

First Pacemaker sets the pace at Tennova North

By **Ralphine Major**

“It was uneventful and unprecedented and implies that we are dedicated to making the cardiac program at this hospital good enough for the people who live here,” Dr. Kyle McCoy said. Dr. McCoy, a cardiologist with East Tennessee Heart Consultants (ETHC), made this statement after he had successfully

completed surgery to put in the very first pacemaker in a patient at Tennova’s North Knoxville Medical Center on July 31, 2013. According to Dr. McCoy, the surgical procedure to implant pacemakers is done regularly to help the heart from beating too slowly such that enough blood does not get to the muscles and other parts of

the body. But, this is the first time for the pacemaker surgery at Tennova’s facility in Powell. Located at 7565 Dannaher Drive just off of Interstate 75 and visible from Emory Road, the hospital serves North Knoxville and surrounding counties. The pacemaker is a very significant step in the North Knoxville Medical Center becoming a full-

service hospital. Another huge step for the hospital to become a full-service facility will be a Heart Catherization Lab that will open in about six months. “The hospital already has a Certificate of Need required by the State,” Dr. McCoy said. The lab will be a place where blood vessels can be tested, hearts can be

shocked back to normal rhythm, doctors can look inside the heart, and other testing of the heart can be done. As I listened to Dr. McCoy, I was reminded of the rare opportunity my family and I had to tour this facility when the general public was invited to its opening before the **Continue on page 2**

2nd annual ‘Back to School Bash’ planned for Aug. 12

School starts this month, and that means Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett’s Back to School Bash is just around the corner. The annual event is an opportunity for students and their families to get free school supplies and enjoy activities, free food, special programs, vendors and more.

The second annual Back to School Bash will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12 at the Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway.

An estimated 4,000 people attended last year’s event, so Mayor Burchett is making the 2013 bash even bigger, with more space and more vendors offering school supplies.

The second annual Back to School Bash is sponsored by the Knoxville Expo Center, Star 102.1, CW20 and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett’s Back to School Bash is free and open to the public.

Zoo Introduces Red Panda Cubs



Area media were given the chance to meet two of the Knoxville Zoo’s newest additions last Friday, two nine-week old red panda cubs. Handler Sarah Glass (pictured above with one of the cubs) said that visitors can look into their den via the zoo’s Panda Cam at the Boyd Family Red Panda Village.

KAAR donates over 200 backpacks to area youth

By **Tasha Mahurin**
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“This is the third year we have been invited to join Youth Villages in this effort, and we appreciate the opportunity to support them as well as the hundreds of local families they work with in an effort to help those families stay together,” Carleen Palmer with The Knoxville Area Association of Realtors (KAAR) told *The Focus*.

Youth Villages staff picked up 207 backpacks from the KAAR office last week. Members of the association donate the backpacks filled with school supplies to East Tennessee children receiving help for emotional and behavioral problems through Youth Villages.

“The Knoxville area Realtors really stepped up to the plate to



The Knoxville Area Association of Realtors donated over 200 backpacks to Youth Villages.

help local children get a positive jumpstart for the coming school year. Thanks to the efforts of all

those Realtors who shopped and donated money, we exceeded our goal of giving over 200 of our

community’s underprivileged children a new backpack filled with everything they need to start the school year right,” Palmer added. Additionally, as the school year begins, Youth Villages is currently in need of caring adults in the Knoxville-area to open their homes to children who have suffered abuse, neglect or abandonment. These children need families who will care for them until they can return to their birth families or an adoptive family is found for them. According to Youth Villages, the primary responsibility of a foster parent is to provide children with a safe, comfortable environment and monitor their emotional growth, school progress and **Continue on page 3**

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Two new principals for Seymour Schools

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The Sevier County School System announced this summer the appointments of four new principals for the 2013-2014 school year- two of which will be at Seymour schools. Mr. David Loy will replace longtime educator and principal Dr. Faye Nelson at Seymour Middle School. Mr. Dustin Huffaker will replace Bruce Wilson at Seymour High School. Both Nelson and Wilson retired at the end of last year. Additionally, Ms. Kim Conrad will oversee Catlettsburg Elementary School, while Ms. Wendy Patterson will be the new principal at Pittman Center Elementary.

“I am certain that David, Kim, Wendy, and Dustin will demonstrate commitment and dedication in providing strong and dynamic leadership in their schools,” said Dr. Jack A. Parton, Superintendent of Schools. “They individually possess the education, experience base, and professional knowledge to lead effectively and to challenge each student to reach the highest levels of achievement.”

Mr. David Loy served **Continue on page 4**

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By Sharon Frankenberg,
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to apply toward your debt. In Tennessee, most real property foreclosures are done by non-judicial sale meaning that they are not sold through the court. This makes the process faster and less expensive than in states where foreclosures are initiated by the filing of a lawsuit. The state statutes regulating these sales are found in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 35-5-101, et seq. The Trustee is named in the deed of trust and he or she advertises the property for sale by publishing a notice of trustee's sale in "some newspaper published in the county where the sale is to be made." The beneficiary under the

promissory note (usually the same party as the lender) may select another trustee to conduct the foreclosure process by doing so in writing and recording the document. This is quite commonly done and you will see the newspaper advertisement refer to a "Substitute Trustee's Sale" or a "Successor Trustee's Sale" to reflect the change in trustee.

The newspaper advertisement identifies the interested parties and describes the land to be sold. The time and place of the sale is listed. Any state or federal liens are identified in the advertisement and the right of those entities to redeem the property is disclosed. The right of the state to redeem property after a foreclosure sale is found in Tenn. Code Ann. Section 67-1-1433(b)(1). The federal government's right to redeem property after a foreclosure sale is found in 26 U.S.C. Section

7425(d)(1). The specific terms of the sale are listed in the advertisement. Most foreclosure sales are conducted for cash payable within a very short time frame. The real property is usually sold with the purchaser being responsible for the payment of any and all delinquent taxes. Also the property is often sold subject to the rights of any tenants in possession so that the purchaser becomes responsible to pursue any necessary eviction after the sale is completed. The Trustee auctions the property at the time and place advertised and conveys the real property by Trustee's Deed to the winning bidder.

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By Age	Support	Oppose	Total
18-29	100.00%	[None]	2
30-49	88.33%	11.67%	60
50-65	83.21%	16.79%	137
65+	89.19%	10.81%	222
Total	87.17% (367)	12.83% (54)	421

By District	Support	Oppose	Total
1	83.87%	16.13%	31
2	86.79%	13.21%	53
3	84.62%	15.38%	26
4	74.55%	25.45%	55
5	85.71%	14.29%	49
6	87.93%	12.07%	58
7	93.10%	6.90%	58
8	97.87%	2.13%	47
9	88.64%	11.36%	44
Total	87.17% (367)	12.83% (54)	421

By Gender	Support	Oppose	Total
Unknown	86.67%	13.33%	15
Female	89.15%	10.85%	212
Male	85.05%	14.95%	194
Total	87.17% (367)	12.83% (54)	421

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hospital started accepting patients. We stood in the never-before-used operating room and heard that heart patients would be transported to the downtown hospital because the North Knoxville Medical Center was not equipped at that time to handle cardiac problems. I looked at the corked-back tile memento given to us that day. It was August 2007. Six years later, the hospital is making history in providing heart care for patients.

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state-of-the-art facility as a vibrant part of the community, as well as the team of doctors at ETHC helping to make it a full-service hospital. With the experience, skill, and knowledge of heart specialists like Dr. McCoy (featured in *The Focus* February 7, 2011, "The Real McCoy"), North Knoxville Medical Center is becoming a full-service facility which will greatly benefit the community. A significant step has been taken—the first pacemaker has already been implanted in a patient.



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Ever since *The Knoxville Focus* started a weekly poll, the Knoxville News-Sentinel has been obsessed about our new feature. Within days of the first poll, Sentinel columnist Georgianna Vines was burning up my phone to quiz me about the poll. I was surprised the Sentinel would be interested in covering another paper’s features, but Ms. Vines called me something like four times and there were a couple of stories about it, as I recall.

The recent editorial appearing in the Sentinel about the “phone poll flap” is entirely a creation of State Senator Stacey Campfield and the Knoxville News-Sentinel. It is precisely a “flap” because the Sentinel made it so. It is stating the obvious to say that the Sentinel is disturbed by the weekly *Focus* poll. It was merely a manifestation of Campfield’s insatiable need for attention.

The fact is, the Sentinel

has never gotten over the beating it took for promoting the gigantic tax increase demanded by school superintendent James McIntyre. Along with their political partner, the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, the Sentinel went all in to try and force the tax increase down the throats of the people of Knoxville and Knox County. Commissioners and Board of Education members publicly pondered raising the already sky high sales tax or perhaps the property tax or maybe some combination of both. *The Focus* polled on the question of the tax increase and, not surprisingly, found an overwhelming majority of Knoxvilians and Knox Countians opposed to it. Calls began inundating the Commissioners, one of whom stated ‘We got the message.’ The Commissioners quickly concluded no tax increase was needed.

Despite an extensive advertising campaign paid for by a collection of Chamber millionaires, the tax increase fell flat and both the Chamber and the Knoxville News-Sentinel were mortally embarrassed. It was shortly thereafter that the Sentinel commenced its absurd vendetta against Mayor Tim Burchett, whose opposition to the tax increase infuriated them.

When Senator Campfield squalled about a recent telephone poll that

went awry, the Sentinel and others *assumed incorrectly* it was a poll sponsored by *The Knoxville Focus*. It was not a *Focus* poll, but the Sentinel folks got hotter than an old man on Viagra in a feather bed in August. That is precisely why the Sentinel avidly pursued such a non-story. They went hunting for bear and caught an honest mistake.

Where was the editorial spewing their righteous indignation over Senator Campfield’s deliberately misstating his financial disclosure statement?

The fact the Knoxville News-Sentinel would cite the Gallup organization for its accuracy in polling was nothing less than amusing. Apparently someone at the Sentinel forgot the Gallup poll notoriously got the 2012 presidential election wrong. The Gallup tracking polls consistently had challenger Mitt Romney leading all the way to Election Day. Barack Obama won the election by four percentage points. In fact, Gallup was so embarrassed they felt the need to release a seventeen-page explanation for why they missed it so badly.

Gallup explained it had misidentified voters, underrepresented regions, had difficulties with weighting voters of various ethnicities, and used a non-standard sampling method. Yet this is the polling organization the Sentinel piously

tells us polls fewer people to get more accurate results. Huh?

This is hardly rocket science; the simple truth is that the Sentinel hates *The Knoxville Focus* poll like my little dog Opie hates vermin. Time and again *The Focus* poll has revealed the divide between what the Sentinel wishes public opinion was and what the people really think. Of course the Sentinel doesn’t really give a hoot what the people think; how the Sentinel could possibly chastise anyone for ever pushing a point of view and trying to influence public opinion is hypocrisy of the highest order. These are the same people who believe most public officials should be appointed rather than elected because they don’t think ordinary citizens are smart enough to be trusted with a ballot. The Sentinel’s attempt to influence public opinion on behalf of a tax increase was hardly a secret, but they resent anyone else who would try to do the same thing.

The Focus has no apology to make for wanting to know what the people think about the issues facing our community. People like being asked their opinion and if they are to be included in their own government, they should be asked their opinion.

If the Sentinel wanted to question the validity of a poll, perhaps they should

have started with that commissioned by the Chamber purporting most folks in Knox County favored giving the school system more money out of their own pockets. But then, the Sentinel liked the way that their poll came out. When *The Focus* ran the same poll, our results came back exactly opposite to that of the Sentinel’s poll.

I have been surprised by the results of some of our polls; I have been less than thrilled with the results of some of our polls, but I have published them nevertheless. I think it is important to know what people are thinking about public questions.

Cyragon, the independent contractor who conducts the weekly *Focus* poll, is a reputable polling firm and I am absolutely convinced of the accuracy of their polls. I have seen at least one instance where a Cyragon election poll for a particular candidate was within one vote of the ultimate result. I doubt polling gets any more accurate than that.

Rather than try and discredit the *Focus* poll, perhaps the Sentinel ought to spend some of its money to do its own polling.

The Sentinel couldn’t find anything except pushing its own opinion with a guide dog and a GPS.

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as the assistant principal of Seymour Middle School from June 2010 through 2013. Prior to 2010, David was a teacher for sixteen years. He has an Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial University, a Master of Arts in Teaching from Carson Newman College, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Tennessee. David was a member of the inaugural class of Sevier County's Leadership Development Academy.

Mr. Dustin Huffaker was the assistant principal of New Center Elementary School from 2011 through 2013. Over a five year period, he taught at

Seymour Intermediate, Seymour Middle, and New Center Elementary. Dustin is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of the Cumberland. He has an Education Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial University, a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of the Cumberland. Dustin was a member of the inaugural class of Sevier County's Leadership Development Academy.

Dr. Debra Cline, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, further clarified, "These are challenging and exciting times to be a school principal. I have confidence

that Kim, Wendy, David, and Dustin will work hard to design and implement school programs that meet the needs of the students of Sevier County. It will be exciting to observe their first year as school principals and I encourage parents and community members at Catlettsburg, Pittman Center, Seymour Middle, and Wearwood to welcome them to their new roles! All four have big shoes to fill with the retirements of Jerry Wear, Faye Nelson, and Bruce Wilson and Susan Carr's transition to a new role."

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ORNL FCU holds first cash mob at Knoxville Soap, Candle & Gifts

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According to Knoxville Soap, Candle & Gifts store owner Jodi Bowlin it was “Christmas in July” last week as dozens flocked to the Fountain City gift shop to participate in the first Small Business Counts cash mob presented by ORNL Federal Credit Union (FCU).

ORNL FCU announced the innovative new program last month as part of an on-going effort to give back to the community. The cash mob-style program is designed to support local merchants in the 16 counties that the credit union serves.

The program was inspired by the recent flash mob

trend. A cash mob is a group of people who assemble at a local business to make purchases as a gesture of support for that business as well as the overall community- a number of which have been held locally by Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett.

ORNL Federal Credit Union (FCU) selected Knoxville Soap, Candle & Gifts, a premier woman-owned gift shop, specializing in locally handcrafted merchandise from more than 40 local artists, as its first Small Business Counts cash mob location. The store has a unique local feel and features a wide range of one-of-a-kind offerings made only in Tennessee from luxury bathing items,

custom gift baskets, handmade jewelry, original art, glassware, pottery and more.

“As a small business owner, to open a store is easy but keeping it open is art,” said Jodi Bowlin, owner of Knoxville Soap, Candle & Gifts.

Bowlin, a single mother, purchased the store five years ago after working there for a couple of years. She admits running a small business is challenging and appreciates the opportunity provided by ORNL.

“This is a rare and exciting event for us to showcase everything that we have to offer to a large number of people at one time. I’m grateful for the opportunity and support

of the community,” Bowlin added.

Adding to the fun, the first 30 people who participated received a \$25 gift card to use on any merchandise within the store, courtesy of ORNL FCU.

Of those who came into the shop during the event, a majority of them were new customers. Bowlin said sales from the event were “equal to her busiest day during the holiday season.”

“At ORNL Federal Credit Union, we believe that small business counts. The concept of a cash mob is one that fits perfectly with our core value of community improvement,” said Chris Johnson, CEO. “There are few better ways to build a



Jodi Bowlin, owner of Knoxville Soap, Candle & Gifts, assists a customer during last week's ORNL Cash Mob.

community than through the support and advocacy of small business, and I hope this program will encourage people to share in our commitment to the well-being of these merchants and communities.”

For more information

about the Small Business Counts program or to nominate a local merchant for a cash mob, visit www.SmallBusinessCounts.com. Details of each cash mob will be made available approximately one week in advance of each event.

Merle 96.7 raises money for Children’s Hospital

By Garrett Strand

Merle 96.7 hosted a benefit concert last month for East Tennessee Children’s Hospital featuring Country superstar Ashton Shepherd. Ashton played to a crowd of 300 who each donated to Merle’s fundraising campaign for the hospital.

Those in attendance enjoyed singing along to her blockbuster hit “Look it up.” Ashton took time in between songs to explain the history and lyrics of the song. She created a strong bond with the crowd in a short period of time. After the show was over, Ashton posed for photos with the crowd, signed autographs and chatted with her diehard fans.

Ashton has been on the country music scene since 2008, only recently taking time off to give birth to her baby girl. Now she is back and announced at the event, that her third album is complete and will be released at the beginning of August. Ashton played everything that her fans wanted to hear and also played a lot of the new music from her upcoming album.

The night was also a success due to Merle 96.7’s recent growth in the ratings. Merle’s ratings have doubled in number



Merle 96.7 FM's Jack Ryan poses with talent Greylan James, Ashton Shepherd and Homer Hart.

since last year and Merle DJ Jack Ryan believes that a lot of people showed up at the event due to the fact they were recently nominated for ACM Radio Station of the year. Jack Ryan also said that he wanted to do something to benefit Children’s Hospital since he feels that he has a personal connection with them.

“I have a personal connection to Children’s Hospital. There is

no doubt Children’s saved my daughter’s life. With the help of the doctors and nurses she was able to overcome her illness and is fine today.”

Local country star Homer Hart also played the event. When asked what it meant to him be a part of the fundraiser, Homer said that there was nothing in this world that would keep him from playing this event. He also

said that if it wasn’t for the great people at Children’s Hospital and the outstanding work that they do, he may not have his niece alive and well today.

Greylan James, who is native to the Knoxville area, also played at the benefit. Greylan was interviewed on stage during the event by Jack Ryan, and Jack asked him what about the event made him

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Doggie Amber Alert

My daughter Lacey and her family had a scare not long ago. It made us all re-evaluate our feelings toward the people and things we love. Well, at least that’s the effect it had on me.

Madden was spending the weekend with his grandparents in Huntsville, Alabama, and Lacey and Nick were looking forward to a party, one for grown-ups at their house. She’d planned a huge spread of food and drink, and Nick had constructed a huge “slip and slide” running down the back of their yard.

Someway, somehow, the family dog Riley managed to escape through the front door, and in the blink of an eye, he was gone. Now, the pooch is a Caron Terrier, not one of God’s brightest creatures. Of course, when any living thing is in-bred so much over the years, it’s a miracle the breed has only four legs and paws, one head and one tail.

Panic set in as Riley’s human parents searched the surrounding yards and homes. They returned defeated and

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heartbroken when no sign of him was found. Ever-resourceful Lacey printed out “Lost Dog” posters complete with name, description, and contact information. Yep, she issued a doggie amber alert for the missing pet.

As things turned out, a woman driving down the road saw Riley. She stopped, opened the door, and the mutt jumped in, proving just how mentally challenged this dog is. When the rescuer opened her front door, Riley ran inside, jumped on the

couch, and climbed to the top of the cushions where he took a nap. He was returned to Lacey, and she welcomed him with open arms, even though she swore to beat him senseless for scaring them all so much.

Dallas’ dog Baxter is an old man. He’s nearly crippled with arthritis and has just a bit of trouble with bladder control. He is a loving dog, but his near-deafness keeps him jumpy when folks approach. Dallas has talked with the vet about whether his amigo is in pain because he would make the difficult

decision to have him put to sleep if it relieved any unrelenting hurt that might be worse than passing. Right now, my son is giving wonderful care to his best buddy, whom he rescued from an empty apartment seven years ago.

My dog Snoop, the Jack Russell with an almost psychotic personality, hasn’t been his normal, hateful self of late. Last week, he kept Amy and me up much of the night as he scratched the side of the mattress and begged to get in the bed. I took the old guy to Jim Butler, our vet, and he said the look

in Snoop’s eyes indicated something was wrong, but discovering it would take a few steps.

Amy and I will do whatever it takes to make sure Snoop is all right. I’m concerned that part of his problem is old age since he’s either 12 or 13 years old. I all too well understand how each additional year adds to the aches and pains of the body. I also know that if something devastating is the matter that I will make a decision to do what is best for my dog.

Anyone who has a dog doesn’t consider himself an

owner. A canine becomes one of the family and soon is considered as important as any human member. The loss of a furry friend hurts as deeply. It’s an odd fact that folks who have so little affection for other persons are so deeply committed to a four-legged creature. We go to extraordinary lengths to protect them and keep them safe from harm.

It’s for sure that few things in life are as devoted as a dog. Even Snoop, who snarls and growls and snaps, will lie down beside Amy or me when he senses something is wrong. Dogs

just like to lie around and be petted and patted. Those of us with grown children appreciate that since we sometimes have a longing to love and dote on someone or something since our kids are gone.

Take care of those pets. They are man’s best friends, and their loyalty is second to nothing. As for Riley, Baxter, and Snoop, they’re safe at home and snoozing on the floor at our feet. It’s a reassuring feeling to have them here until their times are up. Then we’ll grieve and learn to get by without them. You can bet it will hurt.



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UT Culinary Students to Hold Ice Carving Demonstration. *UT Culinary student Victoria Wright participates in an ice carving demonstration held last Thursday in downtown Knoxville. Ice Carving helps to enhance students’ buffet presentation abilities.*

Merle 96.7 raises money for Children’s Hospital

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want to play. Greylan said that he wanted to play because he has been to Children’s and had to have medical attention there back in 2012 when out of nowhere, he came down with a serious case of Mono. Even though Greylan was sixteen at the time, and didn’t think he was a child anymore, his mom and dad took him to Children’s because they trusted the staff there and they knew what to do to make Greylan better. Greylan also sold his latest CD at the event and gave all the proceeds directly to Children’s Hospital.

Ashton also commented on what the event meant to her. “I really enjoyed coming out here for the fans. I am very proud that Merle contacted me about it and I really enjoyed helping out with the Children’s Hospital of East Tennessee. You can’t do anything better than helping children. To do that on top of what I already love to do, play music, you just can’t beat that.”



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A Tale of Tennessee and the FBI

Senator K. D. McKellar and J. Edgar Hoover

**Pages from
the Political
Past**



By Ray Hill
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Francis Biddle, was Attorney General of the United States under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and noted Tennessee's Senator Kenneth D. McKellar could be "obstinate" and "vindictive", but was careful to note McKellar was "shrewd". Biddle also added that McKellar "never forgot". It was McKellar's long memory that caused the Tennessean to bedevil the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover.

The Democrats came back to power in 1933 with the inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt after twelve long years of Republican rule. McKellar's office was inundated with requests from thousands of Tennesseans looking for work. Senator McKellar kept an eye out for his constituents with every Federal agency and McKellar contacted Hoover about the desire of a few Tennesseans who wished to become special agents for the FBI. The imperious Director ignored McKellar, causing the senator to go over his head and contact Hoover's nominal boss, the Attorney General. When Hoover found out about McKellar complaining to the Attorney General, he retaliated by firing three FBI special agents in Tennessee not a week later.

Considering that Kenneth McKellar was the ranking member of the Senate's powerful Appropriations Committee, Hoover's act of vengeance was both arrogant and foolish. McKellar was also the Chairman of the Appropriation Committee's Justice subcommittee, which oversaw Hoover's own budget. McKellar had been in the Senate since 1917 and was one of the more senior Democrats in that body. Profoundly angered by Hoover's insult, McKellar waited for the FBI Director to come to Congress, as he must, for funds.

The confrontation between Senator McKellar and J. Edgar Hoover has been well documented and has even been recognized in modern film. The Tennessean managed to mortally embarrass the ultra-sensitive Hoover so badly it chaffed the FBI Director for decades to come. Both Dillinger with Johnny Depp and the remarkable J. Edgar, a film by Clint Eastwood, have scenes with Senator McKellar clashing with Hoover. Oddly, both actors chosen to portray Senator McKellar have moustaches, an affectation McKellar never wore on his lip.

Congress had previously passed a slew of crime bills, but had not included enough money to cover



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator K. D. McKellar speaking during a Senate committee meeting.

the cost of implementation. J. Edgar Hoover came to Capitol Hill to ask for quite nearly twice his earlier budget appropriation. Waiting for him was Tennessee's senior United States Senator.

Armed with an array of graphs, charts and statistics, Hoover doubtless felt himself well prepared for the questioning to come from the Senate Appropriations Committee members. Hoover proudly rattled off his statistics; bank robberies, which had been almost commonplace earlier, were significantly down. Kidnappings (the most famous of which was perhaps the abduction of the infant son of famed aviator Charles Lindberg) had been reduced. "Ma" Barker was dead, as were "Baby Face" Nelson and John Dillinger.

Senator McKellar began his questioning of Hoover after the Director finished his presentation outlining the FBI's need for more money.

McKellar rather innocuously wondered if the FBI used any of its budget on advertising and the Director replied it did not. Senator McKellar noted the number of movies being released by Hollywood depicting the workings of the FBI, which he claimed widely advertised the agency and its methods. During the 1930s there were a plethora of movie studios and modern day readers will remember, television was years away from becoming a popular form of entertainment. At that time, the primary forms of entertainment for Americans was either the movies or radio. Fortunately for Hoover, Senator McKellar did not probe into the agency's ties to some radio programs, as the producer of one such program

proudly boasted the stories were lifted directly from the FBI's own files. Hoover said the FBI objected to much of the material used by the Hollywood studios as it related to the agency and had duly registered its protests.

What Hoover did not mention to the subcommittee members was he was keenly aware of the power of modern media and how it affected the FBI's reputation and effectiveness. Hoover had even entertained the notion of the FBI making its own movies for public consumption.

McKellar asked Hoover if the FBI employed any professional writers, which the Director denied. The two continued to verbally spar throughout the hearing and McKellar infuriated Director Hoover by pointing out the FBI had on more than one occasion claimed credit for arrests made by other law enforcement agencies. Senator McKellar told the red-faced Hoover, "It seems to me that your Department is just running wild, Mr. Hoover." McKellar went on to say he considered Hoover's request for more money "extravagant".

The angry Hoover interjected, "Will you let me make a statement?"

Senator McKellar snapped, "I think that is the statement."

One sympathetic senator tried to help Hoover during the course of the hearing. Missouri's Harry Truman tried to steer the conversation away from McKellar's pointed questioning. Ironically, Truman would later come to dislike J. Edgar Hoover intensely.

Comfortable with his well-prepared statistics, Hoover fielded Senator Truman's questions easily. Positively relentless when provoked, McKellar was not done and was soon again on the attack. The Tennessean wanted to know, "How many people have been killed by your Department since you have been allowed to have guns?"

Hoover, describing the dead as "desperadoes", replied that eight people had been killed since the FBI agents were allowed the use of firearms. Hoover also mentioned four FBI agents had been killed in the line of duty.

Senator McKellar snorted, "In other words the net effect of turning guns over to your department has been the killing of eight desperadoes and four G-men."

Hoover tried to stress FBI agents were under the strictest of orders to make every effort to take any suspect alive. The FBI Director explained agents were only to use their weapons

in self-defense or if absolutely necessary.

Senator McKellar dismissed Hoover's statement, saying, "I doubt very much whether you ought to have a law that permits you to go around the country armed as an army would, and shoot down all the people you suspect of being criminals, or such that you suspect of having guns, and having your own men shot down."

McKellar went on to tell the enraged and astonished FBI Director that it was not his fault the statutes enabling FBI agents to shoot down an unsuspecting populace were on the law books; rather it was the fault of the Congress who had enacted the laws. McKellar told Hoover even if a man was a murderer, the FBI agents did not have the right to kill him, causing the FBI Director to cry, "Even if he pulls a gun on you?"

Senator McKellar serenely replied that was a matter for the courts. Senator Truman wanted to know just how McKellar would catch them "If they commenced shooting at you?" The Tennessean was forced to reluctantly concede there might be instances where it was necessary for the FBI agents to use their weapons.

McKellar went on with his questioning, quietly asking Hoover what his qualifications were to serve as Director of the FBI. Hoover replied he had been employed by the Department of Justice for nineteen years and had been the FBI Director for twelve years. Senator McKellar retorted he meant had Hoover attended any sort of "crime school"? Hoover, starting to squirm, mentioned he had initiated just such a training program inside the FBI, causing Senator McKellar to scathingly say, "So whatever you know about it you learned there in the Department?"

Hoover replied that was true and described it as "first-hand" experience.

It was then that Senator McKellar asked the question that was to eat at Hoover until his death in 1972.

"Did you ever make an arrest?" McKellar wondered.

Hoover weakly replied he had."

Senator McKellar refused to allow Hoover to wriggle off the hook, persisting by asking, "How many arrests have you made and who were they?"

J. Edgar Hoover answered the question by citing his investigations in a few

cases, but Senator McKellar demanded, "Did you make the arrests?" Hoover said the arrests were made by officers who were "under my supervision".

Senator McKellar thundered, "I am talking about the actual arrests." Pressing his point, McKellar asked, "You never arrested them actually?"

Hoover lamely mentioned the FBI had not even had the authority to make arrests until two years before the 1936 hearing. Yet it did not erase the public perception that came from the hearing; the famed Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the top "G-Man" in the country had never even made a single arrest in his career.

It was a devastating admission for Hoover to make and one that made him appear at least vaguely cowardly. Years later, Hoover would confess McKellar's forced admission had felt as if his manhood had been questioned. Following his confrontation with Senator McKellar, the outraged Director gave instructions to be notified the moment agents located the whereabouts of notorious bank robber and criminal Alvin Karpis.

When told that Karpis had been found in New Orleans, Hoover chartered a plane to fly him to the Big Easy where he personally arrested Karpis.

McKellar pressed the Senate to reduce the appropriation for the FBI, but the full Senate disagreed and gave Hoover the amount he had requested.

Not surprisingly, relations between Senator McKellar and J. Edgar Hoover would remain "strained" for years to come. There is some reason to believe the smoldering Hoover ordered agents to follow the senator for months after the hearing. Still, McKellar continued to be reelected by the people of Tennessee and as his seniority inside the Senate grew, so did his power. Hoover, no fool, recognized McKellar's power and attempted to mollify the senator. By 1943, relations between the two men were cordial enough that Hoover invited Senator McKellar to make a speech during the FBI's Academy graduation ceremony. McKellar responded by praising the FBI Director as "a grand man."

While both men likely understood the power and usefulness of the other, it was Kenneth D. McKellar who dealt J. Edgar Hoover the most embarrassing episode in his long career, an embarrassment Hoover himself never forgot nor truly ever forgave.

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By Sylvia Williams

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Our next new featured exhibit is "The Magnificent Seven," a show with works by former Knox County art instructors: Charles "Chico" Osten, Suzanne Jack, Sue W. Lane, Christine Harness, Judy Jorden, Rikki Taylor, and Owen Weston. Rikki specializes in some of the

best decorative pottery anywhere in the United States. The rest of the magnificent seven will be showing works in oils, watercolors, mixed media, and in Owen's case, stunning nature photography. The opening reception for the show is from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 16. Simultaneously showing at the Art Center will be transparent watercolors by the art students of Mary Baumgartner's Wonderful World of Watercolor and handmade books by the students of Bob Meadows. The exhibit will be open to the public free of charge from August 16 through September 12!

Enrollment is now open for

several new fall workshops: Lee Edge will hold a three day Watercolor "Pouring" Workshop on October 10, 11, and 12, \$150 for Fountain City Art Center members and \$180 for nonmembers. Annual FCAC memberships start at \$30 for seniors, \$45 for individuals, and \$25 for students under the age of 26. Paul DeMarrais is offering a one day "Pastel Landscape Workshop" on Saturday, October 5 for \$100/\$120. We also have classes and workshop throughout the year in pottery, watercolor, oils, drawing, handmade books, jewelry, leather work, children's arts and crafts, and classical and folk guitar for all ages through Andy

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Gibbs opens new chapter in football

By Ken Lay

As the 2013 football season looms, Gibbs High School enters uncharted waters. Re-alignment has landed the Eagles in District 3-AAA.

That might be tough but Gibbs High's sixth-year coach Brad Conley isn't looking for excuses.

"There's a lot of good football in District 3-AAA," Conley said. "We're moving up into a new district and we want to compete right away. We don't want to have a two or three-year learning curve. We want to hold our own."

The Eagles, who went 6-5 in 2012, open the season at home against former District 3-AA rival on Aug. 23. Opening night will be big for both schools in spite of the fact that the Hornets, who finished 5-6 last year, are no longer district rivals.

"The Gibbs-Carter game will always be big because these two communities are adjoining communities," Conley said. "The Carter game is big, district or not, because these kids grew up together and played against each other [in youth football]."

Moving into a new district poses a challenge for the Eagles and a chief concern is the issue of depth.

"We're just going out there and emphasizing working hard and getting better each day and a concern is depth, especially on the offensive and defensive line," Conley said. "We'll have to make it through a grind in District 3-AAA."

While Gibbs will attempt to find some depth of front, the Eagles feature some talented and experienced veterans at the skill positions on offense. A defensive strength for Gibbs is a talented crop of linebackers.

The Eagles must, however, find a replacement at quarterback as they lost Jay Cade to graduation.

"Jay was a tremendous player but this year, I think we have more weapons," Conley said.

Gibbs has two players competing for the starting

quarterback. Junior Preston Booth and sophomore Zack Beeler entered camp with eyes on that position. At press time, neither had emerged as starter but Conley said that he's enjoyed watching both players develop.

"Both are great kids and they're both fun to be around," Conley said.

Top returners include: Alex Hibbett (senior, center/defensive end); Brock Davis (senior, slot back/defensive back); Brandon Norton (senior, defensive end); Austin Breeden (senior, running back/linebacker); Skyler Lane (senior, slot back/defensive back); Silas Joiner (junior, running back who rushed for 1,000 yards last season); Hunter Lane (junior, offensive guard/middle linebacker) and Brendan Wilson (junior, slot back/defensive back).

Gibbs will play a stout schedule this season. After hosting the Hornets, the Eagles will travel to Grainger County before hosting Anderson County in their first ever District 3-AAA game. Gibbs also has road district tilts against Clinton (Sept. 13), Oak Ridge (Sept. 27), Karns (Oct. 17) and Central (Nov. 1).

The Eagles' other district home games include: Halls (Sept. 20 as they re-ignite their rivalry with the Red Devils); Campbell County (Oct. 11) and Powell (Oct. 25).

The Panthers were a 2011 State Finalist and Halls has been a longtime rival.

The Red Devils have dominated that series since the 1950s and Conley is hoping to reverse that trend.

"The Halls game is big for both communities," he said. "I played in that game in the 80s. I coached in that game in the 90s and I coached in that game in the 2000s."

"We've beaten them twice in the last 50 years. I think we beat them in 1958 and again in 1991, so it's really not been much of a rivalry. Our responsibility at Gibbs is to make sure that we make this a rivalry."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Jeff Phillips, new head football coach at Austin-East, works with quarterback Keishawn Johnson (7) and wide receiver Jaquail Williams (2), while offensive coordinator Tony Colston (far left) looks on during last Thursday's practice session at A-E.

New coaches are trying to put Roadrunners back on winning track

By Steve Williams

There's a lot of newness in Austin-East High's football program. It begins with Jeff Phillips, the Roadrunners' new head coach, and continues with the entire varsity coaching staff, in which eight of its nine members are new.

Only Anthony McAlister, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, was on the A-E staff last season.

This new look was quite noticeable as Austin-East practiced last Thursday.

As for the players, it's a different story.

"Maybe eight on each side of the ball started last year," said Phillips. "A lot of young guys got a lot of reps and a chance to play last year."

That game experience will be one of the team's strengths in 2013, after a 3-7 record last year.

The 28-year-old Phillips, a 2003 Austin-East graduate and a receiver and free safety on the Roadrunners' 2001 Class AA state championship team, was just hired June 13. He replaces Brian Pankey, who returned to Kingston to be head coach of his alma mater after one year at A-E.

This is Phillips' first high school head coaching

job, although he has coached in Arena League football and overseas.

"I had one week with the team before the TSSAA dead period," said Phillips, who now has had four weeks with his squad.

"We evaluated the talent fairly quickly. I think we have in mind who our starters will be, but the final depth chart will be set on August 9 after our final scrimmage at Campbell County." A-E's first preseason scrimmage was slated last Friday at Gibbs.

The Roadrunners are members of District 3-AA and will compete against Carter, Fulton, Gatlinburg-Pittman, Pigeon Forge and Union County for regular season honors. If they qualify for the playoffs, they will be classified 3A.

Although battles are still going on for starting positions, Coach Phillips mentioned a few players who have already caught his eye. Jaquail Williams, a senior wide receiver who also could contribute as a quarterback, already has received preseason recognition as one of the Knoxville area's top players.

Phillips said senior Michael McMahan has

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South-Doyle Cherokees look to take that next step

Duncan excited about his 2013 junior dominated squad

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Clark Duncan left coaching to become an assistant principal and athletic director after a 17 year career as a very successful head football coach at Powell High School following the 2002 season. Although he had every intention of being just an administrator, watching the South-Doyle football program that he was charged with overseeing struggle was more than he could take. When it was time for a change in head coaches to be made following 6 consecutive losing seasons that only saw a combined 14 wins during that stretch, Duncan made the decision to add the title – and responsibilities – of the head

football coaching position to his daily scheduled.

The first two years were a struggle, as Duncan and his staff tried to completely change the culture of South-Doyle football. An 0-10 2009 season was followed up by a 1-9 2010, but from that point on steady progress has been made as both the 2011 and 2012 squads qualified for the Class 5A playoffs, the first playoff appearances for the school since 2001. With an experienced squad, although it is a junior dominated group, Duncan is ready for his team to take the next logical step – a deeper playoff run in 2013.

"We joke that we don't have enough footballs to go around", Duncan laughingly told me. "Our entire staff is excited about the

attitude and experience we have returning, and I have always said that experience is everything."

That experience starts with a solid and proved quarterback, and if bloodlines mean anything, he has those, too. Brody Rollins, the son of former University of Tennessee fullback/H-back John Rollins, will lead Duncan's multiple look offensive set.

"I remember being excited about Matt Lowe (former Powell All State QB, former Powell head coach, and now head coach at The King's Academy) getting to Powell High School because I knew great things were going to happen", the Cherokee boss told me. "I had the same excitement when Brody got to South-Doyle High School."

Rollins, a 5'11" and 175 pound junior, starts at both quarterback and cornerback. He is a 3 sport athlete – also excelling in baseball and basketball. Rollins is a

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Fulton Falcons Preview

By Alex Norman

The Fulton Falcons have been playing football since the early 1950's, and they are only nine wins away from reaching the 400 victory mark in program history.

One of their biggest wins came last December, when the Falcons downed Covington 39-14 in the Class 4A championship game. It was their fourth state title.

"Well, I thought we were going to be talented enough to have a chance. You never know how things will fall into place," said Falcons head coach Rob Black. "We were fortunate to stay pretty healthy and our guys did a good job of buying in to what we were doing. I felt like we had the right mix of experience, athleticism, and leadership to make the state title run."

The Falcons finished the season 13-2, but it might have been those two losses that helped this team learn a few things about what it would take to make a post-season run.

"I think the (Knoxville) West game was a great early test for us and gave us a measuring stick as to where we were as a team at that point," said

Black. "The Alcoa game was a very physical game and it taught us a lesson about that style of play. We were either going to get more physical or take an early exit from the playoffs."

This year's schedule will test the Falcons once again.

"I have always felt that if you play good competition in the regular season it really helps prepare you for playoffs," said Black. "My only concern is not getting too beat up with injuries in the regular season. Hopefully we will be able to play enough players that we can stay healthy."

Among those early challenges will be games against Class 6A teams Bearden and Farragut. These games are special for another reason as well. The Falcons haven't played the Bulldogs since 1984 and haven't faced the Admirals since 1976.

"Both Bearden and Farragut are much larger schools and will force us to either develop some depth or be in very good physical shape," said Black. "These two games will be great tests for us and I think could really help prepare us for post-season play."

The Falcons return seven starters on offense and seven starters on defense. Quarterback Penny Smith is back for his senior season, after winning the BlueCross Bowl Offensive MVP Award in last year's state title game.

"I think Penny has really worked hard to improve his QB skills and has really matured mentally," said Black. "He does a nice job of seeing what I want him to see and is able to make the necessary plays to help us be successful. I am happy with where he is at as a QB."

One of the biggest names on this team is perhaps the biggest player in the area. Senior lineman Akeem Cooperwood is listed at 6'7", 327 pounds. He's a three year starter and a two time all-state selection.

"I am so proud of Akeem. He is another guy that has really worked hard to develop his skills and is not only a D-1 prospect because of size, but has really developed a nice skill set," said Black. "I think the biggest difference in him now as opposed to a couple of years ago is his foot work and mentality. He will make somebody a very good football player on the

next level."

Black added, "I am very excited about a few more seniors that we have in RB Daryl Rollins, WR/DB Xavier Hawkins, and OL/DE Michael Scates. Each of these seniors to be will have a huge impact on our 2013 season and will all play on the next level."

Coach Black was a long-time assistant coach for the Falcons before his promotion, and says he feels even more comfortable entering this, his third season as head coach.

"The program was in good shape when I took over but I still had some lessons to learn and obviously had to earn the trust of our team," said Black. "I have gained some valuable experience in the past couple of years. I am also very fortunate to have some great assistants on my staff that makes things easier for me as well."

So, does this team have the potential to go back to back?

"I feel like we are talented enough but we have a large target on our back and there will be several (Class) 4A teams that will be much improved this year," said Black.

CAK Is Young but Hungry

By David Klein

The Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors are coming off two straight state championships in AA football. Their graduating quarterback, Charlie High, is now a walk-on at UT. They lost three star receivers in Josh Smith, Davis Howell, who set the all-time national high school record for receptions, and Franklin Murchison. And Head Coach Rusty Bradley believes the Warriors will be just fine.

"We have a bunch of workers," Bradley said of his team. "There has been no sloppy, lethargic practices," he added. "This team is so hungry and they have the will to work."

Bradley named junior John Sharpe the team's starting quarterback on July 22. Sharpe is very familiar with the CAK offense and was the backup quarterback last season. "He's been in our system for a number of years; he has a quick release," Bradley stressed. "He has good arm strength."

Sharpe learned a lot from former CAK quarterback Charlie High, who is now a walk-on with the University of Tennessee. "He pushed me to be a better player," Sharpe said.

Freshman Cole Smith will be the backup quarterback. "He picked up our system quickly. He just turned 15 a month ago. He's very talented and smart for a kid his age," Bradley said.

Senior wide receiver Whitaker Cunningham started six games last year and is considered a big playmaker. "He started six games for us last year while Josh Smith was out with a broken collarbone," Bradley said. Cody Campbell, who played cornerback last year, moves to receiver this year. There is another receiver. "We got a sophomore Philip Nichols, who played 20 snaps for us," Bradley said.

Sharpe said there are many playmakers. "Campbell is one of the hardest workers on the team," Sharpe said. Nichols gives 110 percent all the time, Sharpe added. "He's fun to watch," Sharpe emphasized.

The Warriors move up from District 3AA to District 4AA this season. They face a tough schedule with games against

Powell, Catholic, Webb, and Livingston Academy. Bradley said it's going to be a challenge, but there are some talented players returning. "Every week is a challenge," he said of the schedule.

"I think it's an exciting time," Bradley said of the new schedule. "Franklin is a Division 2 Academy out of Nashville. Beafrey, Kentucky, was the runner up in 3AA in KY. We can't afford to come out of the gates slow, we need to come out fast," he emphasized.

"There are no off weeks," Sharpe reiterated.

Defensively, there are three part-time returning starters on the defensive line, five returning starters in all. Bradley said that Ryan Long was one of those players returning on the defensive line. Bradley is pleased with what he has seen from John Broyles and Scott Walker. The defense will run a 4-4.

CAK has been working hard in the off-season. "I think we're the strongest we've ever been," Bradley said of the work his team has done in the summer. They have been doing strength and conditioning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and drills in the afternoons for different positions. In addition, the Warriors have played 7 on 7 games against Sevier County and Bearden.

Full practices in pads and helmets began Monday, July 22, and this week the team is practicing in pads, Bradley said.

Bradley said this team's biggest strength is their toughness and will to work. The biggest weaknesses are going to be lack of experience and lack of depth, he said. Sharpe said the biggest strengths are the Warriors' receiving corps, its secondary, and the skilled athletes. He said the biggest weakness is the lack of experience. He said the 7 on 7 scrimmages, "have helped us because we throw the ball so much," he said.

"I'm excited for the season to start," Sharpe said.

A new era begins for King's Academy football

By Bill Mynatt

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While The King's Academy has been playing football for many years now, 2013 will bring a new look, a new level of competition, and a new coach who knows how to win, and how to win big.

After a year off from coaching, former Powell High School head coach Matt Lowe has taken the helm of the Lion program. And with it comes the school's first foray in to the TSSAA's Division 2 with the likes of Webb School of Knoxville, Ezell Harding Academy, Friendship Christian, and other established football playing private schools statewide. And with that move in to D2, TKA will be looking to qualify for the playoffs instead of just playing a regular season schedule and ending the season as they have in the past.

With the new classification

and new coach the Lion players all had a clean slate as spring practice began. Some 22 players took part in spring drills and a half dozen or so more were expected to join those 22 as fall practice began.

So what can those players expect from Lowe, whose last game coached was a heartbreaking 17-14 Powell loss to Henry County in the 2011 Class 5A Championship Game?

Easy answer: Intensity and passion for the game of football, and that is what Lowe demands from his players. Lowe believes that his team has already taken on that personality.

"I am very pleased with the attitude and work ethic of these young men," Lowe told me. "They have a true desire to be successful."

Having had an opportunity to see the Lions during spring drills, a couple of things jumped out at me that I really didn't expect from a

school that only has some 200 students in the high school grades; athleticism and physical size.

Thirteen of the twenty-five players on the initial roster weigh over 200 pounds, eight of them 225 or more. That's a pretty impressive stat for a roster of just 25 players.

And in the athleticism department, it starts with a pair of 4 year starters.

The first is quarterback/free safety Adam Deatherage, a 6'4" and 175 pound senior. Deatherage put in the extra time necessary in the spring to learn Lowe's complicated spread option offense, an offense that relies on the quarterback making the correct read and then making and executing the right decision. Deatherage appears to have the makeup to do both of those well.

Another player that Lowe is expecting a big year from both on the field and in a leadership role is senior tight end/defensive end Sam Herbert, 6'2" and 220.

Other key players cited by Lowe are Ethan McCammon and Drew Slomski.

McCammon will fill one of the running back slots, and also start at linebacker. He is a 5'9" and 185 pound

senior.

Drew Slomski, a rangy 6'5" and 190 pound senior will anchor both lines from his offensive tackle and defensive end positions.

While not starting from scratch, the new competitive level at which TKA will compete hasn't changed the goal that Matt Lowe teams have been shooting for since he first became a head coach 8 years ago.

"The overall goal of the program (to win a state championship) will never change. Goals for this team and for every team are to show improvement on a daily basis and get to 1-0."

During his year off from coaching, Lowe had some time to sit back and relax, spend quality time with his wife Stacy and daughters Lizzy and Erica, and do some work in media covering high school football. But knowing Matt Lowe as I do, I knew he would be back on the sideline coaching sooner rather than later.

"I would not change my time off for anything", Matt said, "but it feels great to be back on the field."

Not surprised to hear that

New coaches are trying to put Roadrunners back on winning track

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"worked hard" and is a potential two-way starter as a wide receiver and defensive back.

Carlos Escobar is looking like he will be a valuable member of the Austin-East defense as a senior middle linebacker, and "his instincts" were the first thing Phillips mentioned about him. "He's very smart. He's making checks and calls, something you really need from the middle linebacker position."

Davon Cantrell, a senior tight end and outside

linebacker, also drew praise from Phillips. "He's one of the hardest working kids we have. He arrives 45 minutes early doing extra work. He's always looking for ways to get better."

Jitu Booker is one Roadrunner A-E fans won't have trouble spotting on the field this fall. He's 6-3, 330 pounds, said Phillips. "He's a leader on our line as a defensive tackle and offensive guard, and working hard to go both ways."

Senior Emmanuel McHenry, a definite candidate at defensive end, is "one of our fastest linemen," said Phillips. "He

runs about a 4.7."

Jackson McDowell, a 6-3, 250-pound senior, may be the starter at left tackle on offense, but the right tackle position, which will have to protect the blindside of A-E's two left-handed quarterbacks, is "wide open," said the coach.

Keishawn Johnson, a 5-11, 185-pound junior, appears to be ahead in the QB race for now. "He has stepped up and taken on bigger roles with our offense to win the position battle at quarterback," said Phillips. "He's an all-around player, very

athletic and has a strong arm. We're working with technique. We're expecting big things from him. He's No. 1 on the depth chart."

"Xavier Ligon, a freshman athlete, is No. 2 and could catch up depending on how he does in scrimmages," added Phillips. "Xavier (5-8, 165) is learning and getting adjusted to the speed of the game. He's growing up fast. High school football is a little more complex than what he has been playing and there also's new terminology."

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Rebuilding continues for Overton, Halls

When J.D. Overton took the job as Halls High School's football coach in 2012, he had little time to prepare.

He wasn't around for spring practice but in his short time as the Red Devils' coach, he began what he hoped would be a journey to rebuild the football program which won just one game in two years before he arrived.

Things were tough for Overton and Halls last year as the Red Devils won just one game last year. But the new coach, formerly the offensive coordinator at Carter, did enough for Halls principal Mark Duff to bring him back and make him the Red Devils' new head coach.

Now, Overton has been with Halls for over a year and will begin the second season of a rebuilding project. He's excited as he returns several players that started last year.

"Our expectations for the kids to work hard every day," Overton said. "We're trying to rebuild the program."

"We want the kids to do all the right things on and off the field. These kids need stability and if we do the right things, hopefully,

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Jones looks to return Vols to past glory

By Ken Lay

When the University of Tennessee hired Butch Jones to be its new football coach, he made a promise to turn things around.

Time will tell if the Volunteers can get more games in the win column but Tennessee, which opened fall training camp Friday, already has a new attitude.

"We've been through a lot of trials and tribulations," said senior defensive end Corey Miller. "And it would be really nice if we could finish things out on a high note."

To put it mildly, things didn't go well during Derek Dooley's tumultuous tenure with the Vols before he was fired after Tennessee was humiliated by in-state rival Vanderbilt.

But those days are over. "We don't talk about last year. That's in the past," Vols redshirt sophomore free safety Brian Randolph said. "We talk about what people think about us in the secondary before every workout."

"People think that we're the worst secondary in the SEC and every day, we talk about going out there and proving people wrong because we know it's not true."

Last year's team, which went 5-7 and won only one Southeastern Conference game appeared to lack leadership and consistency.

Those two elements are what Jones preaches about the most. "There's been a lot more attention to detail," said senior center James Stone. "We're more focused."

"That and the new coaching staff has helped us hold each other accountable."

Jones, who led Cincinnati to a Big East Championship before coming to Knoxville, has yet to lead the Volunteers into battle, but he's already made a lasting



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Tennessee quarterback Justin Worley addresses reporters at Media Day last week. Worley, a junior, is one of four quarterbacks competing to start for the Vols.

impact on the program.

"In the classroom, we had the best semester in the program's history," he said. "We had 46 players who had a 3.0 [grade point average] or higher and then summer school was even better than that."

"I'm also happy to say that since I got here on December 7, we've had players complete 1,322 hours of community service. Before you can win on the field, you have to win off the field."

Jones, who previously coached the Bearcats and Central Michigan, said that the Volunteers have grown accustomed to him rapidly.

"I think these guys have bought in quicker than the teams at the other two stops," Jones said. "Our players are excited and rightfully so."

The new coach's arrival at Tennessee signals a new beginning. Spirits are high for those who spent time under the Dooley

regime. The returners and team leaders are all saying the right things and all have high expectations for the 2013 campaign but no one has any guarantees heading into preseason practice.

"Coach Jones has come in here and told us that we have to have leadership," Miller said. "No one has a guaranteed spot."

The Vols, who boast a veteran and battle-tested offensive line, anchored by Stone, have four players vying for the starting quarterback spot. Junior Justin Worley and redshirt freshman Nathan Peterman were listed as co-starters. Riley Ferguson and Joshua Dobbs will also get a good look at camp.

"We have four quarterbacks in camp and my biggest concern is that we're going to have sore arms," Jones said. "If you asked me if I know who's going to start, my answer would be 'no.'"

Worley has emerged as a team

leader. He's organized the workouts and worked extensively with the young crop of Tennessee wide receivers.

"The quarterback battle has been going on all through the off-season," Worley said. "It looks like the battle is going to go on through fall camp."

"I think [Jones] wants to see how fall camp works out."

What Jones also wants to see is consistency --- something that was lacking during the last three years under Dooley.

"Every good athlete has consistency," Jones said. "Our style of play is disciplined."

"We take care of the ball, we get the ball back on defense and we don't have untimely penalties."

Jones, who brought his Cincinnati squad here in 2011, will lead the Big Orange into battle for the first time against Austin Peay on Aug. 31 at Neyland Stadium.

South-Doyle Cherokees look to take that next step

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true dual threat QB, throwing and running the football equally well. And with a year's experience as a starter in 2012, look for him to only get better.

The Cherokees are hardly a one man show on offense, however, as 7 other starters return to join Rollins' offensive attack.

Among those offensive returners are tailback Malik Lundy, a legit home run threat every time he touches the football. Lundy isn't a big back at 5'8" and 165, but he has tremendous speed and doesn't need a huge hole to make things happen.

Another junior, Jocquez Bruce, at 6' and 175 will combine with Lundy to give Duncan's team a terrific 1-2 punch out of the tailback slot.

Up front on offense the

Cherokees return both experience and bulk.

A pair of juniors -- Omar Farooq at 6'2" and 250, and Mason McNutt at 6'3" and 265 pounds -- will anchor the left side of the offensive line at the tackle and guard positions. Duncan calls McNutt a potential division 1 prospect. Both will also play on the defensive line, as well.

Other potential starters in the OL are seniors Cameron Rood (5'11" 230) at center, Denzel Brown (6'1" and 250) at right guard, and Trevor Davis (6'1" 245) at right tackle.

Davis is a two year starter, whom Duncan says is one of the real leaders of his squad.

The receiving corps looks to be led by yet another junior, 5'11" and 165 pound Sean Labeaux. Labeaux is a playmaker and should be exciting to

watch in 2013.

With only four starters returning on defense, the Cherokees are looking for competition as fall camp begins on that side of the football.

Besides Rolliins and Lundy in the secondary, along with Farooq and McNutt up front, perhaps the most experienced Cherokee defender returning is linebacker Jacob Jones. Jones, 6' and 200, is a two year starter -- one whom Duncan refers to as a very physical player.

Junior Charles Holman also projects to be a starter at an LB slot.

Playing in a district that includes Sevier County, Jefferson County, and Morristown West - among other solid programs - the South-Doyle schedule is certainly challenging. The Cherokees finished 7-4 overall and 4-3 in district

play a year ago and qualified for the playoffs. However, a snafu by the TSSAA sent them on the road for a first round game at Knoxville West, a top 5 ranked team in 2012, instead of hosting a first round game. That issue left a bad taste in the mouths of the Cherokees and could help serve as motivation going in to the 2013 season.

Back to Duncan and his dual roles as the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal and head football coach at South-Doyle, each one of those could be considered a full time position on its own. I asked Duncan how he juggles his schedule to give each of those jobs the attention they require.

"It starts with my wife, Karen and Tim Berry, our Executive Principal", Duncan explained. "I have conditioned myself to work on little sleep, and

I have a great staff that I have been able to delegate responsibilities with. That allows me to take care of my administrative and AD responsibilities".

And as any coach will tell you, relationships between the coaches of other sports in the building, as well as with the community feeder program are also huge components in helping to build a successful high school football program. Before Duncan became the head coach many of the best athletes at South-Doyle opted not to play football and concentrate on other sports. Now more and more of those athletes are playing multiple sports, including football.

"We've been able to close the borders", Duncan told me in reference to many of the better athletes in the South-Doyle

zone opting to attend other schools over the past decade or so. "We've not lost a football player out of our zone since I took over the football coaching duties, and we've worked hard to build relationships with our stakeholders. We increased our youth camp from 73 youngsters the first two years to 165 the last two years."

The latter show a real resurgence of interest in South Knox County with the Cherokee football program.

Add all of those factors together and it's not hard to see how improvement has been made during the past four years that Duncan has been the head coach. The 2013 edition of the Cherokee football squad is working hard to continue to build on that success.

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WIDNER: Going Wide for Rebounds (Part IV)

"What do you remember most about that year?" I asked—wondering if it would be a record night in rebounding. But, the coach was right. Former Gibbs Coach Bob Dagley said that David Widner took the 1964-65 Eagles' first loss harder than most players. After forty-eight years, the coach still knows his players.

The former 6-foot-4 senior forward answered, "Our first loss which was to Murfreesboro."

Dagley followed up with what Coach Pate of Murfreesboro said about Gibbs after he found out that Alcoa had beaten the Eagles and their season was over. "Part of this was quoted in the article about Les Spitzer," Dagley said—referring to the Knoxville News Sentinel clipping in his scrapbook. "Coach Pate was quoted in the newspaper as saying, 'there isn't a better guard in Tennessee than that Spitzer boy, and those two

big men—Widner and Everette—looked mighty tough, too."

Dagley added, "I hope David realizes how important he was to our team's success."

David Widner was once married to his high school sweetheart, the former Norma Faye Thomas, and they had a daughter, Tracy Widner Adkins. Norma Faye and her sister, Glenda Sue, played basketball on an outstanding Gibbs girls' team that won the District 6 Championship in 1963 under Coach J. A. Beeler. The two sisters also played ball under Bob Dagley who succeeded Beeler in the fall of '63 as coach of the boys' and girls' teams.

Despite two losses, Widner and his teammates gave Gibbs much to celebrate. Widner hopes another Gibbs' team comes along and does even better. Former players have reminded me of Gibbs' remarkable run last year. But, with divisions now in place for teams to play schools their size, it is unlikely we will ever see a team quite like the '64-65 Eagles again. The small, rural school competed with schools much larger—and won.

Widner served two years in the United



David Widner's daughter and family share a special moment at a dance recital. (Left to right): front: Ashlyn, Felicia and Jonathan Adkins; Back: Tracy Widner Adkins and her husband, Robert.

States Army, one of those in the Vietnam War. These days, No. 24 enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren. Felicia is minoring in dance and majoring in physical education at Middle Tennessee State University this fall. Young Ashlyn is a dancer, too. Grandson Jonathan plays basketball and made the middle school team. He has only to look to a grandfather to learn some great moves on the court. I believe there may be another treasured scrapbook in the making! (This is No. 15 in the series about Gibbs' 1964-65 season. Another player will be featured later this month.)

New coaches are trying to put Roadrunners back on winning track

Cont. from page 2 on the 2001 state championship team as a freshman MLB and played at UT and Carson-Newman, the varsity coaching staff includes Tony Colston (offensive coordinator and quarterbacks), Chris Pitchford (receivers), Logan McKinney (centers-guards), Addison Harris (running backs), Albert Longhill (defensive line) Anthony Anderson (defensive backs) and Francios Pierre (kicking and special teams). Garrett Hughes, a teammate of Phillips and Pitchford at UT-Chattanooga, is expected to join the staff and coach tight ends and offensive tackles.

Phillips calls his running backs "a three-headed monster," and said Shahada Parker (5-8, 190), Tomas Williams (6-0, 235) and Troy Watring (5-11, 180) have their "own unique styles."

Team speed is a key asset on defense.

"We take pride in flying around to the football and being very physical," said Phillips.

In addition to McAlister, who played with Phillips

Austin-East will open the season on the road at Grace Christian Academy August 23.

Rebuilding continues for Overton, Halls

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it will pay dividends in the fall."

The Red Devils, who will open the 2013 season at home against Williamsburg (Ky.) on Aug. 23, has plenty of returners who started most of the games in 2012.

"We've had these guys for over a year now, and most of the players on the offensive and defensive lines started at least a handful of games last year," Overton said. "Our strengths will be on the offensive and

defensive line."

Top returners for Halls include: Garrett Moyers (senior, running back/linebacker); Logan Turpin (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Cole Patterson (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Colby Jones (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Spencer Herd (senior, quarterback/defensive back) and Matt Bounds (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

The Red Devils, who

finished 1-9 last season, have been plagued by lack of numbers in recent years. But Overton said that players are once again interested in playing for the Red Devils.

"We're getting more kids out and we're really excited about that," he said.

Halls has newcomers looking to make an impact early in 2013. Those players include the duo of Logan Potter, a senior running back and linebacker, and junior defensive lineman Luke Turpin (Logan's

cousin).

After opening the season against Williamsburg, Halls will travel to Union County for its final non-district games. The Patriots are attempting to build their own program after suffering through some dismal seasons lately.

"That will be a fun night for everybody," Overton said.

The District 3-AAA slate will pose a challenge for Halls. There, the Red Devils will face the likes of Emory Road rival Powell, Black

Oak Ridge rival Central, Karns, Clinton, Oak Ridge, Anderson County, Campbell County and district newcomer Gibbs.

The re-alignment means that the Eagles and Red Devils will re-ignite their rivalry after a long hiatus. Gibbs and Halls were one-time non-district foes. And Overton played at Gibbs, which will make that game a special one for him.

"Obviously, you want to win them all," Overton said. "But it's nice to get to play a rival in a game where the

atmosphere will be awesome.

"We're excited to play Gibbs and coach [Brad] Conley has done a great job there."

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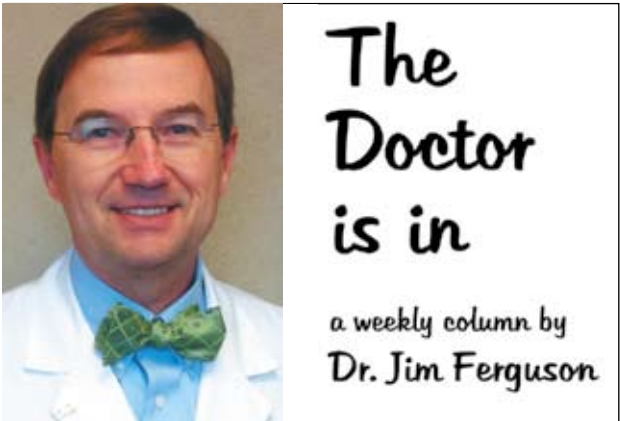
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Generations

For a long time I've had a metaphoric vision of my life as a cross country airplane trip. As a young man, I packed my bags and hustled to the airport to make my life-flight. As I fastened my seat belt as I buckled down in college and medical school before racing down the runway and soaring into the sky of my marriage, career and family. Pretty soon we all reached cruising altitude of medical practice and life. There have been bumps and turbulence along the way, but Becky and I have been blessed.

When flying you can sense when the pilot begins his descent. I've now reached that midpoint and have begun a slow, controlled descent toward my ultimate destination. In some years hence I'll be on final approach to the airport and land, ultimately taxiing to the hanger for

old planes. Fortunately, that's still a ways off.

Years ago I read a fascinating book by William Strauss and Neil Howe called "Generations, The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069." The title itself intrigued me as I wondered how a book tracing the history of America could predict its future. The authors discovered that each generation has a mood and characteristics. An example is the Greatest Generation who came of age during and won the Second World War. Interestingly, this cohort of Americans has many of the characteristics of the Founders of our country who fought and won America's freedom. As a Baby Boomer it's interesting to consider the characteristics we have in common with the generation of The

Great Awakening (c.1740) and the Transcendental Movement (c.1830).

Recently, a young co-worker of the Millennial generation pleasantly advised me not to fret about my patients demanding unnecessary tests. She said it was time for Baby Boomers like me to transfer control and decision making to the next generation. She said her cohort would not have a problem saying, "No" to seniors with unreasonable expectations. Coincidentally, another Millennial told me he couldn't afford to be pessimistic about Obama and the country because he had fifty years in his future. Their perspectives challenged me as I reminisced over my earlier life as a rising professional and family man. At that time I thought I was in charge of some things. Perhaps we're all adjusting to the new order and its realities.

Strauss and Howe defined a generation as twenty-two years and showed how generational types have repeated themselves throughout American history. In fact, the generational types have marched in order since our ancestors came to North America in the sixteen hundreds. Even more intriguing is the author's finding

that America has been repeatedly challenged by external threats (WW II) and internal conflicts (the turbulent sixties) about every forty-four years. And if history does broadly repeat itself, America is due to experience another external challenge beginning in 2014.

As I observe America tear itself apart with perpetual race conflicts, foreign wars, ruinous Washington spending, IRS and other government scandals, and liberal versus conservative politics, all manipulated by a media that has long hence sold its soul, I wonder if we're going to enter another Civil War. The one thing that gives me hope is that America has risen to challenges over the last 400 years, and the Millennial generation has much in common with the Founders and the Greatest Generation who created the United States and saved the world from Nazi Germany.

Western Civilization was a required course in my college cohort. The course terrorized many, but I found it fascinating to consider why western culture succeeded. A recent book by Rodney Stark, "The Triumph of Reason," maintains that Western Civilization is the product of Christian philosophy. This perspective holds

that every individual is unique and loved by God. This empowering notion allowed western man to create and prosper like no civilization in history.

In Western culture the individual is more than an ant who serves its colony, and we once saw our culture as unique. Because western man recognized an Absolute (God), he possessed a standard by which to measure what is right, moral or virtuous. Our post-modern era holds that there are no absolutes and everything is relative. When the Absolute is replaced by the "arbitrary absolutes" of man, then anything goes and is ruled by the majority sentiment of the moment. And as truth/facts are manipulated by the "arbitrary elites" of the media, is it any wonder that we're in trouble? Incidentally, another philosophy of our post-modernism is the triumph of "style over substance," apparently aided by teleprompters.

C. S. Lewis spoke of the devolution of Western culture in his 1944 book "Abolition of Man." Later, Orwell's "1984" showed the dystopian result of the renunciation of absolutes. Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" echoed Orwell. And Francis Schaeffer in "How Should We Then

Live" explained the end result of liberal progressive humanist philosophy that now indoctrinates our children in schools, and permeates entertainment and our government. Those who read history and think independently know what is wrong and major surgery is needed.

Perhaps the next generation is the way out of our mess. Admittedly, we Baby Boomers have focused excessively on ourselves and often neglected our civic duty. The pursuit of "personal peace and affluence" led to Rome rotting from the inside.

Ayn Rand once told a story of a magnificent tree which suddenly fell to the ground during a storm. It was then discovered that the tree was rotten at its center. I only hope this isn't a metaphor for our country.

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

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

Rural/Metro urges water safety, recognize real signs of drowning

As the weather heats up in Knoxville, a splash in the pool or a day at the lake can be a welcome cool down. Without supervision, however, swimming can also be a dangerous activity for children. Rural/Metro urges families to recognize the signs of drowning and practice safe swimming during water sports and activities.

"Parents need to be constantly alert, because a child can slip under the water in a matter of seconds," said Dennis Rowe, market general manager for Rural/Metro. "Movies and television dramatizations have given us an unrealistic view of what drowning really looks like. They often portray victims waving their arms, thrashing or calling for help. In a real drowning situation, a

victim can slip quickly and quietly under the water before anyone recognizes the danger."

Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children 15 and younger. According to the Center for Disease Control, an estimated 750 children will drown within the next year, and about 375 of them will drown within 25 yards of a parent or adult. In 10 percent of those drownings, the adult will notice them, but not realize the serious warning signs until it is too late.

Drowning victims often cannot get their mouths above the water long enough to inhale to call for help. Their limbs will be busy under the surface pushing down on the water, trying to bring

their mouths above the surface to breathe. Their bodies will be upright in the water with no evidence of a kick or struggle. These are signs of something called Instinctive Drowning Response.

"Once a child is in Instinctive Drowning Response, a rescuer may have as little as 20 to 60 seconds to save a child before he or she slips beneath the surface," said Rowe. "If someone is waving and calling for help, however, the situation is still grave. This is a sign of aquatic distress, which can quickly escalate to Instinctive Drowning Response."

Signs of Instinctive Drowning Response may include mouth submerged or head tilted back with mouth open; eyes closed or glassy, unable to focus;

hair over forehead or eyes; vertical position in water; hyperventilating or gasping; or appearing to be climbing an invisible ladder.

To prevent drowning, safety measures like fences and flotation devices are helpful, but more measures must be taken to ensure children's safety. Children should always be supervised by a CPR-certified adult near the water. When supervising a child in the water, remove all distractions, stay alert and know basic CPR.

Rural/Metro provides these tips for safe swimming:

- Always actively supervise your children and have a phone nearby to call for help in case of emergency. Teach children to never swim alone.

- Make sure your pool has a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Cover and lock pools and hot tubs when not in use.
- Get certified in CPR. Find out who offers classes in your area and get trained.
- Enroll your children in swim lessons. Children from non-swimming households are eight times more likely to be at risk of drowning.
- Wear a life jacket and have your child wear a life jacket when boating or on the dock. Eighty-four percent of fatal boating accident victims were not wearing a life jacket.
- Avoid entirely or moderate your alcohol consumption when boating.
- Immediately exit the water when the weather

turns for the worse, especially when you hear thunder or see lightning.

- Don't rely on flotation devices as a substitute for supervision or swim lessons.
- Don't dive into water without checking the depth of the pool or lake. Rural/Metro advises "feet first, first time" to help prevent spinal cord and brain injuries.
- Be aware of your limitations. Never swim when tired or immediately after eating.

Keeping these safety tips in mind and knowing the real signs of drowning before making a splash in the pool, taking the boat out on the lake or jumping in the ocean will keep families safe this summer.

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In Exile

By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

I remember singing the lyrics to the old hymn: "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through." We, like God's people, who were exiled in Babylon, are looking forward to a future home. The Jews looked forward to a homecoming back in Jerusalem. We, likewise look forward to a homecoming in the new Jerusalem. God took seventy years to prepare His people to come out of exile and rebuild the temple and walls of Jerusalem. God is also preparing a special place for us where we will live with God forever.

But when one is in exile, it is sometimes difficult to remember the future promises. You can get so bogged down, discouraged, and focused on the pain and discouragement of the here and now, that you lose focus. Yet being in exile presents opportunities for God's people to rise up and use their talents to glorify God in the present. In Babylon, for example, there were four Jewish young men who God used in miraculous ways to reveal the real God to the Babylonians. These men were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and Ezekiel.

God used these five guys (not just the hamburger joint – these guys appear to have been vegetarians according to Daniel 1:12) to show that God is finished with this special nation. Daniel spent the night with hungry lions due to praying, but God tamed those wild beasts. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were burned alive in a fiery furnace because they refused to worship an idol, but they survived.

What is the point of these amazing stories recorded in the book of Daniel? It is that God takes care of those who honor him. God wants us to have the same courageous devotion these five guys had as they lived in a foreign land with different customs, traditions, and worship practices.

Daniel and his three buddies end up being selected to serve the king, a high honor. But this lead to trouble because they refuse to worship the false gods of Babylon. It came to a head when King Nebuchadnezzar built a giant statue ninety feet tall. All of his officials were to come and bow down and worship before the idol. If you refused, you were to be immediately killed by being thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach,

and Abednego refused to bow down even after given a second chance to do so. As they are being led to their deaths, they state firmly, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

What would you do in this situation? In their case, their faith overruled their fear. They believed God would save them one way or the other. He did not a hair of their heads was singed. God did this to show Nebuchadnezzar that He is the true God. The king is moved and believes. When you put God first, amazing things happen. But even if Daniel was eaten by the lions and his three friends were burned to death in the fire, God will use our testimony for His purposes and good. As we live in a foreign land on our way to the New Jerusalem, live the way God wants you to. Don't get sucked into the ways of the world, for this world is not your home.

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Summer Singing in the South

New Destiny Productions' President Russ Woolard says he is excited to bring Karen Peck and New River, The Taylors and other artists together to share their music in East Tennessee for the 2nd Annual Summer Singing in the South on Saturday, August 10.

Karen Peck and New River is a three-time Grammy Award Nominated and two-time GMA Dove Award Winning Southern Gospel Group. Karen's flawlessly delightful soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of Gospel Music lovers across the country and garnered an unprecedented 11 Favorite Soprano Fan Awards from the readers of The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. Over the past four years, New River has had five consecutive #1 songs in Southern Gospel Music. In addition, their current album, "Reach Out," has had two consecutive #1 songs for "On the Banks of the Promised Land" and "Mighty Big God."

Karen Peck and New River has recently been nominated as a Top 5 Finalist in the categories of Favorite Trio, Favorite Female Singer and

Favorite Soprano, as voted by the Singing News Magazine subscribers.

The group's highly anticipated new album, "Revival" will be released next month. The first radio single from this project which is currently receiving airplay is the title cut and is titled "Revival." On the August Southern Gospel Top 80 Chart, their hit "Sustaining Grace" is currently #8.

The Taylors are a family group from the heart of North Carolina. Jonathan, Suzanne, Leslie and Christopher are dedicated to stirring up the faith of the Christian community, as well as reaching others with the good news of Jesus Christ through Gospel music. The Taylors are currently performing around 200 dates a year across the United States, including several mission-oriented trips abroad.

The National Quartet Convention has announced the 2013 Music Award Nominations in which The Taylors were honored to receive multiple nominations for the 2013 NQC Music Awards including: Mixed Group of the Year, Alto Singer of the Year: Suzanne Taylor Hise, Lead Singer of the Year: Jonathan Taylor, and

Baritone Singer of the Year: Chris Taylor. They have also been nominated as a Top Five Mixed Quartet for the 2013 Singing News Southern Gospel Music Awards.

Also appearing at Summer Singing are Scott Allen, former lead singer of The Imperials, and Katelyn Parker. There will also be a tribute to the late Charlotte Mull Hutchinson, CEO of Praise 96.3 FM radio and host of the longtime running Mull's Singing Convention.

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