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## Halls Republican Club hosts Knox County Republican Party Picnic

By Tasha Mahurin  
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The Halls Republican Club hosted a county-wide Republican Party Picnic at Fountain City Park this past Saturday.

"I couldn't be happier with the turnout," Knox County GOP Chairwoman Ruthie Kuhlman told *The Focus*. "I hope to see this become an annual event."

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett was on hand to kick-off the festivities and introduce the entertainment. The family-friendly picnic featured live music from Knoxville's own Con Hunley, as well as, The Chillbillies, featuring Knox County Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin.

Other elected officials and hopefuls alike were also in attendance at the "meet and greet" style event- which brought out nearly 200 people from across Knox County. Attendees mingled



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Con Hunley, left, and Judge Tim Irwin, right, took the stage with The Chillbillies to entertain the crowd at Saturday's Knox County Republican Party Picnic at Fountain City Park.

amongst local politicians and dined on Buddy's Bar-b-cue. Dessert was provided by individual Republican clubs from throughout

Knox County. Each club represented set up a booth from which to serve dessert. As part of the festivities a contest was held amongst

the clubs for presentation. The Young Republican Club took first place.

"It's great to see the entire party come together

for an afternoon," Kuhlman, who began advocating for a county-wide event while running for the chair position, added.

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Survey conducted July 18, 2013.

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## Local business owners 'Stand with Mainstreet'

By Tasha Mahurin  
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A group of small business owners in Knoxville presented a united front last week as they welcomed a national study conducted by economists Art Laffer and Donna Arduin.

"Dr. Laffer has been viewed as a national expert for years," said Scott Schimmel, co-owner of Bliss and Bliss Home on Market Square and in West Knoxville. "His analysis of the Marketplace Fairness Act should leave no doubt among conservatives that it does not impose a tax increase, and in fact could be used to lower taxes."

Laffer's study suggests that passing e-fairness legislation like the Marketplace Fairness Act, which could close the online sales tax loophole if implemented in Tennessee, would create a tax system with fewer loopholes, a larger base, and lower rates for all taxpayers.

Due to a Supreme Court ruling in 1992, internet retailers are currently exempt from collecting and remitting sales taxes. Proponents of the legislation maintain that the sales tax loophole is tax discrimination, further claiming that the government is discriminating



Scott Schimmel, Bliss



CASA recently swore in seven new community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in Knox County. (Pictured left to right.) Christina Conner, Cindy Mancebo, Mimi Coughlin (back), Marcia Bailey (front), Karen Baumgartner, Courtney Benschhoof, Jessica Moore, Summer Colbert, and Knox County Juvenile Court Judge, Timothy E. Irwin.

## CASA makes a difference in the lives of at-risk youth

By Tasha Mahurin  
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"Every day we rely on the judgment and expertise of our CASA volunteers as they serve as our eyes and ears inside the home," said Knox County Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin.

CASA of East Tennessee is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization

located in Knox County which serves local children who come under the protection of juvenile court due to allegations of abuse or neglect within the home. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Locally, the group works hand-in-hand with the Knox Juvenile Court system by training community volunteers to advocate for the needs and

best interest of these children.

"The goal of our intervention is to represent the best interests of the child and shorten their stay in a foster home," volunteer coordinator, Summer Colbert, told *The Focus*.

The program has also proven to be effective in breaking the cycle between

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# Focus on the Law

## Aliens and Social Security Disability

This week I consulted a great book by Charles T. Hall called Social Security Disability Practice to look into some unfamiliar issues in disability law. I will admit that I was a bit surprised by what I found out.



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

According to Hall, foreign nationals who live outside the United States may collect Social Security benefits as long as they worked enough under U.S. Social Security Act to qualify. Disability Insurance Benefits, Disabled Widows and Widowers Benefits and Disabled Adult Child Benefits are all available to non-U.S. citizens so long as the Social Security number holder qualifies. However, an alien living in the U.S. must show that he or she is lawfully present to receive benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act.

Generally, aliens are NOT eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits but there are numerous exceptions. If noncitizens were receiving SSI benefits as of August 22, 1996, they may continue receiving SSI benefits. Noncitizens lawfully present in this country as of that date and blind or disabled, regardless of when they became blind or disabled, may still be eligible for SSI benefits. Aliens who are lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. who have 40 hours qualifying coverage under the Social Security Act may be eligible for SSI benefits.

Aliens who have been admitted to the U.S. as refugees or granted asylum may be eligible for SSI

benefits but only for seven years after the date of their admission or grant of asylum. Aliens who are Cuban or Haitian entrants under a section of the Refugee Education Assistance Act are eligible for only seven years after their entrant status is granted. Aliens who are Amerasian immigrants pursuant to a section of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1988 may be eligible. Certain aliens whose deportation has been withheld under the Immigration and Naturalization Act or whose removal has been withheld under that act may be eligible for SSI benefits but only for seven years after the date of deportation or removal is withheld. Also members of certain recognized Indian tribes born outside the U.S. may be eligible for SSI benefits.

Active duty members of

the U.S. Armed Forces and veterans who meet certain active duty requirements are eligible for SSI benefits even if they are aliens. The noncitizen spouse or unmarried dependent child of a veteran or active duty member could be eligible for SSI benefits. The alien unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased veteran or active duty member could also be eligible for SSI benefits if the marriage meets certain requirements.

As you can see, there are a wide variety of circumstances where noncitizens might qualify to apply for Social Security Disability Income and/or Supplemental Security Income benefits. You should always contact an experienced attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation. My office number is (865) 539-2100.

# Blind Obedience

Believe it or not, Americans can be a rather nice people. Oh, we have our weaknesses and often display less than model behavior, but at the same time, we are quick to come



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to the aid of others or to perform acts of kindness. Our "good" sides are often taken advantage of by businesses for their profit.

One place is fast food restaurant. Places like McDonalds have trained us like pets. We stand in slow-moving line or pull our cars into ones where we sit forever to order our food; then we place our orders and again wait an eternity for them to be filled. With trays in hand, we settle at tables that might have been cleaned or might still be covered in crumbs, ketchup, or some other unidentifiable "smutz."

After we finish our food, like good children, we gather our empty wrappers, cups, and containers and carry them to a garbage can, where we dump them and neatly stack our trays. It's almost as if we were once again

in elementary school and were being taught correct cafeteria behavior. What I'm curious about is the benefit to us to clean tables and haul trash. I've never done such a thing

at a "sit-down" restaurant. I keep the table as neat as possible, but after paying the bill, I simply rise and walk toward the exit. Has anyone noticed a cut in prices of fast food that results from customers' policing eating areas? What might be more noticeable is the rise in prices for smaller Big Macs and Egg McMuffins.

The same kind of behavior occurs at grocery stores. Not long ago, I shopped at the Ingles store near home. The store was bustling with customers, most of whom were buying foods for the upcoming July 4th holiday. I finished finding the items on my list and headed for the checkout area. To my dismay, other shoppers were lined up at the one register that was opened. Frustrated shoppers headed to self-checkout lines to scan items in

loaded shopping carts. The anger levels rose with each passing second. I told the cashier that I realized he was working as fast as he could, but that I was pretty sure the building was a good one to locate a real grocery store. He confided that employees failed to show up and the management was too cheap to hire enough workers. My wife likes Ingles, but I don't plan a return visit any time soon.

Of course, all the grocery stores have instructed us that we can check ourselves out and finish more quickly. We do it with no hesitation. However, I don't think the companies are slashing prices to reward shoppers for their efforts to get out of the store in a timely fashion.

We customers have also been well trained at convenient stores. We pull up, get out of our cars, and pump our own gas. After dark, we have to go inside if our payment is to be made in cash because of others' acts of theft. We used to have equipment for cleaning windshields... squeegees, paper towels, and cleaner. Alas, the crashing economy must have put an end to such extravagances.

Now, we can save a dime on each gallon if we get a membership card and buy enough stuff from these stores. My question is this: if these convenient stores can cut the price of gas with some gimmick, is it possible that they are overcharging for the fuel in the first place?

Some might call me a cranky ol' coot. Maybe I am, but the point here is that customers are blindly obedient to companies. Why should I clean a table to keep up profits for the golden arches or the king's restaurant? What happened to staffing a grocery stores with enough employees so that customers don't stand four or five deep and wait while their frozen foods thaw in the carts? Finally, when did we buy into pumping our own gas while prices skyrocket and companies make fortunes off our efforts?

It might do us all some good if we demanded a little something for our extra efforts. No, it doesn't have to be a fortune. Just a little goodwill from businesses that have trained us to be blindly obedient would be nice if a cut in prices is out of the question.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	50.00%	50.00%	2
30-49	31.11%	68.89%	45
50-65	21.74%	78.26%	115
65+	45.64%	54.36%	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.13% (129)</b>	<b>63.87% (228)</b>	<b>357</b>

By District	Yes	No	Total
1	29.63%	70.37%	27
2	36.96%	63.04%	46
3	40.00%	60.00%	45
4	40.43%	59.57%	47
5	36.36%	63.64%	33
6	18.52%	81.48%	27
7	41.82%	58.18%	55
8	32.43%	67.57%	37
9	37.50%	62.50%	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.13% (129)</b>	<b>63.87% (228)</b>	<b>357</b>

By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	50.00%	50.00%	16
Female	36.87%	63.13%	179
Male	33.95%	66.05%	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.13% (129)</b>	<b>63.87% (228)</b>	<b>357</b>

Survey conducted July 18, 2013.

## 'Of Sword And Pen' now open at Museum Of East Tennessee History

"Of Pen and Sword," a new exhibition is open through Oct. 13 at the Museum of East Tennessee History.

The exhibit recounts pivotal moments in the region's Civil War history through a series of rare and important artifacts and documents, many on public display for the first time. Key events emphasized include the reaction of East Tennesseans to Lincoln's call for troops after the Fort Sumter attack; the divisions that developed as the region's citizens chose sides; the reaction of Unionists to living in a Confederate state; the occupation of the region first by Confederates and then by Union forces; Andrew Johnson as military governor; and the rise of East Tennesseans to political power after the war.

Artifacts include Tennessee Governor Isham Harris' original letter refusing Lincoln's call for troops, the original Tennessee secession referendum dated June 8, 1861, an original sketch of Union and Confederate rallies in downtown Knoxville dated April 27, 1861 and drawn by Samuel

Bell Palmer, Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson's campaign banner, an autographed book by Confederate spy Belle Boyd and more.

A number of free programs are planned in conjunction with the exhibit including a dramatic reading of "The Vile Serpent, Brownlow! That Vain Historian, Ramsey!" by David Madded, author of "Sharpshooter" noon July 24; "Old Tennessee is as Good a Country as We Want: Black Southerners in the Union Army" lecture noon Aug. 7; and a screening of "Lincoln" with discussions and comments led by William E. Hardy, adjunct professor at Lincoln Memorial University 2 p.m. Aug. 11.

The exhibition is a collaborative partnership the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Tennessee State Museum, Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library, Andrew Johnson National Historical Site, Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection, and the Nathanael Greene Museum, as well as the collections of the Museum of East Tennessee History.

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# Publisher's Position

## Hypocrisy is nothing new



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### Campfield Disclosure Publicity Grab

Hypocrisy in politics is nothing new. Hypocrisy on editorial pages is nothing new for this community.

I will have to give State Senator Stacey Campfield credit, as his latest publicity stunt takes the cake. Some might think it was not only clever and funny that Campfield listed former

Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale as an "in-kind" contributor on his latest financial disclosure form. But I do not. Campfield's claim that Ragsdale's support for his primary opponent Commissioner Richard Briggs is worth at least \$1,000 to his reelection campaign is as ridiculous as he is. Campaign financial disclosure documents are also official documents and are governed by

specific laws. Deliberately reporting misinformation is a serious offense.

Yet where is the thundering editorial of dismay and outrage from the News-Sentinel? Where are the calls for transparency as there were over the robo-call fiasco? Frankly, the robo-call debacle was quite likely a genuine mistake, an error in computer programming.

According to news reports, Senator Campfield allegedly filled out an inaccurate financial disclosure. He has been asked by state election officials to correct the report or face potential fines.

The Sentinel has always had a habit of picking and choosing what it considers to be righteous, but this omission is especially egregious and shows the episode for exactly what it is: playing politics.

The fact that there is no outcry about this latest Campfield publicity stunt is revealing.

The entire concept of justice is that it should apply equally. Politics has no place in administering justice.

And the Sentinel just followed the skunk into the wilderness. We all know that probably won't turn out very well.

## Rotary Club of Knoxville installs its 2013-14 Board of Directors



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

UT Football Coach Butch Jones addressed last week's joint meeting of the area Rotary Clubs at the Crowne Plaza downtown.

At its July 9 meeting, the Rotary Club of Knoxville installed its 2013-14 Board of Directors, led by President Robert F. Samples.

Dr. Roy King, a dermatologist, is president-elect & International Service director. Jason K. Hamilton, accounting tax manager with Joseph Decosimo & Company, is vice president and Membership director.

Edwin A. Anderson of Cannon & Anderson, Attorneys, is secretary. Jennifer A. Sepaniak, chief financial officer for Schaad Companies, is treasurer and chair of the Financial & Audit Committee.

Outgoing president Harry W. (Wes) Stowers, Jr., chairman of Stowers Machinery Corp., will serve as the representative of past presidents.

Anita J. Lane, general manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites downtown, is Club Activities director. J. Mark Webb, a financial consultant with Regions Investment Solutions, is Communications director.

Rachel A. Ford, executive director of the Knoxville Symphony, is

Community Outreach Projects director. Robert L. Johnson, president of A&W Office Supply, is Meetings director.

James J. Secor, headmaster of the Episcopal School of Knoxville, is New Generations director. T. Allen Pannell Jr., owner of Allen Pannell, LLC, is Professional Outreach director.

Founded in 1915, the Rotary Club of Knoxville is among the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in Tennessee. The club was instrumental in the formation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and sponsor of several park projects. It is also the creator and steward of The Rotary Foundation of Knoxville, which provides for college scholarships and special projects.

Rotary International was the world's first service club, started in Chicago in 1905. Its more than 1.2 million members from 33,000 clubs in 200 countries volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Each year, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International helps more than 1,000 students to study abroad and serve as cultural ambassadors. Rotary also partners with seven prestigious universities around the world to provide opportunities to earn a master's degree in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary has been instrumental in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio, and idea formed in East Tennessee. In 1988, when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. In 2008 there were just 1,655 cases - a decrease of more than 99 percent. The number of polio-endemic countries has fallen from 125 to three - Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. India was taken off the list of endemic countries in 2012.

### In Memoriam

Walter E. (Bud) Coomer, Sr.

Walter E. (Bud) Coomer Sr., 84, of Halls passed away July 17, 2013.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict. Bud was the President of Mynatt Funeral Home where he had worked since 1948.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Tennova Residential Hospice; 7447 Andersonville Pike Knoxville, Tennessee 37938.

*I am very blessed to have known Bud Coomer. Bud was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Bud was also a gentle man; kind, compassionate and caring. I got to know Bud at Litton's where we both loved to eat lunch. Several times, especially when all the tables were taken, I would invite Bud and his crew to sit with me, and he did the same if he saw me come in looking for somewhere to sit. I always had such a great time when I was around Bud. He was always the same every time I saw him. He will be sorely missed.*

To Buddy, the Coomer family and the extended Mynatt Funeral Home family, I extend my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy.

Steve Hunley  
Publisher

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Good Earth Comm Garden Delivery to SC Food Ministries Caroline Tippitt and Jim Davis

### First fresh produce delivered to Food Ministries

Even though the summer rain may have been trying for humans, The Good Earth Community Garden has thoroughly enjoyed the wet weather and the cooler temperatures! The garden has been planted for only a few short weeks but the first fresh produce has been pulled from the vines!

The Good Earth Community Garden was started with a grant from Lowe's Charitable Education Foundation in partnership with Keep Sevier Beautiful and the Sevier County Public Library System. The garden has raised beds created and planted with the hard work and

perspiration of a great group of hardy, dedicated community volunteers! As promised, the bounty of the garden (whether large or small) will be shared with the Sevier County Food Ministries.

As veggies mature, they will be delivered to the Sevier County Food Ministries to feed Sevier County families. The first delivery of veggies happened on Tuesday, July 9, and was presented to Jim Davis by King Family Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG) President Caroline Tippitt.

Zucchini, prolific plant that it is, is growing well and spreading the goodness of fresh veggies

to the community. The zucchini was placed out for the public to use the day of arrival at the food ministry! Any overabundance of fresh produce in the future, after deliveries to the food ministry, will be shared with the volunteers who help work in the garden.

For more information about The Good Earth Community Garden, to volunteer for upkeep and maintenance, or to see additional photos of the garden, please view the library Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SevierCountyPublicLibrary-System](http://www.facebook.com/SevierCountyPublicLibrary-System) or call (865)453-3532.

### Local business owners 'Stand with Mainstreet'

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against local businesses by allowing tax treatment to be used as an incentive for consumers to shop online.

"Many shoppers do not realize they are supposed to remit sales tax from online purchases," said Peter Ullrich, owner of Ullrich Printing in Knoxville. "As Dr. Laffer has shown, by requiring all retailers to remit sales tax, Tennesseans will benefit from a stronger economy."

David Dewhirst of Knoxville agrees. "I've spent years helping downtown

Knoxville redevelop," said Dewhirst. "Attracting new retailers and businesses are critical for downtown Knoxville. Any policy that puts brick and mortar stores at a disadvantage is bad for our efforts. Everyone deserves to play under the same rules."

The study suggests that states are sustaining economic damage by eroding their own sales tax base and that closing the sales tax loophole is a fiscally responsible decision. Lafer and Audin believe that the sales tax base could be widened by closing the loophole,

potentially lowering taxes in other areas and creating more jobs. If implemented nationwide Lafer believes the system would increase the GDP by \$563.2 billion and add over 1.5 million jobs in the next 10 years.

Individual states are currently unable to enforce their own, existing sales tax laws, which would require online retailers to pay sales tax. This Marketplace Fairness Act would give states that ability. The bill also exempts online businesses who do less than \$1 million per year in revenue.

The Marketplace

Fairness Act received a bipartisan vote in the U.S. Senate on May 6, 2013, and similar legislation is already pending in the House of Representatives with over 60 bipartisan cosponsors, including Rep. Steve Cohen, Rep. Jim Cooper from this state. As well, the bill has the support of Sen. Lamar Alexander, Sen. Bob Corker, Governor Bill Haslam, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey and House Speaker Beth Harwell.

For more information visit [www.standwithmainstreet.com](http://www.standwithmainstreet.com).

### Carr, Farmer Announce Sales Tax Holiday

State Representatives Dale Carr and Andrew Farmer (both of Sevierville) announced last week that Tennessee's 9th annual Sales Tax Holiday is scheduled for Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4, 2013. During the three day tax holiday, shoppers can save almost 10 percent on tax free clothing, school and art supplies, and computer purchases.

"It is once again that time of year for the citizens of Sevier County to participate in our state's annual sales tax holiday," said Representative Carr. "This tax-free weekend presents a great opportunity to save money on back-to-school items or to stock up on much-needed essentials."

The holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday. During the designated three day weekend,

shoppers will not pay state or local sales tax on select clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item, and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less.

"I hope this holiday allows the people of our community to keep a bit more hard-earned money in their pockets," added Representative Farmer. "Representative Carr and I are advocates of lower taxes across the board and will continue that fight in Nashville to help put even more money back in your bank account over the coming months."

For more information, please visit [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com). The Tennessee Department of Revenue also assists consumers via e-mail at [salestax.holiday@tn.gov](mailto:salestax.holiday@tn.gov), and through its toll-free hotline, 1-800-342-1003.

### CASA makes a difference in the lives of at-risk youth

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abused or neglected children who are statistically at a greater risk to become violent offenders. The organization recently welcomed its latest class of community volunteers who have been sworn in to help represent local children in need.

CASA volunteers' duties consist of getting to know the children and their living conditions. This includes making home visits and talking to a variety of people involved in the children's lives (e.g., parents, teachers, social workers). From their observations, volunteers are able to accurately inform judges and others who may make important decisions regarding the welfare of the child. Furthermore, volunteers make recommendations on how to serve the children's best interests. The ultimate goal of the child's representative is to advocate for a safe, permanent, and loving home for the child.

"Our advocates ensure that the children have the support services they need and do not fall through the cracks in the social services system," Colbert added.

According to CASA, in 1977, a Seattle family court judge expressed

his concern over the lack of attention given to children involved in abuse and neglect cases. He believed that a more individualized approach would lead to a more accurate picture of the child's living situation. As a result, a judge could tailor his decision to the child's best interest. Ideas were proposed, and eventually, programs were created where volunteers could act as child advocates. In response to these programs, the National CASA Association was created in 1982 with its mission to recruit, train and support volunteers representing children in the court system.

The agency started in 1987 in Knoxville and relies on both state and county funding. They are also a United Way partner agency. Last year, CASA of East Tennessee served almost 300 children in Knoxville with over 25 active volunteer advocates. Their services are free to every child they serve.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer may contact Summer Colbert, Volunteer Coordinator, CASA of East Tennessee, Inc. either by phone at 865-329-3399 or by email at [summer.colbert@casafeasttn.org](mailto:summer.colbert@casafeasttn.org).

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# Proton therapy expert to speak at Chamber Breakfast

Marcio Fagundes, MD, board certified radiation oncologist, will speak at the July 23rd Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Fox Den Country Club, 12284 N. Fox Den Drive.



Marcio Fagundes, MD

the Provision Center for Proton Therapy, the state's first and only proton therapy center located in Knoxville in the Dowell Springs medical development. He will also spearhead proton therapy clinical research trials and retreatment protocols at the Center.

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Dr. Fagundes first became interested in proton therapy during his internship and residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had the opportunity to guest intern at Harvard University. Upon completion of his residency, he went back to Harvard Medical School for his fellowship, where he began treating patients with proton therapy in 1993.

Dr. Fagundes was an assistant professor at TUFTS University in Boston, where he developed protocols for treatment and retreatment using a new modality, IMRT, which at the time was not yet FDA approved. He is currently the principal investigator in Oklahoma for the University of Pennsylvania's retreatment protocol using proton therapy. He earned his medical degree at Universidade Federal do RGS in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where he is originally from.

Local entrepreneur Terry Douglass Ph.D., chairman of the Provision Center for Proton  
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## EFCU Holds Pet Supply Drive

During the month of July, Enrichment Federal Credit Union will host their 5th annual Dog Days of Summer Shelter Drive. The credit union is working with members and the community at large to collect much needed supplies for local shelters. In light of recent economic events, the local shelters have been bombarded with animals that have been dropped off by families who can no longer care for their pets. With the recent raids on puppy mills, pet horders, and private homes with multiple needy animals, the shelters are depending on help from the community.

Each office of Enrichment Federal Credit Union will provide collection boxes for some of the most urgent needs of the shelters. A short list of the shelter's immediate needs are; Purina dry dog and cat food, towels, blankets, and cash donations. Items and money collected in each area will be donated to the shelters within the county the branch serves. Anyone making a donation of at least \$20 will receive a special "Dog Days Shelter Drive" t-shirt designed especially for the event.

Wayne Hope, Enrichment FCU CEO says, "We are encouraging everyone in the community to find a new or used towel or blanket, pick up a bag of pet food or just round up some spare change to help our community shelters. Credit unions were founded on the philosophy of 'People Helping People' and with the Dog Days of Summer Pet Supply Drive, EFCU is able to put that philosophy to work by helping animals that cannot help themselves."

Several area businesses and daycare centers joined in and collected donations for the Pet Supply Drive.

For more information about "Dog Days of Summer Pet Supply Drive" or if your office or business would like to help, contact the Enrichment Federal Credit Union Marketing Department or visit the website at: [www.enrichmentfcu.org](http://www.enrichmentfcu.org). Donations can also be mailed to:

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# Urban Kids Sparkle in Summer Drama Company



Performing in the play, "Talent Town, Tennessee," are (l-r) Thomasiah Agnew, Lucia Vasquez and drama camp director Mary Johnson.

When Mary Johnson and Kolt Free created a theater company among urban Knoxville children recently, they expected it to be hectic and a little chaotic.

What they didn't expect were the focus and commitment that they got from the 13 participants, aged 6 to 12.

Johnson and Free led a weeklong drama camp for Emerald Youth Foundation June 17-21, which culminated in a staged production choreographed and performed by the children. It was part of a series of summer camps for inner city children called Variety Camp Week, named in honor of Variety of Eastern Tennessee,

which provided funding.

"Talent Town, Tennessee," was the end-product show featuring the children's step routines, cup routines, dancing, choreography and singing. The actors performed it at the last day of camp at Emerald Avenue United Methodist Church. The show had an anti-bullying theme with a plot about people being themselves, embracing their talents, and being fearless.

"These kids were amazing. They came with a lot of performance experience from school and their churches. They had a clear idea of what they wanted

to happen," Johnson said, adding that many children were already skilled singers and dancers.

Building a theater company with mutual trust and respect was the primary goal of the week, Johnson said, adding that the children valued the chance to work closely with others more than they did individual stardom.

Johnson and Free both are studying theater as outreach -- Johnson as a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, and Free as a junior at the University of Tennessee. Johnson

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## Proton therapy expert to speak at Chamber

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Therapy, will introduce Dr. Fagundes at the breakfast and give a brief overview of his success in bringing proton therapy to Knoxville.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call (865) 675-7057 to register or for more information.

Visit [www.provisionproton.com](http://www.provisionproton.com) to learn more about the Provision Center for Proton Therapy.

# Don Sproles Memorial Dinner features co-author of Pat Summitt book

Sally Jenkins, the literary voice of legendary UT Basketball Coach Pat Summitt, is coming to Knoxville to highlight a fundraising dinner for the homeless services provided by the Volunteer Ministry Center.

Jenkins is the featured speaker at the 2nd Annual Don Sproles Memorial Dinner to be held on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Downtown Knoxville. Tickets are \$75 for the dinner and \$100 for a pre-event reception with the featured speaker and the dinner. Tickets go on sale on August 1, 2013, at VMC offices or online at [www.vmcinc.org](http://www.vmcinc.org).

UT Lady Vols basketball coach

Holly Warlick is serving as the honorary chair for the dinner, which honors Don Sproles, a local businessman and VMC board chair who passed away last year. The radio voice of the Lady Vols, Mickey Dearstone, will be the emcee for the dinner and program.

Jenkins co-authored with Pat Summitt "Sum It Up: A Thousand and Ninety-Eight Victories: A Couple of Irrelevant Losses and a Life in Perspective." The book tells the remarkable story of Summitt's success in women's basketball, as well as, her determination in facing her greatest challenge -- early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

"We are thrilled to have Sally as our speaker," said Ginny Weatherstone, VMC executive director and CEO. "Sally and Pat have developed a close friendship through the years as Sally covered women's NCAA basketball for The Washington Post. She has had unusual access to Pat that has allowed her to highlight Summitt's career on the court and her battle with Alzheimer's."

"Most people in Knoxville and East Tennessee regard Pat as part of their family, having watched her start coaching at UT at just age 21. She started to develop her patented coach's stare while prowling the sidelines at the old Alumni Gym and

then grew the program into a national powerhouse with eight national championships. Along the way, she became the winningest coach in college basketball history. I hope that people will come and listen to Sally at the Don Sproles Memorial Dinner to hear her unique view of the coach from the perspective of a newspaper columnist and as a friend helping to guide Pat through this next chapter of her life."

Jenkins said it means a great deal to her to be able to come to Knoxville, a place that is special to her because of her friend, the great Pat Summitt, and to help the Volunteer Ministry in its efforts to

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honed her skills in drama at Webb School of Knoxville, and Free at Bearden High School. In drama camp, they used simple props and the children's imaginations as primary tools.

They conducted the project in the tradition of groups like the renowned Paper Bag Players of New York City, which uses boxes, grocery bags and paper as props and costumes to produce skits on aspects of children's lives. Costumes for children in the drama camp began with plain, white T-shirts, which they embellished with things like tissue paper tutus and cardboard

wings.

The children participated in a range of activities to sharpen their performance skills and tap into their creativity. In one, "Italian Rain," they tapped their palms with their fingers to mimic the sound of pattering raindrops, which helped them become peaceful and centered. In another, they faced one another in pairs with one mirroring the actions of the other. They enjoyed energetic "shakedowns" to warm up before performing.

Johnson and Free conducted frequent "company chats" with the children to share their feelings and air out difficulties. One

such chat came the day when roles were assigned. Inevitably, some children were disappointed with their roles. "I had a talk with them about casting and told them that every part could be awesome. But we would also say, 'This is what we're feeling,'" Johnson said.

The children invited their parents and friends to the show, and they performed on a stage with lights and a backdrop of artwork they had made. The show overflowed with energy and showmanship. After the performance, every actor got a rose!

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# Governor Prentice Cooper Chapter IV

Pages from the Political Past



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FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Former Governor Prentice Cooper and his bride, Hortense, 1950

Governor Prentice Cooper was seeking a third two-year term in 1942 and found himself hard pressed by his opponent, J. Ridley Mitchell. Mitchell was a wily politician and had served as the Congressman from Tennessee's Fourth District from 1931-39, leaving office to make a quixotic bid for the United States Senate in 1938. Mitchell could likely have stayed in Congress for the rest of his life had he not opted to run for the Senate. After his defeat in 1938, Mitchell married and moved from Cookeville to Murfreesboro and established a law practice in that city.

Ridley Mitchell was something of a political chameleon, adept at connecting with a voter or group of voters personally. In 1938, Mitchell had very much wanted the support of both Senator Kenneth McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine. When McKellar told Mitchell whomever he supported would have to run as part of a coalition ticket, the Congressman balked, although there was little reason to believe the senator would have backed Mitchell in any event. Mitchell, fighting a three-way race with District Attorney A. T. "Tom" Stewart and incumbent U.S. Senator George L. Berry, positioned himself as the "harmony" candidate. While claiming not to be part of any faction, Mitchell's ire with Senator McKellar's refusal to support him was readily apparent in the Congressman's oratory that summer. Mitchell's criticisms were largely reserved for Senator McKellar more so than Crump.

By 1942 McKellar and Crump had dominated Tennessee politics for a decade and Ridley Mitchell's campaign for governor was pitched to those who objected to boss rule. Mitchell campaigned so strongly against Crump that one would have thought Ed Crump was running for governor instead of Prentice Cooper. Mitchell in fact told audiences, "There are only two candidates in this race -- Ridley Mitchell and Ed Crump."

Former Congressman Mitchell declared Governor Cooper was little more than Crump's "pawn" and "puppet".

"I think the time has come when the office of governor should be returned to the people and the seat of the government be brought back from Memphis to the state capitol," Mitchell said.

Governor Cooper replied that he was proud to have Crump's support and reminded audiences Ridley Mitchell had wanted Crump's support as well. The governor routinely asked his audiences for a show of hands of those who believed Mitchell would have accepted the Memphis Boss's support

had he been able to get it. A sea of raised hands was the usual response to the governor's inquiry.

The Memphis Boss had a remarkably thin skin for one who had been involved in politics for more than forty years and Crump fired back, purchasing thousands of dollars of advertising in newspapers all across the State of Tennessee.

The Memphis Boss employed language as flamboyant as his dress, proving he was fully capable of giving a political thrashing as well as taking one; Crump published one advertisement under the heading, "Mitchell voted Against Pearl Harbor". With the war going badly for the allies, it was still a sore spot with many voters, especially in patriotic Tennessee. Crump reproduced four letters he had received from J. Ridley Mitchell, as well as a telegram where Congressman Mitchell urged the Memphis Boss to meet him at the Peabody Hotel, a none too subtle reminder that J. Ridley Mitchell would have liked the support of the Crump machine for himself.

Crump's ad opened a new front during the gubernatorial primary, allowing Governor Prentice Cooper to lambast J. Ridley Mitchell as an isolationist. Prior to World War II, Congress had many members who believed the United States should remain aloof from global affairs and especially conflicts between other countries. There were isolationists in both parties, many of whom held prominent positions in the Congress. Idaho's William E. Borah, the "Lion of Idaho", shocked President Franklin Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull when he dismissed reports received by the State Department, replying he had his own sources of information and there would be no world war. David I. Walsh, an

enduringly popular political figure in Massachusetts, was the first Irish-Catholic Democrat ever to be elected governor and U. S. senator from the Bay State. Walsh was also Chairman of the Senate's Naval Affairs Committee and his loathing of the British Empire and strong support for neutrality legislation made him a powerful isolationist.

California's Hiram W. Johnson, North Dakota's Gerald P. Nye, Montana's Burton K. Wheeler, Indiana's Frederick Van Nuys, Minnesota's Henrik Shipstead and several others were all leading opponents of the Roosevelt foreign policy and any form of intervention. The South held less isolationist sentiment than perhaps anywhere else in the entire country and only one senator from the southland could truly be described as an isolationist; Robert Rice Reynolds of North Carolina. Being tagged as an isolationist was a serious political liability in any election in the South and Tennessee was certainly considered a southern state, especially at that time.

Prentice Cooper picked up Crump's charge that J. Ridley Mitchell's record while in Congress was isolationist. Governor Cooper reminded audiences all across Tennessee in July and August of Mitchell's Congressional record with respect to foreign policy, an odd albeit effective issue in a gubernatorial campaign.

While speaking in Kingsport, Tennessee

pointed out that during his eight years in Congress, Ridley Mitchell had never voted once for a preparedness measure. The governor also noted during his Congressional tenure Ridley Mitchell never once voted for any legislation benefitting the army or navy, despite repeated requests for such legislation by President Franklin Roosevelt.

E. H. Crump assailed Ridley Mitchell in another huge advertisement with a headline blaring, "J. Ridley Mitchell - Eminent Demagogue". For good measure, Crump added that Mitchell was a "Terrible Hypocrite - Not A Sincere Bone In His Body". Once again, Crump reproduced correspondence from the former Congressman, which reiterated Mitchell had strongly wanted Crump's support and that of the Shelby County political machine.

It is impossible to tell just what impact, if any, Crump's advertising campaign had on Ridley Mitchell's gubernatorial campaign, but considering the former Congressman was running hard against Crump and the Shelby County machine, one has to think they made some impression upon voters.

Ridley Mitchell's own advertisements showed a picture of the candidate, one hand held above his head as he made a speech, with a headline asking, "How Will You Vote?"

Mitchell's ad went on to point out the United States

was engaged in "fighting a war for freedom" and wondered if Tennessee voters would not vote "for that same freedom".

"Are you going to let Dictators, big and little ones, take Tennessee while your son risks his life fight the axis dictators?" the Mitchell ad inquired.

Mitchell's advertisement went on to urge Tennessee voters to "crush the Dictators at home!"

Lest anyone misconstrue the message, the ad bluntly urged voters to "Beat Dictator Crump!"

It was not long before Silliman Evans, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean became an issue in the gubernatorial campaign. The Tennessean was strongly supporting Ridley Mitchell for governor and was the leading advocate for Mitchell's candidacy in 1942. Evans constantly bombarded Governor Cooper for his failure to repeal the poll tax, a proposal that had been supported by Cooper in his previous campaigns. Evidently Evans had gone to Governor Cooper in 1940 and prevailed upon him to make the repeal of the poll tax the administration's top priority in the coming legislative session. The governor refused and incurred the publisher's wrath in the next election.

The governor angrily snapped, "There wouldn't be any opposition in the present campaign except for this one man".

Silliman Evans had been the strongest supporter

in the state of former Governor Gordon Browning and had delighted in opposing both Crump and Senator McKellar, both of whom cordially hated him. Evans denied that he had done more than merely ask the governor to keep his campaign pledge, although there is good reason to believe the publisher fancied himself as Crump's successor and hoped to have the same kind of influence in Tennessee elections as did the Memphis Boss.

Evans went so far as to claim the governor had said he disliked dogs, a claim Cooper immediately denied.

While E. H. Crump had become an issue in the gubernatorial primary, his warm personal friend and political partner, Senator K. D. McKellar, was busy sending a flood of letters to friends and supporters in Tennessee reminding them he was strongly for both Senator Tom Stewart and Governor Prentice Cooper. McKellar was especially popular in East Tennessee and his alliance with local Republicans paid political dividends for both Cooper and Stewart on Election Day.

Senator McKellar made a campaign swing through several West Tennessee towns just before the election and went to Nashville to receive friends. McKellar had made a similar tour of East Tennessee to increase the turnout for Cooper and Stewart the week before the election.

What had become a bitter campaign ended on August 6, 1942. Prentice Cooper became only the second man to be reelected to a third consecutive two-year term as governor of Tennessee in almost a century. Still, Ridley Mitchell made an impressive showing and the governor likely had to be both vexed and embarrassed by the fact he had lost his own home county of Bedford to Mitchell.

Mitchell had represented Bedford County in Congress and had been a very popular Member of Congress during his time in Washington. Mitchell beat Cooper by almost 500 votes in Bedford County. Mitchell ran most strongly in Middle Tennessee, winning Davidson County, home of the Nashville Tennessean, by almost 8,000 votes. Governor Cooper carried the three other urban counties, Hamilton, Knox and Shelby by wide margins, although Ridley Mitchell piled up majorities in much of Middle and West Tennessee.

Tennessean had proved over the years to be reluctant to give any governor a third consecutive term and voters were restless all across the country that year, causing many incumbents to lose. Prentice Cooper had won a convincing victory and it was to be his last winning campaign.

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## Don Sproles Memorial Dinner features co-author of Pat Summitt book

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"Lesson one that I learned from working with Pat is that before someone can begin to ASPIRE, they need the basic security of a decent roof over their head and a floor under their feet. Then they can begin to step up," Jenkins said.

"If there is a constant in the three books I've helped Pat write, including the latest detailing her various challenges, it's that combination of compassion and accountability is

the only formula that really works in building lives. The Volunteer Ministry Center shares that philosophy. And nothing means more to me than to be a part of her team, and to be able to use Pat's message to help her neighbors in Knoxville find decent housing, so that they and their children can look beyond the bare necessities—and take that next step up," Jenkins added.

To purchase tickets or find out about sponsorship opportunities for the dinner, please call VMC at

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## The Voice winner Cassadee Pope to give concert for Mobile Meals

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett's office is working with several local TV and radio stations to organize a telethon to benefit Mobile Meals on July 29. As part of that effort, Q100 Today's Continuous Country is hosting a benefit concert featuring Cassadee Pope, last year's winner of NBC's *The Voice*.

The all-ages, family-friendly concert will be Monday, July 22 at the Cotton Eyed Joe. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

"This concert is a great way to help

support the work of Mobile Meals, and it wouldn't be possible without Commissioner Hammond, Q100 and the Cotton Eyed Joe," said Mayor Burchett.

"Cassadee has been involved in stamping out hunger through her record label, Republic Nashville, and we are very pleased and excited that Cassadee has chosen to extend that work to Knox County by helping to raise money for Mobile Meals," said Q100 Program Director and Knox County Commissioner Mike Hammond.

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# Karns rolls past Maryville to claim District 6 Little League title

## Gibbs falls to Allen Baseball Club in World Series

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School's baseball team got some valuable experience in the early rounds of the NABF 17-and-under World Series last week.

The Eagles were hosting one of four preliminary tournament pools at Steve Hunley Field.

Gibbs concluded a long hot Friday with a 9-6 loss to the Allen Baseball Club from Texas.

The Eagles might have come up short against the two-time defending tournament runner-up but the experience can only be valuable for the 2010 Class AA State Champions.

"This was really good for some of our younger kids," said Gibbs assistant coach Lee Elliott who coached while head coach Geff Davis watched from the comfort of the air-conditioned press box. "When you face this kind of competition the kids can only get better."

The Eagles, who won their tournament opener against the Jackson (MS) 96ers Red Team, 9-3, on Thursday and lost their first game Friday (11-1) to the Virginia Shamrocks, fell behind early against Allen.

The Texas team, which reached the finals in each of the last two summers, took a 1-0 lead on an RBI single by second baseman Alex Painter.

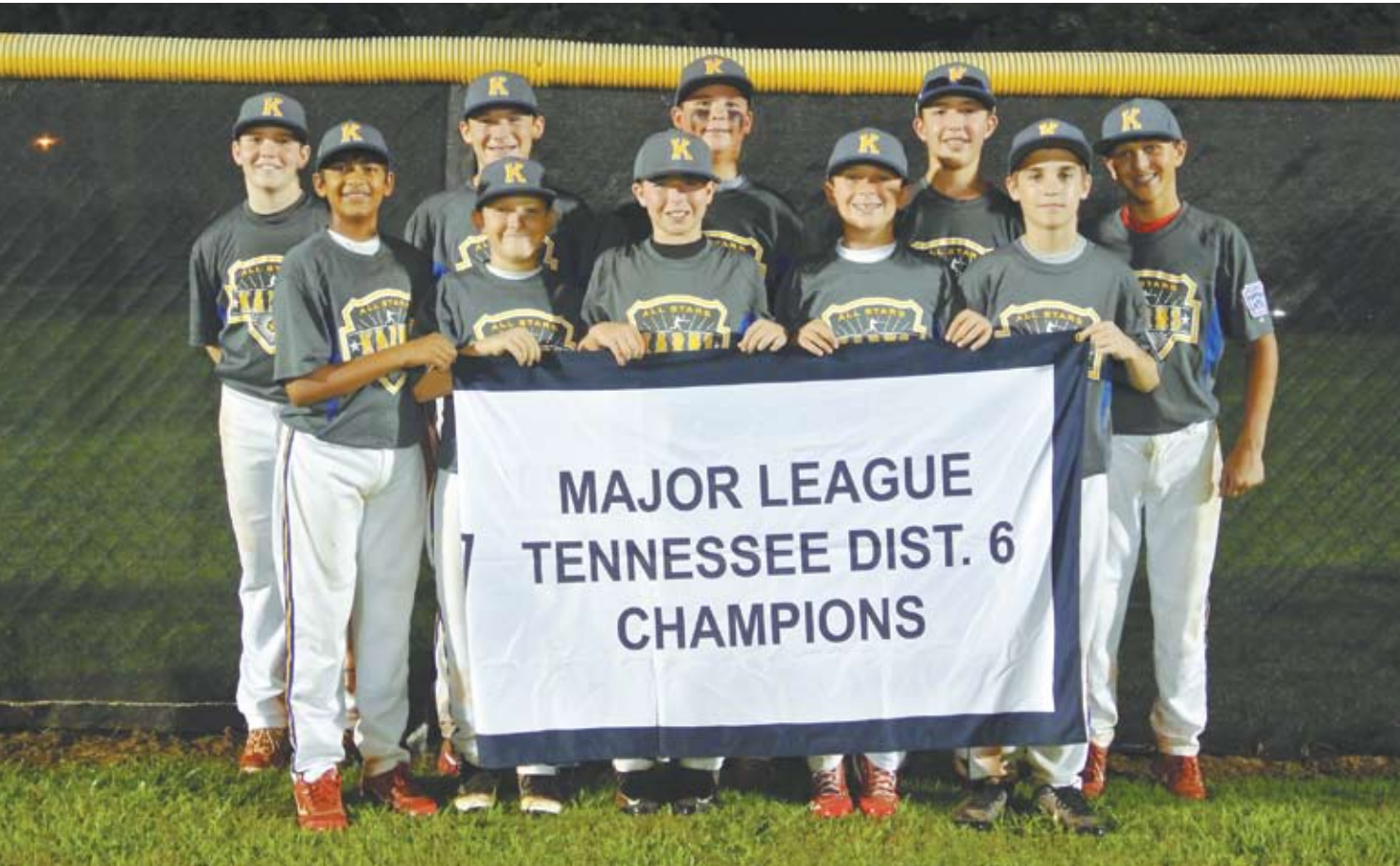
Allen added two more runs in the top of the third. Josh Gray led off that frame with a double and scored when Andrew Tanous reached on an error. Allen got its other run on a scoring ground-out by Kris Nguyen.

Allen took a 5-0 lead in the fourth on RBI singles by Gray and Tanous.

"They're a good team and they play good solid fundamental baseball," Elliott said of Allen. "We welcome all the good competition from all across the country."

The Eagles were opportunistic in the bottom of the fourth. Gibbs took advantage a walk, a hit batter and a wild pitch. The Eagles pulled to within 5-3 without the benefit of a hit. Brandon Tuggle drew a leadoff walk and scored when

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Karns' 12-year-old Little League All-Stars captured the District 6 championship to qualify for the State tournament. Front row (left to right): Mason Patel, Tyler Meyers, Bryce Jenkins, Baker Whitfield, Nick Mackle. Back row: Noah Gent, Cameron Fisher, Matthew Fine, Jacob Tate, Lukas Cook. Not pictured: Ryder Green, Head Coach Mike Jenkins and assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Shane Gent.

## 12-year-old All-Stars set sights on state tourney in Winchester

Karns punched its ticket to the Little League State baseball tournament this year in dominating fashion.

Noah Gent drove in four runs and hurled a two-hitter as Karns' 12-year-old All-Stars overwhelmed visiting Maryville 11-0 to wrap up the District 6 tourney championship Saturday night, July 13.

Karns unleashed a 16-hit attack.

"That's pretty good," said Head Coach Mike Jenkins. "We've got some good hitters, and one not here who might be our best."

Ryder Green, noted Jenkins, was playing with another team in a tournament at Cooperstown, N.Y., home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. He's also Karns' No. 1 pitcher and throws in the 70s, said Jenkins.

"He pitched a one-hitter in our first game (15-0 win over Maryville on July 8) and hit a grand slam."

Karns will have Green back for the Little League State tourney, which was scheduled to start this past Saturday, July 20, at Winchester.

Cam Fisher paced Karns with a 3-for-4 effort in the district finals. Five others had two hits apiece, including Gent, who had his second two-run double, a chopper down the third baseline, as Karns pulled out to an 8-0 lead the third inning.

Catcher Matthew Fine, nicknamed "Panda," doubled in Gent for Karns' first run in the top of the first, and his grounder to third plated Jacob Tate with the champs' final run in the fifth as the mercy rule limit was reached.

Fine, Tate, Tyler Myers and Mason Patel also had two hits each in the one-sided affair.

All three Maryville batters grounded out to Tate, Karns' first baseman, in the bottom of the first inning - a rare occurrence. Gent struck out the side in the second.

Maryville, traditionally a tough foe for Karns' All-Star teams, put its first runner on base when its No. 9 batter drew a two-out walk in the

third.

Seth Orren bounced a single up the middle to lead off the Maryville fourth, ending Gent's no-hit bid. Orren tried to advance to second on a pickoff attempt, but right-fielder Patel's throw to shortstop Meyers cut him down.

Maryville tried to at least spoil Gent's shutout in the fifth when leadoff batter Christian Keller got aboard on a throwing error. Keller moved to second on a passed ball and to third on a single by Bo Price but was stranded there when Gent fanned Takumi Nade to end the game.

Karns, which crushed Grainger 28-0 in the district semifinals July 11, was scheduled to play South Nashville in the opening round of the State tournament.

"We've got a good shot," said Jenkins of his team's chances at the State. "This is the best team we've had going forward."

Jenkins' teams have progressed at the state level each of the past three years, placing fourth as 8-year-olds, third as 10's and second last year as 11's.

South Nashville defeated Goodlettsville to win District 7. Last year, Goodlettsville advanced to the Little League World Series in

Williamsport, Pa., and won the USA title before bowing to Japan in the finals.

Karns remains the only program in Knox County that is affiliated with Little League. Its World Series is nationally televised each summer.

In the USA title game last year against California, Goodlettsville squandered a 15-5 lead in the sixth inning before pulling away to a 24-16 win in the seventh. They lost to Japan 12-2 in the finals.

Goodlettsville joined Little League in 2010 and played in the State tournament at Karns in 2011.

KARNS CELEBRATED the district title with a late night game pitting the players against parents, coaches and board members. "That's been a tradition after winning the district," said Coach Jenkins, whose teams have now won the district four years in a row.

The game is played on the Little League field with a tennis ball and using "wiffle ball" rules, which means you can throw it at 'em to get 'em out.

"We played until 4 or 5 in the morning one year," said Jenkins.

The kids battled back for an

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# Rebels' valiant effort comes up short in World Series

By Ken Lay

West High School baseball coach Buzz McNish saw his team did some good things Thursday morning in the first round of the NABF 17-and-under World Series.

McNish, who recently completed his second year as the Rebels' coach, saw his young squad play errorless baseball. He also saw his team outhit the Troy Bombers and the coach saw his young team put up a valiant effort against one of Ohio's toughest travel teams.

West, however didn't do twothings. The Rebels didn't score and thus dropped their opening-round game 5-0 to the Bombers at West High School.

West had six hits in the contest. Rebels' right fielder Grant Rucker had two of those, including a two-out triple in the top of the sixth inning of a 1-0 game. Rucker, who represented the tying run, was stranded when rising sophomore first baseman Sam Springer grounded out to end the threat and the frame.

The Rebels got hits in each of the first two innings. Rucker legged out a two-infield single in the top of the first and rising freshman shortstop Zach Harshey singled in the second. Harshey, who played on Bearden Middle School's county-championship basketball team last winter, also made a sparkling defensive play in the game that helped the Rebels keep things close.

The Bombers took a 1-0



West High School left-hander Hayden Boyd hurls a pitch in an opening-round game of the NABF World Series last week. The Rebels lost to the Troy (OH) Bombers 5-0.

lead in the bottom of the second as West left-handed pitcher Hayden Boyd struggled with his control. He surrendered a single to Troy's Cody Harsman to open the inning. Boyd, who recently completed his sophomore season in Marble City, then issued consecutive walks to Brett Bachman and Nick Hissong to load the bases.

Harsman scored the game's first run when Cody Beeler rapped into a fielder's choice. Boyd averted further damage by striking out the next two hitters. Boyd had five strikeouts and surrendered just five hits. He, however, issued eight walks. Half of those hitters would eventually score, for Troy, which put the game away with four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

"He didn't have his best stuff today but he battled," McNish said of Boyd. "We just need to play better team baseball than we did today.

"When your pitcher doesn't have his best stuff, you have to play better team baseball and get him

some runs."

Despite his obvious disappointment with the result, McNish was pleased with his squad's effort.

"This team has really improved from the start of the summer until now," he said. "They've got a lot of grit and they've improved more than any team I've ever had.

"They've made a huge improvement and they've really played hard and that makes things better in games."

Troy's four-run fourth all but put things out of reach. Right fielder Adam Gunston had a two-run triple and the Bombers also got RBI singles from Nate Reese and Shayne Zwierzchowski.

The Rebels threatened in the top of the seventh. Grayson Goble had a lead-off double in the frame. Ty Edsell added a two-out single to put runners at the corners before Bombers' pitcher Chris Helsey induced Jake Johnson to fly to center to end the game.

Tournament play continued through Sunday with the title game contested at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

# Walkin' the walk trumps talkin' the talk

A Tiny comment could create a big fuss in November

The message on the sign at the Washington Pike



By Steve Williams

Baptist Church was meant for everyone and folks in every walk of life, but I quickly applied it to football when I read it driving by last Monday.

After all, the annual SEC Media Days – the unofficial kickoff of the college football season – were about to get underway at Hoover, Ala. Fourteen head coaches and three player representatives from each conference team would be talkin' football for three days.

Many fans can't get enough of the preseason chatter, slick magazines or predictions. Will their team be a contender for a championship? Do they have any preseason All-SEC honorees or All-Americans on their roster?

All that talkin' won't mean much, I thought, and will mean even less when play starts in a little over a month. The teams that do their job on the field will be the most successful. It's that simple.

Tennessee's new head coach, Butch Jones, and Vols Ja'Wuan James, Antonio "Tiny" Richardson and Jacques Smith represented UT quite well at the Media Days.

Best I can tell, only one uh-oh comment slipped out.

Recalling UT's embarrassing 41-18 loss at Vanderbilt last season, Richardson, a Nashville native, said, "That won't happen again. I promise you that."

Tiny's promise might not stack up with Broadway Joe's guarantee of a Jets win over the Colts in Super Bowl III, but you gotta admit, it's pretty strong. It raised some eyebrows.

The Commodores, I'm sure, have filed the comment away for bulletin board material in November. Vandy will visit the Vols Nov. 23. Tiny didn't say it out loud, but I bet he can't wait.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

In sports and life, action speaks louder than words.

While the Vols' games with Florida and Alabama have just simmered in recent seasons, their in-state series with Vandy has gotten hot.

As I looked over comments made by Coach Jones in his first appearance at SEC Media Days, nothing qualified for the bulletin boards of 2013 opponents that I could see. Here are a few of his quotes that caught my eye:

Jones: "In order for us to make those (games against Florida and Alabama) rivalry games, we have to get back to being relevant and winning those football games."

My take: It's going to take time to build up the necessary talent and depth to beat the Gators and Crimson Tide again. That will require patience from the fans and administration.

Jones: "Recruiting advantages come with winning." My take: Recruiting advantages also come when a team is lacking in talent and depth, and there is an early opportunity to play.

Jones: "Winning championships is a by-product of playing great defense."

My take: We didn't have

a chance, with the defense we had last season. Will it be better this year? It better be.

Jones: "I don't believe in the term rebuilding. We're building our team brick by brick, and each brick is important."

My take: There's nothing wrong with the term rebuilding. It is what it is. Maybe, someday again, the Vols can call it reloading, like Alabama's doing now.

Jones: "Before we could ever think of being a championship football team, our team had to be comprised of individual champions."

My take: The Vols have made great strides in the community, in the classroom and in their off-season conditioning workouts.

Jones: "It's not where you start, but where you finish."

My take: The media picked Tennessee to finish fifth in the SEC East, behind Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Vanderbilt. Tiny and the Vols might have something to say, mean do, about that.

# Gibbs falls to Allen Baseball Club in World Series

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Adam Saah reached on a three-base error. Trey Carpenter was hit by Jeff Sparks and later scored when the Texas pitcher uncorked a wild pitch.

Gibbs scored its other run in the inning when Saah scored on a grounder by second baseman Pierce Elliott.

Allen extended its advantage to 6-3 in the sixth when Grey picked up his third hit of the contest and drove in Reed Bresselman who opened the frame with a double.

The Eagles pulled to within 6-4 when an infield hit by Peyton Sawyer plated Saah, who walked and stole second.

Allen responded with three runs in the top of the seventh. The Texas team got an RBI double from Painter and a scoring single by catcher Hunter Taylor. Allen also scored with the help of a Gibbs miscue.

The Eagles made things interesting in their last at-bat. Gibbs scored


twice in the bottom of the seventh on Carpenter's two-run double.

Halls wins two at Gibbs: The Red Devils opened tournament play at Gibbs Thursday with a 6-1 victory over the Jackson 96ers Blue squad. Halls lost to defending champion Top Tier (Illinois), the defending champ.

The Red Devils then rebounded to claim a 3-2 victory over the Half Moon (NY) Renegades. Tournament play continued through Sunday and concluded at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Results were not available at press time.



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# WIDNER: Going Wide for Rebounds (Part II)

The Gibbs Eagles and their Head Coach Bob Dagley created an awesome 1964-65 basketball season. Forward David Widner started claiming rebounds. But the coach had a problem. Dagley



By **Ralphine Major**  
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had another player who felt the same way—that every rebound belonged to him. That player was Tommy Everette. “Widner and Everette would battle anyone for the rebound, many times each other!” Dagley said. “I had to get after them for knocking the ball out of each other’s hands in trying to get the rebound.” It was no wonder the Eagles soared so high that year with the players working so hard for their coach. (Tommy Everette, who was the only junior starter on the team,

will be featured in upcoming Focus columns.) “David and I lived beside each other growing up,” Tommy told me. They attended Ritta Elementary together before going to Gibbs High. “We walked home together after ball practice until David got a ‘41 Plymouth his senior year,” Everette added.

The Eagles’ coach continued on the Widner-Everette battle for the boards. “We lost several rebounds because of this, but Ron Graves found out that he could pick off some of those loose rebounds; and if it was an offensive rebound, he would have it in the basket before anyone knew it. One coach from another school called

Graves “the garbage man” because he got so many of those loose rebounds,” Dagley added. The trio of tall players created some exciting plays for Eagles’ fans on their way to helping the team to a 31-2 record. “I never have seen three better high school rebounders on the same team,” the Eagles’ coach said. “They formed a strong rebound triangle.” That was great news for the Eagles.

“Widner made more progress in the shortest period of time than I had ever seen,” Dagley said. “David had strong shoulders and hands and took up a lot of room in his rebounding position. His legs were strong, and he found out he could easily dunk the ball one handed; and then, two-handed came easy. Those two-handed dunks could turn a ballgame around.

It was demoralizing to a team to have someone double dunk the ball on them. Widner broke open several close games with his dunks. I remember one game in the 6th District Tournament which was a close game. Right before half time, Widner intercepted a pass near the half line, took two or three dribbles (though dribbling was not his strong point), and double dunked the ball. The crowd went wild, and the second half belonged to us.” Dagley continued, “The other coach called me the next day and asked if I could come to his house. He had something to show me. He had filmed the game and when he came to Widner’s dunk, he stopped the film and said, ‘that was the ballgame.’ He pointed out the expressions of his players who were trailing the play. That spoke



David Widner in his United States Army uniform. Photo provided by Tracy Widner Adkins.

volumes.” (This is No. 13 in the series about the Gibbs Eagles’ amazing 1964-65 season.) This warrior on the court later became a warrior for his country. Next week continues with Part III of the David Widner story.

## Talent is low, but optimism is high for Vols

By Alex Norman

The Tennessee Volunteers are not going to win the national championship this season, nor will they win the SEC championship. They won’t finish first in their division, and would be fortunate to win seven games. Just don’t tell them that...

Last week new Vols head coach Butch Jones, offensive linemen Antonio “Tiny” Richardson and Ja’Wuan James, and defensive lineman Jacques Smith ran the gauntlet of anchors, reporters, writers and fans posing as objective, credible members of the press at the annual SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama.

Not surprisingly, they said all the right things. “We look forward to the challenge of this upcoming season,” said Jones. “Very proud of what our team has accomplished in a very short period of time. But moving forward, obviously August camp is going to be critical as we continue to create our identity for Team 117.”

Players have bought into the system Jones has brought to Knoxville. They also seem to have connected with him in ways that certainly weren’t the case when Derek Dooley was in charge from 2010-2012.

“He’s very personable,” said Richardson. “He’s always trying to build a personal relationship with his players and when you have a coach like that, it’s going to make you want to run through walls for him.”

“It has been the easiest transition out of all the coaches that we’ve had,” said Smith. “Coach Jones made a genuine introduction of himself. He got off the plane, walked into the team room with his family and introduced his sons and his wife to the team. It was quite an impression that stuck with every single player.”

“Since Day One, he’s brought passion and excitement to the game,” added James. “He’s making the game fun again. In our spring game, we had DJ’s out there just trying to keep us pumped up. At the same

time, he’s serious when it’s time to be serious and he’s overall a great person.”

Teams often take on the personality of their coach. It certainly appears to be the case with the Vols and Jones. His energy and success on the recruiting trail has people excited about Tennessee football once again.

“We talked about building a championship culture, working to get Tennessee football back to its rightful place back among the elite of college football. We talked about doing that brick by brick,” said Jones. “That’s not a fancy slogan; we really meant that as every brick is symbolic of every individual in our football family and our football organization. It’s having clearly defined and articulated standards, expectations and values that are going to guide you on a day to day basis.”

By all accounts this will be a transitional year for the Tennessee football program. Most of the offensive playmakers are gone, giving young, mostly inexperienced players an opportunity to shine. The defense moves back to a 4-3 alignment following a disastrous experiment in the 3-4 under then defensive coordinator Sal Sunseri.

Still, the players that stuck around the program that has seen four different head coaches since 2008 are not willing to play out the string.

“(Winning) is very important and I’m sure it’s imminent to every senior. I know it’s a goal of mine and I’m sure every senior wants to win,” said Smith. “With the situation that we’re in, winning would be the best thing ever and if we lost, it would be terrible. (But) there’s no choice, we are going to win, and when we do, we’re going to be marked as the class that changes this Tennessee program. Expectations are high, and if we’re expecting high things, the outcome is going to be great.”

Coach/player quotes courtesy utsports.com

## Karns rolls past Maryville to claim District 6 Little League title

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18-17 win this year, and now lead the series 3-1. The game pitted 11 adults vs. 11 kids (led by player-coach Nick “Taco” Bell) and reportedly ended at 1:40 a.m. Everyone had fun with the

game, pizza and ice cream.

KARNS’ 11-year-old All-Star team was in the “Final Four” heading into its State tournament Friday night (July 19) action at Charlotte in Dickson County. Coach Shane Parks’ team had defeated Madison Central of the Memphis area 12-1, lost to Goodlettsville 6-4 and beat Clarksville Northwest 19-1 before its game against Tulsa on Thursday was rained out.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Big Ridge Bluegrass



Local groups perform at the 32nd annual Big Ridge Bluegrass Festival.

By Joe Rector

During the Dog Days of Summer, folks are always looking for recreational activities that keep them cool. Big Ridge State Park is offering the perfect event on Friday August 16 when the 32nd annual bluegrass festival kicks off. It will be held on the grounds of the park's main office.

Prior to the music that begins at 7:00 p.m. and goes until midnight, individuals will set up booths to showcase their crafts. Wendy Leedy, mother of park ranger Sarah Nicely, is displaying her paintings, and Kelvin Rydnor is giving demonstrations of his skills as a blacksmith. Vendors will be selling barbecue and homemade ice

cream.

The bluegrass festival was started by Bobby Fulcher, who now is the park manager for Cumberland Trail. Fulcher, himself an accomplished banjo player, wanted to set up a program to bring the music of the area to park visitors.

Last year's festival drew 2000 persons to the park. The event is free and those who attend can bring blankets or chairs for seating. Park Ranger Derek Wilson suggests that people make a day of the event.

"Big Ridge is only a 30 minute drive from downtown Knoxville. It's a wonderful place for a family outing," he said.

The park opened in

1936 by a TVA as a demonstration park where people could learn the advantages offered by Norris Dam. In the 1950's the park was turned over to the state. It covers almost 4000 acres and has 15 miles of trails. Rental boats and other water activities are also available. Three rangers and a park manager oversee the area. The camp grounds and cabins draw crowds during the year.

Start the weekend by spending the evening with such groups as Just South of Heaven, Clinch River Ramblers, and New Grass Gospel. Directions and more information is available by visiting [www.tn.gov/environment/parks/BigRidge](http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/BigRidge).

## Historic Greenwood Mural to be Removed from UT University Center Ballroom

Architectural art experts are beginning the delicate work of removing the historic Greenwood mural from the ballroom of the Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The mural must be removed because the existing portion of the University Center will be demolished as construction continues on the new, much larger Student Union. The first phase of construction should be completed in late 2014 or early 2015, when the remainder of the University Center will be demolished so phase two of the construction can commence.

EverGreene Architectural Arts from New York has been hired to clean the mural and remove it from the cinder block wall. The process is expected to take several weeks.

Originally known as "The History of Tennessee" the 29-by-6-foot, 300-pound, oil-on-canvas mural depicts music across Tennessee. It was painted by renowned artist Marion Greenwood in 1954 while she was a visiting professor at UT. It hangs on the western wall of the University Center's ballroom.



Workers from EverGreene Architectural Arts cover the mural with a layer of fabric facing and varnish, one of the steps in the delicate process of removing it from the cinder block wall in the University Center ballroom. The work is expected to take several weeks.

"While the Greenwood mural has spurred some debate over the years, it is nevertheless an historic piece of art," said Melissa Shivers, assistant vice chancellor for student life, who chaired the committee charged with reviewing and planning what should happen with art in the existing University Center. "We are optimistic that EverGreene will be able to remove it from the ballroom wall so it can be preserved and displayed

appropriately. The mural is so large that we haven't been able to find a permanent place for it on campus. We are talking to several Tennessee museums and galleries that might be able to display it as loaned artwork from the university."

After its restoration and removal, the mural will be temporarily stored by UT's Downtown Gallery.

"We will try to schedule a showing next summer, perhaps

from mid-June to mid-August so it's available during two First Friday celebrations," said Sam Yates, director of UT's Ewing Gallery and Downtown Gallery.

The 59-year-old mural shows 28 people engaged in various forms of song and dance. The left side portrays Mississippi River jazz and blues, as well as slave spirituals of West Tennessee. The center features a country hoedown with dancers and musicians.

The right side showcases the religious-based Appalachian music of East Tennessee.

The mural became controversial in the late 1960s when some people expressed concern over its portrayal of African-Americans, particularly a man who appears to be a slave or sharecropper. In May 1970, the painting was vandalized with paints and solvents. After the mural was repaired, new threats were made against it, so in 1972 the mural was covered by paneling.

The paneling was removed in 2006, and a forum entitled "The Greenwood Mural Project" was held by UT's Issues Committee and Visual Arts Committee to discuss race and censorship. The mural was covered with Plexiglas and curtains in January 2007.

UT's other pieces by Marion Greenwood include six lithographs titled "Carib Caryatid," "Sampan Girl," "Invocation," "Dancer" and "Folk Singer." The sixth lithograph is untitled.

For more information about the mural and its restoration and removal, visit <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2013/07/19/greenwood-mural-faq>.

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### Fight or Flight

Recent remarks in the media and by our leaders regarding the Zimmerman trial caused me to reflect on a paper that recently appeared in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM). I first heard of the fight or flight response in health class which we all had to take in junior high school. I later learned in a college physiology course that our bodies are designed to shift into another gear when confronted by perceived danger.

Just as your car shifts into a more powerful gear for passing, your body releases the fight or flight hormone, adrenaline, that augments your faculties. Most of us have experienced fear, and some people who have anxiety disorders experience the sensation of fear even without an identifiable source. Have you ever had a

near collision on the highway or awakened from a nightmare? If so, you can imagine the persistent anxiety/fear that some people feel for inexplicable reasons.

The trite saying goes, "Cold feet, warm heart; smelly feet, no sweetheart." Adrenaline released in a stressful situation causes an increase in heart rate and constriction of the superficial blood vessels in the skin to shunt more blood to deeper areas and limit blood loss in the event of injury. Adrenaline also makes us feel a bit clammy in stressful situations and produces a lot of deodorant sales in western society where body odor is not as acceptable as in other cultures!

An adrenal gland sits atop each of our two kidneys. These glands produce sex hormones

and others aiding salt (sodium) and potassium balance. The adrenal glands also produce crisis hormones like adrenaline and hydrocortisone; the latter was the focus of the NEJM article. Hydrocortisone is not only for stress, it also helps maintains blood vessel integrity and vascular volume. Some of you are old enough to remember President John F. Kennedy. It turns out that President Kennedy's tanned look was in part due to Addison's disease, a condition with deficiency of hydrocortisone. He almost died with the stress of anesthesia and back surgery because his problem was not known to his doctors beforehand.

Patients in a medical crisis sometimes develop a condition known as SIRS or systemic inflammatory response syndrome. This condition can be caused by infection or possibly from the dysregulation of normal defense mechanisms to nonspecific inflammation. The normal response to danger or illness is a stimulation of the adrenal gland and the pituitary or Master Gland. This results in the release of adrenaline and hydrocortisone to mitigate and balance

the cytokines (proteins) of inflammation. If not successful, edema, shock and organ failure may result.

For more than fifty years the anti-inflammatory effects of hydrocortisone have been known and utilized by doctors. When the first hydrocortisone agents were available and used on patients with severe rheumatoid arthritis, these drugs were called miracle agents because patients literally threw down their crutches and began to walk. However, it didn't take long to observe massive swelling and diabetic side effects of "steroid" therapy. Additionally, osteoporosis and immune system dysfunction with infection frequently occur. Now days, we use various hydrocortisone derivatives like prednisone and dexamethasone, but in the smallest doses and for the shortest periods possible.

Long ago when I was in training there was an axiom that no one in shock should be denied a trial of hydrocortisone in the hopes of stabilizing an otherwise desperate situation. However, numerous scientific studies have led to conflicting results of this desperate therapy. The NEJM study by

Boonen and others was fascinating for a mechanistic internist like me. Without delving into the intricacies of the science, the conclusion is that there is massive stimulation of the adrenals in severe illness and alteration in circulating hydrocortisone from metabolic changes during illness. The missing explanation for the clinical picture may be dysfunction of the blood vessels within the adrenal glands caused by the circulating inflammatory proteins (cytokines). SIRS and shock with adrenal gland dysfunction may result in death from organ failure.

Science operates from the position of reductionism. In other words, to understand a complicated system you take it apart to see how each piece functions. We don't have this option in medicine and have to study systems in an indirect way as Boonen and his colleagues did. There was a famous Star Trek episode where the experts wanted to take the "robot" character, Data, apart to understand how he functioned. This would have led to Data's death. A trial was held to determine whether Data was an independent being with rights and privileges, or whether he was property

to be disassembled for the "greater good." Fortunately, justice prevailed and Data won his freedom and his life.

Our country is in trouble and divided like no time since the Civil War. I wrote an essay for the News Sentinel a few years ago called The Barely Civil War, and it has only gotten worse. I don't know how it will end, but many have compared the path of our country to that of Rome. The Romans sacrificed their freedom and republic for prosperity and false security with the tyranny of the Caesars.

The rancor and strife in our body politic are stimulating our nervous systems and hormones. I've concluded I have no place to flee. As a consequence I must stay and fight, though I'm not sure how healthy this is.

**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).



## Free Water and Wastewater Energy Efficiency Training July 22-25

### Training Offered to Water and Wastewater Systems Across the State

In coordination with a Tennessee Energy Education initiative, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Office of Energy Programs and Division of Water Resources have partnered with SAIC Energy, Environment and Infrastructure, LLC to offer free energy efficiency training to members of Tennessee's water and wastewater treatment systems statewide.

Training sessions will take place at three locations across the state

July 22-25 and will be divided into daytime and evening sessions. The daytime sessions will be geared toward water and wastewater system operators, providing a fundamental understanding of energy consumption and the skills needed to identify opportunities and estimate savings in water and wastewater systems distribution, collection and treatment. This hands-on, interactive course will demonstrate to operators how to estimate energy consumption

of system equipment and how to estimate savings resulting from proposed projects, among other valuable tips. In addition, the course is approved for operator continuing education units. Full-day training sessions will be offered at the following locations:

July 22: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Jackson Energy Authority Training Center, 320 Highway 45 Bypass in Jackson  
 July 24: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fleming Training Center, 2022 Blanton Drive in Murfreesboro  
 July 25: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at UT Conference Center, 600 Henley

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The evening session will be structured for administrators, grant writers, board members and city council members. This session will offer information on incorporating energy into system management decisions, developing key performance indicators and benchmark systems and how to utilize utility rebate programs. Evening training will be offered at the following locations:

July 22: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Jackson Energy Authority Training Center, 320 Highway 45 Bypass in Jackson  
 July 23: 6 p.m. - 8

p.m. at Fleming Training Center, 2022 Blanton Drive in Murfreesboro  
 July 25: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at UT Conference Center, 600 Henley Street in Knoxville

"We are pleased to provide practical training to help both operators and financial decision-makers learn how to conserve energy and reduce the high costs of water and wastewater operations," Environment and Conservation Deputy Commissioner Dr. Shari Meghreblian said.

Registration is available online at <http://tnenergy.org/events/>. With more than 2,900

employees working across the state, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is a diverse and dynamic department, serving the state by (1) safeguarding the health and safety of Tennessee citizens from environmental hazards; (2) protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air and water; and (3) managing Tennessee's 54 state parks, 83 natural areas and a variety of historical or archaeological sites. For more information about the department, please visit [www.tn.gov/environment](http://www.tn.gov/environment).

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# Faith

## The Hand of God's Blessing

George Washington was offered an opportunity to become the first king of America, but he refused. He remembered the situation that had brought the Pilgrims to the colonies in the first place. The Committees of Correspondence had a motto just prior to the Revolutionary War: "No king but King Jesus." What a great motto. Ancient Israel should have done the same thing because her kings got her into trouble.

Throughout the 208-year period that marked the divided kingdom of Israel, there were thirty-nine kings from both the northern (Israel) and southern kingdoms (Judah). Of all these kings, only five were righteous. The other thirty-four were wicked. They constantly turned their backs on God, and God had to respond.

God sent the prophets to warn



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

the people of their disobedience, but few heeded the calls for repentance. God was trying to show His love, His desire for community. But Israel and Judah turned to false gods and lived to please self. It was time for God to act, and act He did. God used the mighty Assyrian empire to invade and destroy the northern nation. They were gone forever, never to be reunited with the south and designated as "the lost tribes of Israel."

God's remnant is the tiny southern nation of Judah. Thankfully, during this time period, Judah had a godly king by the name of Hezekiah. Due to his repentant heart, God's wrath did not fall on them during his lifetime. Instead, they experienced God's protection. What brought the hand of God's blessing?

First, Hezekiah had a commitment to purity. He wanted to purify the temple, their place of worship that had been defiled by idols. He also wanted to purify God's people. We often want to be blessed by God but do not want to go through the

process of purification. Part of our problem is that our standard is not what it should be. We have grown accustomed to wickedness all around us and we have grown cold toward it. We compare our level of purity with that of the world instead of the holiness of God. We need to go back to God's Word as our measurement so we can see what needs to be purified in our hearts and lives. Let God reveal what is defiled and remove it from the temple of your heart.

Second, Hezekiah had a commitment to prayer. We see this when the Assyrians have surrounded Jerusalem. They demean God by saying He can't protect Judah, that Assyria has defeated every god. You never want to pick a fight with God. Hezekiah and Isaiah pray to God and the Assyrian army of 185,000 strong are massacred by an angel of God in one night (2 Chron. 32:20-21). God moves and acts on His behalf and He gets the glory. We will not be praying people until we recognize our desperation. We need God to save us.

## New Pastor Installed at Celebration

The Reverend Chad Ingle, was installed as Celebration Lutheran Church's new pastor on Sunday, July 14. He is excited about the opportunities for ministry as a member of the Seymour



community. Pastor Ingle says, "We want to be a positive witness for Christ in the community. Our goal is to show God's great love and mercy to the members of the community by addressing their spiritual, physical and psychological needs."

The church, which has been without a pastor for a number of years, is committed to bringing individuals and families of the community to Christ by sharing the truth of God's saving grace. We are devoting our efforts to transforming lives, marriages, families, and the community through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Ingle, a native of Greensboro, NC, is

39 years old. He is a graduate of Guilford College and Concordia Theological Seminary. Prior to receiving his call to the ministry he worked as service manager in a tire and automotive service center for 18 years. He enjoys classic movies, books on history and philosophy and is an avid football and baseball fan. Pastor Chad, his wife Amy, and their three children Mitch, Colin and Julia live in Seymour.

Pastor Chad and the members of Celebration invite you to join us this Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. for worship at 319 Blue Peacock Way Suite C (behind Atchley Funeral Home in Seymour). Call us at 865-573-8731.

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## Church Happenings

### Seymour United Methodist Church

We welcome back our active youth from their mission trip last week to Louisville, KY, and we look forward to hearing of their accomplishments while there serving others.

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

Each Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m., the Praise Band rehearses under new guidance and leadership.

Next Sunday, July 28, the youth are planning on going to the Smokies baseball game in the evening.

Looking ahead, the annual "Calling All Men"

gathering will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3rd, at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN beginning at 8 a.m. A second opportunity for this will be the following Saturday, Aug. 10, at King's University in Bristol, TN - same starting time. Information at website: [www.CallingAllMen.net](http://www.CallingAllMen.net)

For further information, please call the church office at 573-9711 or visit [www.seymourumc.org](http://www.seymourumc.org).

If your church is having a special speaker, luncheon, concert or other free event, those items need to be sent in by noon on Thursday each week.

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# House to Home

## Fall Gardeners' Festival planned for Aug. 27 at UT's Plateau AgResearch Center

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and the Cumberland County Master Gardeners will host the fifth annual Fall Gardeners' Festival at UT's Plateau AgResearch and Education Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. The event will take place in the Plateau Discovery Gardens. Admission is free and registration begins at 9 a.m. The program is scheduled to run until 4 p.m. The gardens are located in the Central time zone.

Michael "The Reverend" Sullivan and Jeff Ross, garden manager of Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tenn., will be the featured presenters at the event. They will speak about the chef's relationship to the gardener.

Festival activities will include educational presentations by UT experts and local gardening personalities teaching on topics including shade gardening, ornamental grasses, feeding your family with a garden, and why trees die. Additional topics will include landscaping techniques, controlling weeds in your turf, grape production and organic gardening.

Sessions on treating fruit and ornamental trees for pests and learning to differentiate fungal and other diseases in the garden will also be presented.

Wagon tours of the center's operations and walking tours of the Plateau Discovery Gardens will also be available. In April the Plateau Discovery Gardens became the third site in the UT Gardens' statewide plant collection and joined the other UT Gardens sites as the state's official botanical garden.

The event will also feature vendors selling their

wares and educational exhibits with information for gardeners and those interested in landscaping and nursery products.

The popular UT Extension Ask-the-Expert booth invites visitors to bring samples or photos of "needy" plant materials for analysis and recommended treatments. Also, Debbie Joines, manager of UT Extension's Soil, Plant and Pest Center, will be on hand to provide free soil pH analyses. Those interested in this service should bring a sandwich bag full of the soil they wish to be tested.

Snacks and lunch items will be available for purchase throughout the day. The event will be held at the main unit of the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center on U.S. Hwy. 70N west of Crossville. A map and complete directions are available online at <http://plateau.tennessee.edu/location/>. For more information, call the center at 931-484-0034 or visit the Cumberland County Master Gardeners website: <http://www.ccmga.org>

The Cumberland County Master Gardeners Association is a program of the county's UT Extension office. The Plateau AgResearch and Education Center in Crossville is one of 10 outdoor laboratories located throughout the state as part of the UT AgResearch system. Both Extension and AgResearch are divisions of the UT Institute of Agriculture, which also provides instruction, research and public service through the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine and UT Extension offices in every county in the state.



Last week, the Kerbela Shrines held their 50 year membership ceremony in conjunction with their Paper Sale Tally. All funds from the Paper Sale Tally go to help Shriners Hospitals. The Shriner's Poster Child Bailee (pictured above) was a special guest at the event. Pictured right is Kerbela Shrine Potentate Bill Gentry congratulating Alvin Frye on 50 years as a member of the Kerbela Shrine. Those honored were: Kenneth E. Coulter, Thomas D. Pryse, Fred C. Sherrod, James E. Reynolds, Bart O. Iddins, PP, Guy T. Love, William F. Regas, Samuel M. Bowder, Roy L. McElroy, John F. Shea, John T. Reynolds, Howard G. Heinz, Harry P. Montgomery, George A. Holt, George C. Stephenson, Harold D. Fee, Marshall E. Rasnake, Paul A. Young, Alonzo M. Walden, Rex B. Jeffers, Robert K. Vann, Thomas B. Acuff, Warren J. Bolton, John T. Allen, Adelbert F. Thompson, Barry P. Wolf, David G. Easterly, R. B. Woodard, William J. Laugherty, George D. McJunkin, Milburn A. Waters and Ernest R. Barnes.



### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

## Lessons from the Road Show

I am so very glad folks got the opportunity to have their items looked at and assessed by the experts during the Antique Roadshow taped earlier this month in Knoxville. I read an article recently where the Roadshow's appraisers stated that less than 2% of items they handle fall into the category of being a major discovery. That being said, I assume most attendees that brought items knew that and just wanted to a part of such a privileged event in our city.



By Carl Sloan

this type of event many times over the years and understand that expectations can run high. The truth is people are often disappointed when their item's appraised value doesn't meet their expectations. It is normal for a person to attach sentimentality to an object, yet our feeling about an item is not relative to the item's value. People also tend to believe that the age of an item increases its value. This is one of the most common misconceptions I have found when doing an assessment. The value of antiques, cars, real

estate and other items simply change with market demands, and the amount of money buyers are willing to pay. This, more than age of the item is really all we can go by.

Yes, you can keep a valuable item with hopes that its value will continue to rise, but some items may actually become less valuable in the markets rather than higher over time. The opposite can be true when trends change and certain items that people felt no need to preserve or collect become more desirable. When I am asked to assess values, I first learn as much as possible about the item, and then research the value through current prices.

Atria West Assisted Living Center residents and families have invited me to participate in a discovery day for antique and collectible items on Saturday, September 21st. This free event will be open to the general public. I will share more details as we get closer to the date.

The Road Show may have left town but I am still here to help our community understand the value of their antiques and collectables. To get in touch with me, Call Greg Lawson, owner Fountain City Auction at 865-293-8535 and leave a message for Carl Sloan to give you a call. Have a great week!

## UT Gardens to host Gardening with Children Symposium

**Event to highlight educational value of gardening with children**

invites everyone to learn how local gardening programs can assist adults working with children in the classroom or at home.

The symposium is designed for teachers, parents, grandparents and home-schooled families who are interested in learning more about gardening and how it can impact children's education. Teachers will acquire techniques to enhance their curriculum using garden-based learning. Parents and grandparents will learn how to garden at home with children.

Children's activities will be available while adults are in educational sessions.

Experts from the Beardsley Community Farm; Knoxville Botanical Gardens - Every Child Outdoors program; UT Extension, Knox County Office; the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge and the UT Gardens will be presenting at the event.

The cost is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child and includes lunch. The registration form may be downloaded from the UT Gardens website at <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/>. Registration must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19.

For more information contact Derrick Stowell at 865-974-7151 or [dstowell@utk.edu](mailto:dstowell@utk.edu).

The University of Tennessee Gardens is hosting a symposium focused on helping children learn to garden on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Research shows that getting children active and out in nature has many benefits. Derrick Stowell, an educator with the UT Gardens, said, "Gardening is an easy way for children to interact with nature no matter where they live." He



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- ½ onion, diced
- 1 (4oz) can diced green chilies
- 4 T cilantro, chopped
- 1 (8oz) pkg low-fat cream cheese
- 1oz can jalapenos, finely diced
- ½ t salt
- ½ t white pepper
- ½ t garlic powder

Peel and dice potatoes into ½-inch cubes; boil until done. Mix together potatoes, onion, celery, chilies and cilantro. Set aside. In a separate bowl, mix cream cheese with jalapenos; stir to soften. Fold cream cheese mixture into potato salad. Add salt, white pepper and garlic powder. Adjust seasonings to taste.

### Bean Salad (no mayonnaise)

- 2-3 (15oz) cans dark kidney beans, drained
- ½-1 c onions, diced
- ¾-1 c sweet pickles, diced
- 3-4 hard-boiled eggs, diced
- 2 T cider vinegar
- 2-3 T sugar

Combine all ingredients. Keep refrigerated.

### Hot Potato Salad

- 6-8 medium potatoes
- 3 T butter, melted
- ¾ t dry mustard
- 1 ½ c milk
- 1 t salt
- ¼ t pepper
- ¾ c mayonnaise
- ½ lb velveeta cheese, cubed
- ½ c onion, chopped

Cook, cool and cube potatoes. Mix butter, mustard, salt, pepper and milk. Boil 1 minute and remove from heat and add mayonnaise and Velveeta Cheese. Stir until melted. Add onion. Pour over potatoes in ovenproof casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Central High School Class of 1945 Class Reunion

Central High School Class of 1945 Reunion is planned for noon on Saturday, July 27 at Buddy's Banquet Center on Kingston Pike. The cost is \$20. For information, please call Joe Warwick at 688-6659.

#### FOCUS Fest 2013

A benefit for FOCUS Group Ministries will be held this Labor Day Weekend. On Friday, August 30, a Multi-band Christian concert will be held at Centerpointe Church. Doors open at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, August 31, "Changing FOCUS... Changing Lives Walk-a-thon" will kick off at Victor Ashe Park;

10 a.m. registration, and 10:30 a.m. for the walk.

These events benefit FOCUS Group Ministries which helps those affected by incarceration. See focusgroupministries.com for more info.

#### Gibbs High School Class of 1993 Class Reunion

The Gibbs High Class of 1993 twenty year reunion will be held on Saturday, July 27 on the Volunteer 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 for further information or to purchase tickets.

#### Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble to hold auditions

The Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble will hold its summer open auditions for new members of the Ensemble at 12:30 p.m. on Sat., July 27, at Dancers Studio, 4216 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville. Any Tennessee resident between 8-14 years of age is eligible to compete at this very basic audition. Each participant needs to prepare an original one-minute

dance composition without music demonstrating modern dance and ballet techniques. Members are chosen without regard to race, creed or gender.

The TCDE, is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization and a professional, performing modern dance company for children. They are currently celebrating over 30 years of performing and have performed both nationally and internationally.

For more information, see the website www.tcdedance.org or contact Irena Linn, artistic director of the TCDE, or Amy Renée Wilson, associate artistic director, at 865-584-9636.

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