

TDOT meets with East Town area merchants

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4th District City Councilman Nick Della Volpe invited TDOT Region 1 Director Steve Borden and Knoxville Public Service Director David Brace to discuss potential road improvements with East Town area merchants last week.

State Senator Becky Massey, State Representative Bill Dunn, State Representative Harry Brooks and City Councilmen Duane Grieve, Finbarr Saunders and Daniel Brown were present for the discussion that included more than 70 area merchants.

Knoxville Center Mall, located off exit 8 on I-640, has approximately 60 tenants. Additionally, the exit is home to Home Depot, Lowes, O'Charley's, Cracker Barrel, and a McDonald's, among others. Economic downturn and increased commercial development in other areas of Knoxville have caused a significant struggle amidst businesses in this community.

Della Volpe began meeting with merchants earlier this summer to discuss the challenges. Merchants identified visibility from I-640 and a lack of signage on the heavily traveled portion of the interstate as key problems.

"With the overgrowth, some 75,000+ travelers per day on I-640 can't see and don't know they are driving by a major shopping area," Della Volpe explained.

The City of Knoxville and TDOT have agreed to begin clearing the brush and overgrowth while preserving the hardwood trees planted as part of the original landscape. City arborist Kasey Krouse also attended the meeting.

"There is no logo sign on the interstate in either direction that indicates 'Food, Gas, Lodging, and Retail,'" Della Volpe added.

Current regulations only allow for a blue logo sign on only the first interstate exit as you enter a municipality with a population over 100,000. Borden suggested that while they cannot change the federal highway regulation, the area could be branded similar to Hamilton Place in Chattanooga and the road name could be changed to be more descriptive-which would allow for new signage.

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The last Boomsday on the Henley Street Bridge was in 2010. This year's event will return to the bridge Sept. 1.

Boomsday returns to Henley Bridge

This September, the nation's largest Labor Day weekend Fireworks Festival will once again launch from the Henley Bridge for the first time in two years due to the construction and remodeling of the bridge since January 2011.

Visit Knoxville, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), the City of Knoxville, and Pyro Shows have been working together over the past several months to determine the best launch site for the event. After much discussion, the Henley Bridge was determined the best location.

"Boomsday is one of Knoxville's signature events, and it is very important to continue to provide our community with a top-notch event year after year" said Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "We worked diligently with TDOT to determine the best location for the fireworks launch."

Like the past two years, the fireworks will be loaded in a staging area and transported to the launching area prior to the Festival. This year, the fireworks will be loaded onto tractor trailer beds and rolled out onto the Henley Bridge.

"Launching from the Henley Bridge by using tractor

trailer beds is similar to how we loaded and launched the show from railroad cars the past two years," said Mike Walden with Pyro Shows. "The 22-minute fireworks show is self-contained and will feature more than 20,000 shells in the fireworks display."

"We realize the inconvenience the Henley Bridge project has created for businesses, travelers, and the entire city of Knoxville," said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. "TDOT is pleased to work with our local partners, including Visit Knoxville and Britton Bridge, to help make Boomsday, one of the region's most anticipated events, a reality once again."

"Boomsday is a favorite tradition for many Knoxvilleans and East Tennesseans," said Bumpas. "It was very important for us to work with the City of Knoxville, TDOT, Britton Bridge, and Pyro Shows to ensure we put on the best show for our community. We are excited to return to the Henley Bridge and continue the 26 year tradition."

The Boomsday Festival takes place on Sunday, September 1 from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. For more information, call the festival hotline at (865)342-9192 or visit www.boomsday.org.

New Youth Center in Beginning Stages Hopes to Change Lives 'One at a Time'

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"Disadvantaged and vulnerable young people, including those in care, those with disabilities, and those struggling in education can be at risk for a disadvantaged future," said Chekesha Crippen-Gilmore.

The Knoxville College graduate and mother of 10 hopes to make a positive impact on area youth by changing their lives "one at a time" through an innovative youth center located in East Knoxville- CG's Teen Lounge.

"They need additional and early intervention to overcome the challenges they face. A good percentage of young people feel no sense of belonging and as a result do not respect the communities in which they live," she added.

CG'S Teen Lounge is an organization whose mission is to provide youth in the city of Knoxville with physical, educational and emotional support. The organization plans to provide area youth (ages 13-19) with a stable, safe and welcoming environment that will encourage both positive social interaction and

the development of important life skills.

"I have teenagers and they have friends and at one time or another there has been several at my house at one time and the more I listen to them talk I have grown to realize these kids most teenagers really have no-where to go hang out or anything productive to do to keep their-self out of trouble or from running up and down the streets," she explained.

Chekesha believes that all parts of society – including councils,

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Emerald Youth Golf Classic Oct. 1 to Benefit Urban Sports Program

Emerald Youth Foundation will host its 15th annual golf tournament Tuesday, October 1, at Willow Creek Golf Club in Farragut. Proceeds will benefit the vibrant, year-round Emerald Youth Sports program for inner city Knoxville young people.

Regal Entertainment Group is presenting sponsor. The event will begin with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and awards will follow the tournament play.

For information on individual and team registration and sponsorships, visit www.emeraldyouth.org or contact David Wells at (865) 637-3227 ext. 104.

About 400 youngsters now participate in Emerald Youth Sports, a program of athletic leagues, teams and clinics for children and teens living in the heart of Knoxville. Volleyball, soccer, basketball, swim and baseball are some of the coached team sports Emerald Youth offers.

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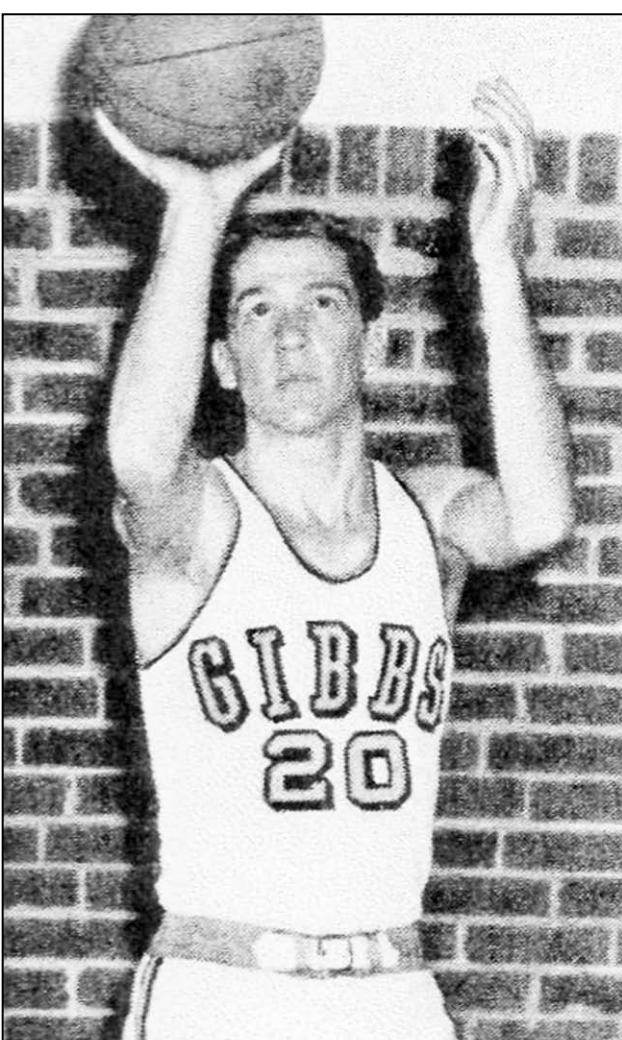
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Steve Wright from the 1965 Gibbs High School yearbook

Wright on the Mark!

"When I became basketball coach at Gibbs High School in 1963-64, the only thing I knew about the team I had inherited from their former coach, J. A. Beeler, was that they were young and were pretty good players," Bob Dagley said. Dagley, who played at Karns High School and Carson-Newman, knew plenty about basketball. But, there was much to learn about the Eagles. "I knew what I wanted to do—run



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the fast break," he said. The fast break meant that the Eagles would need to move up the court quickly when they got the ball. "But, I wasn't sure they could do it," Dagley added.

Anxious to see what strengths the Eagles had that he could build on, the new coach met with his young team early in the fall.

"The first thing that jumped at me was the fact that they all shot the ball well," Dagley said. "It was obvious someone had been working with them before I came." Though the coach would later be credited with much of the Eagles' success, he takes no credit for what had been accomplished before he arrived. "The credit had to go to Coach Beeler for these strong shooting fundamentals because he had worked with the players for at least one or two years before I came," Dagley said emphatically. His praise of the previous

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By Age	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
18-29	66.67%	[None]	33.33%	3
30-49	18.18%	57.58%	24.24%	33
50-65	20.20%	53.54%	26.26%	99
65+	26.97%	47.75%	25.28%	178
Total	24.28%	50.16%	25.56%	313

By District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
1	46.15%	30.77%	23.08%	26
2	31.11%	44.44%	24.44%	45
3	3.45%	51.72%	44.83%	29
4	21.15%	51.92%	26.92%	52
5	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%	28
6	17.65%	58.82%	23.53%	34
7	20.83%	54.17%	25.00%	24
8	12.50%	68.75%	18.75%	32
9	44.19%	37.21%	18.60%	43
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By Gender	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
Unknown	22.22%	55.56%	22.22%	9
Female	25.75%	49.70%	24.55%	167
Male	22.63%	50.36%	27.01%	137
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coaching staff continued. "Some credit should also go to the late Dwane Ritter who had coached the junior high team. I could take no credit for their strong shooting ability," the coach said. The shooting skill was a huge building block in the team's future success.

Dagley noticed something else on the team from the small, rural school. It would prove to be one of the traits of the '64-65 team that would pack the gym, causing people to start lining up early in the afternoon. "The second thing that jumped at me when I first saw them was that a few of the players were shooting and hitting well beyond the range of most players," he said. "One of them, a junior in 1963-64, was Steve Wright." According to the coach, Wright's one-handed set shot did not rattle around the rim and fall in. Instead, they were high arching shots that hit the bottom of the net. "That was his 'bread and butter shot.' He did not fool

around with a lot of other shots, except for an occasional fast-break layup," Dagley added. Eagles' fans would see plenty of Wright's "bread and butter shots" the next couple of years.

Wright remembers much about the beloved Eagles coach: "I think the world of him," he said. "He not only told us how to play, he showed us. Coach would dress out and practice with us. When we did something good, he would give us a pat on the back and say 'good job.' Coach Dagley is a special person."

"We struggled somewhat with the fast break at first in 1963-64, but the team's strong shooting ability carried us for the most part," Dagley said. "We also got some strong support from seniors Dale Walker and Bob Smith; and it didn't hurt to have Les Spitzer, a junior, be the Knoxville Interscholastic League (KIL) scoring leader that year. This team once scored 104 points against a strong team on their home court, which just goes to prove that they had strong shooting ability," the coach said. Dagley's Eagles ended up with a 24-6 season in 1963-64, laying a solid foundation for their amazing run the next year. (This is No. 16 in the series on the '64-65 Eagles. In two weeks, more with Steve Wright.)

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Publisher's Position

When Down is Up and Up is Down



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The media barrage has begun and Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre is doing his best to spin the drop in ACT scores in Knox County.

Like a stressed circus poodle, Dr. McIntyre is spinning, jumping, and barking that the results don't mean a thing in light of the fact the folks who run the ACT scores changed

the methodology of the test scores. McIntyre is telling us it's not a case of apple and apples, but of apples and oranges.

Go figure. Depending on what suits him at the moment, McIntyre is always citing some sort of data. Of course he rarely ever discusses any data that doesn't put the school system in the best light. Does anyone imagine for a single moment McIntyre would have questioned the methodology had the scores gone up?

My guess is there'd be dancing in the streets had the rates gone up and McIntyre would have claimed the credit. Of course nobody wants the blame when the news isn't good.

It is certainly true the methodology for the ACT

scores have changed; the biggest change is the ACT folks have decided to include those scores of the disabled and handicapped children. Many of those same children have been "mainstreamed" into the classrooms, so it seems to me their scores should be included in the overall results. One can't have it both ways. Frankly, had those scores been included in the past, the ACT scores previously wouldn't have been as high as they were.

The Superintendent is always going on about changes made by the State of Tennessee; he hired 66 new employees with one-time money to serve as "coaches" to prepare veteran teachers for changes mandated by the State of Tennessee. Young teachers are left to their own devices and can

be fired for any reason and the State of Tennessee has conveniently changed the law so they don't even have to be given a reason for their dismissal.

Evidently McIntyre wasn't ready for this change or perhaps it wasn't possible to manipulate the test scores of students.

At best McIntyre is saying we are exactly where we were the year before; at worst, the test scores have actually dropped. Even Farragut High School has dropped in the caution zone. All of this is happening despite McIntyre's constant assurance that there is some "extraordinary learning" going on in our schools.

The preparation rates certainly don't show it and now the ACT scores don't reflect that extraordinary learning either.

McIntyre didn't just get to town. He's been demanding more and more money and **we currently spend over half a billion dollars** in Knox County on our schools. Knox County has the dubious distinction of having the worst performing school in the State of Tennessee.

The Pied Piper can change the tune as needed, but it won't alter reality.

The rubber stamp Board of Education will yet again circle the wagons to protect their darling superintendent and bend over backwards to try and explain the ACT scores going down means nothing really. Of course the same Board and Superintendent like to brag when they go up and certainly don't question the methodology then.

It also raises the record of this Board of Education

and five of them have to run again next year. That same record may well be a difficult one to bear when facing the voters. They have enabled the Superintendent who they pay more than Vice President of the United States. They have accepted the blame for security cameras that provided no security. They have eagerly supported a bloated bureaucracy and asked for increases in the property and sales taxes. They have presided over failing schools, abysmal preparation rates and dropping ACT scores.

They can cry, wriggle and squall, but that is their record and it will be surprising if some challengers don't give them the credit of that record.

It's just another case of down is up and up is down.

On my summer internship

By Garrett Strand

Over this past summer I have had the awesome opportunity to take part in an internship program with *The Knoxville Focus*. Throughout this internship I have been able to cover a number of different events in Knoxville involving country music and local sports. My favorite assignments for the country music part were when I got to cover country music artists Homer Hart and Greylan James and country radio DJ Jack Ryan. My first event to feature Homer and Jack was when Homer was on the lineup for the Jack is Back event which was held to let people know that Jack Ryan a local radio DJ was back on the air on a different station. Jack was hired by Merle 96.7 to be the host of their afternoon show. Jack asked Homer and his band to play at the event because Merle is all about helping local talent get noticed, and that is a huge thing compared to other stations who say they are local but are actually based outside of Knoxville. Another fun event involving country music was when Merle 96.7 just recently held their Million Coin March for Children's Hospital event. Homer Hart and Greylan James were both on the lineup along with country music superstar Ashton Shepherd. Greylan James is a local kid from right here in Knoxville. He is a singer-songwriter and a guitar player. He is only in his teenage years but is blowing people away with his amazing talent. I have heard people say that they can't believe Greylan is only a teenager and already as good as he is. The whole event was to raise money for Children's Hospital so they can keep doing the amazing work they do every single day. Merle listeners could donate any amount they felt like they could, and just a ten dollar donation got them a ticket to the concert at 205 Main. To help raise funds for the

hospital Greylan James and Homer Hart both sold CD's to people at the show for any donation and gave all the profits from the sales to Children's Hospital. Over all it was a great night with a lot of money raised for a very talented hospital and some great talent taking the stage.

On the sports side of my internship I have been very fortunate to cover a lot of events surrounding the Tennessee Vols. On Thursday, August 16 I was able to cover Media Day at Neyland Stadium, where the team revealed all their game day jerseys for the upcoming season, including the biggest being the reveal of the new smoke gray colored jerseys.

Head Coach Butch Jones said, "As of right now the gray jerseys are a one game deal but we have not decided which game but it will be a home game" and he hopes that the grey jerseys will become a big part of Tennessee football and its rich tradition. The day also included a time to do interviews with the entire 2013 football team.

When I asked Tennessee kicker Michael Palardy about what his reaction was to the new grey jerseys he said, "I am really excited about the new jersey. I think it brings a new energy to Tennessee and I am excited to wear it on the field and see the fans reaction."

Palardy also added that he would like to see the

game with the grey jerseys be against an SEC rival, and he would prefer it to be against Georgia but he will wear it whenever. This event was very cool for me because I have grown up a big Tennessee Vols fan and to be able to see behind the scenes of what goes on at a normal media day was awesome.

In closing I would just like to send out a huge thank you to Dan Andrews for letting me be his intern for the entire summer. He has taught me a lot of cool stuff and let me go with him to be a part of some really cool stuff and I am very grateful to him for this amazing internship experience, I would also like to thank Steve Hunley and the rest of *The Knoxville Focus* staff for allowing Dan to be able to give me this opportunity. It was an honor to be an intern at such an awesome place and I will never forget this experience. I would also like to thank Homer Hart and Greylan James for letting me cover their shows several times this summer. When I started I was just a guy who had no experience as a reporter, but gained a lot because they let me cover them, so thank you both very much. Last but not least a big thank you also goes out to Jack Ryan and everyone at Merle 96.7 for being open to *The Focus* coming out to cover your events and running stories on them.



Garrett Strand on the field at Neyland Stadium Saturday, August 17.

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A Center volunteer works on renovating a room at the CG's Teen Lounge.

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schools, charities, and businesses – can work together in partnership to support families and communities. She and her team of supporters believe that helping area teens will lead to changed lives, and that “one at a time, is better than nothing at all.”

Additionally, Chekesha points out that some young people don't get support or have access to the opportunities they need through their families or communities. CG's Teen Lounge will secure this access, such as tutoring, which will provide sufficient activities and services for area teens.

The building has been secured and improvements have begun. Community volunteers are helping get the space revamped and ready to open soon. Interior painting and other improvements to the space will begin soon. Plans for various area fundraisers are in the works and the center still has a “needs list” that they hope the local community will help fulfill.

For more information on CG's Teen Lounge email cgteenlounge@gmail.com. To contribute financially visit www.gofundme.com/CGTEENS or contact the director.

Pellissippi State to host Goldenstein art exhibit beginning Aug. 28

Pellissippi State Community College hosts the paintings and mixed media pieces of local artist and educator Marcia Goldenstein in “Everything In Between” Aug. 28-Sept. 19 on the Hardin Valley Campus.

“We are very pleased to have Marcia coming to Pellissippi State,” said Jennifer Brickey, assistant professor of studio art. “We try to get local or regional artists for exhibits in the Bagwell Gallery, as well as artists whose work we can use to educate our students, who can visit the exhibit and discuss the artwork.”

Goldenstein, a professor at the University of Tennessee School of Art, formerly taught Brickey and instructs many of the Pellissippi State students who continue their art education at UT.

“We have great respect for her,” said Brickey. “I'm very much looking forward to taking my painting students to the exhibit so they can look at her work and learn from it.”

“Everything In Between” opens Wednesday, Aug. 28, in the gallery of the Bagwell Center for Media and Art and closes with a reception that takes place 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Normal gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Goldenstein show features mixed media and oil paintings that

put a new twist on familiar images.

“Whether looking up at the sky, at a distant panorama, a map or an artifact, my interest is in bringing a moment, a place or a familiar image to new life,” Goldenstein said.

The exhibit will include a series of more traditional landscapes, dominated by the sky and painted with oil on linen, as well as a new series of mixed media paintings, featuring acrylic and colored pencils, on paper maps. The maps are mirror-imaged to create an invented, alternate reality. The landscapes and maps allow the viewer to experience the environment through different but familiar filters.

“All of the pieces have to do with identity and knowing where you are but perhaps not understanding exactly where you are,” the artist said.

Goldenstein earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Nebraska in 1973. She has been at UT since 1976. A few of her more recent exhibits include showings in “Art in the Airport” at McGhee Tyson Airport in 2012 and 2013 and in “Artsapes” at the Knoxville Museum of Art in 2011 and 2010.

She has been a visiting artist in venues around the nation, as well as in the United Kingdom, Slovakia and



A detail from Goldenstein's Black Oak.

China. Goldenstein's work is in public collections at New York Life Insurance, KMA, UT and General Motors Corp., among many others.

The closing reception Sept. 19 will be a good opportunity for visitors and students to ask questions of Goldenstein.

“Everything In Between” is one of the events that make up Pellissippi State's arts series, “The Arts at Pellissippi State.” The series brings to the community cultural activities ranging from music and theatre to international celebrations, lectures, and the fine arts.

For additional information about the exhibit or “The Arts at Pellissippi State,” call (865) 694-6400 or visit www.pstcc.edu/arts. To request accommodations for a disability, contact the executive director of Human Resources at (865) 694-6607 or humanresources@pstcc.edu.

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youth out of trouble and surround them with positive influences, sport has a powerful presence in urban Knoxville.

Last fall, Emerald Youth, which provides outreach to more than 1,350 youth in 14 neighborhoods, joined forces with the Knoxville branch of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Dwayne Sanders, the FCA campus director assigned to lead Emerald Youth Sports, works with students at Austin-East and Fulton High Schools and their feeder middle schools.

Sanders and his staff work daily to form relationships with urban children and teens and recruit them for sports teams. They also methodically build layers of skills in the city's youth, through recreational leagues and then more competitive school and “club” teams. As a result, more girls and boys are getting involved in sports, leading to stronger downtown middle and high school athletic programs.

Proceeds of the tournament will help cover the various costs of Emerald Youth Sports including uniforms, quality equipment, staffing,

and venues to play.

“The role of sport is like none other,” Sanders said. “Sport is the great equalizer. It teaches perseverance. It provides a physical challenge that doesn't have anything to do with making ends meet. It's a fun thing.”

“It's all about relationships with urban kids. If you're there with kids and build relationships, you make a difference.”

Emerald Youth Golf Classic media sponsors include The Knoxville Focus, WATE, Cumulus Broadcasting, and Lamar.

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According to Della Volpe, a long term solution could possibly include an additional exit ramp from I-640. (The exit currently only has one.) Borden suggested the group formally request an “Interchange Modification Study” specifically to look at the possibility of two way frontage roads, and

reworked exit ramps.

Business owners and vested parties are in the process of forming an East Towne merchant group in order to better lobby for needed fixes within the area.

The Focus will continue to follow this story as it develops.

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A Mini City

By Dan Andrews

With the ongoing construction and grand openings of so many new hotels in Knox County, I decided to look at what it takes to run a major hotel. When it came time to pick one for this article, I immediately had one place in mind, the "The Crowne Plaza."

With its restaurant Mahogany's, a Starbucks, a large catering facility, and a long-standing history with the community, the Crowne Plaza was a natural fit for my research. To learn more about the hotel industry I interviewed Brandon Cox, the assistant to the general manager. Here is what I discovered.

The most important person in the hotel industry is the customer. Guests come and go from different cities and different continents, and make every single day unique and different. No two days are the same in a hotel.

At the Crowne Plaza, the role of the general manager is maintained by Ken Knight. His job is an amazing balancing act. His occupation has many similarities to being a mayor of a mini city and being a conductor of an orchestra.



Photo by Dan Andrews.

Crowne Plaza General Manager Ken Knight inspects the new sidewalk that the hotel had placed.

As a conductor, it is his job to make sure absolutely everyone is working in cohesion. Literally everyone! If just one element is out of place, it can lead to a major problem for a guest. A hypothetical example is if someone is having a huge wedding at the hotel and if the hotel is overbooked, understaffed, or does not have proper food supplies, it could be

disastrous. Everything in the hotel complex should be perfect. Just like in an orchestra, if one musician is out of tune, no matter how great the other musicians are performing, the performance is viewed as a failure. In the hotel industry failure is not an option.

So how does a general manager prevent failure? The answer is by being

proactive. A recent example of how Mr. Knight is proactive is how he and his team along with the corporate board decided to take swift action on a sidewalk in need of repair. Instead of waiting for the City of Knoxville to fix the damaged sidewalk, the hotel administration asked permission from the city to fix the sidewalk themselves. The hotel administration

immediately repaired the sidewalk and picked up the cost. This is just one example of many of how Mr. Knight's job at times is very similar to being a mayor of a small city. The hotel has parking, engineering, human resources, Internet technology, and a vast array of other services that must all be coordinated by the general

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The Marketplace Fairness Act

The Knoxville Focus is a community newspaper. If you are a reader, it's likely because you care about your community and want to know what's going in within it. Aside from family, few things are more important than community, whether it's your church community, school community or just your neighborhood.

A community that unifies all of those is another important one. It's the business community. And right now, because of an unfair federal law our local businesses are being put at a huge disadvantage. Online only merchants have a government-mandated advantage that makes them far more attractive to customers.

First off, let's remember the importance of local merchants, large and small. Local merchants care about the local community. The sponsor ball clubs. They give to charities. They support churches. They employ people right here in Knoxville.

The big internet only merchants do none of that.

But current federal law denies states like Tennessee the right to make online merchants collect and remit the sales tax. The tax is still due. You still owe it. But it is supposed to be your responsibility to pay. Amazon, which supports changing the law, sends its customers a year-end messaging showing how much they spent and reminding them they owe the tax. You probably got a note like that. And like virtually everybody else, you just ignored it.

How big of an advantage is that? Earlier this month the state had its Sales Tax holiday. Stores were packed from one end of the state to the other. Packed. That's how important saving

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The ACT sky is falling



By Joe Rector
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abound as to why this test was chosen over others. I suspect that plenty of lobbying and money from ACT, Inc. has swayed those in power and many colleges to choose this tool.

The reported average scores in the state fail to take several factors into account. Although the requirement by decision makers is that every student takes the test, juniors are not required to invest any energies into scoring well. A student can enter the testing center and randomly fill in circles for each section. The outcome in no way affects his graduation from high school.

At some point, politicians and school administrations will discover that NOT EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO TO COLLEGE! Many students are more interested in learning a skill or trade that will offer them a good salary and livelihood. We better hope that infusions of new workers into such areas as construction, plumbing, electricity, heating and cooling continue; otherwise, the cost of houses will soar, as will the payout for service calls. These are admirable careers that do not require a college degree, nor do they necessitate a set score on the ACT. The training is no less rigorous, but it doesn't require years of classroom work.

What might be a better course

of action in schools is a return to better teaching methods. Now, some folks will declare that I'm about to bash teachers. I'm not. Sure, as in any vocation, some people slip into the field and do a horrible job. However, most teachers are interested in working with kids to improve their skills. Perhaps "young'uns" will become better students when interactions with teachers change.

For a little while, we should call for a moratorium on standardized testing. Let's allow teacher to TEACH their subjects instead of prepping kids so that they will pass some test that is sacred. More than those exams are part of an education.

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Adventurer to speak at Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center

Dominic Gill will be at the Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for an evening of storytelling, movie shorts and a book signing – an event called, “Take-A-Seat with Dominic Gill.”

“Dominic is coming to Knoxville because of our city’s growing reputation as an ideal destination of outdoor adventure seekers and we look forward to hearing him tell of his ultimate adventure,” said Carol Evans, executive director of the Legacy Parks Foundation.

While admission is free and food and beverages will be provided, contributions are welcome. For more information on this event or any future fourth Thursday events, visit www.legacy-parks.org.



Rosie's World

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, my children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my

family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life!

I have no idea who wrote this but it struck

a chord in my heart because of its truth. I found it in my box of “memorabilia.” It sounds like something that Erma Bombeck would write.

Whoever did write it certainly knew the basics of thankfulness in their life.

Thought for the day: Day is over

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Today is gone
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Thank you.

Be thankful for who you are

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The Marketplace Fairness Act

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almost 10 percent can be. Our stores get that deal one weekend a year. Online only companies get it 365 days a year. It cost the Tennessee hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue every year. That's money that could lower other state taxes, help better fund schools and public safety and help make sure we never have to consider a sales tax. Meantime, the cost of building and maintaining roads and infrastructure that online vendors use to have products deliver falls squarely on the backs of you, me and our local businesses. It's just not fair.

The Marketplace Fairness Act would fix that. It would allow states like Tennessee to require the online folks to collect and remit the tax like every other business. Our local brick and mortar stores aren't looking for any advantage and they aren't afraid to compete. They just want a level playing field.

Some important notes about the MFA. First, businesses doing less than \$1 million a year in online sales are exempt. Secondly, the state will furnish software so that computing the right tax, by zip code, is easily done.

The bill has already passed the U.S. Senate with Senator Lamar Alexander as an author and Senator Bob Corker a supporter. It has the support of Governor Bill Haslam, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey and House Speaker Beth Harwell. They all know how important such a bill is to our future.

Economist Arthur Laffer of Nashville, architect of the Reagan economic policies and no friend of taxation, did a national study and concludes with shopping trends as they are, passing this bill is critical, especially to sales tax dependent states like Tennessee. He predicts passage would mean lowering other state taxes and creation of 43-thousand new jobs over 10 years.

The bill is in the house now. Our East Tennessee Congressmen, Rep. Dr. Phil Roe, Rep. Jimmy Duncan and Rep. Chuck Fleischmann have a chance to do the right thing and stand up for the businesses across their districts.

Some people will call it a new tax. Show them your e-mail from Amazon. The tax is due now, it just isn't collected. The Marketplace Fairness Act can level the playing field for local stores, mean more money for schools and a likely lowering of other state taxes. Urge your Congressman to support the home team and vote for the Marketplace Fairness Act.

Mike Cohen represents The Alliance for Mainstreet Fairness, A national coalition support the Marketplace Fairness Act.

The ACT sky is falling

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The interaction between students and teachers as they discuss the meanings of poems and short stories expand personal education. Discovering the underlying causes of environmental problems might lead a student to a career that searches for solutions. Applying mathematical functions to such everyday events as precisely dropping a tree or cutting the correct angle on a board gives education its real value.

Technology is important in the classroom and

plays major roles in our lives. However, it pales in comparison to the one-on-one relationship between teacher and student. Most of us are visual learners, but many of us also need to hear information and instructions. Machines don't talk too well, and they can't explain as well as a human who stands in front of whiteboard with marker ready to write or “figure” an explanation. That, my friends, is what separates real education from testing.

I want to see educational improvements in Knoxville,

as well as the state of Tennessee and around the nation. I'm tired of the state being in the bottom of the barrel when it comes to education. To fix the problem, we have to test using comparable groups. That means including only students who are college-bound. The ones who are turned toward careers in other areas can be tested via different methods. Those students who are challenged should not be included in the testing outcomes, even though they might participate. Most of all, I want to see money

that is poured out to testing companies invested in hiring more teachers who can work with smaller classes in more intense settings. Last, I hope that “educational leaders” will acknowledge that an education is much more than just a standardized test score. Of course, keeping their bureaucratic jobs and allowing profits for test creators probably will block the needed reform to education.

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Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill

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West Virginia was once one of the more reliably Republican states in the country. Following the Great Depression and the rise of the machine headed by U. S. Senator Matthew Mansfield Neely of Fairmont, the election of 1932 changed the political landscape in West Virginia. Herman Guy Kump was elected governor in 1932 and he began building a state machine that would eventually rival the federal machine of Senator Neely.

For the next two decades the only Republican who managed to have real statewide appeal was a lawyer named William Chapman Revercomb. Born July 20, 1895, in Covington, Virginia, Chapman Revercomb attended public schools until he went to Washington and Lee University. Revercomb interrupted his education to serve in World War I before returning home to get his law degree from the University of Virginia.

Chapman Revercomb practiced law for a time in Covington, but moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he maintained a law office until his death. Revercomb was a successful and accomplished lawyer and became interested in Republican politics. Revercomb made a bid for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 1936, but was unsuccessful.

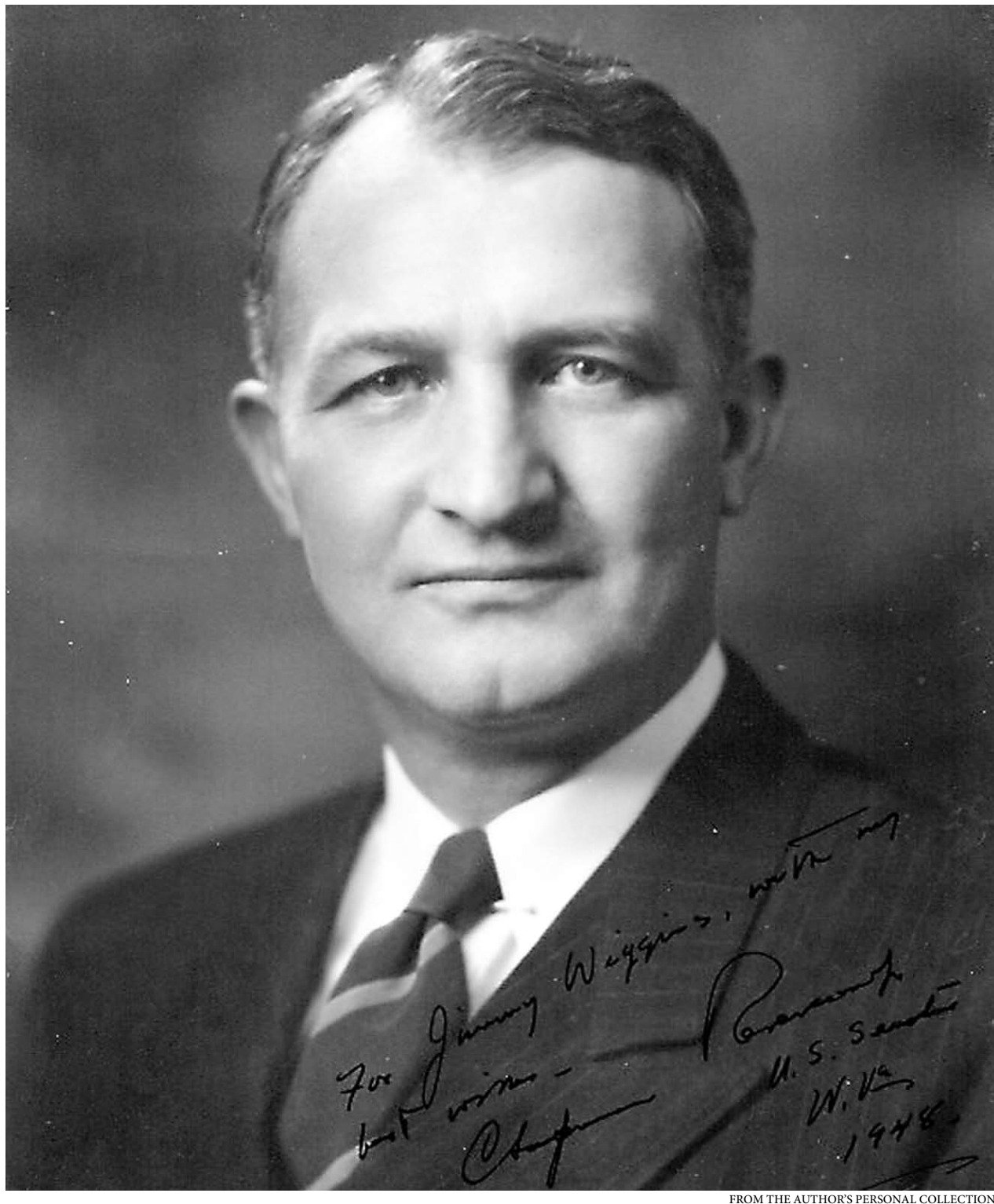
Revercomb continued to work for and support Republican candidates in West Virginia until he again decided to seek office himself. Revercomb became a candidate for the United States Senate in 1942 and faced formidable opposition in the person of Raymond Funk, a wealthy businessman. Funk spent lavishly on his campaign, but lost narrowly to Revercomb.

While the Republicans were fighting it out, the Democrats were waging a bitter battle of their own.

Matthew M. Neely had run for governor in 1940 to destroy the statehouse machine in West Virginia established by Governor H. Guy Kump. Neely resigned his seat in the United States Senate and even managed to appoint his own successor. Both Neely and his predecessor as governor, Homer Holt, had appointed senators and the United States Senate had to determine which was the legitimate senator.

By 1942, Neely had replaced the old statehouse machine with his own appointees and was ready to return to the United States Senate. He faced former Governor Kump in the primary, as well as former U. S. Senator Rush Holt, once Neely's protégé and then his bitter enemy. Neely won the Democratic nomination and confidently expected a triumphant return to the Senate.

Neely was shocked when he lost to Chapman Revercomb. It was a huge upset and Revercomb was the first Republican to be elected to the United States



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Senator Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia

Senate from West Virginia since 1928. Revercomb remains to this day the last Republican elected to the U. S. Senate from West Virginia.

Revercomb certainly had the classical appearance of a senator and was highly regarded by his colleagues. Reasonably conservative, Revercomb was also an ardent supporter of civil rights, yet his first time in the United States Senate was to be plagued by a topic familiar to many Americans today: immigration.

The Republicans had won control of both Houses of Congress in 1946 and Revercomb brought his "displaced" persons bill, which was in essence an immigration bill. Liberals across the country were appalled by the bill and denounced it as too restrictive.

The controversy surrounding the displaced persons bill was still raging when Revercomb was seeking a second term in 1948. The old war horse of the Democratic Party in West Virginia, Matthew Neely, was making yet another of his irrepressible comebacks.

Defeated by Revercomb in 1942 and ineligible to seek a second term as governor in 1944, Neely had run for his old Congressional seat in 1944 and was elected, only to lose in the 1946 Republican landslide. Seventy-four years old in 1948, Neely was pressing Senator Revercomb hard.

The Republican presidential nominee, New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey, was so confident of his own election that year, he believed he had the luxury of interfering in state races and pointedly refused to endorse Revercomb for reelection. During an appearance by Dewey in West Virginia the presidential campaign, Senator Revercomb was all but ignored.

1948 was a very good year for Harry Truman, but

a poor year for Republicans. President-In-Waiting Thomas E. Dewey received the shock of his life, along with every pollster and political prognosticator in the country. The Republicans lost control of the Congress and Chapman Revercomb lost decisively to Matthew Neely.

Revercomb returned to his law practice and remained one of West Virginia's pre-eminent Republicans. He bided his time and in 1952 announced he would challenge West Virginia's other Democratic senator, Harley Kilgore. Revercomb thought the prospects of returning to the United States Senate were favorable with highly popular General Dwight D. Eisenhower at the top of the ticket. Former Democratic U. S. Senator Rush D. Holt had changed parties and was making a strong race for the governorship.

Revercomb waged the most unusual campaign of his entire career in 1952, stressing Communism and Senator Kilgore's liberalism. Wisconsin demagogue Joe McCarthy was then at the height of his powers that year and many campaigns across the country gave the voters a taste of McCarthy's rhetoric.

In West Virginia, it did not work.

Revercomb in fact trailed the rest of the GOP ticket; Eisenhower barely lost West Virginia, tallying 48% of the vote. Rush Holt came mighty close to winning the governorship and may have actually won save for some tampering with the election returns.

Once again defeated, Revercomb resumed the practice of law.

On February 28, 1956 Senator Harley Kilgore died. There would be a special election that year to fill the remaining two years of Senator Kilgore's term and Governor William Marland signaled his intentions when he appointed a caretaker to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Kilgore's death.

Marland became a candidate for the U. S. Senate, but his popularity within his own party was low and lower still with the general public. Marland's term had been controversial and Revercomb sensed an opportunity and announced he would again be a candidate for the Senate. Revercomb's standing with his fellow Republicans was slipping, as he encountered serious opposition inside his own primary.

Demonstrating he was still the most personally popular Republican in West Virginia, Chapman Revercomb won the GOP primary handily.

1956 was to be the best year for Republicans in West Virginia since the advent of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Cecil Underwood, a thirty-two year old state legislator, was the GOP nominee for governor. Young, handsome and an able speaker, Underwood was a surprisingly strong candidate. The Democratic nominee, Congressman Robert Mollohan, the personal choice of Senator M. M. Neely, was hit during the general election for several scandals and considering William Marland was already

unpopular, it made the Revercomb and Underwood ticket especially appealing.

President Eisenhower carried West Virginia in 1956 and both Cecil Underwood and Chapman Revercomb won their respective elections for governor and the United States Senate.

Chapman Revercomb returned to the U. S. Senate and his second term was considerably less conservative than his first. Revercomb was perceived as an "Eisenhower" Republican. Revercomb, highly energetic and a hard worker, redoubled his efforts, realizing he had to run again in 1958 for a full six-year term.

The political situation in West Virginia was complicated by Matthew Neely's death from cancer in January of 1958. Governor Underwood appointed John D. Hoblitzell to the Senate and Hoblitzell would have to run in the fall election with Chapman Revercomb.

Unlike 1956, West Virginia Democrats did not make the mistake of fielding weak or controversial candidates. Former Governor William Marland attempted a comeback, but lost the primary. The two Democrats nominated to run for both Senate seats were former Congressman Jennings Randolph and Congressman Robert C. Byrd.

Revercomb would face Robert Byrd in the general election and the incumbent senator had to bear the additional burden of a national recession, which had hit West Virginia particularly hard.

Despite an energetic campaign, Revercomb lost to Byrd, who would go on to become legendary in his own right and serve in the United States Senate longer than any other individual. Senator Hoblitzell, trailed Senator Revercomb in the balloting and lost to Jennings Randolph.

Revercomb went home to Charleston and practiced law and earned a substantial fee by representing one of his former colleagues in the United States Senate. Edward V. Robertson, born in Wales, had moved to Wyoming, where he became a wealthy rancher. Robertson hired Revercomb to represent him in a lawsuit and the former senator was well paid for his efforts.

Revercomb had been considered for appointment as a federal judge, but his candidacy was undermined by his former colleague John Hoblitzell and the Cecil Underwood faction of West Virginia's Republican Party, who complained Revercomb was too old. In an interesting twist of fate, Revercomb would outlive Hoblitzell by more than a decade.

In 1960, Chapman Revercomb made his last race for statewide office. Revercomb had every reason to believe he still retained his popularity with his fellow Republicans who had nominated him five times for the United States Senate. Revercomb ran for governor to succeed Cecil Underwood, who could not run for a second term. Underwood was himself running for the United States Senate and it is puzzling to consider just why the governor felt constrained to make an endorsement in the GOP primary for the gubernatorial contest. Underwood made a dramatic announcement he was endorsing Harold Neely, a minor official in the Underwood administration, over former Senator Revercomb.

Revercomb lost the nomination and Underwood lost the general election. Underwood would go on to run for statewide office numerous times and his opposition to Senator Revercomb was not forgotten by many loyalists and it took Underwood forty years to finally win another election.

Senator Revercomb returned to his law practice and remained one of West Virginia's elder statesmen. Urged to run for the State Supreme Court in 1964, Revercomb declined, still fearful the Republican Party in West Virginia was too divided.

Chapman Revercomb died October 6, 1979. Had he lived just a little longer, he would have seen his son elevated to a federal judgeship by President Ronald Reagan.

Chapman Revercomb remains perhaps the most enduringly popular Republican in the Mountain State during modern times.

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The Baptist Reunion 2013 will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Tennova South Ambulatory Care Center located at 7323 Chapman Highway near Seymour. Attendees and a guest will be treated to refreshments, fun and fellowship.

"It's been five years since the hospital closed so we felt this was the perfect time for a reunion," said David Rankin, M.D., a former member of the medical staff. "The excitement surrounding this event is growing each and every day."

To attend the Baptist Reunion 2013, you must register at www.bhetreunion.eventbrite.com or by calling (865) 335-5275 or (865) 218-7535 and leaving your name, number and address. The registration deadline is September 12th. Please also indicate if you are interested in volunteering the day of the event.



Nancy Webb and Bobbie Messina worked last year's Family Art Activity Booth.

Art-a-palooza Seeking Artists, Craftsmen

By Sylvia Williams

All artists, craftsmen, and craftswomen are encouraged to contact the Fountain City Art Center to reserve a booth space to sell their original artwork and to do demonstrations of their skills during Art-a-palooza, September 19 - 21, 2013, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Outdoor booth spaces are \$25 a day. Claim a space for all three days or just for Saturday. The Center has one or two spaces left inside at \$40 a day, but artists must reserve and use the space for all three days. For more details and an application, please contact the Center: 865-357-2787; fcartcenter@knology.net; www.fountaincityartctr.com; 213 Hotel Avenue 37918 next to Fountain City Park.

Hours are: Tu, Th 9-5; W, F 10-5; (most non-event Saturdays 9-1, but call first to see if a volunteer is on duty.) Like us on Facebook, too!

Art-a-palooza is the Fountain City Art Center's fabulous fall fundraiser, now in its 9th year! Artists will be on site in the Center doing demonstrations all three days. Original paintings, easels, frames, art supplies, prints, pottery, jewelry, glassware, and decorative items will be on sale for bargain prices, along with a few small household items, all donated by Center members and area artists! Home baked goods will be on sale all three days.

Saturday, September 21 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. is Family Day with interactive art activities

booths for all ages! Family passes good for all activities are \$20 and individual passes are \$10. Several musical groups will be playing on the grounds 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. including Phil Weaver, the Dulcimer Guys, K'Town Sound, the Black Oak Ridge Boys, and Phil Campbell with his beloved stories appearing with Papa Clay Worthley. Our food booths will be selling Knoxville's absolute best pork barbecue sandwiches prepared by Christine S. Harness just for Art-a-palooza, grilled bratwursts, Creamery Park Grille ice cream, and homemade desserts. Family, fun with art, food, music: how could you go wrong?

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manager.

Another similarity between a hotel general manager and a mayor is how they both must be very active in the community. While the mayor connects with the voters, the general manager is connecting with both the general public and the business community. Instead of votes the general manager is looking for clients and the opportunity to be a good corporate citizen. In Mr. Knight's role as a community leader he volunteers with a wide range of organizations. Currently he is the board president of the Mabry-Hazen House. He is also currently a board member of the Volunteer Ministry Center, Junior League of Knoxville, UT Culinary Program Advisory Board, and the Market Square District Association. He is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, Knox Heritage, and Knox Area Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee. In addition to all that, he is very active in the community assisting organizations such as the Knox County Sheriff Department with their officer of the month award.

In conclusion, running a hotel is not just a job, it is a lifestyle. In Knoxville, Mr. Knight is the most known and well recognized hotel general manager. While he might not be a mayor, with all his deep civic involvement, he might just be as popular as a mayor.

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Beavers vs. Hawks rivalry among this week's top games

By Steve Williams

Karns and Hardin Valley Academy became an "instant rivalry" in football just a few years ago, and the Beavers and Hawks will add another chapter to one of Knox County's newest high school sports rivalries Friday night at Hardin Valley.

"Yes, it became an instant rivalry when HVA opened in Karns' backyard," noted Karns interim head coach Travis Tipton last week. "HVA opening affected Karns High School greatly. Student enrollment dropped by close to one-third and it contributed to 17 teaching positions being lost at Karns High (including my PE position).

"Players from both teams know each other by going to church together, elementary/middle school together, and just living in the same communities. The Karns versus HVA football game always draws a great crowd and has a history of being a closely fought, physical game. I think both sides would agree that even though we are in different districts this year, the players and coaches get extremely amped up for this game. This year should prove no different."

Hardin Valley, which opened in 2008, won last year's meeting 35-14.

Karns' strength this season is "our speed and athleticism," pointed out Tipton.

The Beavers are led by Blake Bowman (WR/LB), Matt Nauman (QB/CB), Colby Huffaker (LB/RB) and Roberto Veljkovic.

Jamerial Parks (FS/WR) also is a key player this season, noted Tipton. "He and his older brother Derek both transferred in from Powell and should prove very important this season for us... Jamerial is an explosive player for us."

Tipton is in his sixth year at Karns. He spent one season as freshman coach, two years as varsity linebackers coach and two years as varsity defensive coordinator. Prior to coaching at Karns, Tipton coached two years at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, Va.

Other top attractions involving local teams this week include Jefferson County at Central in a Rivalry Thursday night clash on MyVLT. It will be the Bobcats' season opener.

Other headliners pit Fulton at Bearden and Oak Ridge at Farragut. Catholic travels to Coalfield, which is led by junior Zach Stewart, a 6-5, 300-pound lineman who is a UT commitment.

Garrett leads Rebels past Spartans 35-15

By Ken Lay

MARYVILLE---Webb School football coach David Meske is hoping that his Spartans can learn from what happened in their season opener.

"I think we're a good football team," Meske said after Webb dropped a 35-15 decision to Maryville before a packed house Friday night at Jim Renfro Field. "If we're going to be a good football team then this will make us better.

"If this doesn't make us better, then we're not a championship team."

The Spartans (0-1) have

traveled this road before. Webb dropped its season opener in 2012 but rebounded to win 12 consecutive games en route to claiming the Division II-A Championship. Spartans senior and University of Tennessee commitment Todd Kelly, Jr. is hoping that his team can come up with a repeat performance.

"Our goal is to win a State Championship and we've got to go back and look at the film from this," Kelly said.

Maryville (1-0) dominated the first half and opened a 21-0 lead before the intermission. The Rebels scored early

as they took the opening kickoff and marched 74 yards on eight plays. Maryville quarterback John Garrett threw a 20-yard scoring strike to Tyler Vaught. Ironically, it was Vaught, who entered the season battling for the starting quarterback spot.

Garrett, a senior and first-year starter, was far from finished. He proved to be a double threat for the Rebels who face Alcoa this week in the annual showdown for Blount County bragging rights. He completed 13 of his 17 pass attempts and threw a pair of touchdown passes. He was also proficient on the

ground where he carried 16 times for 104 yards and scored on a 9-yard scamper with 3 minutes, 12 seconds remaining in the first half.

Maryville, the 2012 Class 6A runner-up, scored its final touchdown with 2.6 seconds left when Garrett hooked up with Dylan Shinsky on a 15-yard pass play.

While Garrett flourished, the Spartans, who play their home opener Friday against Chattanooga Baylor, couldn't generate much offense before halftime.

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PHOTO BY ERIC KENNEDY

Fulton WR Domonique Williams (21 in white) out battles Powell's Andrew Cox (83 in black) for a pass early in Fulton's 46-0 win over the Panthers last Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Falcons roll past Powell in season opener

By Bill Mynatt

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It wasn't supposed to be that easy for Fulton. Really.

Powell is a team that is expected to contend for the District 3AAA championship and had looked very good in pre-season scrimmages against both Lenoir City and Jefferson County.

Fulton had only scrimmaged once in the pre-season, against Anderson County, because they couldn't find anybody else who was willing to scrimmage the high school football powerhouse.

It was pretty evident that the

Falcons were locked and loaded from the outset on Thursday night before a huge crowd at Scarbro Stadium and a region television audience watching State Farm's Thursday Night Rivalry on MyVLT TV.

The defending class 4A state champion Falcons started early and struck quickly.

Marcus Weaver's 40-yard kickoff return to open the game put Powell in good field position at its own 46. Fulton's defense held the Panthers to minus 5 yards on a 3 and out, however, forcing a Panther punt. Hagen Owenby's 50-yard boot was

fielded over the shoulder by Xavier Hawkins, who returned the punt 50 yards back to the Powell 41. From there it took Fulton only four plays and 51 seconds to take the lead. Daryl Rollins scored on a 1-yard plunge, and after the extra point attempt was blocked Fulton led 6-0 with 8:46 to go in the first. That would be just the first of three Falcon TDs in the opening quarter.

Fulton's defense of coordinator Jeff McMillan did its job by stopping the Panthers on downs on the next possession, and then it forced and recovered a

Powell fumble on the third Panther possession. Both times the high flying Falcon offense converted.

Rollins scored on another 1-yard run culminating a four play, 62-yard drive at the 5:16 mark. This time Josh Coleman's kick was good, and Fulton led 13-0.

Then after Powell had penetrated Fulton territory for the first time on the next possession, McMillan's defense stripped the ball from Powell running back Drew Carter and took over at the Powell 49. Three plays later, 6'

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The 2013 Tennessee Volunteers: A Season Preview

By Alex Norman

We all have thoughts about the upcoming season for the Tennessee Volunteers... Butch Jones replaces Derek Dooley! The defense gets to play without Sal Sunseri confusing them! The offense that could potentially play four quarterbacks!

This article will give you a preview of how the season will turn out. No need to thank me.

Game 1: Vols vs. Austin Peay

90,000+ fans show up at Neyland Stadium for the opportunity to see the Vols for the first time in the Butch Jones era. While the chants of "Let's Go Peay!" are heard in certain sections, they don't have much to cheer about. Quarterback Justin Worley throws two TD passes as Tennessee wins 31-13.

Game 2: Vols vs. Western Kentucky

The return to college football of new WKU head coach Bobby Petrino is a short one, as he is fired at

halftime after it was discovered that during the game he texted all 14 SEC schools asking if they were interested in him becoming their head coach in 2014. Tennessee rallies for a 28-27 victory, prompting some local sports talk radio hosts to predict the Vols will finish the season 12-0.

Game 3: Vols at Oregon Tennessee is stunned as Oregon changes uniforms on 18 separate occasions during the ballgame, even more stunned

that the Ducks never had to call a timeout to make these changes. They are just as fast as advertised. The Ducks roll over the Vols 49-17, prompting head coach Butch Jones to switch quarterback at the start of the third quarter... Worley is out, redshirt freshman Nathan Peterman is in.

Game 4: Vols at Florida Tennessee hasn't beaten Florida since 2004, and the beat goes on in Gainesville. Quarterback Jeff Driskell matched the

previous year's output with two touchdown passes in a 24-9 victory. After the game Vols fans are offered free jorts from Gators fans that feel badly for Tennessee fans. The irony is lost on them...

Game 5: Vols vs. South Alabama

Much like Stella, the Vols get their groove back against the Jaguars. Curt Maggitt returns an interception for a touchdown as Tennessee picks up their third win of the year by a final score of 23-14.

Tennessee fans begin prematurely planning for a bowl trip, which would be the Vols first since 2010.

Game 6: Vols vs. Georgia

There is always one game per season in which the Georgia Bulldogs appear to have no idea what they are doing. This has happened against Tennessee on a few occasions over the years. Unfortunately for Tennessee, this wasn't that game. Quarterback Aaron Murray is nearly

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Big second half propels Lady Rebels

By Ken Lay

A second-half scoring barrage spelled victory for the West High girls soccer team Tuesday night.

The Lady Rebels (2-0) scored four goals after halftime en route to a 5-1 win over Halls at Bill Wilson Field.

West jumped to an early lead when freshman Kora Kelly chipped the ball past Lady Red Devils senior goal-keeper Lauren Biliter in the second minute.

But Biliter rebounded and made seven first-half saves and kept the Lady Rebels off the scoreboard for the duration of the first 40 minutes.

"Their goalkeeper did a tremendous job. She's a great player," West coach Sonny Trotter said. "She's very athletic and she had a great game."

Biliter, a senior who also plays basketball at Halls, had several crucial saves in the first half with the biggest one coming in the 10th minute when she made a point-blank stop on Keegan Francis. Francis, who led the Lady Rebels in scoring last season, picked up an assist on Kelly's marker.

But she was far from finished.

She tallied three consecutive goals over a nine-minute span after halftime. Her markers came in the 42nd, 44th and 51st minute respectively --- and all but secured the Lady Rebels' second win of the season. West opened the 2013 campaign with a 3-0 victory at South-Doyle on Monday, Aug. 19.

Halls coach Mike Horner said that he was pleased with his squad's effort but disappointed with the loss.

"I'm pleased with our effort but this is still hard," said Horner, who opened this second season as the Lady Red Devils' head coach. "Lauren did a great job keeping us in the game."

"I have a really young team. I have nine freshmen this year and two of them are starters and we're demanding a lot out of them. That first goal was kind of a freak goal. I pretty much consider the first half to be 0-0."

But the second half was a different story as the Lady Red Devils didn't have an answer for Francis, whose markers were assisted Megan Wall, Raina Fitzpatrick and Emma Creveling.

"We did a pretty good job in the first half," Horner said. "But in the second half, they really got their act together."

West took a 5-0 lead when Grace Hooper scored in the 71st minute.

The Lady Red Devils (0-1) broke up the shutout when Lauren Day scored just before the final whistle.

Trotter said that he was pleased with the Lady Rebels' victory.

"Overall, it was a pretty good game," he said. "We did a pretty good job against their offsidestrap."

Carter survives Gibbs' comeback, wins 3-overtime thriller

Hornets' Freeman throws seven touchdown passes

By Steve Williams

A nearly full moon had risen just high enough to be seen above the Gibbs High football stadium. Its sudden presence seemed to be a fitting explanation for what had become an almost unbelievable game.

Gibbs nearly pulled off a miraculous comeback from behind victory. Carter nearly wasted a seven-touchdown passing performance by junior quarterback Jonathan Freeman.

After appearing to be headed for a mercy-rule win at halftime, the Hornets survived a gallant Gibbs comeback and pulled out a 54-48 victory in a three-overtime thriller Friday night.

Down 28-6 at halftime and 34-14 early in the fourth quarter, the homestanding Eagles scored three touchdowns in a little over six minutes to tie the game but had a potential go-ahead PAT kick blocked by Carter linebacker Tyamos Atkins with

3:05 left in regulation.

"We got a little momentum and got fired up, and then it turned into a great high school football game," said Gibbs Coach Brad Conley.

The momentum swung heavily Gibbs' way in the fourth quarter when the Eagles pounced on two fumbled kickoff returns by Carter. The Hornets wobbled but regained their strength in overtime play.

Freeman and senior receiver Hank Black teamed up for four touchdown plays, including the game winner, a 7-yarder on third-and-goal in the third overtime, after the Carter defense stopped Gibbs' third overtime possession. Senior linebacker Antonio Brabson knocked away the Eagles' fourth-down pass.

Carter Coach Heath Woods felt his team had to win the game more than once.

"We had to overcome a lot of adversity," he said. "I was

not pleased with some of the things. Some of it we caused and some of it other people caused."

The seven touchdown passes thrown by Freeman ties Charlie High of CAK for the seventh most TD passes in a game in TSSAA history. High threw seven in CAK's state title win over Milan in 2011.

Freeman, a 5-11, 190-pounder making his first varsity start, also ran for another touchdown. He also contributed a two-point pass and a two-point run.

"He's a great kid," said Woods. "He's done a good job."

Black's other TD catches went for 26, 53 and 30 yards.

Charles Mitchell's 80-yard reception on a slip screen got Carter off to a fast start.

Jaylin Moore's 46-yard reception, followed by tight end Austin Howard's two-point catch, gave the Hornets their 22-point halftime advantage. Tucker

Greene hauled in a 20-yard touchdown pass at the start of the fourth quarter right after making an interception on the defensive side of the ball.

Sophomore quarterback Zack Beeler snuck across from inside the 1 to account for Gibbs' only scoring in the first half. He later left the contest with an injury and was replaced by junior Preston Booth.

Gibbs opened the second half with a time-consuming drive but came away with no points when Brabson came out of a pile with a fumble at the Carter 22 with 5:38 to go in the third quarter.

Jake Oglesby went in at quarterback in Carter's opening second-half possession and freshman Dalton Jones' pick six 10-yard return kept Gibbs alive.

Hard-running Brock Davis led Gibbs' fourth quarter charge, scoring from four yards out on fourth-and-goal with 9:09 remaining. Brandon Ball's PAT kick cut the deficit to 34-21.

On the ensuing kickoff, Gibbs' David Clapp pounced on a fumble at the Carter 23. Three plays

later, Davis roared 17 yards around the right side and Ball's kick made it 34-28.

Again, Carter couldn't handle a short kickoff, and despite a sideline warning penalty, the Eagles' offense was back in business at the Hornets' 45. Silas Joiner had two big runs and Booth scored from the 1 to tie the score. Atkins bolted through to block the PAT.

In the first overtime, Joiner ran in from the 9 but Ball's kick was wide left. Freeman rolled right, kept the ball and scored on Carter's first OT possession, but a low snap prevented the Hornets from kicking a game-winning extra point.

A penalty backed Carter up to the 30-yardline in the second overtime, but Freeman hooked up with Black with a long TD pass and Freeman's 2-point run put the Hornets ahead 48-40. Gibbs again tied the score as Booth scored on an 8-yard keeper and Davis knocked over the pylon on his 2-point run to the goal line corner.

Garrett leads Rebels past Spartans 35-15

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Webb was plagued by penalties and miscues throughout the first two quarters.

"I was happy with our effort," Meske said. "But I was disappointed with our execution, especially on the offensive side of the ball."

"On our first drive, we had two penalties and in the first half, we made three big mistakes. Those penalties cost us on big plays and we just couldn't move the ball after that."

Webb's offense finally got clicking after the break. The

Spartans engineered a drive that got inside the Maryville 20-yard line before the Rebels' Paul Bristol intercepted a pass from Johnny Chun at the Maryville 3.

Webb scored on its second possession of the half on a 1-yard run from Brant

Mitchell.

Maryville's second-half scores came on a run by Shawn Prevo and a 24-yard pass from Vaughn to Cody Carroll.

Webb pulled to within 35-15 late when Kelly caught a 41-yard scoring pass from Chun.

Falcons roll past Powell in season opener

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and 257 pound DJ Campbell got in to the scoring act when he blasted through the left side of the line behind mammoth offensive linemen Akeem Cooperwood and Michael Scates going 29 yards untouched into the end zone. The PAT was no good again, and Fulton now led 19-0. That score would hold to the end of the first quarter.

Powell's best chance of the night to get on the scoreboard and perhaps make a game of it came early in the second quarter.

The Panthers took over at its own 33 and drove to the Fulton 10. Facing 4th and goal, Powell opted to go for the touchdown instead of kicking a field goal. Owenby had no chance to get a pass off, however, as Fulton's blitz was in his face. He threw it up hoping one of his team mates could make a play, but the Hail Mary wasn't answered. Fulton's defense made the play, intercepting the football at the two, killing the potential scoring threat.

Before the first half was over, Fulton would score two more times.

The first came on an electrifying 87 yard run by Hawkins out of the Wildcat formation.

Running around the right side of his offensive line, Hawkins took the snap and never hesitated, scoring on the first play of the possession. Coleman's kick made the score 26-0 with 4:11 to go in the half.

Fulton wasn't done for the first 24 minutes, however.

After holding Powell to another 3 and out, the Falcons took over at its own 28 yard line and began a five play drive that culminated with a 33-yard scoring strike from senior quarterback Penny Smith

to Hawkins. The kick was missed again -- one of the few things that Fulton did not do well on Thursday -- and the Falcons let 32-0 at halftime.

Fulton rang up 316 yards of offense in the half on just 21 plays from scrimmage -- an average of 15 yards every time they snapped the football. The Falcon defense held Powell to just 136 total yards in the opening half.

As if there were any doubt about the outcome of the game with the Falcons leading 32-0, it didn't take long for Fulton to completely bolt the door shut.

On the first play of the second half Hawkins worked his magic once again from the Wildcat offense. His second long TD run, this time from 72 yards, along with Coleman's point after, stretched the lead to 39-0 just 26 seconds in to the third quarter. At that point the mercy rule went in to effect with the clock running continuously.

The game's final score came on yet another long

Fulton run midway through the third.

Perhaps feeling a bit left out of the act, Rollins showed why he is being recruited so highly when he took a handoff from Smith and went 80 yards untouched for the score. Coleman's kick was good, and Fulton led 46-0 with 6:08 left in the third.

The fourth quarter proved to be an opportunity for both teams to get backups some Friday night playing time, as neither team put any points on the board in the stanza.

Final score: Fulton 46 Powell 0.

Fulton is 1-0 and travels to another 6A school, Bearden, next week.

Powell, 0-1, will play its second consecutive defending state champion on Friday when it travels to Christian Academy of Knoxville, who has won the past 2 class 4A gold balls.

Hawkins led the Falcons on the ground with 159 yards on just 2 carries -- both TD runs. Rollins added 114 rushing yards

on his 8 attempts.

Smith completed 5 of his eight pass attempts for 133 yards and the touchdown pass to Hawkins.

Senior Tyshawn Gardin led Powell on the ground with 67 yards on 12 carries. Owenby's 10 carries netted 39 yards, and he was 8 of 17 through the air for 41 yards and an interception.

The Falcons amassed 540 yard of total offense for the game, 407 of it on the ground.

Powell managed just 187 yards of offense.

You can hear the broadcast of Powell at CAK on Friday on AM 620 WRJZ. We go on the air at 7.

Fulton at Bearden can be heard on WKCS FM 91.1. The Voice of Falcon Football Russell Mayes will have the play by play.

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Bearden volleyball survives 'roller coaster ride' at Karns

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's volleyball team got off to a fast start and finished with a flourish en route to a four-set road victory over Karns Wednesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs, who won the Region 2-AAA Championship in finished fourth at the State Tournament in 2012, downed the Lady Beavers 25-14, 25-22, 16-25, 25-22 at the Karns High School gymnasium.

Early on, the Lady Bulldogs (3-0) looked nearly unstoppable. Bearden opened scored the first three points of the opening set and never looked back. Bearden opened the game with a side-out before Carrie McGinnis, a junior and all-state setter last season, served up a pair of aces. From there, the Lady Bulldogs opened a 6-1 lead and never trailed in the opening set.

Bearden again got off to a fast start in Game 2. The Lady Beavers, however, did take a 3-2 lead on a service ace by Lindsey Wright. Karns (0-2) led 4-3 before Bearden scored the next four points to open a 7-4 advantage. Alex Brandan keyed that run with three points.

The Lady Beavers, who enjoyed some early success, pulled to within 13-12 on a service point by Wright before the Lady Bulldogs scored four of the next six points to open a 17-14 edge. Bearden would open a 21-16 lead on an ace by McGinnis.

Karns had one last surge and pulled to within 21-20 on three straight points (and two aces) by Liz Grimm, who finished with six aces, 23 digs and two kills.

The Beavers would lose that set before storming back to take Game 3.

"This was a roller coaster

ride," Bearden coach David McGinnis said. "The momentum kind of shifted on us and [Karns coach] Kynette [Williams] is always going to be ready.

"There's no doubt about that."

Coach McGinnis said he was pleased with his team's victory but added that the Lady Bulldogs still have improvement to make.

"We've got a long way to go and we know that," he said. "We showed a lot of pride to come back and that means a lot.

"You win a lot of games with pride. We're still trying to develop our hitters."

In the fourth and deciding set, Karns opened a 20-13 lead only to see Bearden storm back. Bearden used a 5-1 run to pull to within 21-18. The Lady Beavers made in 22-18 with a side-out before the Lady Bulldogs closed the set and match with six points.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Bearden's Rachael Horn attempts to spike the ball over a pair of Karns players in volleyball action at KHS Thursday night. Horn led the Lady Bulldogs to a four-set victory over the Lady Beavers. With the win, Bearden improved to 3-0 on the young season.

Rachael Horn served up the last five points of the match.

Williams kept things in perspective.

"I really think that we'll

be OK," she said. "Volleyball is a game of waves.

"If there is any such thing as a good loss, this was it. I was really proud of the way we fought. Our

kids fought back diligently. I feel really good about the way we were calm. We didn't get jerky."

Jesse finds 'a home' at Central High

By Ken Lay

Korie Jesse said that she's always had a sense of adventure and that was what led her to Knoxville.

"My husband and I came here two years ago and we didn't have jobs," said Jesse, who was recently named girls soccer coach at Central High School. "We came here looking for an adventure and luckily we both found jobs here."

Jesse, a freshman counselor at Central, began working at the school as a part-time counselor in 2012. It was then that she met Russ Wise, the one-time boys and girls soccer coach at CHS, who was named assistant principal just before the start of the school year and girls soccer season. She served as Wise's assistant last year and was named head coach earlier this month.

Jesse said that she's pleased to have assistant Kellie Gilliam and noted that she also leans on Wise, who now has an office down the hall.

"If it wasn't for Russ, I wouldn't have this job," she said. "I was planning on being Russ's assistant. Kellie Gilliam has been great."

Moving to the head coaching spot brings new responsibilities but it's

a job that Jesse is glad to have.

"I love it," Jesse said of her new job. "I'm really excited because the girls are working hard. I'm glad because I have a team that wants to win. The kids are great and I just couldn't ask for anything more. I have nine seniors and they've made the transition a lot easier."

Jesse, a 28-year old Ohio native, said that Wise and Gilliam have also helped with her transition to head coach. The new Lady Bobcats' coach played soccer at Heidelberg College in Ohio. She loves soccer but she also loves working at Central.

"My husband and I came here on a whim and we didn't have jobs," Jesse said. "Luckily, we both found jobs and when I came to Central High, it was like I found a home."

"This is a wonderful place to work and we have a great administration. I have a wonderful athletic director [J.D. Lambert]. He always comes to our games and he checks in at practice to make sure I have the things we need."

Away from soccer, Jesse and her husband Drake enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities.

For starters, Butch and Vols should have fun game

The Butch Jones era of University of Tennessee football officially begins this coming Saturday night, but the real season for the new head coach and the Vols starts in another week or two.

As for season-opening opponents, some can be tough. Let's just say Austin Peay State is not in that category.

The Governors won two games last year, lost to UT-Martin 31-6 and are picked to finish last in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.

Austin Peay State, which is located in Clarksville, is actually known more for its famous cheer – "Let's Go Peay!" – than for its football. More on that in a moment.

Most Tennessee fans, considering their football program's recent hard times, probably don't mind that this game is expected to be a one-sided affair. After all, one of the last times they saw their team in action, the Vols of Derek Dooley were getting embarrassed by Vanderbilt 41-18 in Nashville.

Even without a big-name opponent, it won't be surprising, either, to see attendance for the 2013 opener at Neyland Stadium approach 100,000. After all, a couple weeks ago, 39,000 win-hungry UT fans turned out just to watch their team practice in the rain.

It should be a festive, relaxing evening of football, particularly with tough road assignments at Oregon and Florida right around the corner, not to mention a dangerous foe in Western Kentucky, coached by offensive guru Bobby Petrino, lurking on deck.

For "Team 117," as Coach Jones likes to call it, it's really a perfect way to get out of the gate. No pressure. Do some

experimenting. Try some new guys at different positions. Give three of the top four QBs plenty of snaps. Build some confidence. Get the bugs out. Did I say no pressure?

Fans are really looking forward to seeing Coach Jones' up-tempo offense and how much the worst defense ever has improved since last season. The shaky kicking game and special teams also will be under scrutiny.

For a moment, let's not even wonder about when the Vols might break out those new Smokey gray uniforms. Much more importantly, can this team block and tackle?

Now, back to Austin Peay State and its famous cheer. In case you don't know, the word "Peay" in Austin Peay State is pronounced like the letter "P" or vegetable "pea." The university is quite fond of its chant and sells "Let's Go Peay!" t-shirts at the APSU Bookstore. Its official athletic website is even named www.lets-gopeay.com.

In the early 1970s, Austin Peay State had one of the nation's top scorers in college basketball in James "Fly" Williams, who was a great "street ball" player from New York City. His middle name gave the school's popular cheer a new version, and don't be surprised if you often hear an exchange of it on Cumberland Avenue or around the stadium Saturday night. It would go like this:

UT fans: "Fly is open."

APSU fans: "Let's Go Peay!"

Everybody laughs.

It should be that kind of an evening . . . laid back, fun for fans from both sides, a chance to soak in traditions and pagentry of college football, and for the Tennessee faithful, a much-needed runaway win.

Enjoy.

Tougher times are ahead.

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perfect, throwing for 357 yards and four touchdowns in the Bulldogs 38-19 victory. Butch Jones replaces Peterman with true freshman Joshua Dobbs in the middle of the third quarter.

Game 7: Vols vs. South Carolina

The South Carolina bus breaks down on the way to Neyland Stadium. Gamecocks' defensive end Jadeveon Clowney pushes the team the final 600 yards. Unfortunately this does not tire South Carolina's best and most feared player. Spurrier wanted offense, but gets defense in a 10-3 win. The Vols are 3-3 and some local sports talk radio hosts begin telling their audience about rumors of a Jon Gruden sighting at Litton's.

Game 8: Vols at Alabama

For the past three seasons the Vols have lost to the Crimson Tide by exactly 31 points. How is that even possible? News breaks that former head coach Derek Dooley would boast to friends that his mentor

Nick Saban could never beat his team by 32 points. This year Alabama beats the Vols 40-10. Some local sports talk radio hosts say this is a sign the Vols are getting better, and predict an SEC title in 2014.

Game 9: Vols at Missouri

Tennessee (3-5) and Missouri (2-6) are so bad the game is not televised. When told that contractually the game must be on TV, SEC officials instead order the game to be waged by 10 year old fans of each team who will play the game on "NCAA Football 14" over the interwebs on XBOX 360. Jimmy Wagner from Vonore leads the Vols to a 45-35 win over Sam Porter from Centralia, MO.

Game 10: Vols vs. Auburn

Charles Barkley shows up, makes jokes about every human being, both alive and dead. He is cheered by 78,000+ at Neyland Stadium, who watch his Tigers edge the Vols 16-13. After the game, Butch Jones announces the Riley Ferguson will start the Vols final 2

ballgames.

Game 11: Vols vs. Vanderbilt

Vandy head coach James Franklin walks onto the field to a chorus of boos. He then pops his collar and holds up a sign which simply reads "You Mad?" The game is played with a rare intensity, not often seen when Tennessee and Vanderbilt play a football game. The Vols end the Commodores win streak at one with an exciting 31-24 victory. After the game some local sports talk radio host pelt the Vanderbilt team bus with eggs.

Game 12: Vols at Kentucky

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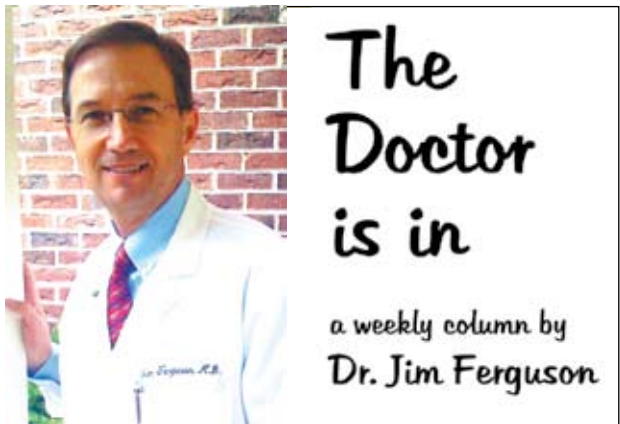


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There's been so much going on, and so much rain that I almost missed the sounds of summer. Years ago when my daughters were children we had a swimming pool. Pools are a lot of work and as my kids got older I tried to get them to help me maintain the pool. This didn't work out very well, so I eventually filled in the pool and replaced it with a hot tub. Now I soak my tired bones under the stars and listen to the sounds of summer.

In the south we take for granted the sound of cicadas. These insects live most of their lives in the ground, but at the end of their days they rise up to mate in a cacophonous summertime orgy. I seldom observe these "June bugs" as I do the lightening bugs

which festoon up in the trees above my hot tub. Sometimes I even imagine that these nocturnal companions flash with synchrony as they do in the Smokey Mountains. In my science fiction novel, Epiphany, the characters marvel at the strange creatures they encounter on a foreign planet. What might an alien explorer think of our lightening bugs and cicadas?

The Psalmist once asked, "How can I sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" I now understand these words. The drive-by shooting in Duncan, Oklahoma is being reported as the result of "boredom." You're bored so you go out and kill someone? There is also speculation that the murderers were

influenced by gangster-rap lyrics or sought Andy Warhol's "fifteen minutes of fame." The usual chorus calls for gun laws, though the teenage murderers shouldn't have been able to buy a gun – but they got one anyway. There is even the speculation that the murder was a gang initiation ritual.

Like the Christian-Newsome murders, there is relatively little national media interest in two black teenagers shooting a young white baseball player from Australia. The media circus surrounding the Zimmerman-Martin shooting is strikingly different. Jesse Jackson did manage to deplore the latest gun violence; I haven't heard anything from Al Sharpton or Obama. The thorny problem is that no one wants to address the root cause of the mayhem that has now moved from Chicago to Main Street, USA. Even the usual soul searching explanations of destruction of the family, drugs and wholesale abortion have a deeper root cause than anyone wants to acknowledge.

My dog, Jack, is a Feist and bred to hunt squirrels. He has no compunction about molesting a squirrel, nor does he have

concern for the squirming creature in his jaws. Why does Jack not have empathy for the poor squirrel? This is not a rhetorical question. Superficially, the answer is that Jack is an animal and doesn't reason or philosophize like his master. It may be impolitic to ask the question, "What makes a man more than an animal?" The Christian-Newsome murderers and the Oklahoma killers seem to function as though they have no regard for others or the Absolute. The 17th century philosopher Thomas Hobbs once observed that life is "nasty, brutish and short." He argued for a social contract and a government to keep us from killing ourselves. I believe he was correct, but only to a point. Our government cannot really protect us, nor can the police – and the judicial system won't.

My safety is largely due to the morality and virtue of my neighbors. This sense of "right" that C. S. Lewis described as "ought" is a greater control of the passions of man than the arbitrary laws of government. What happens to a man who renounces the notion of "ought" and operates without concern or empathy for others?

Apostasy is a term that means a renunciation of God and I would argue a sense of ought. A fancy philosophical term for this is solipsism, which means the self is the only reality. And existentialism is the self in a Godless, impersonal universe. To me this perspective is emotional free-fall, best imagined as stepping off a tall building and falling toward destruction in the street below.

Our country, the family and the faithless are in free-fall. We all know the statistics and we all know that what we're doing isn't working. Several years ago I read where someone estimated that since the 1960s America has spent \$14 trillion on the War on Poverty. Recent statistics show that our poverty rate is now 16%, higher than when the War began. Throwing money and social programs at our problems is not only useless it is pernicious for the soul.

The answer begins on our knees. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all around me seemed insufficient for that day."

I'm not advocating any

particular religious philosophy. I know what is required of me, and most of you know what you ought to do. The problematic exceptions are those who have renounced their humanity by professing their apostasy and devolving to an animalistic existence.

Some may view my diagnosis as judgmental or misconstrue my words as self-righteous. My only response is to pray for "the people of the lie." The answer is not "out there" as the character Mulder of the X Files once said. The answer is within each of us. It's our arrogant pride that must be sacrificed to once again become fully human.

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

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

New event to benefit Pat Summitt Foundation

Tickets are currently on sale for "The Taste of Turkey Creek," to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2013, hosted by the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek with the Cole Neuroscience Center at The University of Tennessee Medical Center as the presenting sponsor. This event gives the community an opportunity to experience in one evening the diverse wining and dining selections available at Turkey Creek while benefitting The Pat Summitt Foundation's fight against Alzheimer's disease. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online starting Friday, August 23, by going to www.turkeycreek.com and clicking on the Pinnacle logo or by calling 865-675-0120. Tickets will also be available at the event for \$20 per person.

The event will take place in the parking lot between Bonefish Grill and Flemings and will showcase the cuisine from 16 exceptional restaurants located in Turkey Creek. Attendees can enjoy food and drink samples, bid on dozens of items in the silent auction, and see fall fashions from Pinnacle retailers while enjoying live entertainment by The Chillbillies. Additional sponsors supporting this event are All Occasions Party Rentals, Doncaster,

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Turkey Creek Medical Center utilizes new technology for partial knee replacement

Turkey Creek Medical Center, located in Knoxville, became one of the first hospitals in Tennessee to perform a partial knee replacement surgery utilizing the Signature™ Personalized Patient Care System. The system complements the Oxford® Partial Knee by providing surgeons with a technique to use instrument guides specifically tailored to the patient's anatomy.

Gregory Hoover, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, performed the surgery using the Oxford® Partial Knee with Signature™ technology and is the only knee replacement system with a Lifetime Implant Replacement Warranty in the United States. Biomet, an orthopedics company

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"Unlike a total knee replacement, a partial knee replacement requires the surgeon to remove only one portion of the knee joint, allowing certain individuals suffering from chronic joint disease a more natural motion than total knee replacement," said Dr. Hoover. "Using the Oxford® Partial Knee System, a surgeon is able to remove 75% less bone, for a faster recovery compared to total knee replacement."

With the Signature™ Personalized Patient Care System, surgeons are able to utilize a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan to create a three-dimensional

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efficiency during partial knee replacement.

Another benefit is that with the Lifetime Implant Replacement Warranty, Biomet will cover the cost of replacement implants for patients who received the Oxford® Partial Knee with Signature™ technology on or after September 10, 2012 in the event they require knee revision surgery. Biomet's warranty specifically covers the cost of the replacement implant.

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Tennova Healthcare welcomes Michael D. Underwood, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist, to the medical staff at Turkey Creek Medical Center. Dr.



Underwood's office, West Knoxville Heart at Tennova, will be located in Physicians Plaza 1 at 10820 Parkside Drive, Suite 201.

Dr. Underwood is an East Tennessee native. He received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee and is fellowship trained in cardiology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He specializes in interventional cardiology. Dr. Underwood has practiced in Knoxville for 33 years and is now accepting patients at his new location at Turkey Creek Medical Center. Please call (865) 690-9475 for an appointment.

New event to benefit Pat Summitt Foundation

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"We're appreciative that the restaurants and businesses of the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek are working together to benefit awareness, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease," said Dr. John Dougherty, medical director of the Cole Neuroscience Center at UT Medical Center and an advisory board member for The Pat Summitt Foundation. "The Taste of Turkey Creek will be a fun evening of dining and entertainment while also addressing a disease that has such a devastating impact throughout our community."

Patrick Wade, director of The Pat Summitt Foundation, a fund of East Tennessee Foundation, expressed

appreciation for the benefit to the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek and the Cole Neuroscience Center at UT Medical Center as well as all the sponsors and participating restaurants. "On behalf of our co-founders, Pat and Tyler Summitt, and the foundation's leadership, we are excited about this new Knoxville event that will benefit our work to build public awareness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease, and raise support to fund research grants and services for patients and caregivers," said Wade.

Participating restaurants include Abuelos, Bombay Palace, Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cru Bistro & Wine Bar, Flemings, Gigi's Cupcakes, Great American Cookie, Irish Times, Mimi's Café, Noodles & Co., Olive Garden, Pei Wei, Schakolad Chocolate Factory, Seasons, and The Cup.

Faith Heart Makeover

One of the truly wholesome shows on Television was Extreme Home Makeover.

The stories of these people with broken lives, yet have given much to society but have little to show for it, move entire

communities to action. To see friends, neighbors, and servants of all types come together to bless these families by building a new home is inspiring. In each episode, the family is moved to tears as they see what others have done for them.

We find something similar happening in the life of Israel as the Old



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Testament comes to an end. Zerubbabel has helped the Jewish nation rebuild the temple after the Babylonians destroyed it. Nehemiah has helped in the rebuilding of the

wall around Jerusalem so Israel can have some defense from its bullying enemies. But there is a third makeover that is taking place. This one, however, does not involve physical construction. This is a heart makeover that begins with a sermon from God's Word.

This restoration service takes place at one

of the famous gates of Jerusalem. It is held at the Water Gate. Thousands of men, women, and children gather before Ezra for him to read from the Book of the Law. It has been a long time since the nation has heard anyone read from God's Word, 140 years to be exact. They are hungry and thirsty to hear from God. It has been a long road for Israel. They have been punished by God for their sins, taken off into captivity, and now restored to their homeland.

Ezra begins to read the entire Book of the Law (better known to us as Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers,

and Deuteronomy). It is an exciting time of new beginnings. It takes a number of hours, from daybreak until noon. As he reads, the people begin to cry. Not just cry, but they begin to wail due to their sin. They realize how far they have strayed from God. They realize their lack of love for God and their neighbors. Their hearts are aching and repentance breaks out.

The godly sorrow is good, but once repentance takes place, it is time for joy. Nehemiah is with Ezra as he reads. After a time of sorrow, Nehemiah shouts out, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet

drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).

When you understand God's word and apply it to your life, it calls for a time of joy and celebration. The Christian life is not one of drudgery and boredom. It is the most exciting life possible. In Christ there is freedom as you are freed from the shackles of sin. So if you are in Christ, share the blessings of life with others and celebrate.

So at the end of the Old Testament, the people seem to finally get it. They are not

concerned about reinstating a king, something that led to suffering and regret because God should have been their King. The last prophet to speak in the Old Testament is Malachi. He lets us know that the next prophet to speak will introduce us to the long-awaited Messiah by preparing the way for the Lord. This prophet to come some 400 years later is John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1). Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ, and once we have done so, let us share the Gospel with others so they can experience a heart makeover as well.

Church Happenings

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Christus Victor Lutheran Church Early Childhood Development Center will be sponsoring their annual FREE community carnival

on Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 - 1.

There will be inflatables for play, carnival games, face painting and lots of food. Hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade,

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First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, invites everyone to return to the regular worship schedule on Rally Day, September 8.

9:15 a.m. - Opening Devotion for all in the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Classes.

10:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion.

The public is invited to attend the services and the lunch that follows at 12 noon.

First Lutheran Church's 55 Alive, a program for seniors, will gather Thursday, September 12 at noon in the Meeting Room. A hot lunch will be served, cost is \$6.50, and the program will begin at 1:00. The featured speaker will be Charlie Daniel, Knoxville News Sentinel Cartoonist. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 1207 N Broadway, Knoxville. Reservations are necessary. Please call the church office 524-0366.

Mount Harmony Baptist Church

Mount Harmony Baptist Church will be having a Singing on August 31 at 7:00 p.m. The Singers are Haleigh Adams, the Indian Gap Baptist Church singers and others. The Church is located at 819 Raccoon Valley Rd NE, Heiskell, TN 37754.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Small group studies follow the meal at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening. A list of the classes offered is now available.

One of these special small groups, starting this Wednesday, August 28th, will be the "L.O.O.V.E. (Living Out Our Vows Everyday) Ministry," open to anyone in the community who might be interested in bettering their marriages in any way. Contacts are Rebecca and Thomas Hill for additional information and/or signups.

Next Sunday, Sept. 1st, being a first Sunday, will offer the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services. Also, special gifts will be accepted for our local CROSS Ministries, serving

the less-fortunate.

Looking ahead, the Maryville District Annual Conference is scheduled for next Sunday, Sept. 8th, at 3 p.m. at St. John's UMC.

Signups are now being accepted for the next Golden Opportunities event at Maryville First UMC on Sept. 12th from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This time the theme is "Everything Old is New Again" with guest speaker, Bill Landry of the Heartland Series on TV.

Further information on any of the above items or other matters, please call our church office at 573-9711. Our informational website is: www.seymourumc.org.

Washington Pike Baptist Church

Washington Pike Baptist Church will host a Gospel Singing on Saturday, September 7, at 7 p.m. featuring the WPBC Choir and sings along with The Judy's Barn Gospel Singers of Maynardville. There is no charge to attend. For more information, call Judy Hogan at 254-4921, or D.C. Hale at 688-7399

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House to Home

Pellissippi State to break ground for Pond Gap community garden

Pellissippi State Community College's Service-Learning program is planting the seeds for the spread of college-sponsored community gardens on the grounds of Knox County Schools.

Pellissippi State's first garden project, part of a larger effort in Knox County to help students and communities succeed, gets under way this fall at Pond Gap Elementary School. Pond Gap is located near the college's Division Street Campus, off Sutherland Avenue.

"A community garden project like this is all about the natural neighborhood revitalization that can come by inviting schoolchildren,

their families and community college students to work together on quality service projects," said Annie Gray. Gray is coordinator of Pellissippi State's Service-Learning program and an English professor.

Pond Gap Elementary is Knox County Schools' pilot project for the Community Schools Initiative. The initiative is one component of a national movement designed to strengthen schools, families, neighborhoods and communities.

Community Schools participants integrate traditional academics with community engagement to help students learn, support students' families and promote healthy living.

One aspect of the effort is to make schools, including Pond Gap, into community hubs by opening them for extended hours for outside programs and events.

"The Pond Gap neighborhood is very diverse. Children of 35 different nationalities attend Pond Gap, and a large percentage of their families live at or below the poverty level," said Gray.

"It's a challenging area, but also an ideal one for piloting a project that unites neighborhood families, the elementary school, and the college; that cuts across cultural differences to encourage relationships and teach new skills; and that inspires higher

education."

The Pond Gap pilot is overseen by the University of Tennessee. Gray is working closely with Bob Kronick, UT's director of the University-Assisted Community School program, and Mark Benson, UACS program coordinator, on the community garden effort.

The Service-Learning project, titled "You Are What You Eat: The Edible Schoolyard Project," is taking advantage of an AmeriCorps VISTA grant to jump-start the venture, plan and build the garden, and staff it with a full-time AmeriCorps volunteer for its inaugural year. Initial plans are to use existing space to complete a small garden by fall, with a larger, more comprehensive spring garden planned. The project's AmeriCorps volunteer is Matt Callo.

"Pellissippi State students will be part of the

volunteer process," said Gray. "They'll work in the garden or with Pond Gap schoolchildren, and might take part in workshops offered to the community on topics like balcony gardening or gardening on a budget.

"There are all sorts of curricular tie-ins for Pond Gap students, who can, at minimum, receive valuable math and science lessons from participating in the life of the garden."

According to Gray, Pellissippi State plans to use the Pond Gap experience as a model for starting gardens at other community schools and eventually to offer an urban gardening certification program to college students. The initial year of the Pellissippi State project at Pond Gap will be used not only to build the garden but also to establish processes, locate sustainable revenue sources and network with other community

garden efforts. Once those processes are in place, Pellissippi State will approach another community school for a similar partnership.

Now in its third year, Pellissippi State's Service-Learning program allows students and faculty to integrate meaningful community service and reflection with more traditional learning experiences, teaching civic responsibility and strengthening communities. The garden project also supports the community service placement of 1,000 tAchieves scholars at Pellissippi State, all of whom must complete eight hours of volunteering in the community each semester.

For more information about the community garden at Pond Gap Elementary School, call Pellissippi State at (865) 694-6400 or email service-learning@pstcc.edu.

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Mark your calendars folks for noon, Saturday, September 28 as Fountain City Auction will be offering an amazing array of high end items to be featured live and also broadcast online to registered bidders worldwide. This will be an exciting event to attend for those that wish to learn, buy, and even sell.

I do my best to cull the better items from the many estates that Fountain City Auction procures and then request select items to be in these special sales.

Well, let me say that this sale on September 28 will be a culmination of many very fine items in a large offering that I am truly excited about! There will be items of fine art, pottery, jewelry, fine silver, mint toys, and early items, rare historical, military, folk art , gold & silver , rare country music items to include an unpublished song from a famed local musician, 18th century art, fine diamonds and gold watch by Baum & Mercier, ivory, carvings, fine Americana,



By Carl Sloan

important photography, fine items from personal collections that you never see anymore will be in abundance.

We still have space available for a limited number of quality consignments. If you have items for consideration, you may contact me for an assessment and evaluation at no charge.

The fact is that most days, the items that are brought to me are the wrong ones as far as values go, yet when we speak I find the best items are many time overlooked and even considered sometimes that had plans to be discarded.

Call me with your items and questions soon, as we will begin uploading this week. The time frame to consign for the September sale will close on the 14th, so do let me know soon. You may contact me personally by simply calling FCA at (865) 604-3468 where Greg Lawson will forward your request to. I hope to hear from you soon !

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th District Republican Club

The speaker for the 8th District Republican club held at Carter High School is Chancellor John Weaver, Division I. The meeting will be held August 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at Carter High School (210 N. Carter School Road). For further information, please go to knoxgop.org.

Beth Blevins to speak on Common Core Education

The South-Doyle Middle School PTSA would like to invite you to a joint parent meeting between all the PTSA/PTO's of

area South Knoxville elementary, middle, and high school parents.

The Common Core standards will prepare Tennessee students with essential knowledge and skills to compete in an increasingly global environment. These standards emphasize thinking, problem-solving and creativity through next generation assessments that go beyond multiple-choice tests to increase college and career

readiness among Tennessee students.- Knox County PTA Council website. <https://sites.google.com/site/knoxcountyppta1/common-core-standards>

To find out what this means to you as a parent and also to your student we invite you to come and hear our guest speaker Beth Blevins, Tennessee Department of Education Common Core Leadership Coach and South-Doyle Middle School's Principal.

Thursday, September 5, 2013
6:00 p.m.

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Cheese & Olive on Rye

1 cup cheddar, grated
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Mix all together. Spread on party rye and put under broiler until bubbly (about 5 minutes). Delicious and easy hors d'oeuvre.

Ham & Cheese Puffs

1 cup water
½ cup butter
1 cup flour
½ tsp dry mustard
4 eggs
4-oz pkg sliced ham
½ cup shredded cheese

Grease and flour large cookie sheet. In 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, heat butter and water until melted and boiling. Remove from heat and stir in flour and mustard all at once, boiling vigorously. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition until smooth. Cut ham slices in small pieces. Mix ham and cheese into batter. Drop batter into small mounds 2 inches apart. Bake at 375° about 30 minutes or until golden. Turn heat off and leave in oven 15 minutes.

Hawaiian Chicken Wings

2 lbs wingettes or drumettes
1 cup soy cauce
½ cup brown sugar
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp sesame oil
2 tbsp sesame seeds
4 green onions, chopped

Flour chicken the night before and store in paper bag in refrigerator. Fry wings in 1 inch oil to light brown. Cool. Mix soy sauce, sugar, garlic, oil, sesame seeds and onions. Dip wings in sauce and place on cookie sheet. Warm in oven to set sauce and reheat wings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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South-Doyle Middle School Auditorium at 3900 Decatur Road, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Knox County Democratic Women's Club Meeting

Established in 1928, the Knox County Democratic Women's Club is the oldest county Democratic women's club in the United States. It meets the

second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. New members are always welcome! Call 742-8234 for more information.

UT Offers Attention Deficit Disorder Skills for Success Class

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) Skills for Success is a class being offered by

UT's Personal and Professional Development Program on Monday, September 23, from 9 am – noon. This class will be taught by Mary Pankiewicz, a Certified Professional Organizer in Chronic Disorganization (CPO-CD®) and the only certified professional organizer in East Tennessee. As the owner of Clutter-free & Organized, Mary is also an ADD Specialist

and author of Fast, Easy Organizing Solutions for Paper Piles and Your Office. She has been featured on WBIR TV 10, is a regular contributor to the Knoxville Business Journal, and has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal and Readers Digest, www.clutterfree.biz. The class is \$119, and please call 974.0150 to register.

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