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Mike McMillan Pleased By Ritta Traffic Improvements

By Focus Staff

Ritta Elementary School has long been plagued by traffic problems for those parents picking up and dropping off children. For years Washington Pike has been clogged with traffic at the peak times for when school opens in the morning and closes during the late after-

District's representative on the Knox County Board of Education, has long supported the necessary improvements to help address the traffic problems as well as promote safety. The Ritta

Elementary School administration, faculty and staff issued a press release saying they are "extremely excited" that the daily traffic congestion should be eased considerably. McMillan seemed equally excited.

"I'm really tickled these improvements are done and just in time for the school year."

"There'll probably be a Mike McMillan, the Eighth few glitches to work out in the first days of school," McMillan admitted, "but overall, I think it will be a godsend to the community." For more details on Ritta's new improvements, see the Letter to the Editor on A2.



School Board member Mike McMillan stops to chat with worker Charles Elkins tour a tour of Ritta Elementary's improvements.

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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IT'S FOOTBALL TIME!



Grace Christian Academy senior running back Jesse Garren makes a cut on a big run in the Rams' 14-6 victory over Karns Friday night at Neyland Stadium. Garren had a 39-yard run to set up a touchdown on Grace's first drive. The Rams went undefeated in 2011 and had a victory over Class AAA State Champ CAK. GCA, however, was ineligible for the playoffs. The Rams were on probation last season. For the conclusion of Focus Prep Football Previews, please see section C.

Flip the Switch at Boomsday to help **South Knoxville businesses**

Boomsday is celebrating its 25th Anniversary next month and fireworks are not the only thing that will light up the sky. An exciting announcement was made last Thursday as officials from the City of Knoxville, Reily Foods, Knox Heritage, and Visit Knoxville announced that the iconic JFG sign is returning to the South Knoxville waterfront and one lucky person will get the opportunity to "Flip the Switch" at Boomsday and light up the sign once again.

day, the JFG sign was turned off and taken down with the plan to restore it to its original shape. After nearly 24 months of repair and renovation, the sign is ready to return to Knoxville and serve as an historic landmark, which will be located at the Kerbela Temple near the Gay Street Bridge along the Tennessee River.

"The big difference on the new JFG sign is that all the bulbs are LED lights," said Jeff Gamble of Reily

During the 2010 Booms- Foods. "This will save campaign and encourage business in the South approximately 85 percent on electricity, which will have a positive impact on the environment."

> The historic sign will officially be turned on during the Boomsday festivities, and one lucky person will get a chance to "Flip the Switch" and turn on the historic sign. For the opportunity to "Flip the Switch," community leaders led by Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, have come together to launch the Booming the Business Loyalty Card

Knoxvillians to shop and support several South Knoxville businesses along the Urban Wilderness Arts and Trade District, which is composed of businesses within the 37920 zip code and offers discounts and specials to customers.

"This is an exciting initiative for our community," says Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "Knoxville is working together to bring this historic sign back to the riverfront and promote new

Knoxville area at the same time. Many different people and organizations have worked to make this a reality, and we are very excited at the outcome of the efforts."

The Booming the Business Loyalty Card features 20 South Knoxville Businesses and with each visit to a business, a stamp will be placed on the Card. Once 15 of the 20 businesses are visited, the card can be submitted for

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A Young Man on a Mission

By Sarah Baler

Joshua Brown is a young man with vision. If you have the idea that kids today are unmotivated, get a load of this guy. A junior at Gibbs high school, Joshua Brown is running for Tennessee DECA president. DECA is a high school organization that encourages entrepreneurship and business sense in young people. Make no mistake. While many wouldn't have the chutzpa to run for president on a school level, Brown is running on the state level. He seems to be the man for the job too. Josh says state representative Harry Brooks and County Mayor Tim Burchett have both endorsed his campaign. Rob Ryan, Brown's Scholar's Bowl coach, said, "Josh is a very bright, unique young man. I admire his ambition."

Brown is already a leader in his community. He is a founding member of the Gibbs Young Republican's Association. He was president of his sophomore class and is now president of his junior class. He is captain of his scholar's bowl team. Of course, he is also president of the Gibbs chapter of DECA.

Brown was inspired to run for Tennessee DECA president when he attended ICDC (international career development conference) in Salt Lake City, Utah. He says he was surrounded by thousands of other students who shared the same passion for business and entrepreneurship that he had. "I knew then," says Brown "that I wanted to not only change DECA, but REVOLUTIONIZE it."

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Two-thirds of Voters Oppose Survey

By Focus Staff

Voters were asked the question, "Knox County Commissioner Mike Hammond has proposed using county tax dollars to conduct an employee survey of Knox County school teachers. Do you think this is an appropriate use of county tax dollars?"

A little over two-thirds of voters opposed the notion of using county funds to complete a survey of teachers. The most opposition for the idea came from the Ninth District, with is inappropriate to use county money to survey teachers. The most support for the idea came from the Second District, which is South Knoxville, with about 45% of voters thinking it is appropriate to use county money to survey teachers. Only about 13% of voters in South Knoxville approved of the idea of using county tax dollars to survey teachers, with a whopping 87% opposing it. The First District, which is entirely inside the City

over 87% of likely voters who think it of Knoxville and comprised largely of Knoxville's African-American community, was ten points behind South Knoxville in opposition to utilizing tax dollars for a teacher survey, as more than 76% of respondents were

The districts most friendly to the idea were the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, although a solid majority inside each district still opposed using tax dollars for a teach-

The most wonderful time of the year



By Richie Beeler

Andy Williams only got it half right. There is a time of year that rises to the level of truly wonderful. But as much as I love the holiday season and all it stands for, I must admit that for me the most wonderful time of the year is not Christmas. It's starting right now.

It's hard to believe as you sit in your air conditioned home, cocooned away from the sweltering late summer heat, but in just over two weeks, we will turn the page on our calendars, and it will be September again. As the ninth month of the year takes center stage, it will bring with it the time of year so many in our East Tennessee culture hold dear. The time known as

Meteorologically speaking, fall actually begins on September 1st, when weather patterns begin to shift significantly from the stagnant climate of

Pilot

be difficult to imagine right fact that it is also football now, things will change quite dramatically over the next several weeks. Sunlight begins decreasing rapidly this time of year. We have already lost more than an hour of daylight since the summer solstice on June 21st. And by this weekend, we will be under that of late April. Temperatures will not be far behind. While averages remain rather constant from mid-June through late August, they soon begin a free fall that will drop them some

This break in the relentless heat and humidity of the southern summer is one of the many things that makes the anticipation of autumn quite unlike any other time of year. Although some outdoor activities will come to a close in a month or so as water drains from our many lakes and reservoirs, new ones will take their place such as hiking, bicycling.... and East Tennessee's favorite outdoor most likely because of two spectacle. Football.

20 degrees by Halloween.

Without question, one of the most enduring and endearing qualities of fall in

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summer. While that may the Tennessee Valley is the for entire communities. Trafseason. From high school campuses to Neyland Stadium to downtown Nashville, autumn weekends are ablaze not only with spectacular foliage, but also with the pomp and splendor of the South's favorite

Football and fall were a sun angle equivalent to a match made in heaven. They are as inseparable to Tennesseans as pie and ice cream or biscuits and gravy. Even the school colors of our beloved Volunteers fit the landscape like a sugar maple robed in autumnal splendor.

Fall also brings with it something our human souls are wired to long for - variety. Unlike summer, which can become rather monotonous, autumn is an everchanging time of year. Each day brings with it a subtle difference in color and feel as the earth cycles into its time of slumber. Ironically, fall often feels more like a season of awakening than a time of dying. That is factors.

The first is the beginning of school. For most of us, especially those with children, the calendar circles not from January to December, but from September to August. Each new school year brings with it a whole new set of goals, hopes and dreams, not only for individ-

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fic flows increase, streets and sidewalks become more crowded. The entire landscape and pace of life just seems to get an injection of autumn adrenaline. An injection that comes almost simultaneously as the world around us begins to die. And that is perhaps the irony that gives fall its greatest mystique. We can celebrate death when we know it is not the end.

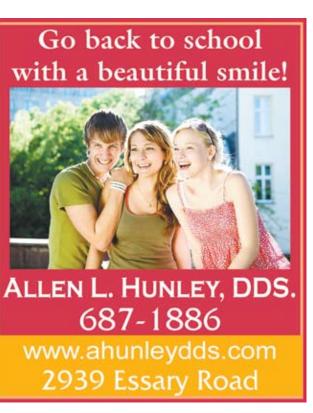
If there were no assurance of rebirth, autumn would be a depressing time of year indeed. But because we know that winter is not an end, but rather a respite until nature re-awakens, we can truly celebrate this beautiful time of year. Even the ancients knew this all too well. Despite their limited knowledge of astronomy, their traditions told them that after the winter solstice, the sun would begin its journey back to them. A journey that would bring life and vibrancy to creation once again.

It was with this assurance of glorious rebirth that our ancestors celebrated autumn with a vigor unlike any other season. Death is no enemy to be feared when it is but a doorway to future life. It is a lesson many of us might well learn to live by.

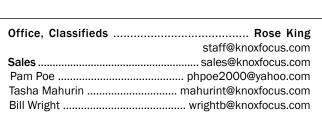
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And one of the many reasons why I will always be in love with fall. uals and families, but often CANTREL HEAT & A SALES · SERVICE MAINTENANCE







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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	3
30-49	46.03%	53.97%	63
50-65	29.22%	70.78%	154
65+	30.59%	69.41%	219
Total	32.12%(1	41)67.88% (29	98)439

By Commission District

1	23.53%	76.47%	34
2	45.61%	54.39%	57
3	36.36%	63.64%	44
4	38.33%	61.67%	60
5	32.08%	67.92%	53
6	17.65%	82.35%	17
7	36.76%	63.24%	68
8	28.81%	71.19%	59
9	12.77%	87.23%	47
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By Gender			
Unknown	21.43%	78.57%	14

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Female	30.00%	70.00%	230
Male	35.38%	64.62%	195
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Survey conducted August 9, 2012

Letter to the Editor

The Ritta Elementary administration, faculty, and staff are extremely excited about the long-awaited improvements to our traffic routes on campus. While these improvements are such a positive change for our school, we also recognize that they will benefit the Ritta community by easing daily traffic congestion on Washington Pike.

As we implement the new traffic pattern with the start

of a new school year, we want to inform our parents and the community of some details that will make the navigation of drop-off and pick-up more manageable. Those key details are:

1. We will still utilize the crossing guard in the morning and afternoon to assist in guiding parents and stu-

2. The bus procedures are not affected by the new traffic route and will not change.

3. Car rider drop-off will begin at 7:15 a.m. each morn-

4. Car rider pick-up will begin at approximately 2:40

p.m. each afternoon.

5. There are a total of four entrances/exits located on school grounds. When approaching Ritta Elementary from I-640, all entrances/exits are on the right side. Car rider parents will take the 1st entrance, travel around the loop, stop at the pick-up positions (positions are num-

bered 1-6), and leave through the 2nd exit. 6. A map of the new traffic pattern will be distributed to parents in their child's classroom on Meet Your Teacher Night on Monday, August 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Ritta Elementary School.

7. Car rider families will need to sign up for their Car Rider Verification Card in their child's classroom at the Meet Your Teacher event or within the first few days of

8. The Car Rider Verification Card is to be displayed in the front windshield during pick-up. This is proof of parent permission to pick-up students and helps our staff keep our students safe.

We appreciate our parents and the community being patient with us as we work to make the traffic flow as quick and efficient as possible. We will have plenty of staff on hand to help direct traffic, students, and parents those first few days of school until the pattern becomes familiar and routine.

Thank you to the Knox County Schools for providing us with funding to make this needed improvement to our school grounds, and we anticipate a wonderful start to our new school year!

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Publisher's Positions Mikie in Wonderland



By Steve Hunley, **Publisher** publisher@knoxfocus.com

Knoxville Chamber of Commerce CEO Mike Edwards recently wrote a column appearing in The Knoxville News-Sentinel declaring issue advocacy is a proper role for the Chamber. I would not disagree if not for the fact the Chamber receives taxpayer dollars. The Chamber would be free to do as it pleases if it was entirely privately

funded. There really wasn't much in the way of actual content in Edwards's column, which appears to be a feeble attempt to defend the Chamber continuing to receive public dollars and still do whatever it likes. Edwards seems to be saying it's all right for the Chamber to get tax dollars from local governments, while at the same time having a Political Action Committee, as well as trying to influence the very governments it receives money

he goes on to confess the officials? The advertising Chamber's work on behalf of recruiting new businesses and retaining existing businesses requires a process which must be "confidential." Edwards seems indignant that Commissioner Tony Norman wants a record of all the Chamber's revenues and expenditures. Despite Edwards's claim the Chamber is "very transparent," he readily maintains, "The majority of our activities, including issue advocacy, are privately funded by our members and not subject to public disclosure." Edwards insists "Issue

advocacy is not political activity. Political activity is supporting a candidate, which we have not done and do not plan to do."

I think Edwards is splitting hairs, as I believe any attempt to influence events and public policy is political activity. Certainly much of the media nationally seems to think so. Why does an organization need a PAC if it is completely apolitical? The Chamber seems to simply grab a different hat to wear depending upon the situation.

The entirety of Edwards's thesis is one of allowing the Chamber to have its cake and eat it, too. Why not allow the Chamber membership to fund ALL its activities without spending our tax dollars and from. Edwards claims, "We they would not be subject are very transparent", yet to any scrutiny by public own position to one of

campaign to support the huge tax increase demanded by Superintendent of Schools James McIntyre was funded by Chamber members. If the property tax rate is no impediment to big businesses here, why do so many of them seek a TIF or tax concessions? If the Chamber thinks it is imperative to pass a huge tax increase on the citizenry, why should they not refuse to seek tax rebates and TIFs for big business? The reason is the property tax rate does matter when a business is looking to locate in a particular area.

The Knoxville Chamber of Commerce is hardly alone in its desire to influence events and public policy. The Nashville Chamber of Commerce has been the subject of several conflicts with an increasingly annoyed Metro Council. When the Nashville Chamber of Commerce lent its support to some highly controversial state legislation that would have gutted local planning and zoning authority, all hell broke loose. Initially, the Nashville Chamber hailed the legislation as being "all about job creation." Does that song seem familiar? Nashville Mayor Karl Dean and at least 22 members of the Davidson County Metro Council objected the Nashville Chamber and beat a hasty retreat, revising its

When Mayor Dean proposed a tax hike, the Nashville Chamber dutifully issued a public endorsement, causing one Councilman to Tweet, "Groups like the REALTORS and Nashville Chamber can't be taken serious on the tax increase. They are nothing more than political

Yet another Metro Councilman, Charlie Tygard, introduced a bill to cut Davidson County's annual subsidy to the Chamber of Commerce by one-third. Tygard claimed Davidson County taxpayers were toting most of the load while development efforts seemed to be benefiting the counties surrounding Davidson. Tygard sought to limit Davidson County's subsidy to no more than twice what the surrounding counties were chipping in to support the Chamber.

The Chamber's spokesperson quickly announced it would be wrong to look solely at the governmental contribution to the Chamber, describing it as an "oversimplification." Again, sounds familiar, doesn't

Chambers routinely make the argument, which admittedly has some merit, that promoting jobs and business has to have a regional component. However there is nothing wrong with the suburban counties paying

Edwards brags that the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce was the recipient of the "gold medal" from the national Chamber of Commerce organization for being the 2011 Chamber of the Year. Good Gosh, there must be a weak lot of Chamber organizations across the country as most anyone not on the Chamber payroll likely couldn't name a single thing the Knoxville Chamber has accomplished since Edwards took the reigns of that organiza-

The former CEO of the Chamber, Tom Ingram, did a good job in that capacity. One might disagree with Ingram's goals, but he was proactive and effective. Many organizations take on the traits of its leadership and Edwards has a personality so laid back it would make Pa Kettle seem hyperactive. Edwards is in fact a creature of courthouse politics himself, having spent his early years working for the late Knox County Trustee Bob Broome. Edwards was once a candidate for the **Knox County Commission** and Register of Deeds, but lost both races. Edwards moved from the Trustee's office to the Public Building Authority. After leaving the PBA, Edwards languished for a couple of years in the private sector and started making noises about running for Mayor of Knoxville

just as Bill Haslam was

emerging. Oddly, that was right about the time Tom Ingram left and Edwards was installed in his place as CEO of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.

Knox County used to have its own arm of economic development and former Mayor Mike Ragsdale, in his wisdom, turned just about everything over to the Chamber and, like the boy who went to sea, almost nothing has been

heard of him since. Edwards did not make a compelling argument for exempting the Chamber from scrutiny by local governments, who give the Chamber hundreds of thousands of tax dollars. Nor did he make a remotely believable argument that the Chamber has little or nothing to do with politics. While the Chamber itself might not appear on a candidate's financial disclosure form, we have all seen examples of pages and pages of individuals connected to the Chamber littering a candidate's dis-

There's nothing wrong with these individuals participating in politics nor is there anything wrong with them advocating any particular position, but it may be time for the Chamber to clean out its own closet and throw away a few hats and wear just the one.

closure form.

A Young Man on a Mission

Cont. from page 1 DECA to being a heavy-Brown is currently looking for individuals and businesses that would be willing to contribute to his camconference expense for a comweek-long event in New York which is recommended for those running for state office, the state conference in Nashville, and the National Convention in Anaheim, California. The theme for his campaign is "Join the DECA Revolution. Join Josh." He chose this theme, he says, because he sought something greater than just "change." He wants to restore Tennessee

weight across the nation. More information regarding DECA can be found at DECA.org. If you would paign fund. He is hoping to like to help Joshua Brown raise around \$10,000 for a with his campaign he can successful state campaign. be contacted at JBrown4T-This would cover travel and NDecapres 2013@yahoo.



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Seymour & South Knox

The torch has passed

This fall will have a little month. They carry the torch different feel in South Knoxville, as Charlotte Ann Johnson announced over the summer that her School of Dance was closing its curtains after 40 unforgettable years. Four decades of memories and tradition like that are what living in South Knoxville is all about.

School of Dance can never new endeavor. be replaced, Paige Bonner and Kelsey Wolfe are taking ed at 3508-E Maryville they have implemented into their many, many years of dance training under Charlotte Ann and putting it into action by opening up their own new dance studio this

forward by officially opening The Dance Academy South on Saturday, August 18.

Wolfe's combined expertise of tap, jazz and ballet instruction and choreography skills will be on display at The Dance Academy South, and they want you While Charlotte Ann's to be a part of this exciting

> The new studio is locat-Pike, just about a half mile south of the John Sevier you're going to love it. overpass (in the same complex as Cozy Kids Daycare).

phone: Paige (985-8563) - 2:00p.m. They would love and/or Kelsey (406-3842). Their website is www.thedanceacademysouth.com. Paige Bonner and Kelsey Also feel free to friend them on Facebook.

> The torch is passed from Charlotte Ann's School of Dance to The Dance Academy South, but the legacy goes proudly forward. Theyinvite you to inquire about some of the new techniques and approaches their program. They know

Again, their open house/ registration is on Saturday, 865-573-0550. They can be contacted by August 18 from 10a.m.

to have you come and share in their official grand opening on that day. Also, Paige and Kelsey want to extend a heartfelt thank-you for the overwhelming support that has already been shown for the new school. Thanks, also, to all of you who have already enrolled at The Dance Academy South. They are so thrilled and honored to have you. An exciting new year together is about to begin!

The Dance Academy South's phone number is



By Marjie Richardson

Ever met one of the ladies who lays your eggs? Here is your chance! One of the local 4-H students, Hailey Carmichael, will be at the market Saturday, August 18, with some of her hens. Meet the hens and let Hailey answer your questions about raising chickens. The hens will be there 8 to 10 a.m. The market is held in the lower parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Saturday June through mid October.

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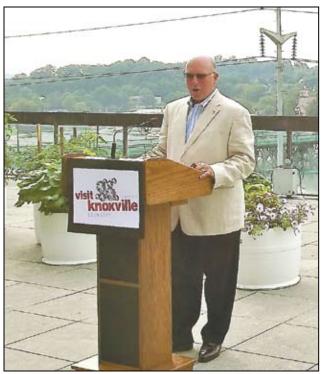
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a chance to win the opportunity to "Flip the Switch" on the restored JFG sign and win \$2,500 in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Boomsday.

To download a Booming the Business Loyalty Card, visit Boomsday.org or the Urban Wilderness Arts and Trade District's website. The deadline for entries is noon on August 31st, and official contest details can be found on the Loyalty Card.

For more information, contest rules and to download the flyer, visit www. Boomsday.org or http:// uwaandtd.com/index.cfm/ pageid/17/.



The announcement Thursday regarding the return of the JFG sign to South Knoxville culminates months of behind the scene negations by Vice Mayor and 1st District Councilman Nick Pavlis, pictured left. Pavlis was able to broker the deal with Reily Foods and the Kerbela Temple with the help of Visit Knoxville.

"I would have never gotten the deal done without the help of Kim Bumpas and her team putting together a package enticing enough to tip the scales to make it happen. Like any deal it was up and down, on and off to the final end. I had faith in all the parties that they would do the right thing ultimately for Knoxville and help bring back this icon."



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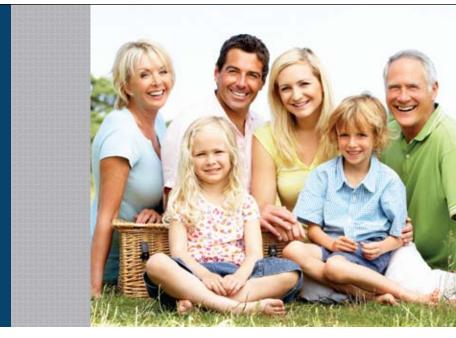
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Top Cops Honored

Last Friday Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch named Cadet Vanessa Maves the March Employee of the Month for the Knoxville Police Department. Cadet Maves has been with the department since January 2012.

Chief Rausch said that on March 26, 2012, at approximately 12:25 p.m., Cadet Maves was conducting parking enforcement in the downtown area when she witnessed a traffic accident at the intersection of Main Avenue and Walnut Street. One of the vehicles fled the scene immediately after the incident occurred. Cadet Maves got onto her police bicycle and followed the vehicle through traffic to a parking lot where it stopped.

Chief Rausch said, "Cadet Mayes confronted the driver and immediately began collecting his information while officers responded to her location At the conclusion of the investigation, the driver was cited for causing the crash."

"Because of her quick action as the events unfolded, her



Mayor Rogero, Cadet Vanessa Maves and Chief David Rausch

devotion to seeing a violator caught, and her compassion for a victim, Cadet Mayes was responsible for a hit & run traffic crash case being solved," Chief Rausch concluded.

At the ceremony Friday

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch also named Knoxville

Police Department Officers Keith Lyon and Devin Hopkins the March Officers

of the Month, Sgt. Ray

Offenbacher as the April Officer of the Month; Sgt. Tracy Hunter, Officer Greg Wornac, and Officer Sandra Reynolds as the May Officers of the Month; and Officer Robert Satterfield as the June Officer of the Month.

Mother Missing

I was what's known as a fall crop baby. This means my mother was older than other mothers. She had me when she



By Sarah Baker bakers@knoxfocus.

was forty, and she suffered a stroke when she was only 42. The stroke permanently affected

her walk and one side of her face, so she looked much older than she actually was. She never learned to drive. Growing up, people often thought she

was my grandmother and that my sister, who was 17 years my senior, was my mother. I went through stages of being both embarrassed by and very protective of my mama.

When I was about 13 years old, I had braces put on my teeth. We had an orthodontist's office back home in Middlesboro, but folks had to drive about an hour north to Corbin to have

the braces actually put on their teeth. We didn't have a car. Mama contacted the Cooperative Christian Ministry and a kind, elderly man named Mr. Webb volunteered to drive us to Corbin.

For some reason, we arrived in Corbin an hour or so before my appointment. I don't know how because as I recall, Mr. Webb drove about 30 miles an hour down the highway. Anyway, since we were early, Mr. Webb dropped Mama and me off at an Arby's about two blocks away from the orthodontist's office. When we got there, Mama and I ordered our food and then she went to the bathroom. I took our tray of food to a table and waited for Mama to come back. I sat looking at the food, waiting and waiting.

I don't know how many minutes passed before my longing for beef n' cheddar made me impatient. I went to the ladies room to make mama hurry up. I didn't see her. Then I got really aggravated. She must have gone outside to smoke a cigarette. How inconsiderate, I thought. There I had been sitting and politely waiting

for her before I started eating and she had gone outside to smoke. I formulated some teenage, sarcastic remark in my mind and then headed outside to spout it off. I didn't see her.

My heartbeat got a little faster when I didn't immediately see her outside, but I convinced myself she had gone to the back of the building to hide from me. I hated my mother smoking, because my father was already very sick with emphysema. I walked the entire circumference of the exterior of the building and did not see Mama. How had I missed her? I went inside and looked at our table and at all the tables. She wasn't there. I went back to the ladies room and looked for her shoes under the stall doors. She wasn't there. I was starting to panic. I walked around the outside of the building again. She wasn't there. I became convinced that depraved person had shanghaied my mother.

I was scared and angry. She should have asked me to go outside with her.

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How does your neighborhood affect your health?

"Health is determined in part by personal choice and genet ics. However, where you live also affects your health," according to Stephanie Welch, Knox County Health Department's Community Development and Planning Director Welch will explore the critical relationship of place and health as she reviews "Toward the Healthy City: People, Places, and the Politics of Urban Planning" by Jason Coburn in Knox County Public Library's Brown Bag, Green Book program, at noon on Wednesday, August 15, in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street. The program series is co-sponsored by the City of Knoxville.

"We see this in East Tennessee," Welch points out, "where, for example, some neighborhoods are ful of convenience stores and have no grocery stores. What kind of healthy choices does a person without a call have in this environment?"

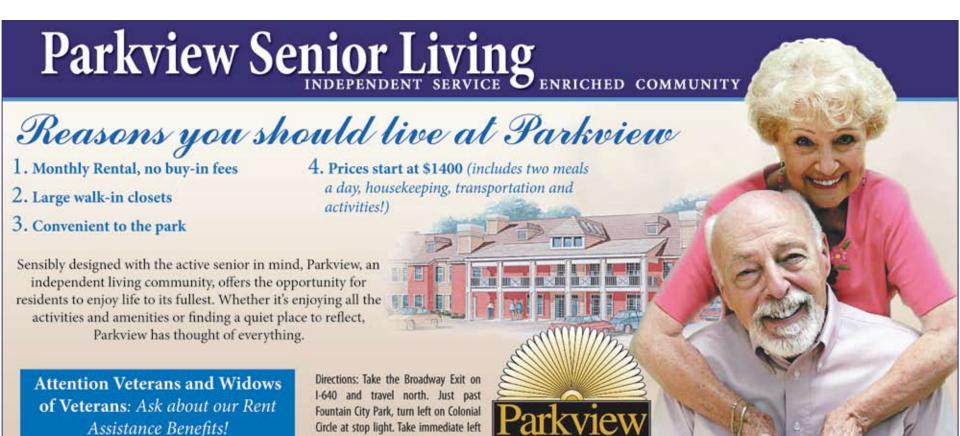
In Toward the Healthy City Corburn argues that city planning must return to its roots in public health and social justice. The first book to provide a detailed account of how city planning and public health practices can reconnect to address health disparities Toward the Healthy City offers a new decision-making framework called "healthy city planning" that reframes traditional planning and development issues and offers a new scientific evidence base for participatory action, coalition building, and ongoing monitoring.

"What kind of healthy choices does a person without a car have in this environment?" Welch says. "We have a responsibility to plan and develop our community in a way that provides equitable opportunity to make healthy choices."

The public is invited to join the conversation and bring a lunch or pick up something from a downtown restaurant. Copies of the books are available at the Library if you'd like to read one before the program.

Brown Bag Green Book continues on September 19, when Gina Hancock, State Director of Nature Conservancy of Tennessee, wil talk about "Conservancy: The Land Trust Movement in America' by Richard Brewer. On October 17 Madeline Rogero, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, will discuss "Emerald Cities: Urban Sustainability and Economic Development" by Joan Fitzgerald.

For more information, please call Emily Ellis at 215-8723.



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Rosie's World

Lonesome George

Do you know who said these personal quotes? 1. "I've never been drunk, but often I've been over served. 2.Did you ever get the feeling that the whole world is a tuxedo and you're a pair of brown shoes. 3. If it weren't for electricity, we'd all be watching television by candlelight."

Anyone who watched the Hollywood Squares in the sixties would probably know that George Gobel, who took over for Cliff Arquette (Charley Weaver, who had a stroke) said those hilarious quotes. Born May 20, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois, squat, easygoing, brush cut-blond George Gobel first won attention singing as "Little George Gobel" on radio. He also toured with country music bands while billed as "The Littlest Cowboy". His career was interrupted by World War 11 where he served as a pilot instructor. In 1954 he won an Emmy on his own "The George Gobel Show". In his comedy routines he often referred too his overbearing wife as "spooky Old Alice", which actually was a loving reference to his real-life wife, Alice, to whom he was mar-

ried for over fifty years. George was a frequent guest on the Johnny Carson show. One night he provided a moment often replayed on "Carson's Highlights". Bob Hope and Dean Martin were already on, and, if not drinking, gave that impression. After George was introduced and talking to Johnny, he had the audience laughing away as he told stories of his WW 11 service in Oklahoma, noting that he had done a good job as "the

Japs never got any further than Tulsa". The audience was also laughing because Dean Martin, unbeknownst to George, was shaking his cigarette ashes in George's drink. At that point, George, realizing that something was going on but not knowing what, said to Johnny those famous words, "do you ever get the feeling life is a tuxedo and you are a pair of brown shoes?" Johnny, Dean, Bob, and the audience broke up laughing.

The Hollywood Squares was a fun-loving show whose performers often gave risqué answers to the questions they were asked, but everyone's spirits were lifted after watching. I loved everyone on that show, but "Lonesome George" created a bond with everyone, especially "the Lonesome."

George passed away February 24, 1991 in Encino, California, after heart surgery.

An added note: I was really presumptuous with my predictions about the Olympics in last week's column. Michael Phelps went on to win some more medals, although he did say that this was his last Olympics. The American women gymnasts went on to perform amazingly and there were a few instances of some drug use, which is to be expected, I guess. Just goes to show you what I know!

Thought for the day: Let your ears hear what your mouth says.. Jewish

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or PH: 865-748-4717



Emerald Youth Fellows Meet with Mayor Rogero. Mayor Rogero met with members of the Emerald Youth Fellows program last week. The program is part of the Emerald Youth Foundation which is a Christian, urban youth ministry that serves more than 1,200 urban young people each year. 12 young adults who just graduated high school in May are part of the 2012 Fellows program. Emerald Youth Fellows standing in back - Josh Butler and Gabrielle Drinkard; Standing in front - Sharena Domingo, Mayor Madeline Rogero, Keyla Banks, Amber Jordan and Emerald Youth Fellows Director Cedric Jackson.

I used to be able to

As I suffer from another herniated disk and wait for it to again

cause so much pain that surgery is the only remedy, thoughts of what I used to be able to do creep up. For one, I

used to be able to hula-hoop. By Joe Rector It took some practice after

our parents bought those plastic circles, but eventually I could keep the thing circling my too large stomach for a sustained length of time. After more practice, I could keep it going around my knees. What I wonder fifty years later is why didn't the pounds melt away as I used the hula-hoop? These days, an attempt to make the hoop make more than one revolution would end up with my lying on the bed for days and writhing in pain.

Once upon a time, I rode a bicycle with ease. Daddy and Mother got our first bikes when we were seven or eight. Waiting for warm weather to arrive, we'd ride the things in tight circles in our unfinished basement. Dodging the metal support posts was difficult, but both Jim and I became good riders.

Those bikes were stripped down models. They were prized possessions, but they were nothing more than basic bikes. That meant the only speeds available were the ones we could supply with our legs. Jim and I rode those bike all over the community and over the ridge to Karns. On a couple of occasions, we traveled to Hardin Valley, where Bill Jones lived, and then we wound through roads until we arrived at a place at which we could see the lake. I'm not sure which one it was, but by the time we rode back home, I'd had my fill of biking. Oh, by the way, we never wore a helmet. Sure, we had some wrecks and suffered scraped knees and bruised egos, but we never cracked our heads.

I've tried to ride a bike in the recent past. One, I don't have the stamina to stay on the thing. Two, my back aches like crazy from sitting in a hunched over position. Three, those small seat lead to chafing and other more serious pains. So, I gave up on the idea of becoming a geriatric cyclist.

One Christmas, Jim and I received skateboards. Yes, even back then they were available. However, the entire thing consisted of a painted

board with a logo and four metal wheels similar to the ones on outdoor skates. We practiced on them until riding down the hill on the subdivision road beside our house was no big deal. Even as we sped down the road, making a right turn onto the second street was an easy move. The only danger came when the board made contact with a rock or stick. Those obstructions stopped the wheel, but not the rider. Plenty of times I left the board and ran down the hill or went flying forward until I splatted on the

pavement. I'm smart enough to know not to try riding one these days. I could never keep my balance, and if I fell off the thing, the possibility that something might brake, sprain, or rupture is possible.

These days, I am thankful if I can walk to the mailbox without having to stop while the pain in my back and leg subsides. Yep, I used to be able to do physical things with little worry about hurting. These days, I'd be happy to work in the yard and play golf without suffering. What happened? I suppose it's another example of aging kicking a guy's butt. Still, it beats the alternative, so excuse my whine; I'll try ache in silence.

Mother Missing

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Here I was out of town and my mother had vanished. I sat on the curb outside and prayed and hoped she would walk around the corner stomping out one of her generic cigarettes. I decided I was going to have to tell someone who worked at Arby's that my mother was missing. I would have to try to explain how she was older and more

vulnerable than they would expect. They would probably call the police. There would be an APB put out or something. There would be road blocks. Mama's face would be on milk cartons. I Daddy all by myself. I gathered the courage and went inside to explain my plight to a manager.

table sipping her diet coke

with Arby's sauce dripping from her chin. Where in the world had she been, I demanded? I was about to have a nervous breakdown. I had looked for her everywhere. Mama explained would have to take care of that she had accidentally gone into the men's room. She didn't realize she was in the men's room until she heard some come in. While There sat mama at our they struck up a conversa-

had hidden in the stall. She stayed there until she was absolutely sure that the coast was clear. My mother, the bathroom sleuth. For the rest of her life, I teased her about playing Charlie's Angels in the bathroom at Arby's. We would laugh until we cried over our curly fries and cokes about how I searched high and low, but never thought to look for her





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A Feudin' Son of Tennessee:

Kenneth McKellar

Pages from the Political



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H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine, had been bitterly disappointed by his favored candidate for the 1936 gubernatorial nomination, Gordon Browning. Crump and U.S. Senator Kenneth McKellar had disagreed over the gubernatorial candidates, causing a momentary lapse in their alliance. Crump had demonstrated his mastery of Memphis and Shelby County when Senator McKellar's favored candidate in the Democratic primary received but 825 votes to almost 60,000 for Browning. Yet, when Governor Browning unleashed a massive assault upon the Shelby County machine, Crump was forced to turn to McKellar for

aid and comfort.

Browning had proposed a county unit plan that would make the tremendous majorities in Shelby County meaningless in statewide elections; the governor had also submitted legislation that would expand the State Election Commission, giving him control of the state election machinery and had indicated he intended to purge the voter rolls in Shelby County. Crump begged McKellar for help, knowing the senator was one of the most respected political figures in Tennessee, if not the most respected figure. McKellar was also quite popular with many members of the General Assembly and like most Tennesseans, there were few legislators for whom McKellar had not done a favor.

Senator McKellar arrived in Nashville attired in full "morning" dress; a formal black coat and vest with striped trousers. McKellar denounced the Browning bills and urged their defeat. Browning used every resource at his command and a sitting governor has plenty of resources available. The governor dispensed state patronage freely, listening as legislators bargained with their votes. The governor managed to get his legislation through the General Assembly, only to see the Tennessee State Supreme Court strike down the county unit plan.

The McKellar - Crump alliance knew the 1938 elections would prove decisive in determining the balance of power in Tennessee politics. It would be one of the most brutal and hard fought campaigns in the state's history. McKellar and Crump were certain to back candidates against Gordon Browning and U. S. Senator George L. Berry. Senator Berry had been appointed by Browning after Nathan L. Bachman had died of a heart attack in April of 1937, less than four months into a new six-



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From left to right, Governor Prentice Cooper, the governor's mother, Mrs. W. P. Cooper, Senator K. D. McKellar and two unidentified gentlemen attending at luncheon at the Hermitage Hotel.

year term.

Memphis Congressman Walter Chandler, sensing an opportunity, actually announced his candidacy for governor. Crump was uneasy about a statewide candidate from his own domain and Senator McKellar was not enthusiastic about Chandler. The Congressman was embarrassed when he was forced to withdraw shortly after making a declaration of his own candidacy. Crump, perhaps feeling somewhat embarrassed himself after having supported Gordon Browning in 1936, followed McKellar's lead in selecting candidates to oppose the governor and Senator

McKellar was busily writing friends and political associates across the state in determining whom to support for either governor or U. S. senator. McKellar had seemingly settled upon Judge Winfield Hale of Rogersville for the Senate seat, but Hale didn't wish to run. Chattanooga Congressman Sam D. McReynolds was anxious for promotion to the Senate and other potential candidates include Tom Stewart of Winchester, attorney Phil Whitaker, Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell of Cookeville, and several others.

Prentice Cooper was forty-two years old in 1938 and a little known state senator from Shelbyville. His father, William P. Cooper, was a wealthy attorney and banker and the Cooper family was highly esteemed. Prentice Cooper himself was so little known many thought his candidacy was launched so that he might be considered for a Cabinet post by the eventual winner. W. P. Cooper had been approached by some influential Democrats about seeking the gubernatorial nod and had replied he was not interested in running, but his son was eager to run. Senator McKellar knew W. P. Cooper quite well and induced Crump to lend his own support to Prentice

Cooper's campaign.

Prentice Cooper was, like McKellar, a bachelor at the time and shared another trait with the veteran senator, as he had something of a temper himself. Cooper was not an especially good orator like Governor Browning, but surrogates could do much of the speaking during the campaign.

To oppose Senator George L. Berry, McKellar settled on Arthur T. "Tom" Stewart, the District Attorney for a judicial district in Middle Tennessee. Stewart had been the official prosecutor during the famous Scopes "Monkey" Trial in Dayton, Tennessee. Once again, E. H. Crump promptly endorsed McKellar's choice.

Unlike the gubernatorial primary, the race for the senatorial nomination was not to be a two-man affair, as Fourth District Congressman John Ridley Mitchell announced he was running too. Mitchell had been in Congress for eight years and sensed he might have an opening with the two warring factions beating up one another, much as McKellar had slipped into the Senate between Luke Lea and Malcolm Patterson.

George L. Berry proved to be not only a disappointment to his patron Gordon Browning, but also a severe political liability. Berry had not relinquished the presidency of the International Pressmen's Union while a member of the United States Senate. Berry personally owned significant business interests, including a full color label printing plant and the largest farm in the entire southeastern United States. Berry also owned significant mineral rights in East Tennessee and was engaged in a feud with the Tennessee Valley Authority about the value of those mineral rights. Berry maintained the TVA had flooded property, which contained millions of dollars worth of marble and mineral

rights. Dr. Harcourt Morgan, Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, considered Berry's claims to be not only outrageous, but also criminal. Senator Berry had also been one of the leaders of the movement to raise a tremendous amount of cash for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1936 reelection campaign, but his attitude towards FDR had changed dramatically by 1938. Berry campaigned as an opponent of Franklin Roosevelt and became critical of the New Deal, perhaps because FDR invariably sided with Kenneth McKellar in patronage matters in Tennessee.

Franklin Roosevelt remained highly popular personally in Tennessee and Berry's criticism of the president was not well received by Democrats in the Volunteer State. Conversely, Tom Stewart ran as an all out supporter of President Roosevelt.

Both McKellar and Crump kept a careful eye on the candidates as the primary election progressed. The McKellar - Crump candidates ran as a ticket and Cooper, Stewart and W. D. "Pete" Haynes campaigned together across Tennessee. A state headquarters was opened in the Hermitage Hotel and manager John Harton sent a steady stream of letters to McKellar's Senate office and Crump's business office in Memphis, seeking advice, informing them of developments, and asking for help.

Senator McKellar's replies to Harton revealed an encyclopedic knowledge of people and politics in Tennessee, which was not surprising considering he had been in the Senate for more than twenty years. McKellar knew personally the political landscape and players in Tennessee, but also in each of Tennessee's ninety-five counties. McKellar, never one to shy away from taking a forthright stand, returned to Tennessee himself to

take part in the primary

campaign and made several speeches for Cooper and Stewart.

Crump had a particular genius for political organization and exhorted the Cooper - Stewart campaign to organize at every level. The Memphis Boss even went so far as to send Prentice Cooper a suggested platform, which Cooper politely acknowledged, but otherwise ignored.

Governor Browning, realizing he was fighting for his political life, seemed more desperate as the campaign raged across the state. He tried to make Crump and bossism an E. H. Crump and Senator issue and began to sound rather shrill. Browning's tactics to destroy the Memphis machine had brought down the wrath of newspaper editors across Tennessee on his head; even the Tennessean castigated the governor for his heavyhanded efforts. Browning tried as best he could to distance himself from Senator Berry, but as the governor had appointed Berry to the Senate in the first place and his older brother was working for Berry, it proved to be impossible to do.

Election Day brought overwhelming defeat to Gordon Browning and George L. Berry and the victory was so complete, it helped Senator McKellar and Crump to dominate Tennessee politics for another decade. Browning was eliminated as a threat to McKellar's continued tenure in office and once again the senator had a friendly governor who would displace all the Browning appointees and control of the State Election Commission would return to McKellar and Crump.

Chapter

Twelve

The Memphis Boss had naturally noticed Prentice Cooper had ignored his suggested platform and the new governor had not been in office long before Crump was again writing Senator McKellar to complain. Crump fretted about McKellar's appointees and Governor Cooper, pointing out many of the senator's loyalists had been ignoring Shelby County in terms of patronage and contracts. Crump petulantly pointed out he had never wished to get involved in state campaigns, but had only agreed to do so because McKellar had urged him to participate. Crump flatly declared Governor Cooper to be a "wash out" and speculated the senator was satisfied with the arrangement as McKellar's "lieutenants" would be for McKellar alone

As usual, McKellar replied and assured Crump he would continue to cooperate fully and stated he had contacted some of the appointees the Memphis Boss claimed were ignoring Shelby County's interests and soothed the Boss's hurt feelings.

in 1940.

Mr. Wayne Dowdy of the Shelby County Public Library in Memphis has written extensively about McKellar when the Crump family finally donated the Memphis Boss's personal and political papers to that institution. Mr. Dowdy has written some excellent articles and books using the Crump correspondence as a resource and has contributed much to history with his efforts.

McKellar and Crump's alliance continued to hold together as 1940 and the presidential election approached.



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Hearing impaired woman searches for lost dogs A dog owner is frantically searching for her

two lost dogs in Kingsport. Sheilla's service dog and companion, Lucy, disappeared from her yard in April along with her littermate, Reese. These dogs were Sheilla's family as well as her lifeline. To say that she is devastated is a gross understatement. Very early in the search, Sheilla lost both hearing aids while out searching in a rural area and is now unable to hear. She was employed prior to this tragic event, but without her service dog and hearing aids she is now unable to work.

Since that time, there have been several sightings, but no success with bringing the pair

A professional was hired to help with the search. Sam Connelly from Pure Gold Pet Trackers in Baltimore, Maryland utilized her tracking dog in an effort to find the missing 10-year-old dogs. Their scent/tracks were picked up several times, but the dogs were not found and Sam had to leave due to another job she booked in Maryland.

There have been a few sightings, one being in Oak Ridge. Best Friends Society from Utah has offered to help and they sent out an urgent email to all of their supporters/followers and a lady in Oak Ridge saw it and identified the two dogs she just saw and said she was 99 percent certain they were a match. Sheilla has since made a trip to Knoxville/Oak Ridge area to physically check shelters, animal control, police, post flyers, etc.

The community page created on Facebook for the public to see, share and help being Lucy and Reese home soon and safe is www.facebook.com/ComeHomeLucyAndReese.

If you would like more information, please call email Ella Logan at: stopanimalcruelty@



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West Rebels took to the field last Thursday night to face Carter in the Jamboree. West won 7-0 over Carter.

Rebels lick wounds, eye another title run

By Steve Williams

West High's first football scrimmage was painful and costly. Head coach Scott Cummings said he thought about shutting down practice and getting out of Dodge.

Going against Johnson City Science Hill on Aug. 3, the highly regarded Rebels had six players hurt in a

flurry of injuries, including senior right guard Lakin Smith, who suffered a torn ACL and MCL knee injury and is lost for the season.

Another offensive lineman, a running back, a backup running back/ free safety, an inside linebacker and a wide receiver were also banged

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INSIDE:

Once a foe, Patrick now hoping to join West



TSD Returns with Many Starters, Talent

By David Klein

Tennessee School for the Deaf has a strong football program, one that Coach Dick Henley is proud of. The Vikings return 20 of 25 players from last year's 9-1 national championship team.

Head Coach Dick Henley said they have some competition for the running back spot. "Right now, I am looking for someone to replace my departing starters at running back," he said. "One graduated, one passed away. We have five boys going for those positions."

TSD plays in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) with eight players instead of 11. There is no fullback and two guards are taken

away on the offensive line in the 8-man league. The Vikings play some deaf teams and some other schools outside the East Tennessee area. "It's difficult to schedule against area teams," Henley said, alluding to the busy schedules of Knoxville teams

Henley mentioned a couple of running back candidates. He said Tory Liptor, who is 6 foot 3 and 180 lbs is very quick and has some experience at receiver. "We're working closely to develop that position (running back). We're working on his (Liptor's) hand skills."

Another candidate at running back, Rashard Whitterspoon, is a returning sophomore who will start at wide receiver. "We're looking at him to

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2012 Knoxville Catholic Preview

By Alex Norman

The Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish had a rough go of things in 2011.

After winning their first two games, the Irish lost six in a row. They bounced back with victories in their final two contests, but by then, their chances of making it to the playoffs were gone.

Still, there were positives to take into 2012.

"We were very young last year. We only had 7 returning lettermen and only 2 returning starters," said Fighting Irish head coach Scott Meadows. "The players are hungry to get back into the postseason. Our team showed a lot of character last year. When they could have just hung their heads and just tried to make through the season, they continued to fight and wanted to get better. This has carried over to this year."

And there certainly is reason for optimism for Knoxville Catholic going forward. Meadows was pleased with off-season workouts, believing that his players have gotten bigger, faster and stronger. The Irish bring back 38 returning lettermen and 18 starters (10 on offense, 8 on defense), including one of the best running backs in East Tennessee, Nolan Coulter.

"Nolan is a very good football player," said Meadows. "He has been our leading rusher for the last two years. But not only is he a very good player, he is also a great leader."

In addition, the Irish (District 4-AAA) will have their entire offensive line from 2011 back on the field. Other players

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Beavers try to build on first winning season since 1974

By Bill Mynatt

In his first year without the "interim" tag, head coach Derek Witt did what no other Karns football coach had been able to do since 1974, and that is guide his team to a winning season. The Beavers shot out of the gate early in 2011 and finished with a 6-5 record and making the playoffs.

If experience means anything, Witt's team should have a good shot at matching or bettering last year's success. Karns returns 14 starters – 8 on offense, and 6 on defense - who took a giant leap towards respectability a year ago.

One hole to be filled, however, is the quarterback spot vacated by the graduated Tyler Stewart, who moved on to play at Carson-Newman College. Stepping in to that role will be junior Matt Nauman, 5'11" and 185 pounds, who saw a good bit of action at quarterback as a sophomore. Nauman throws the ball well, and is mobile enough to get out of the pocket and away from pressure as need be.

Witt also has to find a running back to replace another graduated star player in Xavier Harper, who also signed with Carson-Newman. That won't be an easy task, as Harper was a 3 year starter and a solid performer at the running back position for the Beavers. Look for Desmond Rhea – a 6'1" and 185 pound junior to fill Harper's shoes.

Two players who return with a lot of Friday

night game experience are seniors Brant Nickens and Nathan Rivera.

Nickens, 6'4" and 240, will anchor the defensive line and also be counted on to help Nauman lead the offense from his tight end position. He is athletic enough to turn up field after catching the football, and should be one of the favorite Beaver targets in its passing attack. As a defensive end and tackle, his strength and quickness will cause problems for opposing blockers.

Rivera, at 6'4" and 190, doesn't carry the bulk that Nickens does, but he will also be a mainstay on the defensive line from his end spot, and he will line up at one of the wide out spots on offense.

At 6'4" tall, Rivera will have a definite height advantage over most of the defensive backs he squares off against.

Yet another senior, George Elliott – 5'8" and 165 – will play a key role in the secondary for the Beavers, as well as at wide receiver.

The new winning attitude brought on by the team's 2011 run has done wonders for the Karns program. The primary benefit is in the numbers of players who have come out for football this year, and in the enthusiasm the winning season has generated going in to 2012. That said, many of those new and younger players will have to step in and contribute right away if the Beavers

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Wise pulling double duty at Central

By Ken Lay

Central High School's girls soccer team will have a new coach in 2012 as Russ Wise will do double duty this year.

Wise, the long time boys coach at Central, is now coaching the Lady Bob-

"The girls are looking forward to the season and I'm looking forward to seeing them get on the field," said Wise, who replaces Pat Berry, who resigned over the summer. "I'd like to get the feel of coaching the girls game at this level."

Wise inherits a program that had modest success under Berry and admits that the program will be in a state of flux following the graduation of Hannah Russell, who now plays college soccer after completing a stellar prep career in Fountain City.

"We're going to have to work on a team culture and my vision for these girls is that they're going to have to rely on each other and we're going to have to play team soccer," Wise said. "Hannah was a great player but now she's playing Division I soccer."

The Lady Bobcats, who went 8-8-1 in 2011, will open the season on Tuesday, Aug 21 on the road against Black Oak Ridge rival Halls. The Lady Devils

also have a new head coach as longtime assistant Mike Horner takes the reins. Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m. in the season opener for both schools. The Lady 'Bobcats and

Halls have essentially the same philosophy. Horner was Wise's assistant with the Central boys last season in addition to his coaching duties under former Lady Devils head man Scott Rhea (who recently took an administrative job in the Clinton City Schools District).

"I think Halls and Central are very similar," Wise said. "I think, ultimately. That they will have the advantage since they've played with Mike a lot longer.

"We'll have to take some time to figure it out."

Central has a pair of key returners in senior midfielder Katelyn Drummer and junior defender Tiffanv Roth. Wise added that he has

a fairly big and talented freshman crop that will have a huge impact on the program during its first high school soccer campaign. "I have eight freshmen

who I hope will be good contributors," Wise said. "They'll get some playing time quickly."

Central will host Heritage in its home opener on Aug.

2012 Knoxville Catholic Preview

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that will be called upon to make major contributions include running back Cole Lombardo, defensive end Zach Cole, and defensive back Joey Cook.

The Irish once again understand that it won't be easy. Among the opponents for Knoxville Catholic are 13-time state champion Maryville, Dutchtown Road area rival Webb, and a West team that had made it to the Class 5A semifinals the past two years.

"We have a very difficult schedule, but that is the way it has been since the day that I got to Catholic," said Meadows. "We will

play them one at a time."

Fans that walk into Blaine Stadium for the first time this season will see a new synthetic turf field, one that pays dividends for more than just the football

team.

"We do have a new field and it looks great. The players love the field," said Meadows. "The field was a necessity for our school because the school uses the field for so many things. Not only do we play

football on it, the boys and girls soccer teams use it for games and practice, as well as our lacrosse team. There was so much wear and tear on the field that it was very difficult to keep the field looking good."

Knoxville Catholic's new field isn't the only off-season news the school is taking pride in these days. Harrison Smith, KCHS class of 2007, followed up a successful college career at Notre Dame with a selection by the Minnesota Vikings in the first round (29th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft.

"Harrison actually comes by often. He has talked to the team a couple of times and comes by practice," said Meadows. "Harrison's brother, Stuart, is on the team, so the players know Harrison pretty well. Harrison is a great young man and everyone at Catholic is very proud of him and what he has accomplished."

Smith's alma mater opens the 2012 season at home on August 17th, when the Irish face Cen-

Strong corp of veterans to lead Lady Rebels

By Ken Lay

Sonny Trotter, West High School's longtime girls soccer coach is not quite sure what to expect from the Lady Rebels this of girls." season.

certain.

"I have a good group of girls and we will play hard," Trotter said. West, which finished in

a fourth-place tie in Dis-

trict 4-AAA before falling to eventual Class AAA State finalist Farragut, lost five talented seniors following last season. The Lady Rebels may be rebuilding a bit this

is far from empty.

season but the cupboard

"They were five starter ward). who did a wonderful job for West High School.

One thing, however, is Lady Rebels include: Tennessee's toughest Keegan McCoy (senior, goalkeeper and captain); Tasha Saunders (senior, midfielder and captain); Raina Fitzpatrick (junior, midfielder); Megan Wall (junior, midfielder); Adaleen Cantrell (junior, defender); Claire Bradley (junior, defender); Jess Hauge (senior, midfielder); Blaire Toetde (senior, forward); Keeghan Francis (sophomore, forward); Isabel Snyder (sopho-"Last year, I lost five more, midfielder) and

In addition to a talented corps of veterans, a "They were a nice group trio of freshmen will look to make an early impact Top returners for the for West, which plays in soccer district. Midfielder Allie Mareet may receive significant playing time along with rookie defenders Madison Taylor and Molly Stooksbury.

Trotter's expectations might seem a bit modest this season considering the Lady Rebels' past success. Farragut is again the team to beat while Maryville, Bearden, Catholic, West and Lenoir City also have high hopes.

Trotter said he'd like

seniors," Trotter said. Rachel Ryan (junior, for- to see his squad do well enough to avoid seeing the Lady Admiral until the final of the district tourna-

"I'd like to end up on the opposite side of Farragut [in the district tournament bracket]," he said. "Our kids are playing really well together but when it comes to depth, I don't have any --- literally.

"[But] the attitude has been wonderful and the effort has been wonder-

West will face a tough test out of the gate. The Lady Rebels will host a crucial early-season district game against Maryville on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at Bill Wilson Field.

2012 Lady Red Devils Preview

By Ken Lay

When Halls High School's girls soccer team opens its 2012 campaign it will do so under the leadership of a new head coach.

The new face, howevto the Lady Devils veteran players. Long-time assistant Mike Horner replaces Scott Rhea, who left to take an administrative job in the Clinton City School keeper).

modest.

world in 2010 by recording shut-out victories over rival Central, district powtrict 3-AAA Tournament.

The Lady Devils followed up their championship season by going 9-5 in 2011.

include: Haley Miller (senior, midfielder); er, will not be unfamiliar Simone Horner (sophomore, midfielder); Madison Sanders (junior, defender); Lauren Biliter (junior, goalkeeper) and Liz Denton (junior, goal-

Horner hasn't decided Horner's expectations which of his junior netfor his new squad are minders will get the starting nod when Halls hosts "Our expectation is Black Oak Ridge rival Cento have more wins than tral in the season opener losses," said Horner for the two schools at who inherits a program home on Tuesday, Aug. that shocked the soccer 21. Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m.

Biliter and Denton have both seen significant time erhouse Oak Ridge and between the pipes during top-seeded Hardin Valley their respective high

noted, however, that the ity." oft-injured Denton can also be a factor as a field player. "They've split time in

Top returners for Halls the past and I'm thinking about doing that again," Horner said of his two goalkeepers. "My biggest concern is keeping Liz injury free and she can also play in the field, too." Top newcomers for

> the Lady Devils in 2012 include sophomore defenders Polly Holt and Courtney Stevens. Horner also said that he has five incoming freshmen who play club soccer. "We have 22 [players]

on the roster and for us, that's pretty deep," Horner said. "We also have a strong player starting at every position.

"We don't have a lot of depth and I'm installing a new formation so we can

Academy to win the Dis-school careers. Horner have some attacking abil-

The Lady Devils will play a flat-back four this season (a more traditional soccer formation). Last year, Halls played a 3-5-1, with only one forward.

"We could defend great," Horner said. "But we just didn't score." When Horner took over

the girls soccer team, he hired Powell graduate Qwynn White as an assistant and the two new coaches are eager to get the season underway.

"I'm looking forward to coaching with Qwynn and I'm looking forward to the season," Horner said. "I'm sure the girls are looking forward to starting the season. We've had a lot of practices. I'm sure they're tired of playing against each other."

Rebels lick wounds, eye another title run

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"It all happened on one offensive series," recalled Cummings on Aug. 8. "A running back broke his nose and on the very next play Smith went down.

"If we had a game tonight, we'd be without six starters. That's why we played our ones only one series in the scrimmage yesterday at Sevier County. We just couldn't risk having more injuries. It all happened within six plays. It was awful. I didn't sleep good. It just breaks your heart. Lakin just breathes, eats and sleeps football."

The coach hopes all other wounds will be healed before this Friday night's season opener at Austin-East.

West is coming off back-to-back 11-3 campaigns which have seen the Rebels reach the Class 5A state semifinals. Columbia stopped West

on its way to the state title in 2010. Powell halted the Rebels last season.

Are the Rebels rebuilding or reloading?

"The attitude among the players and coaches is we're loading up more," answered Cummings, whose team was given a preseason No. 2 state ranking behind defending champion Henry County in a coaches poll conducted by prep guru Murphy Fair. "We definitely feel there shouldn't be a dropoff from last season. Anything less than getting to Cookeville (site of state finals) would be a disappointment to the kids.

"We felt like we were ready to take the last step last year. Powell had a really good team. But we played very poorly. We didn't look like we belonged there."

Senior leadership and linebacker play are team strengths. Zach Stuart

returns at outside linebacker after an all-state junior season. Inside linebacker Cody Underwood was the area's Sophomore of the Year in 2011 and led West in tackles. Senior Trey Dodge has moved into the other ILB

spot. Derek Rang, defensive coordinator the past two years, took the head job at Powell. Kevin Lane, former defensive coordinator at Central under Joel Helton, now directs the Rebels' 3-4 defense.

End Garrett West (6-4, 266) and cornerback Lionel Morris join Stuart and Underwood as returning starters. New starters include noseman Darius Hodge (6-0, 320), end Blaise Chait, sophomore OLB Noah Hoxie, cornerback Trey Davis, strong safety Alec Ewart and sophomore free safety Nathan Cottrell.

A weakness of this year's team are the skill positions, except for quarterback, said Coach Cummings. Ryan Francis took the controls in Game 4 last season and rushed for 800 yards and passed for 900 the rest of the way. Francis had earned all-state honors the year before as a sophomore

free safety with eight

picks.

Francis will again have wide receiver Stuart and tight end Dodge as targets. Also returning on offense are center John Doty and left tackle Leon Humphrey. Two new ball carriers in the Rebels' split back veer attack are sophomore Seth Marshall and junior Justin Hodge (5-7, 186). Senior Alec Queisser is a new WR. New blockers include left guard Kelton Johnson (5-9, 277) and right tackle Matt Edwards. Sophomore Ryan Perry (5-11, 283) steps in at right guard.

Three players are splitting the kicking duties after the graduation of UT signee George Bullock. Stuart Hall will handle kickoffs and long placekicks, Keaton Kaye short field goals and rugby-style punting and Ethan Murrell traditional punting.

"We're a combination of seniors and sophomores," said Coach Cummings. "We've got to get these sophomores to play like they're experienced., but they're not. After three games, we will have played some of the best teams in the state. After the third game, are they seasoned enough? We'll put them with the seniors and see if we have a chance."







Seymour Head Coach Jim Moore rallies his Eagles at the end of a hard hot practice.

Eagles Look to Soar High in 2012

By Curtis Trotter

Size has seemed to be a problem for the Seymour Eagles during the last few seasons. Not only are they the smallest school that competes in District 2-AAA studentwise, but the offensive and defensive lines have had to battle fearlessly in the trenches against bigger schools like Sevier Co., Jefferson Co., Morristown East and West, South Dovle, Cherokee, and Cocke County. This year will be no different when it comes to school sizes, but it does show some promising factors when it comes to player size and development. 4th year head coach Jim Moore sat down with The Focus last week with a bigger smile and much more optimism than in years past, knowing and hoping that things will change this year. "It's nice to have a group of returning young men that are bigger and stronger than they were a year ago. We

think we have some kids

some big things happen for us," Moore said.

The Eagles will provide one thing for sure this year for the Seymour faithful, that being a proven passing attack behind a promising offensive line. With two outstanding and intelligent quarterbacks in Nick Sexton and Corban Ogle, who both tossed for roughly 800 yards a piece last year, one can only wonder how far this unit can go this year. Moore took his Eagles to camp in Coker Creek last week in order to possibly get a few questions answered. What he found out was that this 2012 squad has more than just potential.

"Our offensive line was a big question mark for us early. We got down there and found a group of kids who got better quick. It's a young group, but their attitude grew and they got better as a unit. That's what we needed to happen. Then we came back home and scrimmaged Heritage, Pigeon

Unicoi County. That's where we saw a big difference in the defensive line as well by not giving up any scores. We made some mistakes and gave up some big plays, but were happy overall in the way they came together." Moore said.

Moore has also been working tirelessly on another unit that plagued the Eagles last year. Special Teams. "We have worked so hard on that this summer. We actually spent an hour and a half in one session on just it alone. It's sometimes tough to get these young men to realize the importance of that part of the game," Moore

continued. "Sometimes we'll have some players who see work on both sides of the ball and want to rest and take some time off on 'special teams'. When you do that, then you are right back out there on offense or defense after lighting up the score board for someone else. We can't have that happen this year."

The strongest side of the team this year according to Moore is the receiving corps. Seniors D.J. Griffin, Corey Heard, and Chris Grimo will be the favorite targets for Sexton, the likely starter at the quarterback position. "We feel comfortable with those guys. We

are lucky to have them all back and healthy this year. I like the potential this group has. When they understand the heart and effort it takes to make this thing go, They can be a very important part of this team. Moore said.

Tanner Sise will more

than likely be the featured back to carry the ball for the Eagles this season. He will have the added services of Kevin Taylor, Trevor Wallace, and Jared Newberry in the backfield to compliment

the running game.

If these Eagles will

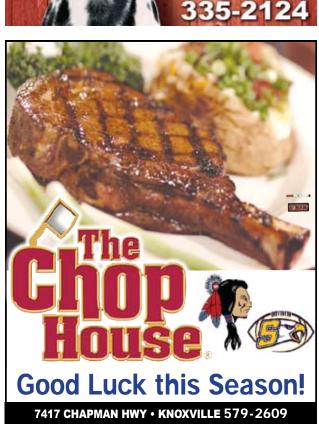
believe in themselves, and continue to hold on to a 'no-quit' attitude, things in Seymour will go nowhere but up.

"I think we have a group of young men that has all the potential to be a successful football team this year," Moore concluded. Seymour kicks off the season on August 17th at Campbell County.









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are to continue the winning ways of a year ago. While the front line players have improved over the last couple of years, much needed depth is still in the process of being developed.

Karns finished 5-3 in district 3AAA last year, and were a playoff team in class 6A. They gave Johnson City Science Hill a real scare before falling in the first round.

As it was a year ago, the Beaver scheduled

is back loaded with the teams expected to compete for the district championship. If Karns is to put up back to back winning campaigns for the first time since the 1973 and 1974 seasons, it needs to come out of the gate strong like it did a year ago.

Karns opens up this Friday at home when they host the Cherokees of South-Doyle, and then travel to Knox Central (Kentucky) on August 24.

Haslam to tackle a super challenge in Cleveland

yet, but something good has happened for the longsuffering



By Steve Williams

sports fans of Cleveland, Ohio.

In years to come, the arrival of Knoxville's Jimmy Haslam as

the new owner of the Cleveland Browns could turn out to be so good, it might even offset the departure of LeBron James. Just how many NBA

crowns would it take to equal a Super Bowl championship anyway? To answer that, let's use a famous line from "King James" himself: "Not one, not two, not three

Owners of professional sports teams are usually not that well known to average sports fans, unless they're like a Jerry Jones, George Steinbrenner or Al Davis, but they play important roles in determining a franchise's success.

I've never met Haslam, but I've read a lot about him and his work ethic and competitive drive. Many of us in this area are aware he comes from a very sports-minded family, which also owns the Tennessee Smokies, a Double A baseball farm team of the Chicago Cubs. His dad, James Haslam II, was an offensive tackle on Ten-

They might not know it championship team and a powerful UT Board of Trustees member from 1980 through 2007.

> Jimmy (6-3, 210) played intramural football at UT and I got the impression from one story he must have been pretty tough, but it was wealth and fortune earned from his work in the family business that gave him the opportunity to reach the pinnacle of sports a professional team owner. Obviously, having minority stakes in the Pittsburgh Steelers since 2008 wasn't enough.

> Based on his efforts in the business world over the last 35 years - as CEO he helped build Pilot Flying J, a chain of truck stops and convenient stores, into America's 11th largest privately owned company -I don't think Haslam got into the NFL game just for the money. He'll want his team to be the best. For the Browns, that hasn't happened since 1964. That's motivation.

Haslam, 58, won't be a Jerry Jones, but he'll be on hand to make sure he has the best employees in place in the organization from top to bottom. That's the way things have been done at Pilot.

Haslam got off on the right foot with Cleveland fans by announcing there was "zero" chance of him moving the franchise. Former owner Art Modell nessee's 1951 national once made that mistake,

bone from a pit bull. When members involved in the game action started moving toward an unruly Dawg Pound in the last home game of the 1995 season, play had to be moved to the happen to be playing the opposite end of the field. The Haslam family's pur-

chase of the Browns also means NFL fans in the Knoxville area have another team to follow with interest. After all, most of us have bought enough Pilot gas, beer or candy bars to feel like we've contributed a little to the \$1 billion deal. And the generosity shown by the Haslam family over the years - donating millions of dollars to UT, the city and the state - makes it easy to support such good people.

So now we have the Titans, Peyton and the Broncos and the Raiders with three former Austin-East stars among their staff to cheer, in addition to the Browns. Reggie McKenzie became the GM at Oakland in January. His twin brother Raleigh is a college scout for the Black and Silver and Joey Clinkscales was hired as Director of Player Personnel in May.

Tebow and the Jets. It's funny how we look at Tim now that he doesn't wear that Florida uniform, isn't

I chuckled at what our governor, Bill Haslam, had to say when he offered his congratulations to his

and it was like taking a brother and other family purchase of the Browns: "Crissy and I wish them the best and will cheer for the Browns - unless they Titans."

The Browns are one of only four teams which have never played in the Super Bowl. The Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars and Detroit Lions share the empty feeling.

The Cleveland Indians won the World Series in 1920 and 1948 and were two outs away from ending that drought in 1997 against the Florida Marlins, but instead became the first team to ever blow a lead in the bottom of the ninth in Game 7.

Fans of the Cleveland Cavaliers were hoping James, a high school phenom from nearby Akron, would lead them to their first-ever NBA title in 40 years. But two summers ago, after starring for the Cavs for seven seasons, LeBron announced he would be signing with the Miami Heat, leaving Cleveland fans feeling infuriated and betrayed.

Someday, Haslam could And we can't leave out have fans in this city, which is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, dancing in the streets after a Super Bowl win. And the song they would start out dancin' to, I hope, would be: "Who Let the Dawgs Out?"

Jimmy, that's who.

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TSD Returns with Many Starters, Talent

duties," Henley said.

of his skills.

TSD on offense runs a hoping to improve at running back," he said.

The defense is a 4-4 is our defense," Henley emphasized. "We are trying our best to avoid injuries. It's been a big headache with injuries in the past."

Henley said this year TSD plays against Alabama School for the Deaf, a national power, for the first time in 15 years. "TSD

take some running back number one," he said. "We know Alabama is a tough Ethan Swafford is the team but we're up for the returning senior quarter- challenge," Henley said. back. Henley spoke highly That game is September 15 at 7 p.m.

Henley said. The pass- Andrews-Sewanee Thurs- tions well." ing game is solid. "We're day evening at 7 p.m. with them," he said.

TSD opened their pracplayers come from Nashville and Memphis," Henley said. "More players are coming in this Sunday. We're out practicing two times a day. We have a morning practice, weights in afternoon, and then practice in afternoon." Sometimes TSD squeezes

Cont. from page 1 is number two, Alabama is in three practices a day. With all this practice in

and stretching is a necessity for the players. "I'm always preaching to them," Henley said of the need for Another game Henley both. "They are drinking a shotgun formation. "We mentioned was the lot of water. Most of the run a shotgun with veer," opener. TSD opens with St. guys follow these instruc-

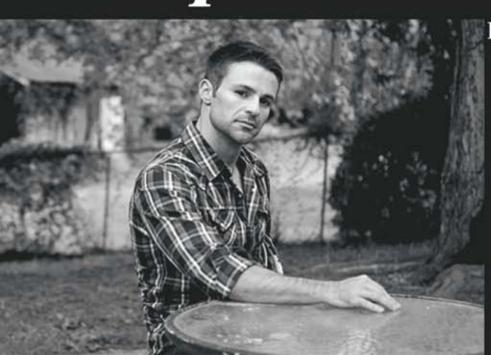
Henley said TSD's tradi-"Hopefully we'll do better tion of good football resonates with the players. "They love the game. They defense. "Our strength tice last Sunday. "Some understand the history of TSD football. TSD is known for having the best football. They enjoy the game and understand football is a big part of the history of the school."

> "Mentally they are strong. Physically they're strong," Henley continued. "They carry the tradition

Henley returns as coach the summer heat, hydration for his 27th season. In addition to 2011's national title. TSD won the national title in 1948, 1973 and during Henley's senior season in

> Henley enjoys many things in his coaching role. "It's hard to even say one thing," he said. "I know four or five years ago I remember one past play, one guy was running, lost his shoe, stopped and ran back to get his shoe, went back and got the touchdown. The referee was wondering what he was doing. One funny experience I remember, there are too many (stories) to say."

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Once a foe, Patrick now hoping to join West

By Steve Williams

Scott Cummings, West High School head football coach, was even amazed by the twist of fate.

When the reporter wondered why Camion Patrick's name was written on the coach's dry erase board amidst what appeared to be football plays, Cummings had a quick expla-

to defend Patrick on the board," said Cummings last Wednesday. "We worked on key games over the summer."

The West coaching staff, as it turns out, won't need the defensive plan after all. The Rebels will still be playing Lenoir City, but Patrick, a 6-2, 190-pound wide receiver and University of Tennessee commitment, is

no longer on the Lenoir City team. In fact - get this - he has enrolled at West and hopes to play his senior year with the Rebels.

"His playing status is still to be determined," said Cummings, "but I'm not counting on it. There are factors out of my control. There's a guardian issue and he has to complete an on-line class by next Tuesday (Aug. 14)."

father obtained custody of his son two weeks ago, said Cummings. He had been under the guardianship of an uncle. Patrick's father lives close to West High and Patrick has two brothers already on the West team, added Cum-

"He still may fall under the 12-month rule," said the West coach, meaning

Patrick would be ineligible to participate in athletics at West this school year.

Cummings said a hardship will be filed with the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association, if Patrick completes the on-line class.

Patrick played his first two years of high school football at Clinton before transferring to Lenoir City last year and helping the Panthers advance to the Class 5A state quarterfinal round..Patrick totaled over 1,000 yards of tota offense last season.

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West athletic director Steve Killian last Wednesday said: "We are gather ing everything. We have to be cautious. He's such a good athlete."

Pankey playing catchup as new A-E coach

By Steve Williams

fans would be wise to show patience and understanding as they evaluate new head coach Brian Pankey's first season. He had to hit the door running. It's been a whirlwind of a beginning.

job was June 4. He wasn't around for a spring practice. The first time he saw his players in uniform was July 30. That gave him less than three weeks to prepare for the season and against West.

Pankey's first day on the

"My system is different Pankey. in what they've done here," Pankey said after the team's picture day last Wednesday. "It has a different lingo. There's been a long list of stuff to get done. I'm finally getting to the point where I can coach football. That's what I get excited about of the sport.'

Two assistants off last season's staff - Anthony McCallister and Stevie Mattress - have helped with the coaching change. Pankey brought in his own coordinators. Scotty Dykes, former receivers coach at Harriman, will direct the back coach at Kingston, is back Keyshawn Johnson.

in charge of the defense. head coaching job, the 39-year-old Pankey has an impressive football resume. He was two-time All-OVC tackle at Tennessee Tech and co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference in 1994. His position coach in college was Mike Smith, who is now the Atlanta Fal-

"He's a big reason I got upperclassmen are going Austin-East High football this job," said Pankey. "He to play, but they don't have wrote me a letter of recommendation."

> Pankey comes to A-E loaded with seniors last from Kingston, where he year." was an assistant for nine years and defensive coordinator and defensive line coach the past three seasons. He earned all-state honors in high school at Kingston, where he graduated in 1990.

"I was already familiar play strong safety and also with the Austin-East program, since Kingston and this Friday's opening game Austin-East used to be in tion is a tight race," said the same district," said

> It just so happened that practice." Pankey also was at last season's Class 3A state semifinal game between the Roadrunners and Christian Academy. "I was at that game on the CAK sidelines. A good friend of mine, Ron Treadway, is assistant

The Roadrunners lost that night, their season ending one win short of the state finals.

from that team - senior guard, defensive tackle and punter Dennis Troutman, senior offensive tackle and offense. Stephen Plem- nose guard JaWuan Dickey ons, who was defensive and sophomore quarter-

"You're going to see more Although this is his first of a pro style offense," said Pankey. "We're probably going to throw it more, like a 60-40 ratio. They had an all-state tailback in Curtis King and ran the ball about 90 percent of the time last

> "Hopefully, they're going to see a physical football team. The only drawback to that is we're going to be really young. Our

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terback as a freshman last year when starter JaQuail Williams broke his foot. Williams, a 6-2, 190-pound junior, is back and is competing for the QB job, will

a lot of playing experience. Austin-East was heavily

Johnson, a southpaw,

became the starting quar-

"The quarterback posi-Pankey. "It may come down to who has the best week of

A-E has some "good weapons" in senior wide receiver/free safety Chris Gholsten, senior tailback/ cornerback Devin Williams and speedy wide receiver Chris Bassett.

Defensive leaders include the teaching and coaching principal at CAK Middle senior end Tyrone Crowder (6-3, 230), senior linebacker Enasiton "Boots" Isom (5-10, 215) and senior cornerback Jonah Caldwell.

Pankey said he hopes Only three starters return to coach at A-E for a long

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High Game Scratch--Female 142 Wanda Reed

High Series Scratch--Female 326 Wanda Reed

Thursday No-Tap: High Game Scratch--Male 300 John Fisher

Pankey playing catchup as new A-E coach

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here. The program is rich in tradition. A-E is a great place. Tradition and athletes make for a good foundation to start with.

"I never thought I would leave Kingston. I never thought seven months ago I would be the head coach at Austin-East. It's been a good experience, very humbling"

And it's been a very busy time for the new coach.

Knoxville White Lightning '99 completes another great season!

Knoxville White Lightning is a 12U class "A" fast pitch travel team made up of seven players from Halls, and players from Gibbs, Franklin (TN), Winchester (TN), and Calvert City, KY. The team is coached by Ronnie Bowling, Bobby Soloman, and assisted by Gordon Johnson. They played in 13 tournaments, winning nine of them. Two of the nine wins were in the 14U division. Key tournaments wins for the Lightning include: the 1st USA/ASA National Qualifier in Chattanooga, the USFA Champions Cup in Franklin, and



Front Row L-R: Harper Cherry, Tara Cates, Sydney Johnson, Paige Calloway, Adrienne Williamson. Back Row L-R: Sophia Gallimore, Elizabeth Lindsey, McKinley Snyder, Caroline Cavin, Emma Webb, Leah Sohm,

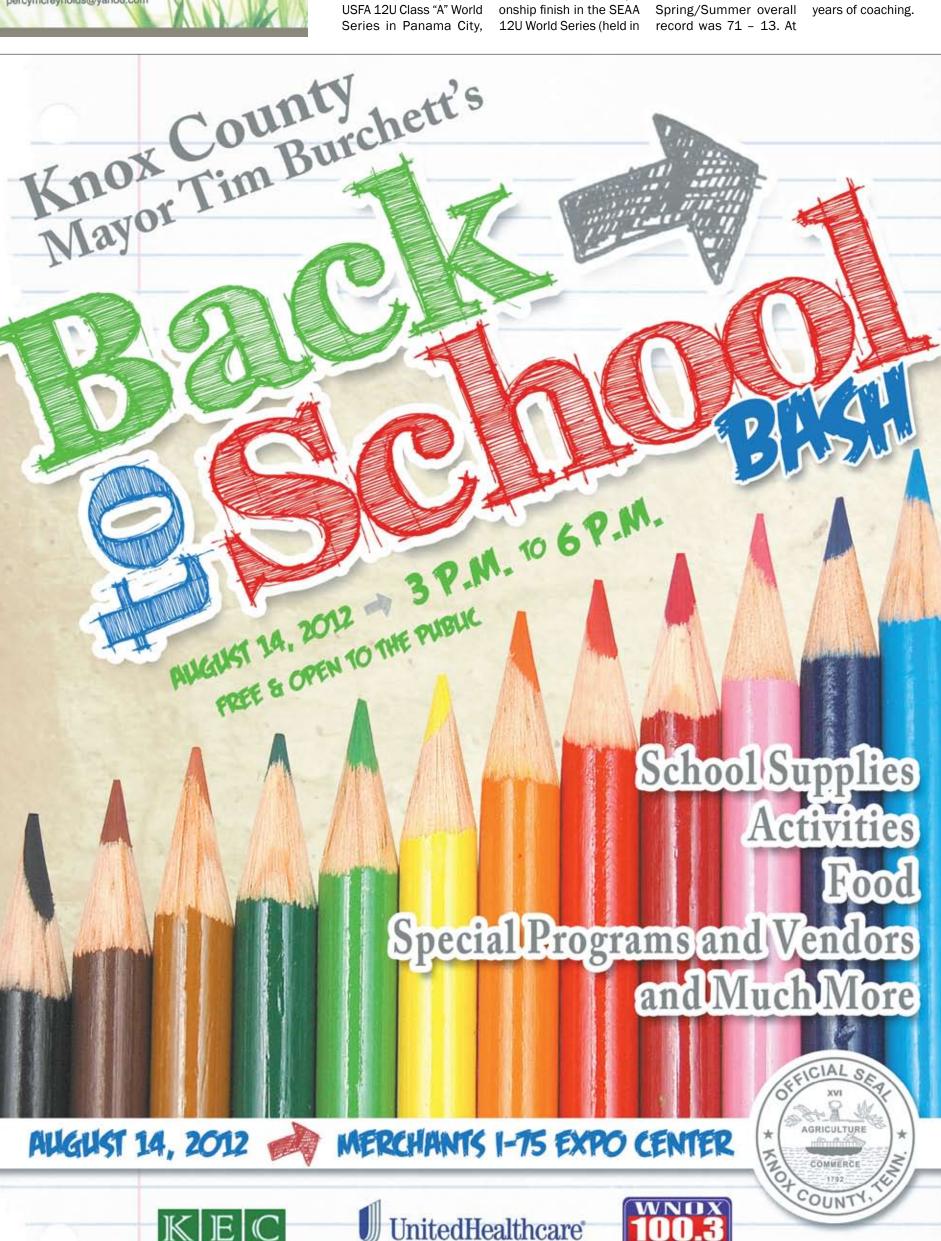
the USFA 12U Class "A" State Championship in Murfreesboro. They also finished runner-up in the USFA 12U Class "A" World Series in Panama City,

Florida for the second year in a row. The team ended their 12 & under careers with a championship finish in the SEAA 12U World Series (held in

Knoxville). This marked the 3rd year in a row they sfinished first in the SEAA R World Series. Their 2012 fr Spring/Summer overall record was 71 - 13. At

the end of the SEAA World Series, long time coach Ronnie Bowling retired from travel ball after 30 years of coaching.





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Aug. 23-25 GA School for Deaf

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 SC School for

Sept. 6-8 McClain Christian Sept. 13-15

Oct. 4-6

Sewanee vs. Alcoa

vs. Zion Christian

VS. Halls

Alabama School for

Jefferson

County

Sept. 20-23 LA

SC

Miss. School for

Wesleyan

School

Morristown

East

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Oct. 18-20

Franklin Rd

Academy

Cherokee

Sevier

County

VS.

Harriman

OPEN

vs.

Davidson

Academy

Morristown

West

Jefferson

County

vs.

Ensworth

White

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Oct. 11-13 Easley High

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Oct. 25-27

Campbell County

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Knoxville

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Knoxville

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Morristown East VS.

Rockwood

Knoxville

Fulton

Union

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Austin-

East

Pigeon

Forge

Oak

County

Heritage **CAK**

Alcoa

Seymour

OPEN

Grainger

Anderson

County

Morristown West **OPEN**

Knoxville

Carter

Austin-

East

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Gatlinburg-

Pittman

Karns

Carter VS. **FRA**

Brainerd

South

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Rhea

County

CAK

Hardin

Valley

Anderson

County

OPEN

Greenback

OPEN

Pigeon

Forge

Gibbs

VS.

Knoxville

Fulton

Clinton

Karns

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Union

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Ridge

VS.

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Knoxville

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Kingston

Midway

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West

Heritage

LaVergne

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Farragut

Stone

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Knoxville Webb Clinton

VS.

Campbell

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Grace

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Anderson

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City

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Knoxville Central

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Knoxville

Webb

vs.

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Knoxville Powell vs.

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Maryville

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VS.

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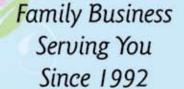
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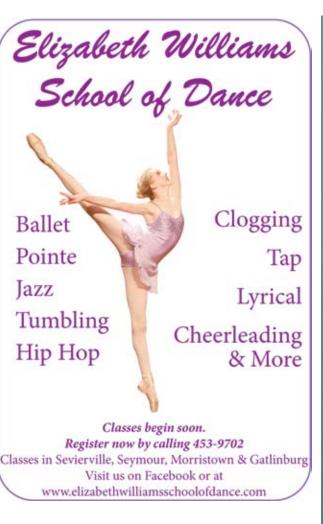
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MARCH 22- IN-SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL APRIL I-APRIL 5- SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL MAY 27- NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 15, 18- NO SCHOOL

MAY 31- ADMINISTRATIVE DAY NO SCHOOL JUNE 3- LAST DAY SCHOOL

Knox County Schools Calendar 2012 - 2013

August 7- First Day for Teachers - In-service Day

August 8- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)

August 9- System-wide Staff Development Day

August 10- In-service Day (In-School) August 13- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)

August 14- First Day for Students (1/2 day for students)

September 3- LABOR DAY - Holiday

September 11- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period September 17- Constitution Day (Students In School)

September 21- Staff Development Day – K-5 In-School/6-12 System-wide (Student Holiday)

October 17- End First 9-week Grading Period

October 18-19- FALL BREAK

November 6- In-service Day – Election Day (Student Holiday)

November 20- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

November 21-23- Thanksgiving Holidays

December 4-6- AYP/EOC Tests

December 7- AYP/EOC Tests Make-up Day

December 21- End Second 9-week Grading Period (1/2 day for students)

December 24 – January 4 (10 days) WINTER HOLIDAYS

January 7- In-service Day – First Day for Teachers (Student Holiday)

January 8- First Day for Students

January 21- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - HOLIDAY - Schools, Central Office Closed

February 4-8- Writing Assessment

February 5- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

February 18- System-wide Staff Development Day – K-5 In-School/6-12 System-wide

(Student Holiday); President's Day

March 13- End First 9-week Grading Period (Third 9-week Grading Period) March 19- ACT (State Wide)

March 25-28- SPRING BREAK March 29- Good Friday – Holiday

April 1- Holiday

April 18- End 4 1/2-weeks Grading Period

April 23-30- Achievement Tests

May 7-9- AYP/EOC Tests

May 10- AYP/EOC Tests Make-up Day

May 15-18- High School Graduation

May 22- Last Day for Students (1/2 day for students)

End Second 9-week Grading Period (Fourth 9-week Grading Period)

May 23- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)

May 24- Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers

Board Approved April 6, 2011

Calendar Summary 175 Instructional Days (excludes days earned through extended hours) 4 Scheduled Administrative Days

Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours (formerly Teacher-Parent Conference Day)

4 Scheduled In-service Days

Unscheduled In-service Days Staff Development Days

10 Vacation Days



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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by Dr. Jim Ferguson

I & Os



I was tired of walking in the rain and listening to the guide teach us about Dresden, Germany. Since reading Kurt Vonnegut's book, "Slaughterhouse Five," I've been intrigued by this town in eastern Germany. It was firebombed during WW II in retaliation for the German firebombing of Coventry, England. Interestingly, the Allies had just broken the German High Command's code, but were unable to warn

the town of Coventry

about the coming attack without compromising the Normandy invasion.

I escaped to an art museum where it was quiet, warm and dry. I like art museums and wandering by the creative efforts of painters. I've even come to appreciate non-representational abstract art where colors and shapes are most important.

As I rounded a corner, they peered out at me from eye level. At the bottom of a monumental

work by Raphael, there they were. The famous little angels that grace so many greeting cards were residents of Dresden, and I never knew their earthly home. This twenty year old memory came flooding back to me as I fed my grandson a bottle and gazed into his angelic face. Raphael would have been proud to paint our Oakley.

I made "honors" in pediatrics during medical school, but I can tell you my sensitivity to the needs of children pale in comparison to my wife's. Some years ago the movie Mr. Mom depicted role reversal. However, I understand my gifts and celebrate the gift's of other's. Life changes when you have children and I'm now blessed by my second tour of duty as a grandparent. Oakley and I don't have a lot of lofty and winded philosophical discourse, but we have eye contact that melts my heart. They say being a grandparent is different and special. It is.

As I make rounds in the hospital I review my patient's vital signs, their lab work and their "I & Os." These letters refer to the fluid balance of patients, in other words, what went into them

and what came out. I've observed that Oakley's parents and grandparents seem to be fixated on his intake of formula and the status of his southerly functions. This may seem a bit crass, but a sage once told me that if a man had to choose between a keen intellect and a good set of bowels, he'd choose the latter.

In the hospital one is often reduced to the basics. Even Jell-O and broth are welcome after surgery and symbolize improvement. I frequently tell patients they must be getting better because the tubes are being disconnected! When you're convalescing, feeding and toileting is one's focus. And I've noticed some similarity regarding babies and BMs. There is one significance difference; with most babies everything works. You can't say the same for adults.

I wonder what it's like to see the world through eyes that are truly new. As I watch my grandson find his hands, smile and make eye contact with me and others, I wonder what he sees through his baby blues. We don't recall what happens in the first two years of our life and yet

lots of things are happening. Perhaps a data base is being developed by which we can then compare future events. I don't subscribe to the notion of a blank slate at birth because even a hard drive on your computer has a physical construct upon which data and operating programs can be added. Similarly, I imagine our brains as an evergreen tree upon which ornaments and lights and tensile are hung, turning it into a glorious Christmas tree.

Oakley is developing as data and love are inputted upon the Godgiven natural substrate of his brain and nervous system. I look at his cherubic face and at and through his blue eyes that may change to another color in three to six months as melanin pigment is deposited in his iris guided by heredity.

C. S. Lewis observed that babies are inherently selfish-they are designed that way as a survival technique. Oakley's family will teach him sharing, respect, empathy and ultimately compassion. It is his destiny to become fully human as he learns about and experiences love.

Some argue that man

will adapt himself to those social norms that promote a Darwinian survival advantage. In other words, a soldier will throw himself on a grenade to save his fellows to allow their offspring to be born. What a ridiculous evolutionary argument. Actually, the soldier sacrifices himself because of agape (sacrificial) love. The ancient Greeks defined multiple types of love just as Eskimos have dozens of words for snow. I believe each of us possesses a natural concern for others that over time is nurtured and developed.

It is a grandfather's duty and honor to aide in the development of this new life, and to help decorate that most wondrous tree of life called human being.

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at jferguson@ summithealthcare.com.

Bill Wallace—finally home

The last stop on the tour is GREENWOOD CEMETERY on Tazewell Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee. It is the final resting place for Bill Wallace. "I remember

the Sunday Dr. Ramsey Pollard stood in the pulpit at Broadway Baptist and told the congregation Bill Wallace had been killed," Imogene Engle remembers. But, bringing Bill's remains home was not easy. It took years of persistence from many people, including Bill's sister, Ruth Lynn Wallace Stegall.

By Ralphine Major

ralphine3@yahoo.

On a cold January 12, 1985, a memorial service was held for

William Lindsey (Bill) Wallace at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, the church named for him. Bill Wallace's remains were finally home in his native Knoxville, and he was laid to rest beside the graves of his parents. Bill's sister and her rial service as did several representatives from the Foreign

Mission Board. Their presence spoke volumes about this courageous man of God they came to memorialize.

The grave site of Bill Wallace is beautiful and peaceful. It is marked by a tall granite monument purchased by former nurses who served with Bill Wallace at The Stout Memorial Hospital in China. In 1998, a service was held to dedicate the streamlined granite monument, which

is a replica of the one erected over his grave in China. At the time, the nurses were living in Los Angeles, but traveled to Knoxville to attend the dedication service. The monument is breathtakingly beautiful and stunning to see. I stood beside husband attended the memo- it and looked up at the highest point towering, like the trees, toward the blue summer sky. The verse in the Bible so often associated with Bill Wallace's life is inscribed on one side of the monument in bold letters: "For me to live is Christ, . . . " Philippians 1:21.

The human nature in me stops just short of thinking how God protected Bill Wallace safely down a river through the Japanese, yet he faced an untimely death at age forty-three. Dr. McCluskey's closing comments



Picture of tour group at Bill Wallace's grave site at Greenwood Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.by Wayne Major

from the 1985 memorial service puts everything in perspective. His message reminds us of Bill Wallace's final words before leaving for China: "If there is one final word of request that I leave with you it is this, that you would pray for me. Pray daily that your humble servant's ministry and work would be all that God would

"Those prayers answered," Dr. McCluskey said. "In God's own way, in God's own

For who of us would doubt today that God worked for good in the life and death of Bill Wallace. His work was all that God

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Faith



Betty Florine Curtis, age 83, of Maryville, passed away Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at her home. She was a lifelong member of RIO Central Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Curtis, Jr.; mother, Tressie Reno; special sister, Alyene Benson; and brothers, Bob and Glenn Edmondson and J. C. Reno. She is survived by her daughters and sons-inlaw, Pat and Richard Prater and Tammy and Carson Dailey; son and daughterin-law, Mike and Nancy Curtis; grandchildren, Toby Ellis, Scotty and Christi Prater, Kelly and Michael Walker, Jeremy Dailey, and Elizabeth Daniels; greatgrandchildren, Cayla and Aiden Walker, Mackenzie and Hallie Prater, Victoria Daniels, and Shelby and Ryan Ellis; special sister-inlaw, Mary Curtis; and several nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Amedisys Hospice nurses, Heather and Rhonda. Funeral service was Thursday, August 9, 2012, at Miller Funeral Home Magnolia Chapel, Rev. Ronnie Hepperly officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the RIO Central Missions Fund, 370 S. Long Hollow

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Learning how to love

You don't have to look far to realize we live in a fallen world. So many of God's children have grown up in an environment where they never experienced the type

of love God has for us. I was so blessed to have grown up in a safe, nurturing environment where I had both a mom and a dad who poured lots of healthy love into my life. Yet I recognize that my situation was unique. For those who grew up in a home where there was an absence of love, how do they learn how to receive and give love?

A beginning point might

be to first get rid of the lie that because you have had a disadvantaged upbringing or poor home life that you will never By Mark Brackney, Minister of the

of Christ

be able to love the way God wants you to. God knew **Arlington Church** that His creation would get into trouble pretty fast. Even in a family where love was to be found, there is no certainty that one

will turn out to love. Just think of the first family on earth. Adam and Eve, no doubt, poured the love they received from God into Cain and Abel. But this first family suffered the heartache of murder and tragic loss in their home. There is no perfect home. As thankful as

I am for my parents and their love, they messed up many times. As much as my parents taught me, I am far from the giver of love God wants from me. I am still growing and have a long way to go. Second, the best place

to learn love is from the Spirit. When we surrender our lives to Christ, one of the promises made to us is to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Through the Spirit's guidance, we are being transformed into the image of Christ. We can't manufacture this. This is a gift from God. So the Spirit is the source of God working in our lives and teaching us how to love.

Third, the best academy, clinic, or internship where we can learn in a practical way how to give and receive love is in the Kingdom of God, His church. Love is demonstrated in community, not isolation. Now an important thing to remember here is that God's Kingdom is made up of people who are damaged goods. We don't always practice love the way we should because we are imperfect people, but forgiveness and grace should be found as we walk in community. The church is not an institution where only the sacraments (baptism and communion) are administered, but a living organism where life is shared. Love is action oriented so you must be community in order

God's love to others.

Finally, as you enter into a community to learn how to love, ask yourself, "Who can I love?" What happens is that when you love others, you are blessed by God. You have peace and joy in your life because there is little conflict with others. If you are "feeling" your way into loving, the feelings may never come. But if you love your way into "feeling", you are practicing God's love. Love is not at its core a feeling but a decision. The feelings will come, but you must make a decision first. God bless us on this journey of learning how to love.

Bill Wallace—finally home

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intended it to be."

In 2008 a beautiful bronze marker was placed near the base of the tall granite monument by Wallace Memorial, marking the 100th anniversary of Bill Wallace's birth. In summing up Bill's life, it reads: "... He served at the Stout Memorial Hospital from 1935 until he was killed on February

Communist Government. Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville is named in his memory."

I was curious about the Arlington Baptist Church's connection to Wallace Memorial. Imogene Engle told me Arlington's church secretary, the late Marion Laugherty, came up with the name "Wallace Memorial." I found Mrs. Laugherty's photo in an

wanted to know more. Later, I mentioned to Dr. McCluskey, who served as pastor at Wallace Memorial for thirty-seven years, about Arlington's link to Wallace. The story he told captured my attention, and I share it below:

"Several members of Arlington Baptist had moved to the Norwood area, and they wanted to start a church," he told me. "It was determined that Arlington would sponsor the new church on Merchant Drive. When it came time to decide on a name, Marion Laugherty was the first to speak. She said, 'wouldn't it be wonderful to have the church named

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1/2 tsp cinnamon

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then become a conduit of

Everyone was in harmony with this simple suggestion from the church secretary. It required no forming of committees, meetings, discussions, or votes. Without fanfare, Wallace Memorial was named fifty-nine years ago for the Tennessee doctor who touched the world.

The Bill Wallace Team at Wallace Memorial strives to keep alive the memory and share the legacy of one of Knoxville's first missionaries. The team, who has been instrumental in helping me bring the story of Bill Wallace to Focus readers includes Dr. James McCluskey, Tour in memory of Bill Wallace Guide; Dr. John Swisher,

Little goodies from

10, 1951, by the Chinese old church directory and and call it Wallace Memo- a local physician who is very involved in international medical missions; Shirley Snyder, Tour Coordinator; Nina Fletcher and Sheri and Jeff Stewardson, Archivists for the Bill Wallace Room; and Sandy Bolton, Director of Mission

Ministries.

It is hard to believe that the kind-hearted Christian doctor suffered such a brutal death. This Godcalled man never gave in, always upholding his country and the God he so valiantly served. Bill Wallace could have left for safety, but he would not abandon his Chinese patients. The missionary doctor who touched lives at home and abroad and whose memory connects four Knoxville churches lives on today in a twelve-yearold child's school project; in the houses of Haiti built by Wallace Memorial ministers; and in mission trips to Montana, Asia, and Africa. Even today, many missionaries say they were influenced by Bill Wallace. For more information about this East Tennessee doctor, see "Bill Wallace of China," by Jesse C. Fletcher, visit www.wmbc.net, or call 865-688-4343 and



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Banana Bread

process to mix. Add mashed bananas, flour, salt, cinnamon and lemon rind and process to mix. Add nuts and just blend. Pour batter into greased pan. Bake at 350°. For a 9x5x3 pan

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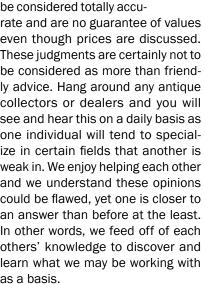
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The next type of appraisal involves a deeper depth of discussion the item and comparable items in its genre and can be on a fee basis. An individual, for instance, who inherited items and now wishes to learn what they have and their possible market values needs professional advice. The disadvantage here is you need to trust

and know who you are dealing with because if they purchase items to sell then they may not be entirely on your side. Here could be a possible conflict of interest. A professional must be objective and understand that they are working for the individual's best interest first.

The next level of an appraisal is the professional one and is needed for insurance or estate reasons and is always in writing with heavy documentation. The average person or family probably doesn't need one of these as their homeowner's policy will cover most household items. The true need for a professional appraisal is to make sure of either present market values with comparables or most commonly for insurance purposes if loss occurs. This is vital to do beforehand and you should have this done for sure with certain fine arts, rare items, rugs, instruments, primitives, pottery, military, photography, vehicles, jewelry, coins, firearms, art glass as well as any upper end items that true explanations and values need to be disclosed.

If you think you may have something that needs above and beyond insurance or fair values for an estate, I would like to hear from you. My fees are much less than anyone that I know in this field and I will be honest to a fault if I see that you just need a level one or two evaluation. If you don't know what you have do feel free to send an email, pictures to me through the Focus and I will

In next week's column I will present an actual appraisal format that will illustrate how a professional appraisal should appear.

Full Fall for Art Center **By Sylvia Williams**

The Fountain City Art Center just wrapped up the beautiful Summer Rose Tea and Fashion Show, sponsored by Judy Gardner and the Silk Purse. Among the models was the Art Center's own Lauren Rohwer, daughter of Robin and Chris Rohwer.

Our attention now turns to two spectacular events: the next exhibit, "Recycled Kingdom," and, of course, Art-a-palooza! Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar for both. "Recycled Kingdom" is an interactive exhibition of works by Jessica Gregory and Linda Leilani Bohanan, catered by Big Fatty's, Friday, August 24, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Imagine a walk through castles all made of recycled materials, a large horse, a giraffe, mystical and ethereal faces looming from the walls as if in a Jean Cocteau film set, and other fanciful creatures scattered here and there. Jessica is the castle creator, a labor of love and inspiration that began over a year ago. Linda has been fashioning the creatures and human faces for a number of years now, but never so many have been displayed in one location. This exhibit should be celebrated and experienced by as many people as possible, on view up to September 27 and 28 when the disassembly begins.

Immediately after the castle exhibit, the Art Center will be preparing for the three day annual fall art festival known as Art-a-palooza! This year's events are scheduled for October 4-6. Booth space is available inside and outside the Center for artists, for craftsmen and women, and for businesses. If you are interested, contact me at 865.357.ARTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Beaver Ridge serving dinner

August 15th marks the 865-687-4721 re-start of Wednesday night dinners - a full meal with dessert - at Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church ("the church with a heart in the heart of Karns" - 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy.). 5:45-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening with fellowship and church activities to follow. Non-members welcome! Individuals, \$5; children under 10 yrs., \$3; and families, \$16. Call 690-1060 with your reservation by each proceeding Monday or go to www.bea-

Clapp's Chapel UMC Homecoming

welcome!!!

"Building a Future Knoxville Civil War From Our Past" will be Roundtable be speaking during the 11 Covered dish lunch will follow the worship service. Read the signs in the Fellowship Hall to find a prize, and stay for entertainment beginning at

Found Dog

A small senior beagle wandered was found August 3rd on Tipton Station Road (between Bonny Kate Elementary and South Doyle High School). He has a radio collar around his neck, but no other tags. Call 964-9692.

John 5 Food Pantry

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is opening the John 5 Food Pantry, Thursday, verridgeumc.com. All are August 16, 6-7:45 p.m.. To make an appointment, call 938-2611 or leave a

celebrated on Sunday, On Tuesday, August Homecoming at North Acres South Doyle Neighborhood August 19, 2012. New 14, 2012, the Knoxville District Superintendent, Civil War Roundtable will Rev. Nathan Malone will host author, historian and professor Myron J. Smith, o'clock worship service. Jr. as its speaker. At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Smith will speak on the topic: "Ironclads and Timberclads on the Western Waters." The talk is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and will be at the Bearden Banquet 1pm in the Sanctuary to see Hall at 5806 Kingston who will represent the Past, Pike (next to Buddy's BBQ Present and Future! Clapp's and .2 mile east of the Chapel UMC -7420 Clapp's intersection of Kingston

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, August 13. We look forward to seeing you there!

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

Luncheon (KFL) will meet at noon on August 14, 2012 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway. Sherry House 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Meet Whittemore, will be the your child's teachers and guest speaker.

North Acres Baptist Association meeting Church at 5803 Millertown

Chapel Rd, Corryton, TN Pike and Northshore Dr.) Pike is having its annual Neighborhood Association welcome. **Powell Middle School**

6th Grade: Monday, August 13, First (1/2)day of school 8:30 a.m.-12:o'clock 6th Grade Panther Picnic

5 p.m. -7p.m. Meet your child's teachers and tour building. 7th & 8th Grade:

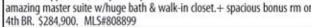
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To attend the talk only homecoming service on meetings will resume August 19, 2012 at 10:00 at Stock Creek Baptist a.m. Morning service will be Church on Tuesday followed by a time of food September 4, 2012. Be and fellowship. Everyone sure to check out the redesigned website: http:// southdoyleneighborhood.

West Knox GOP meeting

Stephen Eldridge will be the guest speaker at the August 13 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Red Lobster located at 8040 Kingston





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PUBLIC NOTICE:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Executive Board Meeting, August 22, 2012 and Call for Projects for the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, August 22, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Approval of the Transportation Planning Work Program, Amendment to the TIP, Air Quality Conformity Report for Lakeway MTPO, Updates on the Regional Mobility Plan, PlanET, and Federal Legislation; and other business.

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

Call For Projects:

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is also opening up a Call for Projects for the update of the Regional Mobility Plan. The Mobility Plan, updated every four years, is the first step for transportation projects to receive federal funding. This Plan will include anticipated projects between now and the year 2040. Anyone interested in submitting a project for consideration in this Mobility Plan update can find the application at www.knoxtrans.org/mobilityplan, contact the TPO at 215-2500, or pick up an application at the MPC office at the City/County Building, Suite 403, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Applications must be received by September 20, 2012.

NOTICE

KENDRA LYNN COX AND RONNIE CLARENCE HOYLE

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SER-VICES, HAS FILED A PETITION AGAINST YOU SEEKING TO TER-MINATE FOREVER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO KENDRA ANN HOYLE. IT APPEARS THAT ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW CAN-NOT BE SERVED UPON YOU BECAUSE YOUR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO SERVE UPON M. ANNE AUSTIN, ATTORNEY FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPART-MENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, 1300 SALEM ROAD, COOKEV-ILLE, TENNESSEE 38506, (931) 646-3013, AN ANSWER TO THE PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FILED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, WITH-IN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AND PURSUANT TO RULE 39(E)(1) OF THE TENN. R. JUV. P. YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT WOODBURY, TENNES-SEE ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012, AT 1:00 P.M. FOR THE ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR TER-MINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FILED BY THE STATE OF TEN-NESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-1-117(N) AND RULE 55 OF THE TENN. R. OF CIV. P. FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. YOU MAY VIEW AND OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PETITION AND ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENTLY FILED LEGAL DOC-UMENTS AT THE CANNON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, CANNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PUBLIC SQUARE,

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