



Carter Elementary School on time, debt free

By Focus Staff

A crowd of approximately 200 gathered last week as Knox County took possession of the new Carter Elementary School during a ceremonial check presentation event.

"It took a lot of work to get to this point, but today we can officially say the new Carter Elementary School is a reality," Mayor Burchett said. "In fact, we were able to go from a planned renovation to a brand new school without adding new debt...and now the children and families in the Carter Community have a new school they can be proud of."

Knox County school board had previously voted multiple times to renovate the school's existing campus. Yet, in 2011 Mayor Burchett announced that he planned to sell county property in order to generate \$11.3 million for the completion of a new facility. The school board would then be responsible for the \$2.5 million it had designated for renovations. The issue remained controversial throughout the funding process, but ultimately



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

A ceremonial check was given to Partners Development in exchange for the keys to the new Carter Elementary School last week. Pictured left to right are John Mills, Jack Huddleston, Superintendent McIntyre, Russ Watkins, CEO and president of Partners Development, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Commissioner Dave Wright, 8th District School Board Member Mike McMillan, Commissioner Brad Anders, Property Assessor Phil Ballard, Law Director Bud Armstrong, and Carter Elementary School Principal Shay Siler.

Burchett won the battle for a new facility.

The real victors, however, were members of the

Carter community who had been advocating for a new school for decades.

The new building, located

on Strawberry Plains Pike in East Knox County, is approximately 90,000 square feet and is designed to educate

650 students.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, along with Knox _____ **Cont. on page 4**

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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South Waterfront finds new momentum

By Tasha Mahurin
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"Finally we have the answer to the former Baptist hospital site. This is a game changer not only for South Knoxville but for all of Knoxville. This will be the catalyst for more development and the amenities such as restaurants and more retail that South Knoxville starves for," Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis told *The Focus*.

Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial Corporation announced last week their plans to develop the 23-acre waterfront property formerly known as Baptist Hospital into a mixed-use development overlooking Downtown Knoxville.

The announcement gave new hope to South Knoxville residents and business owners who've long anticipated progress on the South Waterfront Vision Plan originally adopted by the city in 2006. The ambitious plan saw little progress for years due to economic down-turn, however, Blanchard & Calhoun's



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Plans for the former Baptist Hospital were unveiled in a special announcement last week.

proposed investment represents unprecedented momentum in relation to the plan- which calls for a long-term improvement strategy for an approximate 750-acre area fronting the 3-mile shoreline of the Tennessee River in South Knoxville.

The commercial development corporation's proposal calls for dramatic change.

The entire existing campus will go through a demolition phase in which all buildings will be removed with the exception of the two existing office buildings, which will be completely

renovated and remodeled.

Upon completion, the site will contain 300 luxury Class A apartment units, 225 student housing suites, a 150 room waterfront hotel fully equipped with a conference and wellness center, and 40k square feet of retail and office space. Officials

look for the site to complement Suttree Landing Park, located in the Old Sevier Neighborhood area and currently being developed by the City of Knoxville.

"It's an honor to be involved in such a remarkable development in my home town. I've spent time

on this property since childhood and now to be able to work with the city of Knoxville to redevelop this site into something that will be, once again, a major economic driver to Downtown Knoxville, the University, and East Tennessee," said Vic Mills, CEO of Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial to those present for the announcement.

According to the City of Knoxville, construction is scheduled to begin the fourth quarter of 2013. The Class A apartments have an expected completion for late next year. The total project completion date is anticipated for mid-2015.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero said, "This as an exciting concept for the revitalization of our South Waterfront. We look forward to working with Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial on this bold proposal that will transform the area and encourage additional private investment. "

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Focus on the Law

Defamation

Often referred to as "defamation of character," defamation is the issuance of a false statement about another person which causes that person to suffer harm. "The essential element of a cause of action for defamation is a false and defamatory statement which caused injury to the plaintiff's character or reputation." Tennessee Practice, Vol. 23 (2009-2010) p.540. "Libel and slander are both defamation; libel is written and slander is spoken." Id. Under Tennessee law, a lawsuit for defamation must be filed within one year. This one year statute of limitations begins to run on the date the publication is first distributed in the county where the lawsuit is brought or when the slanderous words were spoken. Generally speaking, the lawsuit may be brought in the county where the defendant resides or where the events giving rise to the claim of defamation occurred.

"Defamation per se" occurs when someone utters words that are deemed slanderous on their own and are presumed to cause damage to the plaintiff. For example, accusing someone of committing a crime of moral turpitude (adultery, fornication), claiming someone has a sexually transmitted disease or attacking a person's professional character or standing may be considered committing defamation



By Sharon Frankenberg,
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per se.

In order to prove a case of defamation, you must show the following:

1. Defendant's publication of a statement;
2. With knowledge that the statement was false and defaming to the plaintiff;
3. With reckless disregard for the truth of the statements or with negligence

in failing to ascertain the truth of the statement; and

4. Plaintiff has actual damages.

The plaintiff may ask for compensatory damages to fully compensate himself or herself for the loss or injury caused by the defendant's conduct. The goal is restore the plaintiff to the position he or she would have been in had the wrongful conduct not occurred. If actual malice is proven in a defamation action, punitive damages may be awarded. Punitive damages are typically more than the amount of the compensatory damages and are specifically designed to punish the defendant.

You may have heard the expression that the "truth is a defense." That is absolutely correct when it comes to defamation. Other defenses which may prevent recovery by the plaintiff include filing his or her lawsuit too late (after the one year statute of limitations has run) and privilege. Examples of privileged statements include those made by witnesses in court, arguments

made in court by lawyers, statements made by legislators on the floor of the legislature or by judges while sitting on the bench. No matter how false or outrageous, privileged statements cannot support a cause of action for defamation.

Under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, public figures cannot succeed in bringing actions for defamation without proving that the statement about them was made with "actual malice." That means the person making the statement knew the statement was false or issued the statement with reckless disregard for the truth. Public figures are not only politicians and celebrities. A person can become an involuntary public figure as a result of publicity, even though they did not want or invite the public attention. For example, people accused of high profile crimes, guilty or not, may be considered public figures on the basis of the notoriety associated with their case. They may be unable to succeed in pursuing compensation for defamation. "Defamation, Libel and Slander Law," Aaron Larson (August 2003). www.expert-law.com/library/personal_injury/defamation.html

Obviously this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation.

Lessons in a 52 pickup truck

It's summer time, and one never comes around that I don't remember the good and bad times I had during these months when I was younger. Twin brother Jim and I awoke to the morning



By Joe Rector

air heavy with the perfume of honeysuckle, and we played hard all day. When we reached high school, the time came to find summer jobs to earn spending money and a little extra cash for school.

I had several jobs during the summer; most of them paid low wages and demanded back-breaking manual labor. Neither thing hurt me since prices were much cheaper in the 60s and I learned about work from my parents. The biggest rewards

a summer program for about 20 boys. We'd been hired to cut weeds and brush and to haul away trash from alleys and other properties. We were put on different crews. Mine consisted of boys from Rule High School. Foxy was our adult leader, and I think James was the driver of the truck.

Each morning we pulled out at 7:00 a.m. with a list of jobs to complete during the day. I learned the art of correctly swinging a sickle

came from things I learned while I was on the clock. The biggest lessons came from the bed of a 1952 Chevy pick-up truck.

For two summers, Jim and I worked for the city of Knoxville in

and a brush axe, and Foxy instructed me on sharpening the tools with a file. I practiced loading brush into the back of that pick-up so that it stayed put on the drive to the dump on Asheville Highway. On that ride I learned how to sit on the cab of the truck and keep from falling out by using a pitchfork and a rake as braces.

I soon discovered that when the truck stopped, all of us boys were to hop out and finish the job in short order. That's what we did all morning and most of the afternoon. Usually, we completed our list of calls with a couple of hours to spare. James would drive us to Cumberland Avenue and on the UT campus, and this grimy, sweaty crew would ogle at coeds walking classes. Some of the more brazen boys would yell at the girls. Those college students either ignored them or stuck middle fingers up, an act that always brought on bursts of laughter from the other boys.

It was in the back of that truck that I learned the evils of gambling. One boy was a master at matching, and I spent the better part of one day losing an entire week's pay to him...a quarter at a time. When the truck stopped for morning an afternoon breaks, Ronnie went into stores and bought stuff with my money, but he never offered me a thing. Since that time, I don't gamble on anything, not even a dollar bet on a sports board. I also learned that many people don't care what you don't have and aren't about to give

you a break or help you out of your foolish acts.

On one morning we pulled into the Krystal on Broadway so that Foxy could grab a cup of coffee. I spied a nice looking girl headed for the entrance and decided I'd give the yelling thing a try. I stood on top of that truck cab and called out to her, but she turned a deaf ear to me. Defeated, I jumped onto the pile of brush in the bed. The snapping sounds that followed included the limbs we'd cut from a lot and my left ankle as it went the wrong way.

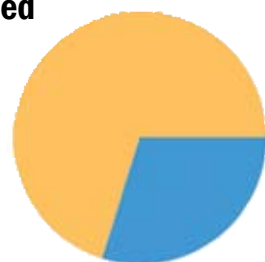
Foxy cursed me for the trouble I'd caused and ordered James to drive to one of the doctors on the city's list. That old truck pulled up, Foxy walked me into the waiting room, and then the crew left me. Eventually, I was called back and put into a room. As I sat on the examination table, I noticed some metal wings. They would provide the perfect prop for my swollen ankle, so I lay back and placed my injured foot on it.

I learned that day that a man should never use the stirrups of a doctor's table unless he wants to be cursed. I also found out why the man was so mad when my mother came to pick me up and I related the events.

Some of the more important things that I've learned about life came while I rode in the back of that pick-up truck. It was a different education from the one at school, but in many ways, just as important for the years that have followed.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	25.00%	75.00%	4
30-49	26.67%	73.33%	30
50-65	34.29%	65.71%	140
65+	27.56%	72.44%	225
Total	29.82% (119)	70.18% (280)	399

By District

1	68.18%	31.82%	22
2	31.91%	68.09%	47
3	32.56%	67.44%	43
4	33.33%	66.67%	63
5	30.23%	69.77%	43
6	17.50%	82.50%	40
7	25.45%	74.55%	55
8	16.67%	83.33%	48
9	31.58%	68.42%	38
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By Gender

Unknown	58.33%	41.67%	12
Female	29.56%	70.44%	203
Male	28.26%	71.74%	184
Total	29.82% (119)	70.18% (280)	399

Survey conducted June 6, 2013.

Remembering Great-Aunt Sophie's Clothesline



Rosie's
World

When I was a young girl I spent a lot of summers with my great-aunt Sophie, who lived a few miles outside of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She was a diminutive lady of German ancestry with long, white hair braided around her head, sparkling blue eyes and a dimple in each cheek. There are many things I remember about her but two distinctive things that I want to mention here. One is the heavenly angel food cakes she made. By word of mouth everyone wanted one and a lot of times over the weekend I would help her make a half dozen or so. The other memory was the comfort I found when I crawled into bed at night. The coolness and fresh sunshine-y smell of the sheets remains with me until this day. A lot of fabric softeners try to duplicate the smell of Mother Nature but I haven't found any yet that can replicate the smell of sheets dried on the wash-line.

Here are some rules about hanging clothes on that wash-line. She had a long wooden pole that was used to push

the clothes line up so that longer items like sheets and pants didn't brush the ground and get dirty.

1. You had to hang socks by the toes--not the tops.

2. You hung pants by the bottom cuffs, not the waist bands.

3. You had to wash the clothesline before hanging any clothes, walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth.

4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and hang the whites with whites and hung them first.

5. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders, always by the tail. What would the neighbors think?

6. Wash day was on Monday. Never hang clothes on the weekend, or Sunday, for heaven's sake!

7. Hang sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide the "unmentionables" in the middle. (Perverts and busybodies, you know).

8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather, the clothes would "freeze dry."

9. Always gather clothes pins when taking down dry clothes. Pins left on the line were "tacky."

10. If you were efficient

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Skeeter Run a Success

By Joe Rector

The inaugural Skeeter 5K Run turned out to be a huge success. Sponsored by Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church in Karns, the event raised money for Imagine No Malaria.

Nearly 300 runners and walkers participated in the race that began at the UT Agriculture campus, followed Neyland Drive to Thompson-Boling Arena, and retraced the route. The first male to cross the finish line was Jason Altman. Heather Haley took first honors in the female division. Participants covered a wide range of ages. The youngest was 7-month-old Levi Lee, the son of Chris and Anna Lee and grandson of Charles Maynard, the Methodist district superintendent for the Maryville region. Maggie Bloomer was declared the oldest participant; she turns 90 in November.

Ron and Lynn Johnson spearheaded the event. Along with Bert and Maggie



Almost 300 folks ran or walked in the inaugural Skeeter 5K Run.

Smalley, Rev. Catherine Nance and her husband Brad, and more than 30 volunteers from the church, the Skeeter Run raised over \$10 thousand that will be sent to the malaria awareness project. Local businesses joined the project by donating money and materials.

LeRae Collins, Holston Conference contact person

for the project, said the conference has a goal of raising \$1 million to save 100,000 lives, and the Methodist Church's global goal is \$75 million. Each \$10 raised provides a net for an African child. At present, a death due to malaria occurs every 60 seconds. Collins added that the Skeeter Run was the biggest event of any church in

the conference.

Beaver Ridge United Methodist event planners have worked since Jan. 1, and today they realized the successful fruits of the labor. They all agreed that the hard work was worth it. Individuals who want to make donations or learn more about the project can go to www.imagenomalaria.org.



Former Knox County Commissioner Jack Huddleston was one of 50 people from across the state invited a dinner at the Governor's Mansion last month. Governor Bill Haslam, and wife Crissy, hosted the dinner to thank attendees for their support during Gov. Haslam's election. By all accounts a gracious hostess, First Lady Haslam served corn chowder, pork tenderloin, and bread pudding. Both she and the Governor mingled with guests throughout the dinner which was held in the foyer of the state residence. While meeting with guests, the Governor also shared interesting information about the residence and its history.

Stay-Cation 2013

Last summer, I had my dream European Vacation paid for by someone who loves me. This summer, I'm back to my own budget.



By Sarah Baker
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South Fork. Located about an hour and half north of Knoxville off 75's Oneida exit, Big South Fork's scenic gorges

and sandstone bluffs along the Cumberland River make you feel like you're on at an exotic location far away from the strip malls on Clinton Highway.

2. You will not see a water park on this list. I just don't do them, but I do love the water. Therefore, I plan on getting myself invited to spend some time on a friend's houseboat at Norris Lake this summer. (If you're reading this, Jo, I am indeed talking about you. I will bring snacks!)

3. Make sure not to miss Shakespeare on the Square. From mid July to August, the Tennessee Stage Company will present Twelfth Night and Richard III. This year \$15

per person could get me VIP seating and a bottle of water to quench my thirst. I better not forget my blanket and my "soccer mom" chair.

4. Oak Ridge Pool is the best bang for my buck in the world of public swimming pools. The spring water fed pool is one of the biggest in the US. The grassed beach area is awesome and the price of admission, usually about \$3, is right!

5. Grab a friend and head down to the WDVX Blue Plate Special. Monday through Saturday at noon some of the best singer -songwriters in the world perform for a free live broadcast at the Knoxville Visitor Center. This summer's

guests include the likes of Sky Smeed and Austin Miller.

6. Catch an old movie at the Tennessee Theatre. This summer's choices include On Golden Pond, Jaws, Rear Window, Smokey and the Bandit, and The Godfather II. Hmmmm....might have to catch more than one.

7. Go tubing in Townsend. There are lots of places along Tennessee 73 and Wears Valley Road to rent a tube and life-jacket and get your tubing on! Much better than overcrowded, over priced water parks!

8. Visit the Museum of East Tennessee History. They are open 9-4 Monday through Friday and 10-4 on Saturday.

Admission is free on Sundays when they are open 1-5. Guess when I'm going? My personal goal is to learn more about my Melungeon ancestors.

9. Go see what's new at the Knoxville Zoo.

10. Bike Cades Cove. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, the Cades Cove loop is closed to vehicles until 10 a.m. I'll grab my bike and get there early enough to avoid the city folks who stop their cars every time they see a squirrel. Also, I never forget to stop at the Campground store before I leave and get the best soft serve ice cream ever found on earth.

Hay Season in Tennessee

I can see it coming over the hill right now. I can hear it, too -our red Farmall tractor pulling a wagon stacked high with hay, young boys, and a dog or two. They would stop in the road in front of our house for snacks and a glass of ice cold water or lemonade.

When my brother was little and our family put up hay on the farm, he would go behind the hay baler and knock over the bales of hay if they came out of



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hayfield had to be careful; occasionally, a snake would be in a bale of hay. We heard about one farm that had a yearling bull that would run and butt at the bales as they came out of the baler. Once, some men

helped put up the square bales so they could have exclusive rights to dove hunt in the field of beans and millet that year. I doubt our father would have allowed that later, as he enjoyed watching doves in the back yard.

These scenes are fast fading from America's farmlands. Fields of timothy, alfalfa, and clover still turn a golden brown when dead ripe for cutting; people still enjoy the smell of freshly mown hay; and hot, sunny days are still needed to cut



Round bales of hay in the field are ready for transport. Photo by Ralphine Major.

hay, rake it, and let it dry before baling. But today, huge round bales are quicker and easier to bale and store and have replaced many square bales as winter feed. A spear on the back of the tractor can haul a bale or two, and I often

see a dozen or more round bales hauled on a wagon. They are ideal for feeding several head of cattle, though a horse owner with only one or two animals may find the big bale more wasteful and prefer the traditional square bales. The

hay elevator, once a tremendous help in lifting hay to the loft and saving manpower, is no longer needed for round bales. The extra manpower is not needed, either.

There is something special about the scenes of

rural farmlands that make America beautiful. Even the sight of a hayfield is one of God's gifts, for it is the blessing of sunshine and rain from the Creator that make it all possible. It is truly a reason for all of us to give thanks.

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

Academy names Outstanding Female & Male Alumni of 2013

The King's Academy named prominent Florida business leader Pauline Enix Tibbetts and California banking software executive Tsu-Hung ("Tom") Shen as 2013 Outstanding Alumni during campus Alumni Day festivities May 4. Alumni Director Dan Kirkpatrick coordinated alumni activities for the annual event.

Both recipients graduated when the school was known exclusively as Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy. Today the HCBA corporation does business as The King's Academy, Bible Training Center and Chilhowee Retreat Center.

Outstanding Alumni awards are based on outstanding achievement, service to God and service to others. In announcing the honorees, Academy President Walter Grubb said, "Our 2013 recipients have truly inspirational life stories. It is an honor to affirm these two leaders in this way. Polly Tibbetts and Tom Shen are two people who would not seek this kind of public recognition. That makes them all the more worthy. They are also alumni who love and support this school."

Tibbetts was present for the presentation, but was not aware the honor was to be bestowed upon her. She was visibly moved by the announcement. Shen was on a business trip and was unable to attend the ceremony.

Pauline Enix was one of six children living in Harlan,

Kentucky, in the early 1940's. Her mother died giving birth to the seventh child, and her father died a year later, "Polly" and her sister, Alta, ages six and eight, began a journey that separated them from their siblings. The eldest sister lived in Indiana. Two older brothers looked to the United States armed forces for stability and security, and to serve their country. An aunt in Arizona took the youngest boy and a girl. Grace Nettleton Home for Girls in Harrogate, Tennessee, became home for Polly and Alta.

In 1942, as Polly approached her high school years, a Baptist preacher arranged for the girls to move to Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy. They arrived in 1942. With nowhere else to go, the girls lived on campus year-round, accelerating their high school coursework and completing their graduation requirements in three years.

Nonetheless, Polly made time for co-curricular activities and leadership roles. She was class secretary-treasurer two years, Young Women's Auxiliary secretary three years, and played a role in the class play three years.

She helped earn her tuition by working in the cafeteria. The late William F. Hall was a favorite teacher, encouraging her to overcome her natural shyness and become involved in student activities. She

also remembers fondly English Teacher Pauline Clark, daughter of Academy President and Mrs. Roy Anderson.

After her academy graduation in 1945, Polly attended one semester at Carson-Newman College. Then life took another dramatic change. First, Polly terminated her college career to care for her older sister in Indiana who was ill. Then, the aunt in Arizona needed someone else to care for the two younger siblings. The older boys finished their military careers, and the eldest, Clyde, invited them all to move to St. Petersburg, Florida, and live under one roof. Polly, then 19, became the matriarch of the family. She was "mother" to the two youngest children, whom she had not seen since they were very young. The brothers worked to provide financial support and the siblings lived together, taking care of each other in unique fashion.

While Polly was cooking, washing and managing the home, she met Linton Tibbetts. They were married Easter Sunday 1948, in a double ceremony with her sister, Alta, and Alta's husband, Jack. Polly and Linton each brought into the relationship a solid commitment to hard work and a deep appreciation for family relationships. As children were born, they were raised in a Christian atmosphere and, in turn, instilled with the same

values that carried their parents through difficult times. Today the Tibbetts family is widely respected in Florida and the Cayman Islands for their leadership, service and philanthropy.

Linton Tibbetts had arrived in St. Petersburg from the Cayman Islands with \$16 in his pocket in 1943. After serving in the U.S. military during World War II, he worked in the local building trades. He borrowed \$1,500 to purchase a six-year-old lumber company from T.T. Cox in 1948. Cox Lumber grew to the point that it was purchased by Home Depot in 2006. Linton passed away in 2011.

While successful by worldly standards, Pauline Tibbetts is quick to say her greatest legacy is her family. Attending the alumni ceremony with Pauline Tibbetts were her sister, Alta Mae Enix Hurlston ('46) of St. Petersburg, Florida, and her daughters, Mary Tibbetts Brandes of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Donna Tibbetts Hooker of Maryville, Tennessee. Sadly, Polly's two sons, David and Daniel, passed away in 2001 and 2006, respectively. Polly says she also enjoys her nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She enjoys traveling, and has been named a

Kentucky Colonel. She is a member of Starkey Road Baptist Church, in Seminole, Florida.

President Grubb presented the award to Tibbetts, saying, "It is our privilege, our responsibility, to affirm the generosity, perseverance, faithfulness, grace and love of this truly remarkable woman."

Grubb also announced the male alumnus award, saying the recipient, Tom Shen, was unable to be present for the festivities.

"Banking software developer Tom Shen of Calabasas, California, is one of the most highly skilled business leaders I have ever met," Grubb said. "He loves the Lord, he loves this academy, and I am privileged to call him my friend."

Born in Taiwan, Shen came to the academy as an international boarding student, graduating in 1973. After attending the University of Tennessee and the University of California at Los Angeles, he immersed himself in banking technology and has been involved in a number of related ventures.

Shen was Founder, Chairman, CEO and President of Software Dynamics, Inc. He sold SDI in 2001 to S1 Corporation, a leading global provider to more than 4,000 financial

institutions. He served as General Manager with S1 for 2 years, and retired in September 2003. In his retirement, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Master's College with a bachelor's degree in Christian Ministries. In 2005, he joined Digital Insight, an Internet banking and payments provider of on-demand services.

Today Shen is focused on his newest start-up company, Malauzai Software, Inc., based in Austin, Texas. Malauzai focuses on Smart-Device Apps for community banks and credit unions.

In 2006, Shen endowed a scholarship fund at the academy to honor "Mama Cates," an academy staff member who encouraged him when he was a student.

Shen is Co-Chair of the academy's *Celebrating Our Past—Together—Building Our Future* capital campaign to expand and enhance the academy's facilities. He is excited about the future direction of the academy.

He is active within his church, the Community Christian Alliance Church, where he contributes in teaching, mentoring, and growth group ministries. The Shens have three adult children.

Remembering Great-Aunt Sophie's Clothesline

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you would line the clothes up so that each item didn't need two clothes pins but shared one of the clothes pins with the next item.

11. Clothes are to come off the line before dinner time, folded and in the clothes basket, ready to be ironed. Ironed? Well, that's a whole other subject!

Thought for the day: Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. Victor Borge

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

Carter Elementary School on time, debt free

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County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre, Knox County School Board members, Knox County Commissioners and other officials presented Partners Development with a ceremonial check totaling nearly \$13.9 million in exchange for the keys to the new school. Community members present were then invited to tour the new building.

During the event, Mayor Burchett thanked the Knox County Board of Education and the Knox County Commission, as well as the Industrial Development Board and both Partners Development and Messer Construction for their role in making the new school a reality.

"Specifically, I want to acknowledge Commissioner Dave Wright and School Board Member Mike McMillan who never let

me forget about the need for this school," Burchett added

While construction crews still have some minor work left to complete, the new Carter Elementary School will be ready for students in time for the start of the new school year in August. It is located at 8455 Strawberry Plains Pike between McCubbins Rd. and S. Molly Bright Rd.



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A Brother's Legacy

By Tasha Mahurin
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Anyone in the auction business will tell you that each item has a story. And while every item has worth, often it is the story behind an item that determines its true value. This week at Fountain City Auction, a model train collection will be featured, and its story extends far beyond that of any ordinary hobby.

Jerry Lee Long was born in 1951. The Knoxville native graduated from Fulton High School. While at Fulton High

School, he studied drafting. During his senior year, he took a part time job at KUB where he continued to work for thirty years before retiring.

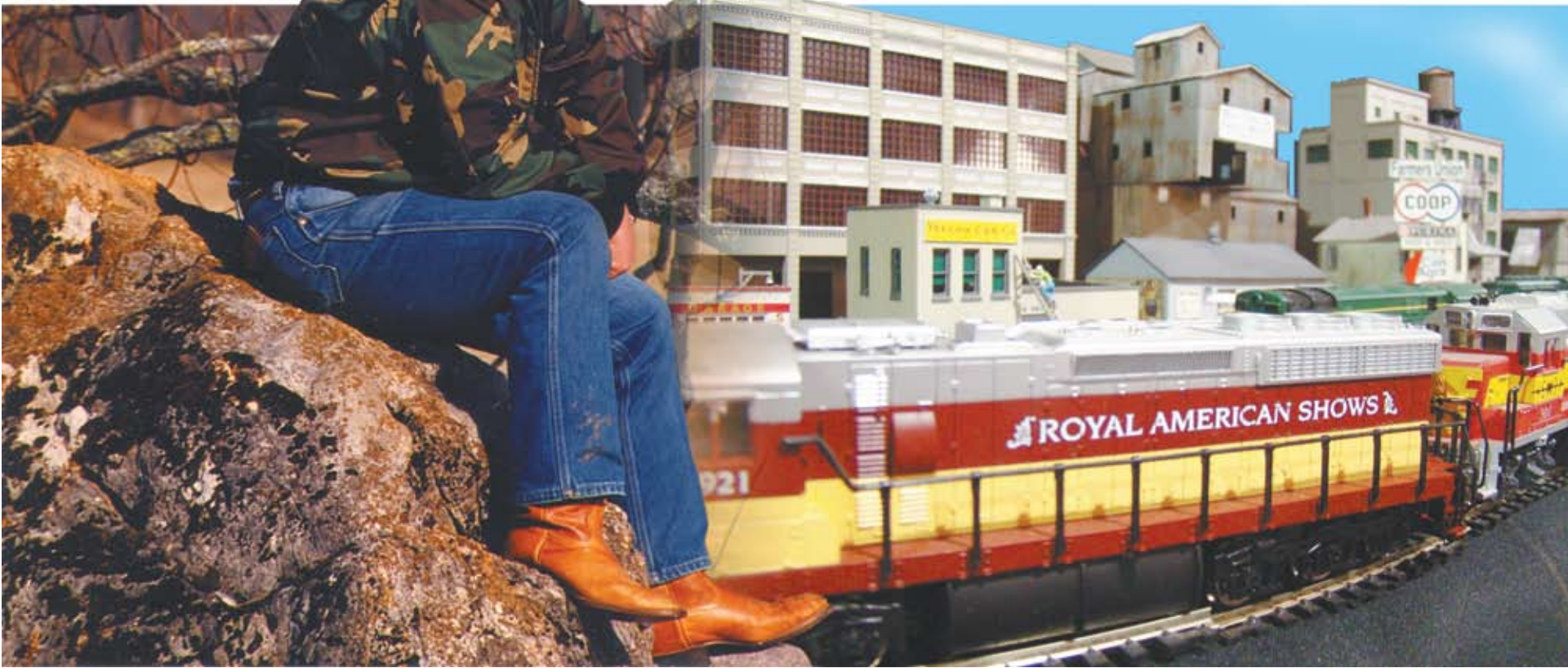
Throughout the years Jerry was a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, an EMT, a Volunteer at Sevier County Rescue Squad, as well as a volunteer counselor at several alcohol/drug rehabilitation centers. He often played Santa Claus at Christmas either for children's charities or the Sertoma Center. By all accounts, he loved helping people in any

way he could.

Jerry also loved the outdoors and spent a great deal of time backpacking, camping, and hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He loved traveling, photography, history, reading, playing cards, story-telling, gardening, and bird watching. His real passion, however, was HO Scale Model Trains.

After retiring from KUB, he put his years of expertise in mechanical drawing and planning and his love of HO Scale

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Fulton High Grads Bound for College, Long-term Leadership Training

Six Fulton High School seniors had a special reason to celebrate at their graduation May 18.

The students – Preston Abbott, Maicaela Ash Thompson, CharMya Cason, Brianna Gallman, Bellansira Horusenga, and Christian Kirk – all belong to the 11-member class of the 2013 Emerald Youth Fellows.

The students are selected by Emerald Youth Foundation during their senior year to receive mentoring, leadership training and internship opportunities. “The program follows each Emerald Youth Fellow through about age 25,” said Cedric Jackson, Emerald Youth Fellows director.

The Emerald Youth Fellows distinguished themselves in high



Pictured are (l-r) Fulton High graduates Maicaela Ash Thompson, Brianna Gallman, and Christian Kirk

school and all have plans to

attend colleges or junior colleges

in the fall: Preston and Maicaela,

the University of Tennessee at

Knoxville; Brianna and CharMya,

East Tennessee State University;

Bellansira, Pellissippi State Community College; and Christian, Bethel University in McKenzie.

The other 2013 Emerald Youth Fellows with their high school alma maters and selected colleges are: Anitrea Harris of Hardin Valley Academy, who plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Jazmine Smith of Austin-East High School, Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA; Delandra Carter and Jordan Carter of Bearden High School, Maryville College; and Jeamika Burton of West High School, UTC.

The 22-year-old Emerald Youth ministers to about 1350 inner city children, teens and young adults each year.

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Random Acts of Flowers to grow nationally

Random Acts of Flowers, a Knoxville, Tennessee-based nonprofit charity, has announced its plans to establish its national headquarters in Knoxville, Tennessee and constituting its current Knoxville operations as a Random Acts of Flowers branch. Two additional branches in Tampa and Pinellas County, Florida are in their preliminary stages of development. The separation and expansion was approved by the Random Acts of Flowers' Board of Directors in May and is the first step in the nonprofit charities plan to expand nationally.

"I'm very excited to officially announce that we are going national," said Larsen Jay, Random Acts of Flowers Founder and Executive Director. "From a small idea and charity with a simple mission, we have grown and developed into a sophisticated program

and operation with a large impact on people in the East Tennessee healthcare community. I'm now excited about the prospects of offering the Random Acts of Flowers' mission of kindness and compassion to the rest of the country."

Random Acts of Flowers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit mental health charity that collects donated flowers from weddings, memorial services, florists, special events, grocery stores and churches - and recycles/repurposes them into beautiful bouquets for delivery to patients in area hospitals, nursing homes and hospice care centers.

The new structure, approved by the RAF Board of Directors, will see the establishment of a Random Acts of Flowers' National Headquarters, based in Knoxville, Tennessee. Larsen Jay will serve as interim Executive Director



of the RAF Knoxville branch until the position is filled in the coming months. Once the position is filled, Jay will assume his new role as CEO of Random Acts of Flowers National. Kellie Doyle, Executive Assistant will assume her new role at RAF National. A new Executive Director of RAF Knoxville will be named in the months to come, with RAF Knoxville's Sage Morgan, Director of Operations, and Lorraine Burns, Volunteer Programs Manager remaining to provide and maintain continuity with volunteers and partners in the Knoxville, Tennessee area.

Random Acts of Flowers began in July of 2007, when Founder, Larsen Jay, was in a near-fatal accident. While being confined to his hospital room, the outpouring of support that Larsen received in the form of daily visitors and dozens of floral arrangements immediately aided in his long recovery.

The inspiration for Random Acts of Flowers began when Larsen was capable of leaving his room he immediately noticed how many of his fellow patients did not have visitors or flowers - the very thing that helped him so much in those early and difficult

days. Within moments, the first "random act of flowers" delivery was made, repurposing his own flowers and delivering them to patients in nearby hospital rooms. The memories of how such a simple gesture compelled Larsen to form Random Act of Flowers.

In July 2008 a Board of Directors was formed and applied for federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Random Acts of Flowers' first official delivery took place at the University of Tennessee Medical Center on March 3, 2009, the very location in which the charitable idea was formed.

Since its inception, Random Acts of Flowers has raised community awareness to their mission, formed partnerships with local businesses, and delivered over 23,000 bouquets to patients in the East Tennessee healthcare

and assisted living system. Additional branches in Tampa and Pinellas County, Florida are currently under development, with talks under way for other cities across the country. Once established, RAF branches will operate as wholly owned subsidiaries of Random Acts of Flowers National.

"We've spent countless hours over the past year working to see this expansion happen," said Jay. "I believe we have put together a structurally and organizationally sound plan to see the good, charitable work we have done for Knoxville and the surrounding communities expand to other parts of the country. Tampa and Pinellas County are just the beginning, which leaves me excited about the future of RAF and the many opportunities that we will now have as Random Acts of Flowers National."

Pellissippi State schedules New Student Orientation sessions for fall semester

Those who have been accepted to attend Pellissippi State Community College for fall semester should make plans now to attend a New Student Orientation session. The sessions are required of all first-time degree-seeking freshmen and are recommended for transfer students.

The sessions give new enrollees the opportunity to meet with Pellissippi State students, faculty, and staff; learn about what they can expect in college and what the college expects of them; learn strategies for college success; explore degree, major, and transfer options; and discover campus services and resources such as financial aid, tutoring, and computer resources.

Pellissippi State encourages parents, spouses and others supportive of the student to attend as well.

Accepted students are urged to reserve their place as soon as possible. Sessions are available June 11-Aug. 23 at various times at all five Pellissippi State campuses.

The application deadline for fall semester is Aug. 14. Classes begin on Aug. 24.

To sign up for New Student Orientation, visit www.pstcc.edu/admissions/orientation or call (865) 694-6400. To request accommodations for a disability, contact Disability Services at accommodations@pstcc.edu or (865) 539-7153.



A detail from Jerry's collection.

A Brother's Legacy

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Model Trains into action. Jerry drew plans and reconstructed two rooms of his home into a miniature city complete with railroads running throughout.

The process took years to complete.

"Being his sister, I always wanted to know how this operated and he would always say: 'Wait till it's finished,'" Glenda Noe told *The Focus*.

He installed switchboards, transformers, and control centers. These control centers operated numerous tracks that ran throughout the city. The model trains traveled through underground tunnels, over bridges, around mountains, and around

the edge of trout streams where figurines fly-fished. The Southern Railway, The Virginian, and the L&N all traveled through Jerry's city.

In addition to scouring the Internet, Jerry often traveled to trade shows and hobby shops to purchase the pieces used in his display. He individually painted many of the pieces and meticulously constructed rivers and greenways throughout his model city- which was also 'home' to a Coca Cola Bottling Company, Con Agra, the L&N Depot, White Lily Flour Company, JFG Coffee, and a Home Depot, among others. Model airplanes flew overhead.

Jerry passed away in December of 2012. In his home, a tunnel extended from one room to another. In the second room, a not-yet-completed Barnum and Bailey Circus, and other partially assembled exhibits and trains were found.

"Not knowing what to do with this collection we contacted Fountain City Auction Company. I would love to see someone purchase his train collection and enjoy it as much as he did," Noe added.

Jerry's train set will be auctioned at Fountain City Auction on Friday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Lawson at 865-604-3468.

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Pages from
the Political
Past



By Ray Hill
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The political pot in Tennessee ceased to boil when Governor Gordon Browning appointed George L. Berry, President of the International Printing and Pressmen's Union, to the United States Senate on May 7, 1937. Still, the pot certainly continued to simmer with a host of prospective candidates talking about running in the special election the next year.

Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell of Cookeville, E. W. "Ned" Carmack, son of the late Senator Edward W. Carmack, former Knoxville Mayor John T. O'Connor, Blount County Judge Pat Quinn, and Major Phil Whitaker of Chattanooga were all discussing a possible bid for the Senate or being promoted as candidates by friends. Former Mayor John T. O'Connor went so far as to journey to Memphis to visit with E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization.

It was another visit to Memphis that would cause the rupture that led to open warfare in Tennessee politics. Governor Gordon Browning went to Memphis on September 13, 1937 to visit Crump. The Memphis Boss and Governor Browning would have very different versions of the conversation which took place in Crump's business office. According to Crump, the governor arrived with a proposition; Browning proposed that he run for the United States Senate in 1938 with Crump's support. Browning also proposed that Crump and the Memphis machine support Lewis Pope for governor and in turn, they would support Crump for the Senate in 1940 against incumbent Kenneth D. McKellar.

"I want you to go to the United States Senate in 1940. I can send you!" Browning allegedly told Crump.

Gordon Browning's ultimate political goal was to sit in the United States Senate and it was a cherished dream he did not give up until the end of his career. Browning may have hoped Crump's own ambition would cause him to drop his long-time political alliances. Still, Crump loathed Lewis Pope who had twice bolted the Democratic Party and had used the Memphis machine as a whipping boy during both campaigns. Crump and McKellar were not only personal friends, but also political partners and it was foolish for Browning to think the Memphis Boss would challenge McKellar. Senator McKellar presided over an organization that stretched the length and breadth of Tennessee while Crump's political power was centered in his domain of



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Senator K. D. McKellar (left) and E. H. Crump (right).

Shelby County.

Governor Browning had appointed Lewis Pope as a Special Investigator for the State of Tennessee; Pope's purpose was to collect monies owed to the state government and would provide him with a very lucrative income. Pope had sought a Federal appointment in 1935 after having left the Democratic Party to run as an Independent in the 1934 general election. Pope had allied himself with the Republicans, but Senators McKellar and Bachman seemed willing to help him secure an appointment nonetheless.

Crump had strongly supported Gordon Browning's gubernatorial campaign in 1936, but had been surprised and distressed by many of the governor's appointments, not the least of which was that of Lewis Pope. Crump grew increasingly uneasy as Senator McKellar sent a steady stream of letters from Washington warning the Memphis Boss he could not trust Gordon Browning. The governor's visit to Memphis and the political trade he offered proved to be the breaking point between Crump and Browning. Crump refused to "put my feet under the same table as Luke Lea" and marveled at Browning's willingness to "throw George Berry in the Holston River".

Governor Browning replied, "There is not a truthful statement in his whole harangue". Browning explained the Memphis Boss's outburst by saying, "Mr. Crump's pride was hurt when I didn't appoint him to the United States Senate."

Crump admitted that he had told Browning had the governor truly wished to see him in the United States Senate,

he could have appointed him instead of George L. Berry. In fact, Crump may have wanted Browning to offer him the appointment, although it is quite likely the Memphis Boss would have majestically turned it down. Crump had not liked Washington while serving as a Member of Congress and probably would not have relished the idea of serving as the most junior member of the Senate.

Browning, realizing his alliance with Crump and the Shelby County machine was at an end, took drastic action to cripple Crump's political organization. Browning summoned the legislature back into session to consider several bills, one of which was the governor's "county unit" plan. The county unit plan would have assigned a certain number of votes for each county in Tennessee, much like the national Electoral College. It would mean a candidate for office could win the popular vote and still lose the election because he did not win a majority of the county unit votes. The practical effect was the county unit plan would make the huge majorities for Crump favored candidates meaningless.

E. H. Crump, caught completely by surprise, was stunned by the governor's actions. The Memphis Boss issued orders to his legislative delegation to fight the plan at all costs. Browning's appointee to the U. S. Senate, George L. Berry, hurried to Nashville to do whatever he could to help influence state legislators to support the governor's bills. Berry had left Denver where he was attending the American Federation of Labor convention to check into the Hermitage Hotel in Nashville. Berry's Secretary, F. L. Browning, issued a statement that

Senator Berry was "very much interested" in seeing the county unit plan passed by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Crump pleaded with Tennessee's senior United States senator, K. D. McKellar, for help. Senator McKellar wired Walter M. "Pete" Haynes, Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, that he was coming to Nashville and wanted to be heard by the General Assembly. Haynes, a veteran of Tennessee politics, was quite friendly with McKellar and knew all too well the old senator virtually controlled all the Federal patronage in Tennessee. Many legislators turned to McKellar for favors of all sorts, as well as jobs for friends, family members and constituents. Irrespective of the pressure being applied on legislators by Governor Browning, Speaker Haynes had no intention of offending Senator McKellar.

Haynes sent McKellar a wire explaining the schedule of the House and told the senator he was welcome to speak.

As McKellar was on his way to Nashville, he released a public statement to the people of Tennessee urging the county unit plan be defeated. Senator McKellar sent out a call to "all good citizens in Tennessee who believe in fairness and justice" to contact their legislators and ask them to vote against Governor Browning's county unit bill. In typically blunt McKellar fashion, the senator said, "There is not a question but that this measure is aimed at me." Senator McKellar was alluding to Gordon Browning's desire to run against him in 1940, but McKellar went on to say the interest of one individual should be disregarded,

but Browning's bills would weaken the Democratic Party in Tennessee. Describing Browning's legislation as "vicious" and "nefarious," McKellar declared, "The bill is vicious in that it is aimed to legislate into office by a minority vote of a single man. In the next place it provides for the disenfranchisement of the citizens of about 40 counties."

McKellar noted virtually every newspaper in Tennessee was against Browning's plan and the senator said, "Practically every disinterested person in the state who is not directly or indirectly on the state payroll is against the measure."

Senator McKellar concluded his appeal by noting, "I am in favor of a majority rule. I am not afraid of the people's vote."

Senator George L. Berry spoke in favor of Browning's proposal, while McKellar appeared and roundly denounced it. Both sides were working hard and the Browning administration, with the governor's future political survival at stake, was ruthless in its efforts to line up the necessary votes. Browning got his bills passed, only to see them struck down by a court.

With the county unit plan dead, all eyes turned to the coming primary elections. It was clear Governor Browning and Senator Berry would be strongly opposed by the McKellar - Crump alliance. Potential candidates started emerging and by November of 1937 Fourth District Congressman J.

Ridley Mitchell was strongly hinting he would be a candidate for the Senate. Mitchell acknowledged the Tennessee Democratic Party was deeply divided, stressing the need for a candidate who could bridge the factions inside the party. "Friends" of the Congressman were quoted as saying they fully expected Mitchell to have the support of Senator McKellar.

In Washington Senator George L. Berry was given a cool reception by his senior colleague. Berry immediately proposed a division of the Federal patronage in Tennessee, a request Senator McKellar tartly replied he could not agree with. Berry also embarrassed Governor Browning and infuriated President Roosevelt by not voting in favor of FDR's plan to enlarge the United States Supreme Court. Berry was in the Senate Chamber when the roll was called, but did not answer. Senator McKellar loyally supported the President and made certain Roosevelt knew Berry had not supported the administration. Roosevelt, deeply angry with those Democrats who had opposed his court packing plan, was already making plans to purge conservative Democrats in the coming primaries. George L. Berry's failure to support the President helped to consolidate all patronage power in Kenneth McKellar's hands.

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Isaiah Owens, owner of Owens Funeral Home, is featured prominently in Homegoings documentary.



Aurora Harrison Bull won 1st place for her oil painting *Three's Company*.

Full Summer: Art Classes, Exhibits and Events

By Sylvia Williams

The summer of 2013 at the Fountain City Art Center has a brilliant palette of offerings for the public. Through June 19, view the current exhibits by the Fountain City Art Guild and also oil paintings by the students of Aurora Harrison Bull. Awards in the Guild show were given to Kate McCullough, Aurora Bull, Roy McCullough, Tracy Gray, Janet Trewhitt, and Sue W. Lane for exceptional watercolors, oils, and mixed media works. Many of the works are for sale by the artists.

Have 2-D or 3-D artwork that you would like to enter in a show? Come by and pick up an application for our "8th Annual FCAC Open Show." All artists 18 and up are welcome. Entries must be brought in on June 25; reception and awards are on June 28.

Summer art classes for children are well under way! Janet Bolus and Elaine Flaherty both have 6 weeks of art projects for ages 6-12. Interested in signing up for fall classes? Now is a good time to get your name on the list!

On August 3, the Fountain City Art Center

will host its annual Tea, but this year, we will be kicking up the menu offerings to include not just tea and desserts, but also very fancy sandwiches and hors d'oeuvres! Music and entertainment will be part of the festivities. Reservations are now available for \$30 per guest.

Mark your calendars for family fun and art activities on Saturday, September 21 when Art-a-palooza finishes up with one big day inside and outside the Art Center. We'll have artists, craftsmen, food and music, plus many interactive art tents for children and adults.

For more information about the Fountain City Art Center, email fcartcenter@knology.net, visit the website at www.fountaincityartctr.com, call 865.357. ARTS, or just come by 213 Hotel Avenue, next to Fountain City Park! Our hours are: Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5; all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays 9 - 1. We've been in continuous operation since October 2004 in the former library building. Isn't it time for you to see what it is all about?

East Tennessee PBS hosts preview screening of documentary on African-American funeral traditions

Viewers of East Tennessee PBS are invited to attend a preview screening of POV's Homegoings, a documentary about African American funeral traditions on Tuesday, June 18, at the station's studios at 1611 Magnolia Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments, and the film screens at 7 p.m. The 56-minute documentary will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Hubert Smith, host of "The Hubert Smith Radio Show" on WUTK FM. The panel will include representatives from area churches and mortuaries. This event continues an occasional series of screenings hosted by East Tennessee PBS.

"By watching Homegoings together, we hope to start a conversation with our viewers

about their families' traditions and how they are changing over time," says Amy Hubbard, ETPBS's Director of Community Engagement.

In the film, the beauty and grace of African American funerals are brought to life through the eyes of Isaiah Owens, the son of South Carolina sharecroppers who, at age 17, moved to New York City to begin his journey toward becoming a renowned funeral director in Harlem.

Director Christine Turner's debut feature documentary takes an up-close look at the rarely seen world of undertaking in the black community, where funeral rites draw on a rich palette of tradition, history and celebration. Combining cinema verite with intimate interviews

and archival photographs, the film paints a portrait of the dearly departed, their grieving families and a man who sends loved ones "home."

"When it comes to death and funerals, African-American people, we have our own way," says Owens. "It has worked for us throughout the ages; it has kept us balanced, sane. And everybody know[s] that it's going to be a sad, good time."

The term "homegoing" has its roots in the era of the transatlantic slave trade, when many African slaves in the United States thought of death as a reprieve. It was commonly held that dying meant one's soul would be emancipated and would then return home to ancestral Africa in a "homegoing." While the phrase "homegoing"

is more commonly used in the African-American community today to mean a passing to the afterlife, death still carries a special spiritual significance in African-American culture and is often perceived as a transition rather than a final destination.

The national broadcast premiere of Homegoings on Monday, June 24, at 10 p.m., kicks off the 26th season of the award-winning PBS series POV (Point of View). American television's longest-running independent documentary series, POV was recently honored with a 25-year retrospective at The Museum of Modern Art's 2013 Documentary Fortnight (where Homegoings had its world premiere) and a MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions.

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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Grace's all-around Crawley heads for beach with an eye on a dream



Morgan Crawley, Grace Christian Academy's Female Athlete of the Year, strives to make a shot in a beach volleyball tournament. After a standout high school career, Crawley will play sand volleyball at Florida International University. Her favorite quotation is "Strive for Everything, Settle for Nothing."

By Steve Williams

It seems a bit unusual for a girl from the hills of East Tennessee to be playing sand volleyball, much less excel in it. But that's become Morgan Crawley's game, one that will take her far from home for college and maybe even much farther someday.

Grace Christian Academy's Female Athlete of the Year will begin classes in August at Florida International University in Miami, where she will be a scholarship player on the

Panthers' sand volleyball team.

Sand volleyball, or beach volleyball as it is called internationally, was approved as an NCAA Emerging Sport in 2009, and has been a popular Olympic sport since its addition to the Summer Games in 1996. There are two players to a team in sand volleyball, compared to six on the court for each team in the indoor game.

"It's such a challenge," says Crawley, "with a lot of different elements – the sand, the wind, the sun. It's very hard to move and jump in the sand. But

I tend to go to things that push me."

Crawley, a two-time All-Stater on GCA's indoor volleyball team, was introduced to beach volleyball by her coaches, Chris and Jay Hames, at the K2 Volleyball Club, where she is a member.

FIU Coach Rita Buck-Crockett saw her play last summer at the Beach Dig Florida Invitation-Only Showcase. Morgan recalled eventually being "on the phone for an hour" with the coach. She took a visit and "fell in love" with FIU.

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Lady Vols Fall Two Wins Short Of National Championship

By Alex Norman

The Tennessee Lady Vols softball team arrived at the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City a confident group, after sweeping through the Regional and Super Regionals with a 5-0 record.

That confidence did nothing but grow after wins over Florida, Washington and Texas advanced the seventh-seeded Lady Vols into the final round.

Unfortunately for Tennessee, top-seed Oklahoma was waiting for them.

Oklahoma was dominant during the regular season, winning 55 of 59 games. They only went to extra innings one time all year. They were the best hitting team in the nation, and they were the best pitching team in the nation.

In Game One (best of three WCWS Championship Series) Sooners pitcher Keilani Ricketts shut down Tennessee's offense, allowing only two hits through the first ten innings.

But Tennessee hung with them in that first game, thanks to a spectacular performance from senior pitcher Ellen Renfro.

In the top of the eleventh inning the Lady Vols finally broke through. Madison Shipman smashed a three-run homer to straight away center, and it appeared that Tennessee would be one win away from a national title.

But in the bottom of the eleventh, everything that could go wrong did go wrong for Tennessee. With one out a pop-up in the infield was one that the Tennessee defense couldn't secure. Ricketts ended up on second base. The flood gates opened after that.

The Lady Vols were a single strike away on a few occasions, but couldn't get that out they needed. Destinee Martinez might have made the final out at third base (the ultimate base running error) but was called safe on a bang-bang play at the bag. The call didn't go Tennessee's way.

Oklahoma would eventually tie the game, and then win it in the 12th on a Lauren Chamberlin two-run homer. The Lady Vols, so close to victory, fell 5-3.

"That was a great fast-pitch

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Local soccer player receive regional honors

By Ken Lay

The honors just keep coming for the Farragut High School boys soccer team.

The Admirals, who went 22-4 in 2013 and reached the Class AAA State Championship match recently, had six players earn all-Region 2-AAA honors.

Fletcher Ekern, Gus Green, Tyler Klarner, Justin Lomax, Marvin Mendy and Emilio Moore were all named to the first team by the coaches in the region, which includes District 3-AAA

and District 4-AAA.

Ekern, Mendy and Moore were top scorers for Farragut, which won the District 4-AAA and Region 2-AAA Tournaments before eliminating Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in the Sectional round of the State Playoffs.

Lomax and Klarner anchored the Admirals' defense while Green, a senior and first-year soccer player emerged as one of the area's top goalkeepers.

Farragut coach Wallie Culbreth took Region 2-AAA Coach of the Year honors.

District 3-AAA Champion Hardin Valley Academy had three first-team selections as Jeff Lohman, Logan Kington and Adam Sturgeon made the squad.

West and Karns each had two selections. The Rebels were represented by Garrett Durban and Graham Wall. The Beavers' two players were Elliot Jones and Eric Berman.

Bearden also had two first-team selections. Goalkeeper Rhys Fielder and midfielder Brent Seltzer were named to

the region's first team.

Catholic's Suddy Hutchins and Powell goalkeeper Jacob Huffaker were the other two area players to achieve first-team honors.

The second team included: Farragut's Ryan Coughenour; Bearden's Jameson Elmore; Hardin Valley's Chris Gallaher; Catholic's Ben Sanders; West's Avery Wang; Central's Issa Kemokai and Karns High's Riley McBee.

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Edens relishes working at Powell hoops camp

By Ken Lay

Matt Edens recently graduated from Powell High School and he hasn't wasted any time in paying back the community. "It's important to give back to your community and it's important to share your passion so it keeps growing," said Edens, who played basketball at Powell High School and worked two days as a counselor at the 11th annual Powell Pride Boys Basketball Camp at Powell Middle School last week. "It's important to give back to your community because it gives you support. "I remember [last season] that our Halls game at Powell and the crowd was standing room only. Just two years before, they barely filled up the bottom level."

Both games between the two traditional Emory Road rivals were played before capacity crowds as the rivalry returned to county-wide prominence. The Panthers and Red Devils both returned to the Region 2-AAA Tournament in 2013.

Returning former players make up a big part of the tradition of the Powell Pride Camp, which was started by Powell Middle School boys basketball coach Darin Courtney in 2003.

Former players from both the Powell Middle boys and girls teams return to work camps for Courtney and current girls coach Doris Barnwell (who will host her camp this week).

Former players Tres Palmer and

Tyler Howell joined Edens as counselors at the 2013 boys camp.

Both played basketball and starred at Powell Middle. Palmer established himself as a top big man during his days in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

Howell played on Courtney's first team in 2002-03 and helped the Panthers win both the KCMSBC regular-season championship and claimed the James A. Ivey, Jr. Memorial Middle School basketball title.

Edens played high school basketball for the Panthers but never donned a Powell Middle School uniform. He said he can bring a different perspective to budding young players.

"I didn't start playing basketball until I was in the seventh grade," Edens said. "Unlike these other guys [Palmer and Howell I never played for the middle school basketball team.

"I can show these kids that sometimes, they have to work a little bit harder. I can teach them that good things can happen if they work hard."

Edens, who is an active member of First Baptist Church in Powell, will attend the University of Tennessee this fall. He hopes to major in engineering.

Basketball won't be far from his mind.

"I'll probably play intramurals," Edens said.

Off the court, he is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing. He also enjoys being around friends.



Former Powell High School basketball players Tyler Howell and Matt Edens with campers at the 11th annual Powell Pride Boys Basketball Camp at Powell Middle School last week.

Tyler Howell returns home to coach and teach basketball

By Ken Lay

Tyler Howell played his last basketball game for Powell High School at the 2007 at the Class AAA State Tournament in Murfreesboro.

Howell, now a student at Tennessee Tech will return to his alma mater this fall to work as an assistant coach with the Panthers.

"I'm going to help coach [Mike] Ogan this season at the high school," said Howell, who made a return trip to Powell Middle School to work the 11th annual Powell Pride Boys Basketball Camp. "He's going to let me work as kind of a graduate assistant and so we'll see where that goes."

Howell, who will earn his Bachelor's Degree this summer, will enroll in graduate school next semester. He'll study and work in the Powell High basketball program. He's taking online courses and also working at the Halls/Powell branch of

the Boys and Girls Club.

But he's always willing to answer a call from Darin Courtney, his former coach and camp director.

"I love coming out here and working with these kids," said Howell, who played on Courtney's first Powell Middle School team that won both the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference Championship and the 2003 James A. Ivey, Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament. "I just love watching these kids get better."

"This is like a stepping stone for me because I want to teach and coach. "I've been around great coaches my whole life. I've been around coach Courtney and coach Ogan and my dad was always coaching me."

Howell has a passion for sports --- especially basketball --- and that's what led him to the Boys and Girls Club.

"They have youth sports leagues in the

fall and in the spring," he said. "Right now, I'm working in early childhood development."

Howell, who has been married since November, 2011, enjoys playing golf when he's not studying, coaching or teaching.

"I like to play golf whenever I can get away," he said. "I love to play golf with my buddies."

"I watch sports on TV and sometimes, my wife and I fight over what's on."

The arguments are largely good-natured but what Howell and his wife Shonna (who have dated since high school) don't quarrel about is Tyler's chosen profession. Shonna is also a teacher at Ritta Elementary School.

"She knows that this is what I always wanted to do," Tyler said. "She's a teacher, too. She's down with what I want to do and she supports me."

"We know that the pay is not all that great but it's what we want to do and she's right there behind me."

Tyler said it was Ogan and Courtney that sparked his passion for coaching.

"Coach Courtney and coach Ogan are great coaches," Howell said. "They're intense and they'll get after you."

"But you always know that they're only trying to help you. If I can be half the coach that either one of those guys are, then I'll be pretty happy."

Howell, former Powell High and Powell Middle player Tres Palmer and former Powell High player Matt Edens worked as coaches at the summer camp along with Courtney and Powell Middle School girls coach Doris Barnwell.

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A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Grace’s all-around Crawley heads for beach with an eye on a dream

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Maybe it was meant to be, as the first beach tournament Crawley ever played in, about three years ago, was at Fort Lauderdale, which is only about 45 minutes from FIU. It might have been love at first sight, too. “There were over 20 courts on the beach,” said Crawley, recalling her first gaze at sand volleyball. “I remember standing there talking with my playing partner, Katie Wagner, and saying, ‘It’s so pretty down here.’ “Lo and behold, now I’m going to be playing in college close to there.” Morgan was introduced to a lot of sports and competitive activities growing up, but parents Susan and Andrew Crawley probably never even imagined their little girl would someday be playing sand volleyball on the collegiate level. In fact, just the other day, her mom said being from Tennessee has been an “obstacle” she has had to cross. At age 4, Morgan started taking dancing – ballet, tap and jazz – at the Tennessee Conservatory of Fine Arts in Fountain City. She really advanced in ballet and could perform the pointe technique. She also played soccer growing up and became

a MVP as a point guard in middle school basketball at First Lutheran School. When she was 14 and 15 years old, she showed the family’s Tennessee Walking Horses and “won ribbons from first place to fifth place,” said her mom. Crawley first started playing volleyball when she was in the fifth grade, and continued to play basketball through her freshman year at Grace. “My sophomore year I decided I was going to focus on volleyball,” said Morgan. “It was really just where my heart was.” In addition to receiving all-state honors, Crawley has been a member of K2 Volleyball Club’s competitive indoor and beach teams for three years. At 5-9, Crawley was tall enough to be a middle hitter for GCA, but she’s a defensive specialist on her competitive club indoor team. She can play all positions, which has helped prepare her for the two-player sand volleyball game. Does she have Olympic dreams? “I definitely do,” she answered. And playing at FIU will be “the next step.” This past Memorial weekend, Crawley took part in the sport’s High Performance Tryouts at Georgia State University in Atlanta, an event that

is considered “on the path to the Olympics,” said her mom. Results from the tryouts will come the end of this month. Carmen Hochevar, who was Crawley’s high school volleyball coach for two years, says, “Morgan Crawley is a strong competitor and a fine player who plays the game the right way. “In my 20 plus years of coaching, I have seen few athletes that have this type of fire and dedication to the next level. Morgan is one of those athletes. She has a bright future at FIU with Coach Rita Crockett, who was a Silver Medalist on the 1984 Olympic Volleyball Team. It has been a pleasure coaching Morgan and seeing her dreams unfold.” Crawley will be competing with the K2 Volleyball Club’s 18 Elite team at the AAU Nationals June 23-26 in Orlando, and will team with Wagner, a rising senior at Hardin Valley Academy, to play in a beach tournament June 27 at Cocoa Beach. Crawley works out five days a week. Three days she does Olympic lifts and squats. The other two days she focuses on agility, footwork and sprints. She also is working at First Lutheran’s Summer Day camp, in charge of the 3 to 5-year-olds.

At FIU, she will major in either sports psychology or child psychology. Morgan was an all-around student-athlete at GCA. She excelled in the class room, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 4.05 grade point average. She was selected to represent Grace Christian in Wendy’s High School Heisman Award recognition, which was based on grades, leadership and community service, in addition to athletics. She also doubled as a Senior Superlative, being named Most Athletic and Class Clown. “I can be silly,” admitted Morgan. Example: If a guy walked in a room full of people and there was something conspicuously funny about him, “I would say out loud what others may be thinking, then I’d say I shouldn’t have said that.” “She’s super goofy,” said her mom. “She has lots of friends in lots of different circles. She enjoys life and has a great sense of humor. . . . but she’s also extremely competitive in every area.” Morgan confirmed being competitive. In fact, she added, “If I don’t make the 2016 Olympics, I promise you I’ll be there in 2020.” You go girl.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

The Knoxville Focus this week spotlights Athletes of the Year from the following schools: Christian Academy of Knoxville, Grace Christian Academy, Knoxville Catholic and Webb School. The honorees and information were provided by each school’s athletic director.

FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

LAURA MORSE
Christian Academy of Knoxville
Senior
Lettered in: Soccer and Track and Field.
Honors and awards: Placed second in Class A-AA state pentathlon, fifth in Class A-AA state high jump and was a member of the Lady Warriors’ state champion 4x800-meter relay.
Notes or quotes: Morse is a team leader, proficient scorer, excellent role model, servant leader, reported CAK Athletic Director Steve Denny.

KENSI WIELAND
Webb School
Senior
Lettered in: Golf.
Honors and awards: All-State first team 2011 and 2012. Division II-A state champion as a sophomore in 2010. Also was third in 2009 state tourney, tied for seventh as a junior and tied for sixth as a senior. Placed third in region in 2012. Four-time All-KIL honoree.
Notes or quotes: Kensi will be on the University of Cincinnati golf team this fall.

MORGAN CRAWLEY
Grace Christian Academy
Senior
Lettered in: Volleyball.
Honors and awards: Two-time All-Stater, Team Captain, Wendy’s Heisman High School Winner. Senior Superlatives – Most Athletic and Class Clown.
Academics: Summa Cum Laude Graduate, GPA 4.05.
Notes or quotes: Crawley will be on the Sand Volleyball team at Florida International University and has been accepted into the FIU Honors College.

CLARE CONATY and KATHLEEN CONATY
Catholic
Seniors
Lettered in: Softball and Basketball.
Honors and awards: All-District 4-AAA in softball.
Notes or quotes: Starting guards in basketball . . . They were so tuff in Powder Puff football as juniors, they were not allowed to play in game as seniors . . . The twin sisters are Notre Dame bound.

MALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

BEN HOLT
Christian Academy of Knoxville
Senior
Lettered in: Cross Country and Track and Field.
Honors and awards: Previously all-state in soccer.
Notes or quotes: Will be playing soccer at Marshall; servant leader, reported AD Steve Denny.

BURTON SAMPSON
Webb School
Senior
Lettered in: Basketball.
Honors and awards: Division II-A Mr. Basketball finalist, McDonald’s All-America team nominee, four-year starter.
Statistics: Averaged 18.2 points and 8.4 rebounds per game for Spartans (21-6).
Academics: 3.6 GPA, 29 ACT.
Notes or quotes: Will play Division 1 basketball at Belmont University. Recruited by Yale, Columbia, Brown, Boston University, Bucknell, Lehigh and Stetson.

“There is no doubt Burton Sampson is our hardest worker and his passion for the game of basketball is contagious to everyone around him. Burton not only leads by example, but more importantly holds those around him accountable to meet the high expectations he has for our basketball program.” – Ricky Norris, Webb School Head Coach.

WILL MCKAMEY
Grace Christian Academy
Senior
Lettered in: Football.
Honors and awards: 2012 Tennessee Mr. Football Award Winner (Division 1, Class A Back of the Year), two-time All-Stater, team captain two years, senior class president.
Statistics: 4,419 career all-purpose yards.
Academics: 4.3 GPA, 31 ACT.
Notes or quotes: Signed with U.S. Naval Academy.

The Knoxville Focus next week (June 17) will spotlight the Athletes of the Year submitted from Central, Gibbs, Halls, Karns and Powell. --STEVE WILLIAMS

Lady Vols Fall Two Wins Short Of National Championship

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softball game between two great teams who played their hearts out,” said Lady Vols co-head coach Ralph Weekly. “Obviously no one likes to lose, so it’s a rough loss,” said Lady Vols shortstop Madison Shipman. “It was a long game. It was a battle between both teams, and like we’ve been doing all season, we try to learn from our losses and try to grow from it. It’s a quick turnaround, so you can’t dwell on it.” Keilani Ricketts threw an absurd 188 pitches, striking out 13 batters in 12 innings. Ellen Renfro tossed an almost as absurd 180 pitches in 11+ innings, while also striking out 13 batters.

“There’s no break in the Oklahoma lineup. Every single pitch it’s all you’ve got,” said Renfro. “So I think more than anything it is emotionally draining. Physically we’ve trained for this all year.” The Lady Vols had little time to get past the loss. Game Two was the following night. Ivy Renfro got the start and looked good in the first two innings. But in the third, she made a mistake.

Ricketts hit a three-run homer which would turn into all the runs Oklahoma would need. Tennessee could only muster three hits against Sooners pitcher Michelle Gascoigne. The 4-0 final score gave Oklahoma their second national championship, and sent the Lady Vols home without the title following their sixth WCWS appearance. “I want to congratulate the University of Oklahoma. They are amazing,” said Weekly. “I know it might have looked like we just weren’t hitting out there. But I tell you, our kids were really trying.” The Lady Vols softball program has become a perennial SEC and

National Championship contender. And Weekly doesn’t see any reason why that should not continue. “We’re losing some great players, but we had six underclassmen on the field at the end of the game. And we have a number two ranked class coming in,” said Weekly.

“You don’t reload; you just keep going. You pick up the players to replace the players and try to get going. Obviously freshmen are never as good as seniors, but I think we’ll have a good team next year. I think we’ll be good.”



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Tuesday, June 11th, is the deadline for donations in order to get the names of the fathers so-honored or memorialized published

for Father's Day.

This Tuesday, at 7 p.m., the Cub Scouts meet at the church.

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM the Chancel Choir meets for rehearsal under the direction of Gaile Todd.

The weekly fellowship meals on Wednesday evenings are not being held during the months of June and July, but they will resume in August.

On Saturday, June 15th, at 9 a.m., the "Ground-keepers" ministry meets for some sprucing up of the various garden areas.

Obedience Matters

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

This past week my kids were looking at my elementary school year book. I was in the fifth grade at the time. It is amazing how fashion changes over the years. I had what I thought back then was a cool haircut. Not so cool looking at that picture now. The clothes everyone was wearing

may have been influenced by the fashion gurus of that era, but looking at those styles now, you have to cringe.

It seems like "fitting in" has been important for a long time. We want to be like the people around us. When reading the Bible and events that took place two to three thousand years ago, we see the same desires and tendencies. The children of Israel wanted to be like everyone around them. As recorded in the Book of Samuel, the Hebrews wanted a king like the nations around them. The people said to Samuel (priest and spiritual leader of Israel), "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have" (1 Samuel 8:5).

It is amazing the price we are willing to pay to be like everyone else. Israel has prophets and priests leading them, but no kings like the nations around them. A prophet has to check with God first before

making a decision; not a king. Religious leaders trusted in God to win battles with trumpets and torches; kings commanded large armies with swords and spears. They want to be like everyone else. What is wrong with this simple request?

God wants something better. God wants His people to be so different from everyone else around them, that we attract others to God and not to us or this world. The other nations have kings, but they also worship idols and are cruel. God wanted to build a nation that stood out from the rest; a nation that loved God and others.

But the people still demanded a king, and God will give us what we want at times, even though it will be bad for us. God knows that His way is better, but we don't always do things His way. This doesn't upset God, because God is going to accomplish His purposes either through us as we walk in obedience or despite us. So God gives the nation the type of king they want. His name is Saul, the first King of Israel. He is handsome, young, and tall. At first, Saul is obedient to God and wins a great battle. But when told to completely destroy the Amalekites in the next battle, Saul disobeys. He allows their king to live and keeps the best of the spoils of war. Saul did not fully obey God. It was not a big deal to Saul. What did it matter? But it mattered greatly. Saul was not the true king of Israel; God was, and they had rejected Him.

God wants His people to be different, to stand out from the rest in order to point others to Him and His community of believers, the Kingdom of God. God wants us to be known today by our love and obedience, just like Jesus was known by those He taught and touched. Ask God to help you fully obey Him so you can enjoy all the benefits of His Lordship.

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By Carl Sloan

Reality TV shows feature pawn shops, road shows, storage lockers, antiques and collectibles. Such shows have revived a tremendous interest in the field. These shows are very beneficial to viewers who learn while being entertained and have been good for dealers as well. The flip side of this is that viewers can be misled as to actual values. When watching these, keep in mind that television producers depend on sensationalism and drama to keep the viewers watching. Many times items are selected in advance to appear on these shows and it can give the impression to the viewer at home

that what they see is the true moment of discovery. This is understandable with time restraints on a show.

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Sunshine Birthday Club celebrates 38



The Sunshine Birthday Club celebrated their 38th Anniversary at the Larry Cox Senior Center on May 23rd, located at 1700 Ocoee Avenue. Two charter members were present, Jean Dacus and Joan Wolfe. Past history was given by Debbie Jackson. The club meets the second Monday of each month for a covered dish luncheon. Seniors are invited to join the fellowship, participate in travel, community projects, and activities at the Larry Cox Senior Center. Pictured above are Joan Wolfe, Lois Taylor, Marie Perkins and Genie Braid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6th District Meeting

Please join City Councilman and former Mayor Daniel Brown for a 6th District Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m. The Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue.

Fountain City Business & Professional Association June Meeting

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, June 12 at Virginia College, 5003 N. Broadway. Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Bill Lyons, Deputy to Mayor Rogero and Chief Policy Officer for the City of Knoxville, will present an update on growth and business.

Arrive between 11:45 and noon to sign in and begin lunch (\$10). Members and guests are welcome.

Heiskell Seniors Program

The Heiskell Community Centers' Seniors Program will be held on Thursday, June 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The program at 11 a.m. will include speakers and displays by Edward Jones of Powell, Workout Anytime and Park Lane Jewelry. If you have signed up for the bus trip to Berea, Ky. in July, your money is due at this meeting.

Lunch served at noon, bingo at 1 p.m. No charge for program, donations appreciated. Bring a dessert and a friend. For more information, call Janice White at 548-0326 or e-mail janice.white@mindspring.com.

Homeownership Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting a three-session Homeownership Workshop on June 11, 13 and 15, 2013, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. The workshop, which is open to anyone preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA and THDA loans. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Training Fee: \$20. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org.

Knox County Democrat Meeting

The Knox County Democratic Party, District 1, in coordination with the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, will present a program at the Monday, June 17 meeting. It will provide facts about the TennCare Expansion, and how it will benefit the uninsured in Tennessee, especially those in this area. This issue has not yet been decided by our governor.

Following the short presentation on the facts and truths about the ACA, there will be a Question & Answer session so all can learn how this Expansion can positively affect the poor, low income, uninsured, and working poor who have no access or money to purchase affordable care. ALL KCDP members, family and friends and those living in our communities are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Highway, Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

North Knoxville Business and Professionals June Meeting

The June meeting will be held Friday, June 14, at 7:45 a.m. at Physician's Regional Medical Center's Emerald Room (formerly St. Mary's) at 900 E. Oak Hill Avenue. Join us for great networking, breakfast, and a word from guest speakers: Karen Metz, CEO Physician's Medical Center and Melanie Robinson, Tennova Strategic Planning.

The delicious breakfast will be provided by Tennova Physician's Regional Medical Center.

Parkinson Support Group meeting

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group of East TN will meet Tuesday, June 18 in Oak Ridge at Kern United Methodist Church, 451 East Tenn. Ave. The meeting will be in their Family Life Center 11:30 - 1:30. This month's topic is "How to Handle Emergency Issues" presented by Dr. James Henry. Morning Point Assisted Living will provide a light lunch.

If you or a loved one has Parkinson's, please come join us and we'll learn together! For more information please contact Karen Sampsell at (865)482-4867 or e-mail pk_hopeisalive@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Civil War Talk In Knoxville

On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host author, college lecturer and Gettysburg National Military Park Ranger Troy Harman as its speaker. At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Harman will speak on the topic: "Gettysburg."

The talk is open to the public and will be at the Bearden Banquet Hall at 5806 Kingston Pike (next to Buddy's BBQ and .2 mile east of the intersection of Kingston Pike and Northshore Dr.) To attend the talk only is \$5.00. (Students with current IDs are admitted free.) Alternatively, you can come at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner which is \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members (including talk).

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1/3 cup oil
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1/4 cup sugar
1 T chopped parsley
dash of pepper

Salad:
1/2 cup slivered almonds
3 T sugar
4 cups spinach leaves, torn
1 cup celery, sliced
1/2 cup green onions, chopped
1 can Mandarin Oranges

In jar with tight lid, combine all dressing ingredients; shake well.
Refrigerate 1 hour to blend flavors. In heavy saucepan, cook almonds and sugar over medium-low heat until sugar melts and coats almonds, stirring frequently.
Pour onto foil; cool. Break sugar-coated almonds apart if necessary. In large bowl, combine remaining salad ingredients except orange segments. Add almonds and orange segments; toss gently. Pour dressing over salad; toss to combine. Yield: 10 (1-cup) servings.

Banana Nut Bread

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
3 bananas, crushed
1/2 cup nuts

2 cups flour
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cream of tartar

Cream the shortening and the sugar; add eggs one at a time and beat well.
Add crushed bananas and nuts.
Add flour with soda, salt and cream of tartar (all sifted together).
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