



## James White Parkway extension debate continues

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Battle lines have been drawn in South Knoxville, and they extend along Chapman Highway to Gov. John Sevier Highway. The James White Parkway Extension project, which was previously put on hold pending an environmental impact study, is once again under consideration by the Tennessee

Department of Transportation (TDOT).

Both TDOT and the Federal Highway Administration signed off on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in September. If the plan to extend the James White Parkway from Moody Avenue to the intersection of Chapman Highway and Gov. John Sevier Highway is executed, more than 60 homes and as

many as five businesses would be impacted. However, the statement also maintains that if no action is taken, increased traffic and air quality concerns along Chapman Highway would continue to rise.

The project, which comes with an estimated \$103-\$106 million dollar price tag, has many residents, business owners, and elected officials concerned. Mayor

Madeline Rogero, Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, the Urban Wilderness Arts and Trade District, as well as Ijams Nature Center and the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club have all expressed concern regarding the proposed extension.

At the heart of the matter lies Knoxville's Urban Wilderness which contains 1,000 forested

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## Area Parades

It's that time of year again! The City of Knoxville's Christmas in the City kicked off Friday, November 23, but there are more festivities to be seen closer to home.

### Fountain City Optimist Parade

The December 1 parade starts at Ci-Ci Pizza at 10 a.m., goes up Broadway and ends at Central Baptist Church. For more information, contact Bill Gentry at 523-2796.

### 3rd Annual Gibbs Christmas Parade

The Gibbs Ruritan Club wants your team or club, church group, cars, trucks, tractors, horses, floats, etc. in the 3rd Annual Gibbs Christmas Parade to be held Sunday, December 2, at 2:30 p.m. Plan now to show off your entries by participating in this event.

The parade begins at Gibbs High School and finishes at the Gibbs Center (IGA). Lineup will begin at 1:45 p.m. at the high school. There is no entry fee; however the Club will be accepting canned food items that will be donated to the Corryton Food Pantry during this season of need. To preregister your entry or get more details, email gibbschristmasparade@gmail.com. or call: Larry Dougherty at 898-3532 or Eddie Jones at 789-4681.

### Halls Christmas Parade

The Halls Christmas Parade will be held December 1, beginning at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is not required and there's no fee to enter. The parade lines up in the parking lot of Halls High School, travels down Maynardville Highway through the business district, and concludes on Neal Drive behind McDonald's. Participants can begin to line up at 4:30 p.m. Parade vehicles must enter from the Ledgerwood Drive gate into the Halls High School complex.

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## A Time to Give



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*Present at the Check Presentation to the Love Kitchen are Sara Stillwell of Food City; Ellen Turner of the Love Kitchen; Emerson Breeden of Food City; Helen Ashe of the Love Kitchen; Scott Suchomski, Commissioner Ed Shouse, Sarah Thompson and Paige McDaniel, all of the Tennessee Valley Fair; and Trish Price from the Knoxville News Sentinel.*

### Tennessee Valley Fair raises \$5,830 for the Love Kitchen

The Tennessee Valley Fair, along with partners Food City, Wade Shows Inc., WBIR Channel 10 and the Knoxville News Sentinel presented the Love Kitchen with a \$5,830 donation before Thanksgiving last week.

The funds were raised during Love Kitchen Wristband Day on Sunday, September 9, which was held during the 93rd annual Tennessee Valley Fair,

September 7-16. \$1.00 from each ride wristband sold was designated to benefit the Love Kitchen.

The Love Kitchen provides meals, clothing and emergency services to homebound, homeless and unemployed individuals and families in the Knoxville area. Working together with other local agencies, the Love Kitchen provides these services in the hopes of promoting self-sufficiency in our community.

The 94th annual Tennessee Valley Fair is scheduled for September 6-15, 2013.

## Rural/Metro Incorporating Firefighter Training Into High School Curriculum

Seven high school seniors are currently enrolled in an innovative, one-year Career and Technical Education (CTE) course offered at South-Doyle High School that will give them the opportunity to become a licensed firefighter and guarantee them a job as a Rural/Metro reserve firefighter. Rural/Metro Fire Department has partnered with Knox County Schools to bring Rural/Metro's 240-hour Fire Cadet Academy training program to South-Doyle High School for the 2012-2013 school year.

"This is the first program of its kind not just in Knox County, not just in the state, but in the nation," said Brian Woods, Rural/Metro Fire Department Lieutenant and instructor at South-Doyle. "This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity, and

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*South-Doyle High School students Jeremy Martin, Justin Johnson and Chandler King work on securing a hose as part of Rural/Metro's CTE class.*

## Voters Favor Ratings For Books For Parental Use

By Focus Staff

This week's Knoxville Focus poll asked voters, "In your opinion, other than textbooks, should Knox County Schools implement a ratings system for all books similar to the ratings system for music and movies?"

Voters were divided on the question, with just over 55% saying they believe the school system should implement a ratings system. Still, there were significant areas where voters believed a rating system should not be put into place.

The First District was not supportive of a ratings system with just over 52% saying they didn't think the school system should implement a ratings system.

The Second District, which like the First, is entirely within the City of Knoxville, reversed the results in the First District with almost 55% saying they believe a ratings system should be put in place.

The Third District flipped the results again, with over 53% saying they did not believe the school system should implement a ratings system. Inside the Fourth District, which includes Sequoia Hills, more than 56% believe a ratings system is needed. The Fifth District, which includes the Town of Farragut, also narrowly supports the concept with just over 53% of voters saying there should be a

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# Kidding and Skipping

Hello, everyone. My name is Sarah and I can't take a joke. That's what I've been told. The fact is, however, that sometimes I don't want to take a joke. I will make fun of myself all day long. Nevertheless, if you're going to tease me, you better be a fully vested friend. You don't have to know me very well to catch on to my idiosyncrasies.



By Sarah Baker  
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After all, I publish them in this newspaper weekly. On the other hand, if you've never met one of my siblings, pet my dog, or eaten at my table, it's best if you keep your quips to yourself. Let me give you an example of acceptable teasing. I have had this "habit" since I was a little girl. I cannot stand still. You may be talking to me and I may very well be listening. We could be in the middle of a deep discussion, and I will just skip away and skip right back for no apparent reason. It's like Tourettes Syndrome, only I don't jerk or cuss. I skip. Sometimes I even do it when I'm by myself. I will be standing over the stove stirring something and I

cannot stop myself from skipping to the other side of the kitchen and back. Weird, huh? At school, I will be walking down the hallway and I will just stop walking and start skipping for a few seconds. Then I will start walking again. Students will ask, "Ms. Baker, why did you start skipping?" I will laugh and say, "I just got tired of walking." You have to be pretty close to me to realize how often I skip, so teasing me about it is endearing to me because it means you really know me. Last year one of my favorite students wrote me a note that said, "Ms. Baker, I love you 'cuz I can say anything to you and you won't be trippin'." (I don't go ballistic when kids tell me things that might be disappointing.) I wrote the kid's words on my Facebook status because they made my day. My cousin, Al, couldn't help but comment, "You won't be trippin', but you'll probably be skip-pin'." His comment received likes from everyone in my inner circle. All too often, however, people tease about things they're afraid to confront others about. I regularly

hear kids say the meanest things to one another and then say, "Ah, I was just kidding." A girl named Haley told me about an incident where one girl said to another girl, "You wear too much makeup!" When she saw that the other girl's feelings were hurt she said, "I'm just kidding." What is so funny about that? Nothing. Yet, grown women have been known to behave the same way. Some people tease others to communicate affection. I've had several people say to me over the last few years, "I wouldn't tease you if I didn't like you." I get that. I really do. I have people in my life whom it would hurt my feelings if they didn't tease me. Most of these people know where the line is and where the tender spots are and they steer clear. Real friends don't hurt your feelings, whether they are "joking" or not. That is the bottom line. Some of you are probably like me and you've ignored rude "jokes/jabs" from others or laughed along even when they stung your heart a little. I have resolved to stop doing that. If you're close enough to dish it out, you're close enough to take it. If you cannot do that, I may just have to skip away.

# Culture war rages on as holidays approach



By Richie Beeler

During the past week, violence has escalated dramatically in the Middle East as missiles and war planes fill the skies over the nation of Israel. The prospect of all out war in the holy land has many Christians wondering what the prophetic significance of the conflict might be. But the odd reality is that there is another conflict much closer to home that may carry even more prophetic weight than the one in Israel. It is a war that has been slowly escalating for more than half a century. And its tide is finally turning.

I'm talking about the culture war that has raged in America since at least the middle of the 20th century. It is a battle for the heart and soul of a nation that was once seen as a sanctuary for Christian beliefs and morality. The war is being fought on virtually every conceivable front in American society, from the classroom to the courtroom, from the church house to the state house. The conflict pits those who espouse the Judeo-Christian world view, ethical code, and religious tradition against those who embrace a philosophy of secular humanism. Fifty

years ago, when prayer was still legally practiced in the public school system, America was still largely a Christian nation. In other words, although major cultural battles were about to erupt, those holding to Judeo-Christian values were still firmly in the majority. But over the course of the ensuing five decades, that majority has grown weaker and weaker as an almost constant barrage of attacks have chipped away at its foundation. Prayer was taken out of schools in the 1960s. Abortion was legalized in the 1970s. Now in 2012 issues that were formerly cultural taboos - such as gay marriage and illicit drug use - are being normalized and legalized one state at a time. American culture is growing more and more secular with each passing year. And more and more hostile to the Judeo-Christian view. Notice I did not say the culture was growing more hostile to religion. While other religions are tolerated and even celebrated, Christianity continues to be relentlessly attacked by secularist groups intent on its elimination from American society. And at no time of year is the hostility more evident than during the Christmas season. The latest such assault comes out of San Diego. A sixty-year tradition has come to an end this year in the Southern California city. For the past six decades, a local church has constructed a life-

sized nativity scene along a heavily traveled stretch of one of San Diego's thoroughfares. It has become one of the most beloved Christmas traditions in the city. But in recent years, atheists and other groups hostile to the Christian faith have demanded to put up displays of their own alongside the nativity. One such display involves a manger scene devoid of people and animals but containing several large pictures of mythical characters alongside a picture of Christ. The large caption on the scene reads, "37 million Americans recognize a myth when they see one." The growing concern for potential conflict in the area has led the city fathers to ban all displays from the area this year, including the nativity. The church has petitioned a court to allow the nativity scene, citing a violation of First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and religion. The atheist groups have filed no such petitions. That is because their mission has already been accomplished. They have no interest in anyone seeing their displays. Only in getting rid of the nativity. And that they did. The court denied the church's petition. These actions should come as no surprise to American Christians. Just last year New York City placed a ban on religious organizations using public school facilities during non-school hours for worship

services. The ban left more than 150 New York churches homeless. Christians attempting to demonstrate peacefully during a speech by Mayor Michael Bloomberg were arrested by the NYPD. The scene of Christians being cuffed and taken to jail by American police officers was both surreal and disturbing to many. But it was a microcosm of the turning tide in the culture war for America's soul. The day when those who ascribe to a Judeo-Christian world view become the minority in America is no longer approaching. It has arrived. Well-meaning people may take great offense when our president declares that we are not a Christian nation. But the stark reality is that we are not. While large percentages of our populace may claim to identify with some brand of the Christian religion, Biblical Christianity is no longer the dominant influence on American culture. It has been systematically pushed toward the fringes of society for half a century. All is not lost. In fact those of us who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ know that it is and has always been America's hope. But we also know that this is a war that must now be fought hand to hand, one soul at a time. The gospel still saves people. But it remains to be seen whether it will save America. Because the tide has definitely turned.

## FOCUS Weekly Poll

In your opinion, other than textbooks, should Knox County Schools implement a rating system for all books similar to the rating system for music and movies?

Yes 52.24%

No 44.76%



By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	1
30-49	54.29%	45.71%	70
50-65	2.76%	47.24%	163
65+	57.31%	42.69%	253
Total	55.24% (269)	44.76% (218)	487

By Commission District	Yes	No	Total
1	47.06%	52.94%	34
2	54.90%	45.10%	51
3	46.94%	53.06%	49
4	43.66%	56.34%	71
5	47.37%	52.63%	57
6	61.22%	38.78%	49
7	67.65%	32.35%	68
8	67.24%	32.76%	58
9	58.00%	42.00%	50

By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	58.82%	41.18%	17
Female	55.95%	44.05%	227
Male	54.32%	45.68%	243
Total	55.24% (269)	44.76% (218)	487

Survey conducted November 20, 2012

## Voters Favor Ratings

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rating system. The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, posted heavy majorities for a ratings system. The Seventh and Eighth Districts were almost identical with over 67% of voters believing a ratings system is needed. The margin in the Ninth District, which is South

Knoxville, was slightly lower with 58% of voters favoring a ratings system. Slightly more women than men favored the idea of a ratings system. Currently music, movies and video games carrying ratings as to how mature the theme of the subject matter is as a parental guide.

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Members of Central High's NJROTC stand at ease during part of the annual inspection earlier this month.

## CHS NJROTC passes inspection with flying colors

By Tasha Mahurin  
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Central High School's NJROTC held its annual Navy inspection and parade earlier this month.

The event began with a personnel inspection in the NJROTC classroom and was followed by a military parade, called a pass-in-review, held in the school's gymnasium.

"Every NJROTC gets inspected yearly by Navy representatives, to make sure students are learning what they're supposed to and to ensure we're complying with Navy Regulations," Naval Science Instructor David Johnston told *The Focus*.

The mission of the NJROTC is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. The annual inspection is viewed with a sense of accomplishment and executed with acute attention to detail.

"The inspection is done just as the Navy or Marine Corp would do anywhere out in the fleet," Johnston explained.

One might assume that the program exists to prepare students for a military career; however, Johnston

relates that is not necessarily the goal of the course.

"We're a congressionally mandated, citizenship and character development program," Johnston added. He explained that the course focuses on such key tenets as excellence, personal responsibility, and accountability.

By all accounts, the course is successful. The intricate annual event is primarily student-led with minimal involvement from instructors. This year Cadet Commander and Central High School student, Aaron Sorah was instrumental in coordinating the event, along with the assistance of Parade Adjutant Stephanie Coleman.

Additionally, the Central High School band provided the National Anthem and the "marching music" for the parade itself. Attendees, such as School Board Representative Indya Kincannon, were also treated to a patriotic medley from Central High's "Select Choraliers" in honor of Veterans Day and those who serve the country in the United States Armed Forces.

The students passed the inspection with flying colors. *The Focus* congratulates them on a job well-done.

## 'Cherish yesterday, Dream tomorrow, Live today'

I saw the words on a poster in the classroom where I was a substitute teacher. I liked their message. Richard Bach's words were simple and profound back then and gave us much inspiration on a special day in our lives. All of us were younger. Our hair was much

longer. The picture captured a memorable moment for our family and still serves as a reminder of a Thanksgiving weekend many years ago. But, there was so much more behind the picture.

In 1976, America was celebrating her bicentennial. We were celebrating our parents' Silver Wedding Anniversary--and my birthday. The months leading up to that day had been a whirlwind. I had graduated from The University of Tennessee in August. Around Labor Day, my paternal grandmother suffered a stroke that left her bedridden the last two months of her life. After her death, we had only a month to plan the reception. But, with help from family and friends, we managed.

With the cake as the centerpiece and strands of ivy decorating the tables, I clicked my Kodak instamatic. It did not flash, and there was no time to go buy new batteries. Thankfully, I had called the Ron Warwick Studio a few days earlier to



Ralphine, Juanita, Ralph (our late husband and father), and Wayne Major. Photo taken by the late Ron Warwick.

photograph our special event. I was glad I did. I had met Ron when I was ten years old, and he photographed my aunt's wedding. A few years later he made my senior pictures and all of those in our high school yearbook. Ron's unique talent and personality impacted photography like no one else. He traveled the world in his business and won numerous awards. I once drove up beside a car on North Broadway with the license plate that read: FOCUS. When I pulled up to the red light and glanced over, it was Ron on his way to photograph a wedding. Ron had already made our parents' 25th Anniversary picture for the paper. At the reception, he set up a makeshift studio in the church sanctuary. When Ron passed away many years later, the photography world truly lost someone great.

Winter seemed to rush right in for our Sunday afternoon reception, but we were surrounded by the warmth and love of family and friends. Ron captured most of them on film. I was amazed that so many of the senior citizens braved the cold, sleet, and snow to share in our joy.

Once again, families gathered around the Thanksgiving table and enjoyed the great American tradition of turkey, pumpkin pie, and all the trimmings. As we celebrated and created new memories, we remembered the recent hurricane victims who have lost everything.

Those words of Richard Bach that had the simple, profound message in the seventies still have the same message today, and it remains one of my favorite quotes: "Cherish yesterday, Dream tomorrow, Live today."



Photo by Dan Andrews. From left to right: Lt. Ryan McNamara, Chase Sutton, Chandler King, Jeremy Martin, James Hurst, Justin Johnson, Corey Bunch and Lt. Brian Woods.

## Rural/Metro Incorporating Firefighter Training Into High School Curriculum

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we're guaranteeing these seniors a job if they complete the course."

Rural/Metro carries the full cost of the program, and the program, curriculum and instructors have been approved through the Tennessee Department of Education. Instructor Brian Woods is also certified by the Tennessee Commission on Fire Fighting and has been training firefighters for more than 20 years.

"We got the idea from a group of Swedish high school firefighter students that we host at our fire stations each year," Rural/Metro Fire Chief Jerry Har-nish said. "In their home country, they attend a school where survival courses are part of their curriculum to train them for careers as firefighters or EMTs after graduation. It's a highly successful program, and we thought, 'Why can't we do

that here?'"

The course is split into two separate phases. During the first phase, the seven students meet for the first class of the day, which lasts approximately an hour and 20 minutes. Over the entire school year, this equals a little more than 200 hours of instructional time.

The students attend lectures and hands-on practical training that takes place outside in an unused parking lot. Students learn important skills like how to handle fire hoses, climb ladders, use hand tools properly and other firefighting techniques.

During the summer, any student 18 years or older that completes the course and receives a high school diploma will have the opportunity to complete a finishing school. During this phase, students will participate in live fire training exercises, ride

on Rural/Metro fire trucks and complete other practical firefighter training. Successful completion of this phase makes the students eligible to take the Firefighter 1 test.

If students choose to go to college, they can work at Rural/Metro part-time and live in the fire station while they go to school. They will also have the opportunity to complete training to become a licensed emergency medical technician (EMT).

"Through our partnership with Knox County Schools, we are paving the way for the nation," Har-nish said. "We are giving these kids a head start on their career and a leg up

to achieving their goals. We've been extremely impressed with the students in this program and look forward to having them as valuable members of our squad."

It takes three years to truly integrate a CTE program into the school system because many students set their schedules for all four years of high school when they are a freshman or sophomore. After three years, Knox County Schools plans to expand the program into other schools. Woods said he has been approached by school systems throughout the country that are interested in this innovative program.



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## James White Parkway extension debate continues

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acres along Knoxville's downtown riverfront, ten parks, and more than 40 miles of recreational trails. The Urban Wilderness project quickly gained momentum when South Knoxville residents and business faced dramatic consequences as a result of the consequently inconvenient but necessary closure of the Henley Street Bridge.

Since that time, a substantial amount of fundraising and volunteer hours have been contributed towards the realization of the project. The JWP extension could potentially threaten the 35 mile long "Urban Wilderness Trail" which is the centerpiece of the Urban Wilderness itself.

"The JWP extension project had merit in its conception, but since that time everything South has changed for the better with the Urban Wilderness theme and multi-use trail system, and for that reason I oppose the current plans," stated Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, who represents South Knoxville on City Council.

Additionally business owners, who maintain they've suffered significant

financial loss since the Henley Street Bridge closure, have expressed concern that the project would further isolate business along Chapman Highway.

This concern is echoed by Vice Mayor Pavlis: "I have seen firsthand the devastating effect that the diversion of traffic from Chapman highway has had on our merchants due to the Henley Bridge closure."

However, TDOT maintains on its website that the project would improve access from the South Knoxville area to the central business district of Downtown Knoxville.

There are many who support the project. *The Focus's* independent polling company polled 500 registered voters from within the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which is the entirety of South Knox County this month. Results indicated that 83% of those polled supported the extension of the project. The greatest opposition to the extension came from within the city's 29<sup>th</sup> Precinct, with just over 30% in support of the extension.

While many residents are appreciative of the Urban Wilderness project, they feel as though the

extension would be a good thing for the area, adding to its accessibility, and alleviating some of the traffic concerns along the often fatal Chapman Highway. Proponents are further touting the extension as "the price of progress."

"I understand the importance of the Urban Wilderness, but I also dread my morning commute along Chapman," a South Knox County resident told *The Focus*. "As a mother, I'm very interested in a safer, more accessible route."

Although TDOT has expressed commitment to the project through various media outlets, a "no build" option remains a part of the ongoing dialogue. A hearing next week will provide the public an opportunity for input on the project prior to selection of a preferred alternative and/or completion of the final environmental document. A brief presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. The public input meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at South-Doyle Middle School at 5:00 p.m.

## Christmas in the City Ornaments Available at Tea and Treasures

South Knoxville artist, Bobbye Edwards, was selected by the City of Knoxville to design a series of unique hand-painted Christmas ornaments to commemorate Christmas in the city of Knoxville this year.

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## Area Parades

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The Halls Man and Woman of the Year from the previous year lead off the parade as it travels down Maynardville Highway. Everyone is invited to participate! For more information, contact 922-4136.

### Powell Lions Club Christmas Parade

Participants are to assemble at the Food City parking lot located at Emory and Clinton Hwy between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on December 1. The parade leaves promptly at 5:00 p.m. down Emory Road to Brickyard Rd. There is no registration required to participate in the parade. We only ask that there be NO 4 wheelers, ATVs or Santas, etc. If you have any questions, please call (865) 640-1053.

### Seymour Christmas Parade

Join the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) on Saturday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m. for the 19th Annual Seymour Christmas Parade. This year's parade will feature two Grand Marshals, WBIR's Darin' Erin Donovan and Kelsie Jones. The parade route begins at Valley Grove Baptist Church and will head east following the south-bound lanes of Chapman Highway, where it ends in the Seymour Kroger parking lot. Spectators can view the parade at any point along the south side of Chapman Highway.

It's not too late to register your group, club, or organization for the parade. Stop by SVFD's station one at 101 Ford Hill Lane to pick-up registration forms; they can also be dropped off at the station or mailed in. The cost is only \$20 per float, vehicle, motorcycle, or group of walkers and \$10 per animal. This year judging will take place along the parade route instead of before.

The Seymour Christmas Parade is sponsored by the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department and is a not-for-profit community event. All the proceeds of the parade will benefit needy families in the Seymour area. If you have any questions, please contact SVFD at (865) 573-7475 or stop by station one.

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Scholarship recipients are Brett Coleman, Sarah Tait, Crystal Roark, Kayla Gass, Hailey Mynatt and Shelly Jenkins.

## Six receive scholarships from Retired Teachers

The Knox County Retired Teachers Association Meeting held November 15 at The Foundry was quite a notable event with six scholarships being awarded to worthy college students in our region who are planning a future of serving as classroom teachers.

The scholarships of one thousand dollars each will assist the following students in attaining their goals of becoming educators:

- Brett Coleman, University of Tennessee, was awarded the Bob Underwood Scholarship;
- Kayla Gass, University of Tennessee, was awarded the Paul Kelly Scholarship;
- Shelly Jenkins, South College, was awarded the Tom Underwood Scholarship;
- Halley Mynatt, University of Tennessee, the Reuben Hunter Scholarship;

- Crystal Roark, Tusculum College, was awarded the Coleen Bennet Scholarship; and
  - Sarah Tait, University of Tennessee, won the KCRTA Scholarship.
- The Chairperson of the Scholarship Selection Committee is Lexa Hooten who was assisted by the following committee members: Margie LeCoultré, Vicky Andrews, John McCook, Tootie McCook, Terry Uselton,

Arlene Malcolm and Dan Williams.

Notables from area state legislators in attendance were Harry Brooks, Steve Hall, Ryan Haynes and Roger Kane. The President of TRTA, Joanne Smith, was also present at the luncheon along with representatives from Mayors Burchett and Rogero's offices who read proclamations declaring November 15th as "Retired Teacher's Day." The Annual Scholarship

Luncheon is a shining moment for retired teachers, guests, the six scholarship recipients, and the community. Area teachers and educators continue to make important contributions to our community even after retirement by promoting the future through scholarships.

All retired teachers are invited to join KCRTA on the third Thursday of alternating months at The Foundry.



**From State Representative Harry Brooks**

As I write this, I am in Nashville attending several meetings in regards to upcoming legislation and the next session which will begin in January. The Republican Caucus election will be Monday, November 26, and right now Speaker Harwell has no known opposition as the Republican nominee for Speaker. Very few of the Republican Caucus Leadership positions are contested, so I look forward to a smooth transition into the 108th General Assembly. Session will begin on Tuesday, January 8, and House members will vote for Speaker at that time. After the first day of session there will be a lot of re-shuffling of office and committee assignments.

There are several items that have been discussed which may be addressed during the upcoming session. One is a rule change which may limit the number of bills a member can file. Another matter which reappears almost every year is the issue of an elected or appointed school superintendent. I also expect to see a major discussion about a voucher program for students from failing schools or those on the free and reduced lunch program. There is also the likelihood of discussion of a merit pay raise for state funded positions that would be tied to annual

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## Dewey Roberts Sr. slated to be honored with City street name

By Tasha Mahurin  
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In an effort pioneered by the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Keller Street, located between Linden Ave. and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, is slated to be changed to Dewey Roberts, Sr. Street.

Roberts, a Knoxville College graduate and long-time African American educator in Knoxville, spearheaded the movement for equal pay for black teachers in 1933. In his personal scrapbook, now a part of the Beck Cultural Exchange collection, is a copy of the minutes of the Knoxville Negro Teachers League of January 18, 1933, when a committee was appointed to make plans to ensure the equalization. The effort took almost seven years to accomplish. Mr. Roberts was president of the league and led the fight when salaries were finally equalized in 1939.

The ramifications of Roberts' siege against discrimination and inequality weren't just felt locally.

"My father led the effort to equalize pay between black and white teachers. The effort eventually

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## Q & A with Mayor Tim Burchett

**1.) The buzzword last week was Bigfoot. And while all of Knox County is "a-Twitter" regarding the upcoming filming of Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot", it is an important marketing opportunity for the area. How were you able to convince the producers to film in East Tennessee and more importantly how will the filming of the show contribute to marketing the area?**

I believe the "Finding Bigfoot" show will provide an opportunity for us to show of our area's natural beauty. But the production of the show has already had an impact on our local economy.



Howard Phillips estimated as many as 1,600 people attended the "Bigfoot Day" celebration at Powell Auction, and several of those people came from out of state. I personally spoke with individuals from Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, as well

as the state of Maryland.

Several members of the show's production crew are locals who were hired specifically for this episode, and others, including the cast members, who are from out of state stayed in

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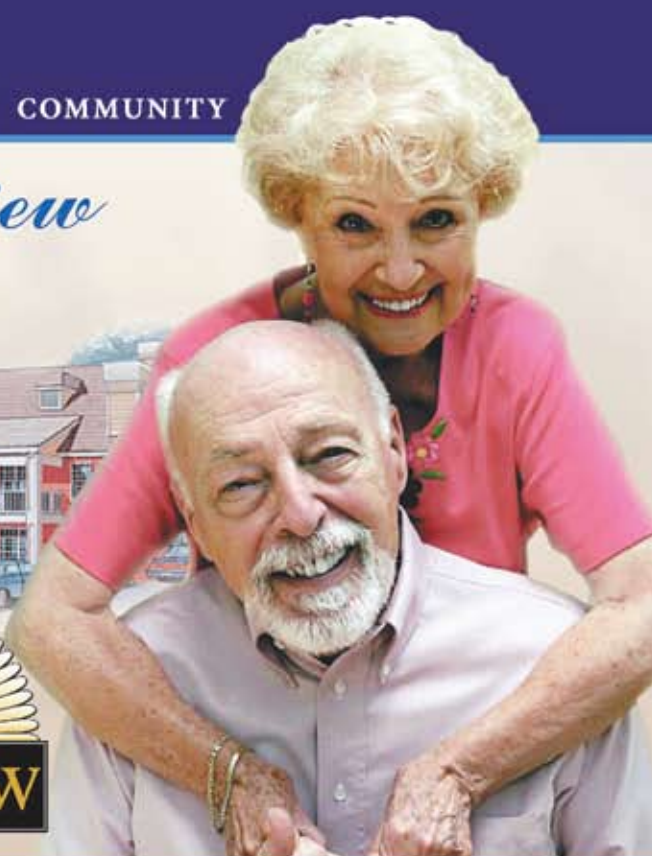
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# Volunteers Needed for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of North Knoxville

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is seeking volunteers in the North Knoxville area

– walkers, cancer survivors, caregivers, community leaders, anyone wanting to make a difference – to

organize and recruit fundraising teams, garner community support, coordinate logistics, seek

refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend a hand to ensure the success of the 2013 event. There will be a committee interest meeting on Thursday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sister Elizabeth Room at Tennova's North Knoxville Medical Center. The group is looking for dedicated individuals with bright ideas and a willingness to make a difference in the community. Relay For Life of North Knoxville supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back against the disease.

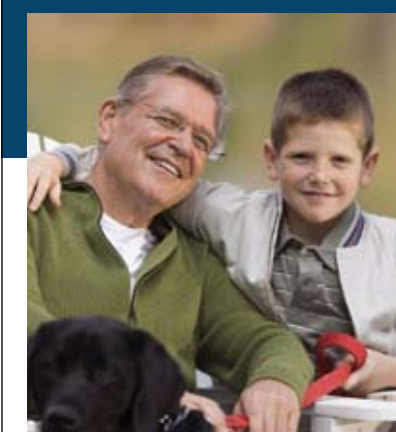
Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life – all aimed at celebrating the lives of those who have had cancer, remembering those lost, and fighting back against the disease.

"Relay For Life is all about our community uniting with the American Cancer Society and supporting its

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## Q & A with Mayor Tim Burchett

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local hotels and ate at local restaurants.

**2.) Speaking of marketing, Knox County competes most heavily (on the local level) with Sevier County in the way of tourism dollars. What do you personally feel are some of Knox County's most "marketable" attributes as a tourist destination?**

The hospitality of the people in this community is one of our most marketable attributes. That and the area's beauty, history, amenities and proximity to area attractions all make Knox County a great place to visit.

**3.) Both the City of Knoxville and Knox County recently renewed large contracts (\$3.2 million) with Visit Knoxville (formerly Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation) to continue in their efforts to promote the area. What do you expect to see from the organization going forward in terms of return on the tax payers' investment?**

I expect to see Knoxville and Knox County marketed effectively, and the County's tax dollars used in an efficient, transparent manner.

**4.) As a contingency of the renewal of the contract significant changes were made to ensure more transparency within the organization- which made headlines earlier this year when former president Gloria Ray's \$400,000 salary came into question. The board of directors was restructured, quarterly reports instituted, and new leadership is currently in place. Are you confident in the new leadership and new direction currently being taken by Visit Knoxville and, from your perspective, what specifically should the organization focus on in 2013?**

I'm confident that my expectations of Visit Knoxville are clear, and I have confidence in my board appointees' willingness and ability to see those expectations met. That includes focusing on all aspects of tourism. Ultimately, I believe in the adage, "Trust but verify," and the only way to do that is with transparency.

**5.) You recently appointed four new members to the Visit Knoxville board- Hemal Tailor, Commissioner Brad Anders, Anita Lane, and Cortney Piper. What considerations did you make when selecting your appointments and how do you feel these individuals will positively impact the organization?**

I chose these four individuals because they are all trustworthy, have a wide range of experience, they are thoughtful and extremely professional. I believe they will all be assets in assuring the future success of Visit Knoxville.

**6.) Your Cash Mobs have garnered national media attention, and now you've been instrumental in bringing a hit TV series to the area. You seem to have a knack for keeping Knox County in the spot -light. Do you view promoting the area as part of your job description as County Mayor?**

Absolutely, this is a great community, and I want the rest of the world to know we're here so they can come and spend money with our local businesses and help support our economy here in Knox County.

## From State Representative Harry Brooks

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evaluations.

There are still major decisions to be made concerning the Affordable Care Act, TennCare and other major state health programs. You may also hear about a possible re-vamping of the Department of Children's Services. Some good news is you may be seeing a second installment on a sales tax reduction in food.

Overall, I personally predict that next year's session will be completed in due time for us to adjourn earlier than has been the norm in the past.

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over, and I hope you are making preparations for a wonderful Christmas. If I can ever be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me in the office at 615-741-6879 or 1-800-449-8366 x 44556, and my home number is 865-687-5987 where you may reach me personally at any time. I can be reached by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov, or if you would like to receive updates by email, you can sign up at <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/lyris/h19s.html>.

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# Senator Walter F. George George of Georgia

**Pages from  
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Past**



**By Ray Hill**

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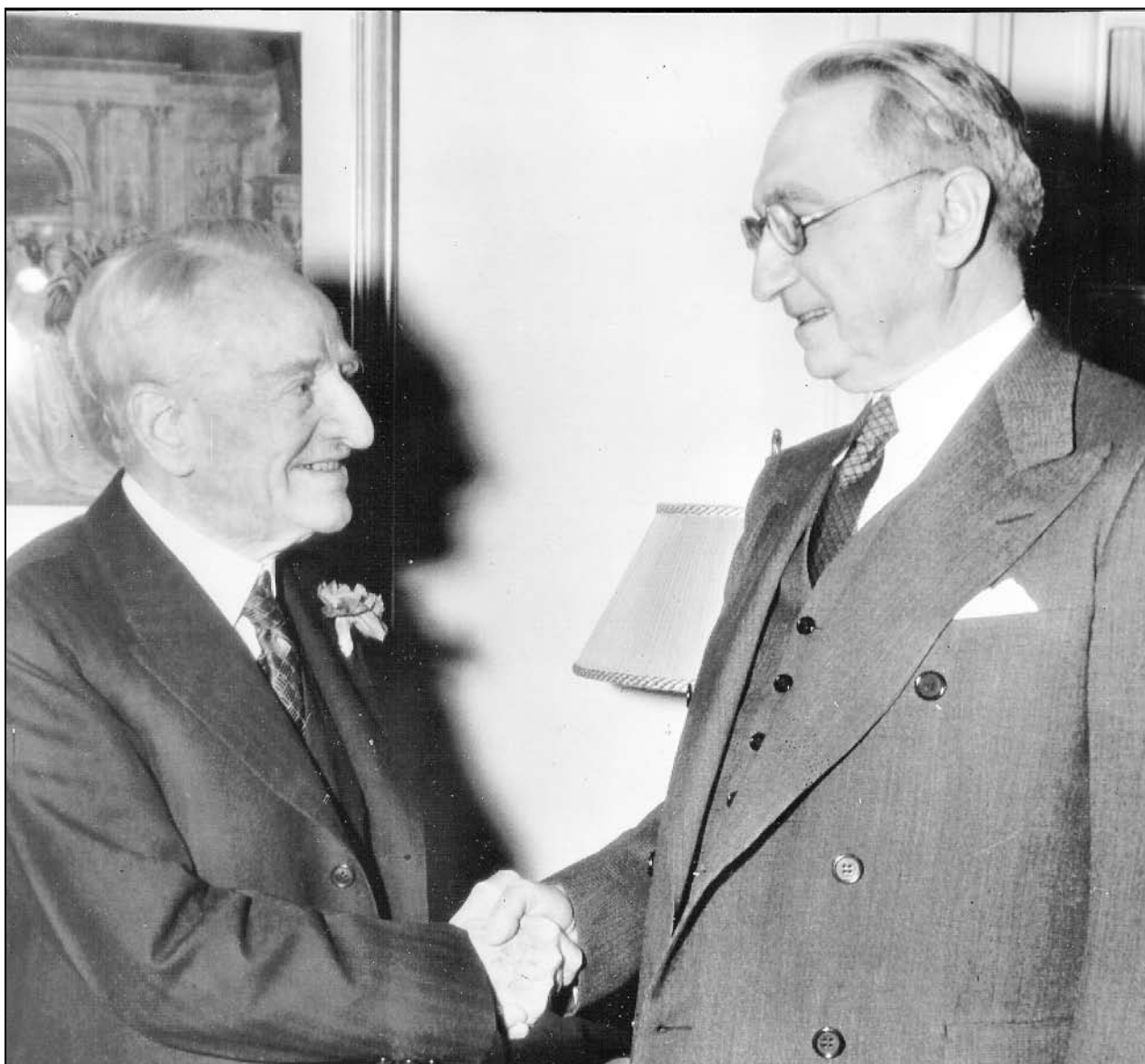
**W**alter F. George was, during his time, one of the most respected and powerful members of the United States Senate. Senator George was a man of innate, if not somewhat exaggerated, dignity; even his wife, Miss Lucy, referred to him as "Senator George."

George, like many of his contemporaries, was born on a farm in rural Georgia on January 29, 1878. The George family was one of modest means and Walter George worked to put himself through school, finally earning a law degree from Mercer University in 1901. George commenced the practice of his profession and he was sitting as a judge of the Court of Appeals for Georgia while still in his thirties. In 1917, he took his seat on the Georgia State Supreme Court and served until his resignation in 1922.

Walter George's resignation from the Supreme Court was due to his interest in another office. United States Senator Tom Watson, a notorious populist rebel, had died in office, necessitating a special election. George determined to be a candidate for senator in that particular election. Georgia's governor, Thomas Hardwick, a former senator himself, had his eye on the Senate seat and appointed the first woman to serve in the United States Senate on an interim basis. Hoping to influence the vote of women throughout Georgia, Governor Hardwick appointed Rebecca Felton to the vacancy. Hardwick had been opposed to the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote and his appointment of Rebecca Latimer Felton was a none too subtle bid to restore his popularity with female voters. It was clear the appointment was little more than honorific, as Mrs. Felton was eighty-seven years old at the time. As Congress was not in session when she was first appointed, Mrs. Felton was not sworn into the Senate until after the election. Senator Felton was finally able to take the oath of office and served only for a day. Rebecca Felton remains the only woman ever to serve as a senator from Georgia.

Unfortunately for Governor Hardwick, his appointment of Mrs. Felton did not stave off defeat; Walter F. George won the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat and waited for a day before taking the oath to allow Rebecca Felton the honor of actually serving in the United States Senate.

Senator George remained in the Senate for virtually the remainder of his life, rising to prominence and power. George was reelected in



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

*Virginia Senator Carter Glass (left) greets Georgia Senator Walter F. George.*

1926 and 1932 with little opposition. George steadily rose through the ranks of the Senate, gaining valuable seniority and served on both the Senate Finance and Foreign Relations Committees.

Walter F. George was closely affiliated with the business community of Georgia, especially Georgia Light and Power and Coca-Cola. While he had supported much of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, his opposition to Roosevelt's plan to enlarge the United States Supreme Court riled FDR beyond reason. An angry Franklin Roosevelt decided to purge his own Democratic Party of "reactionaries" in the 1938 primaries. Roosevelt was enormously popular in his Georgia, as it was his "adopted" home state and FDR's cottage at Warm Springs, Georgia was well known. Roosevelt decided to use his personal popularity in Georgia to defeat Walter F. George.

Senator George was facing two opponents in the Democratic primary that year; Lawrence Camp, a former U.S. Attorney and the infamous Eugene Talmadge, the "Wild Man from Sugar Creek." Talmadge was a very popular former governor and had run against Georgia's other United States Senator, Richard Russell, two years previously. Talmadge was an avowed white supremacist (as were virtually all successful Georgia politicians at the time), a fierce opponent and critic of FDR and the New Deal. Talmadge was an accomplished campaigner and his stump appearances in his famous red galluses (or suspenders for those unfamiliar with the term) were legendary in Georgia. Clearly Franklin Roosevelt had no intention of supporting Gene Talmadge, who would certainly be far more objectionable to him politically than the stately, if insufficiently liberal, Walter George. FDR would back Lawrence Camp and boldly made the challenge

to Senator George directly at an appearance in Barnesville, Georgia.

Franklin Roosevelt was uncharacteristically forthright in his attack upon Senator George, saying, "The senior Senator from this state cannot possibly, in my judgment, be classified as belonging to the liberal school of thought." FDR went on to reinforce his point, but qualified it by larding it with a few, likely insincere, pleasantries about George personally.

"Let me make it clear he is, and I hope always will be, my personal friend. He is beyond question a gentleman and a scholar." After the niceties, FDR dropped the hammer on the Georgia Senator: "I am impelled to make it clear on most public questions, he and I do not speak the same language."

Then FDR gave out his own personal endorsement.

"I have no hesitation in saying that if I were able to vote in the September primaries in this state, I would most assuredly cast my vote for Lawrence Camp."

Senator George rose and shook hands with the President who favored the Georgian with one of his trademark lopsided grins. Supposedly, Senator George told Roosevelt, "I regret you have taken this occasion to question my democracy," but added, "I accept the challenge."

Herman Talmadge, a governor and senator from Georgia himself, helped to manage his father's campaign and in his autobiography recalled personally observing an incident that caused him to think the venerable Walter George would be easy to beat. George had very poor eyesight and naturally wore spectacles; Herman Talmadge witnessed a grizzled old farmer position himself to shake hands with George who didn't even see the old gentleman. Yet both FDR and the Talmadges were in for a surprise. The George campaign was

extremely well funded and Senator George used FDR's interference to his own advantage. While Georgians loved Franklin Roosevelt, they deeply resented his attempting to defeat their senior senator for having disagreed with him. Walter George was not only reelected, but FDR's preferred candidate, Lawrence Camp, ran well behind Eugene Talmadge. It was a profound political embarrassment to Roosevelt, the first of many such embarrassments in the various primaries FDR had favored candidates.

Senator George's anger at having been targeted by FDR was summed up in a statement attributed to both him and South Carolina U. S. Senator Ellison D. Smith; when someone made the comment FDR was his own worst enemy, Walter George is supposed to have snapped, "Not while I am still alive!"

Oddly, had FDR been successful in purging Walter George, it would have deprived him of a valuable ally as World War II approached. George became Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee where the Georgian managed to get much of Roosevelt's foreign policy passed and the committee was liberally populated with some of the Senate's most powerful and eloquent isolationists. Walter George's support for FDR's foreign policy before and during World War II was a crucial factor in getting much of what Roosevelt wanted from the Congress, yet the war touched George and his wife in the most personal way. One of the two George sons was killed during the war. George's surviving son, Heard F. George, became his father's last Administrative Assistant.

George reluctantly surrendered the Chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee in 1941 to become Chair of the Senate's Finance Committee. George remained Chairman of the

Finance Committee from 1941 to 1955, save for four years when the Republicans were in the majority.

In 1955, Walter George once again exercised his option to chair the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Despite being a Democrat, George was exceptionally supportive of Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower's foreign policy. George was one of the few members of the Senate truly respected by Eisenhower. George's long service in the Senate and his preoccupation with America's foreign policy counted for little as his 1956 reelection campaign loomed. George was being challenged by the son of his opponent in the 1938 campaign, Herman Talmadge. Cotton and peanut growers had little interest in foreign affairs and Talmadge was far more outspoken in his opposition to civil rights than the dignified Walter

George. Senator George indicated he would be a candidate, but many of his past supporters seemed reluctant to back him again, especially many of the business interests that had funded his previous campaigns. George was seventy-eight years old and suffered from a heart condition.

Senator and Mrs. George were something of an institution in Washington, D. C. and Capitol society. Miss Lucy was very well liked by those who knew her and despite her husband's formal bearing, she enjoyed telling and hearing risqué stories. Hoping to help Walter George stave off a challenge by Herman Talmadge, Henry Luce, publisher of TIME and LIFE magazines, had TIME publish a cover story on the Georgia senator.

After an initial start, Walter George soon decided he didn't have the stamina to campaign all across Georgia in the punishing Peach State heat. He withdrew as a candidate and Herman Talmadge was elected in his stead. George intended to retire to his home in Vienna when an offer came from President Eisenhower. The Republican President asked George to serve as a senior foreign policy adviser and appointed the former Georgia senator as a special Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). George served only very briefly as his tenure was interrupted by a fatal heart attack on August 4, 1957.

Walter George was laid to rest in his home of Vienna, Georgia and was joined by Miss Lucy a few years later. The Mercer University School of Law is named for Walter F. George, as are several other things in Georgia. Unlike many of his political contemporaries from Georgia, Walter F. George was not known for crude appeals to racial hatred; George concentrated on legislation and taking care of his home state and by any measure Walter George was a productive member of the United States Senate.



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# The beginning of a special time

By the time folks read this, Thanksgiving will be over, and the mad rush to Christmas will have begun. Too many individuals' edges will be frayed and their attitudes won't be rosy

either. On the other hand, I'm someone who enjoys every minute of the holiday season.

To begin with, Thanksgiving brings some of the best food that has ever graced plates. This year, Amy is tackling four turkeys. Two are for Thanksgiving dinner at Beaver Ridge Methodist Church, where members serve the community on



By Joe Rector

Thanksgiving Day. Another is for our dinner, and the last is one that she prepares so that our children have "leftovers" to take home with them. In addition to turkey, Amy makes dressing as part of their goody bags. By the time the day is over, many Americans will complain about overeating, but they'll sneak back into the kitchen before the sun rises on Friday to raid the refrigerator for just one more bite of turkey or scoop of sweet potatoes.

For several years we've traveled to Cookeville on Thanksgiving Day. Amy's family gathers at her cousin Melinda's house, and for

the day we all stuff ourselves with good food and fellowship. The first year we attended, the men walked the streets of the subdivision to stretch our legs and toured half-completed houses. Those places have long since been finished and house families of all ages. By the time the day is over, Amy is exhausted, and I blink my eyes in an effort to stay awake and see through a steady stream of headlights traveling in the opposite direction on our way home.

A couple of days before Thanksgiving, I begin transferring music from my computer to my iPhone. The day after this first holiday, I play my collection of Christmas songs. Most of them are from earlier times and

include old standards by Bing Crosby, Gene Autry, and Alvin and the Chipmunks. New songs come from groups like the Gaither Vocal Band. However, the best are the traditional Christmas carols that I've been singing since I could first carry a tune. Yep, I'm talking about such songs as "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger." The Mormon Tabernacle Choir offers the most beautiful versions of those old favorites, and I love to listen to them and recall all the Christmases from the past.

I do not take part in Black Friday shopping. In past years, my Christmas shopping was finished by the end of October. Even today, I'm finished with purchases well in advance

of the big day...if my wife cooperates by giving me a list of possibilities. To me, the size of the present isn't the important thing. I contend that the mere activity of opening presents is the most fun. The tearing of wrapping paper and ribbons brings delight to a child that is reflected in his eyes. It's just as special to adults of all ages. We all love surprises.

I hope that everyone will have a renewed excitement for Thanksgiving and the holiday season that comes with it. Enjoy food that is served and don't worry about the extra pound or two that appears. Plenty of time after the season is available for losing them. Be thankful that you live in a country where enough

food to eat is available. Have a good time during the Christmas shopping days. Finish early and then visit the malls to enjoy the decorations, or just sit back and watch folks work themselves into a frenzy because they've waited so long to find the perfect presents.

I hope everyone one of us will realize that ours is the greatest country in the world. Yes, problems and rough times exist, but this is still the last best chance for all people. Give thanks, engage friends, family, and strangers, and be of good joy. The season is meant to be a reminder of what great things have been done for us.

## Dewey Roberts, Sr. slated to be honored with City street name

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Dewey Roberts, II tells City Council of his father, Dewey Roberts, Sr., earlier this month.

sparked interest all across the Deep South," Roberts' son, Dewey Roberts, II told *The Focus*.

Coverage of Roberts' effort was reported in newspapers such as *The Pittsburgh Courier* and *The Chicago Defender*. Knoxville was among the first cities in the Deep South to equalize pay.

In addition to being a community activist, Roberts was a dedicated educator who gave his time generously to young people both inside and outside of the classroom. In fact, his influence is still present in the City of Knoxville's current leadership. Councilman Dan Brown, the first African American to serve as mayor of the City of Knoxville, grew up on the same street as the Roberts.

"I knew him. I grew up in the neighborhood with him. He gave me the second job I ever had in my life," Councilman Brown told *The Focus*.

Roberts worked as a chef in the North East during the summer months and would often recruit young people from the neighborhood to travel and work with him. During the school year, Roberts also fought to improve the quality of city schools.

"My father was a community leader, not just in this area, but he also worked to better inner-city education," Roberts II, told *The Focus*.

Roberts served as principal at Greene Elementary School, as well as Austin High Evening School.

"He was tremendous leader in this community," Councilman Brown added.

The ordinance passed City Council on first reading earlier this month and is expected to become official upon second reading in December.

## Volunteers Needed for Relay

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efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays," said Ben Easterday, 2013 Event Co-Chair. "Volunteers and participants who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event are making a commitment to let North Knoxville know that cancer can be defeated."

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# Derek Dooley’s Downfall

By Alex Norman

Last Sunday morning “The Derek Dooley Show” aired in its normal time slot, just as

news was breaking that Dooley was fired as Tennessee’s head coach. Which gave us the absurdity of

seeing Dooley talk about the loss to Vanderbilt... all while a “crawl” appeared at the bottom of the screen... stating that Dooley had

been dismissed.

Thinking about it... is that the most Derek Dooley thing ever?

But that’s really difficult thing to pinpoint. The past 34 months have had one ridiculous incident after another.

From losing a game because Tennessee had 13 players on the field (LSU, 2010) to losing a game even though UT’s opponent had approximately 23 players on the field (North Carolina, 2010 Music City Bowl) to giving up a school record 721 yards of offense to Troy back in November, the hits just kept on coming.

As Bill Parcells once famously said, “You are what your record says you are.” Derek Dooley, who was 17-20 in three seasons at Louisiana Tech, finishes his Tennessee career at 15-21 in just under three seasons, with a 4-19 mark in SEC play.

Tennessee hadn’t had two consecutive losing seasons in a century before Dooley came to Knoxville. Now, they are sitting on three of those in a row.

Dooley’s quirky nature appealed to many Tennessee fans, especially after the

slick, used car salesman Lane Kiffin left town. Comparing Tennessee’s defense to German defense forces on D-Day was just one example of his humor. “Where’s Rommel?” became a punch line...

And Tennessee football became a laughing stock.

With each passing day, the decision to fire Phillip Fulmer, hire Lane Kiffin and then hire Derek Dooley looks worse and worse. Even in Fulmer’s last season, the Vols still won 3 SEC games...

During this span, the list of coaches the Vols could have reportedly hired include Brian Kelly (now at Notre Dame), and Kevin Sumlin (now at Texas A&M). Would they have had similar success in Knoxville? We’ll never know. But it’s hard to imagine things would be worse.

Dooley didn’t walk into the best opportunity. Everyone knows that. But the missteps he made proved that he wasn’t ready for this job, and under normal circumstances never would have gotten it.

The surprise departure of  
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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

UT Athletics Director Dave Hart discussed the future of UT’s football program during a press conference held at the Stokely Family Media Center at Neyland Stadium on Sunday, November 18.

## Panthers place 11 on 2012 All District 3AAA Team

By Bill Mynatt,

Radio Voice of Powell Panther Football on AM 620 WRJZ  
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Defensive lineman Shar’ron Moore led the Powell contingent named to the 2012 All District 3AAA team, as he was voted by the coaches as the district’s Lineman of the Year. Moore became the all time career sack leader at Powell High School during the season, and he is just 2 away from tying for the all time single season lead, as well.

Joining Moore as Panther All District honorees are:

Hagen Owenby  
Montario Washington  
Jon Strozzyk  
Anthony Rivera

Devin Scott  
Jacob Anderson  
Marcus Weaver  
Dalton Long  
Tyshawn Gardin  
Austin Rogers.

Here is the complete list of All District 3AAA selections:

**Coach of the Year:** Scott Blade, Oak Ridge

**Most Valuable Player:** Rian Hall, Oak Ridge

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Andy Long, Anderson County

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Matt Rabren, Hardin Valley

**Lineman of the Year:** Shar’ron Moore, Powell

**Newcomer of the Year:** Ethan Jeffers, Campbell County

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By Ken Lay

Alcoa High School boys basketball coach Tony Jones had to love what he saw in the fourth quarter against South-Doyle on Monday, Nov. 19.

The Tornadoes (1-1) used a huge final period to notch a 65-63 victory over the Cherokees in the opening round of the Central Thanksgiving Classic. “That’s the Alcoa way. Our kids never say die,” said Jones, the Tornadoes’ second-year head coach and former University of Tennessee assistant. “We were down by 13 points in the third quarter and our kids refused to quit.”

South-Doyle, which held the upper hand throughout much of the contest, opened a 43-30 lead midway through the third quarter

on a 3-point basket by Cody Cummings.

That appeared to all but put the game out of reach, but an exhausted Alcoa squad found offensive sparks late. The Tornadoes, who trailed 51-41 after three quarters, gradually clawed their way back in the game with the help of players, who recently joined the basketball team.

Malik Love, Kenny Dean and Peyton Wall were all standout performers on Alcoa’s football team, which saw its season come to an end recently with a heart-breaking State Quarterfinal loss to Christian Academy of Knoxville. That trio stepped up in a big way against the Cherokees.

“I just got nine guys back from the football team and some of those

guys made some huge contributions but they were gassed,” Jones said. “They’re in football shape. They’re not in basketball shape.

“So I held back a little bit and I couldn’t press for the whole game and that’s what we like to do.”

Exhausted or not, it was Dean, Love and Wall who provided just what the Tornadoes needed to notch a thrilling win over a talented Cherokees squad.

Dean, an all-state basketball player and top wide receiver for the Tornadoes on the gridiron, scored 26 points and hit the game-winning free throw with 12.9 seconds remaining in the game. He torched the Cherokees’ defense for 20 after halftime.

“Kenny Dean showed

why he’s an all-state player,” Jones said.

Love scored 17 points (including 11 in the second half) and hit the foul shot that provided the final margin for Alcoa, which fell behind 55-43 with 6 minutes, 36 seconds remaining.

The Cherokees, which the 12-point lead early in the final frame when Jacob Elliott hit two free throws after Alcoa’s Izzy Gilbert was whistled for a technical foul for not reporting into the game.

From there, however, the Tornadoes would run past the Cherokees. Elliott scored 23 points to lead South-Doyle. Bruce added 13 and Cummings finished with 11.

Tournament play continued through Saturday.

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# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

## 1949: Jackie Parker emerged as Young High’s best ever player

Young High School had a lot of good football teams over the years, including its highest rated squad and a very special player in the late 1940s.

Coach Bud McCall’s Yellow Jackets were No. 2 in the state in the 1948 Tennessee Litkenhous Ratings. In a battle of unbeatable champions, Young lost at Kingsport 26-0 in the regular season finale.

Jackie Parker, who would go on to become an All-American at Mississippi State and one of the greatest players ever in the Canadian Football League, was a junior backup fullback and tailback on the 1948 team.

“He never played,” recalled former Knoxville Journal sports editor Ben Byrd, a 1942 YHS graduate who covered the 1948 showdown at Kingsport as a young sportswriter. “The next year the tailback position was open and they found out Parker could play better than any of them.”

In the 1949 season, Bill Clabo started out as the No. 1 tailback but suffered a leg injury and was lost for the season, said Byrd, adding “Jackie took over and never looked back.”

Parker and wingback Rick Hill gave Young an outstanding 1-2 punch. “The ‘49 team was probably better (than the ‘48 team) but had lost to Knoxville High,” said Byrd. The ‘49 Yellow Jackets were rated sixth in the state, a notch below the No. 5 Trojans.

Parker was named to the College Football Hall

of Fame in 1971 and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1976. A running back, quarterback, defensive back and kicker, he spent most of his CFL career with the Edmonton Eskimos.

In 2006, Parker was voted No. 3 among the CFL’s top 50 players of the league’s modern era.

A player that great, how come he was just a reserve player as a junior at Young High?

“He was kind of lazy and didn’t work that hard in practice,” answered Byrd. “They didn’t know how good he was.”

Now looking back, Parker “was the best” Young High ever had, said Byrd.

Another great player for Young was Paul Davis, a center and linebacker and the Yellow Jackets’ captain in 1940 and 1941. Davis also made his mark as a player and coach in the Southeastern Conference.

He played center for Ole Miss and later became head coach at Mississippi State (1962-66).

“He was a great name in SEC football,” said Byrd.

Young High also was No. 6 in the state football ratings in 1959, No. 8 in 1946 and No. 10 in 1943.

Hill was labeled an “ace reverse runner” in a newspaper account of Young’s 26-0 win at Oak Ridge during that 1948 campaign as he set up the game’s first touchdown with a 56-yard run to the 16-yard line on a reverse. Tailback Billy McCulley roared down the sideline to score and also had a 32-yard run for the second TD. Clabo, understudy to Hill, scored the last two touchdowns.

The entire YHS line drew praises from the Oak Ridge coaches.

An estimated 12,000 to 15,000 fans were on hand for the title game

at Kingsport on Nov. 19, 1948. Young traveled to upper East Tennessee with a 33-man squad. WKGN radio sent the broadcast back to Knoxville with Lindsey Nelson doing the play-by-play.

Despite the loss, Young’s line played great, according to the newspaper story. Leading the way were Darahl Burgin, Hubert Woliver, Bob Troutman, Bob Johnson and fullback Bill McCoy. Also in the Jackets’ starting lineup were Hines, Humphries and Hale on the line and Evans, McCulley and Hill in the backfield.

“Bud McCall was a heck of a coach,” said Byrd. “He coached Young from around 1945 to 1960.”

Young High was established in 1913 and for many years was the only public high school in south Knox County. It closed as a Knoxville city school in the spring of 1976, merging with South High to form

South-Young High School. South-Young and Doyle were consolidated in 1991 to form present day South-Doyle High School.

The former Doyle Middle School campus is now named the Young campus.

A shopping mall at the intersection of Chapman Highway and Young High Pike now occupies the location where Young High once stood. There is a plaque in the mall with information about the school.

From 1967 through 1975, Young’s football record was 37-48-2.

The Yellow Jackets posted a 7-2 record in 1974 and a 7-3 record in 1975, including a 14-12 win at Rule in the school’s last game with John Clabo as head coach.

## Turnovers spell defeat for Lady Bobcats

By Ken Lay

Central High School girls basketball coach Tony Patterson wants his team to shoot the ball.

“We took a lot of quick shots but any shot we take is a good one at this point. I would rather take a quick shot than the ball over.” Patterson said after this Lady Bobcats dropped a 44-27 decision to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in the first round of the Central Thanksgiving Classic on Monday, Nov. 19. “If you turn the ball over, you don’t

get a chance to score.”

Neither the Lady Bobcats nor the Lady Indians hit many shots through the first three quarters. Both teams struggled to find any offensive rhythm until Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett blew open a close game in the final eight minutes.

The Lady Indians (1-0) closed the contest with an 18-11 surge in the final frame thanks to a huge second half effort from senior guard Cyndee Morrisette. Morrisette scored 16 of her game-high 20

points after halftime to lead the Lady Indians to victory.

Central (0-1) hung tough and trailed 14-8 at halftime.

The Lady Indians led throughout the game and had a 26-16 advantage heading into the final frame. Morrisette scored 10 points in the fourth quarter. Her supporting cast also hit shots over the final stages of the game. Madi Kilby and Brianna Patterson each hit fourth-quarter 3-pointers to help

put the game away. The Lady Indians also cashed in on Central turnovers.

“For us, it was all about the turnovers,” Patterson said. “We turned the ball over too much.”

“We have to find a way to keep from turnovers. We’ll be OK. We’ve just got to find a way to score.”

Krystin Parolari scored eight points to lead the Lady Bobcats. Ashley Hines added five. Tournament play continued through Saturday.

## Derek Dooley’s Downfall

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Kiffin left former Tennessee athletic director Mike Hamilton unprepared. The Vols panicked and hired Dooley after being turned down by coaches like Will Muschamp, Kyle Whittingham and David Cutcliffe. The absurd buyout clause inserted in Dooley’s deal (he’ll be paid \$5 million more NOT to coach the Vols) shows their desperation at that time.

What they got was a coach that talked about discipline and doing things the right way, but still was willing to bend rules to give players like Bryce Brown, Janzen Jackson and Da’Rick Rogers extra chances to shape up. And of course there’s Tyler Bray, a player with a million dollar arm and a 10 cent head. He taunted opponents, threw beer bottles at cars and was ticketed for operating a jet ski recklessly. His punishment? Yeah, it was handled internally.

Dooley also made a hire that rivals the 2008 selection of Dave Clawson as Fulmer’s offensive coordinator in terms of ineffectiveness.

Sal Sunseri was named Tennessee’s defensive coordinator during the off-season and the results have been historically... well, horrific.

I could keep on rattling off these details, but I got to thinking... is there one point that it all went wrong? Where Dooley lost the fan base and his players in addition to all those football games?

I found that moment to be last November, when Tennessee lost 10-7 at Kentucky. That snapped a 26 game winning streak enjoyed by the Vols over the Wildcats. UK had a wide receiver playing quarterback. The loss kept Tennessee from playing in a bowl game.

Reports of a division in the locker room leaked out... with players like Bray and Rogers reportedly saying to teammates that they didn’t want to play in a lower-tier bowl game.

Following the loss, assistant coaches began fleeing in droves, the biggest blows coming when defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox and linebackers coach Peter Sirmon left Knoxville to take the same jobs at the University of Washington. Seven out of nine assistant coaches left Dooley’s staff after the 2011 season.

In addition, receiver DeAnthony Arnett asked for a release from Tennessee to be closer to his ailing father in the state of Michigan. Dooley refused. He later changed his mind under pressure, but the public relations damage was getting severe.

So, during this time of great angst in Vol Nation, with another losing season punctuated by the most embarrassing loss in decades... with assistant coaches leaving and player unrest... with the recruiting class of 2012 still not secure and National Signing Day not coming up until February... what was Dooley doing to calm the nerves of Big Orange Country?

Who knows! Dooley didn’t speak to the media one time in 37 days following the loss to Kentucky.

37 days! He was making \$2 million a year and couldn’t take 15 minutes to hold a press conference or take calls from fans or heck, even tweet a message to Vols supporters (Dooley’s social media imprint is non-existent).

When the going gets tough in athletics, players and fans look to their leaders.

Derek Dooley chose to bury his head in the sand at the time when he was perhaps needed the most.

Yes, Tennessee football is better off today than it was three years ago following Kiffin’s midnight run.

And Tennessee football is better off today because Derek Dooley’s tenure in Knoxville is complete.





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## Panthers place 11 on 2012 All District 3AAA Team

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**Specialty Player of the Year:**  
Brett Beeler, Oak Ridge

**Oak Ridge:**  
Zac Clark, Elliot Normand, Matt Moore, Ethan Wheeler, Ethan Grumski,

Darius Patterson, Richard Turner, Jalen Miller, Rashad Gray, Chris Ramsey, Caleb Cement

**Powell:**  
Hagen Owenby, Montario Washington, Jon Strozyk, Anthony Rivera, Devin Scott, Jacob Anderson, Marcus Weaver, Dalton Long, Tyshawn Gardin, Austin Rogers

**Knoxville Central:**  
JaJuan Stinson, Cedric Washington, CJ Holloway, Josh Campbell, Aaron Lopez, Charlie Pratt, Gavin Adams, Rex Howard, Jeremiah Howard

**Anderson County:**  
Alex Chase, Alex Smith, Hunter McIntosh, Garrett Johnson, Matthew Pike, Blake Mills, Evan Irwin, Sawyer Shelton

**Hardin Valley:**  
Xavier Dumay, Morgan Knight, Jack DeFur, Joseph Underwood, Matt Brewer, Demonte Felton, Tory Rice

**Clinton:**  
Alex Willard, Dylan Dotson, Drake Powell, Gunter Hedges, Nick Richmond, Brad Varner

**Campbell County:**  
Nick Bailey, Andrew Evans, Trey Torres, Bo Farris, Jordan Kindred, Corey Phillips

**Halls:**  
Conner Rohrbaugh, Chris Rosenbaugh, Garrett Moyers, Blake Burleigh, Jackson Fields,

**Karns:**  
Will Winters, Cody Graves, Nathan Rivera, Matt Chesney



Weekly achievements for Tuesday, Club 55, November 6, 2012

High Game Scratch-Male  
256 Gene Allmon  
237 Hubert Gusby  
223 Ralph Allmon

High Series Scratch-Male  
644 Gene Almon  
608 Hubert Gusby  
577 Ralph Allmon  
577 John Fisher

High Game Scratch-Female  
222 Linda Worth  
181 Betty Phillips  
177 Barbara Nelson  
High Series Scratch-Female  
518 Linda Worth  
465 Barbara Nelson  
456 Betty Phillips

Wednesday Club 55:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
258 Barry McGill  
247 Gary Wilson  
244 Ronnie Russell

High Series Scratch-Male  
711 Gary Wilson  
680 Ronnie Russell  
678 Barry McGill

High Game Scratch-Female  
196 Mary Tate  
193 Carolyn McGill  
174 Pat Ryan

High Series Scratch-Female

548 Mary Tate  
520 Carolyn McGill  
473 Kathy Cate

Thursday No-Tap:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
300 Ralph Allmon  
278 Ed Beatty  
278 Bill Byrge

High Series Scratch-Male  
791 Bill Byrge  
760 Ralph Allmon  
752 Richard Davis

High Game Scratch-Female  
252 Gloria Wilson  
222 Beulah Armetta  
216 Lynn Porco

High Series Scratch-Female  
564 Bobbie Fisher  
553 Beulah Armetta  
541 Lynn Porco

Weekly achievements for Tuesday, Club 55, November 11, 2012

High Game Scratch-Male  
232 Ralph Allmon  
206 C.L. Hackney  
200 Roy Skeen

High Series Scratch-Male  
591 Ralph Allmon  
560 John Fisher  
560 C.L. Hackney

High Game Scratch-Female  
187 Sherry Van Meter  
178 Jeanie Sturgeon  
177 Betty Phillips

High Series Scratch-Female  
485 Betty Phillips

469 Mary Matlock  
468 Linda Worth

Wednesday Club 55:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
243 Gary Wilson  
237 Ronnie Russell  
237 Hubert Gusby

High Series Scratch-Male  
676 Ronnie Russell  
644 Hubert Gusby  
633 Don George

High Game Scratch-Female  
220 Carolyn McGill  
171 Kathy Cate  
163 Barbara Grubb

High Series Scratch-Female  
614 Carolyn McGill  
458 Susie Martin  
444 Kathy Cate

Thursday No-Tap:  
High Game Scratch-Male  
300 Roger Satterfield  
297 Gary Wilson  
288 J.C. Pilant

High Series Scratch-Male  
777 Gary Wilson  
775 Bill Byrge  
749 J.C. Pilant

High Gme Scratch-Female  
244 Beulah Armetta  
243 Betty Phillips  
222 Margaret Myers

High Series Scratch-Female

619 Betty Phillips  
599 Margaret Myers  
562 Ella Dowling



# New classifications shuffle athletic districts

By Ken Lay

The new classifications are in for 2013 and a few local schools will compete in new districts beginning this fall.

The biggest facelift came in District 4-AA. Loudon has departed and the Redskins will compete in District 5-AA.

Catholic will drop down from 4-AAA and move into

the district with Alcoa, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Kingston and Scott County.

The Irish and Warriors have never been conference rivals on the football field. The two private schools, however, were district rivals in other sports at one point and actually played for the Class A/AA State Soccer Championship several years ago

when Catholic claimed that title. The Irish also won the district and regional titles that year with victories over CAK.

The five-team district, which features football powerhouses Alcoa and CAK, has left the Warriors and Tornadoes with scheduling headaches for the 2013 season as both teams scramble to put together a 10-game

schedule.

The Irish won a Class 3A State Championship in football when they last competed in that classification. Catholic went 15-0 in 2008 in a region that featured the likes of Fulton and Austin-East. That was a powerhouse conference as the Falcons, Roadrunners and Irish all claiming state titles between 2000-08.

District 3-AA will also undergo changes as Gibbs departs for District 3-AAA to compete with the likes of Halls, Powell, Clinton, Oak Ridge, Karns, Campbell County, Central and Anderson County and Hardin Valley Academy.

The Eagles will provide another good baseball team in their new district, where Hardin Valley, which has won the last two

district tournament titles, departs. Gibbs, the Panthers and the Red Devils will likely compete for a baseball championship until the boundaries are re-drawn again in 2017.

Hardin Valley will move to District 4-AAA, a league that includes border rivals Bearden and Farragut.

## Fulton girls avenge Regional loss in opener

By Ken Lay

Revenge was sweet for the Fulton High School girls basketball team.

The Lady Falcons, who were eliminated by Stone Memorial in the Region 2-AA Tournament last season, avenged that heartbreaking loss to the Lady Panthers Tuesday night.

Fulton (1-0) jumped to a fast start in its season and breezed past Stone Memorial 78-52 in the first round of the Central Thanksgiving Classic.

The win ended months of frustration for the Lady Falcons, who put this one away early.

"We definitely had this game circled on our calendar," Lady Falcons coach John Fisher said. "We've had that score, 50-51, on our scoreboard every day since we started practice. "So our kids have seen

it and been reminded of it every day in practice."

Fulton certainly didn't want or need a repeat of its performance last March. The Lady Falcons assured themselves that they wouldn't have one by outscoring the Lady Panthers 24-11 in the opening quarter.

From then on, the game resembled a track meet on the Central High School basketball court.

"We wanted to turn this into a track meet because that's what we do at Fulton," Fisher said.

The Lady Falcons held the upper hand all night, despite some spurts of sloppy play. Throughout its struggles, Fulton continued to plug away.

"This was way more sloppier than any of us would've liked but this was our first game," Fisher said. "This was the first time that we've had our uniforms on since we played in the jamboree.

"We gave a great effort and that's what we preach. I told the girls that I knew that this game would be sloppy because it was our first game but you can work with players as long as they bust their tails."

Lady Falcons center Jayda Johnson scored 20 points to claim high-scoring honors. She also got plenty of help from her supporting cast. Tyanna Castle finished with 16 points. Victoria Griffin added 11. Moneisha Thomas scored nine points on the strength of three 3-pointers.

Jametri Mathis, Jakayia Fain and Nataya Roller each contributed six points for Fulton, which led 36-18 at halftime.

Jacki Livesay led the Lady Panthers with 11 points.

## Cold shooting dooms Bobcats in tourney opener

By Ken Lay

Central High School's boys basketball team has battled inconsistency in its first three games this season and the roller-coaster ride continued for the Bobcats Tuesday night in the opening round of the Central High School Thanksgiving Classic.

Central hung tough against Jefferson County in its latest outing only to go ice cold and drop a 55-40 decision to the Patriots.

The Bobcats (1-2) trailed 40-33 heading to the fourth quarter. Central, however, scored just seven points over the final eight minutes and came up on the short end.

Jefferson County (3-1) heated up in the final frame while senior guard Chase McGhee shouldered the offensive load late.

McGhee scored 13 of his game-high 14 points after halftime. He put up nine points in the fourth quarter and scored more points than the Bobcats in the final stanza.

The 'Cats pulled to within 42-35 when C.J. Holloway buried a shot with 7 minutes, 9 seconds remaining in the contest. After that, Central wouldn't score again until Tee Sanford got a bucket with 5:37 remaining.

Sanford's basket would be the last field goal of the night for the host Bobcats, who managed to hit three free throws down the stretch.

"We've had flashes of

good basketball," Central first-year head coach Jon Higgins said. "We've had spurts of good basketball and spurts of bad basketball and we don't have much time to correct those bad spurts."

"There are some good teams out there and there are some good teams in this tournament."

While the Bobcats struggled throughout the second half, the Patriots took advantage of their opportunities.

"We lost a man late and then we gave up some open 3's and you just can't do that against good basketball teams and Jefferson County is a good basketball team."

The Patriots, who were behind 11-9 after the first quarter, used a modest 13-8 second-quarter surge to open a 22-19 lead by halftime. Jefferson County's scoring attack was balanced.

Hayden Fritz scored 11 points. Harper Feltnr, who battled late foul trouble, scored all eight of his points before the intermission. Chase Wolf's six points came from a pair of long-range third-quarter jumpers.

Central's offensive effort was also balanced but the Bobcats, however, didn't have a player post double figures in the scoring column.

Holloway, who fouled out in the fourth quarter, led the way with nine points. Sanford and Rodrick Curtis added eight points each.

Tournament play continued through Saturday.

## Vikings run past undersized Hornets, 54-38

By Ken Lay

The Carter High School boys basketball team had a long tough night to open its 2012-13 season on Monday, Nov. 19.

The Hornets shot just 28 percent from the field in a 54-38 loss to Tennessee High School in the opening round of the Central Thanksgiving Classic.

"Tennessee High is a great team and we're a work in progress," Carter coach Tony Buell said. "When you shoot 28 percent, you're not going to beat anybody. "Tennessee always does

well in this tournament and you have to give them a lot of credit."

The Vikings (1-0) got off to a fast start as they opened the game on a 9-0 run over the first three minutes.

And it was all downhill from there for the undersized Carter squad. The Hornets, however, got a first-quarter spark from Charles Mitchell, who scored four points in the opening frame when he came in off the bench.

"He's the biggest guy we've got," Buell said of Mitchell, who is coming off an MCL injury. "We're

undersized, so we have to get some production out of him.

"He had an MCL injury and he's still favoring that leg."

Injured or not, Mitchell scored 10 points, including all of the Hornets' first-quarter points. He also accounted for half of Carter's first-half offensive production.

Meanwhile, Tennessee didn't endure any offensive struggles. The Vikings, who led 34-12 at halftime, used their size advantage and depth to put the game away early.

"They're a great team

and they don't have a defined first, second or third string," Buell said of the Vikings. "But our kids didn't quit."

Tennessee's scoring attack was also balanced on this night. Senior guard Hunter Jones led the way with 15 points, including 10 in the first half. Adam Mitchell added nine. Caleb Easterling finished with eight and Michael Crawford had six.

The Hornets got 10 points each from Mitchell and forward Patrick Blake.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Pellissippi professor presents 'A Hobbit's Holiday'

Before Harry Potter, "Game of Thrones" and "The Lord of the Rings," a timid, yet surprisingly resourceful hobbit set out on a series of adventures. Along the way, he fought trolls, spiders, orcs, and an ancient dragon, and ended up learning quite a bit about himself.

The journey of Bilbo Baggins, the hero of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit," is the subject of the upcoming Faculty Lecture Series presentation at Pellissippi State Community College. Faculty member Keith Norris' talk—"A Hobbit's Holiday: The Extraordinary Journey of Bilbo Baggins"—is Nov. 29, 7-8 p.m., in the Clayton Performing Arts Center at the Hardin Valley Campus.

Norris focuses on Bilbo's journey, performing original stories, poems and musical compositions to evoke the magic of Tolkien's novel. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Norris will retell Bilbo's adventures in five parts: "Drinking With Dwarves," "The Trouble With Trolls," "Matching Wits With a Monster," "Songs for Spiders" and "Dueling With Dragons."

Even though "The Hobbit, or There and Back Again" was published as a children's novel in 1937, Norris says it also can teach adults a thing or two.

"Bilbo runs into a series of foes, and he learns enough to make sensible decisions," said Norris. "He becomes the perfect person to stand between powerful people as a negotiator. As we grow up and learn to deal with our own bullies, enemies, monsters and villains, we learn to use creativity to effectively oppose them."

Norris has read "The Hobbit" at least once a year since he was 12 and says the book has taught him that people can talk their way out of almost any unpleasant situation. More than that, he credits the book with influencing him to become an English professor and poet.



Keith Norris

The next lecture is faculty member David Key's "The Cold War," Feb. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Goins Building Auditorium on the Hardin Valley Campus.

The Faculty Lecture Series is part of Pellissippi State's new arts series, "The Arts at Pellissippi State," which brings to the community cultural activities ranging from music and theatre to international celebrations, lectures, and the visual arts.

For more information about the Faculty Lecture Series, email Keith Norris at knorris@pstcc.edu or Rob Lloyd at rtlloyd@pstcc.edu, or call (865) 694-6400. To request accommodations for a disability, contact the executive director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action for Pellissippi State at (865) 694-6607 or humanresources@pstcc.edu.



Newly remodeled Parkside Open Door Gallery.

## Fountain City Art Guild opens new show

By Sylvia Williams

The Fountain City Art Guild recently held a reception to open its annual holiday show and sale at the Fountain City Art Center. The exhibit will be on view for the public through December 19. The show includes many luminous watercolors, a few oil paintings, and several mixed media works. It was judged by Jim Dodson, art instructor at Oak Ridge High School. Jim has received many

top awards including National Art Teacher of the Year and Tennessee Art Teacher of the Year. He is the director and coordinator for TAEA student shows throughout Tennessee and is very involved with the TN Governor's School as well. "Best of Show" was awarded to Kate McCullough for a watercolor entitled "Time to Head Home"; 1st

place: a watercolor portrait by Susan Miller; 2nd place, a mixed media piece by Christine Harness; 3rd place, a still life oil by Sylvia Williams; Honorable Mentions: a watercolor by Tracy Gray, a mixed media piece by Doris Prichard, and a watercolor by Charlotte Walton.

The Parkside Open Door Gallery, an art market in the Art Center, has

wonderful gift items ranging from a large selection of exquisite handmade jewelry and handmade books to pottery and original paintings. The Parkside has a 10% off sale on total purchases over \$20 through December 21.

Also showing, in the student exhibits area, are works by Gibbs Elementary School students. For more information,

call the Fountain City Art Center at 865.357.2787, email us at fountaincityartcenter@knology.net, or come by the Center Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5, and most Saturdays

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## Reminisces

In January I will have been in medicine for forty years. This comprises two-thirds of my life and virtually all of my adult life. I went to medical school in January 1973. The world is dramatically different now than it was then. There were no CAT scans till I was in my residency. Only Star Trek’s Dr. McCoy had an MRI in his hand-held tri-corder. Automated blood chemistry profiles were just becoming available in the mid 1970s, and we certainly didn’t have the advanced technology diabetics take for granted to check their blood sugar at home.

In those days we were trained as men of science and would never have mentioned our faith, even if we had any. I’ll admit there

was a time when I thought science was a god. The ancient Greeks would have considered this the height of hubris, and knowing what I know now, I would agree. I had a lot of facts organized into a compendium of working knowledge then, but I’m wiser now.

I felt “free at last” when beepers became available and I could move about when on-call, even if I had to plug dimes into pay phones along the roadside. Yes, I said dimes, which then became quarters, and now you’d have trouble finding a pay phone. Have you ever wondered why doctors are no longer paged to call the Doctor’s Exchange at UT football games? Now, we all have computers in our pockets which connect us to

the vast data-base of the internet; and we can also make calls on our smart-phones. As Smirnoff once said, “What a country!”

The doctors of my era were trained in the philosophy of the Hippocratic Oath. Hippocrates was an ancient Greek physician and promulgated a professional code of ethics for doctors. There is much in the Oath that is no longer germane to our post-modern era, but his insistence that physicians work for the betterment of each individual patient is fundamental in my training. How interesting that Obama’s bioethical advisor is Ezekiel Emanuel—Rahm Emanuel’s brother—who says that doctors should no longer be trained in the Hippocratic philosophy. Doctor Emanuel says we should be more attentive to societal needs than the patient before us.

When I first went into practice I emulated the senior physicians on the medical staff at University Hospital. Their motto was, “We practice what we teach.” They taught me, I taught medical students and residents, and we taught each other, nurses and patients.

Professionalism was the *raison d’être* of those days rather than the industry of medicine and a business model that drives medical care these days.

A cross country plane trip is a good metaphor for my life and career in medicine. During the first third of the journey I prepared myself by tanking up on experiences and education which enabled me to race down the runway and take off into the future. Becky and I together soared into the proverbial stratosphere and achieved cruising altitude as we built a family supported by my medical practice. During any plane trip there comes a time when the pilot powers down and begins his descent toward his final destination. I tell myself that I’m not on the final approach and I’ve certainly not lowered my landing gear. Something tells me that the journey is not over and it’s not time for the landing or a taxi to the hanger of retirement. But it’s closer than it was.

There seem to be fewer doctors in the hospital these days. I’m a dinosaur; one of the few internists who still makes rounds and cares for his

patients in the hospital. When I was president of Summit Medical Group we established the hospitalist system called STAT CARE, which cares for the patients whose doctors no longer go to the hospital. Our hospitalists do an excellent job, but I persist in the belief that my patients chose me as their doc and I have a responsibility to be there for them in their hour of need, when things are scary and confusing, and they are most vulnerable. Maybe, this is another old fashioned concept that needs to be replaced by the new reality.

One of my aphorisms says that “there is always someone stronger, smarter or prettier than you are.” As an internist and geriatrician I’m glad to have the expertise of those more specialized than me. And I continue to learn from these consultants. Unfortunately, I sense in many of them a level of frustration and resignation that I’ve not seen previously. These fine folks and the hospitalists are often overwhelmed by patients dropped on their door in the middle of the night. Families sometimes have

unrealistic expectations that the doctor assigned to provide care cannot resolve. Defensive medicine is inevitable because the continuity of care of the trusted family doctor is not there.

There is an old saying that goes, “Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief; rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief.” I feel blessed to be a doctor. I am convinced I’m doing the one thing I can do well in this life. Lots of people ask me how I’m doing these days and I reply that I’m sad about the passing of America. But, I tell them I’m coming to a sense of peace knowing that, as Paul said, “I fought the good fight; I kept the faith and [will finish] the race.”

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

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

# Community learns about kidney disease at Open House

Dialysis Clinic, Inc., (DCI) invited the community to learn more about kidney disease at an open house held at the Holston River facility on Thursday, November 15.

The open house provided an inside look at the DCI dialysis unit, a look at a mock dialysis treatment, a tour of the dialysis facility, samples of renal (kidney) friendly foods, and visits with dialysis professionals.

Connie Kennedy was on hand to demonstrate the peritoneal dialysis machine that makes it very easy for patients to do daily dialysis at home. “Patients that do dialysis at home tend to have less complications and live longer,” Kennedy said, “because they have more control over their life and have more input into their treatment.

DCI Holston River offered the open house as a part of the program called CKD Education Alliance. This program provides awareness of chronic kidney disease and prevention strategies, treatment options for kidney failure, and career opportunities in the renal (kidney) field to local high schools, colleges, and community centers.

Missy Adams, Social Worker, along with Angie Miracle, RN, Brandy Meres, Patient Care Technician (PCT), and Rebecca Spurgeon, Registered Dietitian, led the education session for approximately 35 second-year nursing students at Pellissippi State Community College on October 31.

“Being in the nursing program, the students may have already



Connie Kennedy of DCI Holston River was on hand to describe the peritoneal dialysis at the facility’s recent open house.

learned about the technical side of kidney disease, however, I feel that we educated them about the reality of kidney failure,” states Missy Adams.

Cindy Geter, DCI Nurse Manager, says, “Diabetes and kidney disease are prevalent in this area. We want to be more involved in the community and help them to understand the impact of kidney disease. That’s why we are hosting this open house and teaching at the local

college.”

“DCI created the CKD Education Alliance because we want to educate the community about risk factors for chronic kidney disease. Our objective is to share with them ways to maintain their kidney health. However, if they should find that their kidneys are failing, we want them to know that the dialysis industry provides a variety of lifesaving options,” states Jessica Emler, DCI Public

Information Coordinator.

DCI Holston River is located at 5811 East Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville.

Founded in 1971, Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI) is the nation’s largest non-profit dialysis provider with over 200 outpatient dialysis clinics in 27 states. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, DCI employs more than 5,000 people serving over 13,500 dialysis patients. DCI’s services

include in-center hemodialysis, in-center self-care hemodialysis, home hemodialysis, Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD), and Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD). DCI also provides dialysis in hospitals around the US. For the past 10 years,

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# Faith Relationship, not Religion

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home. The Bible was not something foreign to me. My parents read the Bible daily and took me and my brothers to worship and Bible study whenever the doors of the church building were open. I have sat through countless numbers of Bible classes and sermons in my 44 years of life. But learning and listening about a relationship with God is different from having one.

Every time I went to church, I heard two things: things I shouldn't be doing that I was doing, or things I wasn't doing that I needed to do. So...I tried to please God by doing the right things and avoiding the wrong things. But as badly as I wanted to please God, I still struggled many days. Why was it so hard to please God?

As I have grown closer to God over the years, I began to realize something very important. When my focus is on my performance rather than my relationship, I have gotten the cart before the horse. Consider what Jesus spoke to a crowd one day:

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name

and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!" (Matthew 7:21-23).

God is not in the business of keeping a checklist of who is naughty and nice (like I heard this guy named Santa does), because God is not as concerned about what I am doing and not doing as He is about knowing me. God wants a relationship with me. It is about relationship, not religion.

Chris Hodges says, "Many people are still trying to reach God through religion. They're doing everything right on the outside and remain empty on the inside" (Fresh Air, 37). This can happen to us.

With a religion focus, your time with God is one of obligation, formality, structure, seriousness. But with a relationship, it is more spontaneous, informal, joyful, and even playful. If you have children, think about your relationship with them. Do you want your time with your kids to always be of a serious nature, or one that is full of joy, laughter, and pleasant memories? Our relationship with God should not be one of drudgery, but one of anticipation and wonder.

Let's begin to fall in love with God on the inside instead of trying to do all the "right things" in order to get close to Him. Stop focusing on the rules and instead focus on getting to know Him better. Once you do this, the things to do and not do will take care of themselves.

## Church Happenings

### Lutheran Toys for Tots

Peace Lutheran, Christus Victor, First, Gloria Dei, St. Johns and Messiah Lutheran churches in Knoxville with Thrivent Financial Group will sponsor a Toys for Tots collection during a Christmas Concert on December 6 at

7 p.m. The concert will feature singer, songwriter and speaker Peder Eide performing in the Square Room on Market Square. Dessert will be served at the concert. Tickets are available at [www.thesquareroom.com](http://www.thesquareroom.com). For more information contact Eric Luedtke at [revejl@gmail.com](mailto:revejl@gmail.com) or 865-573-5911.

Christmas Cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'." All are welcome to participate with the chancel choir for their Dec. 16, 8:45 a.m. presentation.

Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m., the Older Adult Council will hold its annual Christmas Dinner for those ages 55 and above who hold previously issued tickets.

Sunday, Dec. 2, the sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered at both worship services, as well as that regular opportunity to share our blessings with a special offering taken for our local CROSS Ministries.

Looking ahead, the annual "Gifts for the Christ Child" celebration will be held on Wed., Dec. 5. Get your baskets in for the drawing as well as gifts for the silent auction.

### Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) meets at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway at noon every Tuesday.

Phil Timp will be this week's speaker.

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## An Invitation from Jesus

delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation.

"The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside. They closed the door in my face... and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

"In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years many close their doors to me.

"Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were having a great time. To top it off, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling, "Ho, HO, HO." He seemed drunk.

"He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" as if the party

was in his honor.

"Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, and the parties but nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life.

"I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined a spectacular party.

"I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation will be left outside."

This is something to think about. Gifts, delicious food, friends, camaraderie, are all great trapings for the coming holiday. Only don't forget to invite Jesus to share this momentous occasion with us.

Thought for the day: Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Charles Dickens

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Sunday, Dec. 23rd - 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

# The Coin Collectors Lamp

It is not usual that I focus on a single item for my Focus column. However, this lamp is worthy of an article all by itself. In the 1880s, several companies started producing pressed glass items using contemporary U.S. coins. There were bowls, vases, plates and of course other items such as this lamp using all sorts of coinage from silver to gold as well as quarters, dimes, and Indian head pennies. The idea was to take something commonplace and produce interesting patterns on it using coinage.

Who wouldn't want a beautiful platter, bowl, pitcher or lamp to display one's patriotism and to reflect the beauty of the coins? Well, I'll tell you who, The US Treasury Department as the laws prohibited it. No images from paintings, photography, pressings and illustrations were allowed under the law in order to prevent counterfeiting. A strange law, to me, as all you had to have was an actual coin or bill to try and reproduce it.

Therefore, by order of the government, all such products were ordered to cease production and officials saw to it that present inventories were confiscated and then destroyed. Items already in households were practically impossible to locate, other than to demand citizens bring them in and give them up for a good smashing. Well, "a little ol' bowl or lamp isn't going to hurt anybody and why should I give you my possessions to destroy anyway?" was the attitude of the population, not to mention such items were considered collectible. This is one of the first such



*This lamp is an 1873 pressed glass oil lamp with Morgan dollars of the same year as well as Seated Liberty quarters and other coins in excellent condition that survived the purge. This oil lamp, as well as a hundreds of fine items, will be for sale at an upcoming auction.*

examples in The United States where an item became popular for being notorious, making it even more desirable to hoard.

The fever died down after time and in the 1900s, pressed coin items were prized and shown off as scarce, which was true then as well as now.

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# Knox Heritage's Preservation Awards To Feature Special Guest

Knox Heritage holds its 2012 Preservation Awards ceremony and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, at the Bijou Theatre in downtown Knoxville. The special guest of the evening is Leslie Greene Bowman, President of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a reception, followed by the Annual Meeting and Preservation Awards at 6:00 p.m. A report of the organization's work from the previous year will be delivered by Knox Heritage board president Scott Schimmel. Ms. Bowman will deliver remarks before the Preservation Awards are presented by Executive Director Kim Trent. For planning purposes, RSVP to 523-8008 or [rsvp@knoxheritage.org](mailto:rsvp@knoxheritage.org) by Monday, November 26.

Awards for the best in preservation during 2012 will be presented in the following categories: the City of Knoxville Mayor's Award and the Knox County Mayor's Award; the Grey-stone Award; the "Fantastic Fifteen" for preservation rehabilitation, restoration, and continuing maintenance; the Volunteer of the Year; and the Media Award.

Leslie Greene Bowman is President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., which owns and operates Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. She was formerly director and CEO of the Winterthur Museum & Country Estate. Ms. Bowman earned a Bachelor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies at Miami University of Ohio, and completed her Master of Arts degree in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware's Winterthur Museum program.

The first half of her career was spent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where she rose to become head curator of decorative arts as well as assistant director of

exhibition programs. During her seventeen-year tenure in Los Angeles she curated several exhibitions, lectured internationally, and published two catalogues in addition to numerous articles. Her book, American Arts & Crafts: Virtue in Design, won the Charles Montgomery award of the Decorative Arts Society of the Society of Architectural Historians, and was accompanied by an exhibition of the same title. With co-author and curator Morrison H. Heckscher of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, she also produced American Rococo, 1750-1775: Elegance in Ornament, along with an accompanying loan exhibition that redefined the so-called Chippendale style in the United States.

While in Los Angeles, Ms. Bowman enjoyed academic appointments at both UCLA and USC, where she taught American decorative arts.

From 1997 until her 1999 appointment at Winterthur, she was executive director of the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Leslie has served at the highest levels of the museum field, both as an accreditation commissioner for the American Association of Museums and a board member of the Association of Art Museum Directors. From 1993 - 2010 she served by presidential appointment on the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

Ms. Bowman currently serves on the Board of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is married to Cortland P. Neuhooff and is the mother of sixteen-year-old Haley Neuhooff. In her spare time she is an avid equestrian.

Founded in 1974, Knox Heritage advocates for the preservation of places and structures with historic or cultural significance. For more information, call 523-8008 or visit [www.knoxheritage.org](http://www.knoxheritage.org).

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¼ large green pepper, diced  
1-8oz carton fresh mushrooms, sliced  
12 large eggs, beaten  
2 ½ cups Half'n Half

Peel and shred potatoes. Leave in water until ready to assemble the dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with Pam. In a large skillet, melt butter and add onions, bell peppers and mushrooms. Cook, stirring often until vegetables are tender and mushrooms have a little color on them.

Rinse potatoes twice and drain well. Spread potatoes in the prepared pan. Sprinkle with salt and black pepper. Scatter half the cheese over the potatoes. Spoon the vegetable mixture evenly over the cheese. Mix eggs and milk well and pour over all. Sprinkle remaining cheese over the surface. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until set. Serve with sausage patties, crisp bacon or ham slices.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### American Graduate Community Forum

Join East Tennessee PBS for a community forum with PlanET on the importance of an educated workforce on Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. This forum is a part of the community engagement work East Tennessee PBS is doing with American Graduate, a nationwide initiative to address the dropout crisis. Work from our American Graduate Digital Storytelling Workshop, with students from Tribe One and the Knoxville Area Urban League, will premiere before this important discussion.

The forum will be held in the studio of East Tennessee PBS located at 1611 E. Magnolia Avenue. The entrance and parking are in the back of the building. Community members interested in education and the effects of the high school dropout rate are encouraged to attend.

For information, please contact Amy Hubbard at 865-595-0230 or ahubbard@EastTennesseePBS.org.

### Conducting an Online Job Search Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: "Conducting an Online Job Search" on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Instruction provided by Urban League staff. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call 865-524-5511.

### Downton Abbey at Downtown West

Join East Tennessee PBS to celebrate Downton Abbey! We will have a special screening of the first hour of Episode 1, Season 3 at Regal Downtown West Cinema 8 on Sunday, December 16, at 5 p.m.

Please feel free to join us in Downton Abbey inspired costume or as yourself. This is the perfect opportunity to take a break from the holiday madness and treat yourself.

There is no cost for the event but seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, please contact Amy Hubbard. ahubbard@EastTennesseePBS.org

### Humane Society Open House

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley is inviting pet parents to come out and celebrate the holidays with the Humane Society family. On December 8 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. we will be celebrating the holidays with refreshments, face painting, ornament painting, pet gifts and a silent auction to help you get a jump start on your holiday shopping for both your furry and human friends!

All weekend long HSTV's Adopt-a-Pet will have discounted adoption rates. All animals will be \$125 to help them find a home for the holidays! Sunday there will be extended hours, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., to make it even easier to find your new family member.

HSTV is located at 6717 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919.

For more information please visit HumaneSocietyTennessee.com or call 865-573-9675.

### Local author discusses 'Can You See God'

Betsy Stowers Frazier will be at Luttrell's library on December 8 to talk about her new book, "Can You See God." The book is about the experience of growing up in the Luttrell community and its people. Punch and cake will be served.

### Regional Solid Waste Board Meeting

The Regional Solid Waste Board's Semiannual meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Room at the Cedar Bluff Library.

The Regional Solid Waste Board is made up of a panel of local municipal representatives, local citizens, and private sector individuals. Its primary purpose is the preparation of solid waste regional plans and the development of a solid waste regional plan that results in the most cost effective and efficient management of solid waste in the best interest of the citizens of Knox County. The staff agency for the Regional Solid Waste Board is the Knox County Solid Waste Division.

### Toy Tech Party for children with disabilities

East Tennessee Technology Access Center's annual Toy Tech party for children with disabilities who cannot use their hands to play with typical toys will be on Monday, December 3 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Kerbel Shrine Temple, 315 Mimosa Avenue in Knoxville.

Families who live in the 24 counties of East Tennessee and who would like to receive an accessible toy, should register by calling (865) 219-0130 no later than November 30th. The party will include Santa, music, crafts and food, plus allowing children with disabilities to pick out the toy of their choice.

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