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## Tony Norman selected as new Commission Chair

### R. Larry Smith named Vice-Chair

By Focus Staff

After two years as Vice Chairman of the Knox County Commission, Brad Anders was poised to assume the full Chairmanship following Mike Hammond's decision to step down.

Anders had every reason to believe the transition would be a smooth one; he had the open or tacit support of the school system, the Chamber of Commerce crowd, and The Knoxville News-Sentinel. Add support from the Knox County Sheriff's Department and much of the local Republican establishment and it was a potent mix.

Yet, Anders' bid to become Chairman got derailed somewhere along the way.

Commissioner Tony Norman, widely acknowledged to be one of the most thoughtful members of the County Commission, did less to garner votes than anyone can remember, a sharp contrast to Brad Anders' relentless bid to win. Norman, an ardent advocate of the hillside-ridgetop legislation, is openly viewed with suspicion by many Republicans as being too moderate. A retired teacher, Norman has been a vocal critic of the school system, which accounts for the bulk of the county's budget. Norman has also pointedly questioned the Chamber of Commerce's use of tax dollars.

In the end, perhaps it was Norman's ability to reach out to others that helped him to come from behind and win the Chairmanship of the Knox County

Commission. Norman won the votes of the two Democrats on the Commission, Sam McKenzie and Amy Broyles, as well as Jeff Ownby, Dave Wright and Larry Smith. Norman's coalition was comprised of arguably the Commission's most conservative and liberal members. That coalition spanned the political spectrum with Norman right in the middle.

Commissioners Richard Briggs and Mike Brown voted for Anders, as did Commissioners-At-Large Ed Shouse and Mike Hammond. Briggs seemingly was on every side, having promised his vote to both Norman and Anders. In the end, Briggs, who is planning a campaign to unseat State Senator Stacey Campfield, sided with the "business" Republicans, which should come in handy to raise money for a state



Commission Chairman Tony Norman

legislative race.

Anders was clearly surprised by his loss, if not embittered. South Knoxville Commissioner Mike Brown tried to recoup by nominating Anders to remain as Vice Chairman of the County Commission, but Anders lost by an even larger margin to Seventh District Commissioner Larry Smith, a humiliating loss for one who had envisioned himself as a future



Commission Vice-Chair Larry Smith

Knox County Mayor.

Norman sounded a conciliatory tone upon assuming the Chairmanship, saying he realized he had been passionate about some issues and he would try and temper his passion in the future.

Tony Norman's election was something of a surprise and it certainly was an absolute shock in some quarters.

## FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

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Survey conducted September 7, 2012.

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

## Trainor In Trouble In South Knox

By Focus Staff

Pam Trainor, South Knoxville's member of the Knox County Board of Education appears to be in trouble as she approaches her reelection bid in 2014. Our survey this week asked South Knoxville residents, "During the recent Knox County budget process, South Knox School Board member Pam Trainor strongly supported increasing Knox County property taxes by 14.83% for schools. Would you vote to reelect Pam Trainor?"

The answer all across the district was a resounding "no."

Almost 80% of respondents said they would not vote to reelect Trainor; just over 20% of those polled said they would vote to reelect Trainor.

More women than men said they would not vote to reelect Trainor and seniors were especially opposed to her reelection with more than 83% of those 65 or older saying they would not vote to reelect Pam Trainor.

Trainor enthusiastically supported the budget proposed by Superintendent James McIntyre which sought more than \$35 million new tax dollars. Every member of the Board of Education supported the proposed budget save for Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board. The Knox County Commission did not fund the increase, but gave the schools an additional \$7 million in one-time funding.

The schools also recently announced almost \$14 million in additional funding from a budget surplus. Superintendent McIntyre

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## McMillan prevails in Carter Gym battle

By Focus Staff

Plans have been in effect for sometime for a new gym for Carter Middle School. Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board of Education, had been quietly pushing the project and it was expected to easily pass until a few weeks ago.

McMillan had not pleased his colleagues when he became the only member of the Board to oppose the budget proposed by Superintendent James McIntyre; that budget would have required a 35 cent property

tax increase. Ultimately, not a single member of the Knox County Commission moved to increase taxes despite an intensive campaign on behalf of the McIntyre budget by the Chamber of Commerce, the Knoxville News-Sentinel, and the Superintendent himself.

McMillan's refusal to support the tax increase and the Superintendent's budget shattered the appearance of unanimity on the Board. McMillan then wrote a candid evaluation of Superintendent McIntyre's performance.

McMillan's evaluation again did not sit well with a few of his fellow Board members.

"I didn't think my evaluation was harsh," McMillan explained. "I honestly believe there are some things Dr. McIntyre can do better and I concentrated on those things. There was nothing in my evaluation of Dr. McIntyre that I hadn't said before. But previously, those things never really seemed to get his attention."

The seething anger felt by some of McMillan's

colleagues on the Board of Education raised its ugly head as the gym for the Carter Middle School came up for consideration. A majority of the Board voted to delay the project last month. When the gym came up again last week for consideration, 2nd District Board member Indya Kincannon announced she intended to move to kill the project. Kincannon pointedly asked Superintendent McIntyre if the new gym, which was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1936,

was needed for safety reasons. Kincannon demanded McIntyre answer her question on a "yes" or "no" basis and the Superintendent quietly replied, "No," although he had persistently recommended the Board approve the project.

There is little reason to believe Kincannon's actions were anything other than an attempt to punish Mike McMillan for his refusal to go along with the other Board members. Kincannon had also inserted

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## Volunteers of time and talent

By Ralphine Major

They have a long history with the Gibbs Community in Corryton. It is where they both grew up, raised their family, and spent their most energetic years. At least, that is what I thought. Recently, however, I have learned that some of Betty and Clayton Sharp's most active years have been in retirement. Dale Hall, a friend of the Sharps, said "they run circles around most of the rest of us!" She nominated them for Covenant Health's "Senior Stars." On August 28, 2012, they were among the "Senior Stars" honored for their extensive hours of volunteer work since their retirement.

The Sharps come from prominent families in the Gibbs Community. Betty's father was Professor H. G. Loy, who was a principal at Gibbs High School. Later, he became principal at Central High School in Fountain City where he was working when he retired.

Betty and her late sisters, Helen Calfee and Inis Smelser, followed in their father's footsteps and became teachers at Gibbs, Pleasant Ridge, and Central. In fact, Betty had a total of thirty-two years with the Knox County School System. The Loys came from Union County; and I was interested to learn that Professor H. G. Loy and Georgia (Loy) Wright's father were brothers. (Georgia and her family were featured in my Focus column 9-4-12, "Celebrating 70 Years.")

Clayton grew up in a large family with ten brothers and sisters. His parents were from Union County and lived on a farm off of Tazewell Pike. Clayton chose another vocation for his livelihood and worked a total of forty-four years at Fulton's. He is still an active member of the Gibbs Ruritan Club.

When I saw Betty and Clayton at Bill and Georgia Wright's 70th

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Betty and Clayton Sharp of Corryton were honored as Covenant Health Senior Stars August 28th at the Tennessee Theater. The Sharps were honored for a lifetime of volunteer work and giving back to the community.

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# A Colorful Donation

The Lake Forest Neighborhood Association collected school supplies and had an overwhelming response, mostly in part to a very generous donation from a resident who works at Newell-Rubbermaid, based in Maryville. In addition to the notebooks, crayons and colored pencils, over 100 lbs. of Sharpies were donated to the nearby schools served by the neighborhood, Mooreland Heights and Dogwood Elementary.

"We were thrilled by the generosity of the residents and want each student and faculty member to have everything they need for a great year," said Molly Gilbert, chair of the Lake Forest Neighborhood Association. "Education is a top priority for many of our home-owners. We have a large number of teachers who live in Lake Forest."

Because of its convenient location to downtown, the interstate and Alcoa Highway, this scenic neighborhood is easily accessible. Among the



Molly Gilbert and Dr. Roy Miller, Mooreland Heights Elementary

schools represented are Bonny Kate Elementary, First Presbyterian Mother's Day Out, Pellissippi State Community College, University of Tennessee, Webb School and more.

The Lake Forest Neighborhood is located off Highway Dogwood Trail and approximately 200 Chapman Highway 3 miles south of the Henley Street Bridge and is proud to feature the William Hastie Natural Area, the Chapman

Highway Dogwood Trail and approximately 200 charming homes built in the 1940s and 50s. The Association will hold an annual meeting in October.

## Volunteers of time and talent

**Cont. from page 1** — Anniversary Reception recently, Clayton told me about buying a 1941 Chevrolet car from our father.

Since their retirement, the Sharps have volunteered approximately 18,000 hours each at what was formerly called St. Mary's Hospital. Currently, they do volunteer work at Tennova Residential Hospice in Halls.

Betty's talents extend outside the classroom, also. She helps to crochet caps for chemo patients as well as caps for newborns.

The Sharps also do volunteer work at the world-renowned John Rice Irwin's Museum of Appalachia in Anderson County. Clayton

previously worked as a blacksmith at the museum for about fifteen years. Our family remembers that he had horses and could often be seen wearing western attire. Occasionally, Clayton still demonstrates blacksmithing—a skill he learned from his father and grandfather and in the shop at Gibbs High School. The Sharps participate every January in an eight-day event called Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

In addition to their recognition at the Covenant Health Senior Honors Gala, Clayton was also among the veterans of World War II honorees who are at least ninety years old.

I am amazed at this family's rich history in the Gibbs Community. The Sharps are descendants of Nicholas Gibbs, and they are long-standing members of Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church.

"They are a good team," Dale said, when she told about their "endless acts of kindness—visiting the sick, often preparing and taking meals."

Clayton helped start Boy Scout Troop 500 at Clapps Chapel and continued to be involved in the program for seventeen years. For many of those years, he served as scoutmaster, also.

Betty and Clayton have two sons, Rancy and Monty;

and they are grandparents to four grandsons, one of whom is a budding artist. Rancy was a classmate of mine in all of grades one through twelve, which is nearly unheard of these days. Throughout our school years, I knew the Sharps as "Rancy's parents."

Congratulations to Betty and Clayton for this special honor recognizing their lifetime of volunteer work in the community. It is the dedication of people like them who help their fellowman that enable our communities to thrive. Those of us who know The Sharps have long known they are "Senior Stars." We are glad that others now know it, too!

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	1
30-49	35.85%	64.15%	53
50-65	20.65%	79.35%	155
65+	16.60%	83.40%	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.27% (90)</b>	<b>79.73% (354)</b>	<b>444</b>

### By Precinct

10S	100.00%	[None]	2
25	13.95%	86.05%	43
26	19.23%	80.77%	52
27	10.53%	89.47%	38
29	15.00%	85.00%	40
89	27.17%	72.83%	92
90	22.73%	77.27%	88
92	20.00%	80.00%	30
93	18.64%	81.36%	59
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### By Gender

Unknown	6.25%	93.75%	16
Female	19.03%	80.97%	226
Male	22.77%	77.23%	202
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Survey conducted September 7, 2012

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**Cont. from page 1** — would frequently lean over to point out there was nothing for South Knoxville in particular expenditures. Trainor declared Board members needed to look at the greater good all across the county. As the Board voted to spend virtually \$14 million in one night, there was nothing for South Knoxville in the funds allocated. Trainor said that McMillan

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# Publisher's Positions

## School System Plays Politics



By Steve Hunley, Publisher  
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Most of the members of the Board of Education and Dr. James McIntyre, Superintendent of the Knox County Schools, would be the first to claim there isn't the slightest whiff of politics anywhere near the school system. That just isn't true.

During the last week some members of the Board attempted to punish Mike McMillan, Board member for East Knox

County. McMillan was the only member of the Board of Education to refuse to support the 35 cent tax increase proposed by Dr. McIntyre. The other eight members of the Board enthusiastically endorsed the proposal, wailing that folks must "invest" in education, despite the fact we presently spend over half a billion dollars a year on education in Knox County. Over a decade, we will have spent more than \$5 billion while the county's debt has now gone past the \$1 billion mark.

To some of his fellow school board members, McMillan added insult to injury when he wrote an evaluation of Dr. McIntyre's performance as Superintendent that some thought sharply critical; others felt McMillan had merely pointed out some of McIntyre's weaknesses as Superintendent.

The combination of

McMillan's refusal to support the tax increase and his evaluation of McIntyre left some of his colleagues smoldering. Some chided the people of the Eighth District for having reelected McMillan, pointing out McMillan's recent election opponent would have gone along in lockstep with the school system and therefore could have accomplished more. That theory was blown all to Hell last week.

Indya Kincannon proved she knows how to play retaliatory politics with the best of them. Kincannon intended to try and stop the new gym for Carter Middle School. McMillan had been shepherding that project along to its conclusion when Kincannon announced at the Board of Education workshop she was going to offer a motion to kill the new gym. That was, to say the least, poor grace from a member whose

own district was receiving \$4,000,000 in improvements for Shannondale Elementary School. In fact, of the nearly \$14,000,000 of additional revenue that came as a windfall to the school system due to a budget surplus, the Superintendent had already divvied up all but \$146,000. McIntyre and the Board managed to spend it all in a single night. It was spent so fast it didn't even give the teachers a chance to rally for a raise. In fact, it was spent so fast it didn't even have time to burn a hole in their pockets.

Doug Harris, a newly elected Board member from the Third District, is a pretty impressive fellow and is a successful businessman, a point of view desperately needed on the Board of Education. As Kincannon made her attempt to punish McMillan for not going along and getting along, Doug Harris made

the comment that canceling the project after it had been twice approved by the Board would send a terrible message to the business community. That argument made little impression upon Kincannon who had lobbied at least one County Commissioner on behalf of Brad Anders to be the new chairman of Knox County Commission, as it was believed the other candidate for Commission chair, Tony Norman, was hostile to an ever-growing school system.

Apparently some of the Board members regained their senses and Kincannon's motion did not even get a second and McMillan got his new gym for Carter Middle School.

Anyone who believes the members of the Board of Education don't know how to play politics ought to pat the Easter Bunny on the back before going back to sit in Santa's lap.

Tony Norman Best Choice For Chair

By Steve Hunley

This time the a majority of the County Commission got it right.

Electing Tony Norman to serve as Chairman of the Knox County Commission was the right thing to do and will likely produce some excellent results for the people of Knoxville and Knox County.

A truly gentleman who thought it unseemly to campaign for the job, Norman has always been a thoughtful legislator. Norman is far more attracted to reason than political gain; Norman is willing to listen to everyone and be reasonable. Admittedly those traits seem to be missing in politics and government today. *The Focus* is very glad to see them return to the Knox County Commission's Chair.

Norman can be positively dedicated to things in which he believes. An example would be his unwavering stance on hillside ridgetop-legislation and his critical eye on the school system. Upon assuming the Chairmanship, Norman acknowledged he can be "passionate" about those issues he cares about, but promised to be scrupulously fair as the Commission's presiding officer.

Best of all, Tony Norman is an absolutely honest man. Norman is not controlled by anyone or anything. It is understated to say that Tony Norman will bring a breath of fresh air to the Commission Chair and *The Focus* wishes him every success.

## McMillan prevails in Carter Gym battle

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herself into the contest between Tony Norman and Brad Anders for the Chairmanship of the Knox County Commission, lobbying at least one Commissioner on behalf of Brad Anders. Norman, a retired teacher, has been a vocal critic of the school system and Kincannon apparently believed Anders would be more amenable to giving the school system everything they want, even if it requires tax increases.

Doug Harris, the newly elected Board member from the Third District, had sat quietly throughout most of the workshop meeting, but finally spoke up, saying killing the project would send a terrible message to the business community. McMillan agreed, saying businesses routinely invest money into such projects on the front-end and if businesses were to realize the Board might terminate a project after having repeatedly approved them, it would make many businesses reluctant to do business with the school system and would likely drive up costs for the administration.

Although Harris spoke quietly, it was clear his comments resonated with a Board dominated by members who have never run a business or met a payroll. Harris, a successful businessman, brings an entirely fresh perspective to the Board of Education and may well be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Harris, a proponent of Charter schools, is likely to be at odds with the status, quo.

McMillan fought hard to keep the gym for Carter Middle School on track. The only member of the Board of Education to have served on the Knox County Commission, McMillan deftly used every resource at his command to preserve the Carter Middle School gym.

The Board was also busily engaged in dividing up the pie in the form of a budget surplus windfall of almost \$14 million. Superintendent McIntyre had already sent the Board

members a memorandum proposing a division of the money. \$7 million would be spent on renovations at Pond Gap Elementary School, \$4 million for Shannondale Elementary School, and almost \$2 million in Board Chair Karen Carson's Farragut-based district. The Board quickly agreed to McIntyre's proposal, spending all but \$146,000 in a single night and in record time.

Despite Kincannon's hostility toward the Carter Middle School gym, McMillan spoke up to assure her he did not begrudge the money being spent on Shannondale; in fact, he supported the notion. That mattered little to Kincannon.

Pam Trainor, South Knoxville's contribution to the Board of Education, spoke up to say she was going to vote for the Carter Middle School gym if for no other reason than because she was tired of hearing about the Carter community. She

tried to take a little slap at McMillan, saying McMillan would occasionally lean over and remind her there was nothing for her South Knoxville district when particular projects were proposed. Trainor opined that a Board member should consider the greater good rather than grubbing for their own district needs on the same night the Board was divvying up almost \$14 million all across the county, except for South Knoxville. True to her word, Trainor's tenure on the Board of Education has seen millions of tax dollars spent everywhere but South Knoxville.

Initially, it seemed the deck was stacked against McMillan, but in the end he prevailed. Kincannon, as promised, made her motion, but couldn't get a second. McMillan's own motion to approve the gym passed with Kincannon and former Chairman Thomas Deakins voting "no".

"Mike McMillan didn't get the credit he deserved for the new Carter Elementary School," former County Commissioner Jack Huddleston observed. "Those folks at Carter really have only one person to thank for getting that new gym at the middle school and that's Mike McMillan."

McMillan was clearly happy with his victory,

but modestly pointed out Superintendent McIntyre had persistently recommended the project. McMillan also complimented his new colleague Doug Harris.

"I really respect Doug's personal success and his common sense approach," McMillan said. "I think he'll do a great job on the Board."

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## Finnish Exchange Student Returns To Greet Seymour Rotary 'Family'

Reija Honkala is a bit older now, but her enthusiasm and pleasant personality haven't changed since she spent a year in Seymour as a Rotary Exchange Student in 2001-2002. During that year she resided with Larry and Bonnie Finchum, both members of the Seymour Rotary Club.

Reija returned for a visit with the Finchums and paid a special visit to the Seymour Club September 5. She brought her husband, Sami, and their 2 1/2 year old son Eeli, with her.

Reija has studied nursing since she returned to Finland, but her energies have been primarily focused on her young family.

She says she still stays in touch with the Seymour High School girls with whom she played basketball ten years ago.

Sami has served in the Finnish army and is now working in his family's ship-ping business.



Reija Honkala, center, returned to Seymour in September with her husband, Sami and their son, Eeli, to visit the Seymour Breakfast Rotary Club which sponsored her during the 2001-2002 school year. From left are Rotarian Betty Vickers, Eeli, Sami, Reija, and Rotarians Bonnie and Larry Finchum. Reija lived with the Finchums during her stay in Seymour. Vickers oversees the student exchange program for Rotary District 6780.

Reija values the experiences he had living in Seymour. She expressed sincere appreciation to the Rotary Club and to the

Finchums particularly. The Finchums have visited Finland twice since Reija lived with them.

"Reija is proof that the

Rotary Exchange Student Program is successful," says Larry Finchum. "She brought her culture here to share with us, and she

took part of our culture back to Finland with her. It really works!"

## Senior Health Fair Scheduled

LeConte Medical Center is hosting a Senior Health Fair on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at the Fort Sanders Sevier Senior Center. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - Noon, at the Senior Center located at 1220 West Main Street.

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# TKA announces personnel changes as enrollment continues to grow

The King's Academy is on track to experience yet another record enrollment in the 2012-2013 school year, according to early registration reports. President/Headmaster Walter Grubb says enrollment continues to rise about 4% annually. He also announces several administrative and faculty changes for the current school year.

The 132-year-old Southern Baptist-sponsored school in Seymour offers grades K4 through 12. Also, boarding students from throughout the world attend the academy in grades 7-12.

Director of Admissions Janice Mink, in her thirtieth year of administrative service at TKA, says enrollment on the first day of classes was 443, up from 429 last year. As the school began its fourth week of the fall semester enrollment reached 473, as compared to 452 one year ago. Mink says the school is on track to achieve its goal of 500 at some point during the year. The previous record of 473 students was reached during the 2011-2012 school year.

Among the most significant personnel changes, LeRoy Beam has assumed the role of principal for all grade levels following the resignation of Steve Sharp

as upper school director. Sharp served in a variety of roles at the academy over his twenty-two year career there, including teacher, coach, dorm director and dean of students. He completed his doctoral work at Vanderbilt University in May. Beam was appointed TKA's elementary and middle school principal in 2000. Prior to coming to TKA, he previously served as teacher, coach and principal in Oklahoma.

Dan Kirkpatrick has moved from his role as Athletic Director and Dean of Students to fill the newly created position of Director of Alumni Affairs and Special Events. Kirkpatrick joined the academy administrative team in 1993. He will continue in a limited

role as classroom teacher and strength and conditioning coach.

Stepping in to fill some of the void created by Kirkpatrick's transition will be veteran teacher and administrator Mark Koss. Koss will serve as Dean of Students, and continue to serve as teacher and coach.

Marc Weekly, Volunteer Coach with the University of Tennessee Lady Vols softball team, has accepted the position of TKA's Athletic Director and Development Officer. Weekly is transitioning from his career in medical equipment sales. He will be responsible for the academy's total sports program, and, as time allows, assist in fund raising opportunities. Weekly's wife, Cheryl, is also working

at the academy as Assistant to the President/Headmaster. Cheryl Weekly will assist with the academy's capital campaign, donor relations/records, and central administration.

Melinda Thornton, previously Assistant to the President/Headmaster, has been named as the academy's Director of Enrollment Management. Thornton will work in conjunction with the Admissions Office, and will be oversee the academy's web site, social media communications, marketing and promotions.

Sue Koss enters her third year in academy resident

life administration. She has now been appointed as Director of Resident Life, giving oversight to the academy's international program.

Michael Gunter, in his fifth year of food services work at the academy, has been appointed Executive Chef. Gunter's previous culinary experience includes his work at Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tennessee.

New faculty for the 2012-2013 school year include two alumni. Emily Carlisle and Michael Grubb, 2006 graduates, will be teaching high school English. Other

new teachers are: Andrew Fultz, High School Bible; Leslie Mielke, art; Amanda Russell, kindergarten; and Kari Polk, second grade.

Home-School Coordinator Erin Mobley has added Educational Therapist to her responsibilities. Maggie Wang, from Zhengzhou, China, is teaching Chinese Language and Chinese Culture as part of the academy's Confucius Classroom program.

New support services staff members include Johnny Cuppin maintenance and Tom Simmons in food services.

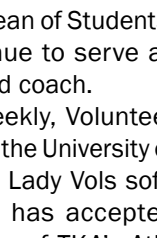
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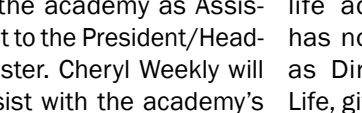
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## POW/MIA flag to fly on six holidays at City buildings

To honor those veterans who were prisoners of war or missing in action, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero has ordered that City buildings fly the POW/MIA flag on six holidays throughout the year.

The 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, a federal law that dictates budget and expenditures for the U.S. Department of Defense, allows the POW/MIA flag to fly as a symbol of the nation's concern for

Americans who, having been prisoners of war or missing in action, remain unaccounted for; and as a symbol to the nation's commitment to Americans in the future who may become unaccounted for during hostile action.

"I have several friends in the veterans community who have asked that the City of Knoxville display the POW/MIA flag to salute those who have made great sacrifices,"

Mayor Rogero said. "This act of support shows that we are proud of the commitment all of our veterans have made and that those fighting in current wars will not be forgotten."

The POW/MIA flag will be flown alongside the American flag at 28 City facilities on the following holidays:

- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Independence Day

National POW/MIA Recognition Day  
 Veterans Day

Mayor Rogero and her administration, including Deputy to the Mayor and Chief Operating Officer Eddie Mannis, have supported veterans through a variety of efforts. Mannis is chairman and founder of Honor Air Knoxville, which transports East Tennessee World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C.,

to see memorials built in their honor. The Rogero administration was also part of the team to bring the Congressional Medal of Honor Convention to Knoxville in 2014.

The POW/MIA flag is black and white with the silhouette of a soldier in the foreground and an inscription that reads "You Are Not Forgotten."

Rosie Moore celebrated her 80th birthday on September 5. Rosie was born on September 5, 1932 in Lancaster Pennsylvania. Rosie is the mother of eight children, grandmother of twenty one grandchildren, and great grandmother to eighteen great-grandchildren. Rosie celebrated her birthday with friends playing Bingo at the Halls Senior Center in the morning, bowling with her league at Fountain City Lanes in the afternoon and a party at home with her family in the evening. Rosie's secret for a long happy life is her trust in family, friends and God. The staff at The Knoxville Focus congratulate Rosie on her 80th birthday. We wish her many more years of happiness, and look forward to continuing to share her thoughts, inspiration and wisdom with our readers.



Rosie's World

### INSPIRING WORDS FROM THE PSALMS

Birthdays are nice. It doesn't matter how young or how old you are, everyone loves a birthday. I recently had one and received a present that is one of my favorites things to receive—a book. I want to share a page from it because I think it is so inspiring and true and it might help someone who will read this:

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**Concord Farragut Republican Club meeting.** The speaker for the September 6 Concord Farragut Republican Club meeting was Joseph Bailey, Councilman / Vice-Mayor of the City of Knoxville. Bailey spoke on the upcoming presidential election and the possibility of a Knox County visit from Vice-Presidential Republican Candidate Paul Ryan. The Farragut Republican Club meets the first Thursday of each month: Dinner at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:30 at Frullati Cafe.

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- Hometown Heroes Day - Sunday, September 16, 2012 Current and past military, policeman, deputy sheriffs, firefighters, first responders & current teachers receive \$1 admission with proper identification.

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# Chief Exec has work cut out for him

In less than two months America will choose a president. It may even be a new President. Both parties brought out their Sunday best for their respective conventions over the past two weeks



By Richie Beeler

The electoral college is the reason for the red state-blue state map you see on every presidential election night. When a candidate wins a majority of the popular vote in a state,

although some might argue the meaning of the word 'best.' But now the pep rallies are over, and the 2012 election can begin in earnest. And based on a number of factors, it may not be an easy one for the incumbent.

If you have read this column with any regularity over the past year, you know that I have made no bones about my belief that President Obama will be extremely difficult to beat in this election. And while I do stand behind that assertion, I also believe the Republicans may be looking at a golden opportunity to make Obama a one-termer.

To analyze the dynamic of any presidential election, one must begin by examining the most important factor: the makeup of the electoral college. The United States elects its chief executive quite unlike any other country. Some feel like the electoral college is an outdated, arcane method of choosing a president. I think it is ingenious.

The electoral college is uniquely American - and it should be. It is based squarely on the foundational principles of our constitutional republic. The electoral college essentially ensures that the President of the United States is elected by the states, and not merely by a popular vote. When our nation was founded, it was a coalition of sovereign states which came together to form a more perfect federal union. The electoral college allows each state to cast a proportionate number of votes to elect the president. It's a system that might not make sense to some, but it is by far the most fair and equitable way for the 50 United States to choose their leader.

he receives all that state's electoral votes; thus coloring the state red for the GOP or blue for the Democrats. In 2008, Barack Obama was able to move some traditionally red states into the blue column by claiming victory in such conservative strongholds as Virginia and North Carolina. Turning those states blue proved easier than expected four years ago. Keeping them blue could prove far more difficult.

On top of his southern danger zones, the President may have a hard time holding onto the often reliably blue state of Wisconsin. The home of Republican vice-presidential nominee Paul Ryan is in serious jeopardy of falling into GOP hands this fall. Recent polls show Mitt Romney with a solid lead in cheesehead country as of last week. Losing Wisconsin, Virginia and North Carolina would be very tough for the Obama campaign to overcome.

As the 2012 election begins to take shape, what appears to be happening for Obama and the Democrats is a strong case of first term fatigue. The novelty and romanticism of Obama as our first African-American President are long gone, replaced by far more substantive issues like health care, taxes, and foreign policy. The absence of this hype alone will undoubtedly cost Obama votes.

Then there is the issue of the great ideological divide. Despite the results of the 2008 election, America is still a right of center country. It is often deeply divided along these lines, but do not let that fool you into thinking that the divide is right down the middle. In other words, do not think that governing to the far

left can automatically get one re-elected.

President Bill Clinton was elected from relative obscurity in 1992 as a liberal southern Democrat. By the middle of his first term, Clinton was smacked with the reality that even though the nation had voted him in as their leader, they did not necessarily want liberal leadership. President Clinton intentionally and obviously moved toward

the political center, and by the 1996 election was virtually unbeatable.

But President Obama is an entirely different story. Obama is a big government leftist at heart, and shows no signs nor intentions of moving anywhere away from his ideology. The many extenuating factors in 2008 - an immensely unpopular departing president, a housing market collapse, and the exciting prospect

of the first African-American chief exec - worked together to elect Obama, perhaps in spite of his perceived socialistic views.

Now his views are not merely perceived. Some of them have become reality. It remains to be seen whether it is a reality Americans can tolerate for four more years.

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leave you alone to face your problems. He guides you into the eye of the tornado where it is quiet and still, where you can hear his voice and feel the strength of his presence."

These are such comforting thoughts to end a birthday day with. I'm so glad I still have the gift of eyesight to be able to contemplate these words.

Thought for the day: Whenever you find upsets in your life, you can use these as opportunities to grow in your trust of God.

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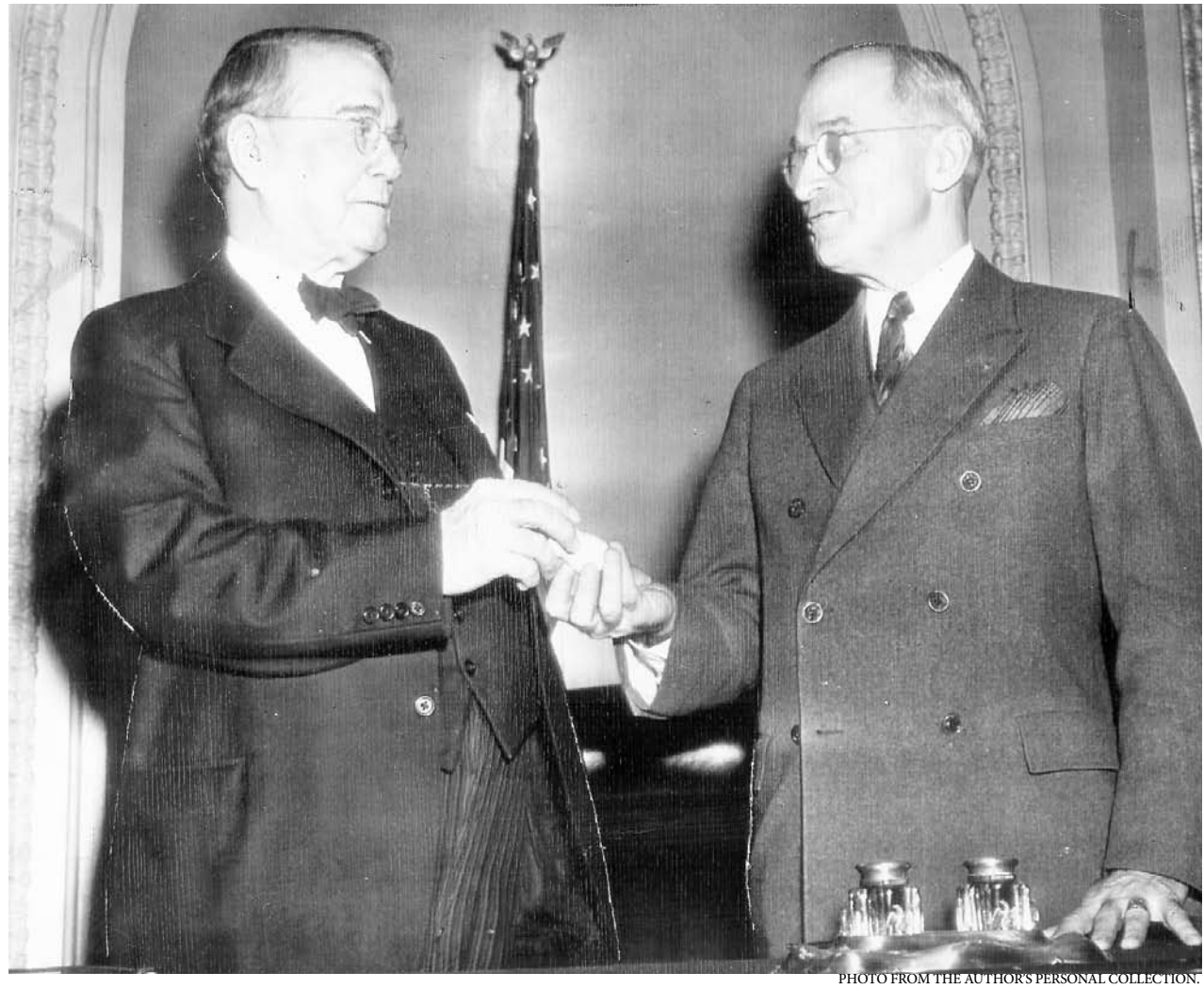
# A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

## Chapter Sixteen

Pages from  
the Political  
Past



By Ray Hill  
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Tennessee Senator Kenneth McKellar hands the presiding officer's gavel to Vice President Harry Truman in 1945

Kenneth McKellar was well established in the nation's Capitol and by 1942 had served longer in the Senate than any of his colleagues save for E. D. "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina. He still possessed the piercing blue eyes of his youth, although his once rich brown hair was now flecked with streaks of gray. Being a bachelor, McKellar was still one of the most sought after guests by Capitol hostesses even as Washington, D. C. social life was restricted by the shortage of housing and rationing of many foodstuffs and gasoline.

Unbeknownst to most, save for those who knew him best, McKellar possessed a very dry wit. The "Stork Club" was quite a famous restaurant and watering hole in its time, a gathering place for the rich, famous, and downright notorious. The owner of the Stork Club sent McKellar an ashtray, one of the most highly prized souvenirs from his establishment. Senator McKellar pretended to carefully inspect the gift before looking up and saying with a wry smile, "Doesn't he know I'm a bachelor?"

McKellar loved to dance; a passion that had once caused one political opponent to say the Tennessean had accomplished little in Washington except to become known for dancing the Tango in the Capitol. McKellar liked pretty women and continued dancing well into his seventies. McKellar also loved movies and it was not unusual for him to see a different movie every night of the week. Senator McKellar especially loved westerns and after closing his Senate office on the weekends, he could frequently be found in a Washington theater enjoying big screen cowboys Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, an old man surrounded by a sea of youngsters equally enthused about the adventures of their heroes.

McKellar had owned a beautiful home on Peabody Avenue in Memphis, as did Shelby County Boss E. H. Crump. McKellar's mother and maiden sisters lived in his home and he maintained it until they passed away. McKellar sold the house and took an apartment at the Gayoso Hotel when in Memphis. While in Washington, McKellar had an apartment at the Mayflower Hotel, one of the more prestigious and expensive hostelrys in the nation's Capitol. Still, McKellar spent more time in his office than anywhere else and at that time, most Congressional offices were open a half day on Saturday. After his staff had left and most other Senate offices had closed, McKellar would

trudge off to the movies. Senator McKellar was very fond of children and doted on his numerous nieces and nephews. One friend, a professor at the University of Tennessee, recalled meeting Senators McKellar and Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky as a child. Both men had reputations; McKellar was considered by many to be curmudgeonly, while Barkley was believed to be the most genial of men. Much to his surprise, this particular young man discovered McKellar to be the far more cordial and kindly of the two, even producing a peppermint from his pocket. Barkley was dismissive and gave only the most perfunctory of greetings.

McKellar's physical appearance caused some to wonder if he did not have a fondness for alcohol. The Senator's somewhat bulbous nose, which was usually quite red, caused some tongues to wag, although McKellar was a teetotaler until near the end of his life. The Senator's younger brother and Secretary, Don, had a very different view of things and was quite convivial, enjoying both spirits and cigarettes. As McKellar aged, his doctor prescribed egg milkshakes containing a jigger of whisky for his circulation. It became something of a joke among the McKellar staff when the Senator would slowly ask if there was whisky in the drink? McKellar would insist he couldn't taste the whisky and suggested perhaps he should have another milkshake.

Senator McKellar had a hearty appetite and enjoyed his food and at times, his appearance reflected his love of food. His late Secretary, W. R. Davidson, recalled occasions when McKellar would polish off a plate of ham and eggs for breakfast and then look wistfully at his empty plate. The Senator would call for a waitress and, his eyes twinkling, would order a bowl of oatmeal "to fill in the cracks."

McKellar had been in the Senate for so long his staff simply referred to him

as "Senator," substituting his title for his name. Most Tennesseans, regardless of how long they had known McKellar, addressed him as "Ken" or "Mack" or by his title. McKellar tried to dress neatly, but his appearance was usually a bit rumpled. When he anticipated addressing the Senate, he still wore "morning clothes," a dark jacket over a vest and striped trousers. McKellar often wore a black bow tie and usually tucked a white handkerchief in his breast pocket; the handkerchief was almost always embroidered with his signature or initials.

The McKellar temper, which came to be legendary, would be displayed on those occasions the old senator was provoked. He hated muckraking columnist Drew Pearson and once chased a Pearson employee from his office with his cane. McKellar possessed an impressive command of invective and would unleash a verbal assault on those who had drawn his ire. The late Claude Pepper, a Senator and Congressman from Florida, once told me McKellar was a delightful companion, unless the old Tennessean was annoyed.

McKellar, even as he aged, had a reputation for physical altercations and proudly displayed a set of boxing gloves and an honorary membership given to him by the Golden Gloves Society in his office. There is a tale McKellar once assaulted an allegedly inebriated Silliman Evans, owner and publisher of the Nashville Tennessean newspaper. Evans and the Tennessean were usually quite hostile to McKellar and took every opportunity to rile the Senator who was widely known for never forgetting a friend nor forgiving an enemy. McKellar supposedly encountered Silliman

Evans when he came off an elevator at the Mayflower Hotel only to find the newspaper publisher standing in front of him swaying back and forth. Senator McKellar proceeded to rap the diminutive publisher with his cane, sending the diminutive Evans sprawling over a standing ashtray in the hotel corridor. McKellar sailed off to his own suite of rooms without so much as looking over his shoulder. McKellar's temper actually won him the support of at least one important political leader at the beginning of his career, according to Robert Dean Pope, the best of the Senator's biographers. McKellar had witnessed an old man confined to a wheel chair being severely jostled by two young people cavorting indoors. Seeing the disabled old man being knocked about set off the McKellar temper and the future senator grabbed one thoughtless young man and slapped him across the face, while administering a tongue lashing about appropriate behavior. The old man never forgot McKellar having come to his rescue and the elderly gentleman proved to be a potent supporter when McKellar first ran for Congress in 1911.

The years did not especially mellow the McKellar temper and TIME magazine (which was owned by Republican Henry Luce, husband of the beautiful and tart-tongued Clare Booth Luce), which never had anything good to say about the Tennessean, gleefully reported a dispute between the volatile Senator and Missouri Congressman Clarence Cannon. In an article TIME wryly labeled, "This Side of the Grave," the reporter detailed an altercation between two aged and irascible members of Congress.

McKellar was eighty-one years old and Congressman Cannon a mere stripling of seventy-one; McKellar was the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Cannon was his counterpart in the House. The two were meeting with members of their respective committees to smooth out differences in the pending appropriations bill. The failure of the two Congressional leaders to see eye-to-eye caused the short-tempered McKellar to finally snap at Congressman Cannon. McKellar proceeded to inform the astonished Missourian he was "blind...stupid...pigheaded...and altogether goddamned." Cannon, who was something of a successful feudist himself, was naturally outraged and started to charge the old Tennessean senator who grabbed the long-handled Chairman's gavel and prepared to swing at Cannon's head. Colleagues managed to keep the two old men apart before anyone was actually hurt.

McKellar's influence in Congress did not diminish with his advancing years, but actually grew. K. D. McKellar very much remained a force to be reckoned with and even Vice President Henry A. Wallace was not spared when the lowan carelessly used something less than delicate language in describing one of McKellar's actions on the Senate floor

as a parliamentary "trick." Wallace, who disliked the vice president's constitutional duty of presiding over the United States Senate, would frequently slump disinterestedly in the presiding officer's chair as senators debated. McKellar, who was arguing a case relating to the rules of the Senate when the hapless Vice President made his unfortunate comment, turned to face Wallace and roared.

McKellar cried the Vice President surely knew he was not the sort of man to trick anyone! McKellar then humiliated Wallace with a lecture the Vice President had to sit and endure as amused senators watched.

Henry Wallace was remarkably inept as a politician and would suffer the further humiliation of being replaced as Franklin Roosevelt's running mate in 1944. The oftentimes-deceitful Roosevelt encouraged Wallace's hopes of remaining on the Democratic ticket, while at the same time FDR was giving similar encouragement to the parade of hopefuls cluttering his office. When Harry Truman was nominated for the Vice Presidency, Roosevelt offered Wallace the consolation of a position in his Cabinet, nominating him to serve as Secretary of Commerce, an appointment that was singularly unpopular with many in Congress. The incumbent Secretary of Commerce, Texas millionaire Jesse H. Jones (whom FDR would refer to derisively as "Jesus H. Jones"), was a favorite of many Congressmen and senators and Jones tried his best to remain in the Cabinet, without success. Truman inherited Wallace when FDR died and the scrappy little man from Missouri was infuriated when Wallace flitted around the country making speeches about foreign policy. Not only was the Secretary of Commerce making speeches about foreign policy, but also his talks were critical of Truman's own foreign policy. Unlike the late FDR who loathed confrontation, Wallace discovered Truman was far less tolerant and found himself abruptly fired from the Cabinet.

McKellar's own relations with the new President were complicated, but both would have to deal with the other for years to come.

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## Doggone thoughts!

On the website Pinterest, to which I am addicted, I found a poster of a dorky female superhero. The caption said something like, "Anxiety, Girl! Able to leap to the worst conclusion in a single bound!" Whoa,

I thought, that is so me. Unfortunately for me and for those who love me, that is often the case. Worst of all, my worst conclusions are often directed directly in the mirror.

Thank God I have so many wonderful people in my life who tell me all the good they see in me and all the good they expect to happen to me. My mind keeps going to my beloved friend and colleague, Jeanie Roop, who has more than once put her arms around me on a stressful day and whispered in my ear, "You are a strong woman and a wise woman. Look at how amazing you're daughter is. You've got this." Her caring, affirming words always generate the courage I need to face the rest of the day. Now, I'm trying to talk to myself with love and affirmation. Hey, I know it sounds like Stuart Smalley on "Saturday Night Live," but it just so happens: I am good enough. I am



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smart enough and, you know what? Doggone it, people do like me. So there!

A few years ago, I was verbalizing some insecurity and my friend Susan Loveday called me out on it. She said, "You don't need to talk to

yourself like that. Words are powerful. You need to speak good things for yourself." She told me about a book she read called "Battlefield of the Mind." To be honest, I never read the book, and I only half took in her advice. Mistakenly, I thought Susan was talking about that "name-it-claim-it churchy stuff" that gets under my skin. You know, like those televangelists who act like there is a formulaic way to pray or think and get your way with God? I had her all wrong.

Let me tell you how I know that. Susan has had to battle not only with her mind, but with her body. In 2000, she was walking with a friend at Dollywood and found a lump in her pocket. It turned out to be in the bend of her leg where her lymph nodes are. In the months that followed, three doctors told her it was probably an infection in her lymph nodes and sent her home with antibiotics.

Finally, in spring of 2001, she received the life changing news that it was a malignant tumor. Then came the eight and a half hour surgery that took her lymph nodes and gave her an artificial vein and artery. Then came chemotherapy and her daughter, who was only in third grade at the time, shaving her mother's hair before it all fell out.

Somehow, through all this, Susan still found a way to be positive. One way was through her sense of humor. One particular night, during her ordeal with chemo, she and her family went to a Japanese steak house in West Knoxville. Susan decided to have a little fun with her wig. As the flames blazed high above the hibachi, she jerked it off and screamed at the top of her lungs, "You burned my hair off!" The mortified chef ran off exclaiming, "I quit! I quit!" It took some doing to convince him it was a joke.

Today, Susan still suffers the effects of that diagnosis. She suffers from lymphedema in her leg, which requires her to wear a compression stocking from morning until bedtime. Still, she comes to school every day with a smile on her face. She goes way above and beyond what our job requires and, though I know she is often in pain, she NEVER complains about it. She just smiles

what I call her "Marie Osmond smile" and talks about all the things she is grateful for, especially her husband Kenny, a retired fireman, and her two beautiful daughters, Kendra and Kelsey, who are both in college now. "I have a phenomenal support system," she says. "My family is so encouraging. My number one comfort is the Holy Spirit and he uses them to comfort me too."

People like Susan Loveday and Jeanie Roop model for me on a daily basis the power of good thoughts, of gratitude, of a positive inner dialogue. My literary hero Henry David Thoreau taught this as well. "As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives," said Thoreau.

I suppose by writing this column I'm off to a good start. Still, I'd like to ask anyone reading this to help me out by saying a prayer or thinking a positive thought on my behalf. I know you will 'cause doggone it-people like me!

## Revision is Focus of Poetry Workshop

Award-winning poet Helga Kidder, co-founder of the Chattanooga Writers Guild, will lead a writing workshop focused on the sometimes difficult and frustrating revision process.

"As poets, should we, like John Keats dress to the nines before approaching revision or simply get to the task of reading the poem over and over, share it with other poets, or put it in a drawer for another time?" Kidder said.

"This workshop will show you what is important to your poem, what is not, and what can be expanded on in order to reach the poem's full potential. If you are willing to dig deeper and if you have a poem that needs revision, come."

The workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Stone House, Church of the Savior, 934 North Weisgarber Road.

The workshop will be divided into two parts. Kidder will explain how poets should approach revision and the three types of revision available - reductive, additive and deep, during the first part. She will also share examples of each type of revision and discuss the importance of titles, the importance of each line, the importance of the first and last lines and cohesiveness of the poem.

During the second part, participants will implement one of the types of revision with input from Kidder and other workshop participants. The workshop

will conclude with a prompt for and work on a new poem.

Kidder is a native of Germany and received her Master's in Fine Arts in poetry from Vermont College in 1994. She leads the Chattanooga Writers Guild's poetry group. Her poetry and translations have appeared in "The Louisville Review," "The Southern Indiana Review," "The Spoon River Poetry Review," "Comstock Review," "Voices International" and "Quiddity," among many others. Recently, her poetry was recently featured in "Southern Light: Twelve Contemporary Southern Poets." Her chapbook, "Why I Reach for the Stars," was a finalist in the Firewheel Chapbook competitions, and her chapbook, "Wild Plums," was published by Finishing Line Press in 2012. "Luckier than the Stars" will be published by Blue Light Press in 2013.

Cost for the workshop is \$25 for KWG members and \$30 for nonmembers. To register, go to [www.knoxvillewritersguild.org](http://www.knoxvillewritersguild.org) or send your check to KWG Workshops, P.O. Box 10326, Knoxville TN 37939-0326.

Space is limited to 12 participants. Once registered for the workshop, participants should e-mail one poem that is in the revision stage to Kidder at [helga.kidder@comcast.net](mailto:helga.kidder@comcast.net). Twelve copies of the poem should be brought to the workshop.

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# CAK gets revenge, edges Grace Christian 27-19

By Alex Norman

It isn't very often that you get a matchup of two top-ranked teams in high school football.

It happened on Thursday night in West Knoxville.

The Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors, ranked number one in the state in Class 3A, and the Grace Christian Rams, ranked number one in Class 2A, played a competitive, if somewhat flawed contest, which ended in a

27-19 victory for the Warriors.

A year ago, Grace Christian shocked the eventual state champs from CAK, winning 32-31. The Rams would go 10-0 in the regular season, but were finishing their two year post-season ban, and weren't allowed to try to win a state title of their own.

The game could not have been scripted any better for the Warriors. On the first snap from scrimmage, the

Rams fumbled and CAK's Coby Campbell recovered on the Grace Christian 28 yard line.

"That really got the ball rolling, because our defense has struggled in terms of giving up points," said CAK head coach Rusty Bradley. "That gave our defense confidence that they could play with them. It was a huge start."

Three plays later, Corey Rathbone ran it in from 6 yards away, and CAK was

up 7-0 a mere 70 seconds into the contest.

The Grace Christian Rams appeared to be ready to tie the game on their next possession, but a 12 play drive, which took more than 9 minutes off the clock, was for naught when quarterback Devin Smith was stopped on fourth and goal from the two.

A long CAK drive ended in similar fashion... with a defensive stop close to the

goal line. Warriors receiver Davis Howell made a catch and was heading for six points, but fumbled at the two. Bill Dixon recovered, and momentum was back in Grace's favor.

The Rams took advantage with a 98 yard drive capped by a four yard touchdown run by Jesse Garren, tying the game at seven with 3:48 to go in the second quarter.

It didn't take long for the quick strike CAK offense

to get back to work. Quarterback Charlie High scampered for 37 yards and then did what he does best... a 26 yard pass to Rathbone for the go ahead tally. Rathbone deserves most of the credit, making the catch near the line of scrimmage, dodging a couple of defenders, and then stretching for the end zone.

"Corey (Rathbone) is a great athlete. He has what I

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# Farragut tops McMinn County 23-10

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's football team got a little defensive Friday night.

The Admirals' defense made a pair of game-changing plays and Farragut got three field goals from senior kicker Jonathan King. Add two touchdowns to the mix and you have the recipe for a 23-10 home victory over McMinn County at Bill Clabo Field.

The win, the Admirals' second in a row, helped Farragut reach the .500 mark for the first time this season.

The game, which was in a 10-10 deadlock at half-time, was another contest that tested Farragut, which knocked the Cherokees from the ranks of the unbeaten.

"We knew this was going to be tough and we schedule games like this," Admirals coach Eddie Courtney said. "That's a good football team and they should probably win that district down there."

The Admirals, who host West High Friday night at their homecoming, got down early as a long Cherokee touchdown pass and a two-point conversion gave the McMinn County an 8-0 lead with 10:59 remaining in the first quarter.

Corbin Powers threw an 81-yard touchdown pass to Kelvin Wells and ran in the conversion. The touchdown

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Photo by Adam Sullivan

Jocquez Bruce takes a 53-yard outside run to the end zone during the first quarter to put South-Doyle up 20-0 over Heritage.

# South-Doyle Delivers Shutout over Heritage

By Adam Sullivan

It's not often that Head Coach Clark Duncan of South-Doyle offers no advice for his team to improve upon. So far this year, South-Doyle has executed an awesome display of high-octane running and stingy defense that is difficult to critique.

After Friday night's shutout in Blount County, Coach Duncan offered this to his post-game speech: "I don't know how many teams in the state of Tennessee are undefeated tonight, but I know South-Doyle is one of them!" South Doyle advances to a 3-0 record, the strongest

opening since 2001, after the 40-0 win over Heritage, while Heritage falls to 0-3.

The game started with both teams punting on their opening series. Heritage had to punt from within their end zone, giving South-Doyle poise to score their first touchdown. Brody Rollins took the snap and ran it 32 yards to give the Cherokee's a 7-0 lead. On the ensuing possession, with South-Doyle on defense, Jocquez Bruce stripped the ball from a Heritage running back and returned 30 yards for another touchdown, just 11 seconds after their first touchdown.

Two minutes later, Jocquez Bruce, the quick sophomore, scored an offensive touchdown on a 53 yard run to put South-Doyle up 20-0 after a missed extra point. South-Doyle's defense did not give up a single first down through the first quarter. Coach Duncan was quick to praise the defense, "We're so physical upfront, it's exciting that they can play the run the way they do and put pressure on the quarterback."

South-Doyle's only apparent weakness is special teams, and they attempted get some game-time practice with a fake punt

on fourth and six in the second quarter. Jacob Faucette, the typical passing quarterback for the Cherokee's, took the snap on the fake punt and hit sophomore Brandon Duplantis for a 42-yard touchdown pass. To put the Cherokee's up 27-0. Brody Rollins, the quarterback who has routinely has acted as a running back, sealed the half with a 27-yard run to put South-Doyle up 33-0 at halftime.

Rollins would deliver a final running touchdown in the third quarter for 44-yards after he kept

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pass marked the third time in four games that Farragut opened a contest with a deficit.

The Admirals (2-2) fell behind 21-0 in their first two games, but got off to fast start against Catholic in their first victory of the season on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Farragut fell behind early on this night, The Admirals, however, would answer quickly against the Cherokees (3-1). Farragut pulled to within 8-6 when Bryan Phillips connected with Thomas Barnett on a 6-yard scoring strike. King added the extra point to make it 8-7 with 7 minutes, 15 seconds left in the opening frame.

The next two possessions ended in an punt and lost fumble for the Admirals. Farragut, however, was able to take the lead when King hit a 42-yard field goal to make it 10-8

with 5:30 remaining in the second quarter.

McMinn County's defense put up the next score it picked up a game-tying safety with 1:09 left. The Cherokees took the ensuing free kick at their own 39-yard line and marched to the Farragut 1, with the help of a pair of Admiral penalties. A pass interference infraction gave McMinn County an untimed down. The Admirals stuffed Dre Sanders and the two teams headed to the locker room tied.

The second half belonged to Farragut. King kicked two more field goals in the third quarter to make it 16-10.

Farragut's Nick Henningsen made a crucial late sack and running back Jackson Fain had a 54-yard scoring dash with 1:36 left in the game to salt things away.

## Alcoa Romps A-E 55-12

**By David Klein**

There was no stopping the Alcoa Tornadoes Friday night. Their offense pounded the Austin-East Roadrunners mercilessly, and their defense held the Roadrunners in check. Alcoa jumped out to a 48-6 halftime lead in route to a 55-12 win over the Roadrunners. Jarod Crenshaw scored two first half touchdowns, and six different players scored touchdowns for the Tornadoes in the first half.

Alcoa led 20-0 after one quarter. Michael Flack got the scoring started with a three-yard touchdown run after an impressive kick return took the Tornadoes into Roadrunner territory.

Austin-East punted the ball to Alcoa after their first possession went nowhere. Alcoa fielded the punt at the Austin-East 45-yard line, then ran it back to the 14-yard line. Three plays later, Crenshaw barreled in his first touchdown from one yard out. Alcoa missed the extra point but led 13-0 with

8:32 left in the first quarter.

The Roadrunners' third touchdown in the first quarter came from Jordan Ferguson on a four-yard catch from quarterback Peyton Wall. Ezekial Koko set up the touchdown with a 39-yard run up the middle through a gaping hole.

Austin-East kept going nowhere on offense. The Tornadoes got the ball back with 2:46 left in the first quarter. Koko had a key 15-yard run to set up a first-and-goal from the Roadrunner two-yard line. One play later, he scored to make it 26-0 with 11:42 left in the second quarter.

There wasn't anything Austin-East could do to slow the offensive juggernaut by the Tornadoes. The rushing attack was lighting up the Roadrunners as Alcoa ran for 253 first-half yards.

Crenshaw said, "The blocking was good; we executed up front." He also gave credit to Alcoa's reserves. "The young guys

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# The Florida Game...

**By Alex Norman**

In the days that followed Tennessee's convincing season opening victory over North Carolina State, and Florida's less than convincing win over Bowling Green, the airwaves and message boards were filled with boastful Tennessee fans... anticipating not only a Vols defeat of the Gators on September 15th... but a butt kicking of epic proportions...

First of all, can I use the term "butt kicking" in the Knoxville Focus? Guess I'm about to find out.

Second... and this sentence is directed towards those Tennessee fans in particular...

What is wrong with you people?

Over the past two decades, has there been one time when Tennessee fans were confident that

their team was going to beat Florida and they actually did?

Remember 1996? The Vols were ranked second in the country. They had the fourth ranked Gators in Knoxville. There were 107,608 fans at Neyland Stadium, and a junior named Peyton Manning under center. Tennessee was coming off a 1995 season in which they finished 11-1, with a Citrus Bowl victory over Ohio State.

So what happened? Well, the Gators jumped out to a 35-0 lead in a dominant first half, and then played to the clock, hanging on for a 35-29 win. Tennessee's national championship and SEC title hopes were dashed.

If you were in the stadium that day, you remember an electric atmosphere at the beginning of the game, and

then near silence (except for the Florida fans in attendance) when Danny Wuerffel found Reidel Anthony on 4th and 11 from the Vols 35 on the first drive of the game.

Confidence in the bleachers... and on the Vols sideline... was gone.

In 1999, the Vols were coming off their best season in 47 years, a national championship campaign which included Tennessee's first win over Florida in 6 years, when "pandemonium reigned" at Neyland Stadium.

The second ranked Vols went into Gainesville winners of 14 in a row. They left disheartened, losers of a 23-21 contest. The game is best remembered for Jamal Lewis being stopped on a 4th and 3 toss sweep late in the game, when the Vols were close to field goal range for a potential game

winning kick. Why not let quarterback Tee Martin roll out and throw on a run/pass option?

In 2002, Tennessee was ranked fourth and Florida was 10th. The game was in Neyland Stadium and the Vols were the favorites. The Gators already had one loss under new head coach Ron Zook (41-16 to defending national champion Miami) and most of the 108,722 in attendance expected to see a second one.

Instead, the Vols fumbled the football a school record eight times, and during a five minute stretch at the end of the first half, with the rain pouring down, quarterback Casey Clausen and center Scott Wells couldn't execute a simple snap, fumbling twice in a row.

Florida won 30-13, as Tennessee would limp to an 8-5 overall record.

In 2011 the Vols headed to Gainesville seemingly ready to slay some demons, and snap a six game losing streak to Florida. Tennessee threw at will against Cincinnati the previous week, and was ready to do the same against a rebuilding Gators squad.

Then Justin Hunter ripped up his knee, Tennessee played in a fog, and the 33-23 result meant more frustration for Vols fans.

I left out Tennessee's wins over the Gators in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2004 simply because very few Tennessee fans were talking trash before those contests, especially in 1998 and 2001.

In the last 19 years... Tennessee has beaten Florida only four times, with none of those victories occurring since 2004.

So with that in mind,

there is very little that has happened in the past two decades that would give Tennessee fans reason to crow.

Now...

Looking at both rosters, Tennessee has a clear edge at some key spots. Vols quarterback Tyler Bray is better than anyone the Gators put out there. Same for the UT pass catching trio of Justin Hunter, Cordarrelle Patterson and Zach Rogers.

The Vols defense has playmakers, and they have been able to force turnovers. Even the Tennessee special teams haven't been as abysmal as they have in recent years.

It all adds up. The stars are aligning. It is Tennessee's time to finally beat Florida.

But why taunt the football gods?

## CAK gets revenge, edges Grace Christian 27-19

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call a 'wiggle' to him and the ability to make people miss," said Bradley. "He may not look like an athlete, but you put a uniform on him and he can make plays. He also took every snap at linebacker."

CAK lead 14-7 at intermission.

In the second half, the Warriors appeared to be ready to run away and hide, with a nine play, 83 yard drive that ended with a High to Franklin Murchison 25 yard touchdown pass.

The extra point was no good, and CAK led 20-7.

But Grace Christian responded, and when Will McKamey punched it in from two yards away, it was a one score game once again, with the Rams trailing 20-13.

CAK didn't get rattled, and Rathbone's one yard TD run on the final play from scrimmage in the third quarter put CAK up 27-13. It was Rathbone's third score of the night, capping an evening in which he accounted for 113 total yards as a rusher and a receiver.

Grace running back Will McKamey, who rushed for 130 yards against the Warriors, answered with his second score of the night, but a botched snap on the extra point left the Rams down 27-19 with only 5:58 remaining.

The Rams hadn't been able to stop the Warriors in the second half, so they decided to try the inside kick, which Howell recovered for CAK. But those that figured the Warriors were ready to put the game

away were mistaken.

High overthrew Howell and was intercepted by Kobe Kelly. With 2:57 remaining, the Rams were 70 yards away from a possible tying score.

However, with the Rams driving, Smith was picked off by CAK's Cody Bailey at the Warriors 30. CAK ran out the clock, and improved their record to 4-0.

CAK is a team team known for their offense. On this night, the defense stepped up when they needed to the most.

"I've stressed each week that we just need to have one more point than the other team. Whatever it takes, we will do," said Bradley. "The guys are buying in and are excited for each other."

Warriors receiver Josh

Smith watched the game from the sidelines. He broke his collarbone a couple of weeks ago, and is expected to miss a few more contests. Bradley sees a positive in being without player of his caliber. Smith has verbally committed to Tennessee for the Class of 2013.

"It is good to play without Josh (Smith) because we depend on him too much," said Bradley. "This makes Charlie (High) go through all his reads. It allows us to develop more guys at receiver and create some depth."

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Coach Duncan. After the game, defensive line coach Jeff Bryant was quick to share in the team's excitement over both the strong start and the shutout. "It's been a long time since we've been 3 and 0. We need to stay focused this week and ready to come to work with a solid game plan. Morristown West is good," said Jeff Bryant. He added, "We've got a few kids that are hurt and it'd be good to have everyone back."

South-Doyle faces a real challenge this week at Morristown West, a perennial powerhouse in AAA District 2. Morristown West is 3-1 with their first loss coming against Science Hill. Coach Duncan knows the upcoming week is a true test of his team. "Morristown West is a huge game. We're looking to not just get into the playoffs, but we want home field advantage. You've got to beat the Morristown West's and Sevier County's," said

Coach Duncan.

South-Doyle travels to Morristown West Friday night while Heritage makes the short trip to Maryville.



Weekly achievements for Tuesday, Club 55, August 28, 2012

High Game Scratch-Male  
258 Ed Beatty  
224 Ralph Allmon  
200 Mike Cate

High Series Scratch-Male  
640 Ed Beatty  
588 Ralph Allmon  
538 Mike Cate

High Game Scratch-Female  
189 Marsha Kavanaugh  
171 Jeanie Sturgeon  
167 Betty Phillips

High Series Scratch-Female  
481 Barbara Nelson  
475 Betty Phillips  
440 Janet Huffaker

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

High Series Scratch-Male  
657 Bill Byrge  
641 Ronnie Russell  
633 Jim Bryant

High Game Scratch-Female  
212 Carolyn McGill  
179 Gloria Wilson  
177 Loretta Clark

High Series Scratch-Female  
604 Carolyn McGill

477 Kathy Cate  
454 Loretta Clark

Thursday No-Tap:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
284 Ralph Allmon  
278 Billy Majors  
266 Bill Byrge

High Series Scratch-Male  
790 Billy Majors  
738 Gary Wilson  
715 Bill Byrge

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# Lady Devils open district volleyball with win

By Ken Lay

Longtime Halls High School volleyball coach Jerilyn Carroll was extremely pleased with her team's effort Tuesday night.

"We kept fighting," Carroll said after her squad opened the District 3-AAA portion of its schedule with a 25-20, 20-25, 25-23, 25-16 home victory over Oak Ridge.

"Even when we got down, we kept fighting.

"We have to fight sometimes and our kids did that tonight. I'm super proud of them because they played together. You have to have

good chemistry."

The Lady Devils (who improved to 6-6 overall with Tuesday night's victory) set the tone early with a fast start in the first set. Halls opened a 10-4 lead in the opening game and never looked back. The Lady Devils scored five of the set's first six points and never trailed.

Furthermore, Halls never led by less than five points after its initial surge.

In the second game, it was the Lady Wildcats who were hot early.

Oak Ridge opened a 7-3

lead only to see the Lady Devils score the next four points to tie the game thanks in large part to the serving of junior setter Whitney Stone.

After a side-out pulled Halls to within 7-4, Stone took the ball and served up three consecutive points. The Lady Devils' junior setter had two aces, including one that knotted the game at 7-7.

Oak Ridge would score seven of the next nine points to open a 14-9 advantage. Halls, as it did throughout the set, battled back and

managed to pull to within 20-17 before the Lady Wildcats used a late service run by Angelina Ortiz gave Oak Ridge a 24-17 lead.

But the Lady Wildcats struggled to put Halls away. A service error gave Halls possession and senior setter Cayla Mae Adams scored two points after the side-out and made it 24-20 before Oak Ridge finally scored the game point.

Adams finished the match with 10 points and 26 assists.

The third set was a seesaw affair before the Lady

Wildcats opened a 15-10 advantage. Halls, however, would respond with a 5-0 run to tie the set.

Kacie Skeen scored four service points before Oak Ridge took a 17-15 lead.

The Lady Wildcats, however, couldn't sustain their momentum. Halls rallied again and took a 19-17 lead on an ace by Alyssa Mabe.

The Lady Devils would stretch their lead to 24-20 before a late Oak Ridge surge made it 24-23. Carroll called timeout after Michala Adams scored the Lady Wildcats' final point

of the set. Carroll obviously pushed the right button as Halls went on to end the set.

The Lady Devils cruised in the fourth game.

Halls had a balanced effort against Oak Ridge.

Mabe had 16 digs and three aces. Skeen finished with seven kills and 14 digs. Stone added five digs.

Riley Tarver finished with 14 kills to lead Halls High's hitting attack.

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stepped up," he said. "We know we have depth; we trust our young guys to prepare as well as we do."

Wall threw another touchdown pass to Malik Love. It went for 20 yards, and Alcoa led 34-0 with 9:51 left in the second quarter. A little bit of razzle-dazzle came next for the Tornadoes. Backup quarterback Landon Turbyfill fielded a punt, pitched the football to Mustafa Anthony, and he exploded down the left sideline for 52 yards to setup a Tornado first and goal. This time Turbyfill threw a touchdown pass, 7 yards to Kenny Dean. Following the extra point, the Tornadoes led 41-0.

possession of the second half. Some power running and nine plays later, Malik Love scored again for the Tornadoes on a 22-yard touchdown catch. The extra point was successful for a 55-6 lead.

The Roadrunners moved the ball quickly down the field in hurry-up mode as the game was now into the fourth quarter. Greg Crenshaw caught a 45-yard pass over the middle to get the drive rolling for the Roadrunners. Four plays later, he would score a three-yard touchdown run. Austin-East would go for the two-point conversion but failed the attempt to leave the final score 55-12 Alcoa.

The Roadrunners lone bright spot on offense in the first half was a 64-yard touchdown run by Devin Williams. However, the Roadrunners were flagged after a successful extra point, had to re-kick, then missed it on their second try. Alcoa led 41-6.

Aided by another great kickoff return, the Tornadoes scored on a five play, 41-yard drive. Crenshaw scored his second touchdown of the first half from one yard out as Alcoa led at the half 48-6. Austin-East had only passed mid-field once in the first half, on their 64-yard touchdown run.

After the victory, Rankin was a little concerned about the facemask penalties on defense, but added, "When you fly around on defense like we do, you're gonna have that."

Going forward, Rankin said, "We need to get better every week and develop depth."

Alcoa improves to 3-1. Austin-East slipped to 0-4.

## Vols shake off the past, set the tone for 2012

Strangely enough, a few unpleasant reminders of UT's disappointing 2011 football campaign surfaced in this year's season opener against North Carolina State.



By Steve Williams

A false start by the Vols in their first play from scrimmage . . . A missed PAT on their first score, although the snap was more to blame than the kick . . . the inability to effectively run the ball in short-yardage situations . . . an injury to a key player - seeing veteran linebacker Herman Lathers' shoulder in a sling stirred memories of losing Justin Hunter last season.

with Tennessee's 35-21 win over the Wolfpack.

Isn't it funny how the exact same words can have a much different meaning?

Facing familiar problems but still being good enough to come out with a win just added to the season-opening victory. It was even Tennessee's first win at the Georgia Dome since 1998, ending a string of six losses.

Without question, this season opener was one of the most important in UT football history. After back-to-back losing seasons (6-7 and 5-7), the Vols needed a victory to set the tone for the 2012 campaign.

With the win, Big Orange excitement started building again, so much, in fact, that third-year head coach Derek Dooley felt he needed to bridle it a little bit. Good luck with that, with Florida coming to town this Saturday night. Neyland Stadium will be electric between 6 and 9 o'clock.

us the type of Tennessee team we can expect to see this year, one with an exciting offense and aggressive defense.

Cordarrelle Patterson, last season's top rated junior college wide receiver, was even better than expected in his debut. He had two super touchdown plays, one via catch behind a highly regarded secondary, and the other on an end-around run that went from one sideline to the other. Quarterback Tyler Bray looked terrific. Zach Rogers hauled in a bomb. (Yes, David Amerson was toast again) Marlin Lane didn't start but looked like the Vols' best running back.

New defensive coordinator Sal Sunseri saw his unit pitch a shutout in the third quarter. This was extremely good news, considering Tennessee took a beating in third quarter action last season. The secondary picked off four Mike Glennon passes. It appears when these Vols have the lead, they'll pin their ears back and roll the dice, so look for the defense to take more chances.

Overall, this should be a fun team to watch.

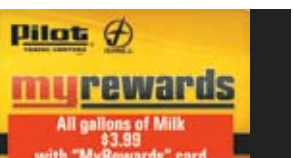
After the long buildup to the N.C. State game, and the Vols expected to easily handle Georgia State in their second game, there was more talk in town last week about Florida's matchup with Texas A&M and Georgia's game against Missouri - the SEC's two new members.

But this is Florida Week. There's excitement in the air. More orange being worn.

Dooley was right. One game, one win does not make a season. But a win over the Gators will make Tennessee a serious contender in the SEC East Division race.

And if by some chance, the Vols get to make a second trip to the Georgia Dome at the end of the season, and you go to the SEC championship game to root them on, here's a suggestion for what to write on the back window of your vehicle:

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## Food for... Consumption

There's a saying among the French that you are what you eat. I remembered this perspective as I read an essay on gluten-sensitivity in the "Annals of Internal Medicine." Researchers now believe that the spectrum of illness caused by sensitivity to the gluten component of wheat protein is much broader than I was taught thirty-five years ago.

Doctors understand celiac disease or gluten-sensitive enteropathy (intestinal disease) which was defined more than a hundred years ago. However, it took a Dutch physician in WW II to recognize that bread and cereals cause diarrhea in some people. And

removing wheat products from the diet improved their diarrhea. I find it fascinating that a similar chronic intestinal disorder was described in Turkey in the second century AD. The question is has the world changed or did we?

The world was much different twelve thousand years ago than it is today. Before the end of the last ice age people walked across the frozen Bering Land Bridge from Siberia and began to populate North America. Have you ever wondered why "native" Americans look so similar to those from the steps of Asia? We all came from somewhere and our first ancestors walked out of the Olduvai Gorge millions

of years ago to populate the world, changing as the climate demanded.

The final blasts of the ice age ended about 9600 BC. Hunter-gathers no longer had to depend on the hunt because grains began to flourish in the Fertile Crescent as the earth warmed. Scientists have determined that a family gathering wild grain eight hours a day for three weeks could store enough grain for a year. No longer would our ancestors be forced to follow the wild herds; they could remain in one place and even plant their own grain and domesticate animals. One theory holds that religious perspectives arose out of those early collections of humans. Another theory holds that reverence for nature brought together divergent groups that would become the earliest civilizations.

Dietary wheat sensitivity has probably been around for a long time. However, we now have more sensitive diagnostic tests to diagnose the problem before it causes serious disease. The newest perspective is wheat sensitivity *without*

objective tests or bowel disease. This is called nonceliac gluten-sensitivity. The symptoms are diarrhea, abdominal pain, bloating and excessive gas, headache, lethargy, mouth ulcers and even clumsiness or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder that improve with gluten withdrawal. A whole cottage industry has sprung up to help patients modify their diets, sell books or malign modern wheat cultivation and products.

I believe gluten-sensitive patients are accurately reporting their symptoms. There is a rare phenomenon called Munchausen's syndrome where people make up symptoms in order to have tests and surgery. This is a psychiatric problem and has no relationship to gluten-sensitivity syndrome. It is frustrating that our diagnostic precision is not perfect in gluten-sensitivity syndrome and perhaps it never will be. New perspectives and diagnostic clues for this enigmatic problem will arise as time goes on; in the meantime we do the best we can.

Much is also said these

days about hunger in America. I wonder how we can be hungry despite the fact that two-thirds of us are overweight or obese. Michelle Obama has been on a mission to educate our people about healthy eating habits. Perhaps the tendency to obesity is in our genes.

Imagine a clan of hunter-gathers tens of thousands of years ago who have just brought down a woolly mammoth. Conceivably, there's a survival advantage to being able to consume large quantities of food and store those calories for lean times, parsimoniously releasing the stored reserves to power bodily functions. The adaptive hormone of this *thrifty gene hypothesis* (the storage of food energy during times of plenty) is insulin. Perhaps our modern problem is that we live in a land of plenty, but have the genes of hunter-gatherers.

So what do we do? We don't have the science or the wisdom to alter our DNA. However, we are rational beings and if you eat something and it makes you sick, stop eating it, even though

avoiding gluten is expensive and difficult. And if you realize that your body is designed to prevent starvation, don't over feed it. It's not rocket science and government shouldn't take away our liberty to order a large soft drink or ban trans fats. I suspect that President Obama gets tired of Michelle's arugula because I've heard he sometimes slips off for a hot dog with chili. My recommendation is don't gorge on hot dogs every day, or wash down your super-sized fries with a large regular Coke!

Food for thought... and consumption.

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

## Music heightens sense of spirituality for oncology patients

A study at The University of Tennessee Medical Center shows a strengthened sense of spiritual awareness among surgical oncology patients who had just listened to music of their choice. The study, conducted by the Pastoral Care Department at the medical center, also showed lower blood pressure and heart rates as well as reduced pain and anxiety levels among the post-op patients who listened to music in a quiet setting.

"There's a great deal of activity in a patient's room and I think that may increase their levels of stress and anxiety," said Rev. LuAnne Prevost, a chaplain resident at UT Medical Center. "Perhaps that small amount of time when they were able to listen to their music gave them an opportunity to

rest, relax and reflect."

The small study of adult cancer patients, titled Patient Preferred Music Listening and Wellness in Interventions for Improving Psychological, Spiritual and Physical Outcomes in the Surgical Oncology Patient, gave patients a choice of what genre of music and even specific songs they'd like to hear for a 15-minute span, without interruption from medical staff or visitors. They were assessed for vital signs, anxiety and pain levels and a series of questions related to spirituality both before and after listening to the music.

Results revealed that following the musical intervention, 87.5-percent of the patients had lower heart rates while about half showed decreases in both the diastolic and systolic blood pressure rates.

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LuAnne Prevost (right) and Oncology Unit nursing team leader Carolyn Singer.

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# Faith

## The Bridge of Forgiveness

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and grew into a major difference. Finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on the older brother's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence -- an 8-foot fence -- so I won't have to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases

you." The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day -- measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge, a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched.

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. "I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

I don't know who to give credit for writing this story, but it is a perfect parable of what Jesus, the Master Carpenter, can do in our broken relationships. To love others as Jesus commanded includes our enemies or those that we are not at peace within our lives. While the barrier, ravine, or river that stands between you and them seems impassable, Jesus provides a way for the restoration of broken relationships. Let God's acceptance and forgiveness of you flow out as you accept and forgive those who have wronged you. Be the first to forgive.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

## Knoxville organizations 'Seek the Peace of the City'

Area businesses, organizations and ministries will join together for a special three-day event, "Seek the Peace of the City," a series of programs hosted by First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Sept. 23-26, 2012. Events will be held at both First Baptist Church of Knoxville and at the World's Fair Park Amphitheater.

According to First Baptist Church of Knoxville Pastor Bill Shiell, the event will provide opportunities for people to reflect on "My Family; My Life and The Church" for the hope of bringing together a stronger, better community in a turbulent time.

"Don't look for a business-as-usual approach as our community will come together for some surprising exchanges, and life will change for many," said Shiell.

Shiell explains that seeking the peace and prosperity of one's city is the responsibility of every citizen, and a special responsibility of people of faith. "We hope Seek the Peace

will inspire attendees with a vision of hope about what the church can do to reunite our community and give them practical solutions to address the polarizing conflicts plaguing our community, homes, and churches. We hope to bring together our friends, neighbors and leaders so that we can all strive for a place that both honors God and helps every member of our community."

For more event information including a listing of speakers or to register, visit <http://Peace.FBCKnox.org> or Facebook (First Baptist Church of Knoxville).

Schedule of Events:  
**Sunday, Sept. 23: Seeking the Peace of the City through our Lives:**

Where: First Baptist Church of Knoxville and World's Fair Park Amphitheater

When: 11 a.m. at First Baptist; 6:30 p.m. at World's Fair Park Amphitheater

Message: Seek the Peace of the City through My Life

**Monday, Sept. 24: Seeking the Peace of the City through my Family:**

Where: First Baptist Church of Knoxville

When: 12 p.m.

Message: Seek the Peace of the City at Work

Where: World's Fair Park Amphitheater

When: 6:30 p.m.

Message: Seek the Peace of the City through My Family

**Tuesday, Sept. 25: Seeking the Peace of the City through the Church**

Where: World's Fair Park Amphitheater

When: 6:30 p.m.

Message: Seek the Peace of the City through My Church

**Wednesday, Sept. 26: Seeking the Peace of the City through Community**

Where: First Baptist Church of Knoxville

When: 12 p.m. Lunch (\$6)

Where: First Baptist Church of Knoxville

When: 6 p.m.

What: Prayer meeting

## Church Happenings

### Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy (the church with a heart in the heart of Karns) will again distribute FREE FOOD to needy families in the Karns community! Food distribution will be Saturday, Sept 22, at 8:00 am. There will be volunteers there to assist individuals and families with filling their grocery bags and carts with FREE FOOD! For more information please call our office: 690-1060. See us on the web: [www.beaverridgeumc.com](http://www.beaverridgeumc.com).

### 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, (865) 524-0366.

### Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell,

7212 Central Avenue Pike, 938-2611, will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, September 23, at 10:45 a.m. Reverend Mike Thompson, Pastor of Second Baptist Church of Clinton, and Glenwood's former Youth Pastor, will share the message. Lunch will follow. Friends and former members are cordially invited to attend.

### 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 (865) 254-0820.

### Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet at noon on September 11, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway. Lee Curi will be the guest speaker.

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

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## Music heightens sense of spirituality for oncology patients

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Half the patients also reported lower pain and

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anxiety levels. Prevost said she expected similar results based on her review of previous studies, but also learned through her study that 25-percent of the patients responded as having a heightened sense of spiritual awareness.


In the questions pertaining to spirituality, half of the patients gave the strongest answers possible to define their current state of spiritual awareness both before and after listening to music. Researchers suggest that in other parts of the country, where faith of individuals may not be as strong

as in Knoxville, Tenn., a similar study could result in greater gains in spiritual awareness.

"We're certainly in the Bible belt in the Knoxville region and some would even call it the buckle of the belt," said Prevost. "When patients ask for Southern Gospel hymns for their preferred musical selection, you kind of already have an idea that they have a strong spiritual base."

The respiration rate among the group of patients studied did not show overall measurable changes.

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

# Upcoming auctions are back to back

Instead of discussing antiques and collectibles this week, I'd like to inform readers about two important auctions that will be coming up this month. I hope that



By Carl Sloan

everyone can come and learn about the items that I write about - see it as a field trip or homework assignment!

I still am not certain how the stars aligned to make these back to back sales happen, but let me go ahead and tell you about them.

Greg Lawson at Fountain City Auction is having one of his general estate sales on Friday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The next morning, Saturday, September 22, I am handling a high end sale at 11 a.m. at Fountain City Auction that will be broadcast worldwide on the internet. Higher end collectibles and antiques such as a sterling tea service, rare military items, paintings, rare historical items, decorative items and such

will be offered at this sale.

These sales are a golden opportunity to view what is happening in the markets, get a perspective on values and learn what is actively selling and wanted in today's field of items. If you are looking to buy, learn or are in the market to sell collectibles and antiques, be sure to drop by as a lot of great items will be covered in two days time.

You can view most inventory online today at Auctionzip.com, 37912 Fountain City Auction and the dates. For the internet sale you can watch for free online live at Proxibid.com to see values real time. Search the sale date under antiques and collectibles. Fountain City Auction is located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, 37912. You can email Greg with questions at Fountaincityauction@yahoo.com.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AARP September Driver Safety Classes

AARP Driver Safety Classes will occur on September 19 and 20 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the O'Connor Center, located at 911 Winona Street, Knoxville. For registration or information about this class and all other AARP Driver Safety Classes, please call Carolyn Rambo at (865) 584-9964.

### Brenda Robinson Book Signing

Brenda Robinson will hold a book signing to promote her new book, "A New Desire." Brenda has survived poverty, physical and sexual abuse, frequent grand mal epileptic seizures and the limits of a seventh grade education. Today, she helps people around the country in her travels with A New Desire Ministry, which she co-founded with her husband. Her book signing will be held at 3 p.m. on September 15 at LifeWay Bookstore in Knoxville, located at 5449 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918.

### Fontinalis Club Meeting

Fontinalis Club will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, 5364 N. Broadway. There will be a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., a coffee hour at 10

a.m., and a general meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Philanthropy Committee will present a speaker for the "Youth Food Program" from Second Harvest Food Bank.

### Heiskell Community Center Seniors Meeting

The Heiskell Community Center will hold its monthly Seniors Meeting on Thursday, September 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 9420 Heiskell Road in Heiskell, Tennessee. The speaker this month will be Steve Wigley with Modern Woodmen of America. Announcements begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by speaking. Attendees are invited to wear orange to celebrate the beginning of football time in Tennessee. The center will hold a tailgate luncheon at noon with bingo to follow at 1 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring a dessert and a friend. The meeting and lunch are free; donations are appreciated.

### Knoxville Area Urban League To Host Career Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop entitled "Communications and Media Careers" from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012, located at 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Instruction provided by WATE-TV 6.

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. For registration or for more information, please call (865) 524-5511.

### Knoxville Civil War Roundtable To Host Upcoming Talk

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host historian Phillip Seyfrit as its speaker on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. At 8 p.m., Mr. Seyfrit will deliver a talk entitled "The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky." This event is open to the public and will be held at the Bearden Banquet Hall at 5806 Kingston Pike, located next to Buddy's BBQ and .2 miles east of the intersection of Kingston Pike and Northshore Drive. Cost of attending is only \$5, and students with current IDs will be admitted free. Alternatively, attendees can come at 7 p.m. to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at a \$15 cost for members and \$17 cost for non-members, which also covers attending the talk. To make dinner reservations, please call (865) 671-9001 by 11 a.m. on Monday, September 10.

### Rule High School Sports Reunion

Rule High School will host a sports reunion for all athletes from classes of 1939 through 1991 on Saturday,

October 27 at the Kerbella Temple. The event will begin with a breakfast and fruit bar from 9 until 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person, and the registration deadline is October 17. Please mail checks with your phone number for receipt confirmation to Doyle Human at 7101 Oak Meade Road Powell, TN 37849. For more information or to volunteer, please call Doyle Human at (865) 947-9720 or D.M. Miller (865) 687-2816.

### West Knoxville Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The West Knox Lions Club will hold a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at Applebee's Restaurant, located at 261 North Peters Road. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children aged twelve and under. Tickets will be on sale at the door; for advance tickets, Georgia Cancillerie can be contacted at (865) 382-1903. The breakfast proceeds will benefit Lions Club sight conservation programs. For those interested in attending meetings, the West Knoxville Lions Club meets every first and third Monday of each month at the Lovell Road Shoney's Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7 p.m.

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- 1 cup salted peanuts
- 2 cups non-chocolate candy (gum-drops, Skittles, etc.)

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