



## Festival on the 4th this Thursday

Summertime always brings a slate of events and festivals, and few are as inviting as Festival on the 4th.

The Festival will take place at World's Fair Park on the actual July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday beginning at 4 p.m. It will end with a fireworks show at 9:35 p.m. This year's festival will be presented by OneMain Financial and will feature activities such as face painting, children's inflatables and a competition between the Knoxville Fire Department and the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Regal Star-Spangled Kids Zone will host a free face-painting station as well as balloon fun and live entertainment performances by Elaine Graham with Balloonacy. Earth-Fare and Renewal by Anderson will be offering free hands-on activities, including healthy eating with snacks and art projects that children can take home.

At 8 p.m., the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will begin its Pilot Independence Day Concert on the Performance Lawn at World's Fair Park. The two-hour show features the KSO performing a mix of patriotic and Americana pieces. Conducted by KSO Musical Director Lucas Richman, this medley will be the perfect accompaniment to the fireworks spectacular.

Festival on the Fourth will also have vendors selling an array of foods. There is free parking at World's Fair and Blackstock Parking Lots, 11th Street, Locust Street, and State Street and Market Square Garages. ADA Parking is available at Fort Kid Parking Lot. No pets or alcohol will be allowed; and tents or tent canopies are prohibited.

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# Family, Duty, Honor

By Tasha Mahurin  
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"Honey, what part of the Korean War were you in?" an elderly gentleman asked as I made my way through the back room of the South Knoxville Shoney's. I was there to cover a Korean War Veterans Reunion. The event was appropriately held on June 25th -the day the Korean War began in 1950.

As a younger woman amidst distinguished company, I felt a bit like a USO girl at a dance hall. However, lurking just beneath the fanfare of the occasion I discovered a story that simply demands to be told.

The story of the Davis Family of Tellico Plains, begins during WWI. Private Hedrick Davis enlisted in the Army's Black Cat Division and served faithfully throughout the war. Unbeknownst to him, Davis' response to the call of duty would mark the beginning of a family legacy that spans over 90 years.

Upon returning home, Davis bought a farm, married and had five sons. Each of those five sons went on to answer the call to service.

Four of the Davis sons- Leonard, Dillard, Clarence, and Guy- joined the armed forces as soon as WWII began and served in the European theater.

Dillard found himself on board the Belgian troop ship the Leopoldville when it crossed the English Channel on Christmas Eve in 1944. A German submarine attacked the boat with a torpedo. According to the Congressional Record, in a series of calamities following the strike and a botched rescue attempt, 763 American soldiers died. Remarkably, Dillard Davis lived to tell the tale. The United States and Britain, however, did not admit the disaster until the mid-1990s.

All four of them returned home following the war.

The 5th Davis son, Rex was only 16 when WWII began, however, he also responded to the family's calling when the Korean conflict escalated into a full blown war.

The year was 1951, and I'm told a good haircut could be had for \$0.10.



**Davis men (l-r) Top: Hedrick Davis, 1918; Dillard Davis, 1939; Middle: Leonard Davis, 1942; Clarence Davis, 1943; Bottom: Guy Davis, 1944; and Rex Davis, 1952.**

Rex, quite the mechanic for a man not yet 22, ran a service station in Vonore.

"I was a farm boy," Rex said. "When the draft began, I was worried about the farmers around home. When a piece of their equipment broke down, I was the one they called to fix it. I knew they needed me."

Rex was eventually drafted, however. He remembers clearly the day he was called to Madisonville.

"Ida C. Wall was in charge of the draft board at the time," he recalls. "In fact, she was in charge of the draft board when my father was drafted during the First World War"

His orders were clear. He had seven days to prepare to leave.

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## FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

**Edward Snowden, a contractor with the NSA, recently revealed classified information about US domestic and international surveillance.**

**Do you consider him a hero or a traitor?**

**HERO 20.14%**

**TRAITOR 79.86%**

*Survey conducted June 27, 2013.*

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

## Rotary announces scholarship winners

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, Parker Jenkins, a recent graduate of Karns High School, was awarded this year's \$2,500 Bob and Diana Samples/Community School of the Arts/Rotary scholarship.

Jenkins graduated from Karns with Honors and Distinction and won the Spirit of Achievement Award. Parker has also received a scholarship from the School of Music at the University of Tennessee.

At the Rotary Club meeting, he sang "Larger than Life" from the Broadway musical My Favorite Year.

Parker has been recognized in regional, state, and national competitions for his work in fashion design and construction as well as work in recycling and redesign. He has been involved in theatre all four years of his high school career, attending Governor's School for the Arts for theatre the summer of his junior year, and was selected for the All-East and All-State Choirs his last three years. Said Diana Samples. "It's an honor to be able to support the arts through Rotary's Foundation, and we are as pleased as we can be for Parker."

The Community School of the Arts has been

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Focus on the Law

Developments in DUI

Effective July 1, 2013, first time DUI (driving under the influence) offenders in Tennessee will be required to install an ignition interlock device system on their vehicles. Ignition interlock device systems force drivers to breathe into the device before the vehicle can be started. This device is installed at the offender's own expense. The minimum first year costs for this could exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) Previously this device was ordered at the option of the judge and was not mandatory for first time DUI offenders. Other penalties for first time DUI offenders include a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than one thousand five hundred (\$1,500); revocation of their license for one year; at least 48 hours and as much as 11 months, 29 days incarceration; restitution to any person injured or damaged by the offender (from a collision, for example) ; and participation in an alcohol or drug treatment program. These penalties are increased for circumstances where the offender's blood or breath alcohol concentration equals fifteen hundredths of one percent (0.15%) or higher; where a minor child is present in the vehicle and where a serious accident results from the intoxication. If the blood or breath alcohol concentration is twenty



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

hundredths of one percent (0.20%) or higher, the minimum jail time jumps to seven consecutive days rather than 48 hours minimum. Presently, the legal limit is eight hundredths of one percent (0.08%) to support a conviction of DUI. Second time DUI offenders will receive a minimum 45 days to 11 months, 29 days in the county jail or workhouse; a fine of not less than six hundred dollars (\$600) nor more than three thousand five hundred (\$3,500); court ordered participation in an alcohol or drug treatment program; restitution for injury or damage to another; possible seizure or forfeiture of the vehicle; installation of an interlock device and license revocation for two years. Third time DUI offenders jump to a minimum 120 days to 11 months, 29 days in jail; a fine of not less than one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) nor more than ten thousand (\$10,000); license revocation for six to ten years; vehicle seizure/forfeiture and possibly no ability to obtain a restricted license; installation of an interlock device. Fourth offense (and subsequent) DUI is punishable as a felony with all the punishments of a third offense DUI but the jail time increases to one year, the fines increase to not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000)

nor more than fifteen thousand (\$15,000), the license revocation is for 8 years and no restricted license is possible. After the fourth offense of DUI, the felonies start piling up and driving becomes out of the question. Also, if serious injury occurs as a result of a DUI of whatever number, the charges increase from misdemeanors to felonies, i.e., Vehicular Assault or even Vehicular Homicide. In addition to the driver, owners and passengers can be convicted of DUI. The crime is called DUI by Consent . Even if the owner or passenger does not drive, they may be held guilty of DUI by Consent law . If you are the owner of a vehicle and you knowingly allow a third party to operate that vehicle while under the influence, you may be charged with DUI by Consent. Typically, the person charged with DUI by Consent is a passenger in the vehicle but that does not have to be the case. DUI by Consent carries the same penalties as DUI. So if you already had a DUI conviction on your record and you let your drunk friend drive you home and you are stopped by the police, you can be charged with DUI Second Offense even if you have not been drinking yourself. A very expensive mistake to make. Obviously this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an experienced attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation.

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By Age	HERO	TRAITOR	Total
30-49	30.77%	69.23%	26
50-65	24.68%	75.32%	77
65+	16.76%	83.24%	185
Total	20.14% (58)	79.86% (230)	288

By District	HERO	TRAITOR	Total
1	11.76%	88.24%	17
2	17.50%	82.50%	40
3	21.43%	78.57%	28
4	17.39%	82.61%	46
5	13.64%	86.36%	22
6	13.89%	86.11%	36
7	28.13%	71.88%	32
8	29.03%	70.97%	31
9	25.00%	75.00%	36
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By Gender	HERO	TRAITOR	Total
Unknown	18.75%	81.25%	16
Female	17.46%	82.54%	126
Male	22.60%	77.40%	146
Total	20.14% (58)	79.86% (230)	288

Survey conducted June 27, 2013.

Worried Sick

My girlfriend has spent the last twenty four hours wretching and cramping. From our visit to Nashville last weekend she brought home the bug that laid our grandson Madden low. Any time Amy falls ill, I discover



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just how ill-equipped I am to take care of the ones I love. Over the last nearly forty years, Amy has had a few occasions where she's been ill or has recovered from surgery. We hadn't been married more than a year or so when the first event occurred. She'd had a bad cough and during her shower one morning, she passed out. I heard a noise and discovered her out like a light. In a panic, I called an ambulance, and it arrived and whisked her off to the emergency room. After an examination, the doctor told us that she hadn't had a heart attack; instead, she'd

separated the cartilage between her ribs during violent coughing attacks. My wife still makes fun of my handling of her first contractions with daughter Lacey. We came home from my mother's house that morning because Amy didn't feel good, but neither of us realized that she was in the first stage of labor. I tucked her in the bed and then set out cleaning the house and then washing the car. She squalled at me to call the doctor, but her contractions weren't following the guidelines we'd learned in birthing classes. We called the doctor, who told us to come on in. When the nurse checked Amy, she let out a shriek, and she and I ran as she wheeled my wife to the labor room. There was no time for anesthetic. During the entire time, I stood like an idiot and wrung my hands.

A few years ago, Amy had a stress test that revealed a blockage. She underwent surgery for the placement of a stint. All I did was sit and wait during the procedure, and once she was home, I did my best to take care of her, although I'm not so sure how well I did. The matter scared me stiff as I realized how fragile life is and how unable I was to do anything to protect my best friend from things. Like most men, I want TO DO something when my loved ones are sick. It's that need to fix things. I'll cook, run errands, or clean. What I don't do well is sit and wait for the person to call on me. Even when my children suffered bugs and colds and flu, I turned antsy after any extended time of just sitting. I needed to be super dad who makes everything all better. That feeling of helplessness eats at men. Most of us have little training in taking care of the ill. My most serious efforts came during my

mother's last months of life. I slept at her house at night, prepared her meals, helped her to the bathroom, and just kept her company. Even with all those efforts, she slipped away, and I felt a complete failure. It's not a lack of love or concern that is the problem. It's more that our love and attempts don't do much to heal anyone. They only make others comfortable, and that's not enough for males who are supposed to be providers and defenders. I checked on Amy several times last night. Of course, I couldn't do anything to alleviate the dry heaves that racked her. Today, she's slept, and I've fussed at her when she did something instead of asking me. I want to be a good caregiver, but let's face it; I stink at the job. However, if love can heal, then she'll be on the mend in no time. All I know is every time something lays her low, I'm worried sick.



Rosie's World

Where is perfection?

When I was a young girl I wanted life to be perfect, but, having been born a few years after the Depression, my poor family was far from living a half-perfect life. Then later, when I married and had children, there went perfection out the window so to speak. Although they were perfect so far as having ten little fingers and toes, they did want they wanted to, when they wanted to, in the time they wanted to. It took me a long time to realize that only God is perfect. We can strive for it but will never attain it. I am now reading a book called "Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. In it is a marvelous story of a woman who came to see this Dr. about a problem she had with her fiancé. She was in her eighth year of recovery from cervical cancer. She was a gorgeous woman who spent hours on her appearance. Even during the worst of her illness her nails had been perfect, her wigs exquisite. She had been married at one time and she would wake up thirty minutes before her husband did to be fully made up and

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# Publisher's Position Education Changes Important



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The State Board of Education has effectuated changes in policy that are likely to have far reaching consequences into the future. The Board decided to change certain aspects of licensing teachers in Tennessee, as well as pave the way for disparity in teacher salaries. The logic behind the disparity in salaries is not to reward those teachers who are chronically not performing to standard. These changes in policy come at a time when the Republican dominated legislature, along with a Republican governor, have made sweeping changes to education policy in

Tennessee. Admittedly, while the legislature was under the control of the Democrats, too much was done to accommodate the teacher's union without regard for performance. It is beginning to look like the Republicans have gone too far in the other direction. Apparently a good number of first and second year teachers have been dismissed and in accordance with an opinion by State Attorney General Robert Cooper, these young people are told they cannot reapply for a teaching position for two years. In essence these youngsters who have attended college to go into the teaching profession are let go within the first two years - - - and under existing state law, administrators don't even have to give any reason as to why they were let go - - - and it is questionable whether these young teachers can even return to practice their chosen profession. Every respectable profession - - - lawyers, doctors, nurses, etc. - - - can be disciplined

by being banned from the practice of their profession for a number of years. The ban on reapplying for a job within a particular school system seems more than a little harsh. One can argue that this helps to weed out those young teachers who are either incompetent or poor fits for the profession, yet I have personal knowledge of instances where a young teacher has won outstanding evaluations and even qualified for the bonuses awarded exceptional teachers being let go without any reason. Quantifying results in our schools is not as easy as it sounds. These days parents are insisting severely disabled children, who fall under the auspices of special education, are being "main streamed" into classrooms with children who are not learning disabled. Teachers are expected to daily recall a series of "modifications" pertaining to each disabled child. It is not unusual for one child to have literally dozens

of modifications. The notion any human being could remember a slew of modifications for every special education child is patently ridiculous. What people don't want to think about, much less talk about, is the fact mainstreaming these children forces the teacher to teach to the lowest common denominator in the class, rather than a median standard. Any evaluation of an educator teaching special education students has to take that into account. Private schools don't even have to accept these students, which is no small reason they consistently out perform public schools. The new pay scale approved by the State Board of Education may actually cut the pay of some teachers by as much as \$3,000; this certainly isn't going to help to attract good teachers. The minimum starting salary for a teacher with a PhD dropped about \$3,000. For those good hearted souls who live in a

wonderland-like world and believe appointed superintendents meant the demise of politics in education, this should come as quite a shock. The entire system is rife with politics and always will be. One can pretend the election of a Pope has nothing to do with politics or a Southern Baptist convention. Budgets and allocation of taxpayer resources is a political process - - - deal with it. Local Boards of Education will have the ability to establish minimum salaries, defining experience levels. In Knox County that means Superintendent James McIntyre will make all the important decisions. The current Board of Education seems quite content to merely follow the recommendations made by someone who has virtually no teaching experience and never served as a superintendent until he came here. Everybody seems to be waiting for the economy to boom, providing starved local

and state governments with the means to spend even more money. In Knox County we seem to quantify the work of educators by determining how many students we graduate. Personally, I think a better guide is how many students are prepared to go on and further their education or practice a trade and earn a living. Unfortunately, in Knox County those numbers are dismal. The highest number of students prepared to further their educations in Knox County is 42% at Farragut High School. The numbers at most of the other high schools is embarrassingly dismal. And it isn't because we've starved education to death in Knox County; we spend more than half a billion dollars a year on schools locally. Education policy has been taken to extremes by both Democrats and Republicans. Were education a child, both parties would be arrested for child abuse.

# Family, Duty, Honor

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While training at Fort Benning, GA, movie stars Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis filmed the movie "Jumping Jack" on the base. Rex and his fellow soldiers were used as extras. "As I recall, Lewis was quite the tap dancer," he chuckled. Rex's time in the service took a dramatic turn when he arrived in Korea as part of the 32nd Infantry Division. A great deal of the Korean War was fought guerilla-style on the hilly terrain of the country. Rex remembers vividly his first night on the hill. "We'd been hit pretty hard," he said, fighting back a wave of emotion. They dropped him off at the foot of the hill with just his pack, ammunition, and a rifle. They told me to follow the trail to the top. "As I made my way up the hill, I began to think about my life and all the wrong I'd ever

done," he recounted. "I prayed for forgiveness." Rex found salvation that day as he made his way to the top of the hill ...where he would remain entrenched for more than 30 days without a break. There were only three men left when he arrived. While the year he spent serving in Korea tested both his courage and his fortitude, he also made some close friends in three Korean soldiers who served beside him. "We were thick as thieves," he said of the three men as he pointed them out in a photo. Later while serving in Korea, movie star and Knoxville native Patricia Neal came to entertain the troops. She asked while on stage if anyone present was from Knoxville. Rex immediately jumped up and had his photo taken with her. In 2003, the photo brought the late Ms. Neal to tears when she was

unexpectedly reunited with Rex in Knoxville. His time spent in the United States Armed Forces was riddled with both tribulation and jubilation, and Rex came home from Korea a different man than when he left. He realized he didn't want to run a service station all of his life and took a job selling automotive parts for several years. "I had grown up in ways I never imagined," he said with a look in his eye that indicated that the reality of his experience was far more than could ever be articulated. He would later begin Davis Oil Company- which he ran for over 40 years. He also served on Knoxville City Council and has been a member of the Republican Executive Committee since the early 60s. This week our nation will celebrate its Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776- an



Area veterans attend a Korean War Veterans Reunion last week at the Chapman Highway Shoney's.

event that holds profound significance well over two centuries later. It is through the service of

those like Rex Davis, the Davis family and the sacrifice of others who never made it home that has

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# FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

## Hummingbird Festival Offers Close-up View of Hummingbirds

By Vickie Henderson

The Ruby-throated hummingbird weighs only about 1/10th of an ounce, and has a brain approximately the size of a BB. Yet, hummingbirds are considered masters of navigation, timing and memory. Year after year, a male hummingbird may return to the exact same breeding territory and land on the same favored perches on the same calendar date each spring. Females will return to the same nest site, refurbish the nest, and use it for a number of successive years.

On August 24th, at the third annual Wonder of Hummingbirds Festival, Knoxville residents and visitors will have the opportunity to see Ruby-throated hummingbirds up-close at the banding table with Mark Armstrong, a certified Master Bander of both hummingbirds and songbird species. Hummingbirds will be harmlessly captured, weighed

and measured, and banded before being sent on their way. At the demonstration, visitors can witness the delicate process of applying a numbered band to a hummer's tiny leg so that its future migration movements can be tracked. Children, in particular, will enjoy this close-viewing opportunity.

The festival will treat visitors to renowned speakers on nature topics, wildlife educational demonstrations, guided walks and vendors selling food and drinks, plants, locally made arts and crafts, bird feeders and supplies, garden items, and a "Bargain Barn" selling new and gently used merchandise with nature themes.

This year's festival includes expert speakers that will present programs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. T. David Pitts, Professor of Biology, UT Martin will talk about "The Hummingbirds that Nest in your Yard". Other speakers include

Marcia Davis, Birdlife Columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel, David Unger, Professor of Biology, Maryville College, and Steve McGaffin,

The Wonder of Hummingbirds Festival will take place Saturday, August 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and has an admission of \$5.00. Children under six are admitted free. The festival is co-sponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society and Ijams Nature Center, and will be located at Ijams, 2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920 (865-577-4717).

The Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society was organized in 1924 to promote the enjoyment, scientific study and conservation of birds. The organization meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Room 118 in UT College of Veterinary Medicine.

## Where is perfection?

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dressed before he awoke. She got along well with her fiancé. She described him as "perfect" with one exception: he lacked passion. Their romantic life was pleasant but boring. He asked her permission every time he kissed her.

All this changed one afternoon. She was in a department store shopping for the perfect outfit for a business meeting. She found the perfect dress and wanted a pair of shoes to match it. She was trying them on when the earthquake struck. She found herself standing on the street in a perfect dress with four-inch heels. Her purse and keys were back in the now smoldering building. She tried to call home but her phone was dead. She started walking home which was many miles away. It took her many hours to get there. As she walked

her nylons tore and her feet began to bleed. She finally reached her home and knocked on her front door, dirty, disheveled, and uncombed. It was opened by her fiancé who had never before seen her so disheveled. Without a word he took her in his arms, covered her tear-stained face with kisses, and made love to her right there on the floor. She could not understand why she had never met this ardent lover before. When she asked him, he said simply, "I was always afraid of smearing your lipstick."

Something to think about. Don't strive for perfection; just do the best you can.

Thought for the day: It is possible to give without loving, but it's impossible to love without giving.

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## Rotary announces scholarship winners

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instrumental in Parker's career and endeavors in the arts. He began in theatre and improv class, creating the title role in the Community School of the Arts' original student-made film, "Goldie and Da Bearz." Through the visual arts department, he worked under renowned artists Andy Saftel and Allen Cox through the Side/By/Side Visual Arts Apprenticeship Program. Parker owes much of his success and learning from all of the programs at the Community School, which have improved and shaped his talents. But he is most thankful for the role that Jennifer Willard, CSA's executive director, has played in his life as a teacher, a role model, and simply a friend who has pushed him along and inspired much of his work and talent.

Founded in 1992, the Community School of the Arts, located in the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Knoxville, has served hundreds of inner-city and rural-area youth through after-school programs designed to promote self-confidence, self-awareness, and good citizenship through active participation in the arts. Recently the School became one of 35 Finalists from across the country for the prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, awarded by the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This year, the Community School of the Arts is serving 158 at-risk and underserved students, ages 5 through 18, at its "main campus" of First Presbyterian Church and an additional 80 children

per week through off-site outreach programs. In celebration of its 20th anniversary year, the School added three significant new course offerings to its weekly curricula of music, art, and dance lessons and classes: 1) a Culinary Arts workshop for high school students, taught by CSA alumnus and Culinary Arts America graduate Charles Myers, currently chef at Ruth's Chris Steak House; 2) a graphic design course featuring Adobe Illustrator for high school students taught by Chris McAdoo and Courtney Hendricks of Best Behavior Creative Club; 3) weekly creative movement classes for 4th graders at Alcoa Elementary School, a Title I school, as part of the CSA

off-site outreach services. The Culinary and Graphic Design workshops are part of a larger CSA Creative Career Initiative for middle and high school students, which is funded in part by the Mount Rest Fund and the East Tennessee Foundation.

The School's Side-By-Side Visual Arts Apprenticeship Program, now in its 16th year of pairing CSA students with professional working artists in their studios, is one of 50 Finalists out of 370 nominees for the prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, which is selected by a coalition of the President's Committee on the Arts, the National Endowment of the Arts, and the Institute of Museum



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and Library Services. The final 12 winners will be announced at the end of June, and each will receive a check for \$10,000 at a White House ceremony in October. In other

public recognition, Executive Director Jennifer Willard was inducted into the Educators' Hall of Honor at the University of Tennessee last month.

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# Powell Florist Gifts and Interiors celebrates 50 years of exceptional service

By Tasha Mahurin  
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A young woman, accompanied by her mother, carefully carried a wedding dress into Powell Florist last week. Although the wedding is not scheduled until August, she was there to preview options for her flower bouquet. This reporter watched from a distance as florist Deborah Webb carefully added color to the white arrangement, discussing

the subtle difference between hues of pink and lavender with the bride-to-be, who gazed wistfully into a long mirror.

"I want our service to be really good," explained Walta Patt, owner of Powell Florist Gifts and Interiors. "I want our customers to feel like we go above and beyond for them."

By all accounts, it is the service noted above that has kept the local flower and gift shop in business

for 50 years.

Patt's tenure with Powell Florist began when she was just 16 years old. She eventually purchased the shop in 1990 and has been a florist for 34 years. Upon purchasing Powell Florist, one of the first changes she made was to expand their services to include, not just flowers, but gifts. Clients may also elect to send a gift basket, rather than a flower basket. Gift basket options include: fruit

baskets, gourmet snack baskets, and bath baskets, featuring Camille Beckman products. Soon, Powell Florist will offer "baby baskets."

"I wanted Powell residents to have a place where they could purchase unique gift items here locally without having to drive to West Knoxville," Patt explained.

The front area of this charming local flower shop is full of gift items that range from

whimsical and unique to practical yet sentimental. They offer picture frames, throw pillows, silk arrangements, an assortment of bath and baby products, home décor items, and even furniture pieces. In fact, Patt offers a home decorating service as well. While she is busy throughout the year, Patt's decorating services are especially sought after during the holiday season. Of particular note, she does not charge

clients for her time, only the product she uses in their homes or offices.

"Our business is a very personal business," Patt explained. "Whether celebrating a birth, wedding, or anniversary, or memorializing a life- it's an occasion that is special to someone." The flowers used in all of Powell Florist's arrangements are fresh, high quality, long-lasting flowers and

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# Tennova discusses neighborhood concerns



*Tennova Healthcare has acquired an option to purchase approximately 110 acres of land on Middlebrook Pike near Old Weisgarber Road, located in one of the fastest growing areas in Knoxville.*

By Tasha Mahurin  
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When Tennova Healthcare announced earlier this year that it had secured an option to buy 110 acres off Middlebrook Pike near Old Weisgarber Road, it was made immediately clear that the site would potentially be home to a replacement hospital for Physicians Regional Medical Center, located at 900 E. Oak Hill Ave. in the North Knoxville community.

Neighborhood groups in North Knoxville immediately expressed concern as to the fate of the current hospital- referred to most commonly among residents as "St. Mary's." While residents and neighborhood groups in West Knoxville have expressed concern regarding integration of the potential 401-bed flagship campus Tennova intends to construct off Middlebrook Pike into the existing neighborhood.

"We live in neighborhoods too," Vice President of Business Development and South Knoxville resident Melanie Robinson told *The Focus*. "We're extremely empathetic to the concerns of the neighborhoods."

Tennova Senior Vice President Jerry Askew added that, not only does Tennova want to keep an open line of communication with the

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# UT Releases Policy Brief on Selling TVA

The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has released a policy brief summarizing factors the federal government should consider while making its decision of whether or not to privatize the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In his proposed fiscal year 2014 budget, President Barack Obama suggested the federal government consider selling TVA, a corporation created and owned by the federal government since 1933 that provides electricity to nine million people in seven southeastern states.

There are several factors that may affect the federal government's final decision on the matter, including TVA's ability to be self-sufficient and the absence of federal money in its programs since 1999. Mary

English, Baker Center Fellow for Energy and Environmental Policy, summarizes these factors in the brief, titled "Should the Federal Government Sell TVA?"

"Congress created the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1933. Now, 80 years later, should it be dismantled? Doing so could have huge implications for the Tennessee Valley region—not only for its power supply, but also for its environmental quality and economic prosperity," English said.

The brief can be found at <https://tiny.utk.edu/71bCD>.

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# Haslam announces Hudgens to head new workers' comp division

**New position result of governor's workers' compensation reform efforts in Legislature**

Last Friday Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam announced Abbie Hudgens will oversee the new Workers' Compensation Division starting July 1.

Hudgens will serve a six-year term leading the revamped Workers' Compensation Division in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

"I want to thank Abbie for taking on this new opportunity with the workers' compensation system in

Tennessee," Haslam said. "Abbie has experience in both the public and private sectors and at the state and local levels, giving her an incredible depth of knowledge of the system. She played an integral part in shaping this reform effort, and I appreciate her willingness to serve."

The governor's workers' compensation reform legislation, HB 194/SB 200, simplifies the system while allowing employees to receive benefits faster and return to work sooner, bringing increased predictability to the business environment. Hudgens, a Tennessee native, has worked with the state since 2011 when she began at TDLWD, focusing on workers' compensation.

"I am deeply honored that Gov. Haslam has given me this opportunity to be part of the next steps in making Tennessee's workers' compensation program better for both employees and employers," Hudgens said. "I am committed to building on the momentum we have with the passage of the reform bill to make workers' compensation an important part of why Tennessee is the best place in the Southeast to work or employ workers."

Hudgens, 67, received her bachelor's from the University of Memphis and earned her Master of Public Administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before coming to the state she was the

risk and insurance manager for Metro Nashville, the risk and benefits manager for the City of Knoxville, and a consultant in private practice.

She has been president of the national Public Risk Management Association, president of the Knoxville Risk Management Society, and Tennessee Valley Employee Benefit Council. She was a founding member and later chairman of the board of the Healthcare 21 Business Coalition and served for a number of years as the public sector representative on the Governor's Workers Compensation Advisory Council.

She and her husband, Ed, live in Nashville. They have two grown children.

# Southern Women Expo

The Southern Women Expo will be held on July 19 and 20 at Knoxville Expo Center on Clinton Highway, featuring over 100 booths and a host of authors for book signings.

Local writers to be present include: Judy DiGregorio, Dr. Bill Bass, Emily Stroud, Susan Dorsey, Deb Schmitz, Martha Rose Woodward, Dr. Gary Bickford, attorney Larry Perry, young farmer Birke Baehr, Corey Circello and more.

Special events include the Southern Man Fashion Show to benefit Knoxville's Ronald McDonald House and The Cup Song Contest for a chance to win tickets to see Hunter Hayes.

All Southern women attendees will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to see Sheryl Crow perform live at Biltmore's Summer Concert Series, tickets to tour the Biltmore Estates plus overnight accommodations in Asheville, NC.

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Join Martha Rose Woodward and a host of other local writers for the Southern Women Expo on July 19 and 20.

# Powell Florist Gifts and Interiors

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all arrangements are guaranteed to meet their customers' specifications. Patt credits their longevity and success to their commitment to quality and the care they take with each client's request.

When it comes to sending flowers, Patt, an ardent small business advocate, also recommends calling a local florist rather than a 1-800

number. She also maintains that while memorial donations are touching, nothing commemorates a life or expresses sympathy quite the way flowers do.

For more information about Powell Florist Gifts and Interiors, visit them online at [www.powellflorist.com](http://www.powellflorist.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/powellflorist](http://www.facebook.com/powellflorist).

# Tennova discusses neighborhood concerns

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neighborhood groups; they have also addressed some of the issues brought forth by the community.

"We actually had our architects change the entire orientation of the proposed hospital because area residents had expressed concern over the potential noise level," he explained.

While West Knoxville residents have expressed concern regarding the potential for noise, North Knoxville residents are far more concerned about silence and the ramifications of a large, empty medical complex in the heart of their neighborhood.

Robinson confirms,

however, that Tennova is committed to repurposing the campus. Tennova is currently working with potential partners to accomplish this but are not at a point in the negotiations where they can prudently discuss specifics. Some proposed intended uses include: primary care, senior care, administrative offices, behavioral therapy, and urgent care services.

North Knox residents have publicly expressed apprehension over behavioral therapy as a potential use for the site, however, Robinson is quick to point out that behavioral therapy is already a large component of the care currently offered at Physician's Regional.

"I think it speaks highly to the quality of behavioral care that we offer there, that so many are

unaware that we actually do provide it at that location," she related.

In fact, Physician's Regional has served the North Knoxville community with a wide range of healthcare since 1930 and has been expanded more than 6 times. According to Tennova, the facility's age, inadequate access, and lack of available property for expansion all render a renovation unfeasible.

Tennova officials maintain that the selection of the new site is more than just "westward expansion."

While Physicians Regional is located in North Knoxville, they actually serve 11 counties and have the busiest emergency room in the city. The new site was partially selected because of its central location.

"You don't build a

building for 10 years," Robinson pointed out. "You build a building for 50 years. We're looking towards the next 50 years and how we can provide the best quality care to the highest number of our patients."

On a national level, the selection of the new site also reflects the ever evolving face of healthcare under the Affordable Healthcare Act. Robinson added that healthcare is becoming increasingly more "consumer oriented". She also suggested that while this is not a bad thing, it does require changes in the way healthcare is offered.

Askew maintains that while change is inevitable the core mission of Tennova is static.

"Our goal is to continue to bring value to the communities we serve," he stated.

In this instance they plan to do so by maintaining a level of service at Physicians Regional while expanding and improving upon their services with a new hospital.

The Focus will continue to follow this story as it develops both in print and online.

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# Local Business Woman Attends Clever Container National Conference

Independent Organizing Consultant and Director with Clever Container, Lisa Taylor, recently attended the company's 3rd Annual National Conference in National Harbor, MD. Mrs. Taylor was recognized as having promoted to Director, only the 8th in the company's history, and also received a Top Team Sales award.

Clever Container is the only direct sales company specializing in organizational products. Since it's launch in 2007, this "mom run" business has experienced phenomenal growth, growing by 146% since

June 2012 alone. It is said that an organization with less than 5000 representatives is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the company has just reached the 1600 consultant mark. "I became consultant #206 when I joined the company but only now do I realize the true significance of this number" says Mrs. Taylor. "I had no idea of the relationships I would develop on this journey, and the impact it would have on my life" she says of her decision to join the company, on a "whim", in September 2011.

What is the secret to the fast paced growth? According to

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So, what's next for Taylor? "I want to continue to affect

change locally by sharing Clever Container products and opportunities. Whether it is providing tips and tools to create harmony in the home, creating a fun evening for women to come together and problem solve, helping someone to make extra money each month as a consultant, or helping someone who aspires to make Clever Container her career. I am in the business of building relationships and I love my job!"

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# Governor Prentice Cooper

Pages from  
the Political  
Past



By Ray Hill

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Prentice Cooper was Tennessee's governor throughout World War II. Cooper was also the first man to be elected to three two-year terms in almost a century. The scion of a wealthy family, Prentice Cooper was highly educated, attending and graduating from both Vanderbilt and Harvard Universities.

The prominence of the Cooper family in Bedford County helped young Prentice get elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1922 when he was only twenty-seven years old. Prentice Cooper left the House of Representatives to become District Attorney for the counties surrounding his native Bedford County. Cooper remained District Attorney until he won election to the Tennessee State Senate in 1936. Cooper's political ascension was swift and within two years of his election to the State Senate, Cooper was governor-elect of Tennessee.

When Prentice Cooper first announced his candidacy for governor, few took him remotely seriously. Cooper was a slight man, just under five feet-six inches tall and weighing around 145 pounds.

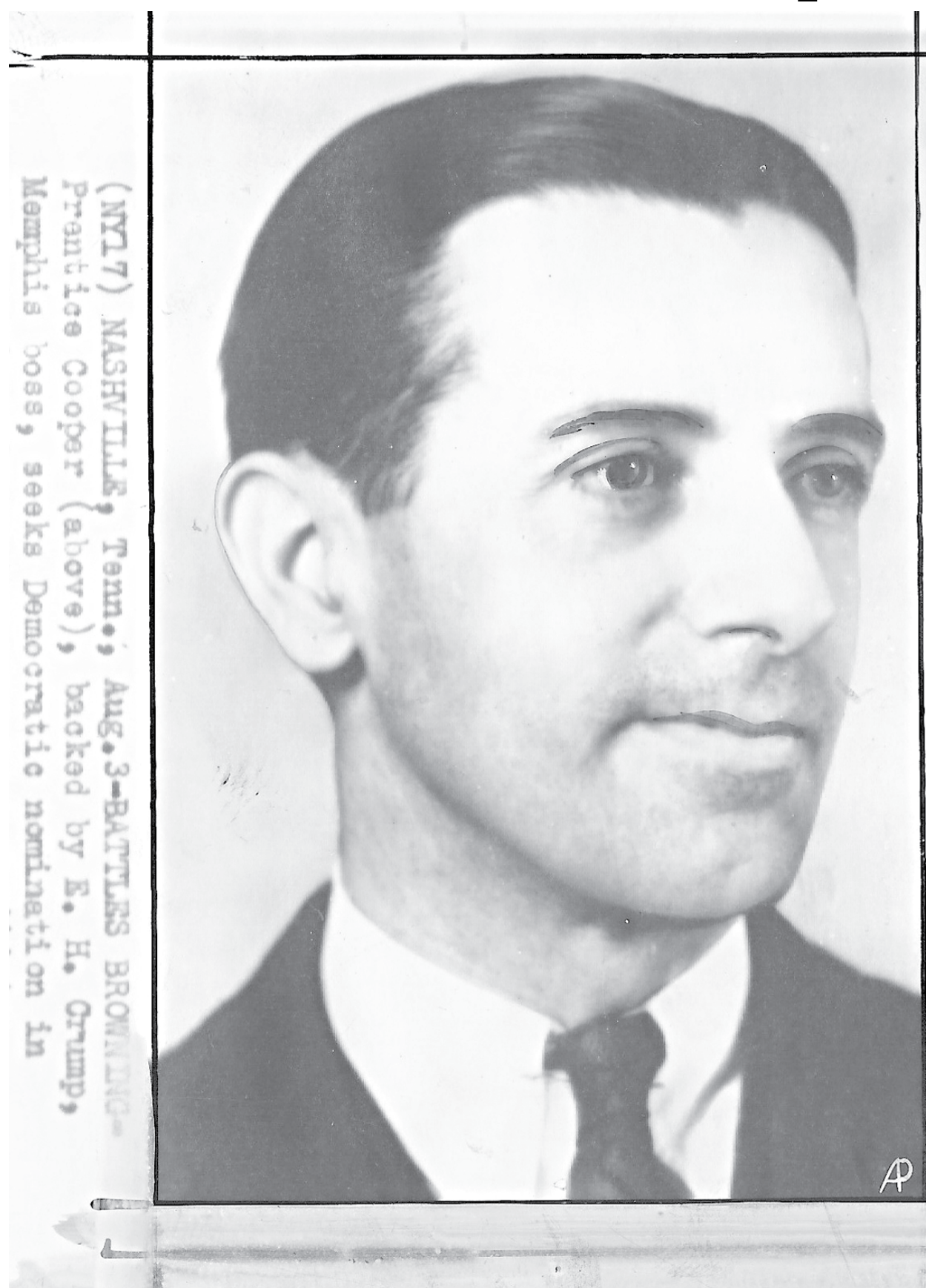
Prentice Cooper at forty-three was still a bachelor, although his diaries as governor would reveal he had more than one girl friend in various parts of the state.

Cooper had either remarkable good fortune or possessed an uncanny sense of timing. When he first announced his gubernatorial candidacy, Tennessee politics was in utter turmoil. The incumbent governor, Gordon Browning, had been elected in 1936 and nominated by a large majority. Browning's candidacy had divided the political partnership of Tennessee's senior United States Senator Kenneth D. McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization.

Senator McKellar, suspicious of Browning's senatorial ambitions, was utterly opposed to Gordon Browning. Crump surprised nearly everyone and perhaps Senator McKellar most of all when the Memphis Boss announced abruptly he was backing Browning. Gordon Browning carried Shelby County by an overwhelming majority, humiliating McKellar's candidate in his own backyard.

During much of the early 1930s, the political partnership of K. D. McKellar and E. H. Crump had been strained by various disagreements. Crump had been critical of McKellar's nomination of his brother Clint to serve as Postmaster of Memphis; Senator McKellar pointed out Clint had served as Assistant Postmaster for quite some time and was entitled to the promotion following the death of the previous Postmaster.

McKellar had disliked Crump's treatment of



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Prentice Cooper in 1938 at the time he became a candidate for governor of Tennessee.

Congressman Hubert Fisher in 1930, when the Memphis Boss suddenly decided he wished to go to Congress. Fisher had been the U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, an appointment secured for him by McKellar. When Congressman McKellar was elected to the United States Senate in 1916, Fisher had been elected to Congress to succeed him. Fisher was growing increasingly deaf and when Crump announced his own candidacy for Congress in 1930, there was little the Congressman could do but step aside for the Boss.

Senator McKellar's appointment of Bert Bates to serve as U. S. Marshal in 1933 had thoroughly annoyed Crump. Bates was objectionable to the Memphis Boss, who complained about the appointment. Bates was something like a surrogate son for the old senator who was childless and McKellar made the appointment over Crump's objections.

Both Crump and McKellar were highly sensitive men and were easily offended by slights, real and imagined. By 1936 their friendship and political alliance was a bit tattered, perhaps complicated by Crump's jealousy of McKellar's power and prestige in Washington. Virtually all the Federal patronage in the State of Tennessee was vested in Senator McKellar's hands and Shelby County Circuit Court Judge James Hamner was quoting Mr. Crump as complaining that McKellar was "selfish" and only interested in himself.

Senator McKellar disliked Gordon Browning, who had originally thought

to challenge him in 1934. McKellar fielded his own candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in 1936 against Browning. Senator McKellar believed he had an agreement from Crump to support Burgin Dossett as well, but the Memphis Boss was unusually quiet as the primary approached. When Crump issued a statement supporting Gordon Browning, McKellar was thunderstruck.

The vote totals in Shelby County were highly embarrassing to Senator McKellar as Dossett did not win 1,000 votes, while Browning accumulated more than 55,000 votes. Doubtless, the Memphis Boss was sending the senator a none-too-subtle message; it was Crump who ruled in Memphis and Shelby County, not McKellar.

Immediately following the primary, there were whispers that McKellar's political power was flagging and some even believed he might be defeated when he ran again in 1940. While both Senator McKellar and Mr. Crump denied a break between them, those opposed to the domination of Tennessee politics by the McKellar - Crump axis were hopeful. That hope turned to ashes after Governor Gordon Browning visited E.

H. Crump in Memphis.

From the beginning of the Browning administration, Crump had been uneasy with many of the governor's appointees. Crump loathed Lewis S. Pope who had so brutally used the machine as a whipping boy in his campaigns for the governorship. Luke Lea, a former U. S. senator from Tennessee, had lost his publishing empire after going to prison, but was trying to revive his influence by advising Governor Browning. Crump grumbled he would never put his feet under the same table as Luke Lea.

Crump watched as Browning restored others affiliated with Lea and the administration of former Governor Henry Horton to power, all the while Senator McKellar kept reminding the Memphis Boss that Gordon Browning could not be trusted.

The peace between Crump and his favored candidate did not last long. Tennessee's junior senator, Nathan L. Bachman, died suddenly at the end of April 1937 and it fell to Gordon Browning to name a replacement. Browning appointed George L. Berry, President of the International Printer's and Pressmen's Union, to fill the vacancy on May 7, 1937.

Senator Berry immediately hired Governor Browning's older brother, F. L., as his chief of staff and departed for Washington.

Governor Browning traveled to Memphis in September of 1937 to confer with Mr. Crump. Both the governor and Crump gave out different versions of the meeting, but the substance was much the same. Gordon Browning, a former Congressman from West Tennessee, still harbored senatorial ambitions and floated the idea of his running in 1938 and proposed that Crump support him for the senatorial nomination against his own appointee. Furthermore, Browning wanted Crump to support Lewis S. Pope for governor. In turn, Browning would support Crump against his old friend Kenneth McKellar in 1940.

Crump replied had Browning wanted him in the United States Senate, he could have appointed the Memphis Boss to the vacancy instead of George L. Berry. The idea Crump would oppose McKellar was foolish, at best. While McKellar and Crump had sometimes disagreed, the two men were personal friends as well as political allies. Crump had served two terms in Congress and had not particularly enjoyed

the experience. McKellar was also highly popular in Tennessee and headed a political organization than spanned the length of the state, while Crump's own power was largely confined to Shelby County. Anyone challenging McKellar would start out as a distinct underdog, a fact Browning himself knew all too well. Many years later, Gordon Browning admitted when he first thought of running against Senator McKellar in 1934, he could not secure a commitment of support from a single influential Tennessean.

Governor Browning left Memphis realizing his support in Shelby County was likely gone and he returned to Nashville determined to destroy the Crump organization. Browning called the Tennessee General Assembly back into special session to consider various bills, but among them was legislation creating a county-unit plan for the state. Similar to the national Electoral College, the county-unit plan would assign a certain number of votes to each individual county, meaning a candidate could win the popular vote and still lose the election. It would indeed have made the tremendous majorities in Shelby County largely meaningless.

Crump was caught completely by surprise when Governor Browning launched his assault against the Shelby County machine. The Memphis Boss pleaded with Senator McKellar for help. Browning's own appointee to the United States Senate, George L. Berry, hurried home to Tennessee to support the governor's plan.

Senator McKellar issued a blazing denunciation of both the county-unit plan and the governor. Typically blunt, McKellar referred to the plan as both "vicious" and "nefarious". McKellar claimed the plain would disenfranchise the voters from at least 40 of Tennessee's counties. Senator McKellar notified Tennessee House Speaker Walter "Pete" Haynes that he wanted to address the legislature. Considering that almost the entirety of Federal patronage rested in the hands of K. D. McKellar, Speaker Haynes realized all too well the senator was not to be offended. Many legislators regularly sought help from Senator McKellar for their own constituents, as well as jobs for family and friends.

Governor Browning fought back ruthlessly, using his power to reward allies in the legislature, as well as punishing those who proved to be reluctant to approve his legislation. Browning won the fight, albeit narrowly, only to see a court strike down the county-unit plan as unconstitutional. With the county-unit plan dead, McKellar and Crump set out to defeat Governor Browning and Senator Berry in the 1938 election.

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# Boone or Crockett?

# The answers revealed

If you get most of your history from television and movies I'll bet you get really confused about Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. The problem arises when you consider that the two

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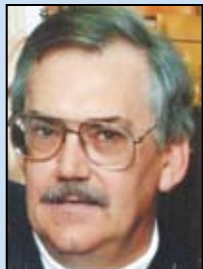
Do you know the difference?

Here are the answers to the questions from last week.

Who was born on a mountain top in Tennessee?

Neither, in the song Crockett was, but actually he was born in a meadow.

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Who widened the ancient Indian Warpath to become the Wilderness Road?

Boone  
Who moved from the state they are the most noted

for in history? Both  
Who died in a battle? Crockett

Who was dug up and reburied at a state capitol? Boone, in Frankfort, Ky.

Who's father opened a tavern? Crockett, in Morristown

Who followed Sam Houston to Texas? Crockett

Who lost a bid to improve a route they built? Boone, put in a bid to repair the

Wilderness Road, someone else was hired.

Who wore buckskin? Both, but not everyday, mostly myth.

Who has a town named for him? Both

Who served in Congress? Crockett

Who is buried in a mass grave? Crockett, at the Alamo.

Who explored for the Henderson Company? Boone

Who was captured by the Shawnee? Boone

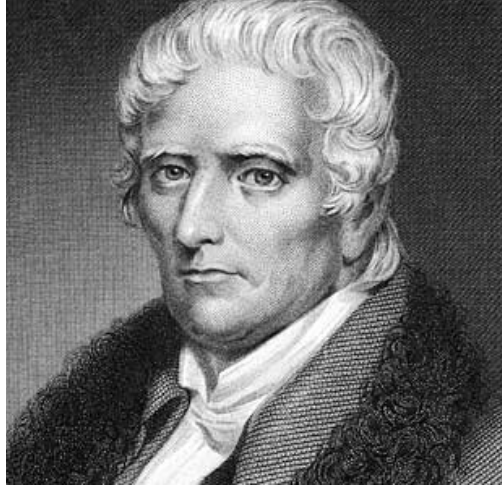
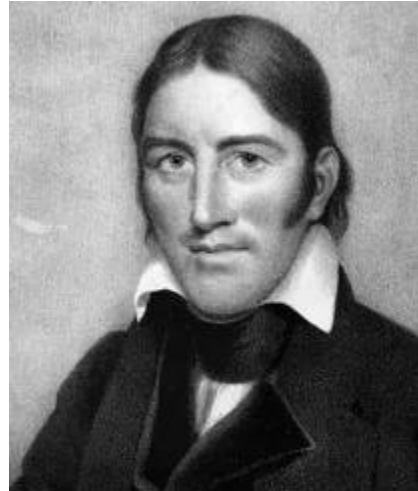
Who's brother was killed by the Cherokee? Boone

Who's grandparents were killed by the Cherokee? Crockett, the graves are in Rogersville.

Who did Fess Parker play on Television? Boone

Who played both in Movies and Television? Fess Parker

Who had a side-kick



Final Bonus Question: Which is Boone and which is Crockett?

named Mingo? Fess Parker's Boone, but not really.

Who killed a bear when he was only three? Crockett, but only in the song.

Who moved the most across the nation? Crockett, to Texas

Who was an associate of Andrew Jackson?

Crockett

Who owned slaves? Boone

Who opposed the removal of the Cherokee? Both

Yes, it is easy to get the two men confused with each other. Both lived in the frontier period, although Boone was older

than Crockett. Legend and tall tales have surrounded both, one a Kentucky Hero the other a Tennessee Hero. How many of the questions did you get right? Maybe the older you are the more you got right or maybe you actually listened in a high school history class.

## 2013 TCAP Results Show Sustained Growth among Tennessee Students

The Tennessee Department of Education announced Thursday that students across the state performed better on the 2013 Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) than the previous year, marking three consecutive years of continued improvement.

For the first time since the state implemented more rigorous standards in 2009, more than half of students in grades 3-8 are on grade level in every TCAP Achievement subject, reaching higher levels of proficiency in 2013 on 22 of 24 tested subjects than in 2012. Nearly 91,000 additional students

across all grade levels are at or above grade level in math, as compared to 2010. High school students also increased in proficiency, showing gains on six out of seven End of Course exams.

"I am grateful to our students and teachers for rising to the challenge of higher standards and to parents who are investing in their children's education," Haslam said. "It is encouraging that we continue to make gains in education, and we are reminded that we have a lot of work ahead of us in building a strong Tennessee workforce for the future."

TCAP results also showed

strong growth in STEM subjects over 2012 scores, with proficiency percentages up by 8.7 points in Algebra II, 6.4 points in biology, and 5 points in Algebra I.

"All of these gains mean that our students are much better prepared for the science and engineering-based jobs of tomorrow, putting our state in a better position for economic growth," Gov. Haslam said.

Additionally, more than 50 percent of students in grades 3-8 scored proficient in math, 73,000 more students than three years ago, and almost 63 percent scored proficient in science, an increase of over 50,000

students since 2010.

In addition to the increase in overall scores, this year's TCAP results also revealed a shrinking achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and their peers.

"Economically disadvantaged students across the state grew at a faster rate than their more affluent peers, which defies national trends," said Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman. "We are encouraged and excited by these results, but there is still more work to be done in closing achievement gaps in Tennessee."

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## A YEAR TO REMEMBER

# Lewis played key role in putting Seymour softball on map



Carly Lewis, Seymour High's Female Athlete of the Year, hurled seven no-hitters and three perfect games as the Lady Eagles reached the state softball tournament for the third year in a row.

By Steve Williams

For Seymour High School's softball team, the third time at the state tournament was not the charm. The 2013 season did not have a storybook ending.

But it wasn't because of a lack of effort, particularly from its ace pitcher, senior Carly Lewis.

"I did as best as I could," said Lewis, looking back on a 1-0 loss to Murfreesboro Riverdale in Class AAA action. "I kept them down. There was not much more that I could've done."

Coming into the state, Lewis had hurled 31 of Seymour's 41 victories.

The talented right-hander gave up a solo homer in the

state opener and allowed only two hits in the second outing.

"We didn't hit very well at the state, including me," added Lewis, who had hit over .400 during the season batting out of the No. 4 hole.

Then there was the youth factor. Five freshmen were starters for Coach Dayna Carter's squad.

"I don't think they were used to the experience," pointed out the veteran Lewis. "It's a whole different experience at the state."

"It can be intimidating. You can get caught up in it very easily. The fans are so much louder. The atmosphere is so much greater."

The intense conditions, said Lewis, make it tougher

to relax and play like usual.

Despite the Lady Eagles' second straight two-and-out exit at the state, Lewis looks back on her high school athletics career with pride. What is she proud of the most?

"How much the team has accomplished in the past four years and how much we have improved," answered Lewis, Seymour's Female Athlete of the Year for 2012-13.

In Lewis' sophomore season, the Lady Eagles reached the state tourney for the first time in school history. Seymour's record over the past three seasons: 120-26.

As a junior, Lewis alternated

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# Football opens with Kick-off Classic Aug. 15

By Ken Lay

The 2013 High School football season will unofficially begin on Thursday, Aug. 15 with the Tennessee Orthopedic Kick-off Classic at Neyland Stadium.

Action begins at 6 p.m. with Tennessee School for the Deaf tangling with King's Academy. That game marks the debut of new Lions' coach Matt Lowe, who led Powell to the Class 5A Championship game in 2011.

Halls will take on Bearden. Powell will face off against Hardin Valley Academy in a battle of former District 3-AAA rivals. That game will mark the debut of new Panthers head coach Tobi Kilgore. Kilgore most recently served as

defensive coordinator at Central and was also previously an assistant at Halls, his alma mater.

In other games, Gibbs will play defending Division II-A State Champion Webb. Central will play Farragut. The Bobcats made their first playoff appearance in several years last season. Central (6-5 in 2012) lost its first three games last season but closed the season by winning six of its last eight. The Bobcats' only two losses during that stint came against Powell.

Austin-East will play Karns in a game that will be the first for Roadrunners head coach Jeff Phillips. Phillips, a 2003 Austin-East graduate, is the **Continued on page 2**

# Charlie Adams to compete on sport's grand stage

By Ken Lay

She's both a performance artist and an athlete and Carol Lee "Charlie" Adams will take her talents to the international stage.

Adams, a North Knoxville resident and honor of the Hoop Exchange, will compete in the 10<sup>th</sup> Wheel Gymnastics World Championships in Chicago from July 8-14.

Wheel gymnastics has its roots in Germany and the 2013 World Championships will be contested in the United States for the first time next week.

Adams, who works as a personal trainer, wheel gymnastics instructor, performer and dancer, will compete for Team USA in the upcoming World Championships.

"It's not an Olympic sport," Adams said. "The

world [competition] is the highest level.

"This is the highest level of competition and you'll have athletes from 30 nations. I love to compete. If I didn't like to compete, I wouldn't have tried to qualify."

Adams is one of 10 athletes (five men and five women) to compete for Team USA on its home soil. All of Team USA's representatives had to qualify for their respective spots on the squad.

She loves competition but her true passion is performing.

"I would like to get a full-time performing contract," she said. "I would like to perform in a variety show. I'm performing all the time. At the Hoop Exchange, I work with four other people and we **Continued on page 3**

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# Former Cherokee Massie to coach soccer at alma mater

By Ken Lay

Adam Massie will get the chance to coach two teams at his alma mater. “I loved getting the chance to come back here and work as an assistant coach last year,” said Massie, who was recently named both boys and girls soccer coach at South Doyle High School. “I would like to think [athletic director Clark] Duncan for giving me the opportunity to come back and coach here. Massie, a 2007 South-Doyle graduate who once played for the Cherokees when they won 14 games, is a math teacher at the school. He said he took the opportunity and is excited to be both a teacher at South Doyle and the leader of both of the Cherokees’ soccer teams. “We’re going in the right direction both academically and athletically,” Massie said. “That was a big selling point for me and that was a big reason why I was applying.” Massie, 24, served as an assistant for the Lady Cherokees last season. Away from soccer,

Massie enjoys following the other South Doyle sports programs and said he was extremely impressed by Duncan’s work with the school’s football program last season. Duncan, a former Powell High football coach, has held both a coaching and administrative job at South Doyle over the past few years. “Watching Coach Duncan’s success last year was really a lot of fun,” Massie said. “Coaching and teaching takes up a lot of my time but teaching has given me the opportunity to follow our other sports. “That’s a lot of fun and really exciting because you know the kids.” Massie has an accounting degree from the University of Tennessee. He’s an avid fan of Volunteers’ football and basketball. He’s also an Arsenal soccer fan. Arsenal is an elite soccer club in England and regularly competes in the Barclay’s English Premier League. He’s also a movie buff who primarily enjoys comedies and comic book superhero movies.

# Football opens with Kick-off Classic Aug. 15

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Runners’ third coach in as many seasons. He played on Austin-East’s last State Championship team. Campbell County will take on South-Doyle. The Cougars are making their second appearance at Neyland Stadium. Meanwhile, Cherokees head coach Clark Duncan took his squad to new heights last season. Defending Class 4A State Champion Fulton will play Clinton. The Dragons are making their first appearance at Knoxville’s preseason exhibition. Carter will face Lenoir City before Catholic tangles with the West High Rebels

in a game between former District 4-AAA rivals. The Rebels have reached the Class 5A semifinals in each of the last two seasons. The game will also be the debut of new Irish head coach Steve Matthews, a former NFL player for the Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars and Tennessee Titans. The final game of the evening pits Grace Christian Academy against Anderson County. The Rams are coming off a play-off appearance while the Mavericks make their first appearance at the event. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the gate.

# Jordan McRae Returns for Senior Season

By Alex Norman

This summer Tennessee Volunteers shooting guard Jordan McRae is spending lots of time on the court, playing in the Pilot Rocky Top League. “It’s always fun to play with all the new players, chance to see what they can do (in a game) with refs,” said McRae. “Everyone can work on their game, work on moves they’ve been doing in the summer.” McRae says the decision to return for his senior season wasn’t a difficult one. And he’s certainly listening to the advice he got from NBA scouts. “They are telling me to work on my game, work on the little things like ball handling,” said McRae. “I’m trying to do that. McRae’s teammate, Jarnell Stokes, also

considered entering the NBA draft. Like McRae he chose to spend another season in Knoxville. That front court got another boost with senior Jeronne Maymon expected back for the Vols after missing all of last year due to a knee injury. “No doubt in my mind he is gonna be 100 percent by the start of the season,” said McRae. “He is doing a lot of work on his rehab, doing a lot of work on it, and he is doing great right now.” But the Tennessee backcourt will have a different look in 2013-2014. Point guard Trae Golden would have been a senior, but left the program this off-season. McRae says it gives the young guys a chance to step up. “We just move on from there, can’t do anything about it no,” said McRae. “We are pushing Darius

(Thompson) right now, and as soon as Antonio (Barton) gets here we will do the same.” Thompson is the highly regarded incoming freshman from Blackman High School in Murfreesboro. Barton is a transfer from Memphis and will be a senior. McRae believes the pieces are in place for Tennessee to have a successful season. “That’s always our goal, our goal is to play in the (NCAA) tournament,” said McRae. “We are taking it one game at a time and hopefully we will be in the tournament. We aren’t listening to any of that stuff, just trying to keep everything within our family. Work hard, do everything we can do, and hopefully the hard work will show.” Jordan McRae almost singlehandedly carried the Vols during the second

half of last season, but he didn’t win the SEC player of the year award. McRae says that doesn’t serve as any extra motivation for him, since motivation isn’t something he’s lacking. “I’m just working hard, constantly on myself,” said McRae. “I’m not listening to the player of the year talk, just trying to work hard and do all I can do for my team.” McRae certainly did that in 2012-2013. He finished the season as Tennessee’s team leader in scoring (15.7 points per game), minutes played (33.6 per game), 3-pointers made (60) and attempted (169) and 3-point percentage (.355) while ranking second in assists (2.0 per game), blocks (0.9 per game) and steals (0.8 per game). \*statistics courtesy utsports.com\*

# Michalski takes the reins for HVA baseball

By Ken Lay

Joe Michalski knows that he has some big shoes to fill and he’s already hard at work in his new role with one of Knox County’s up-and-coming high school baseball programs. Michalski, who was recently named baseball coach at Hardin Valley Academy, knows things won’t be easy. He is, however, looking forward to the challenge. “I’m incredibly excited,” said Michalski, who was recently was tapped to replace Kirk Renegar. “Kirk is an incredible baseball coach.” Renegar, who coached the Hawks during their first five years, recently left for Virginia to take an administrative job at his alma mater. Renegar departed after leading Hardin Valley to three consecutive District 3-AAA Tournament Championships between 2011-13. The Hawks posted a perfect 10-0 regular-season record in 2013 before culminating the campaign with an unblemished run in the postseason tournament. Michalski, a former minor leaguer in the Baltimore Orioles organization, served as Renegar’s pitching coach in 2012 and 2013 and he’s happy to be staying at HVA, where he teaches math. “It’s exciting for me to get to stay with these kids,” he

said. “I’m excited because this is a great school. “We have a great administration. Those people are world-class.” Over its first five seasons, the Hardin Valley baseball program has made its reputation by outworking its opponents. Michalski credits Renegar for that. “Our kids work really hard and they love to play baseball but Kirk has to take a lot of credit for that,” Michalski said. “He’s extremely humble and has a passion for the game that is tangible. “When you’re around a person like that, it makes it easy to come to work.” The new coach is no stranger to the program and he will also keep three assistants from Renegar’s staff as Ronnie Dove, Matt Patillo and James McHardy will all return for the 2014 season. The faces around the program will all be familiar. The 2014 opponents, however, will be new ones. The Hawks will move to District 4-AAA next season. That district houses the elite baseball programs such as Faragut (which was 2013 State runner-up and has won eight state titles), Bearden (2012 State runner-up) and Maryville, which has won a district championship and played in the state tournament recently.

While the Hawks have dominated District 3-AAA recently, they haven’t won a Region 2-AAA play-off game. Hardin Valley has lost three consecutive region tournament home games to the Admirals (2011), the Bulldogs (2012) and Catholic (which will move to Class AA next season) most recently. “We know that we haven’t proven anything and we know that until we beat those teams that we will be the little guy,” Michalski said. “That makes us an underdog and I think they like that role.” Michalski, 29, began his coaching career at the college level. The George Washington University graduate had previous stints at Marist and at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He played his high school baseball in the Baltimore area. He’s an avid Baltimore Ravens fan. He’s also a fan of Major League Baseball and classic rock ‘n’ roll. He likes to travel and play guitar. “I don’t really have a favorite baseball team,” Michalski said. “I’ll watch whatever game happens to be on ESPN. “I like to play the guitar, although I don’t play as much since I started teaching. There are a lot of great guitarists out there. When I grew up, Led Zeppelin was played in my house, so I like Jimmy Page.”

# Hard Knox Roller Girls Double-Header Home Bout July 13

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maintain the same underlying spirit: that of a Warrior, a Woman, and a Winner. As a WFTDA league, HKRG is a licensed non-profit organization that is skater owned and operated. The mission of the Hard Knox Roller Girls is to provide athletic entertainment while promoting the sport of roller derby. Our program provides regular supervised training, instruction, and competition that improve members’ individual athletic ability, self-discipline and character, while preparing to represent Knoxville at a national level. We are dedicated to providing community outreach through events, activities, and charity sponsorship. We are also advocates for similar roller derby leagues that seek to encourage the sport of roller derby nationally and internationally.



# Charlie Adams to compete on sport’s grand stage

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are a dance troupe.

“Last year, I auditioned at Dollywood and I got a callback but I was in California at the time of the callback.”

She still has aspirations to perform in East Tennessee one day.

In addition to performing, competing and training, Adams works as a full-time personal trainer. She was once a gymnast and began her venture into wheel gymnastics three years ago when she picked up a roué Cyr.

At the Hoop Exchange, she teaches hoop dance, wheel gymnastics and lyra (aerial hoop gymnastics).

She considers herself both a flow artist and an athlete. She noted that wheel gymnastics utilizes all muscle groups.

“I think what appeals to me is that it’s definitely a sport,” Adams said. “It has [elements of] cardio and it’s both aerobic and anaerobic.”

“It’s extremely tough and it’s extremely challenging.”

It could also be a bit treacherous because it involves performing gymnastics routines in a wheel.



*Knoxville resident Carol Lee “Charlie” Adams finds a way to pursue her passion while pursuing her passion of hoop gymnastics. The sport is both a competitive endeavor and a performing art. Adams, who owns the Hoop Exchange, will compete in the upcoming World Championships in Chicago.*

“When you start, you definitely don’t want to be unsupervised,” Adams said. “When I first started, there were no tutorials on-line. Now, you can find a few tutorials on-line.”

She also added that the World Championships both competitive and artistic.

“You have the compulsory part of the completion where you’re judged on skill,” she said. “You’re graded from A-D and the higher degree of difficulty gets you the higher point value.”

“You also have an open routine which is set to music and you’re judged on artistic delivery. You have artistic judges, you have technical judges and you have execution judges.”

Unlike most athletes, Adams enjoys preparing for competitions.

“I train on something five to seven days a week,” she said. “I love to train.”

Whether it’s in performing, competing or instructing, Adams has found a way to make a living while pursuing her passion.

“I can’t be happier,” she said. “It’s great to make a living doing something that you enjoy and it’s nice to teach.”



*Carly Lewis is known mostly for her outstanding pitching, but she also hit .429 with four homers and 36 runs-batted-in for the 41-8 Lady Eagles this season.*

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with Celeste Whaley as Seymour’s starting pitcher.

Lewis was the IMAC Player of the Year in District 2-AAA this season, finishing with a 31-6 record in the circle, including seven no-hitters and three perfect games. She had a 0.47 ERA and struck out 312 in 208 innings. Offensively, she batted .429, with four homers and 36 RBI.

Both Lewis and teammate Lauren Irwin, junior shortstop, were nominated for Gatorade Player of the Year in Tennessee, said Seymour Athletic Director Gary Householder.

Lewis has signed with Georgia College, a NCAA Division II school and member of the Peach Belt Conference. The Bobcats were 37-17 this past season, tying for second in the 12-team conference.

Growing up as a youngster in the West Palm Beach area of southern Florida, Carly played soccer, flag football

and took gymnastics, “but softball was the only one I stuck with . . . and I loved to play.”

She was 6 years old when she first started playing the game, and it was fast-pitch, although the coach-pitch variety.

“The coach I had my first year really worked with me and so did my dad (Ed Lewis),” recalled Carly, who moved to Seymour when she was 11. “Dad coached a couple of my teams throughout the years.”

“Once I got into high school, he mostly worked with me one on one.”

Lewis has had three different pitching coaches, including Carter, who pitched at the University of Oklahoma and was pitching coach at UT before becoming Seymour’s coach in 2002. Brandon Carr has been Lewis’ pitching coach the past two years.

Lewis is pitching for the Knoxville Lady Eagles, an ASA 18 “A” team, this summer. Two major tournaments coming up before she

reports to Georgia College August 15 will be the ASA state at Hendersonville and the ASA nationals at Salem, Va.

Carly “fell in love with the school” when she visited Georgia College, which is located in Milledgeville, Ga., said her father, “and she really liked its academic program.”

Lewis, who also was recruited by Tusculum College, plans to major in exercise science.

Even though she has thrown her final pitch at Seymour High, Carly will continue to follow the Lady Eagles with interest.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

*The Knoxville Focus* this week recognizes Athletes of the Year from the following schools: Seymour, South-Doyle, Tennessee School for the Deaf and The King’s Academy.

### FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

#### CARLY LEWIS

**Seymour Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Softball.  
**Awards and honors:** IMAC Player of Year in District 2-AAA. Nominated for State Gatorade Player of Year.

**Notes or quotes:** Compiled a 31-6 record in the circle, plus hit .429 to lead the Lady Eagles (41-8) back to state tournament for a third straight season . . . Signed with Georgia College, a NCAA Division II school.

**ERIN KETRON**

**South-Doyle Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Basketball and Tennis.  
**Awards and honors:** Basketball – Two-time All-IMAC in District 2-AAA. Tennis – Team member, District champions. Football – Student section representative and 12th Man Award.

**Academics:** 3.6 GPA.

**Notes or quotes:** Offensive Player of Year for Lady Cherokees in basketball as a junior . . . Won Coach’s Award in volleyball as a freshman . . . Member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Who’s Who . . . 2013 Summer Camp Counselor to lead worship and coach middle school age kids, Member of Cherokee yearbook staff, National Scholar/Athlete Award, DECA President and State qualifier.

**MICHAELA EVANS**

**Tennessee School for the Deaf Sophomore**  
**Lettered in:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field.  
**Awards and honors:** Volleyball – All-District; All-Mason Dixon Tournament Team. Basketball – All-Viking Classic Team; All-Mason Dixon Tournament Team. Track and Field – Bronze Medal winner in long jump at the 6th annual Berg/Seeger Classic. “Careacter Star Athlete”

**CAT HOLLAND**

**The King’s Academy Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Soccer and Basketball.  
**Academics:** GPA 3.75  
**Notes or quotes:** Led both King’s Academy squads – soccer and basketball – in scoring.

“Cat has been a pleasure to watch all year long. No matter if it’s practice or a game, she leaves it all out there. My only regret is that we only had her for one year. Even in a short time, she showed the underclassmen what it takes to compete at a higher level and TKA will be better off because of her leadership.” – Marc Weekly, Athletic Director, The King’s Academy.

### MALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

**ETHAN SWAFFORD**

**Tennessee School for the Deaf Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Football, Basketball and Track and Field.  
**Awards and honors:** Football – First-team All-American (NDIAA, Deaf Digest), East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete, “Careacter Star Athlete.” Basketball – First-team All-American (Deaf Digest), All-American Honorable Mention (NDIAA), Member of the USADB National High School All-Star Team, All-Viking Classic Team, All-Mason Dixon Tournament Team, All-District Honorable Mention, “Careacter

Star Athlete”. Track and Field – TSD Team leader in Discus and Shot Put.

**Notes or quotes:** Ethan was a third-generation quarterback at TSD, following in the footsteps of his father Barry Swafford and grandfather Nolan Swafford, who was an All-American in 1945. Ethan’s dad also was his offensive coordinator in football and head coach in basketball . . . Dick Henley, longtime TSD head football coach, called Ethan “the best quarterback in TSD history.”

**D.J. GRIFFIN**

**Seymour Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Football and Basketball.  
**Awards and honors:** A wide receiver in football and post player in basketball, the 6-3, 205-pounder was All-IMAC in District 2-AAA in both sports.

**Notes or quotes:** Signed with Carson-Newman in football.

**LONDON RABY**

**South-Doyle Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Football.  
**Awards and honors:** All-IMAC defensive back in District 2-AAA for second straight season . . . Also a receiver and a team captain, he helped lead Cherokees to 7-4 record . . . A 3-year starter, he won Skill Position of the Year all four years and the Academic Team Award the last three years . . . Named to IMAC All-Academic Team in senior year . . . Chosen as a Careacter Star Athlete.

**Academics:** During his four years at SDHS, he had a 3.64 GPA and perfect attendance.

**Notes or quotes:** Extracurricular activities include being a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He serves as Parliamentarian in Future Business Leaders of America and DECA . . . Landon plans to attend Carson-Newman University, where he has signed to play football for the Eagles.

**HARRISON ATCHLEY**

**The King’s Academy Senior**  
**Lettered in:** Football.  
**Awards and honors:** The Lions’ Running Back/Safety was All-County 2nd Team, TKA Offensive MVP, Team Captain, Careacter Star Player of the Week, A.F. Bridges Award.

**Academics:** GPA 3.1, ACT 18.

**Statistics (8 Games):** Rushed 131 times for 637 yards and 10 touchdowns, Caught 21 passes for 212 yards and one TD, Kicked 18 of 19 PATs and 4 of 4 field goals. Defensively, he had 42 tackles and four tackles for loss.

**Notes or quotes:** As an eighth-grader in 2008, Atchley moved up and played five games at the varsity level . . . Involved in Junior National Youth Leadership Conference and FCA . . . Did volunteer yard work at various churches . . . Went on Mission trips to Florida and South Carolina to do clean-up work.

“Harrison is a fine young man who on a daily basis demonstrates strong worth ethic and character. His athletic ability stands on its own and he knows what a tool it can be to lead others to Christ through his actions. I am excited to see him go to the next level as a football player at Carson Newman.” – Marc Weekly, Athletic Director, The King’s Academy.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## RIVR Media sets release of suspenseful thriller, Devil You Know

**Film features Academy Award-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence in one of her first screen appearances**

"Devil You Know, a film directed by New York-based writer and director James Oakley, will be released by Knoxville-based production company RIVR Media on July 9, 2013," announced Dee Bagwell Haslam, RIVR Media's chief executive officer. Described as a "sexy, stylish, and suspenseful thriller," Devil You Know stars Lena Olin as Kathryn Vale, a reclusive ex-movie star who attempts to make a career comeback when she's threatened by an anonymous blackmailer. Rosamund Pike (An Education, Pride & Prejudice) stars as Kathryn's jealous daughter, Zoe. Academy Award-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence – in one of her first screen appearances – plays the role of teenage Zoe in the film's flashbacks while Dean Winters (Law & Order SVU, HBO's Oz, 30 Rock) stars as Olin's unfaithful husband and Molly Price (Law & Order, Third Watch) is her duplicitous assistant. Haslam served as the film's executive producer and explains Devil You Know will be made available via iTunes, Hulu, Amazon.com,

PlayStation, and Xbox.

"We are very excited to be involved with this film especially since it showcases such exceptional talent," said Haslam.

According to Haslam, several other RIVR Media projects are set to launch including the series premieres of Scripps programming, The Willis Clan and Catastrophe, Inc. Premiering on GAC on Thursday, June 27 at 8 p.m. EST, The Willis Clan follows parents Toby and Brenda Willis as they raise their 12 talented children on their remote farm in the hills of Tennessee.

Recently featured in "Emmy" magazine, Catastrophe Inc. is set to premiere on HGTV on Sunday, July 14 at 10 a.m. EDT and shows how crews help homeowners get back up on their feet after something's gone terribly wrong with their house. The series features the Cleveland, Ohio recovery contractor team of Joe Charboneau, Enzo Maddalena, and Ed Ranieri as well as Knoxville-based, Kari Openshaw. "From faulty wiring, floods, fires, rodent or insect infestations, to a contractor's terrible mistakes, the crew from Catastrophe Inc. toils away in the muck and grime to change people's lives by restoring their homes," said Haslam.

Additionally, in late 2012, RIVR Media launched Nest Features, a company dedicated to producing feature-length films in the American South, explains

Haslam. Based in Knoxville, Tenn., Nest Features is the first production company of its kind in Knoxville and is an outgrowth of Haslam's and Ross Bagwell, Sr.'s entertainment businesses. Aiming to produce between two and four feature-length films over the next two years with a largely regional cast and crew, Nest Features' first film, Something, Anything, was recently recognized by Independent Filmmaker Project (IFP) as one of ten narrative features selected for its 2013 Independent Filmmaker Labs. Something, Anything, was written and directed by Sundance award-winning filmmaker Paul Harrill; Ashley Maynor serves as the producer of the film and was recognized by the Sundance Institute as a 2012-2013 Sheila C. Johnson Creative Producing Fellow.

Haslam explains that Nest Features' second feature film, Up the River, is set to begin casting. The comedy follows Hank, a used-car salesman who struggles to support his ailing father whose dreams of becoming a country music star have never faded. Conceptualized by Bagwell, Sr., Up the River will be filmed locally in Knoxville, Tenn. with production beginning in the fall of 2013.

For more information on RIVR Media and all its production outfits including Nest Features, visit [www.rivr.com](http://www.rivr.com).



Picture of Emerson and Cecil Mynatt in July of 1952 during the time Emerson served with the United States Navy. Picture provided by The Mynatts.

## Another Generation of Mynatt Brothers (Part II)

These Mynatt Brothers have made their mark well beyond Halls Crossroads, but their roots still run deep in Halls and Tennessee. They come "home" often as many of their family are longtime residents of

Halls. Their parents, Emerson Mynatt and Cecil Welch Mynatt, were high school sweethearts and graduates of Halls High School.

It was at Halls High that our connection with the Mynatt Brothers began. Our mother, Juanita Torbett Major, attended Halls with Emerson Mynatt. Emerson was a first cousin to Ralph Major, our father, and was the link to our parents' marriage. After graduation from Halls, Emerson served four years in the United States Navy and worked thirty-five years for the United States Post Office. Now retired, he enjoys woodworking and gardening. Cecil has become quite a talented painter after retiring with seventeen years with the Knoxville Credit Bureau, fifteen years at Hallsdale-Powell, and twelve years in Dr. David Hassell's medical office. The Mynatts enjoy time with their families, which also includes their daughter, Gina, and her children, Jessica and Blake. Their other daughter, Carol, and her husband, Arthur, have one daughter, April, who has made Emerson and Cecil great-



By **Ralphine Major**  
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grandparents with Macy and Cooper. The Halls graduates keep coming—Carol, Gina, April, and Jessica are all Halls graduates. Blake is a senior at Halls.

Last summer, Butch and his father attended

a Mynatt Reunion at Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church in the Corryton Community. "I just hope I can live up to the standard set by all of the previous Mynatts," Butch told me. It seems he and Randy are certainly keeping the standards set high. "I think the numerous Mynatt families over the years have made the communities they live in better places," Butch added.

I have learned that friends and family are one of God's greatest blessings, and it was wonderful to talk with the Mynatts at Christmas last year on their visit to Tennessee. They may have moved away from home and family, but Butch recently shared what is most important in life. "I am thankful for loving and nurturing parents and siblings," he said. "Many never get to witness that special love." While these Mynatt Brothers' livelihoods have taken them far from Halls and their home state, the work that they are doing in the fields of business and nutrition should make Halls proud to still call them one of their own!

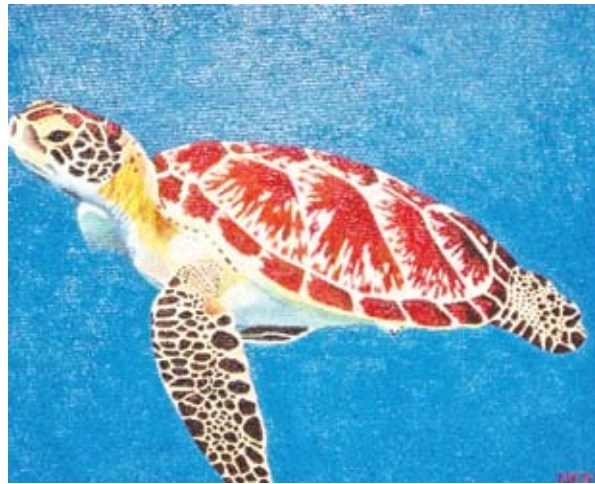
## FCAC Open Show Reveals Area Artists' Talents

By **Sylvia Williams**

On Friday, June 28, awards were presented at the Fountain City Art Center for a spectacular array of area artists' talents. The judge, Terry Chandler, stated that he found it difficult to narrow down the field to just 10 awards out of 91 entries in the exhibit. The show is free to the viewing public through August 8 and would make an excellent family outing this summer. The Center is open Tu, Th 9-5; W, F, 10-5; and most Saturdays, 9-1 and is located in the old library next to the Fountain City Park, 213 Hotel Avenue.

Best of Show was awarded to Lee Edge for a watercolor portrait. 1st, and 3rd places were awarded to Brad Parker, and Cody Swaggerty's "Sea Turtle" took 2nd place. Honorable Mentions were awarded for works by Marty McConnaughey, Bob Weir, Janet Trewhitt, Aurora Harrison Bull, Kate McCullough, and Johanna Humphrey. We were especially pleased that an award went to Cody Swaggerty, a young artist who has worked diligently over the last few years since high school to improve his technique and has clearly succeeded as demonstrated by his three entries. Another promising young artist with two pieces in the show is Brandi Lee who won an award at last year's open show.

This exhibit includes pottery, amazing decorative gourds, a handmade book, a leather and fossil



"Sea Turtle" by **Cody Swaggerty**

sculpture, oils, watercolors, pastels, graphite pencil drawings, fused glass, and many mixed media pieces.

For more information about this exhibit, future exhibits, events, classes, and workshops at the Center, contact us at (865)357-2787, [fcartcenter@knology.net](mailto:fcartcenter@knology.net), [www.fountaincityartctr.com](http://www.fountaincityartctr.com), or visit us on Facebook.

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MinuteClinic, the largest provider of retail-based medical clinics in the United States, has opened a new walk-in clinic inside the CVS/pharmacy store in Powell at 417 Emory Rd. It is the 6th MinuteClinic location in the Knoxville area and 25th in Tennessee.

"Since opening our first store-based clinic in Tennessee in 2005, we have helped to expand access to high-quality, convenient care to thousands of residents who have visited us at convenient CVS/pharmacy locations near where they live and work," said Andrew Sussman, M.D., president, MinuteClinic and senior vice president/associate chief medical officer, CVS Caremark Corporation. "We believe MinuteClinic can be part of the solution to Tennessee's efforts to broaden access to quality health services."

MinuteClinic nurse practitioners specialize in family health care and can diagnose, treat and write prescriptions for common family illnesses such as strep throat and ear, eye, sinus, bladder and bronchial infections. Minor wounds, abrasions, skin conditions and joint sprains are treated, and common vaccinations such as influenza, tetanus,



Mayor Burchett and MinuteClinic employees cut the ribbon last week at the new Powell location.

pneumonia and Hepatitis A & B are available at most locations. Walk-in shots for camp, sports and college are available daily. In addition, MinuteClinic administers a series of wellness services designed to help patients identify lifestyle changes needed to improve their current and future health, including screenings and monitoring for diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

No appointments are required at MinuteClinic and most health insurance is accepted. For patients paying cash or credit, treatment prices are posted at each clinic and on [www.minuteclinic.com](http://www.minuteclinic.com). The cost for most treatment starts at \$79.

MinuteClinic practitioners use a software program that at the conclusion of each visit generates educational material, an invoice and a prescription (when

clinically appropriate) for the patient, as well as a diagnostic record that can be sent via electronic health record, fax or mail to a primary care provider with patient permission.

The MinuteClinic walk-in medical clinic in Powell operates from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

# Faith

## If your walls could speak, part two

Last week, we looked at an incident in the home life of David that was quite messy. David committed adultery with the wife of one of his valiant soldiers, got her pregnant and then went to great lengths to cover up his "indiscretions."



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

What went wrong? The problems for David began earlier.

David's first marriage was to Michal. She was one of the daughters of King Saul. She was given to David for his role in killing Goliath and

many Philistines. The story has a romantic beginning as David wins the heart of the princess. As I Samuel 6 begins, life is going great for David. He is married and he is bringing the Ark of the Covenant back into Jerusalem to be housed. In the great celebration, David begins to dance before the Lord. Michal is watching the festivities from a window and notices David dancing in front of the slave girls disrobed. She is jealous and embarrassed.

After a great day of

rejoicing, David comes home to bless his wife. Instead of greeting a wife happy, she verbally attacks him. In return, David verbally attacks her family and then says the slave girls gave him more honor than she has. Due to this conflict, they never slept together again and so the death of the marriage.

I wonder if this incident would have gone differently, would we even have the incident of adultery between David and Bathsheba. What if Michal showed security instead of insecurity in the home? What if she welcomed David home instead of despising him? What if

David had invited Michal to join him that day in dancing before the Lord? What if he had fought for her love like he had Goliath?

All of our stories are written in the mundane moments of life. The little choices and decisions write the story of who we are. If David and Michal could have dealt better with the conflict in their home, things would have been much different. So what can we learn from this about dealing with conflict in the home?

First, identify what the real issue is. Michal laid into David and she is insecure. Why? Maybe she needed to be reaffirmed

by David. Maybe he was not showing her enough attention, like the man who comes home from work and then spends the evening in front of the TV or on his phone texting and checking email. Be intentional in building the marriage. Second, find the right time and place to discover what the real issue is and then stick to the issue. Third, start with the positive. What if Michal complimented David on his dance moves? David wants encouragement, but all he gets is a critical spirit.

Husbands need to step up to be spiritual leaders, to love their wives like

Christ and be the reconcilers in the home. Wives need to be the spiritual encouragers of the home, not critical, respecting their husbands. Nothing drives a man to passivity quicker than a critical wife.

God can use the mess of your home for His glory, like God did with David. In Matthew 1:1, Jesus is introduced for the first time as "the son of David." Let God redeem the story of your home as the walls of your home speak of God's healing presence.

### Seymour United Methodist Church News & Praises

By Dave Manners

As we soon celebrate, Our freedom so dear, Worship HE who so-blessed us! Welcome GOD to stay near! The U.S. is indeed well-

blessed and we all need to praise and thank God regularly for those many blessings, lest He decides to take them away!

Pastor Rev. Jason Gattis, and all others, welcome you to join with us for Sunday morning worship. Our Traditional Worship Service starts promptly at 8:45 a.m. with a more modern Contemporary Praise Worship Service beginning at 11:00 a.m.

All Sunday school classes begin at 10 a.m., for a 45-minute, Biblically-based study period between the two worship services.

The "Soul Sisters" fellowship group, which normally meets every 1st Tuesday evening, has cancelled their meeting for July and will resume in August.

The weekly fellowship

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

Each Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m., the Praise Band rehearses.

On Friday, July 5th, at 9 a.m., the "Scrapbooking" fellowship group will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is Janelle McBride. All are welcome to attend.

Next Sunday, July 7th, brings the sacrament of Holy Communion to both worship services - PLUS the opportunity for us to share our blessings with the local CROSS Ministries who help serve those less-fortunate in the Seymour area.

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# Amazing auction sales coming soon

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I am happy to say that the majority of contents in these sales came from folks just like you that have called Fountain City Auction and requested my advice on how to gain the most and highest gains on your personal properties of all kinds.

One living estate, in particular, that is being offered comes from a top level executive of Mobil Oil, Co. that lived with his family in Saudi Arabia, Japan, Italy, Greece and all over the Middle East for many years in the 1980s. The treasure trove of items that they acquired and brought back could make some museums green with envy. Fine inlaid French furniture and antiques, porcelains, ivory, paintings, jewelry, numbering into the hundreds of items.

Other estate collections include rare and fine toys, military, sterling, primitives, coins, jewelry, porcelains, early items, art pottery and so much more it could take over four



By Carl Sloan

large auction venues to consolidate.

Two of these upcoming auctions have been dated for July 12 and August 17 and will be posted by the company on Auctionzip.com with many photos to view in the very near future.

I cannot say enough good things about the owners of Fountain City Auction, Greg and Sarah Lawson, and the results that they produce.

Even with these large sales coming up, I am still able to continue making visits and calls to your homes to discuss your items. No charge, free assessments, no pressure - just my experience to my neighbors and community. All you need to do is simply call Greg Lawson at (865)604-3468 and ask for me, Carl Sloan, to return your call and answer questions or schedule a visit.

Tip of the week: In humid weather, solid wood antique or vintage furniture tends to swell, making drawers difficult to slide. Simply remove the drawers and rub a bar of soap or candle on the inside glide rails to make the friction disappear.



PHOTO BY FRANCES HAMILTON OATES

A driftboat-load of anglers floats the misty Clinch River below Norris Dam.

# Big Clinch River Cleanup

Love the Clinch River?  
Sign up for the Big Clinch River Cleanup

The first-ever Big Clinch River Cleanup starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, with a breakfast and briefing for all participants at the Museum of Appalachia, 2819 Andersonville Highway, Norris. The cleanup will wrap up about noon.

Everyone who enjoys the river, from anglers to kayakers to wildlife watchers, is invited to help remove litter from the Clinch and its banks. The communitywide cleanup is an expansion of annual pickups run for many years by members of the Clinch River Chapter, Trout Unlimited. For this first year of the expanded event, volunteers will focus on the section between the Peach Orchard boat ramp and the River

Road boat ramp (Miller's Island). To register -- and to qualify for the free full breakfast -- please visit [www.crctu.org](http://www.crctu.org) and click on Big Clinch River Cleanup Registration. For more information, contact Buzz Buffington at [buzzflo@bellsouth.net](mailto:buzzflo@bellsouth.net) or (865) 463-7167. In case of severe weather, the cleanup will be postponed until July 27.

Clinch River Chapter TU works to preserve and protect the Clinch River tailwater and its watershed through conservation projects and through education of children and adults in aquatic natural resources. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in the parish hall at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Norris, except when outdoor activities are scheduled.

For more information, contact Frances Oates at (865)223-2055.

# Governor Haslam Proclaims July Beef Month

Ah! Finally, the relaxing sounds of summer. Kids are playing in the backyard, neighbors greet one another on evening walks and the best sound of all – steaks sizzling on the grill, the mouth-watering aroma letting everyone know someone's grilling beef tonight!

It's always grilling time in Tennessee, but somehow the lazy days of summer just make it that much better. Governor Haslam has proclaimed July is Beef Month in Tennessee and that is something to celebrate!

Beef is a savory tasting, lean and nutritious source of protein, zinc, iron and B-vitamins, all important nutrients your body requires. Calorie for calorie, lean beef is one of the most nutrient-rich foods: a 3 ounce serving of lean beef has only 179 calories. That same serving supplies more than 10% of the USDA daily value for essential vitamins and minerals needed for optimal health and weight. It's an extremely versatile protein source. With 29 lean beef cuts to choose from, including favorites such as tenderloin, sirloin, and flank steaks you can't go wrong.

So "Get Your Grill On" in July. You'll be known as the "Hero of House" with your family and who knows, you may even earn



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Set broccoli out to thaw. Melt butter; add onion, flour, salt and water. Stir until smooth. Add Cheez Whiz and eggs. Stir sauce over broccoli. Sprinkle with remaining cracker crumbs. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Civil War Talk

On Tuesday, July 9, 2013, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host author and recently retired longtime Historian of the Vicksburg National Military Park Terry Winschel as its speaker. At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Winschel will speak on the topic: "Crucial to the Outcome: Vicksburg." 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). To make dinner reservations, please call (865) 671-9001 by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 8. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Foothills Craft Guild Jury Fest

Become a member of the Foothills Craft Guild! Entries from fine craft artisans will be accepted in August for those interested in joining the Guild. Chartered in 1968, the Foothills Craft Guild is the oldest artisan's guild in Tennessee and is dedicated to promoting and preserving the finest handmade crafts in the state. Their upcoming Fine Craft Fair, November 15 - 17, has been named a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society. Membership applicants must reside in Tennessee, and crafts must be of original design produced within the past two years. Entries may be hand-delivered to the Foothills Craft Guild office at the Emporium Building, 100 South Gay Street, on Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13 from 10 am to 3 pm, and the jurying will take place on August 14. For more information or an application form, please visit the Membership Information section at [www.foothillscraftguild.org](http://www.foothillscraftguild.org) or contact Standard Chairman, Ann Lacava, 865-938-4180, [alacava@frontier.net](mailto:alacava@frontier.net).

### Fountain City Business & Professional Association Meeting

The monthly Fountain

City BPA Lunch Meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, at 11:45 a.m. at Central Baptist Church. The lunch sponsor for July is Jet's Pizza. The speaker for this meeting will be Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. He will discuss the Knox County Budget.

Since taking office in 2010, Mayor Burchett has reduced the Knox County debt by approximately \$60 million, as part of his commitment to cut debt by \$100 million by Fiscal Year 2016. He continues to show strong support for education, and understands that supporting our teachers - not administrative bureaucracy - is one of the most important things we can do to improve education in this community. Despite growing demands on County resources, Mayor Burchett is able to ensure that Knox County continues to provide high-quality service to our citizens in an efficient, cost-effective way. On July 10, Mayor Burchett will speak to the Fountain City BPA about the recently-adopted county budget and discuss some of the challenges facing Knox County Government.

### Science Cafe Meeting

The next meeting of the STFK Science Café is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Zoo. There will be a brief NOVA video presentation followed by an hour of questions and discussion with refreshments. The discussion topic is Tornadoes, and our guest expert is Associate Professor and Tornado Debris Researcher Dr. John A. Knox of the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia. Children are welcome to attend with their parents, as we offer Kid's Café with activities that help make learning science fun! This meeting takes place during Zoo hours, but there is no cost to attend. Inform the parking attendant that you are not visiting the Zoo but only attending a meeting. Enter at the door of the Ranger Station (just the right of the ticket counter and main Zoo gates).

Ask a Zoo employee to direct you from there. For more information, browse <http://sciencecafe.spirit-and-truth.net>.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

**Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Technical Committee Meeting, July 9, 2013.**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 9, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Allocating Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 Funding, Discussion of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan Update, Discussion of the Draft TPO Technical Committee and Executive Board Bylaws; and other business.

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

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