



Board Discusses Future At Retreat

By Focus Staff

Members of the Knox County Board of Education, along with Superintendent of Schools Dr. James McIntyre, met at the Sarah Simpson Center Sunday, September 16 for their annual retreat. Every member of the Board was present to discuss an agenda outlining the future for the school system and share ideas.

So much time was spent discussing the strategic plan, especially by Karen Carson, Indya Kincannon, and Lynne Fugate, that the agreement between the Board and the Superintendent was put off to a future workshop meeting.

Late in the afternoon, the Board finally began discussing the budget and working with the County Commission. The Commission is the funding body for the school system. Fugate, the Board's new Vice Chair, stated she believed part of the failure of the last budget might have been due to the perception that the budget as presented seemed to be entirely that of Dr. McIntyre, rather than the Board. It was a fair assessment as McIntyre formulated the budget and presented it to the Board of Education to be ratified.

McIntyre presented an ambitious budget for the next five years, fueled by significant tax increases. Fugate's speculation seemed to be a tacit admission by some Board members that McIntyre has had little success throughout his tenure in acquiring new funding from the County Commission.

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board of Education, asked if anyone really believed a tax increase would be perceived differently by the public whether it was proposed by the Board or the Superintendent. When asked, McMillan confessed, "It might make Board members more responsible in terms of elections and perhaps provide some cover for the Superintendent, but I doubt much."

McMillan, the only former member of the Knox County Commission to serve on the Board of Education, pointed out the next budget will be the last to be approved before the Commissioners and the Mayor have to face the voters in an election.

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Strong support shown for Gary Loe



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Chris Devaney, Chairman of the Republican Party of Tennessee, Beth Harwell, Speaker of the House in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Gary Loe, Candidate for State House District 13, and James A. (Jim) Haslam II chat at the fundraising luncheon held at Club LeConte last Wednesday.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett visits with Shannondale student Kai Litton at last Thursday's ribbon cutting at the new Outdoor classroom.

Outdoor Classroom Project initiated

Mayor Rogero, County Mayor Tim Burchett,

Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre, County Commissioner Ed Shouse, City Councilman Nick Della Volpe, and children from many Knox County schools attended the opening of the new Outdoor Classroom at the Knoxville Botanical

Garden and Arboretum last Thursday.

The project was initiated by Keep Knoxville Beautiful. They are working with the Knoxville Botanical Garden, Ijams Nature Center, Knox County Schools, and Carol R. Johnson Associates to create an outdoor classroom so that

children may be educated and hopefully inspired to protect our environment.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is able to help create this educational environment through a grant received by Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful. This future STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Math) Classroom is located at the Wallis Butterfly Meadow at the Knoxville Botanical Garden. Sustainable Future is generously donating a solar powered water feature for this project. Support has also been garnered from WBIR and Cortese Tree Specialists.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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SUPPORT 45.44%

OPPOSE 54.56%

Survey conducted September 20, 2012.

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

Stiff Opposition To Proposed Annexation of Concord

By Focus Staff

Farragut Mayor Ralph McGill has said he would drop plans to annex Concord into the Town of Farragut if there was serious opposition. This week's poll by *The Knoxville Focus* asked likely voters in Farragut and Concord the question, "The Town of Farragut is considering the annexation of the Village of Concord into the Town of Farragut. Do you support or oppose Farragut annexing Concord?"

The answer was a decisive "no."

Almost 55% of those polled said they oppose Farragut's proposed annexation of Concord. 45% of voters said they support the idea.

Voters in the 30-49 age range proved to be more supportive of the idea, with just over 53% supporting annexation. As the voter base aged, the results were quite different. Voters aged 50-65 were more opposed to the idea of Farragut annexing Concord by almost 58%. Seniors were opposed to the annexation by almost 55%.

Slightly more men than women were opposed to the idea, with just over 57% of males disapproving of the proposed annexation. A majority of women also disliked the idea of the Town of Farragut annexing Concord, albeit by a smaller margin of roughly 53%.

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Wayne Major

The days of September march right up to fall—the official season of autumn leaves, cool weather, “Rocky Top,” and football. It comes every year just after the start of school, Labor Day, and the Tennessee Valley Fair. My mother has warned me for years that once these events start, it is no time until Christmas. There was a time when I did not share her belief, because it seemed the 25th day of December took way too long to arrive. As time went on, though, I began to see her point of view. Perhaps, it is the full slate of fun activities in the fall that makes the days seem to disappear so quickly. In our family, fall includes one more day of celebration before October rushes

in with her hayrides and harvest festivals. While September 25 marks the three-month wait until Christmas, it is my brother’s birthday, also.

When we were growing up, Wayne would rather get an animal for his birthday than the latest trendy athletic shoe. One year, his gift was a Boston terrier pup named Sugar. Although he bought his copper-colored horse, Penny, himself, she was delivered to our farm just in time for another birthday. Shortly after Penny arrived, Wayne bought another horse for me to ride. Many afternoons were spent in the saddle, and it was great fun after sitting most of the day in a classroom.

Wayne has such a connection with animals, we often thought he should have been a veterinarian. Animals seem to love him as much as he does them. I have seen a fawn walk right up to him; and I have seen him hold a wild, baby rabbit in his hand. Many years ago, his Doberman pinscher, Cleo, was stolen. After forty-one days, we finally found her—just in time for another birthday. When Cleo saw him, she hunched down playfully. He gently looped his belt around her neck to lead her to the car. Wayne gave Cleo lots of special care for several weeks after her grueling ordeal. When Penny injured her foot in a barbed wire fence, he stayed at the barn day and night until she



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recovered.

In school, Wayne and I would combine our efforts on class projects, often laying out our plans as we carpooled to and from the University of Tennessee. He sparked my interest in writing; and even now, we still use the same teamwork when it comes to our writing. Last year, Wayne was the one who encouraged me to contact the Hollywood cowboys for an interview. It was a highlight for me when each cowboy called! Wayne gives the title to most of my columns, an art I have not quite mastered; and he often helps in word choice and editing to make my pieces more accurate. I seek his advice, especially in subjects like football or farming, where his knowledge is far greater than mine. Sometimes, Wayne suggests an idea or picture for me to write about; sometimes, he may even write a story himself. He wrote “The Bushhog,” “Penny,” and “Dottie” to help me out in crunch times. On more than one occasion, Wayne remembers important details that are crucial to my stories—details I had forgotten.

I have learned that the landscape of our lives change over time. But I have learned, too, that regardless of my circumstances, there is no truer, constant friend than my brother. Happy Birthday!



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Flying with Tom

and said, “Have a nice flight.” Tom said, “We can stay at twenty-five hundred feet and not need a flight plan.”

Little did Tom know that I had already filed one for our flight up to ninety-one hundred feet.

Our trip would consist of a flight to Asheville, N.C. airport for a coffee break, then to Nashville. From Nashville we would fuel up and take off for our flight home. As we were out, I called the Crossville airport and received no answer. A fellow pilot said to “skip it” as they never answer you. To clear the mountain at Crossville you needed to be at three thousand feet. It was getting dark and our marker lights came on. All at once, Tom stopped talking. This

was not like Tom. I asked him what his problem was. He said, “I have never flown at night, which I hate.” I checked the altimeter and we were at thirty-one hundred feet. I told Tom to give me the control of the plane. As we were crossing the Cumberland Mountains we could see the beaker light at the Alcoa airport. Soon we crossed Fort Loudon Lake with the airport in sight. I called for landing clearance and was given the OK to land. When everything else fails, look for the tire marks on the runway, as that is a good place to start your landing. We landed OK and returned the plane to the flying club hangar and signed out. That day was a true Thanksgiving for us all. Remember to fly high and not low. This is a true story from Joe Burchfield, Former Representative, 13th District, Knoxville.

This little flying story reminded me of my flying experiences—two of them, to be exact. The first one happened on my sixteenth birthday. A male friend of mine just got his pilot’s license. We flew around

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It was breathtaking and I wasn’t nervous at all. It was a little two-seater. I sat in the back and we conversed during the whole trip. The second time was on a jet going to Florida from Pennsylvania with three kids age three, four and five. Getting them on the shuttle bus was exciting as each kid went into a different direction. When it was time to board the jet my son decided to take off his shoes. A stewardess helped put them back on. When we finally boarded three young ladies who were on spring break and going to Fort Lauderdale each took a kid to their seat with them and I breathed a big sigh of relief. Those were the only two times I have flown but they were certainly exciting.

Thought for the day: Happiness comes from the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, to be needed.

Storm Jameson. Writer and political activist.

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By Age	Support	Oppose	Total
30-49	53.03%	46.97%	66
50-65	42.54%	57.46%	228
65+	46.06%	53.94%	254
Total	45.44% (249)	54.56% (299)	548

By Precinct	Support	Oppose	Total
65	25.68%	74.32%	183
65N	56.25%	43.75%	16
66N	52.69%	47.31%	186
66S	58.28%	41.72%	163
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By Gender	Support	Oppose	Total
Unknown	46.67%	53.33%	15
Female	47.42%	52.58%	291
Male	42.98%	57.02%	242
Total	45.44% (249)	54.56% (299)	54

Survey conducted September 20, 2012

Getting Real with Annie Lamott

Last night I had the delight of meeting the amazing Ms. Anne Lamott. Although she is now one of my favorite authors, I discovered Lamott late in life. Apparently, she has been around since the 80s when I was a teeny bopper longing for certainty and way too immature to value her organic frankness and vulnerability. I stumbled upon her when reading Don Miller’s “Blue Like Jazz” and he mentioned being inspired by her book “Traveling Mercies.” Reading about Lamott’s crises and eventual triumphs of faith in Jesus Christ is like being given a drink of water by a fellow woman at Jacob’s well. Refreshing and real.

The older I get, the less I long for certainty and the more I long for authenticity. As a matter of fact, certainty scares the heck out of me. I find that many, many people cannot distinguish between what they believe and what

they know. Some people put on like every single thought in their head is a message from the Lord. They never wrestle like Jacob. They never doubt like Thomas. They never screw up like that hussy from Samaria. They’re perfect. You know- Pharisee perfect-Sadducee perfect-TV preacher perfect-Mega church -Six Flags Over Jesus perfect. Not like Anne Lamott or me.

Like me, Anne admits to being a messy, oversensitive, cranky, seeker who looked everywhere for answers and finally got grabbed up by her neck and set on a solid rock by the love of Christ. Like me, Lamott won’t tolerate other people trying to shove their answers down her throat. In my early 20s, I was among those who thought I had to have the answer to every



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Publisher's Positions

ACT Scores Bad News For Future



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New statistics released show the progress of Knox County students who are prepared to go to college after completing high school. With a current budget in excess of half a billion dollars, the report is both dismal and disturbing. Only 1% of the youngsters graduating from Austin-East are prepared to attend college. 9% of those graduating from South-Doyle are prepared to attend college; 11% of students attending Gibbs and Carter are similarly prepared. You can see for yourself the results. To be fair, in recent years

ACT Benchmarks 2012

	English Benchmark	Math Benchmark	Reading Benchmark	Science Benchmark	All 4 Benchmarks
Knox County	68%	36%	50%	26%	21%
Tennessee	59%	29%	43%	21%	16%
Nation	67%	46%	52%	31%	25%
Austin-East High	25%	5%	13%	2%	1%
Bearden High	82%	55%	64%	38%	34%
Carter High	72%	24%	44%	16%	11%
Central High	65%	35%	50%	30%	23%
Farragut High	88%	62%	73%	49%	42%
Fulton High	37%	9%	21%	7%	3%
Gibbs High	63%	23%	42%	17%	11%
Halls High	68%	33%	49%	21%	18%
Hardin Valley Academy	85%	51%	65%	38%	32%
Karns High	65%	29%	43%	22%	15%
Kelley Volunteer Academy	19%	4%	7%	4%	4%
Powell High	63%	25%	44%	17%	11%
South-Doyle High	52%	22%	35%	14%	9%
West High	63%	38%	53%	30%	25%

the school system has recognized the problem at certain schools, such as Austin-East where there are some truly excellent teachers. Yet, we constantly hear how we need to invest in education. It seems to me spending

more than half a billion dollars per year is an investment. No aspect or department of local government has grown to the extent of the school system; its budget has practically quadrupled in a shockingly short period of

time. Eventually someone is going to have to pose the question are we getting our money's worth? Certainly the educational system in this country needs to be reformed in the worst way.

Edicts from Nashville and Washington, D. C. have done little to improve education, save for making it more costly. This leads to an even more important question as to whether or not public

(government) schools will be sustainable from a funding (taxes) standpoint in the not too distant future.



Outstanding officers pictured left to right are Jeremy McCord, Chad Gore and Clyde More.

Sheriff's Department names Officers of the Month

Three outstanding officers were recognized last Tuesday in the monthly Officer of the Month program. The Knox County Sheriff's Office has named Officer Jeremy McCord Officer of the Month for July 2012 and Officer Chad Gore and Officer Clyde Moore were named Officers of the Month for August 2012 On July 10th, Officer McCord was patrolling near Maynardville Highway when he noticed a male leaning into a vehicle involved in a physical altercation with a female. Officer McCord initiated his emergency equipment and the male ran inside a nearby business. Officer McCord spoke with the female victim and she stated that the suspect had tried to forcefully remove her from her

vehicle and she feared that she was going to be raped. Officer McCord observed a second suspect and detained him. After another officer arrived, Officer McCord went inside the business and detained the other suspect. The victim told officers that she had been sitting in the passenger seat of her vehicle when one of the suspects approached her and would not let her exit the vehicle. She stated that if Officer McCord had not stopped when he did, she was not sure what the suspects would have done. Officer McCord has been with the Knox County Sheriff's Office since September 2007. Officer Gore was recognized for arresting two suspects on a variety of charges. While patrolling

Maynardville Highway on August 29, Officer Gore observed two suspects in the parking lot of Weigel's who had outstanding warrants were wanted for questioning regarding stolen vehicles. As the officer entered the parking lot, the two suspects ran to the back of Weigel's. Officer Gore and the officer he was training pursued the suspects and quickly apprehended them. Both suspects were in possession of stolen credit cards, narcotics, and drug paraphernalia. Officer Gore has been with the Knox County Sheriff's Office since September 2005. Officer Moore was honored for his investigation of a residential burglary that led to the arrest of a suspect. On August 19, Officer Moore responded to a residential burglary

where the suspect had also stolen the victim's truck. Officer Moore learned that there had been three vehicle burglaries in the neighborhood and that residents had noticed a suspicious person in the neighborhood who was a potential suspect in the burglaries. Officer Moore continued to canvas the neighborhood and learned that the suspect may have been involved in a motor vehicle crash overnight and was recovering at UT Hospital. The suspect was detained and Officer Moore obtained warrants for the suspect including one for residential burglary, one for motor vehicle theft, and three for burglary of a vehicle. Officer Moore has been with the Knox County Sheriff's Office since May 2005.

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In recent months there has been talk of annexation of the Village of Concord by the Town of Farragut in West Knox County. While the term "annexation" normally has strong implications of a money grab for collecting taxes, that issue currently is not a factor. The Town of Farragut does not have a property tax and the Village of Concord has very few businesses to collect sales tax from. However, with the Town of Farragut having a strong balance sheet, beautiful parks, and some of the best maintained roads and public works in the county, some residents in the Village of Concord have approached the Mayor of Farragut, Ralph McGill, about being annexed. This has placed the Mayor of Farragut in a unique situation. As Mayor he has been very active in the community and has heard from many people in Concord that they want to be annexed. But without a scientific barometer of what everyone wishes, he had no true direction on how to proceed. When reached for a comment on the issue, Mayor Ralph McGill was open. "Concord is in our urban growth boundary, which means that we can annex them without objection by Knox County," McGill said. " We have told the residents that we are interested in annexing Concord. But we are not going to annex people

who don't want to be annexed. So, the ball is in their court. We have asked them to poll the people and let us know the outcome. To date we have heard nothing from them. Our interest in annexing them would be only to try to preserve the history there - that's all. Monetarily, there's not much in it for us. So, we will wait to hear from them. " Last week The Knoxville Focus conducted a scientific poll including both Concord and Farragut and results indicate that while there is a significant portion of the community that does favor annexation, the majority does not. What is significant to recognize is that in the voting Precinct 65, which represents Concord, the outcome was 3 to 1 against annexation. State Representative Ryan Haynes believes the issue lies in the citizens' hands: "Ultimately, this final decision should rest with the citizens who live in Concord." Haynes went on to say that he would likely favor a bill that would require citizens to vote on the annexation. County Mayor Tim Burchett was very forthright in his opinion on the matter: "I would oppose that. I believe they are doing well just as they are. I would not support that in any way, shape or fashion." Judging by the poll numbers, the community agrees.

Will annexation happen?

'South Knoxville' officially launched



Top, Jean Vestal and her grandson Parker Jones. Above, Roby Neubert and Mayor Rogero.

By Sarah Baker
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The Knoxville Focus hosted a book signing at Candoro Marble Arts and Heritage Center on September 20 to celebrate the publication of Shannon and Tasha Mahurin's book, "South Knoxville." The charming event was catered by Rothschild's and included southern style appetizers and the music of Burton Akers and Marcus Shirley.

Guests included City Mayor Madeline Rogero, County Mayor Tim Burchett, Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, City Councilman Marshall Stair, Commissioner Dave Wright, Law Director Bud Armstrong and a slew of other community leaders, well-wishing friends and colleagues. Of course, many South Knoxville residents also attended to express their gratitude for the Mahurin's attention to their community.

One such guest was Jean



Pictured left to right are Ray Hill and Tasha and Shannon Mahurin. The Mahurins authored the book and Hill contributed a lovely introduction. Photos by Dan Andrews and Sarah Baker.

Vestal, whose grandfather started Vestal Lumber Company with his brothers. The book includes photos of the Vestal's old home place as well as the lumber company. Vestal attended the book signing with her grandson, Parker

Jones, to celebrate her family's legacy and to express her gratitude to Shannon and Tasha for bringing that legacy forward.

"The book is wonderful," said Vestal. "South Knoxville has so many wonderful things to offer. It is a

beautiful part of town that has been too long neglected, but now they're beginning to realize what a good place it is to live." "South Knoxville" by Shannon Mahurin and Tasha Mahurin is available at Amazon.com and local retailers.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Amazing Turnout for Senior Picnic

On Friday, Sept. 21, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett hosted the 6th Annual Senior Appreciation Picnic at John Tarleton Park for Knox County seniors. The picnic included lunch, live music and a mini-health fair. Sponsors for the 2012 Senior Appreciation Picnic included Independent Insurance Consultants, The Senior Directory and Stay at Home, in addition to more than two dozen others.



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Getting Real

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single question in my head. Uncertainty felt like hot air that would carry me into outer space and leave me floating in chaos alone. Now I know that the world is full of chaos, but that I will never be alone. I know that answers without love are bogus. When you're certain you are loved, that is the only certainty you need. The rest is details. The rest is minutiae. The rest is "a resounding gong and a clanging cymbal." I can tell you one thing I am certain about: God is love.

Sometimes I hear people talking about Jesus and I don't recognize who they're talking about. They don't seem to know the same still, small voice that I know, that I've known since I was a little girl. The God I found in my childhood hiding place comforted me but never placated me. He convicted me but never shamed me. He delighted in my questions and never quantified my doubts. He didn't provide answers. He was the answer. I was never argued into being a Christian. I was loved into it.

I think that one of the most loving acts we can do for each other is admit our own sinfulness. I trust people more when they are able to acknowledge what they're capable of. If they can acknowledge it to me, they can acknowledge it to themselves. If they can acknowledge it to themselves, they can take precautions. They can sing "I am weak, but thou art strong." They can pray "lead me not into temptation" and really mean it, because they have been there and failed horribly. If you think you are beyond

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Things you should never do at a college football game

So I guess you heard UT got a letter last week. No, I'm not talking about hate mail in the wake of the latest Florida debacle. This



By Richie Beeler

was hate mail of a different sort. The Madison, Wisconsin-based group known as the Freedom From Religion Foundation sent a letter to UT-Knoxville demanding that the university cease and desist from offering a public invocation at home football games.

I refer to this correspondence as hate mail not because its tenor was particularly obnoxious, but simply because that's what their side would call it if we wrote a letter criticizing their atheistic views. The FFRF says that the offering of such prayers is a clear violation of the constitution. They don't really believe it, they just say it. And if they say it often enough and loudly enough, they figure many institutions will cave to the pressure.

They're right about that one. The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga got their letter last spring. Their response was to stop having invocations and instead observe a moment of silence before home games. In other words, they caved. School boards, city councils, and county commissions across the country have caved as well. To their credit, both UTK and the Knox County Commission stood their ground, even as some of their members kicked and screamed.

In their letter to UT officials, the FFRF stated that no university student should have to forgo attending a university event to avoid being subjected to religious ritual. It further states that such prayer "sends an impermissible message to non-adherents that they are

outsiders, not full members of the political community." In layman's terms, that means you shouldn't have to give up your 50-yard line Bama tickets because of the 30-second prayer before the game. I must agree. No college student should be that severely mentally challenged.

But heck, if praying offends people to the point that it keeps them away, then maybe we shouldn't do it at football games anymore. In fact I can think of a whole list of things UT might consider banning, especially since the demand for tickets isn't what it was a couple of weeks ago. Here's just a suggested list of things that should no longer be allowed at college football games.

Praying. Apparently, some folks are so offended by this ritual that they can't even muster the courage to attend the games. The FFRF claims it has 250 members in the state of Tennessee. If every single one of them attended the Florida game, they would represent approximately .2% of the crowd. That's something like the alcohol content in a glass of milk. But hey, everybody's got the right not to feel uncomfortable, right? (That's somewhere in the constitution right beside the part that says you can't have public prayer at a football game.)

Praying in the name of Jesus. Whoa! Stop the presses! Somebody said the 'J-word!' it seems that this practice of invoking the name of Jesus Christ just sends atheists over the edge. They claim to object to prayer in general. But they find it "particularly problematic" when the name of Jesus Christ is used. Maybe I'm just way off

base here but I'm wondering if perhaps the name of the REAL God irks them more than the make believe ones. Just a hunch. But heavens to Betsy, if we're going to pray let's not use the name of someone as offensive as Jesus.

Drinking. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at most college football games. Speeding is also prohibited on most freeways. Look, if we're talking about things that offend spectators, I would put obnoxious drunks quite a bit higher on the list than clergy. So let's crack down on the booze and dry it up!

Playing the school fight song. Have you ever considered how offensive Rocky Top must be to opposing fans? Legend has it that back in the 1990s, the Florida State band learned to play it so they could get under the skin of Florida fans who had grown to hate the song. The nerve of some people. Just the thought of the emotional stress makes it difficult to finish this column.

Cheering when the home team scores. I can't even imagine the trauma visiting fans must experience when 95,000+ UT supporters scream in unison after the Vols score a touchdown. The decibel level alone is enough to give you a migraine. And furthermore, such cheering sends an impermissible message to visiting fans (non-adherents) that they are outsiders, not full members of the Big Orange Nation.

I think if UT and other major universities will just take my advice, we can eliminate a lot of the unnecessary and unconstitutional religious ritual from the college football experience. And all the fun, too.

But at least no one will be offended.

Board Discusses Future At Retreat

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The same is true for four members of the Knox County Board of Education and there is reason to believe support for increasing taxes, especially in a dismal economy, is taking its political toll. In a poll inside South Knoxville Board member Pam Trainor's district, almost 80% of likely voters said they would not support her for reelection. Slightly over 20% indicated they would vote for Trainor again. Amongst seniors, the most consistent voting bloc, Trainor's support fell to just about 15%.

Thomas Deakins, former Chairman of the Board of Education, expressed his hope that Mayor Tim Burchett would help the school system, due to the Mayor's love for children. Burchett had adamantly opposed any tax increase this year and threatened to veto a budget containing any kind of tax increase.

As Board members pondered this year's failed strategy, McMillan pointed out the elephant in the room, noting the school system had the strong support of The Knoxville News-Sentinel, which editorialized constantly on behalf of the tax increase. The Chamber of Commerce hurriedly put together a \$40,000 advertising campaign during the last two weeks of the budget process, but it fell flat and not a single member of the County Commission made a motion to increase taxes.

McIntyre, in his self evaluation, tried to claim credit for the additional



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Superintendent McIntyre addresses the School Board during their retreat.

\$7 million in funding given the school system by the County Commission. Mike McMillan, in his evaluation of the Superintendent's performance, said he thought the Commission would have appropriated the additional \$7 million regardless of who was Superintendent of Schools.

McIntyre was oddly quiet during the conversation about taxes and budgets. McIntyre also seemed stung when South Knoxville Board member Pam Trainor echoed a complaint long sounded by Mike McMillan regarding the flow of information from the Superintendent's office and staff.

Trainor said while she didn't expect information to arrive within "five

hours", she didn't think it should take "five days" to arrive either.

Board members continued to ponder on just what figure might be appropriate to seek from the County Commission and the Mayor. Indya Kincannon complained she didn't want to have to choose between increased pay for teachers and technology. Kincannon was supportive of asking for all the money the school system wants and perhaps a "hybrid" of property tax and sales tax increases could cover the costs.

As the Board members departed the meeting to enjoy supper together, one thing seemed certain: they will be coming back for another tax increase.

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Getting Real

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reproach....if you are certain, sin will jerk the rug out from under you faster than you can say "pride cometh before a fall."

The times in my life when I really felt God's hand in my life were the times I felt clueless and dirty and foolish right in front of His eyes. The times in my life when I really felt God's hand move in my church were the times we laid out our dirt and foolishness right in front of each other. Once upon a time I was Pentecostal and I no longer am, but one thing I cherish from that experience is the washing of feet. Can you get any more humbling or more real than letting someone wash your feet? That is why Jesus insisted on washing the disciples' feet. Another thing of which I am certain: Love isn't about getting answers.

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South Doyle honored the 1991 volleyball state champion team reunion. Pictured are team seniors (from left to right): Kelly Sanson Forster, Becky Gregory Gibson, and Mellissa Bohanan Henderlight. See this week's Sports Section to read Adam's South Doyle game coverage.

Seymour Middle looks to win Calling All Communities Campaign

Voting began Friday, September 14, in U.S. Cellular's Calling All Communities campaign, through which seven Tennessee schools have won a total of \$650,000.

Returning for its fourth year, U.S. Cellular is giving communities the opportunity to help improve the education of students at 18 schools by challenging them to rally community support for the chance to win a share of \$1 million. The school that garners the most community votes will win \$150,000 and the next 17 schools with the most votes will receive \$50,000. Potential voters can now visit their local U.S. Cellular store to pick up their voting code to vote for their favorite school.

Seymour schools, thanks to a strategic partnership between local U.S. Cellular agent Network Technologies and the community, have received a total of \$250,000 over the past two years, and are gearing up for another victory this year for Seymour Middle School.

Seymour schools do not receive Title 1 funding, as do many other schools in the area, and therefore, have benefited tremendously from the Calling All Communities campaign.

A total of seven schools in Tennessee have been named Calling

All Communities Champions. That includes the 2011 Calling All Communities grand prize winner, Seymour Primary School in Seymour. The school chose to split the prize money with its sister schools in Seymour and used its share to add overhead projectors, interactive whiteboards and additional technology to classrooms. Seymour High School won during the 2010 campaign.

Getting off to a strong start in the voting has proven successful for schools in past campaigns. Previous winners have gotten out of the gate early and rallied their community together in fun and innovative ways. Using social networking sites such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter will help spread the word online but don't forget to engage parent teacher organizations, alumni networks, sports teams, the school band or student groups to help get the word out. Some schools also invited local U.S. Cellular associates to speak at meetings to generate participation.

The official rules for the campaign are located at uscellular.com/callingallcommunities. For more information about U.S. Cellular and past Calling All Communities campaigns, visit uscellular.com or facebook.com/uscellular.

Coffee with the Councilman

Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis will be holding his quarterly "Coffee with the Councilman" Saturday, September 29 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Round Up restaurant located at 3643 Sevierville Pike. He encourages you to come by and discuss City issues.

Keep our children safe

Adults from across the Seymour Community are invited to join together in support of children in our own backyards, across this state, all over the nation and throughout the world. We will hear from Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center on how we as adults can and should take a stand against child abuse through prevention and advocacy. A panel will be available for your questions on

how to keep our children safe. The event will be Thursday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Seymour High School Auditorium. Open to the Public • Free Door Prizes • Child Care.

For any questions, please contact: Jack Funderburk at (865) 356-4330 or jlfunderburk@funderburkelec.com or Jan Moore at atjanmoore@sevier.org

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Business Focus: Kit's Coins

By Bethany Yankie

"A lot of people don't get what they should for what they sell," so John Barrett, owner of Kit's Coins, attests of the appraisal industry he entered when he opened his store in Karns this past January. Open by appointment Monday through Saturday, Kit's Coins offers free appraisals of diamonds, gold, jewelry, coins and other valuables, "without pressure to sell." If he does not know how to appraise a particular item, Barrett assures

that he will ask someone who can. When queried on his ideals for the business, the store owner emphasizes honesty: "give people an honest and fair appraisal." His own disappointment working with pawn shops, in fact, is the reason Barrett's store exists.

A native of West Hills, Barrett recalls leaving town for a period of ten years when he helped start Ruby Tuesday; he later launched Barrett's Restaurant, his own eatery, in Knoxville.

Recalling the physical toll of those years in the restaurant business, the local man laments: "my knees got so bad I couldn't work."

Today, Barrett asserts that what has become most important to him is helping people; for him, that means helping them through honesty. In his view, Kit's Coins' aim of honesty and fairness is what distinguishes his business from others. He relates in an incredulous voice that when it comes to many other appraisals, "There's

a huge disparity between what people get and what the stuff is worth," referencing stories of friends who had been duped into giving away valuable merchandise for a fraction of the actual worth. "People are shocked to find out exactly what gold is worth," he posits.

When looking to his future in business after a long and diverse past, Barrett admits he has considered opening a large pawn shop some day. As for the present, he does not see himself exceeding

part time hours at his current store. Despite the difficulties of juggling cash-flow in a trading business, what seems to make his time at Kit's Coins worth the effort right now is "people getting a smile, finding out their stuff is worth more than they think." He concludes by stating with a deep conviction the idea he hopes his customers will come to learn for themselves: "knowledge is worth a fortune. The knowledge of what you have could be worth that fortune, and

someone honest can help you see the value." He then breaks from seriousness to laugh: "Word of mouth helps, too."

Kit's Coins is located at 7600 Oak Ridge Highway, Karns, TN 37931. For more information on the store, contact by phone at (865) 599-4915 or by email kitt-barret@aol.com, or visit www.kitscoins.com.



Rick Wilen of Belle Morris Community Action Group speaks at last week's Neighborhood Connections meeting.

Crime, traffic discussed at neighborhood meeting

By Sarah Baker
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Mayor Madeline Rogero and other City of Knoxville officials hosted a neighborhood meeting in the gymnasium of Belle Morris Elementary School on Monday, September 17. The meeting was part of a series called Mayor's Neighborhood Connections, which brings together local neighborhood organizations to discuss issues for neighborhood improvement. Organizations present at the meeting included: Belle Morris Community Action Group, Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association, North Hills Garden Club, and Tecoma Watchdogs.

Captain Woodward and Police Chief Rausch were also available at the meeting and answered several concerns about crime in the area, explaining the best way to take advantage of the nuisance laws and things of that nature. Other issues which were addressed included flooding, blighted properties and traffic issues.

"I think that problems are solved first by the people in the neighborhoods," said Mayor Rogero. "They can best identify what the problems are and what the solutions are, so we need to listen to them. You can't figure out all the answers sitting back in City Hall."



From Left to Right: Josh Outsey, Austin Linder, Blair Carter, Ike Duke, Dakota Bolton and Stan Johnson of SEEED prepare to survey homeowners as part of the "Listening Project."

SEEED campaign spreads awareness to area homeowners

By Sarah Baker
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Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (SEEED) is a non-profit organization in Knoxville focusing on creating and sustaining jobs for Knoxville's urban young people, and making available clean energy and conservation technologies for low income residents. They want to prepare the heart of Knoxville to become "the center of our emerging green economy by increasing access to sustainable, clean energy

technologies for low to moderate income residents. The resulting green job opportunities associated with these programs create pathways out of poverty for our youth.

On September 15, they continued with their "Listening Project," which involves youth-led interviews with homeowners about need and support for weatherization programs in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

According to project coordinator Joshua Outsey, they are developing

a video documentary on how weatherizing homes of low and moderate income residents can save people money while creating good-paying jobs for young people from these same communities.

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Dan Around Town



Rogero visits homeless ministry. Madeline Rogero attended a luncheon at Redeemer Church of Knoxville last Wednesday to discuss the homeless problem in Nashville. The mayor is honoring her campaign pledge of keeping homelessness a priority. She spoke to the group and then one on one with homeless Knoxvilleans and community leaders present. Pictured above, Rogero speaks with Eddie Young, president of Redeeming Hope Ministries.



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Rural/Metro donates aquarium to Trinity Hills. Rural/Metro donated a beautiful fish aquarium to the residents at Trinity Hills Senior Living Community last Thursday. Rural/Metro is heavily involved with volunteer work within the community and does much at Trinity Hills to assist them with activities. Rural/Metro's John Mills, Government Affairs Director, and his wife, Charlotte, Patient Care Advocate, were instrumental in enabling Trinity Hills to receive this aquarium. Trinity Hills sincerely thanks Rural/Metro for providing the Trinity Hills residents with this wonderful addition. Pictured above are John and Charlotte Mills, Faymer Hutchens and Beulah Lee.



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Sitting outside

Cousin Charlie has always been a smart "feller." He mixes an eye for the truth with a keen sense of humor. Here's an example:

My problem is I would rather sit out on my deck and listen to birds, specially the mock'n birds, crickets, and watch the young rabbits play in the field out front. I even have a hoot owl that hoots some nights. Is there a support group, therapist or anything that can help me git back to sitt'n in my cliner watch'n 4 to 5 hours of all this FINE program'n on t.v. that I'm miss'n out on ever night?

See what I mean? Charlie's comments on Facebook sparked memories and imagination and hit the nail on the head as far how best to spend evening time.

When we were kids, our mothers shooed us out of the house any day that wasn't wet, snowy, or dangerously frigid. Kids in the neighborhood got together for games of softball, baseball, football, and basketball. No, we didn't have fields or courts for those games. Instead, we marked the bases with a shrub or bare spot in the grass. Boys shot hoops on homemade backboards nailed to a tree or post. That meant we sometimes had to adjust shots to account for leaning goals or gusts of winds.

Summer always drove people outside after supper. Heat from the stove made the house insufferable, and only a handful of homes had air conditioning. The rest of us opened windows and ran box fans. Adults would sit outside either on the porch or in the yard. Children played tag or chased fireflies until adults rose from their Adirondack chairs and herded the kids inside for bed or baths.

We all held on to the outside into late fall and began again in early spring. Yes, some of us wore coats or wrapped up in blankets in order to get outside. The confines of the house smothered us.

Television programming was somewhat better a generation ago, I think. Of course,



By Joe Rector

back then TV was still a relatively new thing and didn't compete with DVD's and the Internet. Our choices came from three networks and, on occasion, public television. As much as people longed for the entertainment that television offered, the fact that stations shut off at nights dampened the desire.

Today, most people hole-up in their homes as soon as they arrive from work or school.

Adults are exhausted from a day's work that includes lost time in traffic jams and ever-tightening corporate budgets that threaten individual employment. They enter the house and shut out the world.

Kids have too many distractions. Who needs baseball, football, or basketball games with other children when they can play "imaginary" games against the best college and pro teams on their X-Boxes and Play Stations? When interest in those wane, young people can then turn to their social media via the computer or smart phones. Instantly, they hang out with friends without ever leaving the house.

Television has "gone to hell in a hand basket." A few quality shows are aired over the hundreds of stations, but for the most part, programs concentrate on self-centered participants in unrealistic situations. "Jersey Shores," "Big Brother," and "Bachelorette" are just a few of the asinine shows that stations offer. News stations are biased toward one side or another so much that the "truth" is hard to find. Even the once reliable station A and E includes "Storage Wars" and "Dog, The Bounty Hunter" in its schedule.

It's time that folks walked out of the house and turned off the television, computer, or any other device. That time spent talking, playing, or just listening is therapeutic. Young and old can take a deep breath and enjoy the natural things of this world. It might just make the things offered inside the house pale in contrast.

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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

Chapter
Eighteen

Pages from
the Political
Past



By Ray Hill
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In 1945 Senator Kenneth McKellar was seventy-six years old and had served in the United States Senate for twenty-nine years, longer than any other Tennessean. McKellar was at the peak of his influence and power in the Senate. He was the Chairman of the most powerful Senate Committee, Appropriations, through which every dollar spent by the Federal government had to be approved. To add to his prestige, McKellar had also been elected President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate by his colleagues.

President Franklin Roosevelt had asked E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization, to pay a call at the White House. The purpose of Roosevelt's summons was to discuss the political future of Kenneth McKellar. FDR, all too aware of McKellar's power inside the Senate, urged Crump to refuse to support McKellar for reelection in 1946. Roosevelt was anticipating trouble from the irascible Tennessean in the modern post world United States and thought McKellar might choose to retire without the support of Crump and the Shelby County machine. Roosevelt told Crump McKellar could not be reelected. Crump did what few people had the nerve to do to Roosevelt's face and flatly told FDR he was wrong. Crump said not only would McKellar run again in 1946, but that he would be reelected.

Roosevelt himself didn't live to see the end of World War II, much less the post-war era. FDR was dead within weeks of his conference with the Memphis Boss. Ironically, McKellar went to Hyde Park for the late President's funeral services.

FDR's successor, Harry Truman, helped to increase McKellar's prestige back home in Tennessee by inviting him to sit in on Cabinet meetings. McKellar was virtually Acting Vice President of the United States for two years and received the vice presidential salary and limousine.

Senator McKellar suffered a loss in 1945 that would profoundly affect him personally, as well as the operation of his Senate office. In December of 1945, D. W. "Don" McKellar, the Senator's long-time Secretary and younger brother died of pneumonia. Although Don was apparently suffering from lung cancer, Senator McKellar himself was unaware that his brother's condition was serious. McKellar was on a train headed home to Tennessee when he received word of



Senators Kenneth McKellar, Alben Barkley of Kentucky and J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois on the floor of the United States Senate in 1939.

Don's passing. For the next several weeks, McKellar was inundated with letters of condolence and sympathy cards. Don was well known and very well liked in Tennessee and several newspapers published editorials expressing sympathy at McKellar's loss. Don McKellar had been especially effective in getting things done for Tennessee and Tennesseans; even though McKellar could hire another Secretary or Chief of Staff, the loss of his younger brother lessened the effectiveness of the vaunted McKellar office.

Don's widow, Janice McKellar, had been working for Senator McKellar since the 1920s and the two had eventually married. McKellar refused to discharge one or the other, although Janice was terribly upset after Drew Pearson, who had a national newspaper column and radio show, launched an attack on the Tennessean for nepotism. McKellar himself usually ignored charges of nepotism, but retaliated by taking the Senate floor to denounce Pearson. McKellar was hardly the only Washington politician who hated the muckraking columnist. Both Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman loathed Pearson and when Wisconsin demagogue Joe McCarthy physically attacked Pearson at an exclusive Washington club, even Arthur Watkins, the dour Mormon Senator from Utah, expressed approval. President Truman routinely called Pearson "a son-of-a-bitch" at the best of times.

McKellar's speech on the Senate floor took the hide off the amused Pearson. The Tennessean reached new heights in describing

Pearson as a professional liar. Pearson had always found McKellar an inviting target and enjoyed referring to the McKellar temper and his supposedly insatiable appetite for political patronage and penchant for nepotism. Speaking on the Senate floor for more than an hour, McKellar discussed the attributes, or lack thereof, of the "human skunk" Drew Pearson. Referring to Pearson as a liar at least twenty-three times in his speech, McKellar said Pearson was, "an ignorant liar, a pusillanimous liar, a pee wee liar." Hardly done, Senator McKellar went on to say, "When a man is a natural born liar, a liar during his manhood and all the time, a congenital liar, a liar by profession, a liar for a living, and a liar in the attempt to amuse... a liar in the daytime, and a liar in the nighttime, it is remarkable how he can lie..."

Pearson had also revived a story about McKellar's dispute on the floor of the Senate with the late New York Senator Royal Copeland. Heated words had been exchanged by the two lawmakers and McKellar was supposedly so angry, he pulled a knife and charged the New Yorker. The knife in question was a tiny pocketknife attached to McKellar's watch chain. Most of McKellar's colleagues found the tale of McKellar's knife quite

funny and they certainly enjoyed his public flaying of the hated Drew Pearson. Writer Allen Drury, then a young reporter, recorded in his journal watching Virginia Senator Harry Byrd began to grin as McKellar denied ever having pulled a knife on a colleague and Byrd poked Missouri Senator Bennett Champ Clark in the arm, his grin becoming wider.

McKellar concluded that Pearson was a "...revolving, constitutional, unmitigated infamous liar, this low-lived, double-crossing dishonest, corrupt scoundrel who claims to be a columnist."

Pearson's charges did little to affect McKellar's popularity in Tennessee, which was enhanced by Senator McKellar's importance in the nation's Capitol. As E. H. Crump had predicted to President Roosevelt, McKellar intended to seek a sixth term in the United States Senate in 1946.

Unlike 1940 when McKellar had drawn only nominal opposition, there were stirrings in Tennessee that Chattanooga Congressman Estes Kefauver might challenge the venerable old man. Kefauver soon decided he could not beat McKellar and the Senator sarcastically snorted that he understood Kefauver had bowed to the pleas inside his own Congressional district that

he run again for Congress. Yet McKellar did draw a serious opponent in the person of Edward Ward "Ned" Carmack of Murfreesboro. Carmack had a name famous in Tennessee politics as his father, a fiery red-headed orator and writer, had served in both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. The senior Carmack had been gunned down in the streets of Nashville and an imposing statue of Carmack guarded the grounds of the Capitol in Nashville. Ned Carmack himself had long aspired to elected office, declaring himself as a candidate for Congress, United States Senator and governor at one time or the other. Carmack had run only one campaign, challenging Tennessee's junior U. S. Senator Tom Stewart in 1942. Ned Carmack proved to be an effective campaigner and had actually beaten Stewart until the returns from Shelby County were counted, giving Stewart another term, a fact which mortified Boss Crump.

The McKellar - Crump alliance had dominated Tennessee politics almost completely since 1932 and opponents took heart from Carmack's announcement he would challenge McKellar. Former Governor Gordon Browning, although still in Europe with American armed forces occupying Germany following World War II, consented to have his name entered in the gubernatorial contest against incumbent Jim Nance McCord. A ticket comprised of Senator McKellar, Governor McCord and young Andrew "Tip" Taylor for the Tennessee Public Service Commission was formed to face Carmack and Browning.

Senator McKellar was frequently ill during 1946 and there was a constant barrage of announcements emanating from Washington that he would soon be home to open his reelection campaign, but many of McKellar's supporters, realizing he was often sick, urged him to remain in the Capitol. The heat of the Tennessee summer that year was absolutely fierce and a constant stream of letters from friends assured McKellar he was as politically strong as ever with his people.

With Senator McKellar staying in Washington, D. C., much of the campaign fell on the shoulders of Governor

McCord. McKellar continued the pretense that he might return to Tennessee at any moment for a whirlwind campaign, but he never made a single personal appearance for his own reelection.

The Tennessee Society, a group of Tennesseans living in Washington, D. C. sponsored a dinner honoring McKellar at the elegant Mayflower Hotel on April 17, 1946. The timing of the event was hardly coincidental and was heavily covered in both the Tennessee and national press. Much of official Washington turned out for the dinner and Attorney General Tom Clark of Texas served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, Frederick Brown Harris, gave the invocation while Nashville Congressman Percy Priest welcomed the guests. The primary address of the evening was given by Alabama Senator John H. Bankhead, II, who had been McKellar's college roommate at the University of Alabama decades before.

As guests dined upon an elaborate menu of grapefruit ambrosia, cream of fresh mushrooms, and an entrée of breast of chicken covered with Southern-style ham, peas and candied sweet potatoes, a surprise guest appeared. President Harry Truman entered the ballroom and made a few remarks praising the old Tennessean. A clearly delighted McKellar described the event as one of the greatest of his life.

Pictures of a beaming President Truman and Senator McKellar appeared in Tennessee newspapers and the impressive list of prominent officials honoring McKellar was not lost on the people of Tennessee. Ned Carmack gamely campaigned all across Tennessee, attacking Senator McKellar and accusing him of hindering the Tennessee Valley Authority. Even without once returning home to show himself to the voters, McKellar beat Carmack decisively. Governor McCord likewise defeated Gordon Browning who, like McKellar, was not in Tennessee to campaign on his own behalf.

It was to be the last victory of the McKellar - Crump alliance in Tennessee.

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Roman Reese & The Cardinal Sins are Roman Reese (vocals, guitar, harmonica), Michael Davis (vocals, electric guitar, banjo), Clint Mullican (electric and upright bass), and Hunter Deacon (drums).

Roman Reese

By Sarah Baker
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While sitting down with musician Roman Reese at Preservation Pub on Market Square with his colleague, guitarist Michael Davis, it becomes obvious right away that he is more than meets the twinkle in his eye. He is quick and smart and pretty humble for a guy in a black vest and a fedora. Perhaps, that is because Reese has seen a side to life that most of us never will.

Born in 1980, Reese was inspired by Motown and the music he heard at church on Sundays. "My preacher brought me to Jesus when I was 12, and I hope I haven't strayed too far since then," says Reese, who has been playing music for about fifteen years. He joined the army in 2002 and found himself playing guitar and singing Bruce Springsteen songs in front of hundreds of Iranian refugee freedom fighters. "I won't even try

and tell you the variety of surreal events that then unfolded before me," Reese states on his website. "I will tell you that I met GW and Saddam Hussein within a month of one another- one of them seemed daft and the other one seemed crazy, but I'm not saying which is which."

After leaving the army, Reese went to law school and now practices law in Knoxville- a musician with a real day job. He says he is glad to be doing both. He and his wife are expecting a baby boy, Oskar, on Halloween, and he is glad to be able to show Oskar that a man can pursue all his dreams without discounting any of them. He and Davis, who is a law student, say that they would love to make it big, but they know the chances of recording a couple of albums a year and touring on jets are slim pickings. "Expectations have to change in the music industry," says Davis. "We really just want to

have fun and play original music."

Reese knows he will have even more juggling to do when Oskar arrives, but he is confident that it can be done. After all, he is already quite the Renaissance man and his beautiful, smart wife of 10 years is very supportive. He hopes indeed to also pass along his love of music to Oskar. "Music is a worthwhile hobby for a kid. It teaches them discipline and a way to express themselves," says Reese.

Reese has certainly been able to express himself. With original songs like "Pretend," "Bring your Pistols and your Guns" and "Used Car Light," he has proven that he can connect with audiences with his lyrics. You may have seen him yourself at Preservation Pub, Patrick Sullivan's or WDVX's Blue Plate Special. For more information about Roman Reese's music, visit www.romanreese.com.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts Unique Fundraiser at Oakes Farm

Keep Knoxville Beautiful isn't putting on any ordinary fundraiser. This year, the local organization is hosting the Rocky Top Pickin' Party, a night of great music and fun set in the rustic outdoors of Oakes Farm in Corryton, TN on September 28, 2012.

The event will feature live entertainment from string band Pistol Creek Catch of the Day, along with a Pickin' Party. Musicians and singers will perform mini-concerts throughout the night. Guests are invited to bring an instrument and participate in the Pickin' Party;

however, instruments are not required to enjoy the festivities.

"If you are looking for a fun, family friendly night under the full moon, come on over to Oakes Farm and enjoy the music and community. We want people to come out and enjoy an evening filled with music, good food, and fun at this waste-free event," said Allison Teeters, Executive Director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

Tickets at the event are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-15, and free for ages six and under. Tickets purchased online up until the day of the

event before 5:00 p.m. are \$15 for adults and \$8 for ages 7-15. Attendees who bring a bluegrass instrument get a special admission rate of \$5.

Four drink tickets redeemable for sodas, water or beer (for adults with proper I.D.) are included in the admission price. No outside refreshments are allowed.

This event would not be possible without the support of the event sponsors including WDVX, Robin Easter Design, Eagle Distributing Company, Coca-Cola, News Break and WBIR.

Many New Offerings at the Fountain City Art Center!

By Sylvia Williams

This fall, the Fountain City Art Center has expanded its class and workshop schedule to include many new instructors and subjects! For more information, call 865.357.2787 or email the Center: fcartcenter@knology.net. We also offer classes in watercolor, handmade books, oil painting beginning pottery, jewelry making, drawing, classes for children 6 - 12, and much, much more!

Here are just a few of the new classes. Check the website for the other classes, costs and schedules.

BUSTS IN CLAY Students will learn how to create details of the face and multiple sculptural building techniques while bringing their own style to the work.

SMALL FIGURES Working from a live model, participants will create a standing, a reclining, and a seated figure from

clay. Variations in armatures and finishing techniques will be covered.

ADVANCED WHEEL THROWN CLAY In this advanced class, students will strive to make larger pots, lidded vessels, spouts, tea pots, and pulled handles. Decoration techniques such as brush work, sgraffito, and slip combing will be covered as well as instruction on glaze application.

ADVANCED HAND BUILDING TECHNIQUES Hand building students will be pinching, stretching, carving, cutting, draping and sculpting in order to produce intricate and detailed vessels. We will use soft and firm slabs, coils, and large amounts of creativity.

LEATHER MASK MAKING Students will be making a traditional "Kah Day of the Dead" leather mask. The end result makes a great wall decoration or a mask to actually wear.



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South-Doyle remains perfect after shutout over Carter



PHOTO BY ADAM SULLIVAN

Quarterback Brody Rollins rushes during the second quarter to set up their second touchdown.

By Adam Sullivan

The head coach of the South-Doyle football team, Clark Duncan, may have been camping out for the new iPhone on Friday morning. After all, when you lead a team to a 5-0 start and shutout the Carter Hornets 23-0 at home in front of a packed house, the best Gatorade bath is one in which the coach doesn't see it coming. South Knoxville is always full

of hidden gems, but the South-Doyle Cherokee's are starting to get some statewide attention for their undefeated season start and their win's over some powerhouse opponents. Daryl Chandler, assistant principal of South-Doyle High School, started to prepare for the inevitable rush of fans on the field if the Cherokee's could upset crosstown rival Carter. "I don't think this place can handle us going 5-0."

Carter received the opening kick and quickly was able to quiet the crowd with a QB keeper for 15 yards to get to the South-Doyle 33 yard line. However, their opening drive stalled and the Cherokee's took over on downs on their own 29 yard line. It wouldn't be until 9:42 left in the second quarter that Jockey Bruce would side-step a handful of tackles for an 18 yard run to the endzone to put

the Cherokees up 7-0. At this point in the game, both teams had attempted less than 4 passes total. South-Doyle's defense stepped it up in the second quarter to hold Carter to their own 40 yard line before forcing a punt on their next series after the touchdown. With low expectations, Jockey Bruce took a handoff on a third and 26 from Carter's 37

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Webb Overcomes Turnovers to Defeat Irish

By David Klein

"Sloppy" was the name of the game Friday night at Catholic. There were seven turnovers between the two teams, and Catholic was penalized 10 times for 82 yards. Despite four turnovers, the Webb Spartans relied on their powerful running game and a stout defense to win 13-0 over the Catholic Irish, who were hosting homecoming night. There was an abundance of mistakes in the first half Friday

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CAK remains perfect despite Cade's heroics

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School's football team got stellar performance from quarterback Jay Cade Friday night. But it wasn't quite enough as Christian Academy of Knoxville held on and nabbed a 42-33 victory over Gibbs in Corryton. CAK, the defending Class 3A State Champion, darted to a 20-0 lead in the second quarter before Cade got rolling. Cade closed out the first half with a 61-yard touchdown scamper to pull the Eagles to within 20-7.

He would finish the contest with 323 yards and five rushing touchdowns to make things interesting against the Warriors, who kept their perfect record intact. CAK (6-0) got another stellar passing performance from senior quarterback Charlie High. High completed 22 of his 31 passing attempts and compiled 336 yards through the air and fired a pair of touchdown passes to Franklin Murchison. Murchison made touchdown grabs of 31 and 11 yards and has filled in nicely for University of Tennessee commitment Josh Smith, who suffered a broken collarbone early in the season. "Franklin has started in our program since his sophomore year

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Powell wins on the road at Karns, 21-7

By Bill Mynatt,

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Playing without four defensive starters who sat out the game for various reasons, the Powell Panthers went to Karns to play the border rival Beavers on Thursday and came away with a solid 21-7 win. Powell now stands at 5-1 overall on the year, and stays in a tie for second place in District 3AAA at 3-1 a game behind Oak Ridge. The game didn't exactly start so well for Powell. On the third play from scrimmage Panther quarterback Hagen Owenby threw an ill advised pass in to double coverage. Karns safety Cody Graves picked off the throw and returned it to the Powell 1-yard line. Beaver quarterback Trevor Towe, substituting for the injured Matt Nauman, sneaked in to the end zone for the touchdown, and

after Eric Berman's point after, Karns led 7-0 just a minute and thirty one seconds in to the game. That was the biggest cheer that the Homecoming 2012 crowd at Karns would make all night. Powell wasted little time getting the game even once again. With the Beaver defense putting nine men in the box and daring the Panthers to throw over it, Owenby obliged. The 6'1" and 195 pound junior went over the top, finding fellow junior Klay Leeper down the right sideline. Leeper found the handle, and then out ran his closest defender to the goal line. The pass covered 61 yards, and culminated a six play - 80 yard drive, consuming 3:04 of game time. Austin Rogers' kick knotted the score at 7 with 7:25 to go in the first. After a fumble recovery by Powell's Cody

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PHOTO BY ERIC KENNEDY

Powell corner back Mike Brown (#29 in white) goes up to defend the much taller Karns wide receiver Nathan Rivera. Brown came away with an interception on the play, snuffing out a potential Beaver scoring drive to preserve Powell's 14-7 lead at the time. Powell went on to win 21-7.

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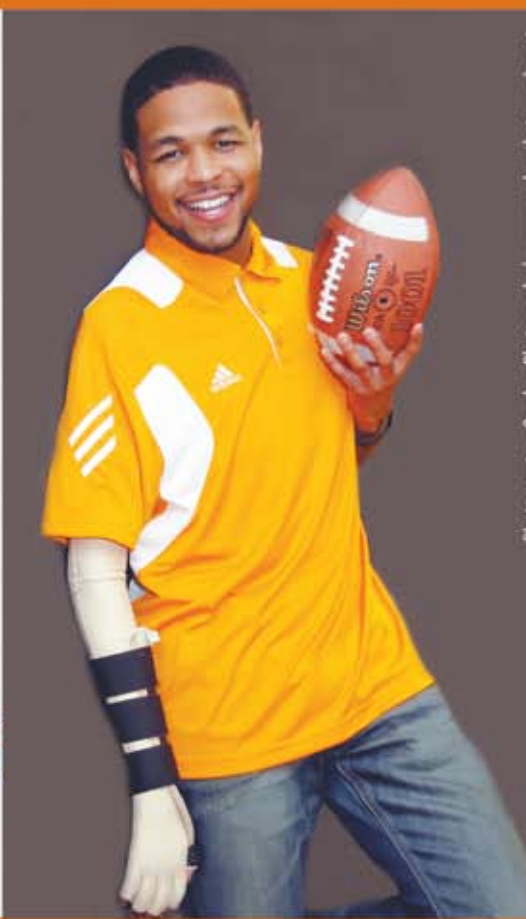


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and he's done a great job stepping in for Josh," Warriors coach Rusty Bradley said. "I feel very comfortable with him in that spot."

CAK, which features one of Knox County's most prolific aerial attacks, also showed it can produce on the ground.

Senior tailback Corey Rathbone finished with 133 yards on 18 carries. He had three rushing touchdowns. He scored on runs of 13, 1 and four yards respectively.

"Corey is a great tailback and he has great vision," Bradley said. "He's a great fit for our offense."

"He's a great athlete and a great tailback. He does a nice job. He had some big runs that kept drives alive for us and he also got into the end zone."

While CAK's offensive attack was more balanced Friday night, the Eagles (4-2) generated all of their offense on the ground.

Cade had four rushing touchdowns and ran for more than 200 yards after halftime.

"We knew going in that the key to stopping them was stopping their quarterback," Bradley said. "He's a great athlete and a great player."

"We had guys in good position on him and we couldn't make a tackle and that's a testament to his



Gibbs High's Jacob Gasnow runs into CAK's Russell August (33) and Cody Bailey (24) in the Warriors; victory Friday night in Corryton.

athleticism."

Cade, which closed out the first half with a bang for the Eagles, had second-half touchdown runs of 39, 44, 63 and four yards. Gibbs, which travels to Fulton Friday for a key District 3-AA showdown, gashed CAK's defense for 515 rushing yards. CAK also hits the road this week. The Warriors play at Scott County.

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Reed, the Panther offense went right back to work later in the 1st quarter.

Powell took over at its own 30 and started a 10 play march to the end zone. Another Owenby pass, this time to Andrew Cox, gave the Panthers a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Rogers made the score 14-7 with this point after at the 4:12 mark of the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, what was perhaps the play of the game occurred, and it was the shorthanded Panther defense that came up with it.

Karns had taken over at its own 35 when the Powell kickoff had sailed out of bounds. The Beavers quickly movined the football towards the Panther goal line with intentions of tying the game. On the 4th play of the drive, Towe went deep, trying to take advantage of a huge size matchup between his 6'4" wide receiver Nathan Rivera and Powell corner back Mike Brown at 5'6". Towe threw the ball deep, and

it looked like Rivera had Brown beaten deep inside the 10. Instead of Rivera making the catch, however, it was Brown who went up high to take the ball away from Rivera on a spectacular interception. Brown's pick not only prevented a probable Karns score, but it quieted the home crowd and ignited the Panther faithful who had made the trip out West Emory Road to support their team.

Karns would threaten to tie the game late in the half, but again would come up short. A punt return put the Beavers in business at the Powell 22, and then on second down Towe threw the ball in to the end zone, but it was senior defensive back Jacob Bezark who helped the Panthers hold the half time lead with his first of two interceptions on the game. The first half ended with Powell leading 14-7.

For only 21 points being scored between the two teams, there was a ton of offense put on the board in the first 24 minutes of play.

Powell had thrown for 144 and rushed for 173 for a big total first half output of 281 yards. Karns had 93 total yards at intermission. With the huge disparity, the Beaver coaches had to feel pretty good that their team was only down by 7.

As offensive as the first half was, the third quarter belonged to both defenses, as Powell would only manage 39 yards total in the quarter. Karns' offense was not much better with just 42 total yards.

The only score of the second half came early on in the final stanza as the Panthers put together a 6 play – 63 yard drive to make it a two score game. Senior running back Montario Washington took the ball the last 15 yards up the gut to pay dirt. Rogers' kick stretched the lead to 21-7, and Karns was in trouble at that point as the makeshift Panther defense had figured out the Karns offensive attack. Karns final three drives resulted in a punt, turning the ball over on downs, and then

Bezark's second interception of the night on the final play closed the deal.

Powell head coach Derek Rang certainly appeared to be happy that the game was over.

"With all that has happened this week, weather issues that prevented us from being out as much as we would have liked, and it being a short week, I'm just glad we got out of here with the win."

Karns had played last Thursday at home against Central. Powell hosted Anderson County on Friday in what turned out to be a wild 48-43 shoot out win.

Brown and Bezark were named the Knoxville Trophy and Awards / AM 620 WRJZ Co-Players of the game.

"I didn't really worry about the height difference", Brown told me on the Post Game Show on WRJZ in reference to his going up against the taller Rivera much of the night. "I just play the coverage and try to make sure my guy doesn't make big plays".

Bezark, a senior who had been primarily a backup and special teams player

during his previous two years of high school varsity football, relishes the opportunity he has had to be a starter in his senior year.

"I want to do whatever I can to help our team win, and if it means coming up with big plays when we need them, I am glad I am able to do it. The guys on the defense all work hard to be successful."

Washington cracked the 100 yard rushing mark in a game for the 4th time in his Panther career with 101 yards on 18 tries. Owenby added 83 on 14 carries, and he was 7 of 15 passing for 143 yards, 2 TDs and 2 interceptions.

Towe led his team on the ground with 35 net yards on 14 attempts. He was 9 of 15 through the air for 74 yards, and he was picked off three times. Towe left the game in the middle of the 4th quarter with favoring his left leg.

Powell totaled 356 yards of offense to Karns' 151.

Senior linebacker Devin Scott led the Panther defensive charge with 9 total hits. He was backed up by linebacker Josh Singleton's 8

tackles - including two tackles for loss and two sacks.

Junior nose tackle Brady Scalf was named the Hump's Hawg of the Week for his seven tackle, three for loss, and two sack effort filling in for Shar'ron Moore, who was one of the starters not to play in the game.

Karns falls to 1-5 overall on the season, and unless they can run the table and have some success in the playoffs, they will not repeat their winning season of a year ago – the school's first since 1974. The Beavers are 1-3 in district play, and will travel to Halls on Friday night.

For the second week in a row Powell will play a Thursday night road game this week, this time at Hardin Valley Academy in a State Farm Rivalry Thursday game. Kickoff is schedule for 7 p.m., and the broadcast on AM 620 WRJZ and streaming at www.PowellPanthersFootball.com begins at 6:30.



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221 Hubert Gusby

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590 Gene Allmon

580 Mike Cate

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175 Wendy Metzger

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467 Betty Phillips	High Game Scratch-Male
	300 Billy Majors
	300 John Fisher
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High Game Scratch-Male	879 Billy Majors
244 J.C.Pilant	777 Bill Byrge
235 Roger Satterfield	734 Gary Wilson
230 Don George	High Game Scratch-Female
High Series Scratch-Male	222 Beulah Armetta
638 Roger Satterfield	210 Margaret Myers
632 J.C.Pilant	209 Carol Hilbert
623 Bill Byrge	High Series Scratch-Female
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175 Gloria Wilson	542 Betty Phillips
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yard line and side-stepped almost every member of the Carter backfield before crossing the goal line. The extra point was no good and South Doyle lead 13-0.

Caleb Mitchell would hit an impressive 38-yard field goal midway through the third quarter to put the Cherokee's up 16-0.

"That was big for us. It put us up three scores and that was huge," said

Coach Duncan.

Brody Rollins, the quarterback who typically makes huge gains when he keeps the ball on designed run plays, made a huge defensive interception after Carter marched down to their own 25-yard line. Rollins returned the ball for an 85-yard touchdown to put the Cherokee's up 23-0.

"On the return back I had two great blocks that freed me up, so I give credit to

them," said Rollins on the interception.

Coach Duncan surely can appreciate the teams success so far this season. "I've been here for the last ten years as an administrator, and I've never seen it like this. It's so exciting to see our people turn out and be a part of something special."

South Doyle travels to Cherokee High School this Friday in hopes of expanding the streak to 6-0.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Talented 1980 Rule team was as good as gold

From the very beginning of the 1980 season, the goal of Rule High School's football team had been to win the Class AA state championship.

By Steve Williams

The year before, in Bob Polston's last season as coach, Rule went 8-2 and at one time held the No. 1 ranking in the state, and that was with a junior dominated lineup.

In The Knoxville Journal's 1980 preview story on the Golden Bears, new head coach Don Ward declared, "We're shooting for the top – the state championship."

Ward put a tough schedule in front of his team, one that he felt would help harden his squad into a champion. It included five Class AAA opponents and what turned out to be an unusual season opener.

In the end, Rule came up a point short 32 years ago, but that team is still remembered as being good as gold.

Trying to give Knoxville its first state title since the TSSAA adopted the play-off system and put teams in classifications in 1969, Rule suffered a heart-breaking 21-20 loss to Brentwood Academy on Dec. 5, 1980.

It was the era of Tennessee high school football when public schools and

private schools competed against each other for state honors, and also when championship games were played at the site of one of the finalists.

Rule, a public school which closed in 1991, traveled to Brentwood Academy, a private school located near Nashville, for the Class AA finale.

Oddly enough, the two teams had opened the 1980 season against each other at Rule exactly three months earlier, on Sept. 5, with the Eagles also winning that game 26-16.

During the week before the rematch, Ward was quoted as saying: "It (the season-opening loss) pulled us together. It gave us something to shoot for – a rematch with Brentwood Academy. And it has given us a psychological edge going into this game."

In the first meeting, Ward's Golden Bears had been guilty of five lost fumbles and three interceptions. The Rule coach was probably thinking his team's chances of winning the second meeting were good if it avoided turnovers.

As it turned out, mistakes were again costly for Rule. Two unsuccessful point-after-touchdown attempts, a fumble just before halftime, an illegal participation foul in the fourth quarter and a botched snap exchange after their starting quarterback had to leave the game for one play following a leg

cramp were too much for the Golden Bears to overcome.

"It hurts," said Ward in the locker room after it was over. "Brentwood is a good ball club. They have good athletes but we gave them too many chances and they capitalized on them."

All-State quarterback Ken Austin's three touchdown passes to junior tight end Jimmy Hockaday carried the undefeated Eagles to the crown. Rule, which beat Lake City, Johnson County and Kingston to reach the finals, finished 11-3.

The title game matched the state's top two QB prospects – Austin and Rule's Terry Minor.

In addition to Minor, Rule had six other college prospects – TE-LB James Cofer, two-way tackle Darron Meade, split end Andre Styles, running back Eric Foxx, FL-S Tim Bozeman and C-DT Jeff Hurst.

Rule fell behind 7-0 in the first quarter but rallied for a 12-7 lead when Minor tossed a 3-yard TD pass to James Cofer and ran in from 1 yard out. The Eagles cashed in a Minor fumble as Austin hooked up with Hockaday from 24 yards out on the last play of the half. Jay Ray kicked his second of three PATs for a 14-12 lead.

Rule retook the lead again in the third quarter. James Cofer's 38-yard fumble return and a third-down catch by Houston

Jackson put the Bears on the 1. Junior standout Tim Lively plowed in and added a two-point run for a 20-14 margin. Meade protected the lead when he made a huge fumble recovery after the Eagles drove to the 2.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Rule was guilty of having 12 players on the field, giving Brentwood Academy a first down at Rule 40. Austin's air attack reached paydirt again and Ray's PAT kick put the Eagles ahead 21-20 with 5:51 left.

After swapping turnovers, Rule drove to the BA 41. But when Minor had to go out for a play because of a cramp, the backup quarterback never got the snap from center, ending Rule's last threat.

Minor completed 12 of 23 passes for 145 yards. Jackson had five catches for 72 yards. Foxx rushed for 62 yards on 11 attempts.

Joe Cofer, a junior, led the Rule defense with 15 hits. James Cofer and Gilbert Washington had 13 each.

Looking back on the 1980 Rule team, Ward, now 67, recently said: "Most of those kids have always been special to me. A lot of them have stayed in touch. The main thing I remember about that team is it was just a bunch of good athletes. Anybody could have coached them. I was just blessed to be there at that time."

Tennessee Football:

Not Back Yet

By Alex Norman

It was the morning of September 15th, and all finally seemed right in the world with regards to Tennessee football.

The Vols were 2-0, nationally ranked for the first time in four years, and slight favorites to defeat rival Florida and snap a seven game losing streak to the Gators.

A national audience was brought to Knoxville through the power of television via the popular ESPN College GameDay program, and thousands of fans showed up in person to sing "Rocky Top" and hold up signs showing their support for Tennessee and hatred for anything "Gator."

Later that night, Neyland Stadium was rocking at a level not heard since what... the infamous "black jersey" game against South Carolina in 2009?

By now you know what happened. Florida scored 24 unanswered points in the second half, beat Tennessee 37-20, and extended the frustration level for the Vols in this series for at least one more year.

Which leads Tennessee fans to ask... will Derek Dooley be around to coach that game in 2013?

The numbers are not kind. The Vols are 0-11 when playing ranked opponents in the Dooley era. In their last eight SEC games, the Vols have been outscored 149-26 in the second half.

In Derek Dooley's head coaching career, he is 2-27 when facing a team with a winning record.

As Bill Parcells said, "You are what your record says you are."

The Vols have one SEC victory since November 2010, and that was an overtime win over Vanderbilt in November 2011.

To say that the UT football program is (Joe Namath voice) struggling is an understatement. The loss to Florida proved that yet again, the Vols were not properly prepared, physically and mentally, for the rigors of SEC play.

For the first time since maybe 2006, you looked at both rosters and realized that the Gators were not head and shoulders above the Vols in terms of talent... far from it. This was a Florida team below the 85 scholarship plateau, a Florida team that was tied midway through the third quarter in their season opener against Bowling Green.

And it was a Tennessee team that finally developed some depth at key positions, a Tennessee team with one of the top passing attacks in the nation.

But despite all the optimism, the ghosts of failures past haven't left Knoxville just yet.

And things are only going to get tougher.

Note: This article was written before the Akron game, so I'm going to assume they beat the Zips. If they lose to Akron, you are better off if you just stop reading this because the season has been canceled and football likely disbanded forever at UT.

This Saturday, the Vols play at 5th ranked Georgia. After a bye week, Tennessee travels to 23rd ranked Mississippi State on October 13th. Then, a home contest on October 20th for the Vols against top-ranked Alabama, and finally, on October 27th a trip to Columbia to play 7th ranked South Carolina.

The oddsmakers will probably make the Vols underdogs in each of those games. If the result follows the expectations, Tennessee will be 3-5, and need to win three of their last four just to make it to a bowl game. They'd need to win all four to give Derek Dooley a chance to keep his job.

If the Fulmer firing caused his players to storm out of the press conference while former AD Mike Hamilton was speaking, and the Kiffin resignation led to campus rioting (if you call a burned mattress a riot), what would a Dooley firing bring?

More than likely? Indifference. This is actually Tennessee's biggest worry. Season ticket sales have already slumped, and if Tennessee is 3-5 going into their final three home games, how many people will show up to see Missouri, Troy and Kentucky?

The Kentucky game in particular would be tough... the final game of the regular season, likely at night, with the students home on Thanksgiving break. Actual folks in the bleachers would be what... 60,000? Maybe?

Now, the Vols could bounce back and live up to the expectations set in motion after their impressive victory over North Carolina State in the season opener. Perhaps the final 18 minutes of the Florida loss was an aberration, and this team is ready to be competitive for

60 minutes in the Southeastern Conference.

But be honest... have you seen anything from this team would lead you to believe that is going to happen?

Farragut girls keep perfect record

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School girls soccer coach Dennis Lindsay had to breathe a sigh of relief Thursday night after his team kept its perfect record intact.

"We're lucky to be getting out of here with a win," Lindsay said after watching the Lady Admirals record a 3-0 District 4-AAA over rival Bearden before a packed house at Bruce Allender Field. "It took us awhile to get adjusted.

"To tell the truth, I don't know if the girls ever really got adjusted. We just won. It seemed like they [the Lady Bulldogs] were substituting every 15 seconds and they slowed down the game and we played right into their game plan."

The two squads slugged through a scoreless first half where both defenses dominated. Both the top-ranked Lady Admirals (12-0 overall, 4-0 in District 4-AAA) and the host Lady Bulldogs (9-3-2, 3-1) received stellar play from their goalkeepers. Bearden junior netminder Katie Cottrell was far busier than Farragut senior Katy Hill.

"Katie made some great saves for us tonight," Bearden coach Eric Turner said. "I thought we really controlled the game in the first half.

"But the second half was a different story but our effort was there and I thought we played awesome tonight."

Farragut finally broke the deadlock against the eighth-ranked Lady

Bulldogs when K.C. Ward banged the ball past Cottrell and into the Bearden net in the 53rd minute. Joanda Parchman picked up an assist on the match's first marker.

Parchman, which figured in all three of the game's goals, got one of her own in the 58th minute to give the Lady Admirals a 2-0 lead.

Junior Katie Cloud scored the game's final goal with just under three minutes remaining. Parchman was credited with an assist.

"Their goals were beautiful goals," said Turner, who is approaching his 500th win. "We don't have the depth and the bench that they do.

"Our midfield wore down and the end result was that they got it done and we didn't."

Webb Overcomes Turnovers to Defeat Irish

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night at Catholic. Catholic committed nine penalties in the first half for 77 yards. They had three holding penalties, one block in the back, and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. In addition, Catholic turned the ball over twice. Webb wasn't much better. The Spartans committed three turnovers in the half.

Shaking off the mistakes, the Spartans got on the board first with a 25-yard touchdown run by junior running back Todd Kelly. The touchdown came after he had just intercepted Catholic quarterback Tanner Sharp.

"All I did was run hard, there was a hole, the line did great. So all I did was hit that hole and got to the end zone; so my line did excellent," Kelly said.

Catholic couldn't get anything going after the Spartans' score. But they did manage to force a fumble on the Spartans' next possession. Kelly fumbled and

Jordan Anderson recovered for Catholic.

The Irish self destructed, however, after forcing the turnover. The officials flagged the Irish for two penalties on one play, resulting in a loss of 25 yards and a first-and-35 for Catholic.

The Irish would punt the ball, but Webb would turn the ball over a second time on a Jack Grayson interception. Tristen Callis made the interception for the Irish.

Catholic couldn't do anything again on offense. Webb would get the ball back and pick up a fourth-and-one in territory. However, they would turn the ball over again to Catholic for their third turnover of the game, a fumble by Jack Grayson.

Catholic started their drive at their own 44-yard line. In addition to the first half penalties and turnovers, the play clock wasn't operating properly. Sharp threw his second

interception of the night to Webb's Robby Strachan.

Webb took advantage of the turnover. They went 34 yards in eight plays. Kelly scored his second touchdown of the game from one yard out to make it 13-0 Webb. The Spartans missed the extra point.

Webb came out after halftime, with the ball and looked to add to their lead. A double reverse pass from Johnny Chun to Liam Willoughby looked like it was going to go the distance, but Logan Lacey recovered Willoughby's fumble, the Spartans' fourth turnover of the game.

This time, Catholic put together its best drive of the night. It started at its own 24-yard line and even included a successful fake punt. Nolan Coulter ran for 13 yards to the Webb 26-yard line following the fake punt. However, the drive stalled, and the Irish came out to attempt a 40-yard field goal. A gang of Spartans blocked Nathan

Teter's field goal. A six and a half minute drive came up empty for the Irish.

From there, the teams traded possessions twice. Catholic got the ball back. Sharp threw a pass that bounced off Mark Broussard's head and into Webb's Brock Beeler's opportunistic hands. It was Sharp's third interception of the night and Catholic's third turnover of the game. From there, Webb ran out the clock for a 13-0 victory.

"Defensively we played great," Webb Head Coach David Meske said. "We slowed them down enough to keep our offense on the field. Defensively our game plan was great and the kids executed," he added. "Offensively we had too many turnovers, we got to get that corrected," he stressed.

Webb improved to 4-1 with the win. Catholic fell to 3-2 on the year.

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Becky published an essay in *Newsweek Magazine* many years ago when that periodical was actually read and was worth millions of dollars instead of its sale price of \$1 in 2010. Her essay was about petty crimes which go unpunished and then escalate to more serious ones, somewhat analogous to our current US foreign policy. My Kroger plastic bags have always been adequate for the occasional beer bottle or Sonic Styrofoam cup thrown along our roadside.

Already in the month of September three of my patients went to the emergency room for non-emergencies which included a sore pinky toe, a scraped finger and a bug bite. You say that's ridiculous and a misuse of valuable resources, and I say it's common because there's

Many Americans have become impoverished because they focus more on their feelings instead of facts. Did you know that those below the poverty line are affluent by the world's standards? Eighty percent of those below the poverty line have air

America has turned away from its roots and from “Nature’s God” mentioned four times in the Declaration of Independence. How amazing that James Madison and the others who crafted the Constitution in 1789 never mention God.

Food for thought...



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Faith

Excuses, excuses

The following are actual statements found in insurance forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the details of an accident in the fewest words.

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

The guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.

I had been driving for forty years, when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.

I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old

gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

An indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck my front end.

I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached the intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

As I approached the intersection, a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

It is amazing the number of excuses we can come up in order to not make it sound like it was our fault. Making excuses is easy. Taking responsibility is more difficult. If we are to have a relationship with God, we must begin to take responsibility for our actions.

John, the apostle, wrote the following: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

The first step back to God is admitting sin. Let's stop making excuses and get honest with God and ourselves.



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Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church ("the church with a heart in the heart of Karns") at 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy is seeking new choir members! Men (and basses) are particularly needed! Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the choir room for performance at Sunday 11 a.m. worship services. Church membership is NOT required.

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church will be starting a new series of DivorceCare meetings. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the church library from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (childcare is available upon request). The holidays are often very difficult, so this series will take us through mid-December in hopes of offering some support throughout the holiday season. This group is open to anyone in the community. For more information please contact the church office (865) 690-1060. web: www.beaver-ridgeumc.org.

Glenwood Baptist

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, located at 7212 Central Avenue Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Call (865) 938-2611. Leave a message and the church will return your call.

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church will host a gospel music performance on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. The Alder Spring singers, David Jenkins and David Archer will provide the musical talent for the evening. The church is located at 819 Raccoon Valley Road Northeast, Heiskell, TN 37754, which is one mile west of I-75 at exit 117. The church and pastor Michael Parsley welcome all to come.

Grace Baptist Church

A One Harvest Food Ministries Distributor, Grace Baptist Church in Seymour may help participants save 30% to 50% on restaurant grade food. For more information, please call Tami Hull at (865) 235-3096 or the church office at (865) 573-8916. Grace Baptist is located at 113 Smothers Road, Seymour, TN 37865.

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet September 25, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway at noon. Dr. Linda S. Rieg, will be the guest speaker. You may view Dr. Rieg's complete bio: <http://kfl-luncheon.com>

Seymour United Methodist Church

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., the fairly

new ministry called "Grief Support" will meet and is open to anyone needing such support. At that same time every Tuesday evening, the Chancel Choir practices under guidance of Gaile Todd, Director of Music. Additional voices are always needed and welcomed.

Wednesday evening "Fellowship Meals" are held each week at 5:30 p.m., followed by small group study groups beginning at 6:30 p.m. Make dinner reservations Sunday or before noon on Tuesday.

Sunday, Sept. 30 offers the opportunity to share our blessings with Holston Home for Children - Holston Conference sponsored orphanage in Greenville, TN.

For more information, call the church office at 573-9711, or on our website at: www.seymourumc.com.

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



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Fountain City Republican Club To Meet In October

The Fountain City Republican Club will meet Monday, October 1 at 6:30 at Shoney's on Broadway for dinner; the meeting will follow. Knox County General Sessions Court Judge Chuck Cerny will be the speaker. For more information, contact Michele Carringer at (865) 247-5756.

Knoxville Urban League To Hold Job Search Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop entitled "Conducting an Effective Computer Job Search" that includes hands-on instruction on Thursday, September 27, 2012, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call (865) 524-5511.

"Listening Hearts" To Meet In October

"Listening Hearts, A Gathering of Bereaved Moms" will meet 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, in the west conference room at the Eye Institute (formerly the Baptist Eye Institute), located at 2020 Kay Street, Knoxville, TN 37920. For more information, please visit www.listening-hearts.memory-of.com, or contact the group at listeninghearts@live.com or (865) 679-1351.

Mental Health Family and Friends Support Group

The Knoxville National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group offers a chance for adult supporters and family members of individuals with mental illness to connect.

The group will be held the first and third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. At 901 E. Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37915, on the first floor of the Fort Hill Building. For more information, please contact namiknox.org or (865) 602-7807.

Our Memory Lane Café Monthly Meetings

Our Memory Lane Café meets on the Second Tuesday of every month. The café acts as extension of Alzheimer's Support Group and invites people who have dementia, their friends, families and caregivers and anyone interested in dementia to an evening of fun, refreshments and support. Since its first café in January of 2012, the group has hosted entertainers, karaoke, sing a longs, a fifties party and a luau. At the most recent meeting in September, the café held an old west roundup. Its next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., and the guest will be Hugh Livingston, Jr., who will play the organ. The Memory Lane Café is at The Courtyard Senior Living of Fountain City, 815 East Inskip Drive.

PK Hope is Alive Parkinson Support Group Monthly Meetings

Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee (PK Hope is Alive) meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30-1:30 at Kern Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. The group welcomes individuals with Parkinson's or who have loved ones with Parkinson's to join for lunch, support, and knowledge. For more information, contact Karen at (865) 482-4867 or visit www.pkhopeisalive.org.

Upcoming Knox County Retired Teacher's Meeting

The KCRTA Program for September 27, 2012 will feature Dr. James McIntyre, Superintendent of Knox County Schools, who will present an exciting update regarding the school system. Meetings are held at The Foundry, 747 World's Fair Drive, at 11:15 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of alternate months. The cost for the lunch is \$15, with exception of newly retired teachers attending for the first time. The Executive Board meets at 10:15 a.m., and all members are welcome to attend. The new KCRTA Officers are the president Bill Crossland, the acting vice president Valerie Biberdorf, the secretary Glenda Childress, the treasurer Don Akers, and the scholarship chair Lexa Hooten.

House to Home

Mustard Seed Camp Features Skinks, Owls and Bats

Norwood Garden Club held its annual Junior Gardeners Mustard Seed Camp at the historic Ivan Racheff House and Gardens on Tennessee Avenue. The theme of the camp was "Members Together Nurturing our Community through Education and Service." The Camp is planned each year to accommodate up to 24 campers ages six through twelve. There is no charge for campers.

Peggy Boute from Ijams Nature Center had a presentation on Owls and Bats. She brought along an injured owl to "show and tell." The owl is a permanent member of Ijams Nature Center. Due to her injuries, she cannot survive in the wild. A representative from Smokey Mountain National Park taught the campers about skinks and "Builder Bob" from Home Depot brought along kits for each camper to build a birdfeeder to take home.

Norwood Club Members held sessions on making garden markers using recycled shells and other found objects. The campers also painted flowers, leaves etc. on T-Shirts. They paid a visit to the children's garden at Racheff and planted miniature iris that will bloom next spring.

The 2012 campers were: Anna Kate Reichter, Lily Reichter, Grace Reichter, Lauren Calloway, Gracie Taylor, Eli Milligan, Ty Pritchard, Tristan Pritchard, Dustin Henderlight, Dorasia Turk, Sarah Wood, Abbey Bickers, Elijah Butler and Ellie Milligan.

Norwood Garden Club members wish to thank the following for their contributions to the camp: Home Depot, Kroger, Chick-fil-A, Burger King, Ijams Nature Center, Smokey Mountain National Park Service, Food City, Froyoz and Famous Dave.



Peggy Boote of Ijams Nature Center shows the junior gardeners an injured owl.

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By Carl Sloan

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Qualifications must be received by 4 p.m. EST on Oct. 15, 2012. Qualifications should be submitted to: Knoxville Regional TPO, 400 W. Main St., Suite 403, Knoxville, TN, 37902, Attn: Ellen Zavisca, Senior Transportation Planner.

Responses should be clearly marked REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: Regional Greenway Planning

More information on the project and request for qualifications (RFQ) can be found at the TPO website at: www.knoxtrans.org.

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