williamsport, Pa., and this summer's 66th annual Little League World Series. That's because Karns' 12-year-old All-Stars played the Goodlettsville, Tenn., team which went on to win the United States championship before falling to Japan in the finals of the World Series.



By Steve Williams

Karns squared off against Goodlettsville at the Tennessee state tournament in Murfreesboro on July 24. Goodlettsville defeated Karns 6-0 in a winners' bracket game. Karns reportedly was in a defensive showdown for 3 ½ innings with Goodlettsville before committing a couple of errors in the fourth inning when

the boys from suburban Nashville got their bats going.

Looking back and considering Goodlettsville's amazing run, Karns, which has the only remaining Little League program in Knox County, should feel a little better about that loss.

Goodlettsville defeated Columbia 4-2 in the state tourney finals and then won the Southeast Regional to become only the second Tennessee team ever to make it to the LLWS and first to reach the finals. Morristown advanced to the LLWS in 1987.

The talented Japan team from Tokyo stopped Goodlettsville 12-2 in the finals. The night before, the Tennessee team had pulled out a 24-16 win over California to win the U.S. Division. In that contest, the West Regional champs rallied for 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to erase a 15-5 deficit. Goodlettsville responded with nine runs

in the top of the seventh to pull away again for good. The 40 runs combined were the most ever scored in a LLWS game.

As I watched the ABC telecast of the finals, I was just as impressed with the sportsmanship and interaction between Goodlettsville and Japan players as I was with their play on the field.

"Tennessee was our best friends in the U.S. Division," said Kotaro Kiyomiya, Japan's giant Little Leaguer who stood out as a pitcher and slugger.

When Goodlettsville's Brock Myers belted a home run off Kiyomiya late in the game to become the first LLWS player to ever hit a homer in five consecutive games, the Japanese pitcher came over to reach out and congratulate Myers after he had rounded the bases and was heading back to the dugout.

As Japan took the traditional

victory lap, its players carried the flags of their country and the United States.

I couldn't help but think how the world has changed. Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, which led to the American entry into World War II. In 1945, the USA dropped Atomic bombs on Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the final stages of WWII. Japan soon announced its surrender to Allies.

Three generations later, boys from Japan and the United States are enjoying competing against each other in baseball. How about that?

I also felt good about the success of the Uganda boys, who comprised the first team from Africa to make it to the LLWS. They qualified by winning the Middle East/Africa Regional, which was played in Poland. They posted a consolation win over

Gresham, Ore., after losing their first two games in the double-elimination format.

Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins hosted the team to a Mets-Phillies game and the Uganda boys danced with The Phillie Phanatic. The Uganda team also was treated to a trip to Yankee Stadium and got to see New York play Toronto.

At South Williamsport, the Uganda boys were crowd favorites. It was easy to tell they were having the time of their lives. You had to be happy for them.

As this classic event came to a close, it dawned on me the Little League World Series was not only providing baseball games that were fun to play and watch but also making our world a better place. Hopefully, grown-ups were paying attention.

## Gibbs girls best Central

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High school volleyball coach Chris Bray saw his team take a major developmental step Tuesday night's 25-13, 25-9, 25-19 over Central in Fountain City.

"This was our first match of the year that was [best] three out of five and I think that we were able to keep our focus," Bray said after watching his team improve to 5-3 with the victory. "That's big because all of our district matches are three out of five."

Not only did Gibbs nab a three-set match, the Lady Eagles dispatched Central in 55 minutes.

The Lady Eagles had little trouble with the Lady Bobcats. The first set, however, was tight early as Central (0-2) opened a 2-0 lead. The teams battled and things were tied 3-3 when Lady Eagles junior Kelsey DeLapp scored the next four service points to help Gibbs open a 7-3 lead.

Central would rally to knot the set at 7 thanks to a side-out and three points from Kaitlyn Howell.

"We battled early," Lady Bobcats coach Heather Lovett said. "We need work and we're young."

Central would continue to battle and the set was knotted 9-9 before Gibbs took control and DeLapp would score six more points after a side-out and gave Gibbs a 16-9 lead before Lovett used a timeout.

Kendal Bailey scored three points including two service aces after the timeout and Central pulled to within 16-12 before the Lady Eagles won the set by

scoring nine of the next 10 points.

In the second game, Central scored first before a side-out tied that set and gave the Lady Eagles possession. Gibbs senior Ashlyne Wallen scored four consecutive points.

From there, the visitors would cruise thanks to several huge service runs. Karri Byrd closed the set with five consecutive aces.

"Serving is one of our strengths," Bray said. "We can serve and in any order, we can be successful."

"From top to bottom, we have good servers."

Central made the third game close but it was again the Lady Eagles' service game that provided the decisive spark.

Bray also commended Wallen and DeLapp, who are both playing the critical position of setter for the first time this season.

"Setter is a hard position and Ashlyne and Kelsey are playing there this year," Bray said. "They're working and trying extremely hard."

"They've gotten better in every match."

DeLapp finished with five kills, 10 assists and three aces while Wallen had eight assists, eight aces and five kills. Haley Payne was Gibbs High's top hitter, finishing with seven kills. Jennifer Richardson had six aces and four kills.

Howell had five kills to lead Central, which has made some improvements, according to Lovett, its second-year coach

"We've gotten better since July but we still need a lot of work," Lovett said.

## Strong running game helps Powell extend its winning streak in the Battle of Emory Road

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the night. The kick failed, and Powell's lead was 40-6 at the 11:50 mark.

Then less than 2 minutes later, Gardin scored his 3rd of the night as he powered in from the 1 yard line. Rogers' kick pushed the lead to 47-6 with 9:20 to go.

Soon then found success throwing the football once again. After a nifty scramble to buy himself some time, the senior QB found Tyler Lawson wide open in the left flank, and Lawson took the ball in to the end zone on a play covering 58 yards, nearly half of Hall's total offensive production on the night. The point after was no good, however, and Powell's lead had been cut to 47-12.

The final score in the game came with 25 seconds to go, as Powell backups working against Red Devil starters, completed a 9 play, 80 yard drive when sophomore running back Brandon Barnes powered in from 2 yards away. Rogers kick made the final score 55-12.

"Derek Parks and Brandon Barnes work hard in practice, and we were just trying to get them some game reps", Powell head coach Derek Rang explained to me. "There was certainly no intent to run up the score, and I hope they didn't take it that way. We had our backups in the game at that point."

Gardin was quick to

credit his offensive line for his monster night.

"I have to give it up to my guys up front. They made the blocks. All I had to do was run behind them."

Senior linebacker Devin Scott, the most experienced linebacker returning from last year's 14-1 state runner up team, had a big defensive game for the Panthers with 9 tackles, 2 for loss, and a sack. Scott understands and accepts his role as a defensive leader for the team.

"I just try to go out there and show the younger players how to make plays", Scott told me after the game. "That's my role, and I do my best to be a leader."

Gardin totaled 166 yards on just 5 carries to lead the Panther offense, while Washington put up 142 yards on 13 attempts. The Panthers totaled 387 rushing yards on 39 attempts - nearly a 10 yard per carry average for the game. Owenby was 12 of 15 passing for 94 yards, giving Powell 481 yards of offense in the game.

Halls managed 130

yards of offense in the game, lead by Soon's 8 carries for 28 net rushing yards, and his 5 of 18 passing night, good for 70 yards. He was intercepted once, by Washington.

Other than Scott, Powell's defense was paced by Shar'on Moore's 6 tackles, while Jonathan Strozyk and Tyler Childers each registered 4.

Halls drops to 0-2 on the season, and after the loss to Powell, are 0-1 in District 3AAA play.

Powell improves to 3-0 on the season, and 1-0 in district play. They will travel to Oak Ridge next Friday night. The Wildcats, a 28-6 winner at Central on Thursday, were tabbed as the pre-season district favorites by most prognosticators. To call it an important district game is definitely an understatement.

You can hear the radio broadcast of the Powell at Oak Ridge game on AM 620 WRJZ, with the pre-game show beginning Friday night at 7:00 p.m. It is also available via online streaming at [www.powellpanthersfootball.com](http://www.powellpanthersfootball.com).

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Hall hit Gray for another score in later in the frame. This one came from four yards out and made it 21-0 and capped another long drive.

The Wildcats' fourth score was a 7-yard run by Hall.

Central scored its touchdown in the final minute of the game when quarterback Xavier Johnson completed a

12-yard scoring pass to Jeremiah Howard.

Hassell said that the late touchdown was important for the Bobcats, who travel to Anderson County Friday night for another district showdown.

"That shows that our kids didn't quit," he said. "Any time you score points, it's important because it shows that you're still competing."

"Our kids came out and were fortunate enough to execute a game plan. We did well until they got that score and they came out and scored on their first three possessions of the second half and that's how it always go. They have playmakers all over the field. But we competed despite the talent level."



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221 Hubert Gusby

High Series Scratch-Male  
632 John Fisher  
601 Hubert Gusby  
575 Stanley Taylor

High Game Scratch-Female  
189 Mary Skeen  
183 Linda Worth  
157 Mary Matlock

High Series Scratch-Female  
470 Mary Skeen  
441 Marsha Kavanaugh  
440 Barbara Nelson

Wednesday Club 55:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
250 Jim Bryant  
247 Bill Byrge  
235 Ronnie Russell

High Series Scratch-Male  
641 Ronnie Russell  
639 Ralph Allmon  
633 Jim Bryant

High Game Scratch-Female  
204 Maude Wallace  
200 Carolyn McGill  
191 Loretta Clark

High Series Scratch-Female  
539 Carolyn McGill

489 Maude Wallace  
478 Loretta Clark

Thursday No-Tap:  
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300 Curtis Tindell  
296 John Fisher  
266 Billy Majors

High Series Scratch-Male  
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# Q&A with Mike Keith

## ‘The Voice of the Tennessee Titans’

By Alex Norman

From time to time we get the opportunity to catch up with former Knoxville sports radio veteran, and now “Voice of the Tennessee Titans,” Mike Keith. No better week to do so than this one, with the NFL season getting underway. We thank Mike for taking a few moments out of his busy schedule to answer some questions about the Titans.

Alex Norman: Jake Locker has been named the Titans starting quarterback. What has the team seen over the past year and a half that proves to them that Locker is ready for the job?

Mike Keith: They have seen talent and potential. Physically, this is a very gifted athlete. Nearly 6’3, 235 pounds, sub-4.6 speed, great arm and tremendous feet. Great competitor. Perfect disposition for the quarterback position in the NFL—calm, takes responsibility and limited ego. Jake Locker is the total package, exactly what the Titans thought that he was when they drafted him. From what they saw in games in 2011 and in practices in 2012, the coaching and front office staffs felt that he was ready to play. And so the Jake Locker era begins. It is very exciting here right now with the move to Jake!

AN: Running back Chris Johnson has played well at times this preseason. Is he getting closer to a return to 2009 form, when he gained 2006 yards on the ground?

MK: Chris has looked good and he’s gotten a ton of work. He did all of the off-season work, all of the work in training camp and he’s gotten right around 30 carries in

the pre-season games. He’s ready to go. I believe that Chris will have a great year. Maybe not 2000 yards rushing, but still a great year.

AN: The Titans were second to last in the league in rushing a year ago. Can they make the playoffs if that doesn’t get considerably better?

MK: The Titans will be better than 31st in the NFL in rushing. The offensive philosophy has changed from Jeff Fisher to Mike Munchak. Tennessee is now a “pass first” team, not a “run first” team. But the Titans still want to run it well. They have improved the scheme and the offensive line, and Chris Johnson looks like Chris Johnson again. The Titans won’t be first in the NFL in rushing because they will throw it more. But can they be Top 10 in that category? Absolutely.

AN: Nate Washington caught 74 passes for 1023 yards and seven touchdowns in 2011, the best statistical season of his career. Is he one of the league’s most underrated receivers?

MK: I believe so now. Before 2011, Nate was unfortunately known more for his inconsistency. But to his credit, Nate took on the criticism and became a more consistent person and player in the last off-season. He talked openly about being more focused on and off the field. And boy did he back that up! Great season in 2011 and looking like 2012 will be another one. I’m really proud of Nate. He is one of my favorite guys on our team and it’s fantastic to see him hitting his potential.

AN: Can rookie Kendall Wright make an immediate impact for

the Titans this season? And is it imperative to have other receivers step up, since Kenny Britt’s situation is up in the air at the moment...

MK: Kendall Wright will have an immediate impact. He’s going to have to! We have not had a rookie receiver this ready to play. A lot of it has to do with Art Briles’ offense at Baylor. It is a great attack where a wideout has to make a lot of reads. But a lot of it is Kendall’s competitiveness. He is fierce, in a good way. Football is very important to Kendall Wright. He takes it seriously and works hard at everything that he does. I am really impressed.

AN: No easy start to the season for the Titans. They open at home with defending AFC champion New England (on September 9th), then a road game at San Diego, then back home to face a young and talented Detroit team, and then on the road against defending AFC South champ Houston. It is crucial for the Titans to be ready to go from the outset... yes?

MK: We have to be. You’d love to start 3-1 or 4-0, but if we come through the first four games at 2-2, we are in good position. The whole schedule is very difficult; not just the opponents, but how it lays out. The Steelers on a Thursday right after playing a late afternoon game at Minnesota. The latest bye in franchise history (November 18). In December, a physical game with the Jets on Monday night followed by a trip to Green Bay. Tough, tough, tough. Put it this way—if the Titans make the playoffs against this schedule, you will not want to play Tennessee in January!

## Emerald Youth Golf Classic with Inky Johnson Oct. 2 to Benefit Inner City Sports

Knoxville’s Emerald Youth Foundation and former University of Tennessee football player Inquoris “Inky” Johnson will host a golf tournament at Egwani Farms Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 2, to benefit a sports program for inner city children.

Emerald Youth Sports, a year-round program of athletic leagues, teams and clinics for children living in the heart of Knoxville, will be beneficiary. Through Emerald Youth Sports, about 400 boys and girls play on coached teams including swimming, volleyball, basketball and wrestling. Baseball and soccer also are offered.

Regal Entertainment Group is presenting sponsor of the “Emerald Youth Golf Classic with Inky Johnson.” Registration and lunch are at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An awards ceremony, including dinner, will conclude the days’ activities.

Sponsorships range from a \$300 tee sponsor to a \$5,000 All-Star Sponsor, with many support options in between. For information, please visit [www.emeraldyouth.org](http://www.emeraldyouth.org), call Maggie Meyers at 865.637.3227 x.105 or email [mmeyers@emeraldyouth.org](mailto:mmeyers@emeraldyouth.org).

Sports programs for city kids are a shared passion for Emerald Youth and Johnson, who worked as sports and health coordinator at Emerald Youth in 2011. Sports make up a key piece to the ministry of Emerald Youth, a faith-based organization that serves more than 1,200 children and youth in 14 inner city Knoxville neighborhoods.

Johnson, who had an impoverished upbringing in Atlanta’s Kirkwood neighborhood, says he has a heart for city children. When he was a child, Johnson shared a two-bedroom, one bath house with 13 relatives. He often tells audiences that his discovery of sports at a young age saved him from the dangers of the streets.

Johnson said that involvement in sports not only kept him out of trouble, but that it offered positive influences. He said athletics teach children life lessons, offer them hope, and bring them the influence and encouragement of supportive adults.

“I am very passionate about city kids. I was an inner city kid, and I know what being an inner city kid can bring – poverty, disadvantage, and violence,” Johnson said. “Sports are a great platform that God provides. They are a source of hope.”

In 2004, Johnson joined the UT football team after then-Head Coach Phillip Fulmer recruited him from Crim High School. A lightning-fast cornerback, Johnson suffered a near-fatal nerve injury during a 2006 game his junior year. The injury paralyzed Johnson’s right arm and ended his football career.

Now Johnson is an inspirational speaker who travels the country, renowned for his dramatic testimony of hope about his experience. He lives in his hometown Atlanta, with his wife, Allison, daughter Jada, 2, and his son, Inquoris Jr., 1. He mentors inner city youth, and everywhere he goes, he tells people to encourage and look out for city kids.

“I would like to see a lot of people’s hearts touched. I want to see a transformation in the inner city,” Johnson said.

“Emerald Youth Foundation does a great work. It raises up indigenous leaders, and its sports programs are growing stronger and stronger. Emerald Youth is saving lives. Any time you save one kid, you’re saving more than one, because you’re saving a whole generation.”

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## Bias

I've never paid much attention to Republican or Democratic national conventions. I choose my candidate, not by what they say, but more on my intuition based upon many variables. I look at a candidate's voting record, their policies, and I make a judgment of their character. Before the 2008 election I read both of President Obama's books. As a writer I can tell you that honest writing is as palpable as a swollen knee. Dishonest writing or that done for an assignment reads like a fluffy greeting card. Maybe we should ask all our candidates to write a manuscript of their lives and dreams which we could then verify and contemplate. But oh, I forgot, vetting a candidate is the

primary job of our media. Perhaps if Tom Brokaw had read Mr. Obama's books he wouldn't have said on the eve of the President's inauguration that "We really don't know anything about him." Actually, Barack Obama in "Dreams From My Father" is President Obama.

I have occasionally watched a Presidential candidate's acceptance speech, but serious mistakes can be made if you judge someone by the way they deliver a speech. Debates are helpful, but so often the candidates can't really be honest for fear of making a mistake and generating a sound-bite. And the moderator's bias is often a problem because again we're again dealing with our media who

has lost all semblances of duty and virtue. So, in final analysis, our choice of the most important person in our country, and probably the world, is on a visceral, gut level.

I've come to trust my opinions of people; it's my business to read body language, tone and inflection of voice, and someone's facial expression. Sometimes this data is better and truer than a CAT scan.

I wanted to watch Ann Romney's address at the Republican National Convention because of the negative things that have been said about her and because she's not a politician. I expected Chris Christie, the passionate Governor of New Jersey, to speak out against the President and his administration. I was surprised by the eloquence of the black congressman Artur Davis, who had seconded the nomination for president of Barak H. Obama at the 2008 Democratic National Convention, but who has since changed to the Republican Party. And I was impressed by the black woman, Mia Love, who's running for Congress in Utah. It's pitiful that NBC, MSNBC, CBS, and ABC didn't cover this

impressive young woman's speech. How biased and, yes, racist is the New York Times to quip that she and Mr. Davis were just "brown people in front of the GOP."

Mrs. Romney was impressive and reminds me of my wife, Becky. Her message focused upon love, fidelity, and service. The media told us that the Romneys had it easy. I don't think raising a bunch of boys in an apartment and going to law school and business school at the same time sounds cushy. I've kept my grandson for an afternoon all by myself and can attest to the fact that entertaining one fussy baby with dirty diapers is tough. I'd be insane raising five boys like Ann Romney. My mother had three boys and to this day swears that books would fly off a shelf when her sons boiled into a room.

Ann Romney knows her husband better than anyone else except The Master. I was impressed by the way she carried herself in the crucible of the national media under tremendous pressure of expectation. When I was young doctor I was terrified of public speaking. I realized that this was a deterrent to my career and so

I worked at it until I overcame my fears. I would memorize entire lectures before giving them, and no, I've never used a teleprompter. Apparently, neither had Ann Romney prior to her speech in which she told us about the man she loves and respects. She described a man who will work harder than anyone to help us solve our problems. And she told us about a man who is uncomfortable describing his generous heart and a lifetime of service to his family, friends, church, and business relationships.

I find it instructive that the media is silent regarding Ann Romney's speech which was published in the Washington Post. The only exception was Juan Williams of Fox News who described her as a "corporate wife," as if she were some mindless Barbie Doll or Stepford wife. This was a bigoted observation and he was shunned by his colleagues and removed from the panel of discussants for his odious biased quip. Perhaps the rest of the media didn't have the courage to attack this stunning woman, someone whom every man hopes he has standing beside him through life.

So what's next? More

speeches, more promises, more TV messages await us. And there will be three presidential and one vice presidential debates. Most of us are sick of it already, but we should be thankful we have a democratic process and a real choice. This election is like none other, at least in the thirty-five years I've paid attention to the selection of our leader. The contrast is stark and at this point I admit that I've become biased. The jaded "hope and change/ debt and doubt" must give way to a new direction of "Rescue and Restoration." I now understand that we can't have both America and President Obama's vision. In November the people will choose.

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

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

## Residents, fellows recognized for outstanding research at the UT Graduate school of Medicine

Leaders at the UT Graduate School of Medicine recently recognized residents and fellows for exceptional research. During Research Day, held at the Graduate School of Medicine on the campus of The University of Tennessee Medical Center, five physician researchers earned recognition for their work conducted during the academic year.

"One of the core values for UT Medical Center and the UT Graduate School of Medicine is to promote basic science and clinically relevant research and to cultivate physicians to be educational scholars, lifelong learners and informed consumers of clinical research," said Dr. James J. Neutens, Dean of the UT Graduate School of Medicine. "

I would like to thank all of the residents and fellows who recently participated in Research Day as well as the faculty and staff who supported this effort. I was especially impressed this year not only with the quality of the research but also that several of

these investigations involved collaboration among several specialties."

Selected from 42 submissions, 21 physicians from ten programs presented their research in a five-minute oral presentation. Of those presenting, five residents were selected to receive awards.

The three winners in the Original Research category include the following:

- First Place went to Dr. N. Lynn Ferguson, a pathology resident for "Prognostic Value of Breast Cancer Subtypes, Ki-67 Proliferation Index, Age, and Pathologic Tumor Characteristics on Breast Cancer Survival in Caucasian Women." This research basically determined that the triple negative breast carcinoma subtype, associated with worse overall prognosis in comparison to other subtypes in study populations consisting of ethnic minorities and young women, might not carry the same prognostic value for Caucasian women.
- Second Place went to Dr.

Chandler Long, a general surgery resident, for "Amelioration of skeletal muscle fiber injury following hind limb ischemia in a type II diabetic mouse model with PARP inhibitor PJ34." This research determined that inhibition of an enzyme called PARP (Poly-ADP ribose polymerase) reduced the amount of musculoskeletal injury seen following and acute ischemic event. This will hopefully translate into improved treatment modalities for patients that have significant peripheral vascular disease resulting in the loss of blood flow to their extremities.

- Third Place was awarded to Dr. W. Jeremy Mahlow, a cardiovascular disease fellow, for "A Peri-Operative Device Management Algorithm for Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices: the PACED-OP Protocol" which examined the safety and effectiveness of using a unique protocol developed and implemented by physicians at UT Medical for the management of patients with pacemakers and other implanted devices who are

undergoing needed surgery. His findings support that this protocol allows patients to undergo surgery in a safer and more convenient manner.

The two winners in the Case Reports category are as follows:

- First Place was awarded to Dr. Ted Chang, a radiology resident for "PET/CT in the Management of Y90 Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (SIRT)" which determined standard PET/CT imaging can quantify the radiation dose delivered to patients undergoing internal radiation therapy so that subsequent therapy can be modified accordingly, which, in the described case, resulted in complete tumor response.
- Second Place went to Dr. Andrea Cox, a resident in General Dentistry, for "Epidermolysis Bullosa Patients and Dentistry: A Case Study" concerning a 13-year-old female who presented to the clinic with dental caries, non-restorable teeth and gingivitis, and the measures taken to comfortably perform dental

procedures on the patient, the unconventional oral hygiene methods used to clean her teeth, and the procedures used to restore her dentition, along with the long-term dental goals of this patient.

The Graduate School of Medicine has residency training programs in the specialties of Anesthesiology, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Family Medicine, Pathology, Internal Medicine, Radiology, General Dentistry, General Surgery, Transitional Year, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Urology. Fellowship Training Programs are offered in the following subspecialties:

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# Faith

## The Secret to Contentment and Joyful Living

From the book of Philippians we know Paul rejoiced and found contentment in difficult times. How do I keep my joy? How do I look at pain in my life

and in the life of others and still find peace and contentment? How do I not feel bitter toward the way a spouse has treated me? How do I not have feelings of jealousy when the boss keeps looking over me and promoting others who are less qualified? How do I not get angry when I am the one who got lung cancer and never smoked a day of my life? How can I find

contentment and joy in all of these and more? Please Paul, share with me, with us the secret.

The secret to contentment and joyful living appears to be like the secret recipe of the Colonel's Fried Chicken – only a privilege few know the secret. It must be a secret because so few are truly contented and joyful. And why should we be? Everyone around us tells us that what we have isn't good enough. Once our cars are paid for, they are old and outdated. Once our homes are finally fixed up and the landscaping is looking good, we decide we must sell and buy something bigger, whether we really need the extra space or not. The clothes we wear are last year fads, so the magazines tell us, so we must buy new ones to fit in.

The new fitness program, machine, or diet is better than the old one so we sell the NordicTrack for pennies of what we paid for it, so we can free up the space for Bum Buster or the Abs Flex. But all we have to show for it is a big bottom and flabby gut. But we find other options to our discontentment with our bodies. We can get a tummy tuck or a lipo suck. We can increase or decrease the size of most body parts in an attempt to turn back the process of aging. So in order to find contentment we spend and buy things to make us happy. I got a VISA application that said, "You deserve a vacation and nothing should prevent you from going. Let us help you get there." That sounds great. They will pay for it and then charge me

28% interest for giving me what I deserve.

So due to our lack of contentment with what we have, we go out and buy, buy, buy. As of May 2011, we had 793.1 billion dollars in credit card debt alone as a nation. That is an average of \$15,799 per household. In May of 2011, the Federal Reserve told us all consumer debt was 2.43 trillion – that includes home mortgages. 26% of Americans are not paying their bills on time. TN carries the third highest credit card debt in America (Alaska is number one and Nevada number two). And all the spending has made us more contented as a nation right-wrong!! We might have a temporary contentment but then it is gone.

Paul didn't have to buy something bigger and better to be content. He didn't have to be pampered, wined, and dined. His contentment and joy was found "in Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Jesus supplied all his needs. There is a difference between needs and wants and when we figure that out we have gained tremendous understanding.

## Church Happenings

### Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing Boxes Of Blessings (food) on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone.

Anyone who would like to come and receive a box of blessings is invited. You must be present to receive a box of food. One box per household. For more information call 865-689-4829.

### First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church's 55 Alive senior members resume monthly meetings, following their summer hiatus, on Thursday, September 13 at noon. Guest speaker will be Sam Venable, the popular columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel. Venable is the winner of more than three dozen national and regional awards. A hot lunch will be served, \$6.50 per person. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 1207 N Broadway. For more information and to RSVP, call the church, before noon, 524-0366.

### Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is opening the John 5 Food Pantry Friday, September 14, 9:30-11:15 a.m. To make an appointment, call 938-2611 or leave a message. We will return your call.

### Gospel Singing

Gospel Singing at Judy's Barn every Saturday at 7 p.m. Grissom Road behind Big Ridge Elementary School

in Union County. Call Jim Wyrick at 254-0820.

### Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet at noon on September 4, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway. Norma Henry will be the guest speaker.

View Norma's complete bio at <http://kfl-luncheon.com> or see our ad on A3.

### Mount Harmony Baptist Church

We will be having History of the Church and Old-timers Day on Sunday, September 9 starting at 10:00 a.m. Dan West is the speaker and will be talking about the History of the church and of the community. Everyone is welcome to come. The Church is located at 819 Raccoon Valley Rd NE, Heiskell, TN 37754 (1 mile west of I-75 at exit 117).

### The River of Knoxville

Women's Conference 2012 at The River of Knoxville, 3702 Knox Lane, Knoxville, TN 37917 September 14 at 7:30 p.m. and September 15 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Brenda J Robinson, author of "A New Desire," will be speaking on "I Have A New Desire!" No Registration fee! 865-684-6055 for more information.

Have a special event coming up? Share it with your community! E-mail your church announcement to [staff@knoxfocus.com](mailto:staff@knoxfocus.com) today! Listings are considered as space is available, on a first come first served basis. **Camps, festivals and sales are considered advertisements;** contact [staff@knoxfocus.com](mailto:staff@knoxfocus.com) for information on how to list these.

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John Inskip was a lad of about five years when he came to American shores in the company of an uncle. Inskip's parents had already arrived. John was converted in his teen years and none of the family were believers until they heard John's witness. The services in September are all done in the same spirit of those past camp meeting days.



## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

**By Carl Sloan**

Barry for your collectibles

This week we will look at ways to care for your antiques and collectibles to preserve their values and condition.

Let's start with wood. Wood is subject to the elements in your home such as humidity, pestilence and sunlight. Wood is porous and, if it gets too dry, it will crack. Therefore, in the winter think of adding humidity. Wood is usually fine in the summer, unless the object is a fine piano, guitar or violin, for example, as too much humidity will alter its sound. Furniture can be ruined by insects if

left in barns or sheds for long periods and, once brought inside, these wood borers can spread to other items. Keep drawer slides slick with paraffin or even soap to take the friction off the wood to wood contact on older furniture. Sunlight can fade your furniture so you don't want a sun stain on your wood. It is best to see a professional if joints, dowels, drawers or stretchers are loose as DIY repairs often ending up doing more harm to the antique. The best place in Knoxville that I know of to reglue furniture is The Storeroom, located at 4500 Walker Blvd in Fountain City behind Buddy's BBQ on Broadway. They are reasonable and very professional.

The number one rule to preserving your rare coins is to never polish or clean them. Many collectors pay a premium for what is called "rainbow effect." Cleaning a \$1000 key date Morgan dollar will cost you around \$700 in value. It is perfectly fine to polish your sterling and silver-plated wares.

Never put quilts and antique textiles in the washer or dryer; instead, put them in a cool water bath tub with baking soda only. No detergents. Let soak, gently hand wash and then line dry.

The lubricants and cleaners for clocks and timepieces simply cannot be purchased in stores. WD-40 will

gum up old clock works as it attracts dirt and becomes a grit that clogs it worse than before. Here you really need to consult a professional.

The care of firearms is similar to clocks, though you can purchase solvents to clean and preserve finishes. Never use any abrasive or try to do a bluing on your own to a valuable piece. I know folks that don't let their arms stay in holsters for long periods of time as it can harm a finish.

Watercolors can be cleaned by using a special foam-type sponge, but take care not to rub too harshly. If you have an old oil painting on canvas or board, try a dab of lanolin hand cleaner that mechanics use in an inconspicuous area of the

painting. Wipe with cloth and if results are good then proceed. This method is not to be used for important art as this is a tedious process that can be done by professional only.

Paints from days gone by are not made the same as today. On wooden items, homemade paint was made with anything from cow's blood to buttermilk with a lead content mixture. Touching up wood or metal paints from the past requires extra knowledge, but you can learn to do this on your own as many companies offer special products to make it work. Forget latex, spray or model paint as it will never look correct and can actually hurt values.

**ETTAC Holds Fundraiser For Disabled**

The East Tennessee Technology Access Center is coordinating a holiday event called "Let Your Light Shine," a fundraiser raising awareness for people with disabilities, to be kicked off in early October. With support from the City of Knoxville Special Events office, the fundraiser will occur Friday November 23rd during the city's Holiday Celebration of Lights and Tree Lighting on Market Square. Because ETTAC is entering its 25th anniversary celebration year in 2013, the center sees this event as an opportunity to help as many of the organizations as possible who work for people with disabilities and who have helped ETTAC over the years. For those interested in becoming involved as official partners with the center, an information session will be held at ETTAC at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12. RSVP for the event to ETTAC by Monday, September 10, to ensure accessible space can be provided. For more information, contact Tracey Farr at (865) 219-0130 by September 11.

is seeking donations of past Knox County and Knoxville City Schools yearbooks. For more information, contact Pat Hunter at (865) 599-3048 or Benna van Vuuren at (865) 922-1062.

**Knoxville Urban League Offers Financial and Homeownership Classes**

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a four-week Financial Literacy Course on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 11 - Oct. 2, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. Course instruction covers topics such as developing a household budget, building or repairing credit and making wise spending choices to meet long-term goals, such as purchasing a home. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. The League will also host a three-session Homeownership Workshop on Sept. 11, 13 and 15, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. Open to anyone preparing to purchase a first home, this workshop covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all

workshop will be \$20. For more information, call (865) 524-5511 or visit [www.thekaul.org](http://www.thekaul.org).

**Musical Act MilkDrive To Play In Knoxville**

Contemporary jazz-grass band MilkDrive features award-winning instrumentalists Brian Beken on fiddle and lead vocals, Noah Jeffries on guitar and harmony vocals, Dennis Ludiker on mandolin and harmony vocals and Matt Mefford on double bass. Fueled by equal parts tradition and innovation, MilkDrive delivers a distinctive acoustic experience marked by sophisticated arrangements and fierce musicianship. The Austin-based band's second studio album, WAVES, featuring Noam Pikelnny (Punch Brothers) and Futureman (Béla Fleck & the Flecktones) was released in June. The band is scheduled to play at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 13 in the

Preservation Pub, 28 Market Square, with complimentary cover provided. For more information, call (865) 524-2224 or visit [www.milkdrive.com](http://www.milkdrive.com).

**Sierra Club Sponsors Citizen Science Program**

The Harvey Broome Group of the Sierra Club is sponsoring a free science program and invites all interested people to participate. Scheduled for 7 p.m. on September 11, the Citizen Science Program will take place at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Knoxville, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Tiffany Beachy of the Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont, in Townsend, Tennessee, will act as coordinator. Tremont embraces the involvement of non-scientists in scientific research, or "citizen science," as a tool to connect people with nature. The citizen science program at Tremont

enables students of any age to develop a sense of ownership of the institute's research projects while contributing to something larger than themselves. Participants will gain an opportunity to contribute to the scientific research conducted within the national park, which the institute hopes will foster a deeper understanding of the ecology and natural history of the Smoky Mountains. The resulting data are shared with collaborating scientists and park resource managers as well as the general public through the organization's web site. Tremont offers

several projects suited to people who enjoy being outdoors and learning. These include phenology (observation of cyclic events in nature), monarch butterfly tagging, bird banding, terrestrial and aquatic salamander monitoring, and pond-breeding amphibian monitoring. Volunteers for the programs allow scientists to accomplish tasks too expensive or time consuming to accomplish through other means. For information on how to become involved, contact Mac Post at [mpost3116@aol.com](mailto:mpost3116@aol.com), or call (865) 806-0980.

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- 2 TBSP brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp dried parsley flakes, optional
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Spray slow cooker with cooking spray or lightly oil. Combine pork, sweet potatoes, onion, and green bell pepper.

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