

The Knoxville FOCUS

www.knoxfocus.com

INSIDE

B Business

C Sports

D Health & Home

MONDAY

January 30, 2012

FREE- Take One!

Phone: 865-686-9970 | Fax: 865-686-9966 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 2620 Cedar Lane across from Historic Fountain City Lake

McMillan discusses new gym for Carter Middle

By Focus Staff



Mike McMillan

Mike McMillan, the Eighth District's member of the Knox County Board of Education, discussed the new gym for Carter Middle School, at a recent meeting of the Eighth District Republican Club.

McMillan had gotten an email letter from Carter Middle School Coach Mike

Wyatt about the proposed new gym and McMillan immediately replied with a detailed report on the project. McMillan has been working on this project for sometime; funding will come from the \$5 million set aside for Carter Elementary and Middle Schools.

Originally, the Knox

County Commission did not approve the \$5 million for capital improvements. After both the Board of Education and the Knox County Commission approved the money, approximately \$2.75 million will go toward building a new gymnasium at Carter Middle School.

"When Coach Wyatt contacted me, I thought I ought to go ahead and let folks know just where

we are with this project," McMillan said. "Coach Wyatt told me some folks had been asking him about it."

McMillan explain unless the project is somehow delayed, it should be approved sometime in May of this year. The matter must once again go before both the Board of Education and Knox County Commission for approval. McMillan said he doesn't

foresee any difficulty with either body approving the project.

"I don't anticipate any trouble," McMillan said, "but I am going to keep on my toes and will do everything I can to move it along."

Since first being elected as the Eighth District's representative on the Knox County Board of Education, McMillan has developed a reputation for

promptly responding to all constituent inquiries and requests. McMillan has also kept a close eye on all projects and needs for the Eighth District.

"Obviously, I want to make sure we get our fair share of all improvements and projects," McMillan said. "That is true for the entire district and not just one segment of the district."

Mabel Wolfe Acuff Beloved Educator for 43 Years

By Ralphine Major
ralphine3@yahoo.com

I had heard my father mention her name countless times over the years before I even met her. Many folks in the Corryton Community still remember her decades of dedication to students. Today, she is 98 years old and will be 99 in May. When I called her, she invited me to come to her home so we could talk in person. It was an honor and a joy to be in the presence of this lady who is still loved and remembered by so many. As if preparing a lesson plan, she was organized and well prepared with her own pen and notes in anticipation of questions I might ask. Her name, the one I heard so many times growing up, is Mabel Acuff.

Mabel Wolfe attended Corryton Elementary School where her mother taught during World War II. (This is the school featured in my

WORKERS REMEMBERED



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

HENLEY STREET BRIDGE MEMORIAL WALK. Members of the community cross the pedestrian bridge by Volunteers Landing during Tuesday's Memorial Walk and Candlelight Gathering. The event was held to raise awareness for worker safety, as well as remembering the lives of John Womac and Solin Estrada-Jimenez who were killed in 2011 while reconstructing the Henley Street Bridge. The event was sponsored by Jobs with Justice of East Tennessee, Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee, Ironworkers' Union Local 384, the Laborers' Union Local 818, and other community and religious organizations.

Continue on page 2

The Wheels on the Bus

By Dan Andrews
andrewsd@knoxfocus.com

Not too long ago, I chanced to meet a wheelchair bound Knox Area Transit rider who, during the course of a discussion, informed me that some KAT bus drivers are rude, disrespectful and often try to avoid handicapped riders because of extra work involved with strapping in these passengers securely.

As a journalist, I felt I had a moral obligation to investigate. I met with both my publisher and editor and we decided the best approach would be to go undercover and follow wheelchair riders throughout the day. What I learned while undercover is how deeply complex the issue is and how delicate the

balancing act is that occurs on the bus everyday.

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, I met Mrs. Moss, who uses the assistance of a wheelchair, at the John Duncan Jr Transit Center to begin our tour of downtown via KAT trolleys. The first thing I noticed as we prepared to board was that the bus driver singled out Mrs. Moss by asking "what stop are you going to?" It felt a little cold and Mrs. Moss asked me to take note of how normal passengers were not asked the same question. She stated that she just wanted to go around and had no exact stop in mind. The bus driver then radioed it in to headquarters and then began the effort to fasten in Mrs. Moss, which soon

became a frustrating task for all involved.

The bus driver initially tried to use a standard strap in technique which involves wrapping the handicap seat belt around the arm of the wheelchair. Mrs. Moss insisted the driver not do that. According to Mrs. Moss, when the belt is wrapped around the arm, the vibrations and stress from the tension will eventually break the high tech components in the arm. She went on to explain that many times such wear and tear is not covered in the warranty and that the handicapped, who are often on fixed income, have to shell out big money of their own to fix the wheelchair.

Continue on page 3



COURTESY OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DIGITAL ARCHIVES COLLECTION.

Public transportation has a rich history in the Knoxville area. The system dates back to 1876. During that time street cars of the Knoxville Street Railway Company were pulled by horses and mules along tracks on Gay Street.

LOOK FOR THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS AT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PILOT STORE



Fountain City Auction
4109 Central Ave Pike | Knoxville, TN 37912
604-3468

HUGE COUNTRY, PRIMITIVE & ANTIQUE AUCTION
SATURDAY
FEB. 4TH, 2012
AT 10:00 A.M.

TAL #2204 TFL #5223

WE BUY ESTATES

Superior Cleaners

Polo Shirts \$3.99

Expires 02-03-12

687-6187 3000 Tazewell Pike
Dry Clean Only Must Present Coupon at Time of Drop-Off.

My sister, my friend

By Lillian Garrett Bean

There are many words to describe a sister, all of them delightful. In a lot of ways, we are as alike as peas in a pod. In others, we are as different as daylight and darkness. We lay in the same womb, nursed at the same breast and were raised in the same house by the same loving mother.

A sister is a friend, a special gift, a blessing from God. There is no other relationship like the one with a sister. She is not your mom, your grandma, your daughter, your best friend or your aunt — she is your sister and all the others combined

We were dirt poor growing up at the Old Garrett Homeplace, but we didn't know it because everyone was. When Daddy died in 1952 at the age of 45, Mama (age 34), was left with three girls to raise (ages 7, 9 and 11). I honestly don't know how she did it. Her main goal in life was to feed, clothe and educate us, as well as to keep us together. We genuinely had love — the love for each other, the love of God, a loving Mother and loving relatives, friends and neighbors — who deeply cared.

We had to help Mama — working in the tobacco and corn fields, as well as in the garden — when in the summer, Mama would literally can hundreds of jars of food, thinking that we might starve in the winter months. We might gripe about having to help, but Mama would always say that what we canned would definitely “beat a snowball in the wintertime.” We raised chickens, had plenty of eggs, had cows that gave plenty of milk and raised our own hogs that produced tenderloin, hams and sausage.

Now there were lots of fun times, too. Of course everybody had an outside toilet and invariably, on a hot and humid day, when you went, you didn't tarry long you were in a hurry to get outta' there. Now there was a big walnut tree not far from the toilet, and about the time you were to come out whammmmm — someone would start throwing walnuts at the door. Of course, I never did that. And then, there were many corn cob fights out in the barnyard. Now understand — we didn't have all the toys Savannah, Tommy and Olivia have today, so we made with what we had.

No matter if it were raining, sleeting, snowy or sunshiney, it was Ann's job to help Mama milk the cows — Morning and night. Ann would get bored sometimes and started trying her luck at hitting the old cat's

mouth. Mama would scold her and say she was being wasteful. So I got tired of Ann's always getting to milk all the time, so I decided to try my luck. So I sat down on Daddy's old milkstool (on the wrong side of the cow). Needless to say, I never hit the old cat's mouth for that cow kicked me on the shoulder, knocking me clear across the hallway of the barn, nearly knocking me out. Needless to say, I got to sleep in the “upper room” where guests slept when they came to visit. I never tried that again.

Ann and Charlsie never had kids. They considered mine and Richard's three children as their own. And when Garrett, Sara and Rebecca were growing up and got sick, I could always count on Mama, Charlsie and Ann to come to Knoxville to help me out — even in the middle of the night.

When I had double knee replacement surgery in '98, Charlsie took off from work and stayed with me at St. Mary's until I came home. Then later, I came to Charlsie's and truly enjoyed her good cooking.

When Mama died in 1992, I thought my world would end. But when Ann died two years ago, Charlsie and I left our hearts with her there at Holston Valley Hospital in Kingsport. That was the longest trip back home on such a rainy, gloomy day. Charlsie and I would have to stop and just cry numerous times before we got back.

Charlsie has been granted her wish. She has repeatedly told me that she prayed each night since Bill's death nine years ago that God would take her to be with Bill. Oh, to have that kind of love for each other.

Charlsie and Bill didn't have children, but they helped to raise ours and then our grandchildren Samantha, Savannah, Tommy and Olivia.

She was always there for those she loved and was a true friend to all who knew her. You NEVER had to wonder where you stood with Charlsie. Some of her words would cut you to the bone. She loved the Tennessee Volunteers, Conway Twitty, Elvis and the Gaithers. Richard Smith loaned her many of his Gaither videos, and on weekends when I came from Knoxville to spend the weekend with her, she and I truly enjoyed watching them. While she was in the hospital those 43 days, here comes Richard with the VCR — along with some 12 or 15 videos, so she could watch them. Even though she didn't watch them, she could

Continue on page 4

Mabel Wolfe Acuff

Cont. from page 1
Focus column, 11-7-2011, “Young Leader Emerges in Corryton Controversy.”) Jim Wolfe Road was named after her father; and at the time, the road was not even graveled. Her family gave the gravel from a quarry near their home place. At Gibbs High School, Professor H. G. Loy, who served as principal and guidance counselor, told Mabel she had won a scholarship to Milligan College—a Christian college near Johnson City. After graduating in a class of thirty from Gibbs in 1930, Mabel attended Milligan for two years before transferring to

fire at Gibbs. The school was completely destroyed by the first fire in 1937. The second fire in 1950 partially destroyed the building that is Gibbs High School today. The piano in Mrs. Acuff's home is a reminder of her love of music. During her teaching career, she even found time to serve as organist at Little Flat Creek Baptist Church. This music teacher who began her career as Miss Wolfe became Mrs. Acuff, the English teacher, along the way. She met Herbert Acuff on a tennis court on Washington Pike. After his service in the Army during World War II, Herbert served

in Vietnam and returned home as a First Lieutenant. The wars not only touched Mrs. Acuff's family, but also her classroom. Many young men left high school to serve their country. After World War II, they returned to Mrs. Acuff's classroom to finish their studies and get their diploma. At nearly 99 years old, she even remembers her parents taking her and her brother to the parade when World War I was over.

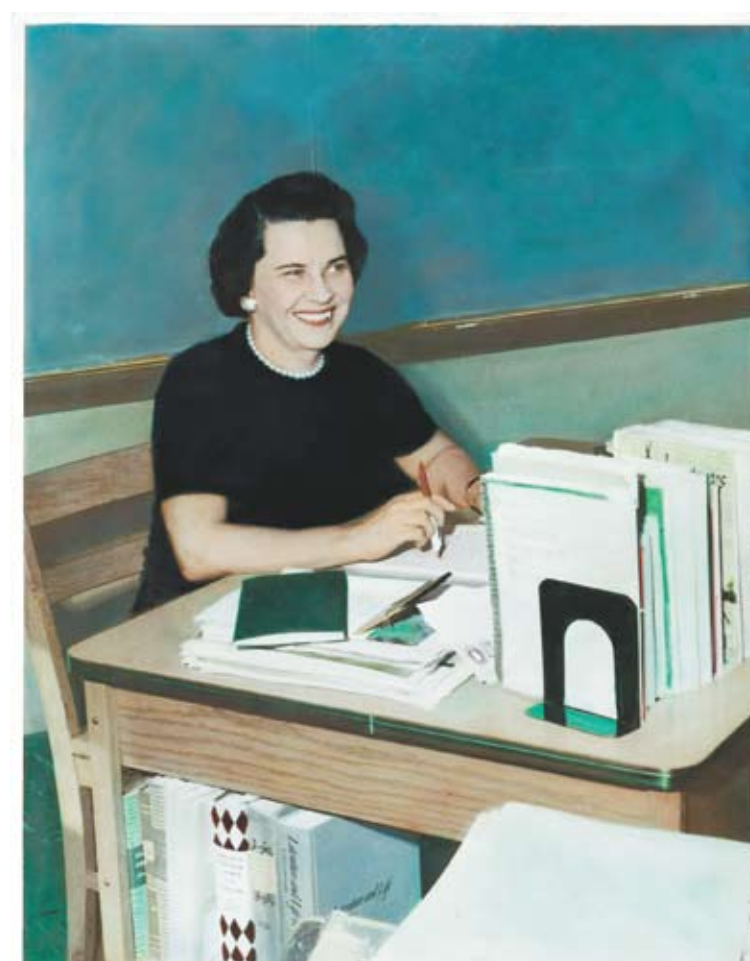
Mrs. Acuff retired from public education in 1978, ending a 43-year career as well as night-time meetings in guidance counseling, student-parent conferences,

Lue and Miss Sue,” appeared in my Focus column on 10-24-2011. Many teachers went on to become deans of colleges across the nation. Two students won General Neyland Scholarships at UT which amounted to \$4,000 each. She saw many students go off to war and come back to receive government-paid tuition to attend college. Mrs. Acuff remembers attending a UT football game at Neyland Stadium and seeing diaper hanging out in front of Ayres Hall! The hillside was covered with mobile homes belonging to young soldiers and their families. “They had returned home from World War II and were taking advantage of their free tuition,” Mrs. Acuff said. Today, it seems an unlikely sight for the beautiful building on “The Hill” that is widely recognized as the University's landmark.

After all the years that have passed, Mrs. Acuff still remembers her former students' names, and they certainly remember her. I was amazed to hear her tell how many of them send her cards, come to visit when they are in the area, take her out to dinner, and even take her to doctor's appointments. Their actions now speak volumes about her actions back then. It also “tells” me that her love of teaching was truly genuine. “I always wanted to be a teacher,” she said. “Life is too short to spend it being unhappy.” This valuable advice comes from someone who has lived almost an entire century! It is advice she also gave to both of her grandsons. She is still “teaching,” and we can still learn. The fascinating facts in Mrs. Acuff's life are simply amazing. I agree with one of her former students who sent a letter telling that she had taught her so many things not in books. Mrs. Acuff thought she was referring to her Niagara Falls and World's Fair trip to New York when she shared with students about her life experiences.

Though Mrs. Acuff is not working in the school system these days, she worries about children having to wait on the bus in the dark, thinks teachers can learn so much more about a student by visiting in the home, and does not believe parents stand behind the teachers like they did when she was teaching.

After spending an afternoon with Mrs. Acuff and hearing what a rewarding life she has had, I can understand why my father rattled off her name as though she were a member of the household. Obviously, she has endeared herself to so many students through the years. This remarkable lady's lessons in life go way beyond grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. It is no wonder former students still keep in touch with her. Focus readers who know this beloved teacher may want to drop her a note. She would be happy to hear from them.



Mabel Acuff shown in the role for which she is so well known in a picture her late husband had made for her.

The University of Tennessee (UT) where she graduated in 1934. With a double major in English and history, she would spend the next 43 years of her life's work in school doing what she loved.

Mabel's first three years of teaching were at John Sevier starting in 1934. She was one of four teacher, plus a janitor and a cook. (John Sevier, Arminda, and Skaggston Schools were later combined to form the current Northeast Knox School.) The next two years were spent teaching third and fourth grades at Corryton. The remaining 38 years were at Gibbs—the smallest high school in the county at that time. Mabel taught music in first through twelfth grades. When it came time to practice for the operettas, she would drive to pick up students; and after practice, she would drive them home. There were no insurance or consent forms to have signed. She chuckled and admitted that such practices would not be possible today. But then, it just seemed like the logical thing to do. Money raised from the operettas was used to buy a piano for the school. The piano was burned in the second

as Director of Knox County Central Accounting Office. My brother reminded me that the Acuffs were related to Union County native and legend Roy Acuff. I asked her, and it is true. Herbert and Roy were first cousins; their fathers were brothers.

In 1961, Mabel Acuff became the first Guidance Counselor at Gibbs High School after taking additional course work at UT and becoming certified in seven areas. This special teacher, who always guarded her roll book, left the classroom just before her son, Gary, would have become one of her students. While at UT, Gary dropped band, where he played first trumpet, and joined the ROTC in order to graduate. At graduation, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the ROTC at UT and soon left for a year in Vietnam. Although they were in different wars, Gary and his father both served in the same Signal Corps division of the Army. Herbert entered World War II as a Private and worked in the telephone section where he helped to string phone wires; he returned home as a Master Sergeant. Gary served in the radio section

years have not dimmed her attitude or her energy. She continues to drive herself to places in the community, attends a weekly prayer group, and teaches an adult Sunday School class at Little Flat Creek Baptist Church. I marvel at her today. Mrs. Acuff gets around without any major problems, her mind is extremely sharp, and she is still very articulate. In fact, she can recall names, dates, and events better than some who are half her age.

Mrs. Acuff shared her love of travel and recounted her three trips to Europe, one of which lasted five weeks! She stayed in beautiful Shoenburg Castle (a place once used to rob people) along the Rhine River in Germany; crossed the Swiss Alps in a double-decker bus, and visited Paris and Italy. She has also seen Mexico, Canada, and most of the United States. Mrs. Acuff is the last living graduate of her high school class and has been interviewed by Milligan College as one of its longest living former students on record. Mrs. Acuff can remember much about her former students. She has taught ministers, doctors, lawyers, and many teachers. Two of those teachers, “Miss

The Knoxville FOCUS
Your Community. Your Newspaper.

Proudly independently owned and operated.
Published by Fountain Printing and Publishing, Inc.

Deadline for ad design is Monday at 5 p.m.
Deadline for Classified ads is Thursday at noon.
Deadline for submissions is Thursday by noon.

Articles, announcements, photo attachments and cutlines may be submitted by e-mail to staff@knoxfocus.com.

Publisher Steve Hunley
Editor, Art Director Marianne Dedmon
editor@knoxfocus.com, design@knoxfocus.com

Sports sports@knoxfocus.com
Office, Classifieds **Rose King**
staff@knoxfocus.com
Sales sales@knoxfocus.com
Pam Poe phpoe2000@yahoo.com
Tasha Mahurin mahurint@knoxfocus.com
Bill Wright wrightb@knoxfocus.com

Articles designated as written by Focus Staff are the collaborative efforts of several staff members and are reviewed and approved by the editor and the publisher.

The Focus would like to thank all contributing writers. Submissions from our writers are gratis and are greatly appreciated. While articles are not guaranteed placement, we do strive to place as much as possible. Submissions for the paper are on a space available basis and are subject to publisher and editor approval.

We want your news: that is what makes this paper truly a community newspaper. OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS EDITION ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHORS AND NEITHER THESE NOR ANY MATERIAL PUBLISHED HEREIN REPRESENT ENDORSEMENT BY THE FOCUS.

Advertising: The Focus is not responsible for errors in an advertisement if not corrected by the first week after the ad appears. This newspaper is not responsible or liable whatsoever for any claim made by an ad or for any of the services, products or opportunities offered by our advertisers. We do not endorse or promote the purchase or sale of any product, service, company or individual that chooses to advertise in this newspaper and we reserve the right to refuse any or all advertising we deem inappropriate or unacceptable by our company standards. Political advertising must be pre-paid. The Focus does not accept ads that defame any candidate. All political ad content must be pre-approved prior to its run in the paper.

865-686-9970 www.knoxfocus.com
PO BOX 18377 | Knoxville, Tennessee 37928
Located at 2620 Cedar Lane

Publisher's Position

Throwing the Baby Out With the Bath Water



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
publisher@knoxfocus.com

Recently the Knoxville News-Sentinel published an editorial pointing to the problems in the Trustee's office as further evidence the Charter Review Committee needs to revamp county government. The Sentinel has been quite voluble on the subject of changing most of the "fee" offices in county government from elected positions to appointed. It appears the Sentinel has renewed its campaign to accomplish what it could

not at the ballot box. Knox County voters, by a very large majority, insisted they wanted to keep most county offices as elected positions. The Sentinel supported the notion of making these appointed offices rather than elected. Now they are using Trustee John J. Duncan, III as an excuse to revisit a losing cause.

Certainly neither *The Focus* nor I condone any wrong doing by public officials or anyone else for that matter. Yet, the Sentinel has managed to ignore several gaping holes in their stated logic. While some County Commissioners have grumbled the definitions and duties of these same offices are "vague," they are in many instances required by state law. The Charter Review Committee can tinker all they like, yet whatever the result, local law cannot supersede state law.

Presumably, the Sentinel would have the County Mayor appoint these officials and perhaps they have been quick to forget the administration of Mike Ragsdale. Several Ragsdale appointees and employees were forced to pay back monies for questionable purchases and the like. Allowing the Mayor to appoint virtually every office in the government reposes all authority in that same mayor and presumes whomever is mayor is a person of the highest integrity and ability - - - yet must be popularly elected. Why not simply allow the County Commission to hire a professional county manager? The county manager could make the appointments and the Commissioners can attempt to micromanage every aspect of government.

Mayor Ragsdale left office bragging he never raised our property taxes; he didn't mention leaving

the county a billion dollars in debt.

There is a process to remove dishonest public officials or those who have been guilty of wrong doing. There is even a process to remove a President of the United States; it's called impeachment. It isn't an easy process, nor should it be.

The Charter Review Committee has a host of problems to attempt to address and put before the people, not the least of which is the defined pension benefits granted employees of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, which was also approved by the voters. The burgeoning bill for those benefits has become a burden for the taxpayers.

The truth is most of the fee offices are run well and most stress service to constituents, the people who pay the bills. Certainly one could argue those public officials

are not overly beholden to special interests and lobbyists as the present County Commission seems unable or unwilling to do anything that might offend developers.

Knox County is a billion dollars in debt and officials have already speculated the pension payments are expected to grow, diverting dwindling resources from schools, roads, health care and every other aspects of local government. The state and federal governments still pass the buck to municipalities and county governments who are already struggling to keep their collective heads above water. It is easy to inflame public opinion over a few thousand dollars, but it ignores the bigger picture and the very real problems which most of the County Commission would like to pretend aren't sitting in the room like an elephant pregnant with triplets.

The electoral process

isn't perfect and never will be, yet the Sentinel always seems to favor any process which eliminates the average citizen and taxpayer making choices and decisions as it relates to their own government. It would seem the Sentinel would prefer to leave resolving vexing questions of public policy to the elite or perhaps they simply believe the electorate is too stupid to choose wisely. The voters are going to get fooled occasionally; I certainly have been fooled before and probably will be again, but I prefer having the right to vote and be fooled than having someone else choose for me.

Vesting all power in a mayor and/or the County Commission isn't a real solution and should the people of Knox County choose to go that route, they will find that it will be a big mistake.

Comments? Please e-mail publisher@knoxfocus.com.

Wheels on the Bus

Cont. from page 1

The driver was becoming clearly frustrated in trying to correctly apply the tension hooks and safely lock for Mrs. Moss. A supervisor was called and, about five minutes later, a second KAT driver got on the bus and within two minutes correctly and safely installed the seat belt. He stated he had seen the scenario a day earlier on a similar wheelchair. He used a technique involving a movable floor peg after cleaning out the device on the floor. The bus driver stated she had never seen that technique used. KAT Supervisor Brenda Robinson came aboard and took note of the technique.

After we rode the trolley, we returned to the Transit Center where Supervisor Robinson was waiting for Mrs. Moss. She took pictures of Mrs. Moss's wheelchair and strap setup and was soon on the phone trying to correct the situation and find correct equipment.

After I saw how dedicated, friendly and professional Supervisor Robinson was to Mrs. Moss, I decided to identify myself as a reporter and ask a few questions. She smiled and took time out of her busy schedule to go over some questions of the trip I had observed.

My most prevalent question to her was, "why do handicapped riders get singled out and asked where they are going before they board the bus or trolley?" I had noted throughout the day that other passengers are not singled out.

Supervisor Robinson explained to me that KAT is aware that it takes extra time to strap in a handicapped rider. If a bus driver is taking the time to safely and correctly strap in a rider, then KAT wants to know this so that if the driver falls back on their scheduled time frame, a back up bus can be dispatched to the next location. It also allows KAT supervisors the ability to recognize that a delay is about to happen because the bus driver is hard at work and not slacking off. She also noted that bus stops often have different stop points to let the wheelchair rider off. This

is because of curb heights and curb cuts that make it safer for the wheelchair individual to more safely disembark the bus. Many stops require a precise location to stop and it is helpful for the driver to know in advance.

The process of strapping in a rider is so complex because there is not just one kind of wheelchair. The wheelchair industry creates several different sizes and models each year, which in turn creates many variations to properly secure the rider. There are literally hundreds of different variations with slight to major differences. One driver, who asked to remain anonymous, told me that she had received very little training in strapping in a wheelchair. So the problem becomes very apparent.

On the one side you have the passenger with an expensive wheelchair that wants their chair to be locked in correctly to avoid expensive damage. On the other side you have frustrated KAT drivers who have hundreds of different variations to learn on their own with, as it appears, inadequate training. Frustration kicks in on both sides and one can easily mistake frustration for rudeness. Let me stress: based on my observations, the drivers are not being rude. They are frustrated when they don't know how to correctly lock in a unique wheelchair.

After my time with Mrs. Moss, I decided to dig deeper and just randomly observe handicapped passengers and how they are dealt with.

At 2:32 p.m., I observed Trolley 28 at the Krutch Park stop attempting to pick up a wheelchair passenger. As I boarded, I observed the driver being extremely kind, courteous, professional and overall providing a warm atmosphere on the bus. I was completely undercover; nobody knew I was on the bus for observation. I can truthfully write that the bus driver was so kind and professional; it seriously made me proud to be a citizen of Knoxville.

Then as she lowered the wheelchair lift, it broke! She tried in vain to fix it and



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.
The wheelchair lift temporarily freezes on Trolley 28.

apologized multiple times but she had no luck. She called in for back up and a new trolley was there in about 5 minutes. The new driver had figured out how to raise the lift, but by that time we were all on the backup trolley.

Thankfully, on Wednesday the weather was in the 60s and our stop was on the main route. During my ride with Moss, I learned how lucky we were to have good weather conditions. Many stops do not have shelters or are not so close to the Transit Center. Moss related to me how she's waited for a half hour or longer in the sleet, wind and bitter cold without shelter, for a bus.

I was able to witness and understand just the complexity of wheelchair accessibility on the KAT transit lines is.

Yes, if you're in a wheelchair it can be very frustrating to have broken lifts and drivers who need better training.

If you're a KAT employee who strives for professionalism and who is dedicated to helping the public, it can be very frustrating trying to secure a wheelchair in when different models are constantly coming out.

I saw the diligence and passion of Supervisor Robinson and, at the same time, the frustration of a driver trying to do the right thing but not knowing how. I cannot stress enough that my half-day investigation was a mere snapshot of the issue; however, it became very apparent to me that there is much more to this issue than I initially thought.

As is often the case in the service industry, one tends to remember the single bad experience over the hundreds of positive ones. I encourage everybody to take note of their driver while on the trolley, and pass along the praise or criticism to the good folks at the Transit Center.

Season of the Wolf

I am cold in my bones and I feel tired when I wake up. I'm about as stressed as every one working guy or gal, and I should be thankful for my health and for my job. There is really just one thing making me so cantankerous. It's winter. You know that when I was a teenager I actually fantasized about living in Alaska? No more. Sure, there are the wide open spaces, the breathtaking mountains, and all those men in buffalo plaid who look like they could cut down a tree with one hand and rotate my tires with the other. It doesn't matter. There isn't a lumberjack rugged enough to entice me there now, because all I would be thinking about is how dang cold it would be. I hate being cold. Do they have flannel in Aruba?

I think many of us would be able to bare this cold weather if we could at least have a good old-fashioned romantic snow day or

two. Instead, all we have had is rain, rain and more rain. I've noticed that it's getting to other people too. My Facebook home page has been loaded with comments like, "I am so sick and tired of this rain...I either want some snow or some sun..." and "This rain makes me want to stay home from work and take a nap."

Everyone around me seems lethargic, stressed, or downright cranky.

Not long ago my friend taught me the phrase "the hour of the wolf." Apparently, there is even a movie by that name. She explained to me that "the hour of the wolf" is that time of night around 3AM or so when you're awake with worry or grief and you cannot go back to sleep, so all you can do is wait for the night to pass and for morning to come. I

Continue on page 4

A smile is more precious than diamonds or gold.

Is your smile ready for Valentine's Day?

50% OFF Take Home Whitening
Offer good through February 29th

ALLEN L. HUNLEY, DDS.

687-1886 | 2939 Essary Road | www.ahunleydds.com

Visa Mastercard Discover CareCredit[®]

SNAP FITNESS 24-7

fast · convenient · affordable

We honor Silver Sneakers Fitness Program and All Other Seniors

ZUMBA fitness
ZUMBA Classes for Members and Nonmembers

No Hidden Fees
No Enrollment fees
No Contracts
No Signup Bonus
Access to over 1000 locations
Simple and Clean

Call for Details!

7374 Chapman Hwy, Knoxville
865-577-6633 or 865-924-2134

Bring in coupon for **\$10 Off** First Month

Bring in coupon for **\$100 Off** Personal Training With Bill Phillips
NESTA CPT & Lifestyle Coach

The pain of simplicity



By Richie Beeler

I saw a graphic on Facebook the other day that I just couldn't help but comment on. Certainly, America's fiscal woes have been no stranger to this column during the past several years. And while no writer wants to beat a dead horse too much, this particular depiction of the current debt crisis just caught my eye in such a way that I simply had to offer some additional thoughts.

Now first, another of my many disclaimers: I cannot vouch for the exact accuracy of these figures. Remember, I got them off Facebook; not from the Congressional Budget Office. But they nonetheless illustrate an extremely powerful point about the dire simplicity of our nation's financial condition.

According to the figure given in the graphic, the federal government's balance sheet indicates the following: America takes in a little over \$2 trillion dollars a year in revenue. It spends a little under \$4 trillion. To make up the shortfall, our government incurs about \$1.5 trillion a year in new debt. Our total debt is currently about \$14.2 trillion. To "fix" this financial Titanic, lawmakers have proposed an average of around \$38.5 billion in annual spending cuts.

Thirty-eight point five billion dollars. That's a great deal of money. To you and me. But it is merely a drop in the proverbial bucket of our government's financial ocean of debt. The numbers are telling enough on their own face. But the illustration gets a lot more real when you knock some of the rings off.

I mean, look, we've known for years that the federal government was in serious debt, but to the average American the numbers are just too big to make sense in real life. But by simply removing a few zeroes (8, to be exact) from the figures, we can see how this same financial scenario might play out in the life of an individual. Now we're dealing with something people can relate to. Call it the financial life of John Doe.

Here's our guy's financial picture. He earns about \$22,000 a year. He spends about \$38,000 a year. Because his outgo exceeds his income, he borrows around \$16,000 a year to make ends meet. His total personal debt now exceeds \$142,000. So to fix his mess, he cuts \$385 from his annual budget.

Sound ridiculous? Of course it does! Ridiculous on many levels. This is a scenario you'd have to laugh at to keep from crying! Want something to really cry about? The guy in this article is imaginary. The federal government is real.

And so is its debt. Excuse me... our debt. Oh, let me assure you, we're all co-signers on this loan. And when the United States government becomes truly desperate for money (and it's REAL close) it won't be Congress and the President paying the bill. It'll be the American people. And don't fool yourself folks, Washington is running out of solutions.

I mean what would you tell our guy, were he a real person? The most obvious option for him would be bankruptcy. But since that would be a horrific option for the United States, we had best take it off the table. Unlike the government, he cannot legally steal another person's money, so he can't tax his way to a balanced budget. He really has only two options: seek another job or some higher paying source of income (grow his way out of debt), or make drastic cuts in his

spending.

Short of a hostile confiscation of its citizens' personal wealth, those appear to be America's only two viable options as well. But for a government, growing your way to fiscal soundness is problematic, for the simple reason that there is no scientific, guaranteed way to grow a free market economy in the short term. It's a crap shoot.

As for cuts, well let's imagine what such a course of action would look like for John Doe.

We're talking immediate downsizing in living accommodations. Limited travel. No cable. Maybe even no TV. No eating out. No new clothes. Carpooling. Ramen noodles. Selling of personal assets. Oh, did I mention the occasional temper tantrum thrown by someone who wants their cable and Big Mac?

Imagine what that might look like at the federal government level. Reduced entitlements. No government health care. A drastic reduction in the military. Closure of national parks and recreation areas. Eliminated government jobs and social programs. Oh, did I mention rioting in the streets? Because that's what a temper tantrum looks like at this level.

And that, my friends, is why neither our dude nor the federal government has chosen the option of meaningful budget cuts. They don't want to deal with the temper tantrum. In government, temper tantrums often find their way into the streets and to the ballot box. So both John Doe and Uncle Sam have continued to do what they do best: borrow their way into financial oblivion.

Meanwhile, they will continue to protect sacred cows, grandstand about meaningless issues, and offer token cuts that you couldn't find in the budget with a magnifying glass.

Of course, by now, it would probably take a telescope.

David, the beloved

The psalmist David wrote, "Be still and know that I am God", for David was prone sometimes to go about his way.

I like David because he seems so similar to a lot of people I know, who are living frenetic lives, watching the days go by, wondering whether or not, it is all worth it. David's life was not without many of the same trials people have faced throughout the ages, and continue to face in today's world.

David had many talents. He was a shepherd, then a musician, playing his harp for Saul when he was down in the dumps. He was also a warrior. He could very well fit into today's society. David fell in love with another man's wife and had her husband killed. His best friends, Saul and Jonathan were killed. His beloved son, Absalom, was killed. What a rough road he traveled, still David kept close to God.

With all his hang-ups, God loved David because his lineage was prepared many generations before he was even born. Remember when Naomi held Ruth's son on her bosom? His name was Obed. He was the father of Jesse, who was the father of David, who was the forerunner of God's son, Jesus. So, God was not about to let anything happen to David, he was too important to His purpose.

David would sometimes get displeased with God's directives. When this happened God would make a Covenant



with David, after which, David would write a psalm of thanksgiving. God and David had a lot of conversations, David was very close to God. In fact, God gave David a lot of advice on how to fight his battles. It was with God's power that the Philistines were conquered. On the other hand, David experienced the "fear of God" once in a while. Remember, when someone touched the Ark of the Covenant and God smote him? I think sometimes David had a love-hate relationship with God, but God's love for David always won.

The admonishment God gave David then is as much for us today, "Be still. And know that I am God." Stop the hand-wringing, the shaking of the head, the hammering of your hearts, because I am here. I am God.

I found this personally true since 2012 began. His admonishment has helped me through the days when I thought I couldn't cope. He knew that I had to: Be still, and know that He is God.

Thought for the day: Help yourself and God will help you. Dutch proverb

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or ph:865-748-4717 Thank you.

Season of the Wolf

Continued from page 3

think everyone has at some time or other experienced "the hour of the wolf."

Right now, I feel like it is "the season of the wolf." It is cold and rainy and blah and I cannot, as a responsible mother and a productive citizen, go to sleep and wake up in April. Therefore, all I can do is push through and do my best every day reminding myself all along the way that spring will eventually get here and get us all out of our frosty little funks.

My students are apparently in the same frame of mind. Rose Patterson, who is a ray of sunshine in one of my classes, expressed it very well in a poem she wrote earlier this week:

*Oh how winter fills me with hate!
It makes me want to hibernate.
Although there is not much snow,
It seems still the winter winds blow.*

*I deeply miss warm summer nights
With millions of fireflies taking flight.*

And if lack of sunlight were not enough

Ms. Baker assigns this insipid stuff!

I got a good laugh out of this one, gave her an A and hoped to myself that spring will bring more inspiring assignments and more inspiring columns. I love you all and hope you will bear with me in the meantime.

My sister, my friend

Continued from page 2

hear them and we all sang along with them many times. Suzanne, Betty, Gale, Janice and I watched them over and over. Those were special days when Charlsie would sing along with us.

When her doctors told her that she had Stage IV breast cancer in early September, I believe a burden was lifted from her. She thought "Now I will be going to be with my Bill." But never in her wildest dreams did she think it would be such a painful process. She had the stroke on Thursday, the 22nd of September and that

scared her, therefore starting her painful journey.

And the weeks we were in ARH, her hospital room was like a swinging door with so many of her co-workers, nurses, caregivers, aides and doctors and everyone who worked there with her for 43 years stopping in to say hello. She lived 43 days after she was admitted and not one time did I hear anyone being anything but kind.

Charlsie was a very strong sister—I don't know how she kept her secret just between "her and God." She never wanted treatment. She was ready to go and now she is

in Heaven with God, her soul mate, Bill, Ann, Mama and Daddy.

Life IS a gift — and so are those around us. One of those around us is gone — and those of us who knew Charlsie have lost a precious gift. But I can still see that tall statuesque, blonde-haired girl with those high heels, a purse to match and that red lipstick. She was a beautiful sister — with a beautiful smile, smiling down from Heaven. She knew she could not get well and was ready to say goodbye. God chooses the very best.

Charlsie was my sister and my best friend.

MIKE McMILLAN

SCHOOL BOARD - 8TH DISTRICT

What people are saying about Mike...

"There would be no new Carter Elementary School without Mike McMillan. That's just a fact!"

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett



8th District School Board member Mike McMillan and Mayor Tim Burchett inspect the progress of the site preparation for the new Carter Elementary School.

voteformcmillan.com

67-year-old grandmother builds website, helpatsummitt.com

When Janice Watrous learned that Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt has early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type, the 67-year-old Knoxville grandmother decided to build a website designed to raise money for Alzheimer's research in Pat's honor.

Armed with two good website-building books by Elizabeth Castro and with software such as MP3 Recorder Studio, Paint

Shop Pro® PhotoX2, and Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 4.0, and using a couple of other technical books, Watrous set out to learn to write the xhtml code and css to build the website.

Watrous admits, "It would have been much easier to use Netscape Composer or Microsoft FrontPage to build my website, but I wanted to challenge myself more by writing my own code and by doing it all

'from scratch'."

And what a challenge it was! Technical glitches repeatedly caused her problems. Each time, she started the website all over again, six or seven times. "It would have been so easy to quit, but I was determined to accomplish my goal and build this website. I really would like to help raise money for Alzheimer's research so that we can find an effective treatment or,

perhaps, even a cure in time to help Pat," Watrous said.

Watrous knows all too well the pain of having a loved one with Alzheimer's, since her mother had been diagnosed with dementia, probably of the Alzheimer's type. Several other relatives on her mother's side had dementia in their old age. Watrous expressed

Continue on page 2

In Perspective

Kickin' it Old-School

Over the last five years, the ideal of nostalgia has become a major market trend. The most poignant example I can think of on the local level is JFG Coffee. Many of you will recall that the Knox-famous JFG sign had been removed to undergo necessary repairs when the owner of the property where the sign had been located for years refused to allow it to return to its former location.

While working in South Knoxville, I followed the story extensively. I remember being intrigued at the level of commitment that the local community demonstrated to ensure that the sign was returned to the "south-side of the river" in a new location—despite a city ordinance against new signs being placed.

The JFG sign had become synonymous with the area. South Knoxvillians could drive across the Henley Street Bridge on a cold winter day, glance over at that old sign, and breathe a sigh of relief...almost home.

And that, my friends, is the embodiment of this notion of infusing nostalgia into your business. It is a historical sociological fact that in uncertain times, people cling to what is familiar. When people come into contact with your product or brand, there is much to be gained by adding or incorporating elements of wistfulness.

Many companies have taken to branding and marketing themselves this way. Consider the design of The Mast General Store logo or the



By Tasha Mahurin
 mahurint@knoxfocus.com

Cont. on page 4



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Officers of the Month named. Knoxville Elks Lodge 160 honored Knox County sheriffs as officers of the month for November (Mark Belliveau, right) and December (Glen Simerly, left). These officers were honored together in January due to the Christmas holidays. This program is made possible by donations, LB Steele, the Crown Plaza Downtown and the Knoxville Elks Lodge. It is held on the 3rd tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Knox County holds lowest unemployment rate for December 2011

County non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for December 2011, released today, show that the rate decreased in 56 counties, increased in 27 counties, and remained the same in 12 counties.

Tennessee's unemployment rate for December fell to 8.7 percent, down from the November revised rate of 9.1. The national unemployment rate for

December 2011 was 8.5 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the November rate.

Williamson and Lincoln counties registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate at 5.4 percent. Both counties had higher rates in November with Williamson at 5.8 percent and Lincoln at 5.6 percent. Scott County had the state's highest

unemployment rate at 18.8 percent, up from 17.5 percent in the previous month, followed by Obion County at 15.3, which was unchanged from the November rate.

Knox County had the state's lowest major metropolitan rate of 5.9 percent, down from 6.3 percent in November. Davidson County was 6.9 percent, down from 7.3 percent in the previous

month. Hamilton County was 7.2 percent, down from 7.4 percent, and Shelby County was 8.8 percent, down from the November unemployment rate of 9.3 percent.

NOTE: Specific county information is available on the Internet; enter http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/labor_figures/dec2011county.pdf.

Cont. on page 4

Parkview Senior Living

INDEPENDENT SERVICE ENRICHED COMMUNITY

Reasons you should live at Parkview

1. Monthly Rental, no buy-in fees
2. Large walk-in closets
3. Convenient to the park
4. Prices start at \$1300 (includes two meals a day, housekeeping, transportation and activities!)

Sensibly designed with the active senior in mind, Parkview, an independent living community, offers the opportunity for residents to enjoy life to its fullest. Whether it's enjoying all the activities and amenities or finding a quiet place to reflect, Parkview has thought of everything.

Attention Veterans and Widows of Veterans: Ask about our Rent Assistance Benefits!

Directions: Take the Broadway Exit on I-640 and travel north. Just past Fountain City Park, turn left on Colonial Circle at stop light. Take immediate left into Parkview Fountain City.

Parkview Fountain City, 5405 Colonial Circle, Knoxville, TN 37918, 865-687-0033, www.pvseniorliving.com

Dan around town

PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.



Members of Pack 43 Den 4 of Beaumont Elementary stopped by the City County Building last week and visited with Councilman Finbarr Saunders. Pictured from left to right are Ian Scott, James Wimmer, Phoebe Scott, Wyatt Brace and Anthony Thomas.



Mayor Burchett chats with Jim Gadd of Rush's Music during a recent tour of South Knoxville. See next week's Focus for the full story!



Knoxville grandmother Janice Watrous takes a break after building her website, helpatsummitt.com, and uploading it to the web.

67-year-old grandmother builds website, helpatsummitt.com

Cont. from page 1

the pain loved ones feel with an original poem, Memories Lost, which she placed on her website.

The website also includes links to many of the Alzheimer's disease research centers around the country, all funded by the National Institute on Aging, and to the NIA's own website, where many free Alzheimer's publications may be downloaded. In

addition, the website has a link to The Pat Summitt Foundation Fund, so that readers may easily learn about Pat's own foundation and conveniently make an online donation to it for Alzheimer's research.

Watrous, a self-described "computer geek and lifelong bookworm," enjoys reading historical biographies and historical fiction such as When We Were Strangers by Knoxville writer Pamela

Schoenwaldt. She also likes how-to and self-help books.

It's no surprise, then, that Watrous would use books to teach herself how to build a website instead of attending a computer class. What is a surprise is that she would spend so much time and effort—"probably at least 300 hours"—to build a website designed to help Pat Summitt, a woman she has never met.

THINK YOU CAN'T AFFORD
PERFECT INDOOR AIR?
THINK AGAIN.



**0% APR
FOR 60 MONTHS!***
WITH EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Now, For A Limited Time, LB Chase Mechanical Is Offering Your Choice Of A Trane High Efficiency Heat Pump, Gas System or Dual Fuel System With Absolutely NO Money Down & NO Interest For 60 MONTHS!*

Imagine coming home every day to an environment that's as fresh, clean, and healthy as it is comfortable. Now is the perfect time to make that a reality, with a Trane high performance heating and cooling system. And with 0% APR Financing with equal payments for 60 Months on qualifying Trane systems, it's never been so easy to own one.

Maximum comfort, lower heating and cooling costs, clean indoor air, and affordable payment options – that's the Trane difference.



CALL NOW FOR 60 MONTHS 0% APR FINANCING ON HIGH EFFICIENCY TRANE SYSTEMS!

**LB Chase
MECHANICAL**

865-428-4824
www.LBChase.com

WE TAKE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE.



*Offers valid January 15 to February 29, 2012. See your independent Trane dealer for complete program eligibility, dates, details and restrictions. Special financing offers valid on qualifying systems only. All sales must be to homeowners in the United States. Void where prohibited. The Home Projects Visa card is issued by Wells Fargo Financial National Bank. Special terms apply to qualifying purchases charged with approved credit at participating merchants. The special terms APR will continue to apply until all qualifying purchases are paid in full. 0% APR/60 Months: The minimum monthly payment will be the amount that will pay for the purchase in full in equal payments during the special terms period. Interest will be charged to your account from the purchase date at the APR for Purchases if the purchase balance is not paid in full within the promotional period. For newly opened accounts, the regular APR is 27.99%. The APR will vary with the market based on the U.S. Prime Rate. The regular APR is given as of 1/10/2012. If you are charged interest in any billing cycle, the minimum interest charge will be \$1.00. The regular APR will apply to certain fees such as a late payment fee or if you use the card for other transactions. If you use the card for cash advances, the cash advance fee is 5.0% of the amount of the cash advance, but not less than \$10.00.



CALL
STACEY
BRANDAU

REALTY
EXECUTIVES
ASSOCIATES



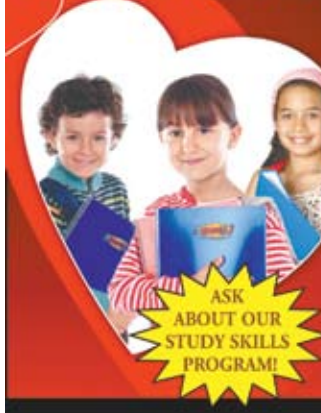
Office: (865) 688-3232
Phone: (865) 389-1094
staceyrealstate@comcast.net
<http://staceybrandau.com>

POWELL Spacious basement ranch w/ great open floor plan, located in the heart of the Brickley-Powell school zone. 3 bdrm + office down and 3 full baths. Rooms are large with great natural light. Living room, Den, rec room, 2 fireplaces, great hardwood floors and all appliances convey. Yard is fenced w/ play structure too. Large 2 car garage w/workshop. Super buy @ **\$164,900**

GIVE THE GIFT OF BETTER GRADES

One-On-One Tutoring In Your Home

• All Subjects • PreK-Adult • Reading
Math • Writing • SAT/ACT Prep • FCAT Prep
LD/ADD • Study Skills • Home Schooling
• Affordable Rates • Qualified Teachers
Study Smarter, Not Harder!



ASK
ABOUT OUR
STUDY SKILLS
PROGRAM!



Reserve Your Tutor Today!

**1 FREE
WEEK**
Call for details.

938-2022 • www.clubztutoring.com



**Greater Tennessee
Flooring**

"Since 1963"

East Tennessee's Best Selection

Hardwood • Area Rugs • Vinyl
Laminate • Carpet • Ceramic

584-RUGS (7847)

www.GreaterTennessee.com

30-70% OFF SALE
on Hundreds of Rugs!

George L. Berry

Labor Leader In Tennessee Politics

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
rayhill865@gmail.com



Senator George L. Berry arrives in Washington, D. C. May 1937

Part 3

Both Roosevelt and the New Deal were enormously popular in Tennessee, especially with Democrats. Berry's principle opponent for the Democratic nomination, Tom Stewart, was campaigning across Tennessee as a solid supporter of FDR and the New Deal. Berry denounced the New Deal as "socialism", a remarkable about-face considering that two years previously he had raised a huge war chest and had worked hard for FDR's reelection.

Berry mailed tens of thousands of copies of his speeches explaining his dispute with TVA to Tennesseans. Berry even went to the trouble of mailing a copy of a speech made by Nebraska Senator George W. Norris to constituents. Norris Dam was named for the Nebraskan and he was considered by many as "the father of the TVA" and Berry surely hoped the association would help his flagging election prospects.

Berry's erratic campaigning and change in his political views did nothing to help him or Governor Browning who valiantly tried hard to pretend George L. Berry didn't exist. The McKellar - Crump organization was working frantically and their candidates were presented to the voters as a ticket. Signs and campaign buttons for "Cooper - Stewart - Hudson" were everywhere in Tennessee. Crump urged on the Memphis machine to turn out a huge vote, while Senator McKellar daily kept a close eye on the campaign from Washington. McKellar himself returned to Tennessee to make a few speeches and greet friends as Election Day approached.

It would be the end of George L. Berry's political career as well as his influence in elections.

The unexpected death of U. S. Senator Nathan L. Bachman in April of 1937 caused a series of events, which led to all out warfare between competing factions of Tennessee's Democratic Party.

Governor Gordon Browning finally made an appointment to fill Senator Bachman's seat on May 6, 1937. Browning ignored several more prominent Tennesseans and appointed George L. Berry. Berry, President of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, named the governor's older brother, F. L. Browning, as his principal assistant, and departed for Washington, D. C. to take his seat in the United States Senate. Both Governor Browning and President Franklin Roosevelt would soon have cause to be disappointed in Senator Berry.

Berry found his office in the ornate Senate Office Building filled with well wishers and flowers. The welcome he received from his senior colleague, Kenneth McKellar, was far less warm. By the time George L. Berry arrived in the United States Senate, McKellar had been a senator for twenty years. He was one of the more senior Democrats in the Senate and occupied powerful positions of prime importance to Tennessee as the senior senator. Berry immediately proposed a division of the Federal patronage and political appointments between himself and McKellar.

Senator McKellar, who already controlled most all patronage in Tennessee, replied to Berry in typically blunt McKellar language: "I find I cannot agree with you" in the distribution of patronage and appointments.

Senator Berry proved to be less than adept in trying to outmaneuver McKellar. Berry held up the reappointment of James B. Frazier, Jr. as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Frazier was the son of former governor and U. S. Senator James B. Frazier and was highly popular and well regarded, especially in his home city of Chattanooga. Frazier had originally been appointed by McKellar and the senior senator intended to see him reappointed. Senator McKellar carefully took Frazier's nomination through the committee process and had Frazier confirmed by the Senate a day later. Needless to say, Senator Berry had unnecessarily made some potent political enemies through his handling of patronage matters.

Berry made matters even worse when Franklin Roosevelt's bill to enlarge the Supreme Court came to a vote in the Senate. Despite being in the Senate

Chamber at the time, George L. Berry failed to cast a vote, while McKellar loyally backed the President. McKellar lost no time in writing to the President to point out Berry's failure. Senator Berry's complaints about McKellar's domination of Tennessee appointments and patronage fell on deaf ears after that and McKellar's control of patronage was even more firmly held within his grasp.

McKellar returned to Tennessee at the behest of his political partner, E. H. Crump. Crump had backed Gordon Browning for governor and Browning's assault on the Memphis machine had left the Boss sputtering in indignation and shock. Crump had been forced to beg McKellar to return from Washington and go to Nashville where the legislature was debating the governor's county unit bill. Senator McKellar was highly respected by most members of the state legislature and he arrived by train in Nashville and addressed the General Assembly where he assailed Browning's proposal.

Governor Browning fought back ferociously and used every means at his disposal to pass the county unit plan. Browning barely managed to get enough votes to approve the county unit bill, only to see it struck down by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

McKellar and Crump soon determined to sponsor opponents for both Browning and Senator Berry in the 1938 primary elections. They settled on a young State Senator from Shelbyville, Prentice Cooper, as their gubernatorial candidate and District Attorney Tom Stewart from Winchester to challenge Berry. Fourth District Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell, perhaps feeling a third candidate might be able to win the nomination, also joined the Senate race.

Aside from his disagreements with McKellar on patronage, Berry made little impression upon the Senate. Berry retained the presidency of his union and spent as much time in Tennessee as he did Washington, D. C. Former Senator Bill Frist, who authored a companion

volume to Kenneth McKellar's own book about senators from Tennessee, points out George L. Berry was never recorded as having once spoken in the Senate Chamber, nor is there a single piece of legislation bearing his name. While Berry clearly enjoyed the prestige of serving as a senator, it is questionable how hard he worked at it or even how much time he devoted to the job. It was a glaring contrast to McKellar who gloried in serving as Tennessee's senator and was relentless in his pursuit of projects and appointments for Tennessee and Tennesseans. McKellar paid attention to the smallest details of his job and much of the correspondence coming out of Berry's office bore secretarial signatures.

Berry nonetheless wanted to continue serving in the United States Senate and his campaign was evidently well financed. Full color posters, a rarity for the time, began appearing all across Tennessee, bearing a flattering likeness of the candidate, as well as a facsimile of his bold signature, urging Tennesseans to return him to the Senate. While it is not known today, Berry's campaign posters and literature was very likely printed by his own union's presses. Berry had perfected and patented a five color printing process, which belonged to him personally, rather than the union.

The Berry campaign was severely hampered by his running dispute with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The TVA was quite probably the most popular New Deal agency in the state and revered by most Tennesseans. Berry was fighting with TVA over the value of mineral deposits he owned on property that had been flooded. Berry insisted the marble inundated by TVA waters was worth as much as \$3 million, a claim TVA Board Chairman Arthur Morgan thought preposterous. In fact, Dr. Morgan believed Berry's claims to be so outrageous as to merit criminal prosecution. Boss Crump derisively dismissed Berry as either George "Marble" Berry or "the marble wizard."

Morgan insisted upon holding a public condemnation hearing to precisely determine the value of George L. Berry's holdings. Berry was immediately embarrassed when it was revealed his partner had sold his own interest in supposedly \$3 million worth of mineral leases for a mere \$400. Berry found himself on the stand and didn't much enjoy the experience. When reminded that he, along with other directors of his union had been charged in 1921 with a misappropriation of funds, Berry roared, "Why don't you hit above the belt?"

When the TVA lawyer produced documentation showing that Berry and his partner had signed numerous leases with property owners providing them with a 50% commission for any transaction with the Federal government right around the time the Tennessee Valley Authority legislation had been approved by the Congress, Berry was forced into the uncomfortable and unlikely position of denying he had ever seen any of the agreements.

Finally, Berry exploded, thundering, "I was once within three votes of being nominated Vice President of the United States!"

Senator Berry left the

hearings in a huff, claiming he was needed in the Senate Chamber as the Farm Bill was coming up for consideration.

It was soon apparent even to Berry his claims against the TVA were hurtful to his campaign and he gave several speeches to try and address the issue. Berry had filed his claims against the Tennessee Valley Authority even before appointed to the U. S. Senate by Governor Browning, which makes his selection all the more puzzling. Berry proved to be a detriment to Gordon Browning's own reelection campaign and the governor tried to distance himself as best he could, which was virtually impossible, especially as his brother was Berry's Secretary.

Senator Berry's bid for election took an inexplicable turn when he began campaigning against Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Fountain City Auction
4109 Central Ave Pike | Knoxville, TN 37912
604-3468

For all your
Auction
Needs

TAL #2204
TFL #5223

WE BUY ESTATES



Promises Made,
Promises Kept

ELECT
Phil Ballard
for Property Assessor

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Phil Ballard



From State Representative Harry Brooks

It's been a long week. It started with tornado warnings and severe thunder storms in the Nashville area on Sunday night. As I have mentioned before, my wife and I live in our motor home at a campground while we are in Nashville. A motor home is not a good place to be during a tornado! We had some anxious moments and were prepared to head to a more secure location if necessary. Fortunately that was not needed. In addition to that, I have suffered from a really bad cold all week that pretty much did me in. So, if I didn't respond to your phone calls or e-mails, please be patient. I will get caught up.

Regardless of how poorly I felt, legislative work continued. We had three session days (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), and on Tuesday I met with the Education Committee as we held our first meeting. I chair the Children and Family Affairs Committee, and we began meeting on Wednesday. In addition I met with several individuals, including some from the Knoxville area, who had legislative concerns. One was Margaret Maddox from the Discovery Center concerning the Science Alliance Program. I also had two students from Junior Achievement, Bader Shehadah and Habiba Soliman, that shadowed me for a day as they learned more about the legislative process. I also met with Sherry Morgan the president of KCEA. Thursday I met with the Tennessee Higher Education Committee and the Department of Education concerning proposals regarding educational issues. All proposed bills had to be filed by January 26th. By having an early deadline for introducing legislation, we are hoping to reach our goal of an early adjournment for this session. We are working toward finishing by the end of April or first of May. This will save the state money and allow us more time to be back in our districts taking care of constituent issues. I am carrying a number of bills and will be discussing them here more thoroughly as the session continues. One that affects a good number of families deals with the lottery scholarship money awarded to students. The revenue from the sale of lottery tickets is not keeping up with the amount earned. Something must be done. The legislation I am proposing, if passed, will take affect beginning with the students entering college in the fall of 2015. At that time, students attending a four year Tennessee institution of higher learning will be required to meet BOTH the grade point average AND the ACT requirement to receive the scholarship money. Those choosing to attend a two year institution or technical center will not see any changes from the current standards.

As we head toward spring, I know many schools and families are planning spring trips. Visiting the Capitol in Nashville makes for a fun and educational experience. My

Kickin' it Old-School

Cont. from page 1

slogan of Home Federal Bank: "American Dreams, Hometown Answers." While this type of nostalgic promotion works for a 100+ year old general store and for a local bank, there are instances where this type of strategy is not appropriate.

Marketing is much like fashion...A dress found on the catwalk might not work on the sidewalk. Sometimes you have to take it and "make it your own." Let me explain, a cutting-edge technology consulting firm wouldn't want to incorporate a dated look into their promotional materials. However, this concept of "nostalgia" can be incorporated through more tangible avenues.

For instance, many ".coms" are advertising their customer service in this manner: "Call our 1-800 number and speak to a live representative." They have chosen to leverage their customer service against competitors who may use an automated voice system. Never underestimate the power of a hand-written thank-you note to an important client, it is much more personal than an email. Keep fresh coffee in your lobby.

No matter how you go about it...your customers or clients should feel "at home."

Until next week, bona fortuna sit semper.

office is available to assist you in making any plans. The Tennessee State Museum, which is across the street from the Capitol Building and Legislative Plaza, is an excellent museum portraying Tennessee history, and it is free. It is not open on Monday, so it would be best for you to plan to visit on another day. If you would like to attend a committee meeting, they meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or you can see a House Session on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The House gallery is open for visitors, and you might want to attend all or part of a Session. Also I enjoy having individual students accompany me on the floor of the House where they serve as page for a day. Contact my Nashville office if you would like more information about either of these opportunities. That number is 615-741-6879. It is an honor to serve you as your Representative.

Dogwood Family Dentistry
James D. Hazenfield, DDS
6502-B Chapman Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37920 **609-9682**
(next to The Rush)
NOW OFFERING EXTENDED HOURS

Time to **ROCK 'N' ROLL**
at the **FOUNTAIN CITY ART CENTER**

Bring your Baby to the
Valentine Dinner and Dance '50s STYLE
Saturday, February 11, 2012 6:00 PM-8:30 pm
\$30 per person in advance: Call 865.357.2787 or purchase at the Art Center, 213 Hotel Ave.

SCORE BIG With These Savings!
OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE TELL US HOW WE'RE DOING! info@myugo.com
Due to our unique purchasing opportunities, quantities may be limited. So Shop Early for the Best Bargains.
VISA M.C. EBT Gift Cards Available

UNITED GROCERY OUTLET
Visit www.myugo.com for store locations and hours
35 locations to serve you
Prices good through February 4, 2012

Assorted Varieties **RC COLA** 2 Liters **79¢**
100% SATISFACTION
We Specialize in liquidations, closeouts & irregulars
QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED
Not all items available in all locations

Assorted CHIPS & SNACKS 3.5-8 Oz. **79¢**

FBN - 3 Pk. Microwave POPCORN 15 Oz. **\$1.00** (Compare at \$2.08)

Boneless Breaded CHICKEN TENDERS 18 Oz. **\$13.99** (Compare at \$10.00)

Country Breeze CITRUS TEA 20 Oz. **5 \$1**

USDA INSPECTED MEAT

Boneless, Skinless CHICKEN BREAST Lb **\$1.89**

Ready to Cook SMOKED TURKEY BREAST Lb **\$2.49**

IQF PARTY WINGS 4Lb bag **\$5.99**

IQF TILAPIA FILLETS 2Lb bag **\$5.99**

FARM FRESH PRODUCE

Yellow ONIONS 4 Lb. Bag **99¢**

Fresh AVOCADOS Each **59¢**

Fresh BROCCOLI CROWNS Lb. **\$1.19**

Grape TOMATOES Pint **2 \$3**

Grape, Fruit Punch or Blue Raspberry DRINKS 16.9-20 Oz. **4 \$1**

FBN PEACH CRISP 2 Pk. **\$1.00** (Compare at \$1.98)

Chocolate Covered CASHEWS 10 Oz. **\$1.89**

Ripe OLIVES 2.25 Oz. **2 \$1** (Compare at 98¢)

FBN Mesquite TURKEY BREAST 9 Oz. **\$1.79** (Compare at \$2.98)

FBN CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS 16 Oz. **\$4.49** (Compare at \$5.24)

FBN CRESCENT ROLLS 8 Oz. **69¢** (Compare at \$1.98)

Swedish MEATBALLS 16 Oz. **\$2.39**

Smart Ones FBN Chicken Fajita PIZZA 32 Oz. **\$1.79** (Compare at \$1.79)

FBN SAUSAGE PATTIES 10 Oz. **\$1.00** (Compare at \$2.98)

14.1 Oz. Can TOMATOES **3 \$1**

TOUCHDOWN AT UNITED GROCERY OUTLET

FBN BUSY BONES 4-6 Oz. **\$1.19**

Foam or Plastic PLATES, CUPS & BOWLS 10-24 Ct. **\$1.00**

Storage, Freezer or TRASH BAGS 20-150 Ct. **\$1.00**

See next week's Focus for **COUPON CORNER**

The Knoxville Focus Sports & Recreation

Phone: 865-686-9970 | Fax: 865-686-9966 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 2620 Cedar Lane across from Historic Fountain City Lake

The fine art of extreme wrestling

By David Klein

Tennessee Extreme Wrestling (TXW) has recently risen to the top of the local wrestling circuit. The league, owned by Jerry Tipton, Certified Public Accountant, started in 2006. "We wanted to do it, try it," Tipton said, as his reason for starting the league. "My biggest challenge was, who was going to wrestle?" Touted as a clean,

family, event, TXW started with some local wrestlers fans might recognize. Perhaps the biggest name to begin the league Tipton got, was Tony Anthony, aka "Dirty White Boy." "Dirty White Boy" played a big part in getting Tennessee Extreme Wrestling started. Dirty White Boy, grew up in Knoxville, watching wrestler Buddy Caldwell on TV, wanting to be a wrestler. Dirty White Boy told

stories about wrestling 7 days a week and twice on Sundays. He wrestled everywhere from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to the Superdome in New Orleans. The Superdome match took place in 1982 in front of 60,000 people. Dirty White Boy took on Sergeant Slaughter in the match. I also had the pleasure of speaking with Billy Marshall, who is a wrestler

and does talent relations for TXW. Marshall is proud of the fact that the show appeals to kids and that talent comes from "anywhere and everywhere." "We give anybody a chance," Marshall said. Marshall grew up idolizing Dirty White Boy and is thrilled to have him in TXW. Adding to Marshall's point about appealing to fans, the wrestler Violet

said that the fans have been incredibly loyal over the years. "Fans know what they want," she said. "They let you (the wrestler) know what they do and don't like. She proclaimed it as a place where people can forget about their problems. "To have that power over them (fans), to know beyond a shadow of a doubt, they'll be back," is something Dirty White Boy

strived for in his matches. He adds, "We want them excited after the first bell rings and to leave excited." Despite these ways the wrestlers connect with the fans, Dirty White Boy complained that the wrestling has changed a lot over the years. "Guys today think they know everything; we are losing the fine art of wrestling." "Wrestling has

Continue on page 2

Sports treasure hunt takes turn down Memory Lane

I like to collect sports memorabilia and several items in the Knoxville Flea Market booth belonging to Bobbie and Johnny Fisher caught my eye.



By Steve Williams

An old 33 1/3 LP vinyl record album named "The Bear," with a drawing of the legendary Alabama football coach in his houndstooth hat on the cover, stood out to this longtime fan of the Southeastern Conference. I also took home a Powell High megaphone and Central Bobcats cup to add to my high school sports collection.

Continue on page 2

An "Angel" used the picture of two Red Devils as the cover for a birthday card she made recently for her dad. The photograph of Johnny and Bobbie Fisher was taken in the summer of 1962, a year before they were married. Johnny was a quarterback at Halls High and Bobbie was a cheerleader captain. Their children, Angela and David, attended Central High, but these days Bobbie and Johnny pull for the Red Devils.



Mynatt FUNERAL HOME inc.

4131 Emory Road
Knoxville, TN 37938
922-9195



2829 Rennoc Road
Knoxville, TN 37918
688-2331

Family Owned Since 1900

Pre-arrangement • Full-Service Funerals • Cremations

www.mynattfh.com

The fine art of extreme wrestling

Cont. from page 1

changed so much," he added. "Wrestlers today don't have the knowledge or the tools to be better than what they are."

The negative, however, is outweighed heavily by the positive. Owner Tipton described TXW as a "stress reliever." "We do it and we enjoy it. It's a fellowship with each other. It's like a big club."

Violet adds, "We want to give them (fans) their money's worth and more."

Wrestling fans will also see at matches Mack McMurray, the commissioner and occasional referee who has been in the ring with Andre the Giant

and also Bobbie Rayne, who has been wrestling for 16 years. Rayne's specialty move is the Rain Drop.

TXW hosts matches every first Saturday of the month. Winter matches are at the Milton Roberts Recreation Center next to Comcast on Asheville Highway. Summer matches are behind Tipton's tax office at 6232 Washington Pike. All matches begin at 7 pm and last approximately till 10 or 10:30 pm. Admission is \$5 with kids 10 and under free.

The next match is Saturday, February 4, and features TXW Heavyweight Champion Ron Sexton vs.

Sports treasure hunt takes turn down Memory Lane

Cont. from page 1

I never knew baseball cards came in cans until I saw the two the Fishers had on display. They were from the 1990s and had never been opened. Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux was featured on one can and Seattle Mariners slugger Ken Griffey, Jr. on the other.

I also purchased a card collection of Olympic greats from yesteryear. Jesse Owens' card was on top.

And if you someday see a guy wearing a Tennessee Oilers football T-shirt, that could very well be me.

Just as fun for me on

this sports treasure hunt January 22 at Knoxville Expo Center was meeting the Fishers. I first noticed Johnny was wearing a Halls High ball cap. I asked them how they had come to have these old sports items. That kicked off an enjoyable conversation. I found out they were sports enthusiasts, too.

Johnny was the senior quarterback for the Halls Red Devils in the fall of 1960 and Bobbie was captain of the Halls cheerleading squad as a senior in the fall of 1963. Their first date was going to the City-County all-star high school football game at Evans-Collins Field in August of 1961. They got married on August 13, 1963, close to 49 years ago.

The young sweethearts in the picture I noticed on a table in the booth were Bobbie and Johnny. Their daughter, Angela, had used the photograph as the cover for a birthday card she made for her dad, who had turned 69 on this day.

Turns out the Fisher family tree has many sports branches. One reached the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. Another climbed to the NFL.

Milo Fisher, Johnny's dad, was inducted into the Knoxville Hall of Fame in 1991 for his overall athletic career, standing out first as a fullback and punter at Knoxville High in 1929-31, then later as a bowler.

Johnny told the story of the time General Neyland borrowed his dad from the

high school team because he was a left-footed punter and the Vols' upcoming opponent, Alabama, had a left-footed punter.

"They wanted to get use to the different spiral," explained Johnny. "College coaches couldn't do something like that now."

Johnny also heard about his dad wearing two left-footed shoes when he played on the high school basketball team his senior year. "Somebody gave him a good buy. But when he got home he discovered the shoes were for two left feet. He didn't have the money to buy anymore."

Milo Fisher, also known as "the boy from McAnally Flats," an old community in the Mechanicsville area of Knoxville, was good enough to play football for Tennessee. In fact, he practiced on the Vols' freshmen team and pledged to a UT fraternity, said Johnny, but "quit to support his mother. He had six sisters and was the baby boy" in the family. Milo's father had died when Milo was a young boy.

Years later, when Knoxville hosted the American Bowling Congress tournament the first time, a special event matched a local all-star team of bowlers against a team of professionals, the Budweiser all-stars, which Johnny is almost certain included Dick Weber, one of the sport's all-time greats. The local team lost the match overall, but Milo Fisher defeated Pat Patterson, his pro counterpart, said

Johnny.

Last summer, Johnny's nephew, Scott Galyon, joined his grandfather in the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame. Galyon, a rugged middle linebacker, starred at Seymour High and UT before playing professionally with the New York Giants and Miami Dolphins.

Galyon joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes staff in 2007 and is currently the Lakeway Area representative for the FCA.

The Galyons have a son (Elijah) and daughter (Gracie Mae) and "they are in the process of adopting a 3-year-old boy (Micah Levi)," said Bobbie.

According to great uncle and great aunt, 9-year-old Elijah already is "a really good ball player." It's in his blood. UT needs to go ahead and put him on the recruiting board.

I had one last question for the Fishers before I left that day, even though I had a pretty good idea what the answer would be. Since they have lived on the other side of Black Oak Ridge in Fountain City for many years now, and their children attended Central High, who do they pull for these days when Central plays Halls?

"Oh, Halls (of course)," answered Johnny.

RDFL, these two. (Red Devils for Life).

As for me, on this sports treasure hunt, I got more than my money's worth.

Southland Spirits & Wine

Are you ready for football?!

Come By & Stock Up for the Super Bowl!

Large selection of fine wines

Special Pricing on spirits

Located One Block Off Chapman Hwy At 211 W. Young High Pike 573-1320

B97.5 presents a special

Father Daughter Dance

7 - 9 p.m.
Friday, February 10

Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell
1819 Dry Gap Pike

- \$5 per person
- open to the public
- includes complimentary photograph
- DJ provided by B97.5
- door prizes

Also sponsored by **REGAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP**

All proceeds benefit **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HALLS/POWELL**

For information and in the event of bad weather conditions, Contact **865.232.1218** or visit bgctnv.org/fatherdaughter

AD SPACE DONATED BY THE FOCUS

Unwrap **BIG** Savings After The Holidays At Enrichment

Consolidate this year's holiday expenses into a low-cost, personal, debt consolidation loan

Now Through February 29th*

- **4.99% - 24 mos.**
- **5.99% - 36 mos.**
- **7.99% - 48 mos.**

* This special offer is for new loans only. Proceeds cannot be used to pay off existing loan/credit card debts at Enrichment Federal Credit Union. Rates shown are fixed rate APRs and based on performance based pricing's best rate. Checks will be made payable to creditor(s). Loans subject to credit approval.

Enrichment federal credit union
Exceptional service. Extraordinary people.

NCUA MEMBER LENDER

8 area offices
enrichmentfcu.org
865.482-0045 • 800.482.0049

Who Ya Got?

A Super Bowl XLVI Preview

By Alex Norman

The good news? The biggest football game of the year will be played on Sunday,

The bad news? It will be the final significant football game for seven months, so you better enjoy it.

The last thing you want is to be the uninformed person at the Super Bowl party... not knowing answers to the basics. The New York Giants and New England Patriots will play in this game, and it's a rematch of one of the greatest Super Bowls in history, a 17-14 upset by the Giants four years ago.

In their respective histories, the Giants and Patriots each have three Super Bowl titles.

The Patriots quarterback is Tom Brady, known almost as much for his Brazilian supermodel wife (Gisele) than for his ability to lead his team to the Super Bowl for the fifth time.

The Giants quarterback is Eli Manning, known almost as much for being Peyton Manning's little brother than for his late game heroics. Eli has led the Giants to come from behind wins in the fourth quarter seven times this season.

That's enough knowledge to get through the uncomfortable small talk with your spouse's boss.. But what happens when the game is delayed for

an hour because of a runaway gang of poodles? To pass the time, take some notes...

Local flavor? Three former Tennessee Volunteers will play in the Super Bowl on Sunday. For the New York Giants, safety Deon Grant, now in his 12th NFL season, has 13 tackles this postseason, with a fumble recovery and an interception. Grant's signature play in college was an interception in the fourth quarter of the Florida game in 1998. Without that pick, the Vols likely lose to the Gators, and don't win that national championship.

For the New England Patriots, there are two more Vols. Let's start with defensive end Shaun Ellis, who, like Grant, is in his 12th NFL season. Ellis spent his first 11 years with the New York Jets. Jerod Mayo is in his 4th NFL season, and has emerged as one of the top linebackers in the sport.

So either way, a UT alum will pick up a ring. The UT football program can always use some positive publicity, and they'll get it on Sunday.

Why don't they smile? That is the question for the two coaches in this game... New England's Bill Belichick and New York's Tom Coughlin. Belichick is considered by some to be the best football coach on the planet, but appears to

approach his craft with all the joy of someone getting a root canal. Coughlin has spent most of the past few years on a coaching hot seat that only Derek Dooley could envy. But here they both stand, at the height of their profession.

Any hidden gems? Everyone knows about Brady and Manning, but each team has its share of players that are getting more and more headlines. New England is the home to two of the top tight ends in football. Aaron Hernandez caught 79 balls for 910 yards and 7 touchdowns this season. Rob Gronkowski was even more productive, with 90 catches for 1327 yards and 17 touchdowns (an NFL single-season record for tight ends). Although he is nursing an injury to his left ankle.

For the Giants, look no further than wide receiver Victor Cruz. Undrafted out of that college football hotbed, the University of Massachusetts in 2010, Cruz has become the Giants big play threat. In the NFC championship game win over San Francisco, Cruz had 10 catches for 142 yards. Expect Manning to target Cruz a great deal on Sunday.

There is always a lot at stake in a Super Bowl game. In this one, there are many story lines to keep you interested past the first commercial break.

For Brady, a fourth Super Bowl title would match Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana. No quarterback has won more. For Manning, a second Super Bowl title would give him one more than his older brother Peyton, and would give his Hall of Fame candidacy a major boost (Eli probably has many years left in the NFL, but two titles equals Canton almost every time

for a quarterback). The game will come down to many factors, but perhaps the key will be which offensive line protects their quarterback the best. Brady took a beating against the Giants powerful front four in the Super Bowl four years ago, as well as during a week 9 matchup this year, a game won by the Giants 24-20. Manning was hit a painful

12 times against the 49ers in the NFC title game.

Keep your quarterback on his feet... and keep your world championship hopes alive.

The past 10-15 years have seen a bunch of very good Super Bowl games, and this one has the potential to join that group.

Enjoy it folks. Get your popcorn ready...



WEEKLY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TUESDAY CLUB 55, JANUARY 16, 2012
 HIGH GAME SCRATCH-MALE
 231 GENE ALLMON
 217 GARY WILSON
 203 HUBERT GUSBY

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-MALE
 679 GENE ALLMON
 599 GARY WILSON
 547 JABO REDMOND

HIGH GAME SCRATCH-FEMALE
 194 LINDA WORTH
 189 BETTY PHILLIPS
 171 BARBARA NELSON

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-FEMALE
 574 LINDA WORTH
 468 BARBARA NELSON
 449 BETTY PHILLIPS

WEDNESDAY CLUB 55:
 HIGH GAME SCRATCH-MALE
 247 GENE ALLMON

244 RALPH ALLMON
 233 HUBERT GUSBY

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-MALE
 660 GENE ALLMON
 629 RALPH ALLMON
 599 HUBERT GUSBY

HIGH GAME SCRATCH-FEMALE
 185 CAROLYN MCGILL
 180 MAUDE WALLACE
 177 ELLA DOWLING

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-FEMALE
 509 CAROLYN MCGILL
 471 BARBARA GRUBB
 459 MAUDE WALLACE

THURSDAY NO-TAP;
 HIGH GAME SCRATCH-MALE
 300 RICHARD DAVIS
 300 DAVID MYERS
 297 HUBERT GUSBY

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-MALE
 791 GARY WILSON
 780 GENE ALLMON
 764 BILL BYRGE

HIGH GAME SCRATCH-FEMALE
 300 KIMBERLY OWENS
 233 LYNNE PORCO
 233 MARGARET MYERS

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH-FEMALE
 797 KIMBERLY OWENS
 619 MARGARET MYERS
 602 BETTY PHILLIPS



Katie Blackwell was 103 years old on January 24. Congratulations Katie! She spends her time at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, William and Maria Mills.



Congratulations to Ruby Miller who turns ninety-five on January 30th. She bowls twice a week at Fountain City Lanes. We love you Ruby

Tired of paying too much to heat your home?

Replace your old unit with a high-efficiency one and save!!!



CANTRELL'S HEAT & AIR

SALES · SERVICE · MAINTENANCE
 Family Owned Business Serving You Since 1991

Cantrell's Cares

- Free in-home estimates on new high efficiency systems!
- Financing available through TVA Energy Right program (Restrictions may apply)

We service all brands!

5715 Old Tazewell Pike
687-2520



Heating & Air Conditioning
Amana

Arts & Entertainment

Knoxville Version of 'Dancing With The Stars' Announces 2012 Lineup

The Star 102.1's "Dancing with the Knoxville Stars" competition will take place Thursday night, February 16 at 6 p.m.

Knoxville area celebrities participating in "Dancing with the Knoxville Stars" include:

• WBIR-TV 10 Sports Anchor Kris Budden • Lorena Estrada from WVLT Volunteer TV • Fitness Expert Missy Kane • Local singer/songwriter Logan Murrell • Former University of Tennessee Football player Robert Peace •

Knoxville News Sentinel Writer Jamie Satterfield • Star 102.1's DJ Shaffer • Renita Stinnett from the Knoxville Expo Center/Graham Corporation • Former First Lady of Knoxville Janet Testerman • Singer/songwriter and Master of Ceremonies at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Jay Teter • WATE 6 News Anchor Bo Williams

For more information on Star 102.1's "Dancing with the Knoxville Stars," contact Seth Linkous at (865) 541-8165 or at slinkous@etch.com.

Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Offers a Musical Story Time

A string quartet from the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will travel to local libraries during the months of February and March to read stories and play music for pre-school aged children as part of the orchestra's Story Time Program. The theme for this season's program is Music Is All Around Us. Musicians will read books that explore music that children may hear throughout their day from breakfast to bath time. The program will open with introducing young children to string instruments through reading the KSO's recently published book Better Than Cookies, As Good As Cake, written by KSO cellist Stacy

Nickell Miller. The book introduces string instruments by telling the story of a young girl who receives a violin. She finds that the sound that her violin makes, both alone and as part of a string quartet, is better than cookies and as good as cake. The characters in the book, illustrated by Stephen Brown, are loosely based on members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The second book, Violet's Music, tells the story of a born musician who searches to find a band of friends with whom to play music. Fiddle-I-Fee, based on Aaron Copland's I Bought Me a Cat, will explore in song items that may be purchased

on a daily trip to the store. These performances will help to highlight the connections between music and literacy and introduce string instruments to young audience members.

KSO's Winter Story Time Series is sponsored by Tennessee Arts Commission, Knox County and the City of Knoxville.

The KSO has contributed to the cultural life in East Tennessee since 1935. Under the leadership of Lucas Richman, the orchestra consists of more than 80 professional musicians and performs more than 200 programs throughout East Tennessee each season.

Performances are FREE and open to the public. A list of locations, dates and times can be found below and on the KSO website: www.knoxvillesymphony.com.

Date	Time	Location
February 1	10:30 AM	Burlington Library
February 7	11:00 AM	South Knox Library
February 8	11:00 AM	Carter Library
February 10	10:30 AM	Powell Library
February 15	11:00 AM	Halls Library
February 16	11:00 AM	Lawson McGhee Library
February 16	4:00 PM	Norwood Library
March 6	10:30 AM	Caryville Library

Sanders Plumbing



\$25 OFF

Any Plumbing Repair or Drain Service

Valid only with coupon. Not valid with other offers or prior service. Expires February 10, 2012

"Like" us on [facebook](#)


Proudly servicing Fountain City, Halls, Karns, Corryton, Powell and Knoxville for over 23 years strong!

We're better, faster, cleaner...we're SANDERS PLUMBING!

688-9004 • 546-0085 • www.sandersplumbingcompany.com

Your biggest asset

Your home is your most valuable asset. It's the investment of a lifetime. Depending on your situation, your home equity can be a great way to help finance a major expenditure such as an education, home remodel, dream vacation, unforeseen emergency or even as a line of credit. Talk to us about a Home Equity Loan. It might be just what you need. We're an equal housing lender.





Member FDIC

When you grow we grow

Fountain City - Halls - Powell - West Knox - Maynardville - Luttrell

www.cbtcn.com

NOW OPEN



We have moved to 4705 Clinton Highway, next to Clayton Auto and U-Haul.

- ▶ We carry Kubota, Badboys Mowers, Toro, Rhino, LandPride, Shindawia, Echo, Hustler trailers and more top quality products.
- ▶ We have Diesel and Gas Utility Vehicles and for the hunters - we also carry Electric Utility Vehicles!
- ▶ 0% financing on most Kubota products w.a.c

4705 Clinton Highway
Knoxville, TN 37912

865-687-9656

www.kubotaofknoxville.com

Phone: 865-686-9970 | Fax: 865-686-9966 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 2620 Cedar Lane across from Historic Fountain City Lake



The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Bicentennial

No, this essay isn't about some noteworthy day for our country or some historical figure. In fact, this may not resonate as important to anyone but me. Because, you see, this is my 200th essay for the *Knoxville Focus*, but you needn't worry about navigating through parades or confetti.

A lot has changed since I began writing for Mr. Hunley's newspaper almost four years ago. That was before Obama's election, the collapse of Fanny, Freddie and the banks, and it was before EMR (electronic medical records) came to my practice.

I'm a better writer now than when the *Focus* first introduced me and my column, *The Doctor Is In*. I believe you learn by doing. Theory is important as a bridge to understanding, but you don't learn to write by taking courses; doing is essential.

There's an axiom in medicine that goes, "Watch

one, do one, teach one." I understand the theory of an inflamed appendix threatening to rupture. I've assisted with a number of appendectomies, and I could probably take out an appendix in an emergency. However, I tell patients that if I was doing their operation they might never be the same again.

I think of myself as a 20th century man trying to cope with the 21st century. There is much about our modern world that is problematic, but I'm not a Miniver Cheevy. There's even more that is wondrous about the world. Here I sit at my computer organizing fluxing electrons as words and thoughts. I marvel at the letters of John and Abigail Adams written with a quill on scarce paper and nary a smudge or a mistake.

Because of modern marvels I can organize my words and thoughts just so. A software program even alerts me to incorrect spelling, or

verb tense problems, and my editress alerts me to misplaced modifiers. And the iPhone in my pocket is actually a powerful computer that connects me to a world of information and friends around the country and the world.

Nonetheless, I frequently find myself computationally out of my comfort zone. Becky and I bought each other a portable Bose music system for Christmas. To my frustration I couldn't get my iPhone to synch with the Bose system and play the music I'd been promised. Much to my chagrin was the diagnosis rendered by the Apple Store Genius (technician). "Doctor Ferguson, you have lint in your port." Dang, I thought that only occurred in your navel! My iPhone is always with me (unless I'm in the shower) and apparently the lint in my pocket obstructed the port. I hate it when that happens.

My struggles with computers are legendary. Just recently, I was logging onto our Summit Intranet and my computer's entire screen began to rapidly flash between black and blue before it locked up and reverted to the old basic DOS pattern of white numbers and letters on a black background. It took the fine folks of the Summit IT department most of one morning to fix the problem that my apparent negative energy field caused.

Computer technology and my iPhone are necessary for my writing and patient care in this complex age. I have apps (software applications) which enable me to check drug interactions and give me updates on medical issues; I have the world of medicine in my pocket – along with the lint. And my GPS (global positioning) app recently helped me find a patient's home when doing a house call – a sense of direction isn't one of my strong points.

My real technological challenge will occur this week as my office goes live with EMR and we leave standard medical charts behind. This is a "Brave New World" that even Aldous Huxley could not have envisioned. I've quit grousing about the government forcing me to convert to the fabulously expensive EMR technology, but I guess I should apologize to my patients for the inevitable distractions the conversion will cause. My only defense is that I must convert or quit. The Obama-care regulations say so.

I will, of course, have our IT department's support, but I'm apprehensive, and I'll probably feel like a fish or duck out of water, as the saying goes. However, if you ask a fish about the water around him he'd say, "What water?" Someday when I've mastered the new EMR technology I may look back and say, "What problem?" Until



The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Hello Folks!

I want to introduce myself and a brand new column on medical topics that will appear weekly in the *Knoxville Focus*. My name is Dr. James V. Ferguson. I am a native Knoxville and a practicing Internist with Summit Medical Group. The publisher of *Knoxville Focus* and the editor have graciously given me the opportunity to share some of my perspectives of medical care that spans thirty years. My focus is to help you understand the complex medical care system and make good choices for your family. Knowledge is empowering and I want you to make sure that your family is getting quality care.

To get things rolling let's define a few basic terms. A PCP is a primary care physician, and is, ideally, the first doctor you should see. Your primary care doctor may be a Pediatrician, an Internist or a Family Practitioner. Each of these doctors train for an additional three years after medical school in what are called internship and residency programs. Doctors of Osteopathy (DO) are similarly trained as PCPs. At the end of their postdoctoral training, these doctors become board eligible and hopefully pass the rigorous board examinations, becoming board certified physicians. While board certification is not the measure of a person it is nonetheless an important indicator of rigorous training and the pursuit of excellence.

Pediatricians are specialists in childhood diseases, and Internists are specialists in adult medical problems. Family Practitioners and DOs often serve both adults and children. Other doctors choose to practice in Urgent Care Clinics or in Emergency Rooms. In fact, a new specialty is the Hospitalist, a doctor who cares for patients only in the hospital. In an effort to serve patients more efficiently, many medical practices are using Nurse Practitioners, registered nurses having Master's level education. These physicians

**Excerpt from March 10, 2008 Focus.
 Congratulations on #200!**

then I'll just imagine myself of Grace and shout, "I'm as a ship floating on the sea claiming peace!"

New Year, New You



Enroll now for only \$25.

Parties, dinners and festive gatherings—this time of year we all tend to put on those unwanted extra pounds. This is a great time to drop them. And to help you get started we've dropped our enrollment fee—**now only \$25.**

Enroll today—come in and sign up.
Call 859-7900 for more information.



TennovaHealthcare.com
1-855-836-6682

KCHD offering group interactive approach for diabetes management

Being diagnosed with diabetes is a life-changing event. Managing the disease can be time consuming and overwhelming. That's why Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is now offering an interactive diabetes management tool involving a method called Diabetes Conversation Maps to help patients cope and learn from each other. Designed for small groups of 8-15 participants, KCHD's trained staff of dietitians can facilitate the program at businesses, churches or other organizations at no charge. For more information on bringing the Diabetes Conversation Maps to your group, call 215-5170.

Recommended by the American Diabetes Association, the program has been very effective across the country by helping patients understand and assume responsibility for managing their diabetes – not just telling them what to

do. The program operates similarly to a board game with a map of diabetes issues. By progressing as a group across the map, participants ask and answer questions, and learn from one another as well as the educator. KCHD's Diabetes Conversation Maps benefit patients by providing visual models that can be remembered more effectively; allowing them to discover answers for themselves; helping patients internalize and personalize health information in a fun and engaging way. Better diabetes self-management is the goal. Each session lasts 90 minutes to 2 hours. Participants are encouraged to schedule/attend multiple sessions because different aspects of the disease will be discussed.

"Patients always say how delighted they are with the practical tips they learn from other people in the Map session," said Susan

Fowlkes, KCHD clinical nutrition director. "Simple suggestions are shared that make diabetes management easier in day-to-day living."

In Tennessee, the percentage of adults with diabetes almost doubled between 1996 and 2005, from 5 to 9.1 percent and the state had the sixth highest percentage of diabetic adults compared to all other states. In Knox County, diabetes was the seventh leading cause of premature death in 2005. In 2008, almost 10 percent of Knox County adults reported they have been diagnosed with diabetes. This estimate does not include pre-diabetes or borderline diabetes. The estimate for 2002 was 7.1 percent and in 2005, it was 8.2 percent (Knox County Behavior Risk Factor Survey, 2002, 2005, 2008). According to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are 17.9 million people nationally diagnosed with

diabetes and an estimated 5.7 million people who have the disease but are undiagnosed. If current trends continue, one out of three U.S. adults will have diabetes by 2050.

Knox County Health Department's initiatives through the Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Diabetes (CARD) Program directly address reducing diabetes rates and include programs such as the tri-yearly diabetes management class series; community-wide walking programs; the Nutrition Education Activity Training (NEAT) after school program; mini-grants for local businesses and child care facilities to improve diet and physical activity; a walking school bus pilot project and an Eat Play Live Conference planned for March 2012. The CARD Program is funded through an agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health.

Fans of Lady Vols aim to 'Beat the 'dores'

Area blood supplies are very low, so patients in local hospitals have very high hopes for big donor turnouts during next week's 12th Annual Bleed Orange competition between fans of the UT Lady Vols and supporters of the Vanderbilt Commodores women's team. Lady Vol fans won this competition last year and this year's contest is set for January 30 – February 3.

Donors can visit one of two donor centers: 1601 Ailor Avenue or 11000 Kingston Pike in Farragut. For donor convenience, community drives are also planned.

January 30, Asheville Highway Animal Hospital, 4516 Asheville Hwy, 10:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Bloodmobile.

January 31, I.T.T. Technical Institute, 10208 Technology Drive, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Bloodmobile.

February 1, Chick-fil-a, Chapman Hwy, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Bloodmobile.

February 1, First Tennessee Plaza, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Bloodmobile.

February 1, Mast

General Store, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Bloodmobile.

February 1, Sharon Baptist Church, 7916 Pedigo Road, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m., Inside Ministry Center.

February 2, UT Institute of Agriculture, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Inside Hollingsworth Auditorium.

February 3, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Inside Meschendorf Room.

February 3, Wal-mart/Halls, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Bloodmobile.

Lady Vol fans who donate blood will receive a limited edition "Bleed Orange" T-shirt, a \$5 coupon for Moe's Southwest Grill, and Medic's family blood coverage. Medic's family blood coverage exempts the donor and parents (if they still claim student as an IRS dependent) for one year from paying blood collection fees at any U.S. hospital if a transfusion is needed. Vanderbilt fans will give blood to the Nashville Red Cross at locations in that community.

Faith

Life in Community

God has called His people to live in community with each other. As Christians, we are to be Christ to the people we encounter. As

we gather with other Christians, this should be a time of wonder and awe, as people try to be like Jesus and serve one another. I believe this is something our world is desperately seeking, to be in a community

of people who care and love each other.

There is no doubt time is what we need to be alone with God. A quiet place of rest and prayer with God is critical to our spiritual health. But there needs to be a healthy balance of isolation and community. When we understand who you are in Christ and how God cares about others, we are able to relate to others in a new way.

There are times that community can break down. We find ourselves talking badly about someone or have a bad attitude about a fellow Christian. Richard Foster says that sometimes we

need to fast from people because we eat too many of them. They give us indigestion. Have you ever had that experience?

Perhaps the reason we don't get along at times is because we are mentally and physically exhausted. I know there are days I have not had enough rest. Before making a big decision about something where I might make a mistake, it would be better to postpone and deal with the fatigue first. Back off, get some rest, and spend time with God before coming back into community.

One of my favorite places to talk with my wife is on our front porch

swing. We can feel the breeze, watch the birds, see the wind blowing through the trees. It is a place of rest and peace. It is a place to recharge our emotional batteries. It is a place to reconnect. Our marriage always feels stronger after these times together.

If we are reconnecting with God in a quiet place, our relational connectedness with others will be stronger. Swinging on the front porch with God will actually help us minister to others to a greater degree.

Life in contemplation fosters life in community. Sometimes we think it is just the opposite. Each

night I plug my I-Phone in to recharge. I know that it will be powered up and ready in the morning for a busy day. Likewise, if our spiritual batteries are recharged each morning or evening in private devotion to God, we

will be ready to take on a busy day serving others in Jesus' name. Life together is not a burden, but becomes a joy. Ask God to help you find the right balance for your life.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

we gather with other Christians, this should be a time of wonder and awe, as people try to be like Jesus and serve one another. I believe this is something our world is desperately seeking, to be in a community

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church (7753 Oak Ridge Hwy) is welcoming back Wednesday Night Dinners! Just think of a full meal with desert and no cooking or cleaning the kitchen! Dinner starts at 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5 for adult, \$3 children under 10 years, and no more than \$16 per family. After dinner you are welcome to stay for activities for children and youth and small group studies for the adults. Call the church office 690-1060 by Monday for reservations

so we know how many to cook for!

Christ United Methodist Church

Christ United Methodist Church, located at 7535 Maynardville Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37938 will have FREE CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS available on Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Anyone in need please come by and shop, no questions asked!!

Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing BOXES OF BLESSINGS (food) on Saturday, February 11,

2012 from 9:00 a.m.. to 11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone. Anyone who would like to come and receive a box of blessings is invited. You must be present to receive a box of food. One box per household. For more information call 865-689-4829

KFL Outreach Ministry Presents

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet Tuesday, January 31 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway at noon. Angie Merritt will be the guest speaker. For more information, visit: <http://kfl-luncheon.com>.

kfl-luncheon.com.

New Hope Baptist Church

Celebrate Recovery adult and youth classes every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Twelve Step Class every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. New Hope Baptist Church 7602 Bud Hawkins Road, Corryton, TN 37721. For more information, call 688-5330 or 300-5350.

Come worship with us New Beverly Baptist Church

3320 New Beverly Church Rd. Knoxville, TN 37918
Rev. Eddie Sawyer, Pastor
www.newbeverly.org
856-546-0001
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 p.m.
Bus Ministry -
For transportation call 546-0001.

Pray Ye, One for Another

But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; he will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 (NASB)

Salvation: Sue, Ann, Joe, Don, Ada, Charles, Tony, Luke, Lynn, Rick, Brian, Matt, Tina, Nina, Lois, Rick, Doris, Everet, James, Amber, Carl W., Ryan B., Tracie, Randy, Richard, Brandon, Roger, David, Travis, Ronald Jr, Emert fam, Charles & sons, Protection: C.J, Lila, Cade, Jay, Aidan, Elijah, Judy, Blake, David, Miguel, Haylee, Kaleb, Haley, Weslin, Cooper, Matthew, Kyliegh, McGinnis fam., U.S. Military

Peace & Strength: Pat, Angel, Brenda, Bobby, Vanessa, Melissa, Angela, Gloria, Jay, Pat, Angela, Holly, Linda, Doyle, Brand, Doug S, Carol S, Marty S, Stephanie, James S, Barbara H, Matthew, Angela & fam, Woods fam, Hester fam, Lasley fam, Staley fam, Johnson fam, Closer Walk: Jessica S, Jeff, Kurt, Charity, Haylee, Frankie, Steve, Kelly, Lorie, Hanna, Patricia, Bobby, Lauren, Rodney, Connie, Chuck, Taylor, Scott, Christian fam, Blessings: Dan, Pat, Joy, Tim, Eric, Connie, Leslie, Frank, Sarah, Ricky, Brenda, Ronald, Fayola, Sandra, Kindra, Tasha, Frances, Judy, Josh, Pacer, Tricia, Lucy, Benny, Blake, Blanch, Pauline, Randall, Kimberly, Elizabeth, Ronald, Hettie, Graham fam., Hepperly fam, Richardson fam, Finger fam, Cates fam, Brooks fam, Dearing fam. Healing: Ted, Sara, Estal, Clyde, Ronnie, Karen, Ricky, Donna, Merle, John, Caroline, Gladys, Steven, Jerry B, Joel W, Mike, Stacy, Hal T, Kristen, Vickie, Brian, John, Reba, Patty, Judy, Elzora, Josiah, Herbert M, Marilyn C, Melinda, Heselton fam., Deliverance: Marc, Eddie, Travis, John W, Larry W, Sherry, Amanda, Bonnie K, Bradley. William K, Napier fam, Unspoken: Julie, Lea, Jim, Josh, John, Dexter, Kristen, Ruble, Debbie, Marsha, Shirley, Frances, Rick, Linda, Guidance: Joe F, John S, Dennis H, Howard, Jessica S, Gigi H, Tony, Tammy, Deonna, Dominique, Sandra, Barbara G, Frankie, Justin, Jewell, Lauren, Taylor, Tee, Emily, Mike, Lauren F, Joby, Scott, Hutchison fam, Fernandez fam, Mike, Leah & kids, Kairo Torch Ministries, Ausler fam,

Would you like to be added to the prayer list? Call 865-766-5051, Text (ONLY) 865-951-8197 or e-mail Vance@John36.com; or Patricia@john36.com.

HALLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner of Hill Road and Fort Sumter Road

Larry Woods, Minister • 922-4210 • www.hallschristian.net

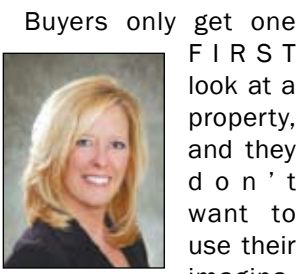
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Where Christ is Making a Difference in Our Lives and in Our Community

As easy as one, two, three



By Jan Cole

Buyers only get one F I R S T look at a property, and they d o n ' t want to use their imagination. They assume the house they see is as good as it's going to get. If you want your home to sell, step out of your comfort zone and think like a buyer. Here are three ways to help you turn your house into the home of someone else's dreams.

First, no one likes a dirty house, and what "lived in" is to you might be someone else's "messy." When in doubt, clean. It's the least expensive way to improve your home's initial appeal, and it's a good way to get a jump-start on your move. To do this, the first thing you need to do is de-clutter. Next up is a good, solid scrubbing. Spend a weekend washing the floors, baseboards, and bathrooms. Be sure to get the tops of cabinets and corners behind furniture. Clean every piece of glass in the building. Too

many people ruin a pristine home with spotty mirrors and doors. Don't forget the outside of the house. Hose down your exterior walls and driveway, trim the lawn and hedges, and remove any trash cans and clutter from sight.

Secondly, part of the joy of buying a new home is starting with a clean slate. No one wants to buy an existing to-do list of nagging little fix-its. Making small fixes now can put the buyer's mind at ease. Focus on inexpensive, highly-visible problems. Doorbells, window glass, cabinet handles, and holes in walls are all easy to spot and cheap to fix.

Finally, buyers like to see what they're viewing. Good lighting, vivid color, and a few visual cues can go a long way toward making your home a memorable one. Repaint interior walls; particularly those in the bathroom, kitchen, and extremely bright areas. Replace traditional incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents, which put brighter lights in your existing sockets while saving money. Tie back curtains to let in the maximum amount of sun, which makes a house look more inviting than artificial light. Spruce up empty or colorless zones with potted plants. They add character to a room, but are obviously disposable if a buyer dislikes them. Repaint your front door, mailbox, and any street numbers

If you are thinking of selling your home in the near future, give me a call and I will be glad to share with you some ways that you can prepare your home for a Successful Sale! Call today. I WILL WORK FOR YOU!

JAN COLE REALTY EXECUTIVES office)865-688-3232 cell)865-455-5050

jancole@realtyexecutives.com www.jancoleraltor.com

From Seymour Middle

Hey everybody! I hope you have started off the new year on the right foot! Last week in Seymour w a s

National School Board Application week! So we want to give our School Board member Charles Temple a HUGE Seymour "Thanks!" for all he has done for us over the years! We also want to congratulate Ms. Wanner and Mr. Wishler for getting Teacher of the Year!! I hope everyone has a wonderful week!



By Abby Shehan

It's not Jellico Mountain!

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

It's a little thing, being irritated by things being called by the wrong name, but it gets under my skin when it happens.

You're watching local television news and the weather person is talking about Jellico Mountain, saying something about the snow or ice there if you are driving north.

"There's a chance that Interstate 75 might be hazardous as you cross Jellico Mountain," they say.

We all know what the forecaster is talking about, right?

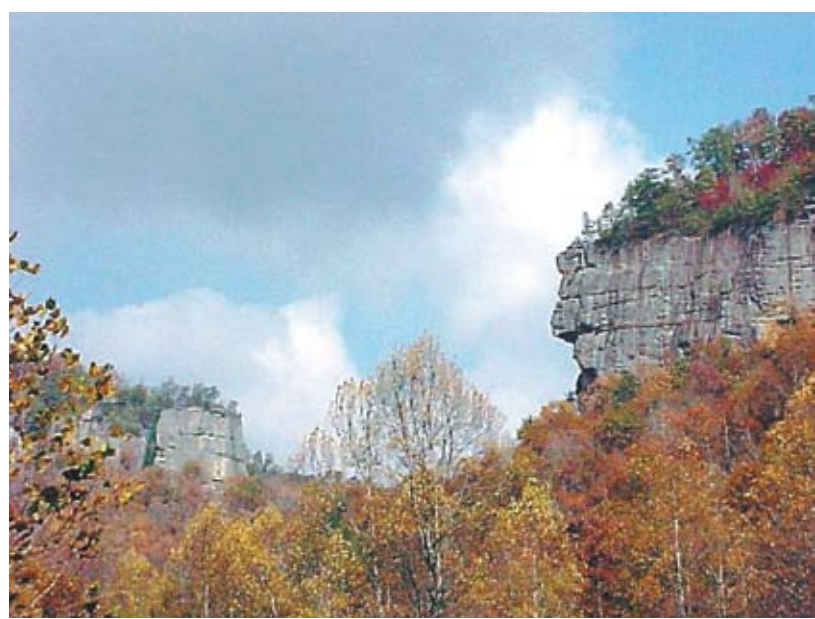
Wrong.

I-75 does not cross Jellico Mountain. The stretch of interstate between Caryville and Jellico climbs Cumberland Mountain at Bruce Gap, tops off at Flat Woods, passes Royal Blue, and then Stinking Creek. That section of the highway then tops a land bridge and climbs Pine Mountain.

From there to Jellico you are atop Pine Mountain, not Jellico Mountain, and yes it leads to Jellico and the Kentucky state line, but it's Pine Mountain, not Jellico Mountain.

Back a few years ago when Margie Isom was saying "Jellico Mountain" I had a chance to talk with her and we got it corrected for a while. I wonder if current weather people ever look at a map.

Pine Mountain is a wonder, it's a mirror image of Cumberland Mountain, pushed up by a long fault that stretches some 123 miles from



The unique features of Pine Mountain near Jellico can be seen as you drive through "The Narrows" and see places like Primroy Hollow. For the Knoxville television weather people: It's Pine Mountain, not "Jellico" Mountain.

near the Scott-Campbell county line all the way to the Breaks of the Sandy River near the

West Virginia border. Along the way it averages about 2,400 feet, with limestone on the north face and sandstone on the south, just the opposite of Cumberland Mountain.

Pine Mountain only has three water gaps, one at the Breaks, one in Pineville, Ky., and the most southern in Jellico at what is known locally as "The Narrows." The peak is long and narrow, spotted with streams, waterfalls, rock shelters, caves, and wild country. Locally it's a haven for four-wheelers, hikers, and hunters.

You can get a quick idea of the unique geology by taking Highway 25W north from LaFollette and, as you near Jellico, you'll notice huge bluffs in The Narrows. Primroy Hollow and that region has a little known natural arch and other unusual features.

There the mountain does something odd. The limestone that you

see at the Jellico Quarry actually twists, dips beneath the Clear Fork River, and climbs back up the mountain on the other side.

Not to say there isn't a "Jellico Mountain," for there is. That name applies to the peak that you see off to the left as you top Pine Mountain. It's across the way, opposite Elk Valley. Apparently it was named for the Angelica plants found there that early settlers used as a substitute for tea.

There's also a well known family in England with the "Jellicoe" title and you'll find Jellico as a minor community name there and in Canada.

So, weather people, if you read this please use "Pine Mountain," instead of "Jellico Mountain," because it's more accurate and it won't offend those knit pickers like me.

You don't call the Smokey Mountains the "Blue Ridge" mountains, so get your act together and get it right. After all, weather is news, right?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AARP February Driver Safety Classes

For registration information about these AARP Driver Safety Classes, please call Carolyn Rambo at 584-9964.

2/1 & 2/2 9 to 1 Oak Ridge Senior Ctr., 728 Emory Valley Road, Oak Ridge

2/2 (1 Day) 8 to 5 Blount Memorial Health Center, 230 Associates Blvd., Alcoa

2/16 & 2/17 12 to 4 Halls Senior Center, 4200 Crippen Rd., Knoxville

Basic Computer Class

Smithwood Baptist Church is offering a Basic

Computer Class from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays, February 6, 8, 13, 15. Instruction includes an introduction to Windows 7 and how to edit text, create and arrange files and folders and use the paint program. Cost: \$20.00 for entire course. For more information, contact Shirley or Earl Walker at 687-9429 or ewwalker@bellsouth.net.

Bower Field Sign Ups

Wee Ball, Tee Ball, Softball and Baseball Sign ups for Spring Baseball and Softball will be:

Saturdays, Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th. For more info

call: 748-0122 (leave message) or 573-3016 (leave message)

Eclectic Evening of Music

Country, classical and bluegrass Music will be featured at the Eclectic Evening of Music A Benefit for Alzheimer's Tennessee, hosted by Courtyards Senior Living on Friday, February 3, at 7 p.m. at Grove Theatre in Oak Ridge.

Tickets are \$20. To purchase yours today, call The Courtyards Senior Living (865) 481-6009. Tickets may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at The Courtyards locations in

Oak Ridge and Knoxville, or held for pick up the evening of the concert.

Iwo Jima remembrance

Echo Ridge retirement community, located at 8458 Gleason Drive in Knoxville, invites local veterans and the general public to a remembrance of the Battle of Iwo Jima on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Iwo Jima, site of the famous flag-raising photo by Joe Rosenthal, was a pivotal one-month battle between the United States and Japan during World War II. February marks the 67th anniversary.

Echo Ridge is paying tribute by hosting a complimentary chef-prepared lunch with specialty desserts followed by a remembrance video at 1:45 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Space is limited, so guests are asked to RSVP by calling Echo Ridge at 865-769-0111.

Knoxville Restaurant Week

Description: During Knoxville Restaurant Week, local restaurants will offer three-course meals at \$25 or \$35 fixed prices February 26-March 2, with \$5 of the dinner price going to Second Harvest Food

Bank. www.knoxvilleres-taurantweek.com

LeConte Photographic Society meeting

The LeConte Photographic Society will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sevierville Civic Center. In addition to the monthly photo competitions, they will present the winning images from the Scenic City International Photo Exhibition sponsored by The Photographic Society of Chattanooga. Winners represent 43 countries around the world. This is a free

Cont. on page 4

J.K. FORD CONSTRUCTION, LLC
 SERVING OUR COMMUNITY 28 YRS
 FREE ESTIMATES! BONDED & LICENSED
577-6289
 NEED HOME SECURITY UPDATES?? Offering CHEAP & EFFECTIVE updates to increase your home's security. Protect your loved ones & sleep soundly. Call for details.
 FOR ALL YOUR REMODELING NEEDS! GARAGES & ROOM ADDITIONS

JAN COLE REALTOR®
 (865)688-3232 (865)455-5050
 3232 Tazewell Pike, Knoxville
Ruggles Ferry Golf Course Home
 This charming home situated on the 12th fairway features open floor plan w/amazing views from every window! Hardwood floors, main level office + master on main. Kitchen offers 42" cabinets, stainless appliances, & granite tops. All bns have great walk-in closets & tons of storage! Finished basement w/3 golf cart gar. & workshop area. \$349,900

CANTRELL'S HEAT & AIR
 SALES • SERVICE MAINTENANCE
 Serving you since 1992
 5715 Old Tazewell Pike
687-2520
 Making A/C Conditions
Amana
 energyright solutions

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cont. from page 3
program and open to the public.

Listening Hearts meeting

Listening Hearts, A Gathering of Bereaved Moms, will meet 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, in the west conference room at the Eye Institute (formerly the Baptist Eye Institute), 2020 Kay Street. Contact Info: <http://listening-hearts.net> or e-mail listeninghearts@live.com.

Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3 meeting

Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, Gay Street. William Hardy and Lisa Oakley will present a program about the National History Day Competition. For information call 865/494-7785.

Sterchi Elementary news

Feb. 7 - Skatetown - Family Skate Night - 5:30 - 7:30

Feb. 17 - Jump for the Playground

March 12 - PTA Meeting
April 13 - Family Fun Night 5:30 - 8:30

South Doyle High School

South Doyle High School Baseball Team is holding a HUGE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, February 4, 2012, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (at SDHS Young Campus Cafeteria - across the street from main campus on Tipton Sta. Road). See ad on this page!

NEIGHBORHOOD SALES

HUGE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
South Doyle High School
Baseball Team
Saturday, February 4,
2012, 8am-1pm
(at SDHS Young Campus Cafeteria - across the street from main campus on Tipton Sta. Road)

ANTIQUES FOR SALE

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER-
WORKS, ALL SILVER, HEAVY,
MOVING SELL CHEAP
865-660-8239

BLACK & WHITE MOVIE
POSTERS, MOST IN ORIGINAL
FRAMES FROM LARGE TO
SMALL DIFFERENT SIZES.
CAME FROM CHICAGO
THEATER. MOVING, MUST
SELL ALL \$500. 865-660-8239

GAS FOOD WARMER THREE
WELL DEEP W/BOTTOM SHELF.
\$150.00 865-660-8239

ELECTRIC GYRO MACHINE.
SPINDLE NEEDS TO BE
REPLACED \$100
865-660-8239

BEER TAPPER WITH
BUDWEISER HANDLE. USED
3TIMES. COST \$1200 ASKING
\$400. GREAT FOR GAMES.
865-660-8239

AUTO ACCESSORIES

CRV RUNNING BOARDS FITS
'07-'11 MODELS \$100 CALL
254-2171

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

KNOXVILLE BASED COMPANY
NEEDS OUTGOING, SELF-
DISCIPLINED, MOTIVATED
INDIVIDUALS. 865-719-2964

GAIN ENERGY
LOSE WEIGHT
MAKE MONEY
ACEENERGYPILL.COM
865-584-4653

COMPUTERS FOR SALE

DELL COMPUTER \$150.00 EA.
BUY 2 \$125.00 EA., BUY 3
OR MORE \$100.00 EA.
COMPUTER REPAIR
237-6993

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

JOHN DEER "400" 3PNT HITCH
PTO, LOG SPLITTER, "60IN"
DECK 687-4434

REAL ESTATE APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1BR FOUNTAIN CITY.
NEAT, CLEAN & READY
TO MOVE INTO. \$450/
MO + \$200 DEPOSIT.
687-2327

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

2BR Apartment
in the heart of Ftn City
Newly renovated
\$495/mo. Move in
Special \$200 Deposit.
687-2324

COUNTRY COTTAGE
CUTE 2BR 1BA \$400 MO. +
DEP. 938-3628

SOUTH KNOXVILLE
UT/DOWNTOWN AREA
2BR APTS \$475.00
CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL!
865-573-1000

FOUNTAIN CITY N. KNOXVILLE
1 & 2 BDRM APARTMENTS,
FROM \$375.+ WWW.
KNOXAPARTMENTS.NET
CALL TENANT'S CHOICESM

FOUNTAIN CITY CONDO
2BR/2BA. 1lv, spacious LR
w/gas FP, sunroom, laundry
room, 1car gar, attic. Conv. loca-
tion, great neighborhood. Ex.
Cond. \$134,900. 465-8027

SPECIAL RELIEF PROGRAM
NO MORE RENT
YOU CAN BUY NOW
1-888-933-3495

2BR/1BA DUPLEX FTN CITY, 1
CAR GAR, LAUNDRY ROOM
W/STOR, AC/GAS HEAT, NO
PETS/NO SMOKE. \$600/MO +
\$600 DEP + \$40 CK. 742-3172

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

WHOLESALE CENTER
ALL MODELS MUST GO
1-888-933-3495
LAND OWNERS!!!!

DISABILITY INCOME
THIS HOME IS FOR YOU.
865-933-3495

YOUR LAND, FAMILY LAND
YOU GET HOME, SEPTIC,
WATER, AND ELECTRIC
NO MONEY DOWN.
865-933-3495

3BD 2BA SINGLEWIDE
WITH LAND \$15,000 CASH
865-933-3495

DIVORCE FORCES SALES
NEW 3BD 2BA
865-933-2014

NEW 2012 3BR 2BA
PAYMENTS LOWER THAN
RENT. 865-933-9962

14X52 2BR 1BA
\$9950.00
865-932-0924

16X70 \$9,900
865-933-0924

LOST

LOST DIAMOND RING WITH
CUSTOM-MADE CATCH.
REWARD CALL 247-7349

TAMALES FOR SALE

HOT TAMALES
\$14.00/Dozen
A service of Mt. Harmony
Baptist Church Senior Adult
Ministry - 6214 Strawberry
Plains Pike
Hot Tamale Hotline
(865)382-3253
Made in a Knox Co. Health Dept.
inspected kitchen.
More than 15 years experience
October - February
Monday & Thursday
4:00 - 5:30

WANTED

BUYING JUNK & REPAIRABLE
CARS: ANY MAKE,
ANY MODEL, ANY CONDITION
322-7001

Seeking Christian Live-in caretaker
for elderly female. Must have
transportation. Living expenses +
salary. Background check required.
Taylor 363-6505 or Lana 455-7505.

SEEKING FEMALE IN-HOME
CAREGIVER FOR ELDERLY
WOMAN FTN CITY AREA
865-560-2298

SERVICE DIRECTORY

CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION

CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION
FLOORS, WALLS, REPAIRS
32 YEARS EXPERIENCE
938-3328

CHILD CARE

Partners for Children
Childcare Center
714 Cedar Lane 689-9516
Openings for children 1 & 2 yrs
old. State Certificates Accepted -
Scholarships Available

CLEANING

KIMBERCLEAN: YOU CAN HAVE
A CLEAN HOUSE FOR LESS
THAN YOU THINK! 719-4357

ELDER CARE

PRIVATE HOME CARE FOR THE
ELDERLY OR DISABLED 24/7.
PATTI 566-8288

ELECTRICIAN

ELECTRIC CO.
QUALITY SERVICE
CALL JAMES 237-6993 OR
230-8788

EVENTS

FOUNTAIN CITY LIONS CLUB
FOR RENT FOR YOUR PARTY
OR GATHERING. CONTACT
ALVIN FRYE AT FOUNTAIN CITY
EXXON. 687-5191

EXCAVATING

BOBCAT/BACKHOE /SMALL
DUMP TRUCK. SMALL JOB
SPECIALIST CELL 660-9645 OR
688-4803

FLOOR REPAIR

MOLD TOX
WET BASEMENT?
Baseboard Dry-Up System (25Yr warranty)
Foundation Waterproofing
Floor Leveling - Termites Damage Repairs
Moisture Control - Mold Removal
Crawlspace Repair Experts!
25+ Years Experience
Licensed - Bonded - Insured
BBB accredited business w/A+ rating
FREE INSPECTION
www.moldtox.com
524-1227
18 MONTHS SAME AS CASH

HOME MAINTENANCE

Exterior HOME SOLUTIONS, LLC
ROOFING
RE-ROOFS - REPAIRS - METAL
24 Hour Service
Will work with your insurance company
Insured, licensed & bonded
Locally owned & operated
524-5888
exteriorhomesolutions.com
Member BBB since 2000
FREE ESTIMATES!
PREFERRED CONTRACTOR

ROB GORDON
Independent Craftsman
Licensed and Insured
Family owned & operated since 1979
Repairs - Remodeling
Renovations - Construction
Pressure cleaning - Carpentry
Painting - Drywall - Flooring
Doors and Windows
Kitchen and Bath Remodeling
Honey-Do Lists
Contractor Punch Lists
Home Inspection Repair Lists
References Available
www.myfatherstouch.net
(865) 693-2441
A beautiful home is a worthy investment.

LAWN CARE

E&M Complete Lawn Care
Mow • Mulch • Landscape • Aerate
Fertilize • Debris/Small Tree Removal
Pressure Washing • Gutter Cleaning
Free Estimates
Commercial & Licensed & Insured
Residential **556-7853**

MUSIC LESSONS

PIANO LESSONS
FOR AGES 6 THRU ADULT.
CALL 865-254-2171
OR 865-523-7267

PAINTING

PILGRIM PAINTING
INTERIOR - EXTERIOR REPAINT SPECIALIST
SHEET ROCK REPAIRS AS NEEDED
17 YRS NON-STOP EXPERIENCE
Senior Citizens Discounts
References Available Upon Request.
Licensed and Insured.
Small Home Improvements &
Pressure Cleaning by Request.
Fast, Neat, Honest &
Dependable Service
All Work Guaranteed!
Phone: 291-8434

PLUMBING

SANDERS PLUMBING
PROUDLY SERVING THE
GREATER KNOXVILLE AREA
SINCE 1989
Full Service Plumbing
Company
We Service Residential &
Business Plumbing Needs
Fully Licensed And Bonded
Service Techs
Drug Free Work Place
sandersplumbing.com
922-9175

SELF STORAGE

STORE YOUR STUFF
SELF STORAGE 39.99 /MO
4 LOCATIONS 24HR ACCESS
970-4639 TNSTG.COM

STUMP GRINDING

HARD TIMES SERVICES
STUMP GRINDING
On-Site Repair Work
Dump Truck - Hi-Lift
Backhoe - Portable Welding
Bush Hogging / Yard Box Work
579-1656 · 360-4510

Blank's Tree Work

• All Types of Tree Care &
Stump Removal
• Fully Insured
• Free Estimates
Serving all of Knox County
924-7536
Will beat all written estimates
with comparable credentials

SWIM LESSONS

SWIM LESSONS: YOUTH &
ADULT SWIM CLASSES. NEW
CLASSES BEGIN EACH MONTH.
CALL THE JUMP START
PROGRAM AT ASSOCIATED
THERAPEUTICS FOR MORE
INFORMATION. 687-4537

Place your
classified ad
online at
www.knoxfocus.com
or call
686-9970!



Spinach Dip

2 cups plain low-fat yogurt
1 envelope ranch dressing
1 10oz package frozen chopped spinach,
thawed and well drained
1 8oz can water chestnuts, drained and
chopped
½ cup fresh red pepper, diced

Line a strainer with cheesecloth and place it
over a deep bowl. Add the yogurt to the strainer,
cover and refrigerate overnight. The yogurt
will drain and thicken overnight. Discard the
liquid.

Mix in ranch seasoning with prepared yogurt.
Add spinach, water chestnuts and red pepper.
Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving.
Serve with fresh vegetables and pita wedges.
Garnish with some extra red pepper slices.
Yields 24 servings.

Asparagus Rollups

16 fresh asparagus, trimmed
16 slices sandwich bread, crusts removed
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
2 tablespoons minced chives
1/4 cup butter, melted
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, bring 1/2 in. of water to
a boil. Add asparagus; cover and boil for 3 min-
utes. Drain and immediately place asparagus in
ice water. Drain and pat dry. Set aside.

Flatten bread with a rolling pin. Combine
the cream cheese, bacon and chives; spread
1 tablespoonful on each slice of bread. Top
with an asparagus spear. Roll up tightly; place
seam side down on a greased baking sheet.
Brush with butter and sprinkle with Parmesan
cheese.

Cut roll-ups in half. Bake at 400° for 10-12
minutes or until lightly browned. Yield: 32 appe-
tizers.