

# McMillan Challenges Grievance Policy

Feels Good Teachers Should Be Protected

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of

the Board of Education, challenged the grievance policy being proposed by



*Knox County School Teacher Susan Weaver Jones presents her case to the School Board in last Wednesday's meeting. For her full speech, see A3.*

Superintendent James McIntyre. The grievance policy is established to allow teachers to file a complaint on their own behalf. Most grievances are never heard by the Board of Education and Dr. McIntyre was proposing significant changes to the existing policy which would have the effect of reposing virtually all power in the Superintendent.

"I didn't like where that was going," McMillan explained. "On the one hand, the Board members are being told we are not in compliance with Tennessee State law, yet on the other hand, the proposed changes are not State law. They are policies established by the State Board of Education."

McMillan is the only

member of the of the Knox County Board of Education who is a former classroom teacher.

There are some twenty-five grievances filed currently with twelve of those coming from one school, Powell Middle. Superintendent McIntyre explained the problem with the evaluations at Powell Middle arose from "miscommunication" between the principal and teachers. Virtually all of the grievances came from instructors outside language, social studies, math related subjects, and the sciences. The chorus director, band director, art teachers had filed grievances and apparently the State of Tennessee (and Knox County) don't evaluate these educators in their own field, but require them

to attach themselves to social studies, math, science, and language arts subjects to be evaluated.

"I think that's just silly," McMillan said. "Evaluating an art teacher or choral director in a subject he or she doesn't teach shows just how flawed the system is and the facts at Powell Middle School demonstrate that."

McMillan says he objects to all power being placed in the hands of the Superintendent.

"Really good teachers should have some legitimate recourse to protecting themselves and the fact is it was just embarrassing how few teachers came out to support the budget this year," McMillan stated. "The

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# Romney Increases Lead In Knox County

By Focus Staff

Mitt Romney has increased his lead since The Focus conducted its first poll on the presidential race in Knox County. Likely voters were asked the question, "If the election for President of the United States were held today, for whom would you vote, Barack Obama and Joe Biden or Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan?"

The Romney-Ryan ticket was favored by almost 69.5% of respondents.

Only in the first district did President Obama receive a majority of those responding to the poll. The First District is inside the City of Knoxville and is the heart of the African-American community. Almost 71% of respondents said they would vote for President Obama.

Other voters inside the City of Knoxville did not share the same enthusiasm for the President as the First District. In the Second District, more than 70% said they would vote for Mitt Romney. The percentage of support for Romney fell in both the Third and Fourth Districts, but both districts posted more than 66% of those responding for the former Massachusetts governor.

Once outside the city limits, Romney's margins appear to pick up slightly. Fifth District respondent favored Romney by more than 71% and the Sixth District posted an almost identical margin.

The Romney-Ryan ticket won every age group, including those 18-29. Obama saw his greatest support in that age demographic, with 40% of those responding saying they would vote to reelect the president.

More women than men favored President Obama, but in Knox County, it was only by a fraction.

# Mayor Burchett goes to Gibbs

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett hosted his third "Lunch with the Mayor" event last Friday at Henry's Bakery & Deli.

Mayor Burchett began "Lunch with the Mayor" after organizing a series of successful cash mobs.

"The amount of community support for these events is outstanding, and it's good to see people supporting locally-owned businesses, no matter where they are in Knox County," Mayor Burchett said.

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*Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett visits with Jack Huddleston and Focus Publisher Steve Hunley at last Friday's "Lunch with the Mayor." Henry's Bakery & Deli is located at 7231 Tazewell Pike.*

## FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

If the election for President of the United States were held today, for whom would you vote, Barack Obama and Joe Biden or Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan?

OBAMA/BIDEN 30.58%

ROMNEY/RYAN 69.42%

Survey conducted October 4, 2012.

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

## Inskip Elementary to celebrate 100 Years

Inskip Elementary School will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Friday, November 2. There will be an Open House from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to visit with former classmates, share stories from your school days, and once again find your home at Inskip.

If you have old pictures (copies, please), or memorabilia you would like to share for our history display, please bring them to the school between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. until Wednesday October 31.

## Fundraiser set for TRAK

By Sarah Baker

The Therapeutic Riding Academy of Knoxville (TRAK) is having its annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Sunday, October 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. TRAK offers therapeutic horseback riding activities to children and adults with disabilities. All of the funds raised at the festival will support the TRAK program, horses and students. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will speak at the start of the event. There will also be a demonstration lesson, pony rides, raffle for an iPad and television, face-painting, pumpkin painting, and much more.

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independence by providing sensory, cognitive, and emotional stimulation. According to the

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movements. Tight muscles relax, lax muscles are strengthened, coordination is improved, and circulation increased."

The academy uses "mild-mannered" horses to work with people with special needs such as autism, Down syndrome, ADHD and cerebral palsy.

According to TRAK founder and director, Stacy Hirsch, TRAK has seen tremendous improvement in their students through connection and use of the horse as a therapeutic tool. Children have said their first words, sat up for the first time, and even taken their first steps at TRAK. She says they have had students leave walker and wheelchair behind due to strengthening their muscles from horseback riding.

"It's amazing to watch the interaction between a horse

and a student with special needs," says Hirsch. "The horses' instinctively know to be more submissive. They sense the student's need and know how to work with it. The horse and the student find a connection that builds confidence and relationship skills. Students often request specific horses they have built a relationship with."

TRAK operates from volunteer effort, support, and donations, so they are asking for our community to go show their support. They are located at 7316 West Emory Road in Karns, convenient to all areas of Knoxville. This fundraiser and your support will help TRAK to improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities. For more information, visit [www.traktn.com](http://www.traktn.com).

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**Obama/Biden**  
30.58% (159)

**Romney/Ryan**  
69.42% (361)



**By Age** Obama/Biden Romney/Ryan Total

18-29	40.00%	60.00%	5
30-49	24.05%	75.95%	79
50-65	31.16%	68.84%	138
65+	31.88%	68.12%	298
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.58%</b>	<b>69.42%</b>	<b>520</b>

**By Commission District**

1	70.97%	29.03%	31
2	29.82%	70.18%	57
3	33.93%	66.07%	56
4	33.77%	66.23%	77
5	28.17%	71.83%	71
6	29.09%	70.91%	55
7	22.67%	77.33%	75
8	24.07%	75.93%	54
9	20.45%	79.55%	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.58%</b>	<b>69.42%</b>	<b>520</b>

**By Gender**

Unknown	29.41%	70.59%	17
Female	31.10%	68.90%	254
Male	30.12%	69.88%	249
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.58%</b>	<b>69.42%</b>	<b>520</b>

Survey conducted October 4, 2012

### Early Voting Locations and Voter Registration Deadline

To view Knox County voting locations and schedule, please visit [www.knoxcounty.org/election/early\\_voting.php](http://www.knoxcounty.org/election/early_voting.php)

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voter.

Tennessee law has changed so that any voter who is sixty (60) years of age or older may vote by mail. If you are interested in voting by mail, please contact the Election Commission office at 215-2480 or visit [knoxcounty.org/election](http://knoxcounty.org/election). The final day to request an absentee by-mail ballot is October 30.

Finally, Monday, October 8th is the final day to register to vote for the upcoming election. Even though October 8 is a federal holiday (Columbus Day), the Election Commission office will be open that day to receive and process registrations.

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# Teacher questions grievance policy

*This is the exact transcript of Susan Jones' address to the Board of Education on Wednesday, October 3.*

By Susan Weaver Jones

I welcome this opportunity to address the School Board regarding Step III performance evaluation grievances.

Last weekend, after reading the agenda and the accompanying attachments that had been posted for this meeting, I had a sudden realization. The many hours I have spent reading, researching, and preparing in-depth, detailed, and relevant documentation regarding the unidentified and undocumented concerns that led to my non-renewal as an Elementary Literacy Coach may have been an exercise in futility. So far, my efforts have been to no avail--and now I know why. Despite the intent of the evaluation grievance process to provide three steps during which different parties determine the merit of the grievance, my grievance has been influenced and/or evaluated by the same person at every step along the way. Thus, it should have come as no surprise to me that my grievance was denied every time it was submitted. However, I actually believed that the grievance process would be implemented fairly, as intended, so I didn't completely realize what had been happening until a few days ago.

I was unaware of any perceived problem with my performance until the last week of school when my supervisor unexpectedly told me, based on conversations of which she had not been a part and about which I had never been advised or consulted, I would be non-renewed as an Elementary Literacy Coach for 2012-2013. As you can imagine, with no prior warning or any indication that any issue existed, I was shocked and stunned to learn I was being removed from my position for reasons that are still unknown to me to this day.

In mid June, I received a certified letter signed by the superintendent, confirming my non-renewal as an Elementary Literacy Coach. Prior to the arrival of the letter and afterwards, I sought several times to resolve what I viewed as a misunderstanding blown out of proportion. When those efforts produced no results, I filed Step I of the grievance process.

Even though my supervisor is the evaluator of record who denied Step I of my grievance, I am well aware that the decisions attributed to her are not hers alone. What is the likelihood that a supervisor would overturn a decision of the superintendent without his approval? Following that same line of thinking, how likely is it that the superintendent would reverse a

decision he's already committed to in writing? In my case, because of the superintendent's involvement, Step I of the grievance process was never going to be decided in my favor, regardless of the merits of my grievance.

In Step II of the grievance process, my grievance was submitted to the Director of Schools. Perhaps if he had not been a participant in the events leading up to and including Step I, he might have been able to provide an objective perspective. Given his involvement, though, it was highly improbable that he would rule against his own decision.

The intended audience for Step III in the grievance process is the School Board. However, in my situation, the School Board was not given the opportunity to determine the merit of my grievance. Instead, the Executive Committee consisting of the Chair of the Board and the Director of Schools composed a letter, denying my grievance once again. Because the Step III denial was signed by the Chair, I thought at first she was communicating the intent of all of the Board members after review, discussion, and deliberation of my grievance. Then I noticed the timeline didn't fit. The responsibility of the School Board to make a decision about my grievance had been usurped.

Apparently, the other Board members are expected to accept the actions of the Executive Committee, even though there is no formal indication to suggest that the Board delegated this matter to the Executive Committee, as required in Board Policy BBC on Board Committees. Without such delegation, the members of the Executive Committee overstepped their bounds. The proposal on the agenda involving Board Policy GAE about Complaints and Grievances would allow the Executive Committee to assume responsibility of Step III grievances. However, that proposal had not been approved when the Executive Committee rendered their decision on my grievance last week. The Executive Committee currently does not have the authority to make such a decision. Therefore, the denial that has been issued for my Step III grievance should be null and void.

I have not been afforded due process, since the Director of Schools has been the determining factor for Step I, Step II, and Step III of my grievance. To prevent other teachers from experiencing a similar overlap in the grievance process, I strongly encourage the School Board to retain their involvement in the grievance process, as the Tennessee State Board of Education intends.

Thank you.

# Publisher's Position When Leadership Counts

## Grievance Policy Needs To Be Changed for Fairness Sake

The Knox County Board of Education has been asked by Superintendent James McIntyre to change the policy for grievances by teachers. This is a very important policy change and one that should be carefully reviewed by the Board before voting.

States all across the country are changing the laws to try and make teachers more accountable. There's nothing wrong with making educators more accountable, nor is there anything wrong with trying to evaluate teacher performance, but the evaluation process needs to be fair.

In Tennessee, evidently those educators outside the four major subjects - - - language arts, math, social studies and science - - - are not evaluated according to their own occupation. For instance, a guidance counselor or choral director must select one of the four areas for his or her job evaluation. That one aspect of the evaluation process makes a mockery of the entire process. That is like a physician being evaluated not under the medical arts, but as a bricklayer or pet groomer.

There are approximately twenty-five grievances filed by educators for all of Knox County; exactly almost half came from Powell Middle School and all those teachers with a grievance happened to be outside



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the four major subjects. Clearly, that is an illustration of a serious flaw in the evaluation process. This flaw is neither the Superintendent or Board of Education's fault. What is the fault of the Superintendent and Board of Education is the fact none, save for Mike McMillan, have recognized the inherent unfairness of this approach and sought to change it.

The Superintendent should have asked the Board to consider approving a resolution asking the Knox County legislative delegation to propose a change in State law to address this inequity. Dr. McIntyre should have then taken the resolution to the legislative delegation and outlined the problem to redress it. Instead, Dr. McIntyre has asked the Board to change the grievance policy to give the Superintendent more power in making determinations with regard to grievances.

Dr. McIntyre cheerfully admits he is no politician. At some point reasonable people will recognize someone who presides over a half a billion dollar budget and spends the lion's share of our tax dollars cannot be a mere bean counter or remain closed away in his own ivory tower thinking big thoughts or trying to figure out how to get more money out of the taxpayers.

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offered by Leadership Knoxville. Teachers today are being asked to perform an almost impossible task; whether we wish to admit it or not, there are all too many students who don't want to learn and others who cannot learn. Unfortunately, those students take away time and valuable resources from those who do wish to learn. Teachers are expected to remember "modifications" for special ed students that may run as high as 80 or 90 individual specifications that have to be recalled for that ONE student every class. There may well be any number of other students who have their own set of modifications and just how someone is supposed to teach the other children in a class is anybody's guess. Teachers perform a job that is all too often hard and many of us expect far more from educators than we expect from ourselves.

The Superintendent needs to be an advocate for changing those State laws that don't work well in the classroom. The Superintendent should be bringing those things to the attention of the Board members, or pay attention when one of the Board members raises questions about policies that make little or no sense.

As Mike McMillan has said, the lack of enthusiasm by teachers during the last budget battle was embarrassingly obvious. The Superintendent and the Board merely mouthing pleasantries to teachers is meaningless. The ultimate decision by the Board on a truly fair and workable process that protects those excellent teachers and punishes those who are bad is not only a service to the community, but a step in the right direction.

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## Seymour ahead in Calling All Communities Campaign

Last week marked the halfway point for voting in U.S. Cellular's (NYSE: USM) Calling All Communities campaign, and the carrier has announced the list of the Top 100 schools receiving votes. A total of 11 Tennessee schools are in the Top 100, and four of those schools are currently in the Top 18. Seymour Middle School in Seymour, Tenn., is currently ranked in first place, which would win the school the \$150,000 grand prize.

Almost three weeks remain to rally community support and add to the 33,579 votes that have been cast so far to win a share of \$1 million in the company's fourth annual campaign to support education. With more than 16,000 votes cast in the last week, there's plenty of time to rally votes to make a difference for your school.

"It's been great to see the excitement and community support throughout the first half of the Calling All Communities campaign," said Jack Brundige, director of

sales for U.S. Cellular in Tennessee. "There was a great deal of movement on the Top 100 list in the first few weeks and there's plenty of time left for schools to rally their community in the final half of the campaign. We're excited to help our communities gather together to support education and we look forward to contributing to many of our local communities' schools."

The top 18 schools that receive the most votes will win a share of \$1 million to spend any way they see fit. The school that garners the most votes will receive \$150,000, and the next 17 schools will each receive \$50,000. The voting period ends Oct. 21.

As of Oct. 2, the Top 100 schools lead a total of 881 schools throughout the country that have received votes. This week there are three new schools in the Top 20 and 13 new schools in the Top 100. In just one week, St. Michael School in Orland Park, Ill., jumped 34 spots into 16th place, Big Pasture Elementary in

Randlett, Okla., moved up 22 spots to 13th place and St. Gerard Majella School in St. Louis, Mo., made a massive jump up 45 places to 51st place. Marlatt Elementary School in Manhattan, Kan., also made an impressive debut on the Top 100 list in week three, gathering enough votes through a community Ice Cream Social event to come in at 36th place.

Tennessee schools in the Top 100, including their ranking as released on Oct. 2, include:

- No. 1 – Seymour Middle School in Seymour
- No. 9 – Algood Elementary School in Cookeville
- No. 11 – Pickett County High School in Byrdstown

The full Top 100 school list for this week can be seen at [uscellular.com/callingallcommunities](http://uscellular.com/callingallcommunities).

There is plenty of time for communities to rally and vote for their local schools and the standings can change quickly. The full Top 100 school list for this week can be seen at [uscellular.com/callingallcommunities](http://uscellular.com/callingallcommunities).

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Public and private schools, kindergarten through high school, are eligible to win. No purchase is necessary and you don't have to be a U.S. Cellular customer to vote. The winning schools will be announced in November. The official rules for the campaign are located at [uscellular.com/callingallcommunities](http://uscellular.com/callingallcommunities). For more information about U.S. Cellular and Calling All Communities, visit [uscellular.com](http://uscellular.com) or [facebook.com/uscellular](http://facebook.com/uscellular).



October 13th is the last day of the 2012 season of Seymour Farmer's Market. We have a good variety of local crafters, so come see what wonderful ideas you will find for presents for the holidays. These are hand made items displaying the artistic talents of our farmers and other people in this community. Crafts range from needlecraft such as counted cross stitch, denim wrist wallets, woven shawls, kitchen towels, potato baking bags and baby quilts to decorated tile coasters to woodworking such as bowls

and tables. A local watercolor artist will be bringing stationery--write a note or frame for a small print. Dried flowers and wreaths along with pumpkins and other fall decorations will give you home decorating ideas. The market is open 7 to 11 am Saturday mornings in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church on Chapman Highway just south of Hwy 411/441 intersection. Please contact Marjie Richardson 453-0130 if you have any questions.

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Superintendent and many members of the Board have realized that fact and suddenly everybody is bragging on teachers.

"Just how we resolve this grievance process is certainly going to send a message to teachers all across the county. The actions of the Board and Superintendent need to reflect the rhetoric."

McMillan stopped the grievance train dead in its tracks, using a Board member's prerogative to

cite personal privilege. McMillan claimed the subject was so important it merited study and time for the Board members to evaluate the information, some of which was still being sent to members hours before they were expected to vote. McMillan asked for a delay of thirty days, which was granted by the Board.

"We'll consider this next month and hopefully have all the information we need to make an informed decision," McMillan said.

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Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden. Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, my children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry. Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no jobs. Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life! There are numerous other thoughts to be thankful for, but these are the main ones. What a blessing for be able to give thanks.

Thought for the day: For flowers that bloom about our feet,

For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,

For song of bird, and hum of bee,

Father in heaven, we thank Thee. Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Filling up for United Way



*Knoxville Focus photojournalist Dan Andrews stops by the Campbell Station Road Pilot to help General Manager Susie Estepp with the Pilot Pumper drive.*

### Annual Event Stations Celebrity Pumpers throughout Knoxville

You may have seen some familiar faces at Pilot locations across Knoxville last week. Nearly 70 elected officials and media personalities helped Pilot support the United Way of Greater Knoxville during the annual Pilot Celebrity Pumpers event. The “celebrities” pumped gas for customers Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 1-3.

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Pilot Celebrity Pumpers is the single largest special event fundraiser for the United Way of Greater Knoxville’s annual campaign. The 2011 event raised \$63,500.

## Doing Unto Others

They were only seven years old when I first saw them. They were identical twins. They looked just alike with their John Denver haircut and



wire-rimmed glasses. Today, I hardly recognize either of them; but a closer “look” tells me, that in the things that matter the most, they have not changed at all.

They are the twin sons of Kent and Amy Williams. (Focus readers may remember Rev. Kent Williams who was featured in my column, “A Tennessee Treasure,” 2-21-11.) Kent and Amy were school teachers in the Sunshine State before Kent was called to full-time Christian ministry. Today, Kent is the Pastor of Pastoral Care at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church (WMBC), a position he has served in for thirteen years. Because Kent and his family have touched so many lives, someone told me that they think of Kent’s family as “everybody’s family.” They are truly loved by all. Amy is an Education Assistant in the Knox County School System and was recently honored as Staff Member of the Year at her school. It seems that I blinked, and the twins grew up! Now, they are outstanding young men with the same kind-hearted nature for which their parents are known. “In watching the Williams children mature, I am proud of their spiritual progress through our ministry at Wallace Memorial,” WMBC Senior Pastor Mike Boyd said.

Bryce is a senior studying meteorology at Mississippi State University, and he is beginning the application process to attend graduate school in meteorology. At school, he is active in the Baptist Student Union. We even got to meet some

## Bring on the Boredom

The world needs to take a deep breath and calm down. Over the last couple of weeks, people have been doing the craziest things to get their own or someone else’s heart racing to an extreme. I say we could all use a little more boredom. We expect to be constantly stimulated. The only trouble is that it takes more and more to stimulate us and now people are going out of their minds trying to create a little excitement.



The first story I read last week in which someone went to an extreme was about a United States soldier who shot his friend

in the face and killed him trying to scare him out of his hiccups. Seriously, whatever happened to drinking a glass of water upside down? To holding your breath and swallowing? To eating peanut butter? I had a teacher named Joe Brown who psyched kids out of the hiccups by showing us money and telling us he would give it to us the next time we hiccupped. None of us ever could. Our hiccups disappeared and Mr. Brown always managed to hold on to his money. He was calm and cool, not extreme.

Another case of extremes last week was the pilot who made his girlfriend think their plane was crashing as part of his marriage proposal. In what universe is that supposed to be romantic? Honey, you’re going to die within the next few minutes. Psyche! Will you marry me? The girlfriend said yes and she wasn’t even

upset about the prank. I agree with the Richard Gere character in the movie “Runaway Bride,” “If you’ve got to dress it up like that, it just doesn’t ring true.” It is too tempting already to abandon relationships when they’ve lost their thrill. In my opinion, peace is underrated. Calm and relaxing are way too underrated. Save me the drama. I want someone I can relax with. My favorite moments with my loved ones involve coffee and the Sunday paper. Blissful boredom.

How can I write a column about going to extremes without mentioning our local fraternity boy fiasco? While conflicting sides of the story present their cases to authorities and to the public, I cannot help but wonder if Johnny Knoxville would find this a laughing matter. I will tell you something else, whenever I

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# Doing Unto Others

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of his friends from that group when he brought them home with him one weekend. Bryce has, also, gone on several mission trips with the church over the years.

Dylan joined the military right after high school. He traded the view of East Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains for the Colorado Rockies where he was stationed. Dylan served one year in Afghanistan and just recently completed his service with the United States Army. We still have the magnet

prayer reminder on our refrigerator with a picture of him in uniform. He and Kent have been known to ride their motorcycles on The Dragon.

Though they have carved out separate paths in life, the twins are just alike in what matters the most. A dear friend told me something about this precious family that, I think, makes them a role model for all American families. It was on a Christmas Eve several years ago. Amazingly, the twins were home at the same time for the holidays. I can only imagine

the "catching up" in their household from months of separation. After all, at Christmas there are family members to see, friendships to renew, and presents to unwrap; there is the special Christmas Eve candlelight church service to attend; and there is Christmas Eve dinner to enjoy. But, on this Christmas Eve the entire Williams family—even the twins—could be found at a nursing home visiting some of those church members who were unable to celebrate the season as they once did.

I was reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:34-40: "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand . . . I was sick, and



**Bryce, Kent, Amy, and Dylan Williams. Photo provided by the Williams family.**

ye visited me . . . Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

The Williams family

did not need to unwrap Christmas under their tree. Christmas was already in their hearts.

# Bring on the

## Boredom

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hear someone say "boys will be boys" to justify anything, I feel like I'm going to throw up. Let's teach boys that going to extremes is not indicative of courage or of manhood. Self-control? Discernment? Now that is the stuff of men.

The most heart breaking case of a derailed extreme lately is the masked young man in Connecticut who was shot and killed by his father. The father received a phone call late at night from his sister next door that someone was breaking into her house. When the father went outside to investigate, he saw a masked person approaching him with a knife and shot him. He was devastated to learn later that the person he shot and killed was his own fifteen year old son. No one knows what exactly the young man was doing. He had never been in trouble with the law before and his actions didn't make sense to anybody. Yet again, the actions of everyone involved seem so extreme to me and now another kid is dead and no one really knows why.

We as a society need to take it down a notch. We need to slow down. We need to douse the hype. We need more fresh air and we need to breathe more slowly. We need to turn off our televisions, iPods, and game systems every now and then. We need to stop screaming at the sky and listen to the whisper of wisdom, wisdom that comes when we are still and quiet and perhaps even a little bit bored.

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# A Feudin' Son of Tennessee: Kenneth McKellar

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Pages from  
the Political  
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By Ray Hill  
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Kenneth McKellar, Tennessee's eighty-year-old senior U. S. Senator, had resumed his positions of power and influence inside the Senate. His relations with his new and younger colleague, Estes Kefauver, had not improved. The origin of the dispute had occurred when Kefauver, evidently anticipating the election of Republican Thomas E. Dewey instead of Harry Truman, had recommended the appointment of a new U. S. Attorney for Memphis. Not only was Memphis McKellar's home city, but worse still Kefauver had recommended the appointment of a Republican. Kefauver had not consulted with McKellar before making the recommendation and was likely embarrassed when it became apparent he clearly believed President Truman would be defeated.

McKellar and Kefauver would spar over appointments, as well as legislation for the next several years. When Kefauver submitted a bill creating a new judgeship in Tennessee, McKellar countered with his own legislation and Kefauver was humiliated when the Judiciary Committee, of which he was a member, endorsed the McKellar Bill. McKellar pressed his case on the Senate floor and was again victorious.

Senator McKellar's announcement he had reconsidered his previous statement that he was "out of politics" did not lessen the interest of some in his Senate seat. Governor Gordon Browning had long cherished ambitions to serve in the United States Senate and he had not entirely given up on the notion of running for the Senate. Congressman Albert Gore, Sr. had his eyes on the McKellar seat and when Tennessee lost a seat in the House of Representatives following the 1950 census, Gore's seat was eliminated as it was believed he was a certain candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1952. Indeed, following redistricting, Gore stepped up his appearances all over the state. Browning and Gore had been very close politically; Gore had even served in Browning's first gubernatorial administration as Commissioner of Labor. When Browning had run for the U. S. Senate in 1934 against incumbent Nathan L. Bachman, Gore had been his campaign manager. The two men parted company over the possibility of running for the U. S. Senate. Browning,



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*Senator K. D. McKellar (second from right) with Vice President Alben Barkley at the unveiling of his portrait as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

who had frequently tangled with McKellar, was wary of directly challenging the old senator, but concluded if McKellar retired, he would run for the Senate in 1952. Gore remained focused on running for the Senate in 1952 regardless of whether the Senator chose to retire or run for reelection.

McKellar finally ended the speculation about his political plans in June of 1951, sending out an announcement that "God willing" he would be a candidate to succeed himself. McKellar's Senate office was flooded with letters from constituents praising his long service and promising support for a campaign, but his announcement was not greeted with universal approval. LIFE magazine, another of Henry Luce's publications, published an editorial urging Tennesseans to retire McKellar. TIME magazine, also owned by Henry Luce, had never had anything kind to say about Kenneth McKellar, and listed the Tennessean amongst its list of "most expendable" members of the United States Senate.

Janice McKellar, the widow of the Senator's youngest brother and one of his secretaries, recalled being in McKellar's personal office when a call came from Tennessee. A close friend of McKellar's was on the phone and told the Senator he should retire and if he did not retire, he would be defeated.

Senator McKellar softly replied, "There is no shame in defeat."

Many appointees, relying upon Kenneth McKellar for their own tenure in office, had strongly urged him to run again, yet other friends, realizing McKellar was increasingly ill and slowing down, urged him not to run again, including Memphis Boss E. H. Crump.

Crump gently tried to counsel McKellar to step

down from the Senate at the end of his term and retire gracefully. Crump knew his own political organization in Memphis had been seriously weakened by the 1948 election. There were clear signs many business and social leaders in Memphis were tiring of Crump's long rule. Estes Kefauver had directly challenged Crump's mastery of Memphis and had won a surprisingly large number of votes in Shelby County. Crump was again challenged by a group of reform candidates and the Boss quickly demonstrated he was still potent when his own ticket crushed the reformers, but Crump knew his control was slipping away.

Tennessee was changing, as was the entire country in the post war period. America was engaged in yet another war, this time in Korea. Many veterans of World War II had returned home determined to make a difference and the long domination of Tennessee politics by the McKellar - Crump combine was wearisome. The largely self-inflicted defeat suffered by the McKellar - Crump organization in 1948 gave hope to opponents that McKellar himself could be beaten in 1952.

Like many aging incumbents, McKellar watched helplessly as many of his strongest and oldest friends were incapacitated by age or died. McKellar's frequent illnesses and legislative duties kept him in Washington, D. C. for so long his trips home to Tennessee were becoming less often. There was an entire generation of Tennesseans for whom McKellar was merely a name and they had never even seen their senior United States Senator.

Still, McKellar retained enormous influence in Washington and the Senate. Illinois Senator Paul Douglas wrote in his memoirs that

McKellar's "great hour" came each year as the Tennessean presented the Appropriations bill, which Douglas felt was a bit too generously larded with pork. A professor of economics by profession and a proud liberal, Douglas's distaste for the pork barrel led to an experience with Kenneth McKellar he apparently never forgot. Taking occasion to question the Appropriations bill presented by Senator McKellar, Douglas made a speech deriding those projects he perceived to be political pork. Douglas spoke eloquently as he decried various projects as McKellar glared at him balefully from his own seat on the Senate floor. McKellar got to his feet following Douglas's speech and promptly offered to ease the conscience of his colleague and moved to strike out every Federal dollar appropriated for Illinois.

Douglas was stunned and apparently did not consider Federal money for his own state to be either necessarily pork or a waste of taxpayer dollars. Everett Dirksen, Douglas's Republican colleague from Illinois (and father-in-law of Tennessee's future U. S. Senator Howard Baker) had to beg the wily old Tennessean not to withhold Federal money from the Land of Lincoln. McKellar finally agreed to Dirksen's request, but not before the upstart professor had been both embarrassed and taught a lesson in practical politics.

Despite McKellar's precarious health and advancing years, his power was still important to Tennessee. McKellar's last Administrative Assistant, W. R. Davidson, related a meeting between Senator McKellar and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Armed Forces. The military brass awaited Senator McKellar with an elaborate map of the United States decorated with colorful pins dotting

various locations across the country; each pin indicating a project where the military was spending Federal dollars. Davidson accompanied the elderly senator into the room and McKellar proceeded to peer at the map through his glasses, leaning heavily upon his cane. McKellar turned to face the gathered generals who waited expectantly. Senator McKellar uttered not a single word and angrily rapped the map with his cane, denoting the State of Tennessee, which ironically had no new colorful pin appended to it. Senator McKellar left the expectant and surprised generals without a word and hobbled off. McKellar's power was such that he didn't have to say anything. The generals, quickly discerning the cause for Senator McKellar's wordless yet nonetheless expressive unhappiness, moved to rectify their mistake. They decided Tennessee might be a mighty fine location for the wind tunnel, a most happy event for the City of Tullahoma.

McKellar's legendary temper was likely exacerbated by oftentimes not feeling well. The press duly noted any occasion Senator McKellar was ill, subtly reminding Tennesseans of his age and infirmity. McKellar had been absent from his office for several weeks when he had suffered serious burns after having fallen into a bath filled with scalding water while in Memphis. McKellar was confined to Memphis's Baptist Hospital and assured inquiring reporters the burns on his shoulder, thigh and side were not serious and he would soon be leaving for his Washington office. Senator McKellar claimed his physicians declared the burns were "more painful than serious."

Senator McKellar had fainted while sitting in the presiding officer's chair once during the 1940s and suffering

from increasingly painful rheumatism, leaving him oftentimes unsteady on his legs. McKellar suffered another fainting spell in the Senate chamber at his desk. Majority Leader Alben Barkley and Senator Tom Stewart of Tennessee helped McKellar to the Senator's reading room where he was laid on a sofa. McKellar lapsed briefly into unconsciousness, but revived a short time later, wondering what had happened. Another spell in June of 1950 occurred when Senator McKellar had just left the Senate chamber and collapsed. Senators Burnet Maybank of South Carolina and William Knowland of California rushed to assist the old Tennessean, as did a Capitol police officer. They managed to take McKellar to the office of the Senate Sergeant At Arms, where he rested briefly as reporters were told McKellar had merely fainted. McKellar's office, all too well aware of the possible repercussions back home, quickly issued a denial that McKellar had fainted. McKellar had not been out of the hospital long where he had been confined with a severe and persistent cold. The McKellar office explained the senator's knee had buckled and he had fallen. According to the McKellar office, the Senator had not fainted.

Each report of Senator McKellar's various ailments and infirmities only raised more questions about his fitness to serve another six-year term at an advanced age. The issue of age was a determining factor in Kenneth McKellar's last campaign for the United States Senate.

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# Arts & Entertainment

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This fantastical and anthropomorphic story will delight both children and adults. Talking flowers, talking animals, and a group of odd and curious "grown-ups" inhabit this unusual world where almost anything can happen. Many themes expressed in the story and not least among them is "love" and "responsibility." But perhaps most of all, this touching story tugs at the heartstrings of all who experience it.

Read to children and used in beginning French classes everywhere, "The Little Prince" has become a classic around the world. Written by French aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in 1943, the book tells the story of a stranded aviator and his encounter with a human-like alien from an asteroid. Though classified as children's literature, the story's themes are ageless, and the book is often cited for its poignant observations on human nature and the process of aging.

The production is

directed by visiting guest director Patrick New. Patrick recently earned an MFA in Directing at the University of British Columbia where he directed several productions and received the Sydney J. Risk Award for Excellence in Directing. Other Vancouver credits include two the World Premieres in the first annual Vancouver PuLL Festival. He also directed at Chicago's Famous Door Theatre and Folio Theatre Company. As an actor he has performed in regional theaters throughout the country.

"I hope that the audience will be delighted, moved, and inspired by this play; a show that asks us all to eschew the trappings of adulthood and to remember the imagination and hope of our childhood," New said.

The cast is comprised of UT Theatre faculty and UT Theatre graduate actors and designers.

"The Little Prince" runs from October 4-21, 2012. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Matinee performances begin at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices vary. Discounts apply.

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*Alex Pulsipher paints the sky over Market Square with his ribbon.*

## Painting the Sky

By Sarah Baker  
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The art of stick ribbon dancing goes back thousands of years to Ancient China. However, Knoxville's own Alex Pulsipher has taken this ancient instrument to another level. Readers may have caught glimpses of him on Market Square painting our Smoky Mountain sky with his colossal flying ribbon.

Pulsipher was at the Lake Eden Arts Festival near Asheville, North Carolina looking for something interesting to purchase his son

Sam, now 7. He stumbled upon a dowel type stick with a ribbon it. The stick was about two feet long and the ribbon was probably about 6 feet. Upon taking it home, he found that he found more amusement in it than his son.

About a year later, he came upon it again and remembering how much he enjoyed it, he decided to make one himself. The first one he made had a bamboo stick about 3 or 4 feet long and had about 6 feet of ribbon. Now Pulsipher's bamboo stick is 25 feet

long and his "ribbon" is about 5 feet wide and 60 feet long. Watching him dance, or wrestle, with his ribbon is quite something. Sometimes the ribbon looks like a dancing dragon and other times it is like a powerful ocean wave. Whatever it is, it is art. Pulsipher has reinvented and magnified this ancient art with ingenuity and imagination.

Anyone who is interested in Alex Pulsipher's demonstrations of sky paint should head down to Market Square on Mondays

or Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Mondays are kids' nights and kids of all ages are welcome to play chase the ribbon. Sometimes Pulsipher brings ribbons to give to kids who come out. Adults are welcome to come see him on Wednesdays and are even invited to try it out themselves. "I love for people to come try it out. If you ever see me doing it, don't be afraid to ask, but it is quite a work out," says Pulsipher.

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## Comeback bid comes up short for West soccer

By Ken Lay

West High School's girls soccer team gave a valiant effort Thursday night.

But the Lady Rebels saw their comeback effort come up a little short in a 3-2 District 4-AAA loss to Farragut Thursday night at Bill Wilson Field.

Despite the loss, West coach Sonny Trotter was far from disappointed.

"I feel like we won," Trotter said. "I wanted us to have a chance at the end and we had one.

"Farragut is such a great team."

The Lady Admirals, meanwhile, clinched the top seed in the upcoming District 4-AAA Tournament by completing a perfect run through a rigorous conference schedule.

That made the win big for Farragut (15-0-1 overall, 7-0 in district play) but Lady Admirals coach Dennis Lindsay was far from pleased lackluster effort against the Lady Rebels in Marble City.

"We were flat the whole game," Lindsay said. "Our girls are going to have to suck it up and start playing soccer again.

"But a lot of the credit has to go to West for the way they played. It's always a tough game when you play them."

The Lady Admirals, despite a lethargic start, managed to score a pair of goals. Farragut entered the match in a foul mood after defeating Christian Academy of Knoxville Tuesday night.

And early, it looked as though the Lady Admirals would release their frustration on the Lady Rebels.

Junior forward Joanda Parchman, who has emerged as a potent weapon for Farragut this season, scored in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute to give the visitors a 1-0. Chelsea Jordan picked up an assist on the match's first marker.

The Lady Admirals took a 2-0 lead in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute as Katie Cloud put the ball past Lady Rebels senior goalkeeper Keegan McCoy, who did make three key early saves to keep West in the match.

Keeghan Francis pulled West (8-5-1, 4-3) to within 2-1 in the

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PHOTO BY ADAM SULLIVAN.

Jocquez Bruce runs for 44 yards early in the first quarter.

## South Doyle gives perfect performance over Cocke County

By Adam Sullivan

Jocquez Bruce still had the bitter taste of losing on his tongue when he walked onto the field at South-Doyle in Friday night's matchup against Cocke County.

"We knew we were going to win this game. After losing last week, we didn't want to lose any more," said Bruce.

The enthusiasm didn't take hold until the second quarter after the score at the end of the first quarter was 0-0.

It would take a defensive pick-six for 54 yards from South Doyle lineman Dennis Mongon in the second quarter to ignite the Cherokees into putting points on the board.

South Doyle earned a shutout over

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## Bearden ends losing streak against Admirals with comeback win

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's football team had to work a little overtime to end a long losing streak against archrival Farragut. Furthermore, the Bulldogs had to overcome a two touchdown deficit on the road.

Well, the Bulldogs rallied and beat the odds and the Admirals 45-42 in triple overtime house at Bill Clabo Field as Bearden senior quarterback Nicky Frizen ended a marathon game, which ended nearly

four hours after it began, with a 1-yard touchdown run.

"It's huge," Frizen said of the victory, which was Bearden's first in the series since a 2007 playoff win. "They outplayed us the whole game."

The Admirals, who dropped their first regular-season game to Bearden since 2001, definitely held the upper hand throughout much of the District 4-AAA contest, appeared to have the game well in

hand when Jackson Fain's 90-yard touchdown rumble gave the home team a 28-14 advantage with just over six minutes remaining in regulation.

But Bearden (6-1 overall, 3-1 in the district) would answer a late wake-up call and score twice in the final moments of regulation to force overtime.

After Fain appeared to put the game out of reach, the Bulldogs responded by engineering a 5-play 81-yard drive that was

capped by Frizen's 24-yard scoring toss to Christian Robinson, making the score 28-20 midway through the fourth quarter.

Bearden's deficit remained at eight points, however, as a bad snap resulted in a missed extra point.

A short time later, Josh Walls pulled Bearden to within 28-26 with a scoring run from five yards out. The 'Dogs converted a two-point conversion when Frizen threw a strike to a

wide-open Ethan Pollack in the end zone.

"That fourth quarter had a season's worth of highlights," Bearden coach Brad Taylor said. "This was a great ballgame by both teams."

Farragut (3-4, 2-2) took a 35-28 lead in the first overtime on a 1-yard run by Fain, who finished with 220 yards and five touchdowns.

The Bulldogs knotted the game at 35 Pollack caught

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## Knight Leads Hardin Valley in Romp

By David Klein

Friday night at Hardin Valley, the Morgan Knight show struck early and often. The Hawk running back scored on two touchdowns of 23 and nine yards and had 151 yards rushing by halftime to spark his team to a 52-18 victory over the visiting Halls Red Devils.

Following Knight's first quarter touchdown run of nine yards, the Hawks scored again on their second possession. The Hawks completed a double pass, from quarterback Nathan White to Chandler Viscardis, and then a pass from Viscardis to Jack Defur for the 32-yard touchdown. The

Hawks led 14-0 with 3:03 left in the first quarter.

The Red Devils tried to halt the Hawk momentum, but Elijah Soon threw an interception that was tipped by Kevin Ransom and then intercepted by Tory Rice. Three plays later, Defur caught his second touchdown pass of the game, an 8-yard pass from White. It was 21-0 Hawks six seconds into the second quarter.

Halls committed its second turnover on its next offensive play. Braylen Redmon recovered a Soon fumble and Colin Hughes scored from three yards out to pad the Hawk lead. The

Hawks had scored two touchdowns in 15 seconds to make it 28-0.

For his second touchdown, Knight took a pitch and then cut it outside for the 23-yard score. The Hawks led 35-0; the Red Devils were suffering in Hades. "He's been a solid player for us," Hardin Valley Head Coach Wes Jones said. "He's been a big-play guy for us all year," he added.

"I just saw the hole and hit it," Knight said of his second touchdown.

Despite the deficit, Halls forced a Hawks' fumble. It led to a two-yard touchdown run

by Zane Robertson to cut the Hawks' lead to 35-6. Halls would miss the extra point but was finally on the scoreboard.

Hardin Valley had a chance to add more points, but Knight fumbled to the Red Devils' Andrew Obrien. Halls drove down the field, was stopped on fourth down, but the officials flagged the Hawks for pass interference. This gave the Red Devils a first-and-goal at the Hawks' five. Seal threw a two-yard touchdown pass to Blake Burleigh. Halls' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Suddenly, Halls had scored

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# Fulton Falcons overwhelm Gatlinburg-Pittman, 48-6

**By Curtis Trotter**

Fulton head coach Rob Black has his Falcons flying high once again this season. Friday night in the ‘Mountain Thicket’ of Gatlinburg-Pittman, his flock of Falcons gained even more height, not only through the air, but in the the District 3-AA standings. Scoring started briskly for the home standing Highlanders who went up early on a Tanner Cox to Blade Durbin connection for a quick 6-0 lead. G-P’s first series looked very reminiscent of the first scoring drive that it displayed against Gibbs weeks earlier. But this game was far from the same outcome. Forty-nine seconds later, the tables turned on the Highlanders when Falcon’s quarterback Penny Smith found a wide open Xavier Hawkins on a 44-yard strike and score to knot things up 6-6. The 2-point conversion that the Falcons would attempt was broken up by junior defensive end Riley Trotter. That would also be the final time that G-P and Fulton would be on all ‘equals’ the rest of the evening. The Highlanders tried to move the ball with the same ‘Benny Hammonds’ style approach on their next possession, but were limited to a three and out series. Then came the Falcon speed and quickness that would kill the Highlander faithful. Smith would find Hawkins once again on a 57-yard bomb and score to go up 14-6 just seventy-six seconds later. First half scoring by the Falcons was repeated three more times for a 34-6 half-time cushion. Fulton would later tack on two more scores for the 48-6 victory. G-P head coach Benny Hammonds told *The Focus* that his team has some work to do defensively this week. “Coach Black brought a good football team over here to Gatlinburg. We had a good week of practice and a good game plan. It was just hard to counteract the speed they have. They get out there in the open field and then the momentum swings their way,” Hammonds said. “Our first drive was executed real well. We did a great job of blocking on the first drive. It was just the two quick scores we gave up that killed the momentum of the game for us,” he added. Coach Black praised his team on the outstanding effort his team displayed. “I thought we capitalized and rebounded well when they went up on us early. G-P showed some great things on both sides of the ball early. We knew they would. We just hit some home runs with some big quick plays shortly after that made a difference. Coach Hammonds always plays every team tough no matter where he plays. Xavier Hawkins was great tonight for us. I’m glad he’s on our team,” Black said. Things in District 3-AA got a little more interesting as well with the Fulton win. Carter (4-0) will tangle with the victorious Falcons (4-0) next week in what is sure to be the district ‘game of the week’. Black was eager to get back to work on next weeks big game. “We have an outstanding Carter team that we travel to next week. It’s our next game that makes it our biggest game. Any game you play in the district is your biggest game. They have some weapons as well. We better be ready when we go there,” Black concluded. G-P which fell to (2-1) in district play will travel to struggling Austin-East (1-2). The Highlanders will have a chance to do something they have never done this Friday in East Knoxville. That’s to beat the Road Runners for the first time in school history. Kick-off is set for 7:30.

## South Doyle gives perfect performance over Cocke County

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Cocke County 41-0 in South Knoxville in a game that featured two defensive interceptions returned for touchdowns. The second interception came in the fourth quarter by Jocquez Bruce, South-Doyle’s big-time running back. “I felt like I let my team down last week and this game I came out and said I was going to give 110% and some more,” said Bruce. The stingy defense by South Doyle featured a handful of back-field QB sacks and 0-yard runs. Coach Duncan acknowledged the great play by the defense after game. “The defense played great. Our front seven played great, and Cocke County had a great tailback and they did a great job of containing him.” South Doyle was still dwelling on their first loss of the season throughout the first quarter. Cocke County recovered a fumble on their own 23-yard line, followed by a fake punt on fourth and nine from their own 29-yard line. In the second quarter, Morgan’s pick-six would lead a four-touchdown campaign to put the Cherokees up 28-0 at half-time. Quarterback Brody Rollins would keep the ball for two of the touchdowns from the 2 and 9-yard line. Samuel Perry would also run a touchdown from 8 yards. Cocke County would gain some momentum to open the third quarter after recovering a Jocquez Bruce fumble at the 48-yard line and the subsequent march down the field with the aid of a horse-collar penalty on South Doyle. However, on fourth and 11 from South Doyle’s 15-yard line, Jacob Jones would break through the line and force a turnover on downs. South Doyle would score on the ensuing set of downs on a Jocquez Bruce touchdown run from 4-yard line to the Cherokees up 35-0. “We saw that they were keying in on me when I went in motion, so when we figured it out, we had some other plays come in to give yards to Malik and Brody,” said Bruce. It would be Bruce, who had a fumble and a touchdown on the previous set of downs, who comes up with the interception to seal the game at 41-0 after a missed extra point. South-Doyle makes the quick trip down Chapman Highway to rival Seymour next week for a division matchup. Seymour is 4-3 but just 1-3 in league play. Coach Duncan wasted no time in talking about the upcoming game at Seymour. “We’ll enjoy this, and we’ll start preparing for them tomorrow. It’s always a big rivalry and it will be a dogfight no matter what the records are.”



Tim Berry, principal of South-Doyle, takes a photo of the student section clad in pink in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

## Tennessee football needs stability

There is language in Derek Dooley’s contract that “gross misconduct” would be grounds for termination of the UT head football coach and he wouldn’t be owed one red cent on his way out the door. I was wondering. Would the Vols’ attempt at tackling in the Georgia game fall under this category? Answer: No, of course not, but it was gross . . . the worst display of tackling I’ve ever seen by a Tennessee team. For contract purposes, gross misconduct means embarrassing off-the-field behavior like what cost Bobby Petrino his job at Arkansas last spring. A motorcycle accident exposed an affair Petrino was having with a former Arkansas volleyball player, a young woman who he had helped get a job in the university’s athletic department. Petrino also reportedly lied to his athletic director in an attempted coverup. Dooley has made coaching mistakes in his 2 ½ years at Tennessee, but nothing like Petrino’s crash and fall from prominence at Arkansas. Yet, Dooley’s job appears to be on the line as the Vols near the halfway mark of the 2012 season. Tennessee is a somewhat disappointing 3-2 as it prepares to play at Mississippi State this Saturday night. Both defeats have come in SEC play. The home loss to Florida was very deflating for the team and its fans. With a better overall showing at No. 5 ranked Georgia, the Vols had a chance to pull off a major upset in the closing minutes. That was encouraging. A lot of football remains to be played. After the trip to Starkville, mighty Alabama comes to town and then there’s a trip to go against the ole ball coach and his Gamecocks. It’s too early to write the legacy of this year’s team. Let the season play out. I believe it’s also too early to pull the plug on Dooley, particularly if his team continues to build on the progress it made Between the Hedges. Since taking over the Tennessee program that was reeling from two coaching changes, Dooley deserves some credit for rebuilding the roster. Given his late start as the Vols’ new coach in January of 2010, he really has had only two full years in which to recruit. I certainly haven’t agreed with everything Dooley has done. Having 13 players on the field in a wild finish at LSU cost him a feather in his cap in his first season. Losing at Kentucky last year was inexcusable in the eyes of Tennessee fans. In a way, this season has been somewhat similar to 2008, the year Phillip Fulmer lost his job. Fulmer’s new offensive coordinator, Dave Clawson, installed an offense that was too complicated. This season, under new defensive coordinator Sal Sunseri, the switch from a 4-3 to a 3-4 scheme has had the Vols thinking too much instead of just reacting. A lack of backside containment was a huge factor in the loss to the Gators, and Dooley said the defense needed to be simplified. Dooley saw what you and I saw in the Georgia game, too. His first look at the game film was in the production the Derek Dooley Show. Upset with his team’s tackling, I’m surprised Derek didn’t put a shoulder into Bob Kesling right there on the set and drive his co-host to the floor. Fixing the tackling technique – a basic fundamental of football – would be a high priority in last week’s open date, Dooley indicated. I’m anxious to see the results. Fulmer said he would have fixed Tennessee’s football programs four years ago. He didn’t get the chance. Hopefully, Dooley, who is just in his third year of a six-year contract, will get ample time to fix current issues. For over 30 years, UT football was in the hands of just two coaches – Johnny Majors and Fulmer – and it was one of the Vols’ most successful eras. More than anything, Tennessee needs stability again.

## Knight Leads Hardin Valley in Romp

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two straight touchdowns off of two consecutive Hawks’ turnovers. They had life on offense. A big Hardin Valley kickoff return changed that. Ciondre Porter fielded the kick at his own 12, then ran 62 yards back, darting all over the field. The return led to a White 12-yard touchdown pass to Viscardis. The Red Devil momentum died, and the Hawks led at halftime 42-12. “Porter had a big run,” Jones said. “Ciondre is a kid we’ve been trying to work in there. He can run. He’s kept working hard and finally contributed tonight,” Jones said. The second half didn’t have much scoring. Chris Gallaher booted a 46-yard field goal for the Hawks on their first second-half possession for a 45-12 lead. Hardin Valley then got the mercy rule going with a 13-yard touchdown run by Cole Vincil and a 52-12 lead. The Red Devils halted the mercy rule and ended the game’s scoring with a two-yard touchdown run by Burleigh. They failed on the two-point conversion to leave the final score at 52-18 Hardin Valley. Hardin Valley improves to 4-3, 3-2 in District 3AAA. Halls falls to 1-6, 1-4 in District 3AAA.



Weekly achievements for Tuesday, Club 55, September 25, 2012

High Game Scratch-Male  
247 John Fisher  
238 C.L. Hackney  
203 Roy Skeen

High Series Scratch-Male  
640 John Fisher  
613 C. L. Hackney  
570 Stanley Taylor

High Game Scratch-Female  
180 Mary Skeen  
179 Linda worth  
174 Sherry Van Meter  
High Series Scratch-Female  
478 Linda Worth  
465 Betty Phillips  
451` Sherry Van Meter

451 Sandra Turner

Wednesday Club 55:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
257 Bill Byrge  
248 Don George  
237 J.C. Pilant

High Series Scratch-Male  
693 Bill Byrge  
658 Don George  
630 J.C. Pilant

High Game Scratch-Female  
194 Maude Wallace  
192 Barbara Grubb  
184 Carolyn McGill

High Series Scratch-Female  
541 Maude Wallace  
532 Carolyn McGill  
521 Barbara Grubb  
  
Thursday No-Tap:  
High Game Scatch-Male  
300 Ricky Spiva  
298 Billy Majors  
279 Bill McMillan

High Series Scratch-Male  
808 Ralph Allmon  
761 Bill McMillan  
756 Bill Byrge

High Game Scratch-Female  
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# Panthers douse the Dragon's fire 53-20



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**Powell freshman wide receiver Durel Middleton (81 in orange) tries to break free from a Clinton defender in the Panther's 53-20 homecoming win on Friday night. Powell goes to 7-1 overall on the season, and 5-1 in District 3AAA play.**

**By Bill Mynatt,  
Radio Voice of Powell Panther  
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The Powell Panthers jumped out to a 32-7 lead at the half and then put it on automatic pilot for the second half before eventually winning over Clinton by the score of 53-20 on Friday night at Scarbro Stadium. It was Homecoming 2012 at Powell. The Panthers now stand at 7-1 overall, and 5-1 in District 3AAA action. Powell will play another

district contest at Campbell County this Friday night.

After the Panther defense held Clinton to a three and out to open the game, Powell got on the board first, and it was an unlikely source that helped make it happen.

Shar'ron Moore, normally a defensive lineman, scored on a 1-yard run at the 7:37 mark of the first. Moore comes in to the game as a second blocking back in Powell's power offensive set, normally to lead the way for the tailback. This time, however, head coach Derek Rang threw Moore a bone and called his number. Moore

powered in for the score, and after Austin Rogers' kick, Powell led 7-0. The Panther scoring drive covered 58 yards and took seven plays to complete.

That lead didn't last long, however.

For the second game in a row the Panthers kickoff coverage unit gave up a burst up the middle resulting in a touchdown as Dragon senior Manny Johnson took the kickoff at his own 5 and went 95 yards untouched to the end zone. Tom Stier's kick knotted the score at 7 at the 7:22 mark.

"We've got to do a better job at covering kicks", Rang told The Focus after the game on the post game radio show on AM 620 WRJZ. "We'll work on that and get those problems rectified."

From that point on, Powell dominated the rest of the first half on both sides of the ball, scoring four more times before intermission.

The first came at the 43 second mark of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on a 17-yard run by junior QB Hagen Owenby. A bad snap then forced Owenby, the holder for extra points, to scramble and he found Klay Leeper for a 2-point conversion. Powell led 15-7.

The next score came on another Owenby run, this time from 36 yards away, at the 6:55 mark of the second quarter. Rogers' kick was true, and Powell led 22-7.

The Panther defense then got in to the act when it forced Clinton to punt from its own

end zone. After fumbling the snap, Dragon punter Zach Peterson had nowhere to go with the football and stepped out of the back of the end zone for a safety. That made the score 24-7 at the 4:16 mark.

After a big return of the free kick by Marcus Weaver to the Clinton 22, Powell was in scoring position once again, and the Panther offense took full advantage of the great field position.

On first down, Owenby handed the ball to senior Montario Washington. Washington played off of his blockers and carried the football in to the end zone for the touchdown. Everything was going Powell's way at that point as evidenced by what happened on the conversion attempt. Another bad snap, this time picked up by the kicker, Rogers, resulted in a second 2-point conversion on a "fire" play. Rogers, running away from oncoming would be tacklers, hurled the ball towards the end zone and found Leeper just past the goal line for the deuce. Powell led 32-7 at the half.

The Panthers put two touchdowns on the board in the third period.

The first came on a 43-yard run by junior Tyshawn Gardin at the 9:29 mark. That drive covered 65 yards and took 4 plays to complete. Rogers added the PAT, and Powell led 39-7.

The next score came on a 1-yard Washington run at the 2:52 mark. That run capped

off a 3 play – 23-yard drive, and after Rogers' kick the lead was 48-7, and the mercy rule was in effect.

Powell's final score came early on in the final period, as Gardin – running behind the second team offensive line – electrified the homecoming crowd with a 79-yard sprint to the end zone, out running the Dragon secondary down the left sideline. Rogers added the point after, and Powell led 53-7.

Clinton put two touchdowns on the board against Powell defensive reserves – both on runs by Johnson. The first came on a 2 yard dive in to the end zone, and the second on an 11 yard run around the left side. One of the two extra points was converted, leaving the final score at 53-20.

"Our line really blocked well, and all of our runners hit the holes hard", Washington told me. "They've done a great job all year and they did it again tonight".

That offensive line led the way to a huge night on the ground, as the Panthers rushed for 341 yards on 33 carries – an average of 10.3 yards per try. Gardin led the way with 157 yards on just 6 carries. Owenby added 119 on 11 tries, and Washington 79 on 11 attempts. Each of those three found the end zone twice.

Owenby also eclipsed the 100 yard mark passing, connecting on six of his 11 throws for 127 yards. He was not intercepted.

Weaver was the recipient of four of Owenby's completions, good for 72 yards.

Johnson was the top ground gainer for Clinton, carrying the football four times for 46 yards and his two TD runs to go along with his kickoff return for a touchdown.

Three Panthers registered 6 tackles each – Moore, Devin Scott, and Brody Huskey. Josh Singleton and Brady Scalf each had 5.

Clinton falls to 1-6 on the year, 1-4 in 3AAA play. The Dragons will host Halls on Friday. One of those teams will register its second win of the season.

After traveling to Jacksboro to take on Campbell County this week, Powell will close its regular season by hosting Knoxville Central - one of the surprise teams of the Knoxville area - on Thursday, October 18. The Panther open date is in week 10. The playoffs begin on November 2.

With Central enjoying an open date this week, barring a Panther upset loss at Campbell County; the Powell-Central game could decide who will finish second in 3AAA and own the final automatic qualifier spot. Central will then host Halls in week 10.

You can hear the broadcast of Powell at Campbell County on Friday at 7 p.m. on AM 620 WRJZ or streaming online at [www.PowellPanthersFootball.com](http://www.PowellPanthersFootball.com).

## Bearden ends losing streak against Admirals with comeback win

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a 5-yard pass from Frizen on fourth down. Bearden kicker Graham Rooke added the tying PAT.

Fain helped the Admirals regain the lead with another 1-yard run in the second overtime. Jonathan King's PAT made it 42-35.

Frizen's short rushing TD combined with another extra point from Rooke sent the game to a third OT period.

The Admirals, who took the ball to open the frame, took a

38-35 lead on King's 25-yard field goal.

Frizen would seal the win with the game's final touchdown run.

The Bulldogs might've notched a key district win but the early chapters of this epic saga belonged to the Admirals.

Fain gave Farragut a 7-0 lead with an 18-yard run on the final play of the first quarter.

Walls tied the game at 7

with a second-quarter 1-yard run.

Farragut regained the lead midway through the frame on a 7-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Bryan Phillips.

Fain's 2-yard run extended Farragut's advantage to 21-7 early in the third quarter.

Frizen pulled the Bulldogs to within 21-14 with a 9-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Johnson with 6:35 left in the third stanza.

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final minute of the first half on the regular-season district finale for both schools.

In the second half, Cloud scored an insurance goal, which was assisted by Parchman. Cloud's second tally made the score 3-1 and would prove to be the eventual game-winner.

The Lady Rebels, who missed a late chance to salvage a tie as a final shot went wide in the last minute of play, pulled within 3-2 when Tasha Saunders scored in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute. The marker,

which was assisted by Jessica Hague, was set up on a free kick by Francis.

Trotter commended his team's effort.

"The girls played hard," he said. "They always play hard and they just never quit."

The Lady Rebels will close out the regular season Tuesday night at home against CAK.

Farragut will host Greeneville Tuesday. Kickoff for both matches is set for 7 p.m.

## Public Relations 101: The Course No One Took at Tennessee

**By Alex Norman**

I give up. Really, I do. The University of Tennessee just can't get out of their own way when it comes to the basics of public relations.

The same week that a now banned UT fraternity held a press conference on the steps in front of the Torchbearer in the heart of the UT campus denying allegations of "butt-chugging," the Tennessee athletics department did them one better.

Well, the timing wasn't entirely their fault... but just about everything else was...

As part of the lawsuit of Debby Jennings, the long time Lady Vols media relations director, against the University of Tennessee, a sworn affidavit was made public, in which legendary basketball coach Pat Summitt, arguably the most beloved person in the state at the moment, states that Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart told her she would not be coaching the Lady Vols anymore, and

after the season she could keep an office and take on the title "Head Coach Emeritus."

Here are Summitt's words from the affidavit, which is dated August 10, 2012. "This was very surprising to me and very hurtful as that was a decision I would have liked to have made on my own at the end of the season after consulting with my family, doctors, colleagues and friends and not to be told this by Mr. Hart. I felt this was wrong."

According to that affidavit, Hart told Summitt about his decision on the eve of the NCAA tournament. This brings back memories of Hart's predecessor's debacle in 2011, when Mike Hamilton told a local radio station that he didn't know if Bruce Pearl would be retained as the Vols basketball coach. This came after months of public support during an NCAA investigation, and on the eve of the Vols NCAA tournament appearance.

Pearl and the Vols would be blown out by Michigan in their first game, and

Pearl fired shortly thereafter.

Back to the affidavit. Summitt said that Hart later told her that she had misinterpreted what he said.

And at the end of last week, Summitt, who is being paid \$354,375 this year by UT, released a statement through the University of Tennessee.

"It was entirely my decision to step down from my position as head coach of women's basketball at the University of Tennessee... I did not then, and I do not now, feel that I was 'forced out' by the university. Anyone who knows me knows that any such effort would have met with resistance. If my affidavit has

caused confusion on that point, it needs to be dispelled."

UT added, "We are eager to respond to the other allegations in the lawsuit and will do so through the judicial process."

So Summitt says all is good with her and UT. However, it looks like the lawsuit continues, and we can only wonder how much more negative UT athletics information will come out of Camp Jennings.

Dave Hart was hired in part to consolidate Tennessee's athletic departments. For decades the women and the men operated separately. In today's economic climate, that just isn't a sound business practice. This process caused

many toes to be stepped on, including those of Jennings, who had given 35 years of service to the University.

You know what would have stopped this public relations nightmare? Settling with Jennings before this became public.

But it doesn't appear that Hart has any desire to play that game. Remember how he dispatched of long time men's athletic director Bud Ford? Instead of just letting him stay on as Vols historian for a year (a job promised to Ford by the previous administration), Hart did away with the position. And now Ford is suing UT for those lost wages.

Hart hasn't worked at

Tennessee very long... and many of the folks in his inner circle haven't been there very long either. This is a new University of Tennessee. But there has to be someone over there that can better guide Hart when it comes to these decisions.

Unless Hart just isn't listening to other opinions, and will do things his way no matter what... even if his way is causing dumpster fires everywhere you look.

The cost to UT in lawyer fees will be one thing. The continuing public relations issue is another.

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## The Conundrum

For several years I've wondered how people of good faith and similar backgrounds can see the world so differently. I can imagine how a Shiite in Tehran, a Hindu in Madras or a European secularist may have a different reality than an East Tennessee boy who's been a Presbyterian, a heathen, a Baptist and now considers himself a scientist and a Methodist. But, how can I understand friends and family who's politic and philosophy is so different than mine?

About three years ago a friend challenged me with the notion that he could no longer separate his politic from his life or his interactions with others. I didn't

understand until recently the gravity of his statement. He and I are both Christians, professionals and natives of Knoxville, Tennessee. However, our philosophical views produced such a chasm that neither could bridge. Sadly, we no longer associate as we once did. This grieves me, but what happened between us is now happening throughout our country just as it once did in the Civil War.

Some try to deal with this barely civil war raging in America by ignoring the elephant in the room and trying to smooth things over. Others modify their perspectives and reach across the aisle to such an extent that they awaken one

day to realize that their foundational principles are gone. I've begun the quest of peace by following the words of the Master who once said to his followers that if people would not listen to them they should "shake the dirt from their feet" and walk away. Perhaps I'm using this as a way to compartmentalize my feelings.

As a therapeutic maneuver, I frequently tell my patients that they should organize their feelings and verbalize them as a catharsis for the psyche. Most folks aren't accomplished stump speakers and so I tell them to organize their feelings on paper or a word processor. Then they should meet with whomever they're in conflict, read the words, and then discuss each other's feelings and perspective. This essay is my therapy and an outreach if one is desired.

In the Myers-Briggs typology I am an INTJ for those of you who are familiar with this psychometric instrument. I am a reason-driven individual who operates on facts preferentially, though not solely. I've discovered that presenting facts and logical arguments about why I cannot vote for President Obama is useless with

some people. Some function preferentially in the specter of feelings and emotions rather than logic and facts. To some it's more important to avoid immediate hurt instead of considering the ultimate harm done by avoiding painful lessons. It would be nice if there weren't Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives. It would be nice if we looked at facts and weighed them in our conscience against a theistic Ideal. Allegorically, we had this once, but now it's long gone.

In the latter half of the Civil War President Abraham Lincoln realized that it must be all out war if the Union were to survive. Lincoln chose Ulysses Grant as his general because he knew he'd fight. And Grant chose Sheridan and Sherman because they were ruthless. Grant pursued a war of attrition and finally maneuvered Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia into the siege of Richmond. He told Lincoln that if he pushed hard he could finish the war. Lincoln urged Grant to finish the war by defeating Lee, but he told Grant to, "Let him up easy" when it was all over.

Richmond soon fell and within three weeks Grant met

Lee at the Appomattox Court House. General Lee asked Grant for his terms of surrender, and Grant wrote them on a small piece of paper and handed it to Lee. The terms were for Lee and his army to lay down their weapons, and go home, and help rebuild the country.

This November two great armies that have been jousting for months will finally meet on the final battlefield and only one will win. Will we Americans awaken on November the 7th with more of Obama's overreaching and inefficient Central government that wants to control all phases of our lives? Or will we choose a different path with a return to individual responsibility, innovation and industry that made our country the greatest the world has seen? Both armies and generals tout their facts, but the bottom line for me are the ruinous debt and unemployment that were not corrected by President Obama, and the dependency and doubt that is now present in our land. Presidents are credited for the good and the bad that occurs on their watch. I now hope FOR change.

Tragically, the Civil War

generated such enmity that the healing process took generations. Vicksburg, Mississippi didn't celebrate July 4th until 1945. We need to do better this time though I'm not sure we will because so many of our citizens have renounced the temporizing Spirit of God and replaced it with the idolatry of the State.

Americans will meet at our own Appomattox Court House after the last battle has been fought and a victor determined in November. Will the Lincoln/Grant olive branch be extended to all "with malice toward none" or will we sink further into class warfare and end the "American experiment?"

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

## Tennova Health and Fitness Center Hosts Community Expo

Tennova Health and Fitness Center is hosting a community expo on Monday, October 8th, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Stop by Tennova Health and Fitness Center, off Emory Road in Powell, for a free day of exercising, chair massages, door prizes and no enrollment fee for new members. Harper Volkswagen will provide hot dogs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. while supplies last.

The fitness center also will have a Programs and Services Expo in the conference room to give information on everything that is offered at the fitness center, including massages, facials, swim lessons, birthday parties and facility rentals. Visit booths by some of our corporate partners to receive information on their services. Participating partners include Regions, Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley, Harper Volkswagen and Sam's Club. Members who join the fitness

center during the expo will be entered to win prizes from Bombshell's Salon and Spa, Three Ridges Golf, Ingles Markets and Chick-fil-A.

Members of Tennova Health and Fitness Center enjoy more than 80 hours of group fitness classes like Zumba and Group Ride, the latest cardiovascular equipment, an Olympic free weight room, a warm-water therapy pool and a six-lane lap pool. Tennova Health and Fitness Center also offers swim lessons, birthday parties and lock-ins for children of both members and nonmembers. Family memberships are available with the option of adding your child onto your plan as an Elite Kids member. Free childcare is also available for members with children ages 6 months to 12 years.

For more information, call 865-859-7900.

## Local Cancer Survivor Receives National Recognition

Michael Holtz of Knoxville was recently awarded the Grassroots Professional of the Year by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) for his diligent work to help make cancer a national priority. Holtz was unable to attend the ceremony in Washington, DC due to his own battle with colorectal cancer.

This annual award is given to an ACS CAN staff member whose collaborative efforts further the achievement of advocacy-related mission goals.

"Michael is an irreplaceable team member and a passionate cancer advocate," says Christopher W. Hansen, president of ACS CAN. "We are grateful for his outstanding contributions to building a strong team for cancer-

fighting public policy in our community."

Holtz's work with the American Cancer Society in Knoxville began in 2002 when he became involved with advocacy efforts through his job at a local hospital. His passion for fighting cancer and his talent for outreach quickly landed him a full-time position with the Society. Holtz served as the communications specialist for Knoxville, Chattanooga and the Tri-Cities, became a media advocacy specialist in 2006, and media advocacy director in 2008. In 2012 the battle to protect and educate cancer patients became intensely personal.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award," says Holtz. "It's easy to be passionate about fighting a disease

that has touched so many people, but when cancer crept into my own body the stakes became much higher. Now I fight for my own life, my family and the millions of others forever changed by a cancer diagnosis."

On behalf of all families touched by cancer, ACS CAN and the Society applaud Michael Holtz's determination to work everyday to end suffering and death from this disease.

ACSCAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary

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Michael Holtz has been honored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

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# Faith



**River's Edge Christian Academy Students Join in Prayer.** As the sun rounded above the horizon on Sept. 26, 2012, eighty-three RECA students, parents, and faculty rallied together in prayer to lift up our nation and its schools. Standing around the West Hills Presbyterian Church flagpole during rush-hour traffic for four minutes to simultaneously pray with millions of students across the globe created a sense of unity for both children and adults alike. Pictured above are Tina Gallaher, Bethany Gallaher and Kathryn Jones.

## Bumper Sticker Christianity

As followers of Jesus, we have a wonderful opportunity to shine our love for God and others. How we do this is important. Being salt and light is not to draw attention to ourselves, but to God. I recently came across a funny article that reminded me of how we display

Christ to others.

Here are the top ten things people won't say when they see a Christian bumper sticker or fish on a car:

10. "Look! Let's stop that car and ask those folks how we can become Christians."

9. "Don't worry, Billy, those people are Christians. They must have a good reason for driving 90 miles an hour."

8. "What a joy to be sharing the highway with another car of Spirit-filled brothers and sisters."

7. "Isn't it wonderful how God blessed that Christian couple with a brand-new BMW?"

6. "Dad, how come people who drive like that don't get thrown in jail? Can we get a bumper sticker like that, too?"

5. "Stay clear of those folks, Martha. If they get raptured, that car's gonna be all over the road!"

4. "Oh, look! That Christian woman is getting a chance to share Jesus with a police officer."

3. "No, that's not garbage coming out of their windows, Bert. It's

probably gospel tracts for the road workers."

2. "Oh, boy, we're in trouble now! We just rear-ended one of God's cars."

1. "Quick, Alice, honk the horn or they won't know that we love Jesus!"

As ambassadors for Christ, we must remember our witness is 24/7. You don't take a day off of being a follower of Jesus. Before you put the bumper sticker on the car, you need to consider what it represents and who you represent. I must have more than a bumper sticker Christianity. "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Mt. 5:16).



**GriefShare leaders are Smoky Mountain Hospice Chaplains Mark Kitts and David Holt and Cynthia Finch, Manager/Social Worker.**

## Smoky Mountain Hospice offering Grief Recovery Support Groups

The GriefShare group series is for people grieving the loss of someone close. The Smoky Mountain Hospice Spiritual Division is equipped with trained hospital chaplains who understand what people are experiencing and want to offer them comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A GriefShare workbook assists the person in note-taking, journaling and grief study. The videos feature top experts on grief recovery, dramatic re-enactments about living with grief and real life stories of people who have experienced losses of loved ones.

GriefShare is a nondenominational group

and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics

Smoky Mountain Hospice Knoxville office is offering a special GriefShare seminar and support group in the following churches:

- NorthStar Church at 10919 Carmichael Road, Noon on Tuesdays from September 18, through December 18, 2012, facilitated by Chaplain David Holt.
- Central Point Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. to 8pm on Tuesdays from September 12 through December 18, 2012, facilitated by Chaplain Mark Kitts

Everyone is invited to join the group at any time. For more information call (865)673-5877.

## Church Happenings

### Clear Springs Baptist Church

Dr. Craig Edwards, Evangelist and Senior Pastor of Mayberry Baptist Church in Mount Airy, North Carolina will be leading a revival at Clear Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, October 14 6 p.m. and Monday-Tuesday, October 15-16 at 7 p.m. Edwards is a nationally known evangelist and has been used of God. In addition to his preaching ministry, he is also a powerful gospel music writer. The Clear Springs Choir will also perform special music each service. So come join us and revive your heart this fall!

The Happy Fall Festival will be October 20, 2012 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. This year's fall festival will be held at the future home of the Clear Springs Baptist Church in front of the

Midway IGA on Tazewell Pike at Emory Road. There will be Music, Kid's Corner, Rummage Sale, Food, Crafts, Christian Illusionist and much more!!! See our ads on this page!

### First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church's 55 Alive senior members will meet on Thursday, October 11 at noon in the meeting room. A hot lunch will be served, \$6.50 per person. Guest speaker will be Pastor Derek Roberts, former associate pastor of First Lutheran. He'll discuss the recent news "Was Jesus married?" Reservations are requested. The public is invited. Call the church office 524-0366.

### Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet October 9, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, Knoxville at noon. Tim Parker will be the guest speaker.

### Meridian Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to come to Friends and Family Day featuring the Young at Heart Choir on October 14. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m., followed by lunch and a concert by Young at Heart at 1:30 p.m. Meridian is located at 6513 Chapman Hwy.

### St. Paul United Methodist Church

Join St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4014 Garden Drive, Fountain City, Sunday evening October 14 at 7:00 p.m. for a riveting experience of "Unpacking Atheism" led by Lee Strobel, Mark Mittelberg, and Dr. William Lane Craig. Experience the central claims of Atheism, and participate in a live question and answer session with the speakers.

St. Paul United Methodist Church-Fountain City is hosting a Homecoming Celebration Sunday, October 28 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. This will be a time of fellowship with friends - old and new - memories on the big screen, great food, inspirational music, and guest speaker News Sentinel columnist Sam Venable.

### Seymour United Methodist Church

On Sunday, October 14 at 2:30 p.m., the Monthly Order of the Arrow Scout Meeting will be held.

The 3rd annual "Pumpkin Patch" starts Saturday, Oct. 13, with volunteers needed at 9 a.m. to help unload. Volunteers also needed afterwards to work various shifts. For further general information, call our 573-9711.

**Clear Springs Baptist Church**

# Revival

*And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:24*



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# House to Home

## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

### Hold your fire!

This week I wish to discuss antique firearms as well as a new service coming soon to Fountain City Auction when we will be licensed to sell and auction firearms. Each state is different in their definition of "antique" when it comes to guns and in Tennessee the rule is that is the weapon was made in 1872 or earlier, it is considered obsolete and a collectible.



By Carl Sloan



Antique guns are exempt from FFL transfer

The markets for new, vintage and antique guns are at an all time high right now and look to keep climbing as an investment for the older ones of certain

types. Early breech loaders, pin guns that were the first to use a metal cartridge and primer in one, classics such as single action Colts, military, and unusual examples are reaching new highs at auction galleries all over.

Military collectibles besides firearms are also on the rise. Anyone who was watching last week's Proxi-

bid live auction at Fountain City Auction saw a World War Two Japanese helmet sell for over \$2,000!

November will be the next broadcast live/Proxi higher end sale and we are accepting consignments now for antique and black powder firearms for this sale, working or not, so dig out Papaw's old black powder shotgun, Civil War musket or 1872 hammerless Smith & Wesson pocket pistol as well as your military junk. This sale already looks to be a major offering of great items and is just around the corner. And as always do remember this that ALL guns are loaded so treat them that way. Black powder never gets old and even wet is just as new when it dries so if you have any old muzzle loader use the ram rod to check that it goes all the way down the barrel and you can hear metal on metal at the breech. If you have any questions or need assistance with your collection please call 865-604-3468 to speak with Greg Lawson.



**The Knox County 4-H Horse and Pony Club decorated their annual hay bale at the TVA Fair this year. Creating and designing a larger than life Blue Ribbon with streamers was the way the club chose to design their hay bale to represent the fair theme of "Exceeding Expectations." Their design this year landed the club a \$75.00 prize and 2nd place at the Fair. Pictured L-R: 1st Row: McKenzee Petree, Lydia McCurdy; 2nd Row: Rachel Millard, Moriah Brothers, Jessica Dutkosky; 3rd Row: Catherine Albert, Sharon Davis (4-H Knox County Extension Agent), Nick Knoefel, Chris Carris, Jennifer Johannes, Sophie Antol and Brittany McCoy.**

## East Tennessee's Biggest Bake Sale 2012

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Other bake sale happenings include the 2012 Halloween Cake Contest sponsored by Sugarbakers, a Knoxville celebrity bake sale, cooking demonstrations, a used cookbook sale and a sweet selection of door prizes!

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For more information or to become a vendor visit [www.bigbakesale.com](http://www.bigbakesale.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Boxes of Blessings

Dante Church of God will be distributing food in "Boxes of Blessings" on Saturday, October 13, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone. All are invited to come receive a box of blessings, with a limit of one box per household. All who are interested must be present to receive a box of food. For more information, please call (865) 689-4829.

### Clear Springs Baptist Church Golf Tournament

Clear Springs Baptist Church will hold a "Friends of Missions" Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at Three Ridges Golf Course, located at 6101 Wise Springs Road, Knoxville 37918. The church welcomes the community to participate on Saturday, October 27, for a tournament benefiting the mission efforts of Clear Springs Baptist Church. For more information, please contact the church office at (865) 688-7674.

### Country Breakfast

The Thorn Grove Odd Fellow Lodge and Thorn Grove Rebekah Lodge will host a Country Ham Breakfast on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Lodge Hall located at 10103 Thorn Grove Pike in the Thorn Grove Community. The breakfast will include all you can eat Country Ham, Sausage and Bacon, Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs and Country Gravy. The breakfast will be served from 7:00 until 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each and \$3.00 for children under 12, and they may be purchased from any Lodge member or you may pay at the door.

### John 5 Food Pantry Appointments

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Please contact (865) 938-2611 for more information.

### Fountain City Art Center to hold Annual FCAC Members' Show

The "7th Annual FCAC Members' Show" and an exhibit of Bearden area

Knox County student artwork will be held at the Fountain City Art Center, located at 213 Hotel Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37918, on Friday, October 12 through Friday, November 9, 2012. The reception will be held on Friday, October 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Director Sylvia Williams by phone at (865) 357-2787 or by email at [fcartcenter@knology.net](mailto:fcartcenter@knology.net).

Mayor Rogero speaks to North Knoxville Business Leaders

The North Knoxville Business and Professionals Association (NKBPA) is pleased to have Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero as the speaker for the October monthly breakfast meeting. Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. at the Emerald Youth Foundation, located at 1718 N. Central Street on Friday, October 13, 2012 at 8 a.m. NKBPA is a non-profit group of more than 100 businesses and community leaders dedicated specifically to serving North Knoxville. More information on NKBPA can be found at [www.northknoxvillebpa.com](http://www.northknoxvillebpa.com).

### October Fontinalis Club Meeting

Fontinalis Club will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, 5364 North Broadway. The Board Meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., Coffee Hour at 10 a.m., and the General Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Club members will then carpool to the Fountain City Art Center on Hotel Ave. for a presentation by the Executive Director, Sylvia Williams, and to view the displays at the center.

### October Knoxville Civil War Conference

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host author, historian and certified guide for the Antietam National Battlefield John Michael Priest as its speaker. At 8 p.m., Mr. Priest will deliver a speech entitled "The Battle of Antietam From the Common Soldier's Perspective." The talk is open to the public and will be held at the Bearden Banquet Hall at 5806

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2 slices Italian bread  
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skim mozzarella cheese  
2 slices tomato  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried basil

Spread butter on one side of each slice of  
bread. Place one slice, butter side down, in a  
skillet; top with half of the cheese. Layer with  
tomato and remaining cheese; sprinkle with  
oregano and basil. Top with remaining bread,  
butter side up. Cook over medium heat until  
golden brown on both sides. Yield: 1 serv-  
ing.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Cont. from page 3

Kingston Pike (next to Bud-  
dy's BBQ and .2 mile east of  
the intersection of Kingston  
Pike and Northshore Dr.). The  
cost to attend the talk is only  
\$5, and students with cur-  
rent IDs are admitted free.  
Alternatively, attendants can  
come at 7 p.m. and enjoy a  
delicious buffet dinner which  
is \$15.00 for members and  
\$17.00 for non-members (a  
price that includes the talk).  
To make dinner reserva-  
tions, please call (865) 671-  
9001 by 11 a.m. on Monday,  
October 8.

## Smithwood Baptist offers Microsoft Class

Smithwood Baptist Church  
is offering a four-session  
Beginning Microsoft Office  
Word Class on October  
15, 17, 22 and 24, 10a.m.-  
12p.m. The cost will be \$20.  
For more information or to  
enroll, please contact Shir-  
ley or Earl Walker at (865)  
687-9429 or ewwalker@bell-  
south.net.

## Wilderness Whitewa- ter Rafting Workshop

At 7 p.m. on October 9, the  
Tennessee Valley Unitarian  
Universalist Church in Knox-  
ville will host a workshop  
on wilderness whitewater  
paddling in East Tennessee  
directed by Kirk Eddlemon  
of American Whitewater. The  
different paddling areas sur-  
rounding Knoxville will be  
discussed, with standout  
rivers receiving further atten-  
tion. The psyche of the wil-  
derness whitewater paddler  
will also be examined as well  
as a few river stories from  
the annals of local paddling  
lore. Kirk is writing a guide-  
book for the southeastern  
paddling region with a co-  
author in Asheville. For addi-  
tional information, contact  
Mac Post at mpost3116@  
aol.com.

## Parkinson Support Group Upcoming Meeting

Parkinson Support Group  
of East Tennessee (PK Hope  
Is Alive) will hold its next  
meeting Tuesday, October  
16, from 11:30-1:30 pm. The  
group will meet in Oak Ridge  
at Kern United Methodist  
Church on 451 East Tennes-  
see Avenue in the Family Life  
Center. This month's speak-  
er will be Dr. Thea Cross  
from Blount Neurology in  
Maryville, and her topic will  
be "Other Movement Dis-  
orders." Mark Manning of  
Medtronic will provide a light  
lunch. For more information,  
please call Karen Sampsell  
at (865) 482-4867 or email  
pk\_hopeisalive@bellsouth.  
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