

Massey appointed Chairman of Senate Calendar Committee

State Senator Becky Duncan Massey (R-Knoxville) has been appointed Chairman of the Senate Calendar Committee. The announcement was made by Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey as the 108th General Assembly concluded their organizational session. The Calendar Committee is responsible for scheduling bills and resolutions for consideration by the full State Senate.

"I am very pleased to be appointed as Chairman of our Calendar Committee," said Sen. Massey. "I appreciate the confidence that Lt. Governor Ramsey has placed

in me to serve in this role."

"Senator Massey will make an excellent Calendar Committee chairman," said Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey. "I also have great confidence that she will serve well as a member of the other key committees in which she has been appointed."

Senator Massey was also appointed to the Transportation Committee, the Health and Welfare Committee and the Government Operations Committee.

The Senate Transportation

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State Senator Becky Duncan Massey (R-Knoxville) took the oath of office last Tuesday in Nashville as the 108th General Assembly was gavelled into session. The oath was administered by Supreme Court Justice William Koch.

Tennova Healthcare announces significant land acquisition

Officials with Tennova Healthcare announced the option to purchase property on Middlebrook Pike near Old Weisgarber Road, one of the fastest growing areas of Knox County. Tennova will form an exploratory team of key stakeholders, through Tennova's Metro Knoxville Board of Trustees, to provide recommendations on the best usage of the property, including the possibility of utilizing this land for a replacement hospital for Physicians Regional Medical Center. The property resides on 110 acres of land, adjacent to existing medical facilities and practices.

"The decision to purchase this land was not reached overnight. We considered the changing needs of our patients, new

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Happy Feet at Austin-East

The Austin-East Magnet High School Dance Company students had the opportunity to learn from an elite dance choreographer last week. Richard Smith (pictured above) is the Artistic Director of Inaside Chicago Dance. Smith teaches classical, lyrical and contemporary jazz, classical ballet and modern to all ages, and finds a special connection with the pre-teen youth. He has also taught jazz at a number of universities.

Emerald Youth, Austin-East Preparing Students for ACT

Twenty juniors at Austin-East High School are gaining an edge for taking the ACT college entrance test through Knox County Schools on March 19 by participating in a pilot program offered in cooperation with Emerald Youth Foundation.

The Emerald Youth Austin-East ACT Prep Program provides 20 selected juniors with a range of skills to both succeed at this threshold exam and bolster Austin-East's academic standing within the Knox County School System.

Christi Cardwell, Emerald Youth's High School and Youth Adult Curriculum Leader, developed the course at the request of Austin-East in early fall 2012. Tammi Campbell, Austin-East Assistant Principal, identified 20 students who would likely benefit from the course, and invited them to commit to it.

"On March 19, the State of Tennessee pays for high school juniors to take the ACT, but a strategic framework for preparation or focused tutorial for high schools to utilize is

limited," said Ms. Campbell. This course was developed collaboratively based on researched practices and strategies for improving ACT scores.

The six-month long course meets twice weekly and provides students with one-on-one tutoring, a Princeton Review workbook, and data to track progress for them and their parents. Students meet for an hour and 15 minutes after school for group and individual tutoring time. On one recent afternoon, tutors Megan Gentry, Candace Cates and

Mark Seeger worked with students on reading, science and math.

Campbell said the course helps remove students' fear of taking the ACT as a first time test taker, and also strengthens academic skills they use in everyday coursework.

For students like Devonte Mack, who wants to be a lawyer, and Lannette Harris, who is interested in pediatric nursing, the course and an increased score could be a stepping stone to their career choice and broader college and scholarship

options. Jackson McDowell hopes to turn his fascination with supply and delivery into a career in logistics.

Jarkeise Russell is pragmatic: "I just want to improve my score on the ACT so I can get into a better college," he said.

Cardwell said that in addition to shoring up students' academic skills such as math and reading, the course also teaches them the skills specific to excellence on standardized tests. These skills include scanning instead of reading

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MLK Celebration to open with interfaith prayer service

As the major kick-off event for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative celebration, the public is invited to a special interfaith prayer service at noon on Wednesday, January 16th at the First Christian Church, 211 West Fifth Ave. in Knoxville.

The purpose of the program is to allow people of all faiths to join together in prayer during their lunch hour. The program will begin at noon and last about 45 minutes followed by a light lunch.

A variety of religious leaders from the community will offer prayers and brief comments. Some of those leaders will include Monsignor Xavier Mankel of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Rabbi Matthew Michaels of Temple Beth El, Brother Brandon Singh of the Sikh Community, Ustadh Abdel Rahman Murphy of the Muslim Community of Knoxville, as well as others.

Special musical presentations will include solos by Minister Tomma Battle of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Rev. Tyler Thompson and members of the First Christian Church are hosting the event that is open to the public without charge.

For information about other special celebration events, go to www.MLKKnoxville.org.

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Under consideration is

"We have conducted an extensive review of Physicians Regional Medical Center's existing plant and several factors – including the age of the facility, the difficulty of access for our patients and physicians to quickly get in and out, the amount of land available

The exploratory team will look at potential uses

“Before a final recommendation can be made, much hard work is in front of us as we work alongside our physicians, associates and Board of Trustees through this process,” added Garfield. “Our commitment to delivering quality patient care will continue to remain the focus of everything we do.”

By Sarah Baker
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Unlike most “bums,” this guy had on an Advanced Auto jacket, you know the kind worn by people who actually work there. Maybe that is why we let him keep talking. Then he said the magic words....“I am from Kentucky...” He

“Where do you live in Middlesboro?” I asked him. He told me. He showed me his driver’s license. He told us that if we loaned him money he would get it back to us somehow. He really did look embarrassed to be

Almost immediately after I handed him the money, I saw something flash in his eyes and an article I read about addiction back home came back to me. It hit me as quite possible that he is in Knoxville to fend for a drug habit. I couldn't be sure if the expression I caught was relief or ruse. Something about that glint in his eye didn't suit me. I

When he walked out the door our waitress, Nancy, asked me how much I gave him, and I told her. "Sucker!" she said. She told us there was a man in the backseat of his car when he pulled up and not the sick wife he had described. "Oh well," I said. "That's on him. It doesn't make me a sucker. I have had already had that money given back to me in blessings I didn't deserve. If he's a liar, that's on him." Katherine and Nancy agreed. "She never had a chance," Katherine explained to Nancy. "He had her at Kentucky." Indeed, he did.

Survey conducted January 10, 2012.

It was New Year's Eve. I surfed the television channels, stopping on the Fox Cable Network. Halfheartedly, I watched the coverage as the new year arrived. It was America's party night—a time to celebrate new beginnings, new goals, and new opportunities. As

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d—and listened.

The crowd was quiet as those familiar words were sung by a name I could not remember, but whose voice I could not forget. She was classy in a long, flowing black dress to complement

her beautiful long, black hair. With the midnight sky as the backdrop, her crystal clear voice rang out in the wintry night air. I was amazed. There she stood on stage in New York City's Time Square on New Year's Eve singing "Silent Night." Her name is Sarah Brightman. The world-renowned soprano's magnificent voice seemed to reach as high as the heavens. With each word, the song of old called out to everyone today to hear its message of comfort and hope and joy. It was wonderful! America's celebration of the new year climaxed in Sarah Brightman's flawless rendition of "Silent Night"—as the world watched.

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possible this guy was telling us the truth. Kat gave him what she had in her pocket. Then I paid my bill and gave him some money too. Between the two of us,

It was enough to get him home.

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purchased the wall hanging, though I needed no pretty plaque to remember

the song. Its words are in my head, its message in my heart. Christmas Day always brings to a close the sound of carols for another year. I thought I had heard it for the last time on Christmas Day 2012. But, I had not.

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Publisher's Position

A Case of the Quivers



By Steve Hunley,
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Superintendent of Schools Dr. James P. McIntyre is beginning to promote his “State of the Schools” address. This has become an annual event and not only promotes McIntyre, but helps to set the table for the expected request for more money for the school system. Last year, McIntyre unveiled his new vision for the future of education which would have required an increase of at least 35 cents in the property tax rate. You can bet your boots when the Superintendent brings out his budget there will be plenty of school-speak rhetoric and yet another request for a hefty hike in taxes.

Of course the Superintendent will maintain that he’s not asking for a tax increase; he’s merely asking the Mayor and the County Commission for new money. It is the responsibility of the Mayor and local legislative body to actually find the money he wants. McIntyre’s logic is it matters little to him where the Mayor and Commission find the money he wants, so long as they find



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent of the Knox County Schools, (pictured at last week’s School Board meeting) will deliver his second annual “State of the Schools Report and Address” on Thursday, January 17 at 6 p.m. at Powell High School (2136 West Emory Road). The event is open to the public.

Unfortunately, there doesn’t seem to be anything left to find between the sofa cushions.

McIntyre has a devoted band of good government types who positively quiver with his every utterance. One can expect The Knoxville News-Sentinel to righteously thunder in daily editorials about the need to support education; the Save Our School folks will freshly launder their faded yellow tee shirts yet again and deliriously declaim that one cannot put a price tag on children. The Chamber of Commerce, lacking any real accomplishments or direction, will summon a few local millionaires to put up some more money to sponsor television and radio ads to convince us

to part with more of our hard earned money. Several of the Board of Education members will remind us whatever tax increase McIntyre proposes would really only amount to the cost of a Coca-Cola per day. All of it sounds familiar because it’s precisely what happened last year and yet not a single member of the County Commission made a motion to increase taxes.

To be fair, there was considerable talk about just how to raise taxes, what taxes to raise and then Commission Chairman Mike Hammond publicly pondered the advisability of a combination of increased sales and property taxes. The reaction of the local citizenry was outrage, a

reaction that surprised no one except McIntyre and his allies. While most of the Board of Education seems to be slow to learn any new trick, Lynn Fugate did seem to understand that the budget fiasco last year was bad for Dr. McIntyre. She acknowledged as much in a Board meeting where she stressed that the budget needed to be the Board’s budget, rather than McIntyre’s budget, as otherwise it made him a “lightning rod.” Fugate was entirely right and when McIntyre asks for yet another tax increase this year it will be even worse. Nobody will be fooled into thinking the various members of the Board of Education remotely had a hand in crafting the budget the Superintendent

will be touting.

Over the next several months, it will be surprising if the school system doesn’t see a decline in both state and federal funding and don’t be surprised if the school folks think they can make up the difference from your pocketbook. There will also likely be significant changes in Nashville this year and observers think there is a very good chance the General Assembly will authorize legislation to allow localities to elect the Superintendent of Schools. Also expect legislation to pass making it easier to form charter schools.

Of course Dr. McIntyre isn’t likely considering any of these possibilities, much less actually planning

for them; he is very quick to say he isn’t a politician and it shows. Like it or not, running the schools and acquiring funding from the Commission is a political process. That would likely explain much of McIntyre’s lack of success in acquiring new money for the school system. Board member Mike McMillan pointed out in his evaluation last year that the school system wouldn’t have gotten a dime more or less regardless of who was Superintendent and that is true.

The labyrinth one has to run where the General Assembly is concerned is equally political and despite McIntyre’s ability to cause his supporters to quiver with delight, the results from his reign don’t merit the huge tax increases he insists are necessary. If indeed the General Assembly allows localities to choose whether or not to elect the Superintendent of Schools, it will immediately become a huge issue locally and will be featured prominently in just about every campaign. The quiverers are counting on Governor Bill Haslam to veto any bill giving the locals a choice; just why the governor would veto a bill allowing local communities to decide for themselves is anybody’s guess, but it is entirely possible the heavy majority of Republican legislators would override the governor’s veto.

Looking into the future is enough to cause the quiverers to cease quivering and start shaking.

Attempts for 2013

It’s that special day when people everywhere wake to a new beginning. The first day of a new year is a time when folks reassess their lives and make plans for improvement. I did it as well.

For years I promised myself each January 1 to lose weight. All my life I’ve battled poundage that camps out around my middle. Even as a kid, I’d promise to shed pounds so that a new wardrobe would be required.

I defeated the weight problem my last year in high school and managed to keep it off throughout college. Then Amy and I married, and slowly, but surely, the pounds began to return. The older I grow, the harder the task of losing weight becomes.

These days, I eat healthier than at any other time in my life. We have no fried foods, eat plenty of



By Joe Rector

chicken and fish, and eat out only once a week. I gave up candy bars about four months ago, a major concession in my life. Still, the weight hangs on stubbornly and only illness that shuts down my appetite seems to lead to any weight loss.

I’ve vowed to become healthier through exercising on at least twenty New Year days. I joined a health center and rose at 5:00 a.m. to get a workout completed before going to work. Several years ago, I began running, and before long my addiction to it was as bad as a person looking for his daily fix of some drug. I called what I did a “fat man jog,” but at least my efforts produced results.

Oh, but life is filled with surprises. One incorrect “butterfly” rep while lying flat on a bench blew out a disc in my

neck and led to surgery. A blown disc in my back a couple of years later led to another surgery and an end to running.

For years, I promised myself to quit smoking, only to wake up and light up on those first days of new years before my feet hit the floor. It took the passing of both parents and an older brother before I found enough backbone to conquer a smoking addiction.

Making resolutions isn’t something I do any more. A resolution is a promise to reach a goal. Perhaps I’m not as committed as in earlier years; perhaps I realize that such acts are wastes of

time and energy. These days, I make attempts to do better, not resolutions. With that in mind, here’s a list of things folks might try to do this year.

Being kinder is the first one. Most of us wrap ourselves so tightly in personal goals and trials that we seldom have time or energy for others. Kindness is simple. It includes speaking to those who aren’t necessarily easy to love. Allowing a driver to merge without cursing or having a conniption is another way. Maybe it comes by offering a hand to someone who is struggling with a project, a serious personal problem, or even financial difficulties.

Each person needs to dream more. Our lives are desperate only to the degree we choose to remain mired in the mud of boredom. Henry David Thoreau once said,

“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”

Dreaming helped this country to become the leader in modern times. It is the thing that opens our lives to possibilities. Our work is to dream first and then work to make them come true. A life with a positive outlook includes an optimism that battles those times of doubts and

fears that inevitably come.

Most of all, we all need to play more. Work is good; it pays the bills. However, our destinies have never been only to work and accumulate. I figure that the good lord expects us to enjoy each day we are given, and that means engaging in the things that bring the most joy. Stop working a little earlier each day and just play; be a kid again.

That’s a quick list of hopes for the next year. I won’t resolve to accomplish them, but I’ll sure try my hardest to include them in my life. I hope your 2013 is a good one filled with happiness and fulfillment.

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Sevier County Public Library System hosts special events for MLK Jr Day

The Sevier County Public Library System (SCPLS) will host special events in January for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Representatives of Sevier County's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee will appear as special guest readers for the library system preschool story times. The story time schedule follows:

- Mon., Jan 14 at 11:00 a.m. - SCPLS Seymour Branch Library, 137 W. Macon Lane, Seymour - Guest readers, Jamesena Miller & Alvarrene Bridgeforth
- Thurs., Jan 17 at 10:30 a.m. - King Family Library, 408 High Street, Sevierville - Guest reader, Judge Dwight Stokes
- Fri., Jan 18 at 11:00 a.m. - Kodak Branch Library, 319 West Dumplin Valley, Road, Kodak - Guest reader, Robin Cogdill

Additionally, the SCPLS Rel & Wilma Maples History Center (located on the third floor of the King Family Library) will present the 3rd Thursday SCPLS History Center Lecture Series. The January 17 lecture features Timothy Vasser, Administrative Assistant, Beck Cultural Exchange Center, in Knoxville. He will be discussing the Emancipation Proclamation.

The January meeting is being co-sponsored with the Sevier County Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee. The first event in the lecture series, which is open to the public, will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Burchfield Room on the main floor of the King Family Library.

For more information about any of the MLK Day events, please call 865.453.3532.

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every word, reading graphs and charts, using context clues to discern a word's meaning, and organizing information.

"We teach them how to figure out how much time you have to answer a question. We teach them, 'If you have to guess, how do you guess smart?'" she said.

Emerald Youth

Foundation, 1718 N. Central St., is a 21-year-old ministry with Knoxville's urban young people. Working through three key outreaches - JustLead, Emerald Youth Sports and Emerald Youth Fellows - it offers a holistic support system for inner city youth. Steve Diggs is Executive Director. More information is at www.emerald-youth.org.

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Committee is responsible for highways, roads and bridges; railroads; air, bus and vehicular transportation; rules and regulations for highways, and facilities in connection with and navigation of waterways, lakes and streams; and the Department of Safety. The Senate Government Operations Committee oversees legislation to create, reauthorize, reorganize, or sunset departments, commissions, boards, agencies or councils of state government. The Senate Health and Welfare Committee is responsible for legislation dealing with public and private hospitals, institutions and services for the

mentally retarded, nursing homes, various health care professions, and all aspects of public welfare.

Now that the organization is completed, the General Assembly has adjourned until January 28 when the first full week of the regular 2013 session is scheduled to begin.

Tennessee State Bank Employees Give Back to their Communities

Tennessee State Bank recently donated \$1,000 to Sevier County Food Ministry and \$1,000 to Second Harvest in Knoxville. Employees of Tennessee State Bank donate \$1 each Friday for the privilege of wearing jeans. The money collected is donated to various charitable causes in the community at the end of each year.



Pictured L-R: Jennifer Wagner, Stephanie Barnes, Susan Martino from Second Harvest and Michelle Rost

A new fitness center opens in Seymour

By Tasha Mahurin
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Thirty-year-old Amanda Harmon is finally fit.

"I began to struggle with weight in my early twenties," Harmon told *The Focus*. "My weight 'yo-yoed back and forth by as much as 30lbs. I was unable to maintain it."

Through diet and consistent exercise, she was able to overcome her health challenges. Now, Harmon spends her days teaching others to do the same at Seymour's newest gym, aptly entitled Finally Fit.

"I now know that helping people who face the same struggle is what I am supposed to do," Harmon added.

Finally Fit, located in Phoenix Court, is a state-of-the-art gym that boasts dual hydraulic equipment and a comfortable atmosphere. Members

can attend Beach Body Classes, such as Boot Camp or Turbo Kick class, or simply come in and work out on their own time. Zumba classes will be available beginning in February. While other gyms charge a hefty-fee for personalized instruction, Finally Fit offers the service at no-additional charge.

The fitness center is located just next to Seymour Weight & Wellness, a holistic medical practice that focuses on total body wellness. Finally Fit is also owned and operated by certified PA, Melissa Watson.

"It's a natural extension of what we do at Seymour Weight & Wellness," Watson said. "Among the weight loss strategies Seymour Weight and Wellness offers dietary support, including menus based on the recommendations

of the American Diabetic Association, diet diaries and meal replacement bars, supplements, prescription appetite suppressants, and LipoVite, a weight-loss injection that includes a formulation of vitamins, proteins and lidocaine."

Finally Fit isn't just open to patients of Seymour Weight and

Wellness. In fact, membership is open to all and is available for only \$19.99 per month with a one year contract. The center is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact them by calling 865-573-0101.

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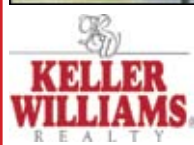


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Community Coalition holds 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast

The Community Coalition on Family Violence hosted Federal,



Russ Jensen, Co-Chair of Knoxville's Community Coalition on Family Violence, speaks at Friday's 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast.

State, and local legislators at its 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast On Friday, January 11. The breakfast was held at the YWCA at 420 Clinch Ave. The annual event brings advocates and law makers together to discuss issues that are before them or that may be presented in the next legislative session beginning in January.

Statistics show that one in three women will be abused in their lifetime and one in four teens will experience abuse in a dating relationship. In 2012 there were approximately 20,000 calls to 911 related to domestic violence which is an average of 55 per day. And

20011 numbers have increased. Tennessee continues to rank 3rd in the nation for women who are killed by men and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation reports that 50% of all crimes against persons in Tennessee are Domestic Violence crimes

The annual breakfast has been successful in bringing about improvements in the last five years. In last year's legislative session, penalties for strangulation in Tennessee were increased as a result of the Coalition's work with state legislators.

"We are very grateful for the support of our local legislators and

the leadership they have shown the entire state when it comes to holding perpetrators accountable and protecting victims" said Russ Jensen, Co-Chair of the Coalition. "We can, should, and will do better. It is imperative we do so for a safer community".

The Community Coalition on Family Violence focuses on continuing education for victim advocates as well as awareness and advocacy on legislative issues at the local, state, and federal levels. This year, the CCFV and the Family Justice Center will also introduce a new tool to help protect teenagers from dating violence.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

It's been a whirlwind week. On January 5, I moved my motor home to Nashville to get everything set up for living to begin the work of the 108th Legislative Session. The following Monday I had meetings much of the day, and on Tuesday the General Assembly was called into session. That day we took the oath of office and elected Beth Harwell of Nashville as Speaker of the House and Curtis Johnson of Clarksville as Speaker Pro Tempore.

As part of our organizational days we adopted new rules in hopes of streamlining the legislative operations thereby saving taxpayer dollars. A major change is a restructuring of the House committee system and limiting the number of bills that each legislator may introduce. It is expected that these changes will increase efficiency, save money and make the process easier for the public to understand.

Under the new committee system, there are now twelve standing committees and several subcommittees. I am honored and pleased to report that I was appointed to chair the House Education Committee. I am honored to hold that position, as I expect education to be at the forefront of discussion during this session. Two other Knox County Representatives also were appointed to

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Visit Knoxville Board of Directors Welcomes New Board Members

Visit Knoxville has elected Crystal Washington and Dorothy Stair to serve on its Board of Directors. During a board meeting held last-week, Visit Knoxville Board of Directors voted to fill the last two remaining positions of Independent Directors.

"We are pleased to welcome Crystal and Dorothy to the Board of Directors," said Bo Connor, Chair of the Visit Knoxville Board of Directors. "Each one brings a unique set of qualifications and experience to the board and we look forward to working closely with them as we continue to position Knoxville as a premier destination to both group and leisure visitors."

Visit Knoxville's Board of Directors is an 11 member appointed board. Six members are appointed by Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, three members are appointed by City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, and two independent directors are appointed by the board.

"Dorothy and Crystal each have tremendously successful backgrounds," said Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "Dorothy's experience with arts and heritage and Crystal's achievements with Scripps Network Interactive will be a great asset to our organization. Adding their expertise to our very engaged Board will serve to make us even

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The 2013-14 Rotary Club of Knoxville Board of Directors are, left to right in the back row, Mark Webb, Jay Secor, Jennifer Sepaniak, Anita Lane, Rachel Ford and Rob Johnson. In the front row are Wes Stowers, Jason Hamilton, Bob Samples, Dr. Roy King and Ed Anderson. Not pictured: Allen Pannell.

Rotary Club of Knoxville announces its 2013-14 Board of Directors

At a recent meeting, the Rotary Club of Knoxville announced its 2013-14 Board of Directors, led by President Robert F. Samples. Dr. Roy King, a dermatopathologist, is president-elect and International Service director. Jason K. Hamilton, accountingtax manager with Joseph Decosimo & Company, is vice president and Membership director. Edwin A. Anderson of Cannon & Anderson, Attorneys, is secretary. Jennifer Sepaniak, chief financial officer of Schaad Companies, is treasurer and chair of the Financial and Audit Committee.

Outgoing president Harry W. (Wes) Stowers, Jr., chairman of Stowers Machinery Corp., will serve as the representative of past presidents.

J. Mark Webb, a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, is Communications director. Jay Secor III, headmaster of the Episcopal School of Knoxville, is New Generations director. Rachel A. Ford, executive director of the Knoxville Symphony, is director of Community Outreach Projects. Rob Johnson, president of A&W Office Supply, is Meetings director. Anita Lane, general manager of the

Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown, is Club Activities director. T. Allen Pannell Jr., owner of Allen Pannell, LLC, is Professional Outreach director.

Founded in 1915, the Rotary Club of Knoxville is among the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in Tennessee. The club was instrumental in the formation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and sponsor of several park projects. It is also the creator and steward of The Rotary Foundation of Knoxville, which provides for college scholarships and special projects.

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stronger.”

Crystal is Vice President/ External Relations, Diversity & Inclusion for Scripps Networks Interactive. In this position, she oversees the program office of diversity; assists in managing and developing philanthropic and community partnerships; and coordinates relationships with industry professional organizations. Crystal's industry affiliations include being a member of the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications, L. Patrick Mellon Mentor, and Women in Cable Telecommunications member, and previous secretary of Women in Telecommunications Greater Ohio chapter. Washington is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. She also holds a master's of business administration degree from Capital University in Columbus.

Dorothy is a prominent civic leader in the Knoxville Community. Dedicated to the Arts and Heritage initiatives in Knoxville, Dorothy has served in numerous leadership roles to help sustain and promote history and the arts throughout East Tennessee. Dorothy is currently serving

on the Board of Directors for Blount Mansion and serves as an Honorary Board Member for Knox Heritage. Dorothy is also volunteering for Knox Heritage on a capital campaign to preserve historic Westwood Home, which is the future home to Knox Heritage and will be a regional preservation education center. Dorothy is a graduate from Briarcliff College and the University of Alabama.

Board members for Visit Knoxville include:

- Brad Anders, Knox County Commission
- Ashley Capps, AC Entertainment
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- Courtney Piper, Piper Communications
- Dorothy Stair
- Hemal Tailor, Office of Knox County Mayor
- Carmen Tegano, UT Athletics
- Crystal Washington, Scripps Network Interactive

For more information about Visit Knoxville's Board of Directors visit Knoxville.org or contact Kim Davis at kdavis@knoxville.org.

Pellissippi State's knoxAchieves students meet scholarship requirements by volunteering with Mobile Meals

Getting fruit into the hands of some of the people who need it most—shut-ins served by Mobile Meals—made the holidays more meaningful for some Pellissippi State Community College students.

The first-ever “Fruitful Endeavor” took place at Thanksgiving at Pellissippi State's Magnolia Avenue Campus, and Moira Connelly, an English faculty member and the site's Service-Learning coordinator, says the campus plans to make it an annual event. The Service-Learning program

broadens students' education by pairing community service with classroom learning.

Students, faculty, and staff supported Mobile Meals by donating large bags of fruit, and about 30 students volunteered during a three-hour block, sorting the fruit into 150 individual bags and making Thanksgiving cards, Connelly says.

The goal for Pellissippi State was threefold: to provide the fruit, to emphasize volunteer work and to give students in the knoxAchieves program an opportunity to

fulfill their community service requirement. The program, which is part of tnAchieves (www.tnachieves.org), offers public high school graduates up to \$3,000 per year for community college tuition in exchange for eight hours of volunteering.

“You really did make a difference this year,” Jennifer Oakes, volunteer coordinator for Mobile Meals, told the college. “In the past, a large donation of fruit was made by a church, but this year they were not able to contribute, thus any amount of fruit we received was

important. We would have been very short without your contribution.”

Mobile Meals is a program of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's Office on Aging.

To learn more about Pellissippi State, go to www.pstcc.edu or call (865) 694-6400. For more information about community service at the college, contact Annie Gray, Pellissippi State faculty member and coordinator of the Service-Learning program, at agray@pstcc.edu or (865) 694-6492.

Fair Ambassador Raises Money for Alzheimer's Tennessee

An organizer for the Tennessee Valley Fair's annual Princess Pageant and Little Miss Pageant is working to fight Alzheimer's in East Tennessee.

The 6th annual Tennessee's Princess Party, a Father/Daughter Dance, will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Jubilee Banquet Facility in North Knoxville. The event aims to emphasize the positive role that fathers, grandfathers and uncles play in the lives of young ladies. All proceeds from the event will benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee.

Tennessee's Princess Party is hosted by Fair Ambassador and Pageant Organizer, Ashton Doane. Doane, 22 of Powell, served as Fairest of the Fair in 2006 and was personally affected by Alzheimer's after losing her grandmother to the disease earlier this year.

Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc. provides family support, offers community and professional education, advocates for the needs and rights of those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, as well as research for its prevention, cure, and treatment.

“The Tennessee Valley Fair is all about supporting East Tennessee, we're proud of Ashton's efforts to raise money for this worthy cause,” said Sarah Thompson, Director of Public Relations.

Dress is casual dressy to party attire, and all ages are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be \$8.00 per person in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Ticket price includes light refreshments, dancing, music, and door prizes. Tickets may be purchased beginning



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William Gibbs McAdoo

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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Few men have lived as colorful and productive a life as did William Gibbs McAdoo, who was, incidentally, a one-time resident of Knoxville. A lawyer, businessman, son-in-law of a President of the United States, member of a President's Cabinet, U.S. Senator from California, and presidential aspirant, W. G. McAdoo left little undone in his lifetime.

McAdoo was born on October 31, 1863 in Marietta, Georgia. The McAdoo family was an accomplished one, as his father was an attorney and his mother was an author, while an uncle was a Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. In 1877, the McAdoo family relocated to Knoxville, where the elder McAdoo had accepted a position as a professor at the University of Tennessee. The younger McAdoo himself graduated from UT and went on to serve as deputy clerk for the U. S. District Court for East Tennessee. McAdoo married for the first time in 1885 to Sarah Fleming and that union produced no less than seven children. 1885 was also the year McAdoo commenced his own law practice, although he moved from Knoxville to Chattanooga to engage in his new profession.

For his time, W. G. McAdoo was certainly an entrepreneur and he was constantly working on various projects to make himself rich. McAdoo lost whatever money he had when he made an unsuccessful attempt to electrify the Knoxville street transit system. After that spectacular failure, McAdoo moved yet again, this time to New York City where he joined with the son of a former Confederate general in selling securities. By 1895 McAdoo was back in Knoxville where he managed to regain control of his streetcar company, which had been bankrupt and auctioned off. McAdoo was soon engaged in a dispute with another businessman, C. C. Howell, over Knoxville's streetcar system. Ultimately, that dispute led to an actual riot known as the "Battle of Depot Street", leaving one citizen dead and numerous others injured in the resulting melee. City of Knoxville and Knox County officials had sided with either Howell or McAdoo and the police officer's clashed with Sheriff's deputies and just about everybody was arrested by somebody, not the least of which was the Mayor and Chief of Police.

Ultimately, the courts decided in favor of C. C. Howell and a disgusted McAdoo retreated from Knoxville and returned to



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Senator William Gibbs McAdoo, of California, arrives at the Capitol for his days duties.

New York and the practice of law. It was not long before McAdoo had another project on his mind; he assumed the presidency of the Hudson and Manhattan Railway Company and proposed to build a tunnel beneath the Hudson River to connect New York City to New Jersey. Eventually, the tunnel was built and still operates today.

In 1912 McAdoo worked hard on behalf of New Jersey Governor Woodrow Wilson's presidential campaign. It was also the same year McAdoo's wife, Sarah, died. Wilson was grateful to McAdoo for his support and named him as Secretary of the Treasury. McAdoo was soon courting President Wilson's daughter Eleanor and the two were married in a ceremony held at the White House in 1914. The groom was then fifty-one years old and the bride a mere twenty-five and McAdoo offered to resign from the Cabinet, but Wilson demurred. McAdoo and his new wife soon produced two daughters and he remained a member of Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet until his resignation in 1918.

McAdoo resumed his law practice after departing Wilson's Cabinet and was a very successful attorney. McAdoo was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination at the 1920 convention, despite the fact Woodrow Wilson wanted a third term. Wilson, severely incapacitated by a stroke, was bitterly disappointed by his failure to be renominated by his party and McAdoo led on the first ballot, but lost the nomination to Ohio Governor James Cox. Americans were tired of Wilson and his administration and the Republicans won a landslide victory, capturing both houses of Congress, as well as the presidency.

In 1922, McAdoo left New York to establish a new law firm in Los Angeles, California. McAdoo also owned an estate in Santa Barbara, California where he grew

avocadoes. Attorney McAdoo quickly acquired several prestigious clients, including movie studios. One of his clients led to an embarrassing incident, which damaged McAdoo's presidential ambitions. McAdoo had accepted a retainer of \$25,000 from oil baron Edward Doheny, unaware of Doheny's having given substantial sums to Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall. The Interior Secretary also just happened to be turning over oil reserves to Doheny, leading to the Teapot Dome scandal, which did much to damage the Harding Administration and eventually led to Fall's conviction and imprisonment. McAdoo had returned Doheny's retainer, but not before being himself tainted in the resulting scandal.

McAdoo was again a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1924. McAdoo won several primary contests and was a strong prohibitionist, while his chief rival, New York Governor Alfred E. Smith, was an equally strong "wet" or anti-prohibitionist. The rivalry between McAdoo and Smith was so intense it deadlocked the convention and after 103 ballots, Democrats nominated attorney John W. Davis who was crushed by Republican President Calvin Coolidge.

W. G. McAdoo was reluctant to enter the presidential contest in 1928 and was none to happy to see his old nemesis Alfred E. Smith get the nomination. Smith's Catholicism broke the solidly Democratic South and states like Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida fell into the

Republican column.

The Great Depression and the terminal unpopularity of President Herbert Hoover gave hope to Democrats of recapturing the presidency and William Gibbs McAdoo himself entertained some hopes of perhaps being the presidential nominee. McAdoo was Chairman of the California delegation to the Democratic National Convention and the shrewd old campaigner watched New York Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt struggle to achieve the two-thirds vote required by party rules to gain the nomination. The California primary had been won by Speaker of the House John Nance Garner who had the support of press lord William Randolph Hearst and the delegation from California was ostensibly supporting the Speaker. McAdoo thought if another deadlock occurred, lightning might strike and he could emerge as the nominee and just about any Democrat could beat Hoover, a notion Alfred E. Smith shared.

Speaker Garner eventually released his delegates and McAdoo, sensing Texas was about to break, scurried down to the podium to seek recognition. Once recognized, McAdoo seized the moment and declared all of California's votes had gone to FDR, giving Roosevelt the presidential nomination. Roosevelt, listening to the proceedings on the radio, smiled and exclaimed, "Good old McAdoo!" McAdoo assuaged his unrequited ambition to be the presidential candidate by becoming the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate.

The incumbent, Samuel Shortridge, had been defeated in the primary and despite a Republican advantage in voter registration, McAdoo defeated both the Republican and Prohibitionist candidates to win the election.

W. G. McAdoo was not a power in the United States Senate, but he was a power in California. McAdoo constantly badgered the Roosevelt administration about Federal patronage and he kept such a tight reign on appointments that it caused friction among feuding California Democrats. McAdoo and more conservative California Democrats were appalled by the rise of author Upton Sinclair who won the nomination for governor in 1934 with a scheme for ending poverty in California. The "EPIC" movement swept the primaries and McAdoo had absented himself from California and regular Democrats deserted Sinclair in droves and the Republican governor was easily reelected.

McAdoo did little to help himself when it was announced he and Eleanor Wilson McAdoo were getting a divorce in 1934. Mrs. McAdoo explained she could no longer bear the climate in the nation's Capitol and preferred living

in California year round for health reasons. The seventy-one year old McAdoo's remarriage just a month after his divorce from the dead Woodrow Wilson's daughter to a twenty-six year old nurse raised more than a few eyebrows.

EPIC Democrats did not forgive Senator McAdoo and in 1938 he faced Sheridan Downey, a EPIC Democrat who had embraced the Townsend Plan, which would pay the elderly a \$200 per month pension, provided seniors spent all the money every month. McAdoo was frantic to have the open support of the highly popular President Roosevelt in his primary campaign. Roosevelt had endorsed several Democrats across the country, still smolderingly angry with many senators who had failed to support his plan to enlarge the U. S. Supreme Court. McAdoo got Roosevelt's endorsement and like many others who got the nod from the President, lost anyway.

W. G. McAdoo was bitterly disappointed by his failure to win renomination and resigned from his Senate seat early to accept the presidency of the American Steamship Lines.

McAdoo pointed to the vulnerability of Pearl Harbor well before the Japanese attacked the naval facility in 1941. The former senator also tried hard to keep his influence in appointments and Federal patronage matters in California, despite dividing his time between California, New York and Washington, D. C. McAdoo kept up a frenetic pace, especially for a seventy-seven year old man. It proved too much for him and McAdoo suffered a heart attack while at his apartment in Washington's Shoreham Hotel. McAdoo suffered another heart seizure, which proved to be fatal on February 1, 1941.

William Gibbs McAdoo's much younger wife, Doris Cross McAdoo, apparently never remarried and outlived the former senator by more than fifty years. McAdoo had become a wealthy man by the time of his death and had participated in some of the most momentous times in American history.

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'Remember the Titans' Coach to Keynote UT's Black Issues Conference

"Remember the Titans" Coach Herman Boone will be the keynote speaker at this year's Black Issues Conference on Feb. 2 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

"We Are America: Divided We Fall. Together We Stand" is the theme of the conference, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Carolyn P. Brown University Center. The event is free and open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

Black Issues Conference is held to raise awareness of issues affecting the African-American community, explain how they impact others and brainstorm with students to come up with solutions.

The event will consist of three workshop sessions and a luncheon where Boone will deliver the keynote address. The day will conclude with a 3 p.m. reception where Boone will be available for pictures and autographs.

To attend, register online at <http://multicultural.utk.edu> by Jan. 25.

In 1971, Boone was appointed as the head football coach at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. His challenge was to unite black and white players in

a recently integrated school and mold them into the Titans football team.

Boone and his white assistant coach, Bill Yoast, clashed at first, but were able to put aside their prejudices to whip their team into shape. They compiled a 13-0 record and went on to win the state championship.

Now retired, Boone travels the country talking about respect, teamwork, community involvement and the importance of character. Boone will address the topics of diversity and his own experience of becoming a Titan at this year's event.

Shawnboda Mead, associate director of Multicultural Student Life, said the planning committee chose the conference slogan, "We Are America: Divided We Fall. Together We Stand," to make the event more inclusive and welcoming of all members of the campus community.

For more information on the Black Issues Conference, contact the Office of Minority Student Affairs at 865-974-6861.

The Black Issues Conference is made possible through the efforts of the Black Issues Conference Planning Committee, UT Chapter of the NCAA,



Coach Herman Boone

Charlie Lemmons Endowment, Black Cultural Programming Committee, Office of Multicultural Student Life, Division of Student Life, UT Bookstore, Office of Equity and Diversity, Commission for Blacks, Student Government Association and the UT Black Alumni Council.

Tennessee State Bank Adds to Staff

Todd Proffitt, President and CEO of Tennessee State Bank, recently announced that Jack Williams has joined as Vice President, Community Banking Officer at the Powell Branch, located at 7500 Old Clinton Highway. "Jack's experience will be an immediate contribution to our success," says Proffitt. "I am pleased that he chose to be a part of our team."

Williams is a graduate of Farragut High School and has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of the Tennessee Bankers Association, Southeastern School of Commercial Lending. He and his wife, Hayli have an 18-year-old son, Blake and 15-year-old daughter, Lexi.

In his spare time, Williams is the head coach for the Farragut High School Freshmen Boys Basketball Team and head coach for the Freshmen Girls A.A.U. for the Tennessee Fury Organization. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work for Tennessee State Bank. I feel fortunate to work for a company that shares such a strong passion for customer service and community involvement. As part of the TSB family, I look forward to working with the many customers and businesses within the Powell-Knoxville Communities," says Williams.

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

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chair main committees. Rep. Bill Dunn chairs Calendar and Rules, and Rep. Ryan Haynes chairs the State Government committee. This means that of twelve chairpersons appointed, three are from Knox County. That is quite an honor for our county.

The next two weeks will be spent in re-organizational activities concerning the

committees. There will be some office rearranging as we strive for more efficiency. Even though we have officially adjourned for two weeks until January 28th, I will spend most of my time in Nashville during that time meeting with others in leadership positions.

I am pleased to report that Tara, my assistant, will continue working with me to help with constituent issues.

Also I have been assigned a student intern, Garrett Buttrey, who will be working in both my office and with Rep. Dunn. Garrett is a UT student majoring in political science and philosophy. We are happy to have him, and it is entirely possible that when you call my office you will speak with Garrett.

I am excited about the new session and the opportunities to serve the people

of Tennessee and especially those of the 19th District. Let me know how I, or my office, can be of service to you. I can be reached at my Nashville office at 615-741-6879 and by email at 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>. It is an honor to be your representative.

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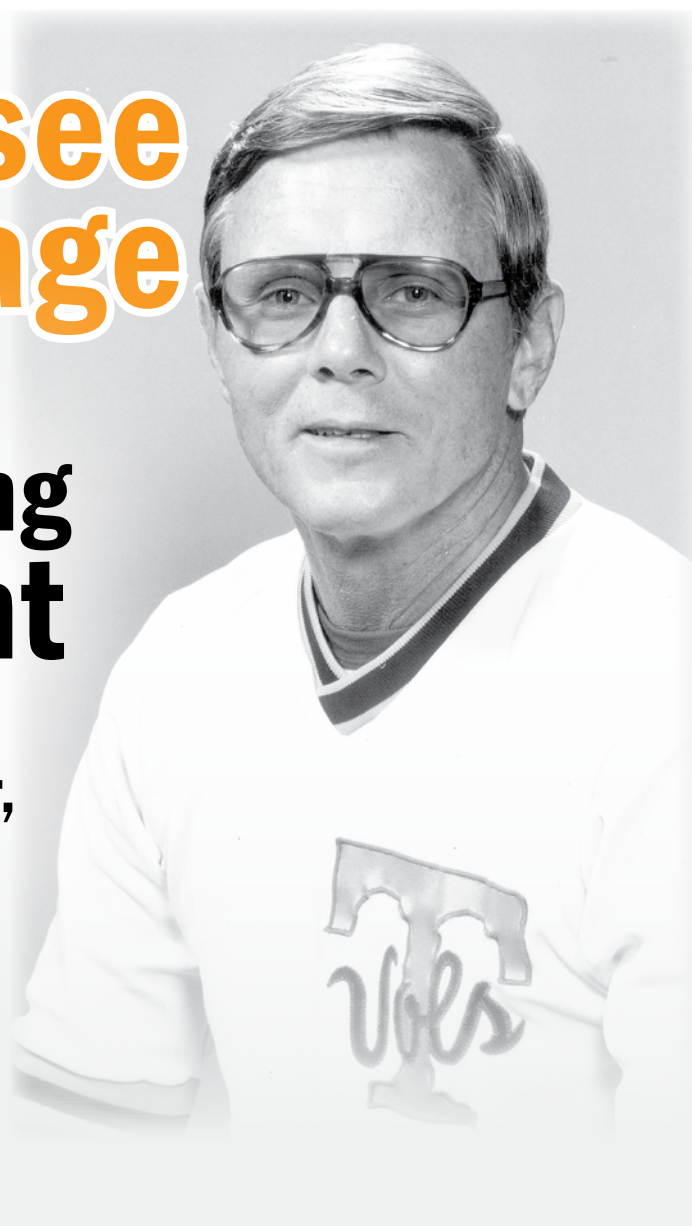
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Tennessee Heritage

Remembering Bill Wright

**Brilliant Athlete,
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By Tasha Mahurin
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Bill Wright coached the University of Tennessee's baseball team from 1963 until 1981. The program's longest tenured coach, he is a member of six different halls of fame. Although long before he led the Vols baseball team, he was a star athlete on the basketball court.

A 1941 graduate of old Knoxville High School, Wright helped lead the team to state championships in both '39 and '41. In '41, he actually outscored the opposing team all by himself. Wright initially turned down a professional baseball offer to play basketball for the University of Tennessee and was a starting guard for the 1943 SEC championship team.

As is true for many of the University's faculty, students, and athletes during the early 40s, Wright's education and athletic career was interrupted by a three year service in the Marines. While stationed in Durham, NC, Wright played both basketball and baseball at Duke University where he served as cocaptain of the All-Southern Conference basketball team and compiled a .400 batting average.

Wright then returned to UT in '46 and '47 and played two more years of basketball.

Upon graduation in '47, he signed a baseball contract with the St. Louis Browns. He led the Northern League with 99 RBIs, and was on the road to a promising baseball career when he was forced to give up the sport due to a battle with tuberculosis.

"He played both sports and played them well," his son, Bill Wright III, told *The Focus*, "but baseball was his first love."

Wright returned to the University of Tennessee and earned his Master's degree in education in 1951. He took a job at the then new West High School, where he coached both basketball and baseball. In 1960, he was tapped by Bowden Wyatt to serve as the first ever full-time academic advisor to UT student-athletes.

"Although very serious about sports, he was equally passionate about education," Wright III added.

While busy scheduling tutoring sessions and monitoring academic progress for the University's athletes, Wright also served as assistant baseball coach and was eventually promoted to head coach in 1963. During his 19 years as head coach of the Vols, he compiled a record of 408-308-2 (.570), a record which remains within the top 20 on the SEC's overall victory list. He also won the SEC Eastern Division title in '66, '70, and '76. Additionally, Wright finished in the top three 15 of his 19 seasons. In '66, he led the Vols to their first 20-win season.

He also had an undeniable knack for producing pro-ball players. 19 different players signed professional baseball contracts after they left his baseball program at Tennessee.

According to his family, one of his greatest coaching honors at the University was coaching his own son, Barry Wright, who played on UT's baseball team the four years prior to Wright's retirement.

After retirement as head baseball coach, Wright served as head coach one last time when he led the 1982 gold medal winning USA team in the World's Fair International Baseball tournament in Knoxville. America defeated Japan in the final game.

He passed away in April of 2011 at the age of 87, but his legacy lives on in the record book and in the thousands of student-athletes he both mentored and coached.

Red Devils win two league wrestling duals

By Ken Lay

Shannon Sayne is always hoping to see improvement.

"You're never satisfied," said Sayne, Halls High School's veteran wrestling coach.

Sayne wasn't content even after watching his Red Devils surrender just nine team points in a pair of District 3-AAA dual meets Thursday night at Halls High School.

Halls (9-3 overall, 2-0 in the district) opened the night with a 74-0 victory over Hardin Valley Academy. The Red Devils followed that effort with a 61-9 win over Black Oak Ridge rival Central.

"This is pretty good but you're always looking to improve," Sayne said. "Our kids are learning to compete."

"We have potential but we have to go out and

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Malik Foreman Chooses Vols

By Alex Norman

New Tennessee head coach Butch Jones knows the importance of recruiting to the success of a football program. So it was no surprise that he talked about recruiting in the early stages of his introductory press conference on December 7th.

What was a surprise, at least compared to the reported indifference of his predecessor, was how much Jones stressed making connections with high school football players and coaches in this state.

"You win with players. We are the state institution and we will own our state," said Jones. "We are going to be at every high school in the state and our players are going to understand what is to wear the Power T. They're going to understand what it is to represent their home institution."

One of the players paying attention was Malik Foreman, from Dobyns Bennett High School in Kingsport.

"I didn't think I was gonna get recruited by Tennessee until there was a coaching change," said Foreman. "Butch Jones said he was gonna recruit the state, my eyes got real big like... they might look at me. They offered a bunch of in state kids. It feels good that they are starting to recruit the state more."

Foreman, a three star athlete according to 247sports, had verbally committed to Vanderbilt back in the November. But when Jones offered him a scholarship, Knoxville won out over Nashville.

"Me and my Mom and Dad talked about it, prayed about it, and just felt that Tennessee was a better place for me," said Foreman. "I grew up watching them, it was a dream to play there, and it is a dream come true."

That meant telling James Franklin and the Commodores coaching staff that he wouldn't be wearing the black and gold.

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Lady Hawks survive test at Central

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy girls basketball coach Jennifer Galloway saw her team notch a hard-fought road victory Tuesday night.

But she was far from happy after the Lady Hawks defeated an injury-riddled Central squad 47-39 in a District 3-AAA game in Fountain City.

"It's always good to get a win, but give Central a lot of credit," Galloway said. "They did all the intangibles well early.

"They did the things that we didn't do."

Hardin Valley darted to an early 17-7 lead but the Lady Bobcats (2-14 overall, 1-7 in the district) came alive in the second quarter and closed

the deficit to 24-17 by halftime.

But in the end, the Lady Hawks had too much inside firepower for Central to handle. Senior center Kayla Carey scored 14 points to lead HVA (12-5, 6-1) to victory.

"We wanted to get the ball inside and we did but at times, we went away from the game plan," Galloway said. "You want to play well but Central really played hard."

The Lady Bobcats, who got rolling in the second quarter as center Ashley Hines scored six of her game-high 16 points in the frame to keep Central within striking distance.

The Lady Bobcats, however, were troubled by shooting woes in the

third quarter. Central scored just two points in the third stanza and the Lady Hawks opened a 31-19 advantage heading to the fourth quarter.

"I thought our girls really played hard," said Central coach Tony Patterson. "Our girls never quit but they had trouble shooting the ball.

"We played pretty good defense but we've had trouble shooting the ball all year and I've told the girls that if we have trouble shooting the ball, then we have to pick it up on defense."

Central, which trailed 42-30 early in the fourth quarter, kept battling and used a 7-0 surge to pull to within five points with 1:41 left in the contest. A

bucket by Marissa Spires made it 42-37 before Hardin Valley converted three free throws down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

Spires would finish with 14 points for the Lady Bobcats.

The victory proved costly for the Lady Hawks when guard Kristin Lane suffered a nose injury in the second quarter. She scored six points before exiting but didn't return. Her prognosis was uncertain.

"I think she'll be OK if she can handle the pain," Galloway said of Lane, who missed last season due to knee injuries.

Malik Foreman Chooses Vols

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"It was very hard to de-commit. It was hard to call them and tell them I was de-committing, but it was something I felt I had to do," said Foreman.

"They were disappointed and hurt. I gave them my word and went back on that. But they wished me luck and said they would respect my decision and just go on from there."

Foreman will sign with Tennessee in February, and is expected to get some early looks at cornerback or slot receiver. He'll bring his much needed 4.4 speed to Jones

and the Vols in June.

"He's a great guy," Foreman said about Jones. "He's got a lot of fire to him, a lot of energy, and he stresses the family atmosphere. I can't wait to get down there with him. It feels great that my instate school wants me to play football for them. I'm gonna wear the orange and wear it proud."

Foreman added, "I'm gonna work out, get a lot of protein in me, and just get bigger and faster every day. You gotta get the game plan down all the schemes and stuff, get ready for the SEC and if you can play get ready for it."

Bizzle-Brown leads Hawks to win in debut

By Ken Lay

A new face made a difference for the Hardin Valley Academy boys basketball team Tuesday night in a victory at Central High School.

Dyonta Bizzle-Brown, a 6-foot-8 transfer from Montgomery Bell, scored 13 points and hit five fourth-quarter points in his season debut to lead the Hawks to a 57-50 District 3-AAA victory over the Bobcats.

Bizzle-Brown, who became eligible after the holiday break, battled early foul trouble before hitting the clutch free throws down the stretch to help his team seal a crucial district win. Hardin Valley coach Keith

Galloway is hoping that his new player will find a home and bolster the Hawks inside presence.

Bizzle-Brown opened up the game for senior post player Jalen Carter, who scored all of his 11 points after halftime.

"Around the basket he [Carter] is pretty good and now, if other teams key on him, our 6-8 player is going to hurt you," Galloway said. "Tonight, Dyonta got gassed pretty quick."

Hardin Valley and Central have always played close games in this brief rivalry and Tuesday night's contest was no exception. The Hawks (6-10 overall, 3-4 in the district) held the upper hand early before the

Bobcats (4-15, 1-7) stormed back. Central trailed 11-8 early before erupting for 22 points in the second quarter.

The 'Cats took a 30-27 lead thanks to a pair of consecutive 3-pointers from junior guard Tyler Cate. Cate's second long-range jumper went through the hoop as time expired in the second stanza.

And the partisan Central crowd went berserk.

But the Hawks were able to maintain their composure.

"We did a good job not letting that bother us," Galloway said. "I was proud of our kids. I was really pleased with their effort.

"Central always plays us

tough and that happens because they play good defense."

The Bobcats led 45-44 after three quarters before Carter and Bizzle-Brown took control of the game.

Carter hit a pair of early fourth-quarter foul shots to put the Hawks up 45-44 with 7 minutes, 47 seconds remaining.

Hardin Valley never trailed again. The Hawks stiffened their defense and forced the Bobcats into eight turnovers in the final frame.

"Hardin Valley came out and played a smart quarter-

and-a-half of basketball," Central coach Jon Higgins said. "But I can't gripe about our kids and their effort.

"I was really happy with our effort. This was probably one of our best games of the season. I loved our effort but with our inexperience, this is going to take time. Hopefully, we can use this game to our advantage and turn the corner."

The Hawks used a balanced attack but Galloway said he's also looking for improvement from his squad.

"We have some good

players and we're going to be all right," he said. "We just have to get used to the physicality of these games.

"Our scoring was balanced tonight and that's good."

In addition to the production from Carter and Bizzle-Brown, HVA got 10 points from Blaine Shockley, nine from Zak Carter and seven from Brad Shiflett.

Central's C.J. Holloway led all scorers with 20 points. Jo Davis finished with 11.

Red Devils win two league wrestling duals

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prove it every night. We have all the potential in the world but we're not good enough to just go out there."

Well, the Red Devils took a big step on this night. Against the Hawks, Halls was all but flawless.

Heavyweight Aaron Heathman opened the meet by pinning Jonah Weston in 3 minutes, 7 seconds. That was the first of eight pins recorded

by the Red Devils.

Matt Weaver (132 pounds), Joe Fox (138), Andrew Kitts (145), Tyler Kalish (160) Connor Rohrbach (170), Brandon Williams (182), Tanner Huff (195) and Thomas Rosenbaum (220) all pinned their Hardin Valley opponents.

Halls High's 152-pounder Devin Ricker received a forfeit victory.

At 113, Evan Huling scored a technical

fall by defeating Drew Skeen 17-1.

The Red Devils won thrilling decisions in the 106 and 126-pound divisions. At 106, Tanner Justice defeated Ian McNitt 8-6. Justice was trailing 6-5 before picking up a 3-point near fall as time expired. In the 126-pound weight class, Calvin Giles notched a 5-3 victory over A.J. Moore. Moore had a 3-2 lead late in the bout.

Freshman Trey Lepper (120 pounds) won a 5-4 decision over Nick Ward.

Against the Bobcats, Justice, Kitts, Ricker, Huff and Rosenbaum all won by forfeit.

Kalish and Giles pinned their Central opponents. Huling won by injury default and Lepper recorded a 16-2 major decision win over Skyler Sivells.

Fox defeated Zach Holland 6-2.


Central picked up division victories at 132, 182 and 285.

At 132, Shane Love defeated Weaver 9-3. At 182, Aaron Lopez outlasted Williams 7-6 and Ethan Daniel (285) downed Heathman 6-4.

The Hawks opened the night's action with a 46-36 victory over the Bobcats.

Daniel, Robby Taylor (113), Zach Koonts (126), Haaland, Foster Dickinson (160), Maurice Grimes (170) and Lopez all won matches for the 'Cats.

Hardin Valley notched six forfeit wins and Xavier Parris notched a major decision with a 15-5 win over Love.



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There's still a lot of basketball season left



By Steve Williams

Just when University of Tennessee sports fans needed a lift, the men's basketball team hit a couple of bumps in the road. An 85-80 loss to Memphis followed by a 92-74 beating from Ole Miss in the SEC opener – both in front of home crowds – wasn't what the patient needed after another losing football season ... and Alabama winning another national crown. But basketball season is not over, contrary to popular belief in some corners of Big Orange Country. Coach Cuonzo Martin reminded us of that after the Rebels left Thompson-Boling Arena, smiling all the way back

to the Magnolia State.

"We keep playing," said the coach. "You're talking 17 games left. You go out there every game to compete and play hard – these are things we can control."

That was the message as the Vols prepared for Saturday's game at Alabama. Tennessee goes to Kentucky Tuesday night for a 7 o'clock battle with the Big Blue. Mississippi State should provide an easy test this coming Saturday afternoon at 4.

If the Vols lose to the Bulldogs, Coach Martin will have to find the panic button. But I don't expect that to happen.

Basketball, like many sports, is a game of momentum. Shooters get on a hot streak. A team gets on a roll. Tennessee, which finished a surprising second place in the conference's

regular season race last year, has enough talent to turn things around, despite the loss of Jeron Maymon, who is being red-shirted this season.

Basketball also is a long season and a tournament sport. A team doesn't want to peak too soon. March, of course, is the best time to be running on all cylinders.

Jordan McRae was a bright sport in UT's recent two-game skid as he put together back-to-back 26-point outputs to secure a spot in the starting five. "Jordan's earned his way on," said Coach Martin, who also praised Jarnell Stokes and Yemi Makanjuola for their inside play against Ole Miss.

Tough man-to-man, half-court defensive play had been a strength of this season's team, although a 37-36 loss

to Georgetown and a 46-38 loss to Virginia wasn't very exciting in the eyes of many Vol fans, who would like to see Coach Martin turn up the heat and game tempo.

Most Tennessee fans still fondly remember former Coach Bruce Pearl's full-court pressure, which he referred to as "Controlled Chaos." In those days, denying in-bounds passes and forcing five-second violations were exciting. And TBA rocked each time the opponent was turned over.

Looking at this season's stat sheet would suggest a need for that kind of pressure. Through the first 13 games, Tennessee trailed its opponents in forcing turnovers 82 to 55.

Hopefully, the Vols' shooting will get better, too. They've been

making only 29 percent of their 3-point attempts and 67 percent of their free throws.

Meanwhile, the Lady Vols have been coming on strong, and the young team should keep getting better and better under first-year head coach Holly Warlick.

Their season started with that disappointing 80-71 loss at Chattanooga, but perhaps that was a blessing in disguise. They won seven in a row before bowing to mighty Baylor and Stanford, and now have won five straight, including SEC wins over South Carolina, Georgia and Missouri.

The Lady Vols played at Florida Sunday and will travel to Auburn Thursday before returning home to play Alabama on Sunday afternoon.

Bashaara Graves, a freshman forward/

center, has been among the Lady Vols' bright, young stars. Coach Warlick calls her "old school" and "a workhorse." Sophomore center Isabelle Harrison also has been very productive. "They're kind of our rock inside," said Warlick.

Veteran Taber Spani, who has battled injuries in her career, is having a good season and fellow senior Kamiko Williams is showing consistency. Junior Meghan Simmons continues to be a big scorer, particularly from the outside.

Look for the Lady Vols to add another SEC championship to their trophy case this season and be a tough out at tourney time.

In a nutshell, while the football season may be over, basketball season is not.

FOUR VOLS ENTERING NFL DRAFT

University of Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray, wide receivers Justin Hunter and Cordarrelle Patterson and defensive lineman Darrington Sentimore have informed head coach Butch Jones that they intend to declare for the 2013 NFL Draft and relinquish their final year of college eligibility.

A native of Kingsburg, Calif., Bray played in 28 games for the Vols from 2010-12, including 24 starts. He completed 540 of 922 passes for 7,444 career passing yards, 69 touchdowns and 28 interceptions and ranks fourth on the UT career lists in four passing categories: yards, completions, attempts, and touchdowns. Bray also finishes his Tennessee career ranked fourth in total offense at 7,237 yards.

In 2012, Bray completed 268 of 451 passes for 3,612 yards, 34 touchdowns and 12 interceptions, and his totals from last season rank him among the single-season leaders in touchdowns (2nd), yards (2nd), completions (3rd) and attempts (3rd). He also holds four of the top seven single-game passing yardage totals in UT history, including a school-record 530 yards against Troy in 2012.

Hunter, from Virginia Beach, Va., earned All-SEC Second Team honors from both league coaches and the Associated Press (AP) in 2012 after catching 73 passes for 1,083 yards and nine touchdowns. His 2012 totals rank him among the leaders in multiple UT single-season receiving categories, including receptions (tied for 2nd) and yards (3rd).

Hunter played in 28 games as a Vol, starting 17 and recording eight

100-yard receiving games. He caught 106 passes for 1,812 yards and 18 touchdowns during his Tennessee career, ranking 11th on the UT career list in receiving yards and tied for fifth in receiving touchdowns.

A native of Rock Hill, S.C., Patterson played one season for Tennessee, starting all 12 games and setting the school record for all-purpose yardage with 1,873 total yards. He earned First Team All-SEC honors by both league coaches and the AP as the all-purpose player and All-SEC Second Team accolades from league coaches as the return specialist.

Patterson caught 46 passes for 778 yards and five touchdowns while rushing 25 times for 323 yards and three touchdowns. He also returned four punts for 101 yards and one touchdown and 24 kickoffs for 671 yards and a touchdown. Patterson scored a touchdown via kickoff return, punt return, receiving, and rushing, joining Carl Pickens (receiving, KR, PR, INT) as the only players in Tennessee history to score a touchdown four different ways in a career. Patterson is one of three Vols to score via both kickoff and punt return in the same season and one of only four to do so in a UT career, and his 275 all-purpose yards against Mississippi State in 2012 are the second-most in a game in school history.

Sentimore played in all 12 games for the Vols in 2012, starting nine and recording 18 tackles, 4.0 sacks, and 5.0 tackles for loss. He also recorded six quarterback hurries and recovered one fumble for Tennessee.

Catholic names Matthews football coach

By Ken Lay

Steve Matthews has wasted little time finding a home at Catholic High School.

"All the people that I've met here have been extremely supportive and I can't wait to build a program that the Catholic community can be proud of," said Matthews, who was recently named the Irish's new football coach.

Matthews, 42, replaces Scott Meadows, who left the school following the 2012 season. He was named to coach Catholic the same week that Meadows was named Pigeon Forge's new coach.

Matthews is a native of Tullahoma. He, however, is no stranger to East Tennessee. Matthews was a backup quarterback at the University of Tennessee in 1990 before transferring to Memphis State (now the University of Memphis) where he shattered the Tigers' passing records.

"I can't wait to get started," said Matthews, who officially joins Catholic's faculty in April. "We have good players.

"It's going to be a challenge but it was an opportunity that was too good to turn down," said Matthews, who has spent the last three seasons at Murfreesboro's Siegel High School.

He was wooed by other schools but he chose to take the Catholic job, despite a rigorous interview process.

"I had other schools contact me," said Matthews, who was once drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs. "But

this is the only resume that I sent in.

"The interview process was hard but this was the only school that I contacted. I really loved the people that I met and I thought it was a good place. You can just feel the spirit here. It's a great atmosphere."

Football has always been a part of life for Matthews. He was a quarterback at Tullahoma High School before a stellar college career. He played for three NFL teams, including the Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars and Tennessee Titans.

He's coached high school football in the Nashville area and spent three years as an assistant in the Arena Football League, which included stints in Nashville, Albany and Memphis.

"Football is always on my mind," said Matthews, who will continue to teach in Murfreesboro until April. His attention, at least on the gridiron, is focused solely on the Irish. "We're going to start [spring] practice on April 29 and we're going to try to get a scrimmage," he said. "Our spring game will be on May 15 and I'm really looking forward to that."

Away from the game, Matthews enjoys spending time with his family. He and his wife Carole have two children. Stephen is two and Luke arrived just over two weeks ago.

He also enjoys college football and University of Memphis basketball. He's also had a keen eye on this year's NFL Playoffs. Green Bay Packers coach Mike McCarthy was his quarterback coach in Kansas City.

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The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will continue its Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series on January 24 & 25 with Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto. The KSO welcomes guest conductor Toshiyuki Shimada and guest pianist Gleb Ivanov to this performance, sponsored by Dalen & Thermal Label Warehouse. The concerts will take place at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 24 & Friday, January 25 at the Tennessee Theatre.

Musical selections include Tchaikovsky's Polonaise from Eugene Onegin, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 - "Emperor," and Schumann's Symphony No. 3 - "Rhenish."

Featured pianist Gleb Ivanov joins the KSO to perform Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto, the last piano concerto written by Beethoven in 1811. Mr. Ivanov comes from a family of musicians and also plays the clarinet and the accordion. He graduated from the Moscow Conservatory in 2005, where

his teachers included the renowned Lev Naumov. Moving to the United States after winning the Young Concert Artists Auditions, Ivanov earned his Master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music, working with Nina Svetlanova. While a student in Russia, he performed with the Moscow State Orchestra, in the Great Hall at Moscow Conservatory, with the Kremlin Orchestra, and at the Pushkin, Glinka, and Scriabin Museums in Moscow.

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'Treasures of the Turkomen' Exhibit Opens at UT McClung Museum Jan. 18

Elaborate silver, gilt jewelry, carpets and textiles from the Turkomen tribes of Iran, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan are the focus of a new exhibit, which opens Jan. 18 at the Frank H. McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The exhibit, "Splendid Treasures of the Turkomen Tribes from Central Asia," runs through May 12. It features more than 50 objects hand-crafted by the semi-nomadic Turkomen peoples, jewelry made of precious metals and semi-precious stones, and woven rugs and colorful textiles created in the late-19th to mid-20th centuries.

A free program for families will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23.

Originally from Mongolia, the Turkomen are one of the major ethnic groups of Central Asia. Traditionally, they were semi-nomadic, migrating with the seasons to find pasture and fertile land. This lifestyle meant wealth had to be easily portable. Jewelry and textiles represented a form of wealth and were used for special festivities as well as daily adornment.

The designs are drawn from Turkomen mythological interpretations of the natural world, as well as Islamic art, and are an important window into the world of tribal identity.

Jewelry served as a marker of social position. Headdresses, ornaments and other pieces were given at significant occasions such as weddings or births and were often worn to indicate marital status. Jewelry also served as a talisman—some ornaments were purported to have special properties to keep the wearer safe.

Turkomen dress was frequently noted for its rich, decorative qualities—clothing was often decorated with exquisite embroidery and made of hand-woven silk. When combined with the lavish use of jewelry, it created a striking effect.

Textiles played a diverse role in Turkomen culture, serving not only decorative and utilitarian functions in the form of pillows, floor coverings and doors, but also ceremonial and religious purposes. Weavings were not only light and transportable, but



Amulet Breastplate: First worn by a woman at her wedding, the jewelry is common across all Turkomen tribes. The tube portion of the piece is hollow to hold written prayers or other sacred objects.

were made of readily available wool from their own flocks of sheep. Later, these rugs and weavings became an important source of income as they became popular in Europe and Russia.

Today, Turkomen jewelry and textiles continue to be celebrated for their quality, distinctive colors and decorative patterns.

UT's exhibition was organized by the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the State Art Museum of Florida and Florida State University. The exhibit's jewelry was collected by Stephen Van C. Wilberding when he was a senior adviser to the Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency and donated to the Ringling Museum of Art.

The McClung Museum has complemented the jewelry selection with textiles and rugs from Knoxville collector Judy Stewart and the Persian Galleries.

Splendid Treasures is sponsored by UT's Ready for the World initiative, BarberMcMurry Architects and the Aletha and Clayton Brodine Museum Fund.

The museum is located at 1327 Circle Park Drive. Free two-hour museum parking passes are available from the parking information building at the entrance to Circle

Park Drive. The museum's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about the McClung Museum and its collections and exhibits, visit <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu>.

Arts & Culture Alliance Hosts Presentation by Fiber Artist Fritz Massaquoi

The Arts & Culture Alliance is pleased to announce a monthly series featuring artists showcasing their work and discussing their inspirations and processes. The next presentation takes place on Wednesday, January 16, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with artist Fritz Massaquoi. Fritz Massaquoi is a resident multi-media artist in the Emporium and a fixture in Knoxville's arts community. His artistic talents include vibrant paintings of African village life, colorful abstractions inspired by his interest in modern dance, weavings, embroidered African clothing, and more. Massaquoi, the son of a Liberian tribal chief, left his home country in 1990 due to civil war and came to the United States as a political refugee. Massaquoi studied agriculture, education, and psychology at Iowa State and the University of Colorado at Boulder in the 1940s and 1950s. He worked for one year with UNESCO and 25 years in both Liberia and Sweden for LAMCO, a Swedish mining company. His interest in art began when he was called upon to teach weaving, photography, ceramics, woodworking, batik and silk screening at LAMCO's community center in Liberia. A self-taught painter and textile artist, he works in batik, tie-dye, weaving, painting and handmade papers. He took several

courses at the California College of Arts & Craft in Oakland and received a certification to teach art in the schools. While in Knoxville, he occupied studio space in the Eleventh Street artists colony before moving to the Emporium Center. His works are on display throughout the community.

The series, entitled "Time Well Spent: Inspiration at Lunch", is free and open to the public, and guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch. The interactive presentations will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Emporium Center, 100 S. Gay Street, in downtown Knoxville. Parking is available at metered spots on the Gay Street viaduct or in the parking lot on Jackson Avenue caddy-corner from the Emporium. More information is available at www.knoxalliance.com/time.html.

Upcoming presentations in the "Time Well Spent" series (Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.):

February 13 - Dennis Sabo, photography

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GFWC Ossoli Circle Club Meeting

GFWC Ossoli Circle – Coffee, 9:45 a.m. Monday, January 14, Ossoli Clubhouse, 2511 Kingston Pike, “Focus: A Prison Ministry” by Steve Humphreys of Central Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m., “Public Issues” by Mayor Tim Burchett at 11:30 a.m.

Homeownership Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting a three-session Homeownership Workshop on January 15, 17 and 19, 2013, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. The workshop, which is open to anyone preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA and THDA loans. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Training Fee: \$20. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org.

Interview Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: “Interviews: Talk Your Way into a Job” on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call 865-524-5511.

Project Wear & Share

Throughout the month of February, Goodwill-Industries Knoxville is partnering up with local dry cleaners to help collect donations. Patrons of local dry cleaners will have the convenience of dropping off their donations of gently used clothing, when they drop off or pick up their laundered items.

The proceeds from the sales of the donated clothing go toward Goodwill and its efforts to provide vocational services and employment opportunities to individuals with barriers to employment.

For more information about Project Wear & Share and a list of participating dry cleaners, please call Goodwill at 865-588-8567 or visit www.gwiktn.org.

Sterchi Elementary School

Sterchi's 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance will be January 25, 6:30-8:30, at the Sterchi Ballroom. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.

Faith New Beginnings

A new year serves as a time of new beginnings. It is a good time for fresh starts. Fitness centers capitalize on this in membership promotions. Companies that market products to aid in the cessation of smoking likewise know the significance of the New Year as smokers attempt to stop that habit. Diet books and products to aid in weight loss advertise heavily due to resolutions to lose those extra pounds gained over the year or years. People this time of year are thinking seriously about needed changes in their lives and prepared to spend lots of money in helping achieve their goals.

The New Year for me, personally, serves as a time to reflect on the past year but to also set goals for the New Year. I have given thought to what I want to teach my family in our daily devotional time. I have given thought to what areas of struggle in my life I need to fully surrender to Christ. I have given thought to how I can be a better preacher, husband, father, and friend. I have given thought to getting back to the gym more regularly for cardio fitness. But having thoughts on these things are meaningless unless they are put into action.

The problem with most resolutions is that they don't last. We start off with great intentions, but end up falling short. This leads to disappointment, frustration with our lack of self-control or will power, and giving up on trying again.

My first advice is to not give up. Don't ever stop trying again. Our God is an expert at loving and forgiving. So, the next time you fall short of your goals, ask for forgiveness, experience God's grace, and begin anew. You don't have to wait until Jan. 1, 2014, to begin again.

Second, quit trying to achieve

your goals by yourself. Give up and let God take over. It is only by His Spirit that you will have power to do anything good. Pray, pray, and pray some more. When the urge to eat that fattening food that your body is craving comes, pray. When the urge to hit that link on the computer to watch that inappropriate image or video, pray. When your body is craving the nicotine, pray. When the alarm goes off early to hit the gym but your mind says hit the snooze, pray and then get up.

In order for a new habit to take hold, most experts say you need to do something consistently for 90 days. This means for three months, you have got to purposefully stay with it in order for the new action to become a habit or routine. Share your goals with someone who can support you and hold you accountable. Doing something with the help of someone else will be of a tremendous help to your success.

God's richest blessings on all of you this New Year!

Second, quit trying to achieve

Gospel is greatest offense to state-run church

There's a new church emerging in America. It's the one your founding fathers feared most. The religion that is rearing its head in the 21st century bears little resemblance to the one protected by the First Amendment. There is no protection for this one. Or from it.

America now has what amounts to a state religion. Its beliefs are determined and shaped entirely by the secularist views of an ever-decaying culture. This has not happened overnight. America began as an almost exclusively Christian nation with a tolerance for other religions. In the ensuing decades it became a more religiously tolerant society, but still with a strong Christian majority.

In the 20th century, however, an evolution began to take place in this country with accelerating speed. America rapidly morphed into a secular society with a tolerance for religion. Now, in the 21st, that tolerance is growing weary of Christianity.

The religion that shaped Western civilization and laid America's foundation is now the most reviled of all spiritual and social perspectives in our culture. The religion that has done more in the name of love and compassion than any other entity in history is now referred to by many as bigoted and hateful. The religion that was once protected by a “wall of separation” from the government is now being dictated to from the top of that very wall.

There really is no wall anymore. The federal government and those who swoon over its socialist agendas really couldn't care less what Bible-believing Christians think. The archaic moral code of the Judeo-Christian worldview is being replaced by a much friendlier set of beliefs. They are inventing a new, state



By Richie Beeler

brand of Christianity.

Never was this new religion more clearly on display than last week when the Christian pastor chosen to pray at President Obama's inauguration had to withdraw his name from the event. Atlanta-based evangelical pastor, Louie Giglio, had been invited by the President to offer the benediction at the ceremony, largely because of the relationship the two have developed over the issue of human trafficking. Giglio has helped spearhead efforts to end slavery across the globe during the past several years.

Those in the ideological center considered it a bit unusual that the most liberal president in our nation's history would extend such an invitation to a pastor who has always been identified as a Biblical conservative. Some on the right questioned whether Giglio should accept the invitation at all. The left pretty much threw a tantrum.

The liberal vetting machine quickly began researching everything they could find on Louie Giglio. And wouldn't you know it, they found something. Seems that fifteen years ago or so, Giglio preached a message (perhaps more than one) where he condemned the sin of homosexuality, stating that unrepentant homosexuals “will not inherit the kingdom of God.” That direct quotation from his message is also a direct quotation from Scripture. Believe it or not, it's the gospel. And it is that gospel that is the greatest threat to the new religion emerging in America.

After the sexual liberation and gay rights groups pitched their fits on the blogs and other media outlets, calling Giglio an “unrepentant bigot,” he withdrew himself from the event. I highly doubt the decision was completely voluntary.

There are two sinister forces at work here. One is the unabashed hypocrisy of the liberal left. What exactly did they expect an evangelical pastor to believe about homosexuality? The President - as many other chief executives before him have done - invited a Bible-believing Christian to pray at his inauguration. The left, rather than simply coming out and declaring “we hate Christians,” instead digs up something the guy has said about a clear Biblical moral mandate, and then reacts in shock and horror at his “bigoted” views.

This would be akin to inviting a Jewish rabbi to pray at a state luncheon, and then recoiling in outrage when he refuses to eat his ham sandwich. And just an interesting thought: I wonder if a Muslim imam were invited to pray, would he be so vehemently objected to by the left? I seriously doubt it. And let me assure you his views on homosexuality would be more stringent than Louie Giglio's.

But the other issue is more dangerous even than hypocrisy. It is the idea that the government, along with the secular culture it represents, are now mandating to Christians what a Christian must believe. Granted, a pastor has no Constitutional right to pray at a presidential inauguration unless invited. But now, even with an invitation, he cannot bring his own Christianity with him. It must be checked at the door and repackaged as the new state brand, with a much more manageable and inclusive morality.

Interestingly, President Obama will be placing his hand on not one, but two Bibles during his swearing in ceremony. One belonged to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. while the other was the Bible of Abraham Lincoln. I'm pretty sure both Bibles contain the Book of Romans, as well as the twenty-seventh verse of its first chapter.

I wonder if the left has vetted that?

Church Happenings

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Knoxville, welcomes everyone to attend the CAYAC service, Come As You Are in Christ, a more contemporary worship Lutheran service, conducted Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the recently renovated Fellowship Hall with a new sound system. CVLC is located at 4110 Central Avenue Pike and there is ample parking in front and behind both buildings. For more information, please call the church office at 687-6622.

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet January 15, 2013 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Jacoby Yarbrou will be the guest speaker.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Regular weekly activities have resumed on Mondays through Fridays of each week.

The Wednesday evening

fellowship meal has now resumed at 5:30 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m. by small group studies on various Biblically based topics. Please make dinner reservations either on Sunday's attendance slips or notify the office by noon Tuesdays.

The middle school youth (so-signed up beforehand) depart Thursday, January 18 for Resurrection 2013 in Gatlinburg, TN. They return Sunday morning. High school Resurrection is the following weekend.

Saturday, January 19 brings the “Groundskeepers” fellowship and work group gathering at 9 a.m. for a couple of hours of outdoor cleanup and fix up activities around the outside of the church buildings and in and around the lawn/garden areas.

Next Sunday, Jan. 20, the 2013 Confirmation Classes begin for middle school youth grades 6th - 8th. Contact Rev. Darren Kitts for details and sign-ups.

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Rock your world and your garden



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

Southern garden writer Elizabeth Lawrence wrote: "All gardeners become rock gardeners if they garden long enough." Gardening is an art, she explained, and rock gardening is the purest, most personal of all forms of horticulture. Rocks anchor the garden to the earth. Rocks are the bones of the garden, on which to hang the heavenly flesh of green growth and flowers. They make a subtle backdrop for star performers. You can sit on them and take a moment's rest. They don't need sun or shade, water or pruning, pest control or fertilizer. They ask for nothing but the proper site to show off their quiet charm.

There are a few tips and rules for rock gardening and we will explore those. Use one large, dominant rock with several smaller ones in your grouping. One of the smaller rocks might be two-thirds the size of the major stone, another half the size, another about a third the size. Groups that look best have an odd number of stones: three, five, seven. They become a scattering instead of a coherent group. Use rocks of the same kind and color, these look more natural in the garden. View the group from where you'll most often see it and then balance the rocks in the grouping and also arrange the

balanced rocks in two dimensions. Make sure the rocks are bottom heavy. Rocks look most natural with their heaviest end partially submerged in the ground. Turn the rocks so that the most interesting sides are where they'll be most frequently seen. For example an interesting patina should be given prominence.

Rock gardens can turn grassy areas and awkward, difficult-to-mow slopes into a low-maintenance landscape. A rock garden can seamlessly blend into your landscape and appear that it has always been there. Once you have your rocks in place, let them settle for a week or two before planting your plants.

The fun part is about to begin ---selecting and planting your plants in your rock garden. Plants appropriate for rock gardens are dwarf or slow growing. They should probably grow no more than 12 inches tall and (here subjectivity comes in) look natural in a garden setting. To help you out, observe a rocky terrain with wild plants growing on it. You probably won't find a hodge-podge of plants but what you probably will find are large patches of low-growing plants. If you like creeping phlox, for example, but never know where to put it, your problem is now solved: a rock garden would be a perfect place to plant creeping phlox.

"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses."

Hanna Rion

Plants suitable for beginner rock gardeners include Primulus Vulgaris (English Primrose) which grow 6-12 inches tall, like light shade, bloom in mid-to-late spring, bloom in a pale yellow or bright yellow and like moist soil. They also are attractive to bees, butterflies and birds and their flowers are fragrant. Another good choice is Sedum Spurium (Two-row Stonecrop) which is grown as groundcover. It likes full sun, tolerates drought, is grown for its foliage which is evergreen and variegated, has a pink-to-rose/mauve bloom which blooms in mid-summer, is attractive to bees, butterflies and birds. Also suitable for rock gardens are dwarf bulbs and conifers, cyclamen, violas, ice plants, ferns and woodland plants.

"In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful."--Abram L. Urban



Surprise Sweet Potato Balls

2-3 lbs. sweet potatoes
2 eggs
Large marshmallows
Finely crushed cornflakes
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup light cream
1 tsp flour
½ tsp vanilla

Cook sweet potatoes in boiling water until done. Peel, mash fine. Add eggs, mix well. Form into balls around marshmallows and roll in cornflakes. Place in baking dish, being careful not to crowd. Bake in preheated 350° oven for about 10-15 minutes or until potato balls pop open. Mix brown sugar, cream, flour and vanilla in saucepan; bring to boil. Pour over potato balls. Keep warm in oven until served.

Strawberry Jell-o Salad

Crust
7 oz can Planters pretzels, crushed
3 TBS sugar
¾ cup melted margarine
Mix and press into a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 7 minutes.
Filling
8 oz package Piledelphia cream cheese
1 cup sugar
8 oz container Cool Whip
Have the cream cheese at room temperature and the Cool Whip thawed. Cream the cheese and suagr together well with a mixer. Add the Cool Whip and blend well. Spread mixture over the cooled pretzels and then refrigerate for 10 minutes.
Top Layer
2 pks strawberry Jello
1 ½ cup boiling water
24 oz (thawed) frozen strawberries with juice
20 oz can crushed pineapple, drained
Mix, pour over the cream cheese filling and refrigerate over night.

Great Cake Bake set for February 23

Calling all sugar artists. East Tennessee's fanciest cake competition is just around the corner. Knox County Public Library is showcasing the imagination with the help of a little flour, butter, and sugar. The fourth annual Great Cake Bake to benefit Imagination Library is set for 12 - 5 p.m. on February 23 in the Tennessee Terrace at UT's Neyland Stadium. All bakers and cake makers are invited to participate. To enter online, go to www.knoxlib.org/cakebake and fill out an easy registration form. Each entry costs \$12, which is the cost of sponsoring one child in Imagination Library for a year. Entries must be received by February 13 in order to be entered in the Great Cake Bake. Winners in each category and division will receive a trophy and bragging rights for an entire year! The public will vote on their favorite cake to find a People's Choice Winner. For more information about the Great Cake Bake, call (865) 215-8784.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Round Two!

The much anticipated Fountain City Auction 8th Annual Advertising Auction held Saturday, January 5 was bigger and better than ever.

On Friday, the day before, WBIR Channel 10 did a Live At Five production featuring the ever energetic reporter Stoney Sharp who was shown riding in a vintage coin operated child's car ride and whooping it up.

The house was packed, with many folks traveling from states away to attend this once a year bonanza of great toys and signs



By Carl Sloan

of all types and sizes. Two off-duty police officers were hired to direct traffic and parking and were as busy as a spiral sliced ham store.

The auction had over 550 lots to sell and went on for seven hours until all was sold. As usual for this event, folks coming with consignments even two weeks before the sale were turned away as the auction was booked to capacity. In the future, they suggest that your consignments for consideration be brought in at least six months in advance so they may be safely stored in

locked steel storage containers.

A major multi-estate sale of higher end items will be held Saturday, January 19 at noon. This sale will feature gold, jewelry, coins, outstanding sterling silver, a pair of Lalique France table lamps from the Edsel Ford estate in Detroit which have been stored since the late 1960s, fine art pottery, art glass, and a variety of high end items that you would not believe.

You can view the items for the Fountain City Auction January 19 sale by visiting AuctionZip.com. The sale is also hosted by Proxibid, the world's largest online auction service, so it will be a live online auction, as well as a public

auction. The preview will be held Friday, January 18 from 9 until 5 p.m.

I wish to thank our community for many of the super items consigned that make this sale a truly international event, especially those who have called me from my weekly column in The Focus. Many surprises were discovered of great interest and value and I had a great time visiting with all of you! I have truly enjoyed you folks having me out and sharing your stories, sweet tea and hospitality.

As always please call Fountain City Auction at (865)604-3468 for a quick and free assessment by phone, mail or in person by appointment.

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BULLETIN BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Executive Board Meeting, January 23, 2013.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, January 23, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Consideration of Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program, Election of Officers, Ranking of Highway Projects, Draft Application for Transportation Alternatives Program funding, Long Range Mobility Plan Update; and other business.

If you would like a complete agenda, please contact MPC at 215-2500 or see the TPO web site at www.knoxtrans.org. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact MPC at 215-2500 and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

Notice hereby given that unit contents stored at Eagle One Storage 821 Boyd's Creek Hwy Seymour, TN will be sold at public auction Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 10 am at this facility to satisfy owner's lien under section 66-31-105. Three Large Units As follows, 1 unit - Bethany Phillips; 2 units - Keith Bryant. Cash Only

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NOTICE OF SALE

Volunteers Portable Moving and Storage, hereby publishes notice, as required by Tennessee Self-Service Storage Facility Act (TN Stat. 66-31-101- 66-31-107) of a public sale of the property listed below to satisfy a landlords lien. All sales are for cash to the highest bidder and are considered final. Volunteers Portable Moving and Storage reserves the right to reject any bids,

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