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## Antiques Roadshow visits Knoxville

### FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

**Do you support or oppose prayer before public meetings or events?**

**SUPPORT 86.95%**

**OPPOSE 13.05%**

Survey conducted July 11, 2013.

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

### Knoxvillians, Knox Countians Support Public Prayer

By Focus Staff

This week's Knoxville Focus poll posed the question, "Do you support or oppose prayer before public meetings or events?"

Quite nearly 87% of respondents said they support prayer at public meetings and events. Only just over 13% said they opposed prayer at public meetings or events.

The results were consistent throughout the city and the county. Almost 80% of respondents in the First District replied they supported the idea of prayer at public meetings and events. The First District is entirely inside the City of Knoxville.

The strongest opposition to the idea came from inside the Fourth District, where almost a third of voters said they were opposed to prayer at public meetings and events. The Fourth District is Sequoyah Hills and West Knoxville.

Voters in South Knoxville overwhelmingly supported the idea of prayer before public meetings and events with over 95% of the respondents saying they support the notion.

Respondents in the Seventh District supported the idea even slightly more strongly.

Both women and men supported prayer at public meetings and events by an almost identical margin.

(See Steve Hunley's editorial on public prayer on Page 3.)



PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.

Top, thousands of visitors came to the Antiques Roadshow on Saturday to have their items appraised. Inset, Greg and Sarah Lawson of Fountain City Auction took a variety of pieces for appraisal, including an automaton, a gem roller organ and an antique lantern.

By Tasha Mahurin  
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Billed as part adventure, part history lesson, part treasure hunt, PBS's primetime series Antiques Roadshow visited Knoxville this past weekend as part of an eight-city summer production tour. The all-day appraisal event was held in at the Knoxville Convention Center Saturday and was the Antique Roadshow's first visit to Knoxville in its 18-year history.

"We are thrilled to be visiting Knoxville for the first time," said Roadshow executive producer Marsha Bemko.

At the appraisal event, 5,000 to 6,000 ticketed guests received free valuations of their antiques and collectibles from specialists from the country's leading auction houses and independent dealers. Each guest was invited to bring two items for appraisal. Participating in the local event were appraisers from the world's leading auction houses, including Bonhams & Butterfields, Christie's, Doyle New York, Skinner, and Sotheby's, along with independent appraisers and dealers nationwide.

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## Severance named Second Congressional District Stateswoman of the Year

By Tasha Mahurin  
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"I am both humbled and honored to be selected as the Stateswoman of the Year from the Second Congressional District by my Congressman, John J. (Jimmy) Duncan," Phyllis Severance told the Focus.

Severance graduated from East High School in Knoxville, and she then attended the University of Tennessee. She met and married Charlie Severance, a former UT football player, in 1959. They went on to have 3 sons- Chuck, Marcus, and Michael. While staying home with her children, Severance became an active community volunteer.

She was a Charter member of Fountain City Town Hall and the Greater Knoxville Beautification Board. She became interested in the political process in 1970 and began volunteering with campaigns on the local, state, and national levels.

In 1978, she was the Knox County Office Manager for Lamar Alexander's campaign for Governor of the State of Tennessee and, after the election, worked on Alexander's staff for 8 years. And just



Pictured as the Stamen Dinner are US Senator Lamar Alexander, Phyllis Severance, Charles Severance, US Senator Tim Scott and US Senator Bob Corker.

ten years later, in 1988, she served as the Knox County Office Manager for George Herbert Walker

Bush's campaign for President of the United States of America

In 1994, Severance was the

Area Director for Don Sundquist's campaign for Governor of the State

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Hillcrest Healthcare Communities Inc., a for-profit corporation that provides care to the medically indigent of the area, and Knox County officially closed a deal last week for the company to buy three facilities it has operated in Knox County since the 1970s. Hillcrest presented Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett with a check for \$5.275 million to purchase the 3 properties which sit on approximately 33 acres collectively. Because it has only previously leased the facilities from the county, Hillcrest has been unable to secure funding to make upgrades to the facilities. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett also added that the county will no longer be responsible for upgrades to the facilities. The funds from the sale will be used to help pay for the new Carter Elementary School.

## Focus on the Law

# Mental Health Commitments

“Commitment” is the common term used to describe the group of procedures for detaining or admitting someone who is mentally ill in Tennessee. There are four basic procedures and they are covered in Tennessee Code, Title 33. In summary, these procedures are as follows:



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

informed decisions; if he or she is a parent, legal custodian or guardian acting on behalf of a child; a conservator appointed by the court expressly to apply for a person’s admission; a qualified mental health professional; and attorney-in-fact acting under durable powers of attorney for health care.

Detention of Persons with Severe Impairments. A person who is severely impaired may be detained up to 72 hours after two physicians have determined

that the statutory requirements have been met. “Severe impairment” means a condition in which an adult or emancipated child as a result of a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from the person’s failure to provide for their own essential human needs of health or safety; or manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning; and is not receiving care essential for his or her health or safety. If they need treatment beyond 72 hours, emergency involuntary commitment must be pursued.

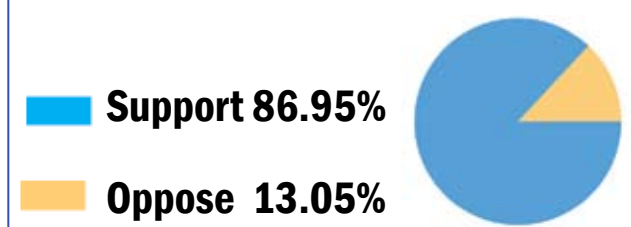
Emergency Involuntary Commitment. A person who

poses an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm because of mental illness or serious emotional disturbance may be involuntarily detained for roughly 20 days for emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment. Two certificates of the need for treatment must be obtained from two physicians or designated professionals and then a court order must be obtained to detain the person for up to 5 days pending a probable cause hearing. A person poses a “substantial likelihood of serious harm” if they have threatened or attempted suicide or to inflict serious bodily harm on themselves; if they have threatened or attempted homicide or other violent behavior; if the person has placed others in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm to them; or the person is unable to avoid serious impairment or injury from specific risks. At the probable cause hearing, the court may order another 15 days based upon the court’s findings that there is a substantial likelihood that serious harm will occur unless the person is placed under involuntary treatment. If they need further treatment, nonemergency involuntary commitment must be pursued.

Nonemergency Involuntary Commitment. To initiate nonemergency commitment proceedings, someone must file a sworn complaint for commitment with the court accompanied by either two certificates of

# FOCUS Weekly Poll

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By Age	Support	Oppose	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	3
30-49	85.37%	14.63%	41
50-65	84.17%	15.83%	120
65+	88.58%	11.42%	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.95% (333)</b>	<b>13.05% (50)</b>	<b>383</b>

By District	Support	Oppose	Total
1	78.95%	21.05%	19
2	84.62%	15.38%	52
3	93.18%	6.82%	44
4	67.31%	32.69%	52
5	87.76%	12.24%	49
6	90.91%	9.09%	44
7	95.24%	4.76%	42
8	90.00%	10.00%	40
9	95.12%	4.88%	41
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By Gender	Support	Oppose	Total
Unknown	80.00%	20.00%	10
Female	87.63%	12.37%	194
Male	86.59%	13.41%	179
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.95% (333)</b>	<b>13.05% (50)</b>	<b>383</b>

Survey conducted July 11, 2013.

need for care or a sworn statement that the person has refused to be examined by a certifying professional. If the person has refused to be examined, the court may find probable cause to issue an order to take the person into custody for up to 48 hours to be examined. The court must hold a hearing within 20 days on the commitment complaint. The defendant may demand a jury to hear this trial. If the court, or jury if a jury is demanded, finds by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that the person should be committed, the court will order the person committed to an appropriate facility. Further, that person will have to be examined not less than every 6 months to see if they still need to be committed.

Many states have revised commitment laws to protect their citizens from perceived threats from mentally unstable individuals who may be found not guilty by a jury but likely to reoffend. If a criminal defendant is acquitted of a charge on a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the commission of the crime,

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 33-7-303(a) requires that the court order him or her diagnosed and evaluated on an outpatient basis. If the charge was a felony offense against the person (such as, robbery, murder and rape) and the defendant is already detained at the time of the acquittal, the court may order that he or she remain detained to receive an outpatient evaluation to be completed within 30 days. This evaluation serves to determine if the individual might be committable on a nonemergency involuntary basis. The district attorney general is required to act consistently with the results of this evaluation to pursue commitment if there is a substantial likelihood of serious harm by that individual.

Obviously this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an experienced attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation. My office number is (865) 539-2100.



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# Publisher's Position

## Who is really being harassed?



By Steve Hunley, Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

There are times when silence is not golden and this is one of them.

For those people who still read the Knoxville News-Sentinel, you may have noticed the same story about polling and State Senator Stacey Campfield being repeated over and over again.

The Sentinel has done its best to infer somehow that *The Knoxville Focus* or I personally am involved. With its usual penchant for accuracy, the Sentinel has referred to me as the "editor" of *The Focus*; I am in fact the owner and publisher of *The Knoxville Focus*. The editor of *The Focus* is Marianne Dedmon, but you'd have to actually go to the trouble of reading the masthead to figure that out. This is less a news story, than **DIRTY POLITICS**.

Just why I would want to comment in the Sentinel rather than my own paper remains a mystery. But as they want a quote, this Publisher's Position will suffice as my reply.

After the second Sentinel article appeared, I did in fact call Patrick Birmingham, publisher of the Sentinel, and told him that the poll in question was not done at my request nor was it done for *The Focus*.

*The Knoxville Focus* does business with Cyragon Research to conduct our weekly polls. Its owner, Ben Farmer, is a mighty fine and capable young man and is an excellent pollster. *The Knoxville Focus* also does business with the Sentinel, which prints *The Focus* weekly. Despite doing business with the Sentinel, I have nothing to do with its content and am relieved to say I am not responsible for anything in the Sentinel or any mistakes made by the Sentinel. I am no more responsible should the Sentinel make a mistake in

printing my paper than I am for a survey going wrong.

Cyragon has other clients besides *The Focus* and any polling done on the race between State Senator Stacey Campfield and Knox County Commissioner Richard Briggs was not done under the auspices or at the direction of me or *The Knoxville Focus*. (**See <http://24x7.knoxfocus.com> to view Brigg's full voicemail to me.**)

Senator Campfield came and sat down at my table, uninvited, at a political function this past Monday. This gave me the perfect opportunity to tell Senator Campfield that neither *The Focus* nor I had anything to do whatsoever with the robocall incident. I went on to tell Senator Campfield that as far as I was concerned, he could complain to the TBI, the FBI, the CIA, the NSA and even the TVA for that matter. It does not alter the facts in the least.

Frankly, the Sentinel has been outraged since *The Focus* began running a weekly poll asking Knoxvilleans and Knox Countians what they think about a variety of issues facing our community. I cannot remember just how many times Georgiana Vines of the Sentinel called me to ask about our weekly poll and it became apparent to me the Sentinel wanted to discredit the poll.

**The fundamental difference between *The Focus* and the Sentinel is that *The Focus* has an opinion (just like this column which you are reading) and doesn't attempt to disguise it. However, of utmost importance to *The Focus*, we are very interested in what you, the people, really think. That's why we conduct a weekly poll. *The Focus* poll is an immensely popular weekly feature and done solely for the purpose of finding out what you really think about issues facing our community or country. On the other hand, in my opinion, the Sentinel doesn't give a hoot what the people think, but rather tries to tell them what they should think.**

The Sentinel tries to operate under the guise of being unbiased and

objective but I doubt there's anyone in town who actually believes that. For those who doubt it, all one has to do is consider the case of Mayor Tim Burchett.

Burchett stood in the way of the huge tax increase demanded by school Superintendent James McIntyre, which infuriated the Sentinel folks. The Sentinel went all in for McIntyre's proposed tax increase, joining with their partners at the Chamber of Commerce to support it and try and force it down the throats of the people of Knox County. Almost daily, the Sentinel published editorials telling readers why the tax increase was necessary and lauded several Chamber millionaires who banded together to buy advertising on television to sell the tax increase.

*The Focus* opposed the proposed tax increase and conducted a poll showing the vast majority of Knoxvilleans and Knox Countians were opposed to it; the end result was that not a single member of the Knox County Commission made a motion to increase taxes.

It was a humiliating experience for both the Sentinel and Chamber folks. It was soon after that the Sentinel started its political vendetta—and that's exactly what it was—against Mayor Burchett. The Sentinel started publishing intimate details of Burchett's finances. The stories were fueled with information provided by Burchett's then-wife, with whom he was engaged in a bitter divorce. Despite the Sentinel folks denying the information came from Burchett's spouse, it was obvious to just about everyone where they were getting the material with which they constantly beat the Mayor over the head.

Every newspaper has a voice and clearly the Sentinel grew accustomed to having a **monopoly** and longs for a return to those days. Attempting to discredit *The Focus* is the real reason behind the recurring stories about polling. Credibility is all a newspaper has. If a newspaper loses its credibility, it might as well cease to exist.

An explanation to this entire robocall debacle could be very simple.

There could have been a glitch in the computer-generated calling program which caused some folks to receive multiple calls. It is a story about nothing that is being reported by the Sentinel for its own agenda. I don't think there is a single soul who believes it qualifies as real news.

Will the authorities now investigate companies who misdial a number when sending a fax? Fax machines keep calling until the fax goes through, which is mighty annoying for the recipient of such calls. Is that harassment? Will doctor's offices, pharmacies and the like be subject to investigation under the current harassment law?

**The only other beneficiary to the Sentinel's carping is Stacey Campfield, who can play the victim for once in his controversial life.**

The Sentinel's editorial policy is so predictable that a child could successfully guess where it will land next. The Sentinel is the voice of the political establishment in Knoxville and Knox County and where one finds the Chamber of Commerce, Lady Sentinel will surely be found in the same bed. My friend Patrick Birmingham,

publisher of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, is in fact the Chair Elect of the Chamber of Commerce this year. Is it merely a happy coincidence the Sentinel just happens to come down on the side of the Chamber every time? On every issue?

The Sentinel religiously backs appointment of officials rather than elections because they think it would increase the influence of the elite and the establishment and those folks believe they would have the most influence in doing the picking. Their message is yet again clear: the people can't be trusted, nor are they smart enough, to make important decisions. *The Focus*, on the other hand, has complete and total trust in "We the People."

For whatever reason, the immensely popular weekly *Focus* poll has gotten under the skin of the Sentinel. Clearly they wish to be the sole voice heard by the people of Knoxville and Knox County. Every big corporation wants to be a **monopoly** and there is no doubt in my mind the Sentinel wants to return to the good old days where they monopolized print news in Knox County.

As I have said before, I will

tell you *The Focus* has a point of view; I've never denied it and never will. When we have a point of view, it is clearly stated as such. Our opinion. The Sentinel folks pretend to be unbiased and holier than thou, sort of like the streetwalker who goes to church every Sunday. Attending church is good for the soul, but it doesn't change the fact that one is a streetwalker.

Again, all any newspaper has is its own credibility. The little flap about a poll that may have gone haywire is much ado about nothing. The Sentinel folks can't just come out and say they don't like or believe the polls published in *The Focus*, but the reality is they just can't let it go.

Whoever is responsible for this situation should have come forward and offered an explanation and apologized to those folks who were repeatedly called by mistake. It should have been as simple as that.

Any newspaper, as with any individual, should at the very least always be honest.

And to be very honest, sorry boys and girls, *The Focus* is here to stay and no amount of harassment is going to change that.

## Professional Busybodies At It Again

By Steve Hunley, Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

Received a letter from some people in Wisconsin who object to the idea the Knoxville City Council opens its deliberations with a simple prayer.

According to the missive received by Councilman Pavlis, the letter declared the Council meetings opening with a prayer "exclude a significant portion of Americans from the democratic process." Someone named Rebecca Markert, representing the Freedom From Religion Foundation, goes on to say public prayers are "exclusionary."

Just why people in Madison, Wisconsin are concerned about what's happening in Knoxville, Tennessee is a puzzle. Perhaps we ought to say that folks in Wisconsin ought to stop making cheese because it gives a lot of people gas, thereby offending other folks, not to mention the lactose-intolerant.

Frankly, there's little to say about such nonsense except for the fact too many government officials, political parties, and other professional busybodies are trying to tell everybody what they can and can't do, even in our own homes. If someone really is offended that a public meeting begins with a prayer, just stay outside the chamber until its done. There's no consideration for those of us who think it does no harm whatever and might do a little good.

God knows if anyone needs praying over, it's just about any governmental body. One thing that is terribly wrong with America today is the majority is expected to give up its rights to accommodate a squalling minority. Obama had no difficulty in telling Republicans he won the election and get over it.

It's long past due we told a lot of these whining folks they aren't in the majority and just get over it.

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## FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

# HCBA holds special place in heart of alum Doris Hipsher Holbert

1946, 3-year old, Doris Hipsher's father, Henry Harding Hipsher, returned from service in World War II and went to Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy (now known as The King's Academy) to get his high school diploma and attended his junior and senior years on the GI Bill.

"My mother, father and I lived on what was called "Preacher's Street" on the academy campus," Holbert explained.

Simultaneously in attendance was Rev. Claude Kelley, a pastor who would play an important role in Holbert's life.

Holbert recalls her earliest memory of Kelley and her young life on HCBA's campus: "During that time, my mother gave birth to a baby at Broady's Clinic in Sevierville. Sadly, the baby died a few hours after being born. Rev. Kelley was also attending HCBA at that time. My parents did not have much money, so Rev. Kelley carried that baby in its casket in his personal car to the grave site in Mooresburg, Tennessee, and conducted the funeral. I was told that was his first funeral."

Doris Ann (Hipsher) Holbert arrived at the Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy for the second time in her life in September 1960 as a very immature, naive teenager- this time as a student.

"I had always had my mother to make decisions for me," said, Holbert. "She told me how to wear my hair, clothes, etc. I did not know how to wash and dry my



Dan Kirkpatrick and Doris Hipsher

laundry--she always did that. I did not know how to cook, other than what I learned in school in Home Economics classes."

After graduating from HCBA in 1946, Pastor Kelley had moved to Chicago, Illinois, to pastor a church there. On his trips back to Harriman to see his mother he would often stop by and visit with the Hipsher family.

Upon graduating from the academy herself, Doris returned home to Harriman. On one of his routine visits, Kelley asked Holbert if she would like a job in Chicago.

"He said he remembered me giving my testimony stating I would go where God wanted me," she recalled.

When Holbert, then Hipsher, replied that "yes" she would like a job, Kelley called the Director of the Chicago Southern Baptist Association. Doris was interviewed and hired that same day over the telephone. In 1964, she moved to Chicago and lived with the Kelley's. However, no matter where she moved, HCBA still held a special place in her heart.

"From the above, you may see how the lives of Brother Kelley and his family and my family intertwined more than once. I believe that was no accident and that God had His hand on my life all those years. I know without a doubt that HCBA and everyone that touched my life that year made a huge difference in my Christian life," she said.

## The Real Blind Side

Many of you probably saw a block buster movie a few years ago called The Blind Side starring Sandra Bullock. The movie tells the true story of Michael Oher, a traumatized kid who goes on to become a first round NFL draft pick with the help of Leigh Anne Tuohy and her family. The movie demonstrates what a miracle it is when Michael Oher is able to



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wished it for many, many kids whose families have plenty of money. The Tuohys were well-to-do and they used their resources to help Michael, but we all know their money did not just buy Michael a miracle. Despite what politicians on the left or the right think, money is not the answer.

Both sides of the political aisle think money will

fix the education problem in America. The right thinks that money is an incentive, and that if we create a system of competition and financial reward, our schools will improve. Show me someone who became a teacher because he is motivated by money, and I will show you someone who wouldn't be an effective teacher with all the money in the Bill Gate's Swiss bank account. Climbers are easily recognizable in teaching circles. They're the ones who talk a good game but cannot connect with the kids. Therefore, the kids do not perform well in their classes. They are few and far between. Thank God. To the folks who think teachers are complacent automatons who could do better with an incentive, I shake my head and imagine those folks trying to do my job for one day. Then I laugh inside. It's more fun than the old trick of imagining people in their underwear.

Almost more annoying to me than the opportunists jumping on the

blame-the-teachers bandwagon are the bleeding hearts who blame poverty. Some of my brightest, most curious, most focused students are poor. With free breakfast and free lunch and other assistance available, the deprivation that affects my classroom the most is the deprivation of values. Kids and parents having an anti-intellectual attitude and a lifestyle that provides no structure and no respect for learning. I grew up very poor, but my mother read to me. I grew up watching Nova, not Two and a Half Men. I was taught to value knowledge and creativity. My parents did not defend me if I did something wrong. My mother was my mother, not mybff. This is the real blind side. This is what politicians refuse to see.

Money can buy breakfast, but it cannot make sure a child eats it. Money can buy computers, but it cannot make sure a child turns off his computer and goes to bed at a decent hour. Money cannot keep families whole or fix a person's character. Money cannot put a child in her lap and read to him every night. I'm not Jesus or even Anne Sullivan, but I'm a good teacher. Still, I cannot make up for a child's life experience. I cannot take every child I love home with me and perform a Leigh Anne Tuohy miracle: the miracle of consistency, of structure, of security, of values, and of love. No test can measure that. No politician can legislate it. No voucher can buy it. That is the real blind side.

## Antiques Roadshow visits Knoxville

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Among the participants were Greg and Sarah Lawson, owners of Fountain City Auction. Lawson was in the photography business for 22 years, but when he began attending auctions 12 years ago, he found a new passion in antiques and collectibles. He later turned it into a successful business.

The Lawsons brought an automaton for appraisal. The item originally belonged to Captain Peter Burbank, a relative of the Vanderbilt family, from Staten Island, NY. He gave the musical dome as gift to his housekeeper. The Lawsons purchased the automaton at a local estate from the woman's great granddaughter.

"The automaton is believed to be made in Germany circa 1870-1880," Lawson told *The Focus*.

The automaton was valued between \$600-800.

They also took a 1902 working gem roller in its original packing which was appraised at \$300-\$500. "The Roadshow was very

well organized. It seemed we were in and out of lines in no time at all," Greg told *The Focus*.

"We'd definitely go again," said Sarah.

As part of the visit, Antiques Roadshow also taped field segments in and around Knoxville, highlighting local history and places of interest. These segments took place at the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, the Rhea County Courthouse in Dayton, and the McClung Museum in Knoxville proper.

From Roadshow's visit to Knoxville, three episodes of television will be created for inclusion in Season 18, airing in 2014. Antiques Roadshow, Season 18, will air on East Tennessee PBS Mondays at 8 p.m.

In addition to Knoxville, the 2013 summer tour cities have included Detroit, MI on June 1; Jacksonville, FL on June 8; Anaheim, CA on June 22; and Boise, ID on June 29. Still to come is Baton Rouge, LA on July 27; Kansas City, MO on August 10; and Richmond, VA on August 17.

## Severance named Second Congressional District Stateswoman of the Year

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of Tennessee. She then served on the staff of Governor Don Sundquist, serving as the Assistant Commissioner of the Dept. of Personnel. She also served as the Human Resource Manager for Knox County Government from 2000 - 2003. In 2010, Severance was the Knox County Campaign Co-Chair for Bill Haslam for Governor, and in 2011, she served as Chairperson of the Knox County Republican Party. Although a passionate Republican, Severance's accomplishments extend beyond politics.

She has also served on the University Of Tennessee School Of Music Advisory Board, the University of Tennessee Chancellors Associates, the Knoxville Opera Board, and the Knoxville Opera Guild Board, among others. Severance has received many awards and recognitions because of her commitment to these causes and



her tireless volunteer spirit, although Severance credits her success to a higher power.

"God continues to shower me with His blessings, and I am grateful for His guidance and presence in my life," Severance, a member of the First Baptist Church of Fountain City, told *The Focus*.

The 37th Tennessee Republican Party Statesmen's Dinner was held on July 12 at the Music City Center in downtown Nashville. This year's theme for the Statesmen's Dinner was "Celebrating Our State"—a look at how Tennessee and the Republican Party offer the opportunity for achievement to every individual.

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# KPD officers, employees honored

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch presented Officer Of the Month awards to six outstanding Knoxville Police Department officers and Outstanding Civilian Employees of the Month to two dedicated City Employees.

Officer Jeff Allgood and Officer Robert Cook were recognized as the January Officers of the Month. Officer Allgood has been with the Knoxville Police Department since June 2006; Officer Cook joined the department in August 2008.

While demonstrating patrol work to a cadet, Jeff Allgood noticed the smell of smoke in the 8800 block of Kingston Pike. Officer Allgood tracked the smoke down to a wooded area and discovered it was coming from a campfire at a homeless camp known to belong to Kevin Scrimager, aka Bicycle Red. Officer Allgood encountered a male and female at the camp, but could not locate Mr. Scrimager. The clean-cut, healthy looking pair's nice clothing and overly cordial demeanor seemed out of place for a homeless camp. A brief conversation with the pair brought more suspicion, and when Officer Allgood returned to his patrol car, he entered the couple's information into his laptop to continue his investigation.

It was quickly apparent that the couple had lied about their identities. The male, 38-year-old Gregory Paul Barner, was wanted in Texas by the FBI. The U.S. Marshal's Service also had outstanding warrants for



**Knoxville Police Department Officer James Gadd, center, was one of several officers and employees honored last Tuesday by Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch.**

his arrest. In addition, Barner was also wanted in several additional states for gun and drug charges. The female, 24-year-old Haley Tweed of Sevierville, had originally used her sister's information because she mistakenly thought there was a violation of probation warrant for her arrest.

Both Barner and Tweed were charged with Criminal Trespassing. Barner was also charged with Public Intoxication, Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest as well as the outstanding Federal warrants.

Officer Allgood shared the

arrest information with fellow officers including Officer Cook. The two officers revisited the site on several occasions yet were unsuccessful in locating Mr. Scrimager. On January 25, 2013, Officer Cook received a welfare check call in which the complainant stated they had not heard from Mr. Scrimager since January 8. Officer Cook contacted Officer Allgood to verify the location of the camp. Again, Mr. Scrimager could not be located. An expanded perimeter of search eventually led to the discovery of the deceased Mr. Scrimager approximately 40

yards from the camp among bicycles and debris wedged into a drainage pipe. The investigation indicated Mr. Scrimager had been fatally stabbed on January 8th."

Investigators were able to detain Barner before he was extradited to Texas while Tweed was located at a residence in Knoxville. Tweed was indicted by a Knox County Grand Jury for First Degree Murder. Barner will be charged with First Degree Murder once extradited back to Tennessee from Texas.

Chief Rausch said, "If it

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# Knox County Republican Party Picnic hosted by Halls Republican Club

By Lee Johnson, Halls Republican Club

The Halls Republican Club will be hosting a Knox County-wide Republican Party Picnic at Fountain City Park (adjoining Fountain City Lake) on July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. While Halls will be the primary host, all other area Republican clubs will be supporting this major event.

This family-friendly picnic will feature live music (Con Hunley plus The Chillbillies with Judge Tim Irwin); games like horse-shoes, badminton, and croquet; and an opportunity to show off your talents onstage.

There will be Buddy's barbecue lunches available--\$10 for adults (age 12+) with a discounted rate for younger children. Proceeds will go to Republican causes.

We have already heard from over 20 elected officials who plan to attend. Others, who plan to run for office, also plan to be there. This picnic will be a "meet and greet," and will be a great chance to have a "one-on-one" conversation with any of our local government officials.

For an event this size, we need volunteers. Please contact Jacob Swisher (865-200-0422) or Bob Crye (865-806-2361).

Everyone is invited to come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon in the Park--Fountain City Park!

# Visit Knoxville Board of Directors Renews President's Contract

The Visit Knoxville Board of Directors today voted and announced a contract renewal for the organization's President, Kim Bumpas. The new contract begins immediately and runs through June 2016.

The Board of Directors began discussing the renewal of Bumpas' contract several weeks ago. "Our board members have been

careful in evaluating Visit Knoxville's performance and are especially pleased with Kim's leadership in achieving outstanding results," said Bo Connor, Chair of Visit Knoxville Board of Directors. "We are happy that Kim, with her abilities, energy and proven track record, continues her commitment to our organization and

community." Over the past 18-months, Bumpas has lead Visit Knoxville through a restructuring process from the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation to Visit Knoxville. Named official President in July 2012, Bumpas began focusing on reinvigorating Knoxville as a travel destination for leisure travelers and

conventions. Bumpas has over 20 years in hotels, venues and destination marketing and has obtained the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program's elite certification of Certified Destination Management Executive (CDME). She is one of only two candidates in the state of Tennessee to achieve this honor. Bumpas also

serves on the Tennessee Tourism Committee and is recognized as a national and regional leader in the tourism industry. Bumpas is quick to credit the Board of Directors, tourism stakeholders, and Visit Knoxville staff for all the organization has accomplished over the last year. "The progressive

thinking of industry partners and board, together with our passionate staff at Visit Knoxville, make for a talented and effective team," said Bumpas. "The success we have and the difference we make is done as a team, not by one person, and I'm fortunate to continue to be a part of such exciting times of tourism in our community."

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# KPD officers, employees honored

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weren't for Officer Allgood's initial observations and continued investigation along with Officer Cook's extra efforts in searching the area around the campsite, this homicide would have likely gone unsolved. We congratulate them on a job well done."

Officer James Gadd, a veteran of KPD since March 1995, was named the February Officer of the Month. Officer Gadd's commitment and persistence led to the capture of a dangerous suspect in a case that would likely have gone unsolved.

On February 6, 2013, a citizen with severe head trauma appeared in the parking lot of a drug store on Chapman Highway. The victim was transported to

UT Medical Center where he was in critical condition and unable to provide any information about his injuries. A search of the crime scene by officers turned up empty handed.

Officer Gadd was briefed on the injured male when his shift began several hours later. On his own initiative Officer Gadd began searching the area including nearby businesses for any type of evidence that could help explain the injuries to the male. Within a short time, Officer Gadd discovered a jacket with blood on it in the parking lot of a business on Chapman Highway. It was determined the jacket did belong to the victim. Soon after, Officer Gadd discovered the victim's vehicle parked at an apartment

complex.

With the information Officer Gadd gained from the jacket and the recovery of the victim's vehicle, Investigator Brian Moran was able to locate a crime scene along with witnesses to the crime. As a result, Investigator Moran was able to charge the suspect, Mark Cripps, with Attempted First Degree Murder.

"This is an example of Officer Gadd's commitment to the job on a call that did not occur on his shift, but needed the extra attention in order for the crime to be solved," said Chief Rausch.

Captain Don Jones and Officers Travis Shuler and Robert Capouellez the April Officers of the Month. Captain Jones has been with the department since November 1986. Officer Shuler has been with KPD since December 1998 while Officer Capouellez has been a member since August 2008.

While responding to a suspicious person call in an apartment complex on Cresthill Drive, Officer Capouellez located a suspect committing a vehicle burglary. As Officer Capouellez pursued the suspect on foot a second suspect fled the area in a tan Cadillac. During the chase Officer Capouellez was able to relay information on both suspects including the description of the vehicle to responding officers.

Captain Jones immediately responded to the area. Based on the

description of the vehicle provided by Officer Capouellez, Captain Jones spotted the car at a business on Kingston Pike. Captain Jones followed the vehicle as it drove through the West Hills neighborhood. When the vehicle came to a dead end street, the suspect fled on foot from the car.

Using his detailed knowledge of the neighborhood, Officer Shuler immediately responded to the area he believed the suspect would run toward. Officer Shuler quickly apprehended the suspect.

The suspect, Charles Chandler, Jr., was charged with Vehicle Burglary, Evading Arrest, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Driving While Privileges Suspended. Chandler had just been arrested in February for a vehicle burglary in another apartment complex.

Chief Rausch said, "Each officer played a pivotal role in apprehending this

suspect who was continuing to victimize our citizens. Their team effort made the city safer by taking this repeat offender off the street and prevented the victimization of other law abiding citizens."

Cadet Josh Compton was named the Civilian Employee of the Month for April. Cadet Compton has been with the Knoxville Police Department since July 2011.

While working parking enforcement at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and 12th Street, Cadet Compton observed a Chevrolet pickup truck with a significant amount of chrome travelling east on Laurel Avenue. The truck attempted a left turn onto 12th Street striking the curb in the process. The driver of the truck over-corrected in response, traveled across 12th Street, and then struck a parked vehicle. The truck immediately left the scene.

Cadet Compton realizing

he would be unable to catch the truck from his bicycle, immediately relayed the vehicle's description, location and direction of travel to other officers which led Officer Caleb Crothers to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle travelling on Grand Avenue that matched the description given by Cadet Compton.

Cadet Compton responded to the traffic stop scene and confirmed the stopped vehicle was indeed the same vehicle involved in the hit-and-run. The 19-year-old driver of the truck smelled of marijuana. After a positive hit on the vehicle by a K-9, a search of the vehicle yielded a glass pipe with burnt marijuana residue and an open bottle of liquor. The driver, Justin Dorned (DOB 4-22-93), was arrested and charged with DUI and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Chief Rausch said, "Due to Cadet Compton's quick

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## School Board Tours Carter Elementary

Knox County Schools Facility Management Supervisor Doug Dillingham, right, gave members of the Knox County Board of Education a tour Carter Elementary School, located at 8455 Strawberry Plains Pike, on Tuesday, July 9. Photo by Dan Andrews.

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# Governor Prentice Cooper Chapter III

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill

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The administration of Governor Prentice Cooper, unlike that of his predecessor Gordon Browning, had been relatively quiet. Cooper and Browning were as different in temperament as they were in appearance. Gordon Browning was a big, bluff man with a shock of hair swept back from his forehead with a tendency to being stout, as Browning loved to eat. Cooper was not quite 5'6 and his weight hovered around 145 pounds with a full head of hair meticulously parted and neatly combed. Browning was an excellent speaker, a veteran of the rough and tumble of Tennessee politics, while Cooper's own speeches were burdened with what some considered to be an excessive use of facts and figures. While Cooper's speeches might have been educational, they were not exactly exciting.

With an appearance and demeanor much like an accountant, perhaps it was hardly surprising Governor Cooper had managed to bring Tennessee's budget under control. There was little doubt Cooper would seek a second two-year term in 1940 and once again he was to be part of another "coalition" ticket. This time

Governor Cooper would run with Senator K. D. McKellar and Utilities Commissioner Porter Dunlap. Cooper drew an opponent in the form of Knoxville Mayor George Dempster, but the governor clearly did not view Dempster as a significant threat to his reelection.

While Dempster maintained a busy speaking schedule, traveling to most, if not all, of Tennessee's ninety-five counties, Cooper's own campaign announced the governor might not even make a single speech in his reelection bid. By the middle of July 1940, only 20,000 pamphlets had been printed in support of the coalition ticket and those were distributed to leaders in each of Tennessee's counties to be redistributed to voters.

Senator McKellar had no serious opposition of any kind in the primary, opposed only by perennial candidate John R. Neal of Knoxville. Dunlap had been on the Utilities Commission for quite sometime and was expected to easily win renomination in the Democratic primary.

George Dempster, while waging a more conventional campaign, was not exactly setting audiences on fire with his charges that the Cooper administration was dominated by the Crump machine and the governor's campaign was funded largely through contributions from state employees, a charge Governor Cooper denied.

Dempster's campaign manager boldly predicted his candidate would go into Shelby County with a majority of the vote. The Cooper campaign snorted at the

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claim, saying Dempster would not even carry his home county of Knox.

Governor Cooper concentrated on "nonpolitical" appearances and publicity to promote his reelection campaign. Photos of Prentice Cooper shaking hands with movie producer Jesse Lasky, Jr. as Alvin York, an iconic figure in the Volunteer State, signed a contract appeared in newspapers all across Tennessee. The famous Sergeant York was widely admired throughout Tennessee and many newspaper accounts referred to Prentice Cooper as York's "advisor". It was an association which clearly did not hurt the governor's reputation.

Actress Mary Howard, who had appeared in the movie "Abe Lincoln In Illinois", came to visit Governor Cooper along with her mother at the governor's mansion on Valentine's Day. "Abe Lincoln In Illinois" had premiered at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate and Governor Cooper had met Miss Howard on that occasion and issued an invitation for her to visit the governor's residence.

The governor used his incumbency wisely, making many visits for dedications and announcements in various Tennessee communities. Cooper was accompanied on several occasions by his Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard, Thomas Frazier. Tom Frazier was the son of former governor and U. S. Senator James B. Frazier and the brother of J. B. Frazier, Jr. who was then the U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

attended the Democratic National Convention that year, along with National Committeeman E. H. Crump, Senator K. D. McKellar and most of Tennessee's Congressional delegation. Despite denying any interest in a third term, it was obvious to just about every Democrat that Franklin Delano Roosevelt would be renominated. Senator McKellar had already endorsed FDR and while speaking before a caucus of the Tennessee delegates to the national convention, opined that the best choice for vice president was Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Disclaiming any knowledge of whom the President might select as his running mate, McKellar expressed confidence that Roosevelt would choose the stately Hull for the vice presidential nomination.

One thing was certain; FDR's incumbent Vice President, John Nance Garner of Texas, was going home to Uvalde. Disgusted with the notion of a third term for any man, Garner had tried to compete with Roosevelt for the presidential nomination in 1940 without success. Senator McKellar concluded even if FDR did not pick Hull as his running mate, there were other qualified Tennesseans for the place, "including Mr. Crump".

The Memphis Boss, while enjoying the compliment, dismissed the notion he would allow his name to be placed before the convention. The Tennessee delegation, like many gathered at the convention, were horrified when President Roosevelt chose Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace as his running mate. The

convention quite nearly rebelled at the notion of nomination Wallace, who had been a Republican most of his life, and FDR had to threaten to refuse the presidential nomination if the delegates did not accept his choice.

Back home in Tennessee, Governor Cooper's election strategy worked beautifully as he crushed George Dempster in the Democratic primary. Cooper had won a second term and as he approached the end of that term, the United States was deeply embroiled in the Second World War.

Prentice Cooper, under Tennessee State law, could seek another two-year term as governor, although no incumbent had won a third consecutive term in almost one hundred years. Cooper was eyeing the Senate seat held by Tom Stewart, who would be up for reelection that same year. Governor Cooper's senatorial ambitions were apparently stifled by K. D. McKellar. Senator McKellar enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Stewart who was largely content to follow McKellar's lead on most issues. Cooper was also close to Senator McKellar and when E. H. Crump began grumbling that the state administration was being unfair to Memphis and Shelby County, it was McKellar who approached the governor to work things out.

When it became readily clear Senator McKellar would not support Cooper for the Senate, he opted to seek a third term as governor in 1942. Cooper's path to reelection that year was more complicated, as he drew a serious opponent in

J. Ridley Mitchell. Mitchell had served in the Congress from 1931-39, giving up his seat to run a quixotic race for the U. S. Senate in 1938. Despite having run third in the 1938 Senate race, Mitchell had made a very strong showing in his native Middle Tennessee.

The contrast between Prentice Cooper and J. Ridley Mitchell could not have been greater; Mitchell was tall, bald, and distinguished. The former Congressman was also a very good speaker and possessed a demeanor one expects of a successful politician. His successor in Congress, Albert Gore, Sr. described Mitchell as the sort of politician who could promise every constituent a new post office and then make them happy when the promised post office never materialized. Prentice Cooper was diminutive, short tempered, with a full head of carefully combed hair. Cooper was not necessarily a good stump speaker, nor was he overly impressive, although he was clearly a good administrator.

Former Congressman Mitchell had offered himself as the "harmony" candidate during the 1938 senatorial election, the only position left in the war between the McKellar - Crump axis and that of Governor Gordon Browning's state machine. To run against Governor Cooper, Mitchell reinvented himself as an opponent of the Crump organization.

Cooper officially announced his reelection bid on April 17, 1942; Ridley Mitchell followed suit the very next day. Both Cooper and Mitchell promised to end the poll tax if elected. Mitchell, true to form, had

something for everyone in his platform. The former Congressman said he recognized the deficiencies in Tennessee's educational system and promised to bring about needed reforms. Mitchell said he would strongly support the TVA and would closely adhere to the "business-like" principles of former Governor Gordon Browning in terms of not only expenditures, but personnel as well.

In his announcement he was running for governor, J. Ridley Mitchell directly challenged Crump, saying the Memphis Boss wanted to keep Prentice Cooper in office to maintain his control of the state. Mitchell said his election would save the people of Tennessee from the "tyrannical dictatorship" of E. H. Crump.

Mitchell's candidacy did not afford Governor Cooper the luxury of running a casual campaign. Prentice Cooper was soon forced to campaign hard, as Tennesseans had proven to be reluctant in granting an incumbent governor a third consecutive term. For the third time, a "coalition" ticket was formed, consisting of Cooper for governor, Tom Stewart for U. S. Senate and Leon Jourolman for Utilities Commissioner. Senator Stewart was himself facing a determined challenge from Edward W. "Ned" Carmack, son of the slain former Senator Edward W. Carmack.

The war was not going well for the allied forces in 1942 and voters were restive. Many incumbents all across the nation would face defeat in the election that year. Mitchell's campaign bought ads in Tennessee newspapers underscoring the theme of freedom, asking voters, "We are fighting a war for freedom, why not vote for that same freedom?" Mitchell's ads urged voters to "Beat Dictator Crump!"

Not surprisingly, Mitchell soon received an endorsement from former Governor Gordon Browning. Since leaving office in 1939, Browning had returned home to Huntingdon, Tennessee. Browning had been elected Judge of the Chancery Court, a position that had been occupied by another former governor, Tom C. Rye. With Rye's retirement, Browning was elected to an eight-year term in 1940.

Browning's endorsement of J. Ridley Mitchell was his first foray into state politics since his humiliating defeat by Prentice Cooper in 1938, a fact Browning himself mentioned during his speech at McKenzie, Tennessee. Browning's praise of Mitchell drew a quick response from E. H. Crump who dismissed the former Congressman as "a professional office-seeker". Crump pointed out Browning's decrying dictatorship after his own bid to impose a county-unit plan and disenfranchise voters as well as control the state's election machinery was hypocritical. Crump sniffed that no intelligent voter could trust Browning's "head, his heart or his hand". The Memphis Boss said that both Browning and Mitchell objected to the fact Governor Cooper had provided the people of Tennessee with an honest and efficient government.

The battle for Prentice Cooper's third term was well under way.

# Exploring Nature's Oddities

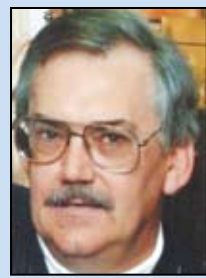
We live in such a naturally diverse area, with lakes, mountains, rivers, caves, bluffs, many kinds of wildlife, a huge assortment of trees and plants. Yet, among all

these natural things there are some really odd places we can visit within a day's drive.

You'd never think of our area as being volcanic, but here and there are reminders that, at one time, we were. Occasional earthquakes shake us a bit and we understand that the earth is constantly moving even here. Yet there are more things that can also remind and surprise us.

Ebbing and Flowing Spring, near Rogersville, gushes forth on schedule with an issue of clear spring water. The water is cold and fresh and no one really knows why it flows sometimes and not other times. It's located on the old Amee homestead next to Big Creek and was a popular gathering place for frontier militia. Nearby is an actual, authentic, one-room school house and the drive there, up Highway 11 or Rutledge Pike, takes you by Shield's Station, the various Granger County Tomato farms, Tate Springs, Bean Station, and Mooresburg. You can also get a peek at some of the old marble quarries along the way.

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Every 2 hours and 47 minutes the spring flows, releasing about 500 gallons of water a minute. On the grounds of the spring is an old church built

by the family and a one-room school.

What causes the ebb and flow isn't known and the water is cold, so there must be some type of barrier beneath the earth that fills up and then empties.

If you'd like to visit you just follow Highway 11W to Rogersville, go downtown and follow the street thru town to Burem Road, bearing right until you get Amis House Historical Marker. Turn left on Ebb & Flowing Spring Rd. and look for the remains of an old mill dam.

For more information you can Google the Chamber of Commerce there at hawkinschamber@chartertn.net or call (423)921-9105.

There's an Ebb and Flow Spring closer to Knoxville in Martel Estates near Muddy Creek just inside Loudon County.

For anyone looking for a really unusual natural "water" attraction there's an oddity near Old Fort, N.C. that's often overlooked by travelers. Old Fort was the site of a Revolutionary War fort and is a small town just off Interstate 40 at the base of the



Andrew's Geyser was once part of a huge resort near Old Fort, N.C. The resort is long gone but the fountain or "geyser" has been restored and is work a drive from the little town just off I-40 east of Asheville.

mountain beyond Asheville and features a huge arrowhead, the reconstructed fort, nearby waterfalls and shops, a couple festivals each year, and a few miles out of town: Andrew's Geyser.

At one time, many years ago as the railroad came through the area, an industrialist had an idea to build a resort about half way up the mountain. The hotel was a popular retreat and train stop but, by 1903 or so the resort burned. All that remained was the fountain at the bottom of the peak. Years later the plumbing and mountain-side dams were restored and the fountain moved to its current location. Think of it as an artesian well, the water coming from high above and across the valley and spiring up into the air in the round fountain in the valley.

You can get more

information about it by Googling "Andrews Geyser" or going to <http://www.visittoldfort.com>.

If it's something a little more "volcanic" in our region than you should take a day trip to Hot Springs, N.C. just northeast of Asheville or east of Newport. In the early 1800's a resort developed there and, over years, several. During the years thousands of people visited to "take the waters" and today you can still do so in individual cabins. Given that the Appalachian Trail passes through the town and Pisgah National Forest is nearby, there's a growing popularity of the old resort town.

But, did you know there are other Hot Springs within a day's drive of Knoxville? Bet you didn't.

Hot Springs, Virginia, with pools that Thomas Jefferson visited, is a

little known Historic town. There's not only the hot, or warm springs, but dining in the old courtroom, The old Warwick Mansion in Hidden Valley, and relics of the one-time glory. The Hot Springs Historic Districts is located off Interstate 81 to Interstate 63 to Highway 220 North.

You might want to contact "The Homestead" resort there and book a room. Between Atlanta and Columbus, Ga., is Warm Springs, where President Franklin Roosevelt sought relief from his crippling illness. Warm Springs Village features antiques, crafts, etc. and some of the town's buildings are more than 100 years old. The area Also features Roosevelt's "Little White House," a covered bridge, The Springs Complex is open daily for tours.

## KPD officers, employees

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decisions in this rapidly-evolving situation, the intoxicated driver was stopped and brought to justice before he had the opportunity to hurt any innocent citizens. Congratulations on a job well done."

Transportation Officer Earnest Sealy was recognized as the January Civilian Employee of the Month for the Knoxville Police Department. Sealy has been with KPD since August 2005.

Chief Rausch said, "Transportation Officer Sealy consistently goes above and beyond his expected duties by assisting with administrative issues for the transportation unit."

Most of these activities are completed on his personal time and include: Development of the work schedule and rotation schedule for the six transportation officers, development of the Field Training Program for newly hired transportation officers, creating a procedure list for patrol officers who fill in as transportation officers to follow which makes their service more effective and efficient, the researched handheld metal detectors to include reviews, dealers, prices, and product information, the research of procedures and equipment to help eliminate the possibility of prisoners moving their cuffed hands from the back to the front.

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## Webb to coach Lady Beavers softball team

By Ken Lay

Brittany Webb may be a new face at Karns High School but she's certainly no stranger to the District 3-AAA softball scene.

Webb, a 2007 Central High School graduate, was named to coach the Lady Beavers last week. She played her final two high school seasons in Fountain City where she and the Lady Bobcats reached consecutive Class AAA State Tournaments.

She was a two-time all-

state third baseman at Central. Before arriving at Central, she played her freshman and sophomore seasons at Halls High School.

Webb, who spent last season as an assistant coach at Seymour, is eager to take over at Karns, where she'll be the Lady Beavers' third coach in as many seasons.

"I'm really excited to be able to coach in a great district," said Webb, who replaces Kristy Hutson,

who spent just one season as Karns High's coach. "Karns has always been a top contender and when I played at Central, Karns was always tough to play."

Hutson inherited a program that had won three consecutive District 3-AAA Tournament titles. She replaced Judy Siebert, who resigned following the 2012 season.

Hutson, who teaches at Bearden Middle School and is an assistant girls basketball coach at Karns,

guided the softball squad to a 22-14 record.

Webb, meanwhile, was a part of a Seymour team that reached its third consecutive Class AAA State Tournament.

She's hoping to guide the Lady Beavers to a State Tournament appearance.

"I'm excited about this position to head up this program and help them keep their tradition," said Webb, who played third base during her high school career. "I'm looking

forward to coming in and just establishing that we're there to win.

"I want to help these kids. I want them to have a good time playing softball because I enjoyed playing at Central and I've played ever since I was four and never missed a season until after college. It's all about helping kids with not just softball, but with life in general."

After high school, Webb went on to Tennessee State, where she was

named all-Ohio Valley Conference twice and was a four-time member of the OVC's all-academic team.

After her playing days, she served as a student-assistant with the Lady Tigers.

She will teach special education at Karns after spending the 2012-13 school year as a teaching assistant in Central's special education program.

## Still Some Bad Guys in Sports...

By Alex Norman

Last week I dropped some serious knowledge on you good people with an article titled "Still Some Good Guys in Sports."

This week I'm back with an article titled "Still Some Bad Guys in Sports."

I'm nothing if not consistent...

Recently Urban Meyer made it a mission to find ways to absolve himself of any blame with regards to Aaron Hernandez.

Hernandez, a former Florida standout that left the Gators and was a fourth round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 2010, has been charged with murder.

No one in their right mind believes that Meyer holds responsibility for that alleged crime. But Meyer's discipline record when it comes to the three years was Hernandez's coach has been criticized. And I think it is a fair question to ask...

Had Meyer been more effective with Hernandez while he was in charge, could Hernandez's life turned out differently?

Meyer might get the benefit of the doubt if he had

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*"The racquets have been my friends." — Louis Royal*



Head coach Louis Royal (top left) poses with his University of Tennessee 1970 tennis team, which captured the Southeastern Conference championship. Starting with the player to Royal's left and going clockwise, the Vols are Ed Pickett, Charlie Hodges, Earl Freeman, Robert Van Malder, Tommy Mozur, Scott Letellier, Jim Ward and Bill Monan.

## Former tennis player, coach, and teacher is still a fan of the game he loves

By Steve Williams

Louis Royal enjoys talking tennis. The former University of Tennessee player and head coach and longtime teacher of the game has many stories. It was also around this time of the year, summertime, that many of his memories were made.

Englishman Andy Murray's recent

Wimbledon championship led to Royal recalling one of his earliest special times in the sport. As a 12-year-old in 1946, Royal said he got to see Fred Perry play in a professional tournament in Chattanooga. Perry was Wimbledon champion in 1936, the last time a Great Britain player had won the game's greatest trophy prior to this year.

This fact alone – that he had seen the English player on the front end of that 77-year connection – reveals Royal's unique perspective of tennis.

"I may have been a ball boy for him," said Royal. "I don't remember for sure, but I was a ball boy at 12 years old. He had beautiful

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## 32nd GREATER KNOXVILLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame continued its tradition of honoring the area's finest athletes at the dinner and induction ceremony on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Professional NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon was the keynote speaker and was introduced by commentator Dr. Jerry Punch, pictured.

Each year, ten individuals with ties to the Greater Knoxville region are inducted into the Hall of Fame for their achievements in athletics. The Hall of Fame Class of 2013 includes Neil Clabo, Doyle Human, Ed Irvin, Bernadette Locke-Mattox, Holland Phillips, Mary Ellis Richardson, Bill Schmidt, Jay Searcy, George Underwood and Virginia McGrath Weaver.

## Irish golf teams look to 'make a splash' in new district

By Ken Lay

The more things change for the Catholic High School golf teams, the more they stay the same.

The Irish and Lady Irish will compete in Class A/AA after spending the last four years in District 4-AAA. That district was comprised of perennial state powerhouse Farragut along with Maryville and Bearden.

Once the Irish made it to regional play, they had to compete with the Admirals, Bulldogs and Rebels along with District 3-AAA powers Halls, Powell, Central and Hardin Valley.

Despite the re-classification, Catholic will be in another tough conference (District 4-A/AA) with the likes of Alcoa and Christian Academy of Knoxville.

"I've talked to CAK's coach. We've played them a lot over the years when we were in Triple-A, and I've talked to Alcoa's coach and those seem to be the teams that everyone is pretty much gunning for," said Irish third-year head coach Adam Walker said. "I kind of look at this as an opportunity for us to make an impact."

"We're looking to make a splash in a new division."

The Catholic boys have three returners from the 2012 squad. Junior Matt Holloway looks to be the team's No. 1 player. Senior Mack Padgett and sophomore Eli Cox also are back.

That trio will be joined by a quartet of freshmen including Kyle Cottam, Andy Mountain, Tyler Seddersen

and Tyler Parker.

Despite the youth on Catholic's boys squad, Walker has some lofty expectations.

"Our biggest thing is getting to State as a team," he said. "Last year, we put on a show in a horrible monsoon at the district tournament."

"This is the first year that we've seen a mix of new talent. It's good because it will mix things up. We have some good eighth graders who are incoming freshmen and they will have the other players elevate their game too."

The Irish will open their 2013 campaign on July 23 with a match at Holston Hills against Powell and defending District 3-AAA Champion Hardin Valley Academy.

Meanwhile the Lady Irish's 2013 squad is comprised of a pair of returners who enjoyed success last season. The duo of senior Alexa Pavon is back along with sophomore Madison Ray.

Both are battle-tested and had impressive efforts at the District 4-AAA Tournament last season. Their season was halted at the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

"Last year was really great for Madison because she competed as a freshman," Walker said. "Alexa is a steady eddy."

"Last year was fantastic for both our boys and girls. I look forward to maybe getting some more girls out over the next couple of years."

The Lady Irish open their season on Aug. 1 at Gettysville Country Club against Maryville and Hardin Valley Academy.

## Expectations high for HVA golf team in 2013

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's golf team dethroned Halls as District 3-AAA Champion in 2012.

The Hawks again have high hopes in 2013. They will not, however, have the chance to defend their title.

Re-alignment has forced Hardin Valley to move to District 4-AAA. There, the Hawks will have to compete with perennial state powerhouse Farragut, Bearden and Maryville.

"Playing against Halls and some of the other talented individuals in District 3-AAA has prepared us to play in District 4-AAA," said Shane Chambers, who will soon open his fifth season as HVA's golf coach. "We're in transition."

"We're leaving one tough district and going into another one and our golfers are looking forward to this."

Time will tell whether the Hawks can dethrone the Admirals as district champions (as they did to the Red Devils last season), but Hardin Valley returns a talented and battle-tested nucleus from last year's squad that rose to the top of the District 3-AAA Tournament field.

Hardin Valley's top three players all posted Top-10 finishes in last year's District 3-AAA Tournament. Junior Graham Gosselin won the district title last season. He prevailed on the third playoff hole. He edged teammate Tyler

Johnson.

Johnson is back for his senior season in 2013. Junior Harris Dodson, who also posted a strong district finish, also returns.

In addition to those players, the Hawks have three veteran sophomores who will be looking to make an impact by season's end. That group includes Cooper Atteberry, Sam Jones and Tyler Van De Griff. Newcomer Anthony Marcinelli, a junior, will join the team this season.

Chambers said he knows that he has a talented group of golfers. He and his team are looking forward to the upcoming campaign.

"This is a great time of the year," Chambers said. "Golf is starting up and school is getting ready to start."

"Summer has started to get boring for these kids."

The expectations remain high for the Hawks.

"Wes Gosselin and Hunter Arnold, who graduated recently, have set up our program and we're hoping that we can win the district, win the region and represent Hardin Valley in the State Tournament," Chambers said. "Farragut has gone to the state multiple times and they've won it."

"That's what we're looking to do."

The Hawks open their season on July 22. They'll take on Clinton, Campbell County and the host Powell Panthers at Beaverbrook Country Club.

## 'Experienced' 'Cats aim for Region Tourney

By Ken Lay

When Central High School golf coach Tony Patterson talks about his 2013 boys team, one word comes to his mind.

The word is "experience."

"This is the most experienced team that I've had since I've been here," said Patterson, who will soon open his 10<sup>th</sup> season as the Bobcats golf coach.

"Our goal is to make it to the region tournament like it is and if our guys can play the way they're capable of playing, we'll get there."

The Bobcats are not only battle-tested, they're also deep. Central's boys squad is comprised of 10 players, including six returners from last year's squad. That team finished fourth in the District 3-AAA Tournament and came up just short of reaching the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

The 'Cats have three returning seniors in Stephen Hill, Brogan Newgent and Ryan Cardwell. Hill and Newgent have both been in Patterson's program in each of the three previous seasons while Cardwell begins his second season at Central.

Juniors Hayden Settle and Phillip Campbell also return along with sophomore Julian Ball.

District re-alignment has sent defending champion Hardin Valley to District 4-AAA, seemingly opening the competition a bit. The Hawks dethroned Halls last season after the Red Devils had one several consecutive district titles.

The Gibbs Eagles replace HVA in the district, which also includes Clinton, Oak Ridge, Powell, Campbell County and Anderson County. Gibbs had success in District 3-A/AA and Patterson said he feels that the Eagles will provide some stiff competition.

"Hardin Valley has a great program but Gibbs has a good program too," Patterson said. "Our district doesn't get any easier with Gibbs coming in."

"These two districts and our region are the toughest around. If you get out of our region, and you make it to the state, then you've done something."

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## Farragut golfers look to continue winning tradition

By Ken Lay

Both Farragut High School golf team reached the Class AAA State Tournament last season.

The Admirals and Lady Admirals, however, saw their top players graduate as Stuart Thomas and Teleri Hughes have moved on. Hughes, who was recently honored by the Greater Knoxville Area Boys and Girls Club, will play for the University of Tennessee this season.

Thomas and Hughes may be gone but Farragut has lofty expectations again in 2013. Among those expectations is ending the season in Murfreesboro.

The Admirals and Lady Admirals have some youthful experience and coach Jonathan Cox, who begins his fifth season, is looking for both of his squads to repeat last season's success.

The boys team's top five

players are sophomores and juniors.

Juniors Mark Dalton won the Region 2-AAA Tournament last season. Fellow junior Connor McKay recently posted a Top-10 finish at the Southern Junior Tournament.

That duo will be joined by a trio of elite sophomores including Brian Clark, Tyler Johnson and Chip Thomas (Stuart's younger brother who played last season).

"Those five guys are going to shoulder the load," Cox said. "We're continuing the tradition of having a Thomas on the Farragut High School golf team."

"It's going to be an interesting year because we have a young team that has experience. I have a strong sophomore class."

That may be the understatement of the season. Cox says his sophomores are good. All of them are Top-10 golfers in the state.

The task of replacing Stuart Thomas will be huge for the Admirals.

"Any time you lose a guy like Stuart Thomas, you have some huge shoes to fill," Cox said. "No one guy can do that. We'll need everybody."

Meanwhile, the Lady Admirals will be in a similar position. Hughes' departure leaves an enormous void for them.

Farragut has two returners in juniors Kayland Boling and Elizabeth Keeling. Boling won the Region 2-AAA Championship and Keeling had a solid season and helped the Lady Admirals reach the State Tournament.

"I don't look at those girls as juniors," Cox said. "Those two have been around for a long time and they know what I expect and I know what to expect from them."

What Cox expects is stellar play.

"Kayland was all-state last year and Elizabeth played solid golf to help us get to the state," he said.

The third spot is up for grabs with a pair of freshmen battling occupy that slot. Ashley Honey and Katherine Fu are vying for the position.

"These girls have known for a year that this spot was going to be open," Cox said. "They knew that whoever worked harder would be important for us to make another deep run."

Re-alignment will factor into District 4-AAA in 2013. Catholic is out and the Hardin Valley Academy Hawks are in. The Irish posted solid performances but Cox said things will be tougher with the Hawks in the mix.

"Any time you add a school that's as big as Hardin Valley, it makes things tougher," he said. "They're growing and they're getting better every year."

"Having Hardin Valley makes our district tougher."

Farragut's teams will open their season on July 30 at the Prep Xtra Tournament. The two-day event opens at Sevierville Country Club and concludes at Oak Ridge Country Club.

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# WIDNER: Going Wide for Rebounds

In the spring of 1964, Coach Bob Dagley had just completed his first year of coaching at Gibbs High School. They started practicing basketball again with those who would make up the 1964-65 team. The coach always scrimmaged other schools, but especially liked to scrimmage Kingston. "They were in the state tournament most every year," he said. "I knew if we could compete with them, we could have a good team." His Eagles practiced one night and played one night each week during Knoxville's summer basketball league, also.

The second year coach was enjoying his role at Gibbs. "Over the summer and early in the fall, I began to see those



By **Ralphine Major**  
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skinny players start to grow, muscle up, and become more confident," he said. "But, one player bothered me because I felt he had a lot more to give than he was showing me. I felt that most of the players were more serious about basketball than he was." This young coach was about to go to another level of coaching, beyond defense and diagramed plays. He cared about his players and could not bear to see this player's talent go untapped. "One day after the others had gone to shower, I kept him on the court to talk to him," Dagley said. "I told him that we had a chance to have a real good ball club, but he was one of the keys to it. If he continued like he was, we would

only have an average team. But, if he would put his best effort into it, we would have a real good team," the coach added.

"I don't recall that he ever said a word, but just looked down," Dagley remembers. "I noticed tears coming in his eyes. I reassured him of how important he was to the success of the team. That player was a senior forward, David Widner."

I remembered watching Widner play and was anxious to talk to him. I called No. 24. "What kind of coach was Dagley?" I asked him.

"Serious," he replied.

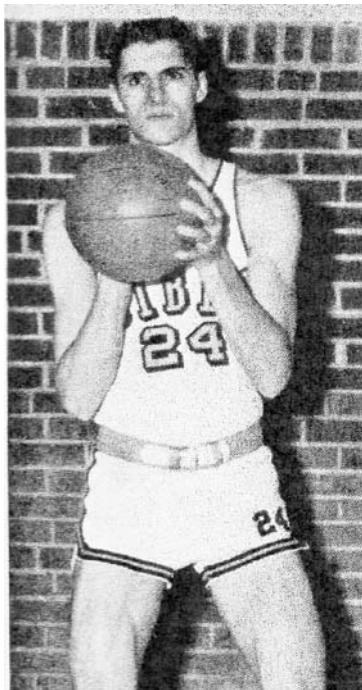
The description fit Dagley, but I always thought Widner had the serious look of a competitor, too.

"I don't ever recall having to get after him again for his lack of effort." Dagley said. "Just

overnight I could see how aggressive he was becoming, especially in rebounding. He believed that every rebound belonged to him and he fought for it. You cannot find fault with a player for being that aggressive in rebounding." Many times, when the outside shots from his teammates did not go in, David was good at tipping them in—all to the delight of Eagles' fans!

"We did our best," Widner told me. It is a reoccurring theme from every player I talk to: they worked hard for their beloved coach. While Widner's competitive spirit certainly pleased Dagley, the coach had a problem.

(Next week continues with Part II. This is No. 12 in the series about the Gibbs Eagles' amazing 1964-65 season.)



Picture of David Widner from the 1965 Gibbs High School Yearbook.

## Former tennis player, coach, and teacher is still a fan of the game he loves

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tennis strokes, even at that time, I remember."

Bobby Riggs and Bill Tilden also played in the tournament, said Royal. "Tilden was in his 50s and had won about six or seven national championships in the 1920s when he was the No. 1 player in the world. Riggs had won Wimbledon. (Many years later, in 1973, Riggs gained even greater fame, playing Billie Jean King in the Battle of the Sexes.)

"This was a big tournament. They had a lot of Coca-Cola money in Chattanooga. They were probably sponsoring it, and probably paid the winner three or four hundred dollars, which at that time was a lot of money."

Royal had moved to Chattanooga from Greeneville in 1943 when his father, John Austin Royal, got a job with the Internal Revenue Service. A young Louis "fell in love" with tennis at nearby Citizens Park.

"A very famous Civil War cemetery was there," said Royal. "At the end of the cemetery were two little clay tennis courts. You also could pitch horseshoes or play baseball or kickball or shoot marbles. There must have been 100 youngsters hitting tennis balls. I was nine. Naturally, I got beat a lot, so you'd have to get back in line."

Nearby was a storage building with a smooth inside, and Royal told of hitting a tennis ball time and time again off that wall, as it bounced back to him. "I would go up there, because I just loved it, and I would start hittin.' My daddy had bought me a tennis racquet for 98 cents, and I wore that baby out," he added, laughing.

Royal's accuracy became so sharp, "I got somebody to stand up there where I could outline them," he recalled.

"Later on, they had a little tournament at the park. I didn't know what a tournament was, but I won it. Then you had to go play against the other parks' winners... I got my picture in the newspaper."

Royal's tennis career as a player was on its way. At age 14, he won the Tennessee state boys championship. He was ranked No. 2 in the South and No. 16 in the nation in 1949. The following year, he won the State 18-under at age 16 at Tyson Park in Knoxville.

Royal became an outstanding high school player at Baylor, which was an all-boys military academy when he was there. He also played middle linebacker on the football team and hit .517 as a second baseman in baseball.

"But I found out I better stick to tennis," after going up against a tough left-hander from Columbia Academy in the Mid-South Conference championship game, he recalled. "That pitcher ate me up."

Royal lettered in tennis as a freshman at Vanderbilt in 1954. He then served two years in the Army before resuming his collegiate career at Tennessee, where he played No. 1 singles for the Vols for three seasons and was seeded No. 4 in the SEC tourney as a senior in 1960.

"I was a good player, but not a great player," summed up Royal.

Tommy Bartlett was UT's head tennis coach at that time, but also had his hands full as one of Ray Mears' assistants in basketball. Royal became a valuable assistant to Bartlett, helping

pick up the slack. The two, who have become best of friends over the years, had earlier teamed together to win the 1962 State doubles title.

Royal became UT's head coach in 1968. "We played with wooden racquets," he said. "It was a different game back then than it is now."

Royal's 1970 squad, led by two-time All-American Tommy Mozur of Sweetwater, captured the SEC championship. Royal finished with a nine-year 120-69-1 overall record and 38-24 SEC mark.

"Georgia, over the last 25, 30 or 40 years, has been the best in the conference," admitted Royal. "Before that, it was Tulane, but they got out of the SEC."

For the record, Georgia has captured 27 SEC regular season titles and nine SEC tourney championships. Tennessee and Florida are a distant second, with 13 combined conference crowns. From 1939 through 1964, Tulane won 18 SEC tourney titles.

Royal recalled an emotional battle at Georgia in 1972 in which he had to stop a physical altercation between one of his players and a Georgia player, Manuel Diaz, who is now the Bulldogs' head coach.

"We were playing a doubles match," said Royal. "Georgia had won the first set. The next point won would be match point for Georgia or set point for Tennessee. Our player, Paul Van Min, has a return shot right at the top of the net. Instead of just hitting it right into them, he hits a flipping lob, and the Georgia boy is running back, and as soon as the ball lands, he hollers, 'Out!' Well, the match is over." But not the action.

Royal continues: "My

player, Bob Peirce, who is standing beside me, climbs over the fence and drops down onto the court and screams, 'The ball is good!'

"You had about 5,000 fans there. Georgia would draw that many to a tennis match. I had to run past two other courts, and by the time I got there, the present coach of Georgia (Diaz) and Peirce, who wasn't even in the match, had a hold of each other. I grabbed the Georgia boy. I wasn't going to let him hit my Tennessee boy. He (Diaz) and I are good friends now. Anyway, the Georgia people started booing me. I just said, 'We'll be back, because the tournament was going to be back down there. We finished second that year and Georgia finished first. That was an exciting time, and I guess I was highly emotional, and I would take up for my kids.'"

Beginning in June of 1964, Royal headed up the City of Knoxville's tennis program at Tyson Park for almost 24 years. "I loved teaching, giving lessons. I liked the people that I met."

Today, at 79, Royal, who says he is a "born-again Christian," lives in South Knoxville with his dog and companion, "Bear."

When asked to pick the top tennis players he thought the Knoxville-area has produced over the years, Royal named Jack Rogers, Ben Testerman, Chris Woodruff, Mozur and Bill Davis.

"Rogers played in the '40s," said Royal. "Bobby Riggs once said, 'Rogers had the world's greatest overhead,' which also meant he had a great serve."

"Testerman won a lot of national junior titles and made it to the semifinals of



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Louis Royal, former UT tennis player and head coach, resides in the South Knoxville house his parents John Austin Royal and Trula Cora Holt Royal, bought in 1957. Just recently, he built a mini golf course in his front yard and is planning to have a tournament for kids in his neighborhood. How about a badminton tourney in the future, too, Coach?

the Australian Open (1984). Woodruff was a NCAA champion (1993) and has been a longtime assistant coach at UT. Mozur played with Arthur Ashe in doubles. Ashe once wrote a story and called him "The Sweetwater Kid." I think he's been the best doubles player UT has ever had. And Davis was a SEC champion, playing No. 1 singles."

Although he very much remains a fan of the game and watches the Grand Slam tourneys, Royal acknowledged the interest in tennis now is not what it once was for the average sports fan.

"We had great tennis players," he said. "America was tops in tennis. Before that, the Australians were, and now it's foreigners. We don't have a person in this country probably ranked in the top six or seven. Now in women, we do in Serena

Williams, but even she lost in this recent Wimbledon. I guess you'd say American tennis is at its lowest ebb in a long time.

"We used to have Jack Kramer, tops in the world, and Bobby Riggs, tops in the world. We had Pete Sampras, who won about 13 or 14 national championships. We had John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Arthur Ashe, a black guy, who won it all. Ashe even beat Jimmy Connors one time at Wimbledon. These are all Americans. Where are they now?"

Royal said there aren't many youngsters left in his old neighborhood, but if there are any who want to learn about tennis, he's willing to give a lesson if he's able, or for sure, tell a story.

## Still Some Bad Guys in Sports...

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a track record of being a disciplinarian. But the numbers prove that during his six years in Gainesville, Meyer was the ultimate "players coach."

According to The New York Times, at least 31 Gators players were arrested when Meyer was at Florida (2005-2010). These weren't just your every day "player gets caught stealing a candy bar" arrests. Running back Chris Rainey was arrested for threatening to kill his girlfriend. Safety Jamar Hornsby made fraudulent charges on a credit card of a woman that died in a motorcycle crash. Lineman Ronnie Wilson opened fire outside a nightclub with an AK-47.

And many more.

Quarterback Tim Tebow did more than win football games. His personality helped distract fans and media from the numerous off the field issues of the Florida football program.

Meyer originally chose to ignore the criticism, or at least not to comment. He certainly would have been at least partially excused for not commenting about Hernandez while this case was being formed.

But he just couldn't handle it. Meyer chose reach out to The Columbus Dispatch. This isn't a surprise considering that Meyer is now the head coach at Ohio State University.

"Prayers and thoughts are

with the family and friends of the victim," Meyer texted to the local paper. "Relating or blaming these serious charges to the University of Florida, myself or our staff is wrong and irresponsible.... I just received an email from a friend where there is an accusation of multiple failed drug tests by (Aaron) Hernandez covered up by University of Florida or the coaching staff. This is absolutely not true. Hernandez was held to the same drug testing policy as every other player."

Hernandez himself told NFL teams that he had failed multiple drug tests.

Meyer also said in his correspondence with the paper that

in terms of his brushes with the law, "Relatively speaking, he had very minor stuff."

Seriously? Hernandez was questioned in a double shooting while in Gainesville. He also allegedly punched a restaurant employee so hard during an argument he broke the man's ear drum.

Apparently at Florida this kind of thing is considered "minor."

Despite all of these problems, Meyer's suspension of Hernandez was for one game, the 2008 season opener against Hawaii. And even then Meyer wasn't truthful, saying it was injury related instead of the real reason... for a failed drug test.

No college football program is

without its faults, and rare is the college football coach that hasn't had to deal with players of loose moral standing.

The question is... how do you deal with it?

It is obvious that while at Florida, Meyer dealt with his players with kid gloves. It paid off with wins, and two national championships. That's something that even the great Steve Spurrier couldn't do.

Urban Meyer isn't to blame for what Aaron Hernandez became...

But when you read about Meyer's history, and then read his responses to criticism, you can see why winning at all costs comes with a price...

# Musical Chair Principals



By Joe Rector  
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It's hard to believe that July 4th marked the middle of summer for school kids. I still reel with the knowledge that schools open their doors the first part of August or the last of July in some places. What happened to the policy that school began the day after Labor Day? As the doors open, thousands of Knox County children and hundreds of teachers and staff members will begin the year with new principals at the helm. No one has explained to my satisfaction why so many Knox County principals are reassigned each year. In the paper, ten individuals were named to new positions. That didn't include principals who had already been moved. This shake-up began in earnest during the reign of former appointed Superintendent Lindsey, and it continues with vigor under the guidance of Superintendent McIntyre.

I was educated in Knox County Schools. At Ball Camp, D.T. Strange occupied the principal's office throughout my eight years there. The community knew the man and felt comfortable dealing with him during good and bad times. He survived a fire that destroyed the older part of the school and managed a school where several students attended classes in a small building across the road during the rebuilding of the school.

During my first years at Karns High School, Bill Orr was named as principal. Orr putted to school each morning on his scooter and seemed to look upon students, parents, and community with cool detachment. Before long, Mildred Doyle removed him from Karns and placed him in a less visible job at the central office, where he remained for the rest of his career.

Billy K. Nicely replaced Orr, and he was the perfect fit. Nicely had been an assistant principal, and he was known for his fair and tough approach. He'd whistle while he walked the halls to check on classrooms and what went on in them. Billy K. loved to talk with students. He could cut up and laugh with the kids he'd disciplined with the paddle the day before. What was important was his understanding of the community and his efforts to make sure the school met its needs.

These days, principals don't have the opportunity to get familiar

with the communities where they work. Too many schools no longer serve as the central points for communities, and part of the reason is that principals don't stay long enough to become vested in a school or its people. A year or two isn't enough time to establish a rapport with folks and to define the vision a principal has for a school.

I don't know what the musical chair game with Knox County principals achieves... other than upheaval. Sure, some individuals prove to be poor choices for leadership roles, and they should be removed. However, wholesale moves in our schools might be ways for the head of schools to show his power and to squelch any dissent. "Keep 'em guessing" might be Mr. McIntyre's motto.

At the same time, I firmly believe that many qualified persons for principal positions are already teaching in the Knox County system. So, the practice of hiring individuals from Massachusetts or Nashville or any other area further brings in people who aren't familiar with the history or customs of a community. In many cases, doing so is a waste of money and, more than likely, an exercise in futility. The same holds true for spending grant money to hire a company in "Boston" to study resource allocation. The superintendent will ask the school board to kick in a 30% matching fund to hire the firm. Isn't there a local company capable of the task? Too, how is spending \$1.56 million a smart allocation of resources? What would that money buy for the students and teachers of Knox County?

Most Knox County residents don't understand the rationale behind moving principals each year. Of course, most folks in Knoxville don't understand why they aren't allowed to elect the superintendent for their systems. They figure if their property taxes go toward financing the schools that they should have a say in who sits at the helm of the system level or the building level.

Maybe it's time to swap the central office leadership. This time it can be filled with someone who has lived in the area and understands the culture of the area and who places emphasis on stability and permanency. That person might subscribe to the belief that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it.!"

# 'Experienced' 'Cats aim for Region Tourney

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Central also has four freshmen joining the fray this year. Tyler Huffman, Dane Rheinecker, Kaleb Cooper and Hunter Palmer are new to the program and they all may struggle to crack into the scoring lineup. "They'll have an extremely hard time [scoring] this year and that's no knock on my freshman class," Patterson said. "I'm extremely excited about the freshman class."

Central's numbers in boys golf are up. But Central also has three girls and for the first time in a nearly a decade the Lady Bobcats will field a full team.

"This is the first time since the first year that I was here that we'll have a complete girls team," Patterson said. "I've had some individuals here and there."

Central, which had no girls last season, has three juniors who will be

playing competitive high school golf for the first time. "I'm just happy to have them," Patterson said. "They've all been working hard. "They've never played on a team before, so that's new to them. We'll see what happens but I'm extremely happy just to have them."

The three juniors are Jordon Brock, Maddie Tuggle and Mabry Moore. The Bobcats and Lady Bobcats will open their season on July 25 against Halls and Powell at Millstone in Morristown. That course will host the District 3-AAA Tournament for the third consecutive year.

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Rosie's World

# Read a good book

There is nothing like reading a good book on a rainy, muggy summer day, which we've been having a lot of lately. For the history buffs you must not miss Ken Follett's book, "Winter of the World." I say history buffs because this tome is a historical novel 940 pages long, you need two hands to hold it, at least I did. It is book two of the Century Trilogy. "Fall of Giants" was the first book and I don't think the third book has been written yet. I could be wrong, I'll have to check that out.

"Winter of the World" picks up right where the first book left off. Five interrelated families-- American, German, Russian, English and Welsh enter a time of social, political and economic turmoil, beginning with the rise of the Third Reich through the Spanish Civil War and the great drama of World War 1, to the explosions of American and Soviet atomic bombs and the beginning of the long Cold War.

There have been thousands of books written concerning this period in our history and I have read quite a few of them. All of them were articulate in describing the horror, the blood and smoke of battles, the experiences of people losing their homes, their loved ones, and their lives. However, Mr. Follett takes you one step further. He takes you into the lives of these five interrelated families and you are living their lives with them. It is a long journey but worth the time that is spent in reading this book. Amidst the historical parts there are moments of flirtation, love stories and not so happy marriages.

Another book that I really enjoyed is "Kitchen

Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. I mentioned this book in a recent column and wanted to include it today because of its healing power. I want to share one paragraph that I hope will bring peace of mind and settle the uneasiness of someone's day:

"Accidents and natural disasters often cause people to feel that life is fragile. In my experience (the author writes), life can change abruptly and end without warning, but life is not fragile. There is a difference between impermanence and fragility. Even on the physiological level, the body is an intricate design of checks and balances. Anyone who has witnessed the recovery from such massive and invasive interventions as bone marrow transplant or open heart surgery comes away with a sense of deep respect, if not awe, for the ability of the body to survive. This is true in age as it is in youth. There is a tenacity toward life which is present at the intracellular level which even the most sophisticated of medical interventions would not succeed. The drive to live is strong even in the tiniest human beings. The tenacity of life endures in all of us, undiminished, until the moment of our death."

If neither of these books appeals to you, peruse one that will keep you entertained. There is nothing like a good book to read!

Thought for the day: Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things. Henry Ward Beecher

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### Conscience

"To go against conscience is neither right nor safe."

Martin Luther

Perhaps it's a bit late to talk about Independence Day, but I wanted everyone to know that Knoxville Tennessee was named the most patriotic city in the United States according to a recent USA Today poll. I realize most polls are biased and even more troublesome is our leaders' dependence on these often statistically flawed head counts. However, I was intrigued that we were again number one.

I mentioned some weeks ago another poll done by the Barna Group and reported in the News Sentinel. This national survey found Knoxville Tennessee to be the most "biblically minded"

city in the country. Without getting into statistical nuances of surveys, I come away sensing that we Knoxvillians live in an oasis of sanity and we should be very thankful. I believe *something is happening* in Knoxville.

Lately, I've been thinking about conscience, that inner voice which guides us. Luminaries down through the ages have mused upon this mysterious essence of humanity, as well as its origin. Some hold that virtue (right behavior) is little more than an evolutionary strategy which promotes comity and a social order furthering our species. However, to say that a soldier who falls on a grenade to save his comrades so that they may one day pass on their genetic heritage is a

ridiculous and fallacious evolutionary argument.

I have the belief that there is an Absolute good, though I will never attain that degree of perfection. However, because I have this standard by which to measure my thoughts and actions, I can determine what is right or virtuous, and what is not. My conscience is where this touchstone resides and frequently intercedes in me with "groans too deep for words." All of us carry this spark of the Divinity within us, and we are taught how to interact with the Spirit by our parents, our community and our church. This area should remain separate from the state.

History tells us that Jesus lived in the backwards of the Roman Empire two thousand years ago. The Bible and multiple other sources attest to his life, his teaching, his crucifixion and his death. What some dispute is the reason his body disappeared from its tomb. However, non-believers can't explain why his followers, who had been cowering in fear after the crucifixion, suddenly reappeared in the Jerusalem Temple and risked their lives proclaiming the Gospel message and defying

the authorities. *Something happened* to these people that changed their lives in a way no corpse is capable of doing. Historians say that legends take decades, if not generations, to develop. Again, *something happened* and within a few years the Way of Christ spread all over the Roman world and continues to resonate with us thousands of years later.

At one point in my life I was solely a man of science. Now, I am also a man of faith. Once there was a prohibition against speaking of such matters in the halls of medicine. Now, I sing of the Creator's work that I see in a sunset or in the intricacy and wonder of thoughtful life.

As far as we can see the Universe extends, from quarks to quasars and probably beyond. If I walk on the beach and see ripples in the sand I might conclude that tidal forces and waves crushed sea shells and piled them at the shoreline. However, if I come upon a sandcastle I conclude that this was the work of *intelligent design*. Someone once wrote that given enough time a room full of monkeys with typewriters would type all the works of Shakespeare.

We recognize this as ludicrously improbable, but not impossible. I ask you which is more likely: a Universe based on chance where Ferguson's produce essays and monkeys duplicate Shakespeare; or a design and a Designer with a purpose and plan, though admittedly often mysterious and inscrutable. I see the Designer at work everywhere, even in me.

I was somewhat of an underachiever in my youth. I was more interested in sports and girls than books. However, when I went college I buckled down and worked hard to achieve my goal. I've come to realize that my education in science was inadequate, and I've spent the last twenty years in the humanities. History, philosophy, art, music, poetry, literature and religion were not mentioned in medical school and internal medicine training. This was a mistake. Doctors without the humanities are not well rounded and may be unable to truly care for their patients.

Aristotle was a man of observational truth - in other words, a man of science. He argued eloquently for a perspective known as causality. This holds that I am here

because of my parents, and they came into the world because of their parents. Extrapolating backwards we come to a "first cause" that science currently understands as the Big Bang or the Genesis Point. Genesis 1:1-2 says that before that creation moment there was nothing except the Creator. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." What a beautiful and poetic description of causality.

*Something happened* 13.5 billion years ago and continues to happen in my heart. Seek and listen to that inner voice and you won't go wrong.

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



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Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com).

## Community Health Alliance enters collaborative agreements in East, West Tennessee

Community Health Alliance (CHA), Tennessee's health insurance CO-OP has entered into collaborative agreements with three new partners on both ends of the state. Community Health Alliance is assembling its preferred provider network across the state, on target to rollout health plans for qualified individuals and small businesses in Tennessee beginning this October.

Covenant Health and Tennova Healthcare both serve the East Tennessee region. Decatur County General Hospital, located in Parsons, Tennessee west of Nashville, is CHA's first rural facility partner.

Covenant Health's acute care hospitals include Fort Sanders Regional and Parkwest Medical Centers in Knoxville, Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Fort Loudoun Medical Center in Lenoir City, LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville, Roane Medical Center in Harriman, and

Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System in Morristown. The health system also operates a psychiatric facility, Peninsula Hospital, a division of Parkwest Medical Center, in Blount County. Consistently ranked among the top 100 health systems in the country, Covenant Health has more than 10,000 employees and physicians who deliver quality care to thousands of East Tennessee residents.

"Covenant Health, working with its affiliated physicians, is pleased to work with Community Health Alliance in this expansion of affordable health care coverage for East Tennesseans," said Anthony L. Spezia, Covenant Health President and CEO.

This agreement also provides CHA's East Tennessee members with coverage to Tennova Healthcare's six acute care hospitals, 25 ancillary centers and 36 employed medical groups representing more than

1,000 physicians. Tennova's six hospitals include: Physicians Regional Medical Center, Turkey Creek Medical Center, North Knoxville Medical Center, Jefferson Memorial Hospital, LaFollette Medical Center and Newport Medical Center.

"Tennova considers Community Health Alliance to be a valued health care partner and we're excited about this opportunity," said Mike Garfield, Market CEO of Tennova Healthcare. "This partnership will allow us to provide our community high-quality services in a new and collaborative way."

Decatur County General Hospital is a 22-bed not-for-profit county owned facility in Parsons, Tennessee. The hospital opened in 1963 and earned its accreditation through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization in 1996. Decatur County General

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## Conservation Groups Raise Concerns About Impact of Proposed Mine on Wildlife, Water

Local and national conservation groups are raising concerns about the degradation of local creeks and the Clear Fork of the Cumberland River by the proposed 578-acre Clear Fork Surface Mine in Claiborne County, Tennessee.

The Tennessee Clean Water Network ("TCWN"), Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife and Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment ("SOCM"), have filed a petition with the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas to seek review of the decision by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") that degradation of Rock Creek, Straight Creek and the Clear Fork of the Cumberland River is justified by economic and social necessity.

"The last thing Claiborne County needs is another strip mine," said TCWN attorney Stephanie Matheny. "Strip mining does not provide sustainable economic opportunities, harms the quality of life for people who live in the nearby communities and destroys water quality."

The groups allege that TDEC violated Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement, which prohibits lowering of water quality in rivers that are designated as Exceptional Tennessee Waters, including several of the receiving streams for the Clear Fork mine, except in very limited circumstances.

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# Faith

## God's Messengers

Have you had one of those days lately where it would have been better just to stay in bed? There are days like that where things seem to go from bad to worse. This was the case after God divided the nation of Israel into two kingdoms (1 Kings 12). The nation at this point was in a period of spiritual decline, which lasted for about 208 years. During this period, the two kingdoms had a combined total of thirty-eight different kings. Only five of these followed after God. All of the rest are described as "evil." What a difficult period of time this would have been to raise a family.

In our nation, we have had forty-four presidents over a period of time just a bit longer than the 208 years of the divided kingdom. I can't think of any of these presidents that I would describe as outright "evil." I may not like some of their decisions, but to describe someone as "evil" is quite a statement.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

For most of those 208 years of the divided kingdom, the evil kings of Israel and Judah allowed, participated, and encouraged immorality to run rampant throughout the land. How would you respond if you were God? When your computer locks up, you go through a process to reboot or reset the computer. I think I would have done this to Israel, to reboot and start over with a different nation. But God did that once already as recorded in the story of Noah, and God promised not to do that again. God loves His chosen people despite their rebellion and continues to call them back into fellowship.

During this period of time, God sent special messengers called prophets to call the people to repentance for their rebellion against God. In the northern kingdom of Israel, God used nine different prophets. Elijah was one of these who spoke words of judgment to the evil king Ahab and his wicked

wife, Jezebel. But the people wanted to worship gods of their own choosing.

We are not much different today. Consider how much time, energy, and money we use on things that have no eternal value. Compare this to the amount of time, energy, and money we use for God. Do you remember the "Black Friday" (day after Thanksgiving) when a worker opening a door at a large retail store was crushed to death by the rush of shoppers? I don't recall this ever happening to someone opening the doors of a church building.

God wants us to worship Him only and He is willing to go to great extremes to reclaim those who have turned against Him (Example of the prophet Hosea who was told to marry a prostitute who continued to be unfaithful to Hosea, yet he continued to love her. This describes what God did for Israel even though they kept prostituting themselves to idols). God calls us to return to Him. If you are away from God right now, repent and come home.

## Conservation Groups Raise Concerns About Impact of Proposed Mine on Wildlife, Water

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"The antidegradation rule is not a mere formality," explained Axel Ring of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club. "It requires TDEC to show that alternatives to more pollution -- including better treatment -- are not feasible. The mining company also has to demonstrate that degradation is economically or socially necessary and will not harm existing water quality. None of that happened here."

The organizations are particularly concerned that this mine, along with

several other new mines recently proposed in the same vicinity, might further harm the federally threatened blackside dace. "Blackside dace are barely surviving in the Clear Fork watershed. The health of this little fish is linked to our own health. If our waters are too polluted for the dace, they will be too polluted for the local community as well," said Jane Davenport, attorney for Defenders of Wildlife.

For a copy of the petition and other documents, go to [www.tcnw.org/cleanwater1](http://www.tcnw.org/cleanwater1).

## Community Health Alliance enters collaborative agreements in East, West Tennessee

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Hospital employs 147 people and is one of the largest employers in the county, which is known as an outdoor enthusiast destination. DCGH is dedicated to providing compassionate, convenient, high-quality care.

"We couldn't be more pleased at the quality and resources our partners bring to our shared mission of increasing access to care, reducing costs and improving patient outcomes," said Jerry Burgess, Community Health Alliance president and CEO. "This is a very exciting time for health care in Tennessee. Consumers across the state will benefit in October from the groundwork that is being created now."

Community Health Alliance (CHA) is Tennessee's health insurance

CO-OP, created as part of the Affordable Care Act. With CHA, consumers have a choice and a VOICE in their health care coverage. A few things that make the company unique: Transparency through its member governance, nonprofit status with all funds dispersed back into the company to benefit members, patient-focused and provider-engaged care, customer friendly size and attitude. Just like any insurance company, Community Health Alliance is an approved carrier, regulated by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, and is a member of the State Guaranty Fund. Enrollment opportunities begin on Oct. 1, with policies effective Jan. 1, 2014. For more information, visit [www.chatn.org](http://www.chatn.org) or call 888-415-3332.

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## Church Happenings

### Seymour United Methodist Church

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

On Saturday, July 20th, at 9 a.m., the "Groundskeepers" fellowship group meets for general cleanup work in and around the

church garden areas and grounds.

Looking ahead, an "Abolishing Poverty Conference" will be held for pastors and laity at Cokesbury Center in Knoxville, TN from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information and signups at: <http://holston.org/ministries/advocacy/poverty/>

The Youth program plans a trip to the Smokies baseball game on Sunday, July 28th. Signups are underway.

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# House to Home

## Hydrangeas: The Classic Southern Blooms

Every Southern garden should have hydrangeas. They are a classic flowering shrub of the past and many of us remember them from our childhoods at our grandparents' gardens. The good news is that now we can grow many hydrangeas that our grandmothers never dreamed of. Hydrangeas are a favorite for weddings, bridal showers and fresh and dried floral arrangements.

With 23 species of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and climbers, few other groups of shrubs can match the hydrangeas for their floral effect. Although individual flowers are small, they are borne in large heads. They also have attractive foliage with good autumn color. Most species of hydrangeas can be grown in either partial shade or full sun. They prefer a moist, rich soil and should be planted where watering isn't a problem.

The most popular species of Hydrangea is Hydrangea Macrophylla, which is commonly known as French, bigleaf, garden or florist's hydrangea. It has been said that French hydrangeas define the South like sweet tea and cornbread. They are favorite flowers that Southerners love to clip and share with family and friends. In the warm days of summer, big balloons of delicate blooms in blues, pinks, purples and white seem to float up like magic from the lush, green foliage of these shrubs. This Japanese native is rated in USDA Cold-hardiness zones to Zone 6. This popular species reaches 6 1/2 feet and has glossy green, fleshy leaves. It is grown in a great variety of colors, both lacecaps and mopheads. White forms are always white but blue flowers become pink on alkaline soils. Blue flowers are produced in acid soil with pH 5.5 and lower and pink flowers are produced in alkaline soil with pH 7 and higher. You know mopheads with their big, round clusters of color.

In mopheads, 'Nikko Blue' is a popular variety which has large heads of rich blue to pink flowers. Another favorite mophead is 'Merritt's Supreme' with its showy pinkish red blooms. Lacecaps offer flattened flower heads with a ring of very delicate florets. 'Blue Wave' is a vigorous grower and should be the first lacecap that you plant. 'Veitchii' has very large sterile flowers, white at first, turning red. 'White Wave' has white flowers, becoming flushed green. Now there are plenty of offerings of repeat-blooming hydrangeas to choose from. Try 'Dooley' (A variety from Vince Dooley, former head coach at Georgia), 'Endless Summer', 'Mini Penny' and 'Twist n Shout'.

Another very common hydrangea is 'Annabelle'. It is in the Hydrangea Arborescens species. This fast-growing shrub makes a rounded bush 5 feet in height. The broad lacecap heads of white flowers open during late summer and early fall. It is a stunning white blooming

hydrangea and it often produces heads over 10 inches in diameter. 'Grandiflora' is similar but has smaller heads.

The Oakleaf hydrangea (quercifolia) is a dramatic, white-blooming shrub with four seasons of interest. Its deeply lobed leaves turn orange, red and purple in fall. The Oakleaf Hydrangea can tolerate and even thrive in much sunnier locations than mopheads and lacecaps (macrophyllas). The Oakleaf can also thrive in much drier soils like its cousins. 'Snowflake' is the most common variety with blooms that appear to be double. The bloom season is much longer than that of the single. Do not confuse 'Snowflake' with 'Snow Queen' which is a single bloom. The blooms of most Oakleaf Hydrangeas gradually take on a pink tint as they age.

Then there are the Hydrangea Paniculata better known as PeeGee. This vigorous and extremely hardy species can grow to a large size, some 16 feet. Its large conical flower clusters open white



in late summer and turn pink in some forms during fall. 'Grandiflora' bears large heads of mainly sterile flowers that turn pink in fall. 'Kyushu' is upright, with glossy leaves and heads with few sterile flowers. One of the most popular varieties is 'Limelight' which is a beautiful paniculata. Hydrangeas are a beautiful addition to your

garden, adding sumptuous colorful blooms and they make wonderful cut flowers and arrangements. Dried hydrangeas can be enjoyed all year long! They are also a fabulous pass along flower.

*"Flowers... a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world."-- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ETTAC calls for truck, volunteers

For the past five years the East Tennessee Technology Access Center has collected, refurbished, and redistributed durable medical equipment to people of all ages who do not have the means to pay for it. Items have included wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, transfer benches, bedside commodes, lifts, hospital beds, and countless other devices. Within the past six months the ETTAC's ReUse program has given away or loaned 427 pieces of equipment to 283 people in Knox and surrounding counties.

In order to keep up with the pressing demand for these devices, ETTAC desperately needs any larger make car, pick-up truck or SUV with a hitch that is in good working condition. Because ETTAC is a non-profit 501(c)(3), any donation is tax deductible. Volunteers to pick up and deliver equipment are also needed.

For more information, please call (865) 219-0130 and ask to speak with either Lois Symington or Jeff Drum.

### Financial Literacy Course

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a three-week Financial Literacy Course on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m., July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. Course instruction covers topics such as developing a household budget, building or repairing credit, and making wise spending choices to meet long-term goals, such as purchasing a home. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org.

### Gibbs High School Class of 1993, Twenty Year Class Reunion

The Gibbs High Class of 1993 twenty year reunion will be held on Saturday, July 27 on the Volunteer

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## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

### What is hot in the markets?

Sales in the marketplace overall reflect some changes that I think you should be aware of.

The mid-century and modern arts genre has taken a very large leap in interest and demand globally. Sales have been reflected from costume jewelry up to fine modern art sold in top galleries and auctions. In many ways they are surpassing antiques in all categories, so now is the time to understand and pay attention to this rising demand.

Most everyone has items in their homes from the 1950s, 60s and even 70s and this is what is meant by "mid-century." The boomerang furniture of the 1950s, modern Scandinavian items with sleek design, the bright colors of blue, orange and yellow on items from the 70s, even appliances, toys and accent pieces from the era are now in demand.

One way to see this in Knoxville is to visit the Nostalgia Vintage Markets. The original is located on



By Carl Sloan

Homburg Drive in West Knoxville and their new mall is located in the warehouse district at 1401 McCalla Ave near the Old City. A visit to either will give you a quick education as well as a ton of fun.

The next market upswing has been the interest in country style items though a twist has occurred. Designers are taking items that have been "repurposed," making a home have a unique look. This involves taking old country items and making them serve a purpose, such as hanging a chicken cage to hold pots and pans, using a wooden ladder as a shelf to display items, using lanterns as chandelier, etc. The message here is that many items that you may have in your shed or basement could be of interest when utilized in a different manner.

In contrast, items that held high values yesterday, such as dining sets and china, are simply not in demand. When I visit homes with such traditional items that are for sale I do explain and bring into focus how our lifestyles are today. Families rarely have a meal together in the old formal style with china

and place settings sitting around a table. Nowadays it's computers, TV, email, texting and the like to the point that adults and children often eat at different times and even different foods on the same day and in different rooms or places.

I miss the old days as much as anyone but this is the reality of our times. Even the old timers admit that the reason they want to sell these kinds of items is they too don't use them and the kids don't want them. It is goodbye fine china and hello Corelle Ware. You may be surprised that your bow glass oak china cabinet may, when purchased, get painted and sold as shabby chic which is also popular today.

Yes, traditional antiques are still selling and not doing badly, yet I just wish to make my readers aware of the markets today. As always, if you need help assessing any items that you are considering selling I am always available to help and at no charge. Simply call Greg Lawson at (865)604-3468 and leave your information. Have a blessed week!

**VACATION AT HOME** Charming Cape Cod home on large corner lot. Beautifully landscaped with heated inground pool and irrigation system. Gorgeous kitchen w/loads of cabinets, solid surface counters and gorgeous tile work, newly added full bath on main w/tiled shower, breakfast room w/slate floor, spacious rooms and solid oak hardwood throughout under carpet. 2 new hvac units (5 yrs) and water heater (2012). You must see this home to appreciate!!! mls 823715 \$254,900

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# CLASSIFIEDS



## London Broil Teriyaki

- 1 c lite soy sauce
- 1/4 c olive oil
- 1/4 c apricot jam
- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 lbs top round, 1.25" thick
- 12 mushroom caps
- 24 cherry tomatoes

Preheat the grill. Make the teriyaki sauce in a small saucepan. Combine the soy sauce, oil, apricot jam, cornstarch, pepper and garlic. Stir to blend, then bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Brush the steak with the teriyaki sauce 5 to 7 minutes per side for rare, 8 to 10 minutes per side for medium-rare and 11 to 13 minutes per side for well done. Meanwhile, divide the mushroom caps and tomatoes evenly, thread them onto vegetables with some teriyaki sauce and place them on the grill or under the broiler for 2 minutes longer. Cut the steak across the grain and on the diagonal into thin slices. Serve with the skewered vegetables. The teriyaki sauce can be made ahead of time.

## Rice Broccoli Dish

- 1 c uncooked Minute Rice
- 1 pkg. chopped broccoli, thawed
- 1 (12oz) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 T butter or margarine
- 1/2 c onion, chopped
- 1/2 c celery, diced
- 1 (8oz) jar Kraft Cheez Whiz
- 1 can water chestnuts, sliced

Mix all ingredients together in a shallow casserole dish. Bake covered at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes, then uncovered for another 10 minutes.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

**Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Executive Board Meeting, July 24, 2013.**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, July 24, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Allocating Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 Funding, Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, Discussion of the Draft TPO Technical Committee and Executive Board Bylaws; and other business.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Princess Yacht (956 Volunteer Landing Lane, Knoxville). The two-hour dinner cruise on the Tennessee River will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., with boarding to begin at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$44 for one ticket or \$88 for two tickets and includes meal, music, tax and a keepsake photo. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, July 22. Please email or call Tiffany Peterson Baker (865) 925-4280 or [dtlbaker@tds.net](mailto:dtlbaker@tds.net) for further information or to purchase tickets.

#### Homeownership Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting a three-session Homeownership Workshop on July 16, 18 and 20, 2013, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917. The workshop, which is open to anyone

preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA and THDA loans. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Training Fee: \$20. Info: 865-524-5511; [www.thekaul.org](http://www.thekaul.org).

#### Knox County Democratic Women's Club Meeting

Established in 1928, the Knox County Democratic Women's Club is the oldest county Democratic women's club in the United States. It meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. New members are always welcome! Call 742-8234 for more information.

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