

Voters Say It's Fair For Teachers to Evaluate McIntyre

By Focus Staff

Voters don't have mixed feelings about Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre being evaluated by teachers. This week's Knoxville Focus poll posed the question, "Superintendent of School James McIntyre is

proposing to allow students to evaluate teachers. In light of this, do you think it is only fair to allow teachers to evaluate McIntyre?" A whopping 86.53% said it certainly is fair. Only 13.47% of the voters polled think it would be unfair for the superintendent to be

evaluated by teachers. Superintendent McIntyre is currently considering a proposal which would allow students, apparently including those in kindergarten and the early grades, to evaluate teachers. The evaluation of teachers by students would account for

5% of their total evaluation. The superintendent himself has said, "It's only five percent." Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Knox County Board of Education, has announced he will try and amend McIntyre's proposal to also allow

teachers to evaluate McIntyre and it will account for 5% of his total evaluation. Board of Education Chair Lynne Fugate has been quoted as saying allowing students to evaluate teachers will show the students the Board values and

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FOCUS Weekly Poll*

Superintendent of Schools James McIntyre is proposing to allow students to evaluate teachers. In light of this, do you think it is only fair to allow teachers to evaluate Dr. McIntyre?

YES 86.53%
NO 13.47%

Survey conducted September 12, 2013.

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

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Receives \$30,000

Variety - the Children's Charity of Eastern Tennessee announced recently that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County, operating under the Knox County Public Library, is the recipient of a \$30,000 grant to purchase new, age-appropriate, high-quality books for 2,500 children for one year. Imagination Library is an early literacy program that provides free books to children from birth to age five with the goal of providing all children access to books in the home.

"By partnering with businesses and charitable organizations such as Variety and Regal Entertainment Group, we can achieve great things together," commented Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "We are grateful to Variety for their generous support of the children of Knox County. Reading to children is one of the best things we can do to ensure future success in school."

"An investment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is an investment in the educational future of all children in Knox County. The program instills a love of reading, provides access to high-quality books, and nurtures parental involvement - all

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TutorTN Gives Knox County Students Free Tutoring Online

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"TutorTN provides a terrific service for young people," Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "I am pleased that we are able to offer this service for students who live in Knox County."

Secretary of State Tre Hargett launched the program last week at the Powell Branch Library before an audience of parents and librarians.

The web-based program allows Knox County library users from Kindergarten through college access to a community of almost 3,000 tutors who can help in all core academic subjects through Tutor.com. Students can also connect to writing tutors to review papers, reports and or college essays.

Students simply visit www.tutor.com/TutorTN and enter their Knox County Public Library card number

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Poetry, Nature Meet At Ijams



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knox County Law Director Bud and Patti Jo Armstrong, Knox County Commissioner Dave and Pat Wright, Knox County Commissioner Tony and Jani Norman, Knox County Trustee Craig and Brenda Luethold, and Tasha Mahurin and Anita Lane seated at the Knoxville Focus table at Ijam's annual Symphony in the Park, held September 8. This was the 28th year for the benefit.

Poets have always found metaphors, inspiration and revelation in the natural world. That includes poets in East Tennessee, who have long drawn on the local landscape, flora and fauna. You can hear some of the finest current voices in that lineage at a special event at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, at Ijams Nature Center.

"Letters to the Earth: Songs and Poems of Conservation" will feature six acclaimed writers reading and performing their work: Jesse Graves, Marilyn Kallet, Jeff Daniel Marion, Linda Parsons Marion, R.B. Morris and Arthur Smith. The event is free and is sponsored by the City of Knoxville and Ijams Nature Center, as

a prelude to next month's Centennial Conservation Expo at Chilhowee Park.

"Poetry has long been in love with nature, and our words and songs tenderly embrace the world around us," said Kallet, the Director of Creative Writing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. "Our poems forge connections among ourselves and others, between us and the environment that we seek to conserve. Our songs are diverse -- some of us are urban, some of us were raised on farmland or near rivers. All share in caring for the natural world that is endangered. Poetry

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Anne McCall lights up the stage

By Tasha Mahurin
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"Country music is what I live for, and I really hope to make it someday," 15 year old Anne McCall Stansberry of West Knoxville told The Focus.

The Bearden High School student was invited for the second time to perform at the Tennessee Valley Fair last Thursday night. With all the heart of a superstar, she performed a set of nine songs for a large crowd gathered at the fair's "Pepsi Community

Tent." Accompanied by her music teacher on the banjo, Anne performed popular cover songs such as "Mama's Broken Heart", "Hallelujah", and "American Honey."

The young woman both sings and plays guitar. According to mom, Jenny Stansberry, Anne has been singing since she could talk. She recalls hearing her sing over her baby monitor from the next room.

"The talent is all her own because neither her mom

nor dad is very respectable in that arena," Jenny said. "She's going to pursue it, and I'm so proud of her."

Anne has taken both music and voice lessons and even writes some of her own music. She has been an active choral and musical theatre student since elementary school and now at Bearden High. She is quick to thank both her music and voice coaches for her success.

In addition to her musical talent, McCall is an honor student who plays tennis

and is involved in student government, Young Life, and Teen Board of Knoxville. Although active in both the community and her church, music is her first love. She cites Johnny Cash as a musical inspiration. Carrie Underwood and Blake Shelton are two of her current favorite artists. Her passion is evident when she performs.

"I feel great. I had a wonderful audience. Music is just everything that I love, and I'm grateful to have



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Anne McCall

such supportive friends and family," McCall said after the performance.

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Publisher's Position Only 5%? Do What?



By Steve Hunley,
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Recently Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre was explaining to the Board of Education that allowing students to evaluate teachers accounted for only 5% of their total evaluation. McIntyre said, "It's only five percent."

A few Board members have already climbed aboard and Lynn Fugate

was quoted as saying, "I think it's an excellent opportunity and says to our students that we respect their opinion and that they know what's going on in their classroom."

Only five percent? What would our country be like if the unemployment rate was five percent less? We'd likely be in a full recovery. What if the unemployment rate was five percent higher? It would seem like the Great Depression. Yet, it's only five percent more.

What if your monthly mortgage payment were five percent less? What if your monthly mortgage payment went up five percent? On a monthly mortgage of \$850, that would be \$42.50 per month, or \$510 per year. But it's only five percent.

When gas went up 5% per gallon last summer a lot of folks were mighty unhappy about it. Gas was selling for \$3.50 per gallon and let's add 5% to that, which would be another 17 cents. Would that extra 17 cents per gallon make any difference to you and your family? Never mind that the cost of gas and transportation drives up the cost of many other goods and services.

What if your life expectancy went up five percent or down five percent? Would you say, "It's only five percent?"

What if the preparation rates - - - those rates used to determine how many students are prepared to go on to college or get a job - - - went up five percent? That would mean at Austin-East

fully 6% of the students would be ready to further their educations or get a job, instead of the dismal 1% it is presently.

In my home community of Gibbs, the current preparation rate is 9%. That extra five percent would mean 14% would be better prepared to go to college or get a job.

Factoring the average preparation rate for almost half of Knox County - - - South-Doyle, Fulton, Gibbs, Carter, Austin-East, Central, and Halls - - - the average might come out to be something like 14%. Add five percent to that and it looks a little better; still dismal, but better.

What if you had an illness or accident and your chance of recovery was only 20%? Doesn't 25%

sound a lot better?

But it's still only five percent.

We currently spend over half a billion dollars a year on schools in Knox County; five percent of that would be twenty-five million dollars. Of course McIntyre asked for far more than that when he sought to increase taxes in Knox County. Five percent wasn't enough that time.

McIntyre, who is paid in excess of \$250,000 annually may not think five percent is very much and giving him a 5% raise would amount to about \$12,500. Now, for a person making \$12,500 per year, five percent is a heck of a lot.

For someone as data-driven as Dr. McIntyre, one would think he would understand the difference

an additional five percent can make. But then again, McIntyre's total classroom teaching experience was about a year and he doesn't seem to have a high regard for teachers.

We'll all soon see if McIntyre applies the same principle to himself as he wants to do to classroom teachers.

Why would he or any member of the Board of Education object to McIntyre having a mere five percent of his own evaluation come from teachers? Do McIntyre and the Board value the opinions of teachers as much Ms. Fugate said they value those of students?

After all, it's only five percent.

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or the Knox County district password to connect with expert tutors for one-on-one homework help or tutoring sessions online.

Once students log onto the service, and select their grade level and subject, they then type in their questions or upload problems to share with their tutors. The tutors work with the students in online classrooms where they can text, use interactive whiteboards or share documents. Students who sign up for optional free accounts can share their sessions via e-mail and review them later.

"Research shows that one-to-one tutoring is the best way to help students achieve significant academic gains," said Sandi White, general manager of Tutor.com. "When students are stuck on a homework question or want to get an A on their next big exam or paper, our tutors can help."

Tutor.com is the largest online tutoring service in the country and has been selected by Alabama, Alaska, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, and Rhode Island to provide online homework help through their library services. It is available in over 2,300 institutions and has served 9.5 million sessions since its inception.

In the state of Tennessee, the new program is funded by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and will be available to all Knox County residents through the end of the current school year. If the program is successful, the State Library and Archives hopes to expand the service to all Tennessee students



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respects their opinions. McMillan contends having teachers evaluate McIntyre will show the same kind of respect for the opinions of educators.

The district with the biggest majority in favor of allowing teachers to evaluate the superintendent's performance was the Ninth, which is South Knoxville. An astonishing 97.67% said they favor allowing teachers to evaluate the superintendent.

The Sixth District, which is the northwestern part of Knox County, including Powell and Karns, registered 92% of voters saying they believe it is fair for teachers to evaluate McIntyre.

The district with the least amount of support for the notion was the Fourth,

which is Sequoyah Hills and West Knoxville, but only slightly over 20% of likely voters thought it was unfair to allow teachers to evaluate McIntyre.

Slightly more women than men approved of the idea of allowing teachers to participate in evaluating the school superintendent. The numbers among the varying age groups was almost identical.

When Mike McMillan was contacted about the results of this week's *Focus* poll, he said, "I cannot say I'm surprised. There's no real reason to oppose the idea and it's just basic fairness."

"The superintendent and the Board should be no more afraid of the idea than the teachers should be. As the old saying goes, what's fair for the goose is fair for the gander."

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Roads and Rivers Day

Seymour's fall "Roads and Rivers Day" will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 9:00 a. m. until noon. The Keep Sevier Beautiful organization sponsors this twice-a-year occasion for removing unsightly litter from the area's roadsides, rivers banks, and public areas. Since Seymour occupies portions of Sevier, Knox, and Blount counties, citizens from all areas of Seymour are urged to participate.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. in the parking lot of Seymour's First Baptist Church located at 11621 Chapman Highway.

Volunteers will receive gloves, safety vests, litter pickers, and water. Long pants and sturdy shoes are encouraged. Scout packs, 4-H club members, church Sunday School classes and youth groups, adults, families, civic groups—all are encouraged to

participate. Children under twelve will be paired with an adult.

Increased summer traffic and activities have left many of Seymour's road and street sides with much ugly litter. A good turn out on September 21 will help to help to make Seymour even more beautiful. For more information, call Seymour's clean up coordinator, Merwyn Borders, at 579-3181.

TKA Lion's Pride raises \$1,820 with UT Tix Giveaway

William and Becky Bell, of Madisonville, Tennessee, will be enjoying every home UT football game at Neyland Stadium this season. Becky was the big winner in the "Candy Pick" game, a fundraiser for Lion's Pride, The King's Academy's athletic support organization. Her prize was two season tickets.

She won the contest by guessing the number of candy mints in a gallon-sized jar. The Bells are the parents of Hudson Bell, a senior boarding student in The King's Academy and a key player on TKA's football team.

Lion's Pride President Jim Thornton said the fundraiser exceeded his expectations, with 235 people participating and \$1,820 going into the Lion's Pride coffers to be used for equipment and facilities. "I challenged the TKA family with a \$1,000 goal," said Thornton. "The

response was fantastic! This shows how the TKA family gets involved."

The contest had an interesting "twist." TKA Athletic Director Marc Weekly actually won the contest, guessing the exact number of candies in the jar—281. However, Weekly declined the tickets saying he already has tickets.

In addition to her appreciation to Weekly, Becky gives her daughter credit for the winning number pick—279. "My daughter actually made the pick and she used some mathematical thing to figure it out. When I went to write down the number we discussed it. My daughter said, 'Mom, just write down my number!'"

Thornton is grateful for all who participated in the Candy Pick game. "We would not have had this much success without the wonderful support of the TKA family," he said.



TKA Lion's Pride President Jim Thornton, left, holds the Candy Pick jar that contains 281 mints. TKA Parent William Bell, right, holds season tickets to UT football games that his wife, Becky, won by guessing the jar contained 279 mints. Lion's Pride, the athletic support organization for The King's Academy, raised \$1,820 with the contest.

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is a way of gardening, giving a chance to protect the green shoots that peek through the rubble."

"Letters to the Earth" will be held at Ijams' Visitors Center, 2915 Island Home Ave.

Related Events

The Centennial Conservation Expo will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., to mark the 100th anniversary of the National Conservation Exposition of 1913, also held at Chilhowee Park. Sponsored by the City of Knoxville, it will feature educational and historical displays and presentations for the whole family, children's games and activities, live music, circus performers, boxing exhibitions at the Golden Gloves Arena, and more. Free parking and admission.

Also coming up in the next few weeks are these conservation- and history-themed events:

- At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19th, at the East Tennessee History Center (601 S. Gay St.) the Knox County Public Library will present "A Fair and Scruffy City: How Two Expos Shaped Who We Are." The program of talks, slideshows and videos will examine the legacy for Knoxville of two major events: the National Conservation Exposition of 1913 and the World's Fair of 1982. It will also feature excerpts from the documentary Where's the Fair?, which is screening in full on Friday, Sept. 20th, as part of the Knoxville Film Festival.
- At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29th, SOCM is sponsoring a Guided Bicycle Tree Tour, in partnership with Kickstand, a local bicycle collective. Kasey Krouse, the City of Knoxville's first Urban Forester, will lead this bicycle tour of notable trees in Knoxville's historic neighborhoods. Cyclists will meet at the Birdhouse, 800 N. 4th Ave. The tour will take about two hours. The tour is free, but space is limited. RSVP: Katie Greer, 865-249-7488 or katie@socm.org.
- And from 1-5 p.m. on Oct. 12th, the day of the Expo, the Parkridge Community Organization will host the "Barber Houses of Parkridge Home Tour." This will showcase late-19th century homes designed by well-known Victorian-era architect George Barber. There will be a walking tour, including some open houses. Located between I-40 and Magnolia Avenue in East Knoxville, the Parkridge neighborhood has one of the largest concentrations of George Barber houses in Knoxville. (Barber's son, Charles Barber, helped design buildings for the 1913 National Conservation Exposition, and went on to form the Barber McMurry architecture firm in 1915.) Watch the City's website for more details.

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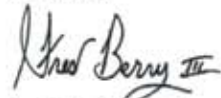
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Deborah Webb celebrates 20 years at Powell Florist and Interiors



Deborah Webb of Powell Florist and Interiors

By Tasha Mahurin
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“I’ve been here twenty years, and it’s all been pretty good,” florist Deborah Webb told *The Focus* regarding her tenure at Powell Florist and Interiors.

The local flower and gift shop is celebrating its 50th year in business thanks to the expertise of employees like Webb who keep repeat customers coming through the door.

“I want our service to be really good,” explained Walta Patt, owner of Powell Florist Gifts and Interiors. “I want our

customers to feel like we go above and beyond for them.”

Patt’s association with Powell Florist began when she was just 16 years old. She eventually purchased the shop in 1990 and has been a florist for 34 years. Upon purchasing Powell Florist, one of the first changes she made was to expand their services to include, not just flowers, but gifts. Clients may also elect to send a gift basket, rather than a flower basket. Gift basket options include: fruit baskets, gourmet snack baskets, and bath

baskets, featuring Camille Beckman products. Soon, Powell Florist will offer “baby baskets.”

Webb joined the team in 1993, and says she loves her work and her customers.

“Being able to make people happy is the best part of my job,” she said. “Be it a funeral or a wedding, or some other occasion, emotions run high in this business.”

Webb noted that she particularly enjoys weddings. One of the most unique weddings in her twenty years was a softball themed wedding.

Webb included bats, softballs, and pendants into the floral arrangements.

“Our business is a very personal business,” Patt explained. “Whether celebrating a birth, wedding, or anniversary, or memorializing a life- it’s an occasion that is special to someone.” The flowers used in all of Powell Florist’s arrangements are fresh, high quality, long-lasting flowers and all arrangements are guaranteed to meet their customer’s specifications. Patt credits their longevity and success to their

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King University Appoints Jon Harr as Dean of Knoxville Campus

Dr. Jon Harr, associate dean of academic affairs for administration at King University, has been appointed campus dean of the institution’s Hardin Valley Knoxville campus. The campus is one of several locations serving the greater Knoxville area in partnership with three regional Tennessee Board of Regents schools: Pellissippi State Community College, Roane State Community College and Walters State Community College.

Harr will continue to serve in his administrative role as associate dean of academic affairs, which includes the Office of Registration and Records, the E.W. King Library System and Academic Support. Dr. Harr’s presence in Knoxville as campus dean will allow him to work with the increased number of faculty and staff residing in Knoxville who work at King’s Hardin Valley campus and other regional instructional locations.

A Bristol, Tenn., native, Harr’s career spans more than 20 years in higher education in East Tennessee.

“King’s Hardin Valley campus and other locations in the greater Knoxville area are offering a broader range of programs designed to address concurrently student career interests and workforce development in the region,” says Dr. Greg Jordan, president of King University. “Jon’s experience with the Tennessee Board of Regents System has proven valuable as King has continued to expand partnerships with the regional community colleges in the greater Knoxville area. His contribution to King’s newly developing educational programs will be of significant benefit to Knoxville’s economic and workforce development through education.”

Harr graduated from King in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science.

He received a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) from ETSU in 1989, an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Higher Education Administration degree from Appalachian State University in 1993, and a Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from ETSU in 1999.

“I am pleased to be taking on this new role with King University,” says Harr. “This is an exciting time for the Knoxville campuses, particularly the Hardin Valley campus, as we further develop additional academic offerings in these locations. We will be expanding our existing nursing and business offerings, as well as providing new offerings addressing multiple industries such as education, information technology, informatics, environmental science, genomics, criminal justice, cyber-security, security and intelligence studies, digital media and research interests in the Knoxville-Oak Ridge area.”



Dr. Jon Harr

King University is headquartered in Bristol, Tenn., and has established 13 campuses across Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, including three in the Knoxville area. King University also offers degree programs online. For more information about King’s Hardin Valley campus, call 1-800-362-0014 or visit www.king.edu.

The Surprising John Cullum and Old Knoxville High School

There’s a decision coming soon on the future use of the old Knoxville High School. The beautiful old building may have an unknown future but

the past is pleading for some recognition. So many outstanding students attended there and many are still with us.

There are some actors who seem to show up just about everywhere. These character actors can occasionally play just about anything but often play things they are the most qualified to play.

Some seem suited for just about any acting job and excel in those roles. So it’s surprising when you’re watching a TV show or movie and see someone you’re growing to really appreciate.

I have always loved anything to do with the

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

“Scopes Monkey Trial” and I’ve written about Dayton, Tn., the courthouse there, and the annual event they hold remembering the

town’s most memorable event. The remake of “Inherit The Wind” was made in 1999 and starred Jack Lemmon, George C. Scott, Beau Bridges and Knoxville’s John Cullum. He played the judge and stole the movie. Is there anything Cullum can’t play?

Apparently not.

Cullum may be best remembered by TV viewers as Dr. Greene’s father in “ER” or as the Emmy Winning character on “Northern Exposure.” He’s also been in “Law and Order,” “The Middle,” “Mad Men,” and even on the soap “One Life To

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Deborah Webb celebrates 20 years at Powell Florist

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As a florist Webb wants people to know that no matter the occasion,

sympathy, or apology, nothing sends quite the same message that sending flowers does.

"Flowers are powerful, and they make a powerful statement," she added.

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Pictured at last Friday's Blowout Birthday Bash at Powell Florist are: Terri Eckjel, Cathy Abell, Deborah Webb, Dianne Verley, Walta Patt and Jenn Lancaster.

Tailgate-a-Palooza To Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank at Powell Methodist Church

First Volunteer Bank is holding a Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank at Powell Methodist Church as part of the Bank's September promotion, "Tailgate-a-Palooza." The food drive will run the month of September and be celebrated with the Bank's Tailgate Day on September 20th when all of the branches hold tailgate parties.

The Powell branch of First Volunteer plans to fill the bed of a pickup truck with food for their organization. Food can be dropped off at the branch at 2367 Callahan Drive during normal banking hours.

"We are excited to be working in partnership with this great organization in helping them feed those in need", stated First

Volunteer Executive Mike Johnson.. "They do wonderful work in our community and we are hopeful that our contribution will help fulfill some of the need," Johnson added.

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The Surprising John Cullum and Old Knoxville High School

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Live." What most people don't know is that Cullum was also a multi-winner of two Tony Awards for Broadway Musicals where he sang and acted.

John Cullum was born in Knoxville in 1930, attended the old Knoxville High School and went to UT. While at the university he was a member of the championship tennis team. In 1963 he appeared in John Agee's "All the Way Home" based on the fellow Knoxville native James Agee's "Death of a Salesman."

Today Cullum lives in New York and has just finished "The Historian" movie in Mississippi. The film is scheduled for release in 2014 and is about a young college professor at a new school and his conflicts there.

Cullum is just one of many Knoxville High School students, a line that includes such actors and writers as Polly Bergen, James Agee, and others like Mary Costa. Later Knoxville natives that were born too late to attend the school, which closed in 1951, include Quentin Tarantino, Christina Hendricks, Johnny Knoxville,

Brad Renfro, Renee Lawless, David Keith, Clarence Brown, Patricia Neal, Nikki Giovanni and Jack Hanna.

Recently the old school building, used by the city for storage, adult education, and administration, was transferred to Knox County. A review process is underway and the surplus properties division of Knox County will pass a suggestion it to the mayor and he should pass it along to the County Commission. There's three proposals involving senior housing, mixed use, residential and public rooms.

While the structure is on the National Register of Historic Buildings and there's a World War One memorial in front there isn't a Historic Marker there. It would be nice if a plaque or marker could recognize those people who attended school there. There were and are so many noted former students that all or any could be listed, but a school is only as good as the students and their later contributions to society, be it in entertainment, industry, socially, politically or in life.

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The Southern Gentleman Winfield Dunn

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill

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Bryant Winfield Culberson Dunn was born July 1, 1927, the son of Aubert and Dorothy Dunn. Anyone who has had the pleasure of hearing Winfield Dunn cannot help but hear the soft Southern lilt in his voice, which is a reminder of the fact Governor Dunn was born in Mississippi. In fact, Dunn's father enjoyed a prominent career in politics himself. Aubert Dunn served as district attorney, served a term in Congress, remained in Washington for a spell as an expert serving the Senate's Finance Committee and was later a special attorney employed by the Attorney General's office. Aubert Dunn capped his career by serving as a Judge of the Circuit Court.

Young Winfield Dunn enjoyed a happy childhood in Mississippi, which he documents in his memoirs, *From A Standing Start*. During World War II, Dunn served in the U. S. Navy and later in the Air Force Reserve. After receiving a degree from the University of Mississippi, Winfield Dunn went on to earn a D.D.S. and commenced the practice of dentistry. Dunn found the time to marry his sweetheart, Betty Prichard, and first practiced dentistry with his father-in-law. The Dunns moved to Memphis and it wasn't long before Winfield was engaged in public service, first as Chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party. Following the death of Edward Hull Crump in 1954, Memphis politics changed abruptly. Long-time Mayor Watkins Overton, who had retained the support of the Memphis Boss throughout most of his career, had tried to regain the mayor's office in 1955, but lost to Edmund Orgill. Orgill was a reformer and opponent of the Crump machine. Orgill was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1958, but lost to Buford Ellington.

The Crump machine was in tatters by the early 1960s and the last vestige of the Crump era, Congressman Clifford Davis, was defeated in the 1964 Democratic primary by George Grider. Many former Crumpites were uneasy with Lyndon Johnson and his Great Society and began supporting Republicans. A new age was dawning with the birth of Tennessee's modern Republican Party. Winfield Dunn was instrumental in birthing the baby of modern Tennessee Republicanism, working hard to elect Dan Kuykendall to Congress. Kuykendall had challenged Senator Albert Gore, Sr. in 1964 and won a very respectable 46% of the vote while LBJ was carrying Tennessee.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Governor Winfield Dunn

Dan Kuykendall won election to Congress in 1966 just as Howard Baker defeated Governor Frank Clement to become Tennessee's first popularly elected Republican U. S. senator. Despite the fact there was no serious GOP candidate for governor that year, Tennessee was no longer a one-party state. In 1968, the Republicans won control of the Tennessee House of Representatives and elected Bill Jenkins Speaker. That same year, Richard Nixon carried Tennessee in a three-way contest with Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Alabama Governor George Wallace.

Governor Buford Ellington, having won a second nonconsecutive term in 1966, was ineligible to seek reelection in 1970. Ellington had won a surprisingly hard fought primary with John Jay Hooker in 1966 and Hooker was running again in 1970. Republicans sensed an opportunity and the GOP primary drew a slew of serious candidates.

Speaker Bill Jenkins, from upper East Tennessee entered the gubernatorial contest, as did Claude Robertson, an attorney and Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party with close ties to Senator Howard Baker. Millionaire businessman Maxie Jarman from Nashville became a candidate, as did a little known dentist from Memphis, Winfield Dunn. Republicans even had a primary contest for the United States Senate between Chattanooga Congressman Bill Brock and country music star and actor Tex Ritter (father of the late John Ritter) to face Senator Albert Gore.

Each candidate carried his home base; Jenkins won the First District, Robertson the Second Congressional District, and Maxie Jarman won most of Middle Tennessee. Winfield Dunn won more than 90% of the vote in populous Shelby

County, which saw a heavier turn out than normal. Dunn also ran well in other areas of the state and managed to edge out Maxie Jarman who spent freely from his personal fortune.

As expected, John Jay Hooker won a divisive Democratic primary and even Senator Gore had been hard pressed by Hudley Crockett, who had been Governor Ellington's press spokesman. Ellington, still unhappy with Hooker's challenge in 1966, remained silent throughout the campaign, lending Hooker no support or aid.

Although never having been elected to any office previously, Winfield Dunn charmed the people of Tennessee. Tall, handsome, well spoken and full of charisma, the forty-three year old Dunn made friends everywhere he went. A young Lamar Alexander helped to manage Dunn's effort in the general election and to the surprise of almost everyone, became Tennessee's first Republican governor since the election of Alf A. Taylor in 1920. Bill Brock was also elected to the United States Senate, giving Republicans both Senate seats and the governorship. By 1973, Republicans would hold five of the nine Congressional seats. It was to be the peak of Republican success in Tennessee for decades, but it lasted only briefly.

The inauguration of Winfield Dunn was something more than the usual spectacle; it was a celebration of success by delirious Republicans

who had come back to power after decades in the darkness.

Governor Winfield Dunn immediately set out to heal the wounds from incessant political infighting, filling prominent positions with both members of his own party, as well as Democrats. Still, Democrats, who had regained control of the House of Representatives, frequently refused to work with Governor Dunn. Undeterred by Democratic intransience, Winfield Dunn managed to give much needed pay raises to state employees, as well as develop a building program for Tennessee.

With the 1972 elections, the modern Tennessee Republican Party had reached its zenith. Robin Beard, who has served as Commissioner of Personnel, entered the race for the Sixth Congressional District, which was occupied by William R. "Bill" Anderson. Anderson had served in Congress since 1964 when Congressman Ross Bass had been elected to the United States Senate. Anderson was widely known in Tennessee, having been the Captain of the USS Nautilus, the first submarine to successfully travel beneath the North Pole ice cap.

Beard beat Anderson and the GOP held the First, Second, Third, Sixth, and Ninth Congressional districts in 1973, as well as both seats in the United States Senate and the governorship. Richard Nixon's triumphant victory over South Dakota Senator George McGovern in the

1972 presidential contest soon faded as the details of the Watergate break-in became public knowledge.

Governor Dunn, a man of absolute integrity, was shocked and astonished by the emerging details of the Watergate scandal, which would cause massive losses for Republican candidates all across the country in 1974. Dunn was barred by Tennessee law from seeking a second term, but he worked hard for the election of Lamar Alexander, who faced former Congressman Ray Blanton at the ballot box.

Tennessee Republicans were routed in the 1974 elections. Not only did Alexander lose, but also the GOP lost two Congressional seats. Congressman LaMar Baker, who had succeeded Bill Brock when he was elected to the United States Senate in 1970, lost to challenger Marilyn Lloyd. Congressman Dan Kuykendall in Memphis narrowly lost to a young state legislator named Harold Ford.

Tennesseans quickly saw the difference in the administrations of Winfield Dunn and Ray Blanton; Dunn, charming, urbane and gentlemanly, had tried to work with the Democratic legislature to accomplish his goals. Governor Blanton was often sullen, imperious and autocratic. The biggest difference of course was in the basic honesty between the two men and Blanton's administration remains a disgrace.

Out of office, Winfield Dunn returned to the business world, serving as a Vice President of Hospital Corporation of America. When it was believed Senator Howard Baker might leave the Senate in 1981, former Governor Winfield Dunn was perhaps the leading contender to fill the vacancy. Dunn did not attempt a political comeback until 1986, after Lamar Alexander had served two four-year terms. Dunn faced powerful House Speaker Ned McWherter who had defeated two popular Democrats to run in the general election.

Winfield Dunn easily dispatched two primary opponents of his own and mounted a campaign that enthused much of the Republican base across the state. Unfortunately, First District Congressman James H. "Jimmy" Quillen maintained an ominous silence throughout the gubernatorial race.

While governor, Dunn had enraged Congressman Quillen by vetoing a bill to establish a medical school in upper East Tennessee. At the time, there were already three medical schools serving Tennessee, but the legislature overrode the governor's veto and the medical school was

established. Quillen nurtured and kept a watchful eye on the medical school, which was named for him, but he never forgave Winfield Dunn and that was a deciding factor in the former governor's loss in 1986.

Dunn accepted his defeat gracefully and again returned to the private sector and assumed his status as one of Tennessee and the Republican Party's elder statesmen. Just last year, former Governor Winfield Dunn was named the Honorary Chairman of Mitt Romney's presidential campaign in Tennessee. Dunn traveled to the 2012 Republican National Convention and by all accounts was likely the most personally popular delegate from the State of Tennessee. Described by some in the media as a "Southern Jimmy Stewart", the former governor had recently recovered from serious surgery and yet looked every inch the statesman. His smile was as friendly and disarming as ever; Governor Dunn regaled listeners with the many conventions he has attended, saying at eighty-five it would likely be his last. Dunn's discussion of the past remains clear and concise, just as his observations of the country's future are sharp and cogent.

I cannot claim to be objective about Winfield Dunn; I think he was a great governor and more importantly, an even greater human being. I well recall his first race and even though young at that point, I had my campaign buttons and signs for Winfield Dunn and Bill Brock. Winfield Dunn is my friend and I his and I am proud of that fact.

Political defeat does not diminish truly great men and Winfield Dunn is one of those men. For those who remember the rise of Tennessee's modern Republican Party, Winfield Dunn will always retain a special place in the hearts of old-time Republicans, as well as those who were fortunate enough to come across his path.

Winfield Dunn's election in 1970 remains one of the most significant political accomplishments in Tennessee history. An unknown Memphis dentist winning the GOP primary over better known and better funded candidates was something of a political miracle; managing to win the general election and become the first Republican governor in fifty years was an equally great political accomplishment.

Governor Dunn and his lovely wife Betty reside in Nashville where they continue to enjoy their family and friends. We enjoy them, too.

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A Family Tree

About a month ago, I watched as men worked for three days to drop a tree in my neighbor's back yard. For some time the top had been dying, and the massive maple posed a threat of crashing onto the house. What drew my attention to the event was the fact that the endangered house was where I grew up and that tree was the sight of hundreds of memories. That tree played a prominent role in my life during the first day of summer break from elementary school after the sixth grade. Daddy met Jim and me on the last half day and told us to change clothes and to weed the strawberries. The patch was located behind the maple, and we spent what seemed to be decades hunched over yanking stubborn weeds from the rows. Like most kids, we weren't too tough when it came to work, so every few minutes we took a break and searched for shade. That maple was no bigger than six feet and offered only imaginary shelter. Mother placed a table under the tree during garden season. On it we husked ears of corn and set containers of broken beans. One year Mamaw Rector sat with us boys for a few days, and we spent afternoons breaking beans as she told us stories about our



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dad as a boy and young man. She called my older brother aside and gave him some change to buy his cigarettes. She was more aware of what we did than we knew. I'd never completed a pull-up during high school. A few years later, I decided to change that. One branch on the maple was low enough to reach, and my hands wrapped around it perfectly. Before long I chinned myself for the first time, and by the end of the year, I could do 20 reps with hands in either position. When the tree was hewn, that limb was more the size of most tree trunks. When we boys grew into adulthood, mother planned a family reunion. Aunts and uncles and cousins once, twice, thrice removed came from as far as North Carolina and New York and as near as a mile away. The maple offered shade from the summer sun as we set up tables and chairs and ate meals and caught up on events and recalled the best of times. Grandchildren spent hours with Mother at the tree. They'd sit in the swing with her and talk and laugh and love. Wading pools were positioned, and little persons splashed under her watchful eye, all the time being protected from

sunburn by the sprawling canopy. When Mother ended her battle with cancer, we boys and our families gathered at the house. We cried for our losses but then found ourselves sitting under the tree as stories of what used to be flowed. Late into the night, we shared those memories with only the light of cigarette tips and the sounds of beer cans clinking interrupting the dark and stillness. Like all things in this life, that maple tree aged and grew brittle and a bit feeble. Eventually, some kind of disease attacked and slowly destroyed it from the inside, its own kind of cancer. Eventually, it was too weak and too sick to recover, and its life came to an end. Watching such an important part of my life cut down in pieces hurt. Oh, the real pain might have come with the realization that I too have spanned several years and am on the backside of life. That's not being maudlin; it's being honest. At some point, I'll come to an end as well, but my prayers are that I won't leave for several more years and after making a mark on those whom I love. That maple tree started off as a young, strong sapling, and over the years it matured and served as the centerpiece of many of our activities. In so many ways, that maple became our family tree.

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A Look Ahead, A Glance Back

Irishmen not resting on their laurels

By Steve Williams

Catholic, one of five remaining undefeated high school football teams in Knoxville, had an open date last week, but the Irishmen didn't take the week off.

"The main focus on our open date is to improve the running game, and hopefully get some guys healthy," noted new head coach Steve Matthews when contacted during the middle of the week. "We have several injury situations in key positions, and this week will give those guys some extra time for rehab."

Catholic is 3-0 with wins over Chattanooga Notre Dame, Coalfield and Christian Academy of Knoxville. The Irish play at Tyner Academy in Chattanooga this Friday night.

Defense has been a bright spot for Matthews' squad.

"We have scored five defensive touchdowns in three games, giving up less than 200 yards per game, and holding our opponents to 11.3 points per game," pointed out Matthews.

Outside linebacker David Hamilton and inside linebacker Eric White lead the team in tackles with 30 and 22, respectively.

Strong safety Dom Souder is the leader in defensive touchdowns, with a fumble return (99 yards) and interception return (27 yards).

Matthews commented that his favorite aspect of being at Catholic has been "the support from the community and administration, and the players work extremely hard."

ALSO UNBEATEN: Fulton (4-0) hosts Gatlinburg-Pittman this week, while Grace Christian Academy (4-0) will be home against Harri- man, Carter (3-0) entertains Austin-East and surprising Hardin Valley Academy (3-0)

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Hardin Valley over South-Doyle 21-14

By Alex Norman

What should have been merely an interesting matchup between two undefeated teams turned into a battle against the elements.

The Hardin Valley Hawks and the South-Doyle Cherokees played hard, and waited through two lengthy weather delays, and even gave

the hard core fans that stuck through it all with them some bonus football, before the visiting Hawks escaped with a 21-14 overtime victory at Billy K. Nicely Stadium.

The game got off to a rough start for the Cherokees. Running back Jockey Bruce ran 75 yards for a score only 20 seconds into the contest, but the play was called back

due to holding.

When that drive stalled short of the 45, the Cherokees had a punt blocked, and the Hawks took over inside the South-Doyle 20.

It only took two plays for Hardin Valley (3-0) to turn that special teams success into points. Jordan Jackson took the handoff and barreled his way into the end zone. His seven

yard run gave the Hawks a 7-0 lead with 8:55 to go in the first quarter.

Later in the first quarter (with 3:06 to go), lighting in the area forced both teams to head to the locker room, and fans to find shelter as well. A delay of more than 90 minutes occurred. When action resumed, neither team could get much going. The score remained

7-0 Hardin Valley at halftime.

Following an abbreviated halftime, the Hawks extended their advantage with an impressive eighth play,

62 yard drive, finished by Joe Underwood's 16 yard run. The drive took nearly four minutes, and the Hawks were up

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PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Joe Hassell, Central High head football coach, talks with his team after the Bobcats notched their first win of the season Friday night.

Howard adds finishing touches to Central's first win

By Steve Williams

It got to be like a party on the Central side when Jeremiah Howard touched the football.

Beginning with his 47-yard catch and run to the end zone with 26 seconds left in the first half, the Central sophomore running back scored five out of the seven times he got his hands on the ball as the Bobcats pulled away for a 52-31 District 3-AAA win Friday night over homestanding Karns.

"I was feelin' it," said the 5-8, 185-pounder, who stole the show after teammate Josh

Poplar limped off the field with an ankle injury. "When I got the ball in my hands, I just felt like I could do anything."

And he pretty much did.

After intermission, Howard had receptions of 71 and 51 yards, a 35-yard interception return and a 48-yard run – all for touchdowns. He also was on the receiving end of two non-scoring passes from sophomore quarterback Austin Kirby, which gained 69 and 38 yards.

"I was just seeing a lot of holes and they got me a lot of passes across the middle," said Howard. "And they just couldn't stop me

tonight."

It was Central's first win of the season after two losses and evened the Bobcats' district mark at 1-1.

Karns (0-4, 0-2) looked much better than its record, particularly in the early going, as the Beavers cashed in a pair of interceptions for a 14-0 lead.

Senior speedster JaJuan Stinson got Central going with an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and added another score from the 5 before Howard stepped into the spotlight.

"They've got some explosive backs," said Travis Tipton, Karns'

interim head coach. "We knew that coming in. We knew Stinson was going to be hard to contain. Once he gets into space, he makes people miss. Number 10 (Howard) is the same way. That kid has got some moves."

Man, does he.

"We had some terrific individual flashes," said Central head coach Joe Hassell, "but that was created by our team playing team football, which is what we try to do. And of course, we have some special talents at different places, but because we executed

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Fulton romps Farragut in home opener 55-7

By Ken Lay

It was a long time coming but the Fulton High School football team finally played its home opener at Bob Black Field on Friday night.

The Falcons, who have posted dominating road wins over Powell, Bearden and Austin-East, continued their winning ways with a 55-7 victory over Farragut.

Fulton (4-0) dominated this one from the outset. The Falcons scored 21 points in the first quarter and cruised to an easy victory over the Admirals.

Fulton running back Daryl Rollins-Davis scored twice in less than eight minutes for the Falcons, who shut out the Panthers, Bulldogs and Roadrunners before coming home to route the Admirals (2-2). Rollins-Davis scored on

an 18-yard run and added a 50-yard touchdown scamper to give the Falcons a 14-0 lead with 4 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

Fulton's defense scored a touchdown a short time later when Xavier Hawkins intercepted a pass from Admirals quarterback Bryan Phillips and rumbled 65 yards for a touchdown to make the score 21-0 with 2:05 left in the opening stanza.

Fulton opened a 35-0 lead by halftime thanks to a pair of second-quarter touchdown runs from Rollins-Davis and D.J. Campbell.

After halftime, the game was played with a running clock but even that couldn't stop the Falcons.

Fulton scored on its first possession of the third

quarter when quarterback Penny Smith connected with Hawkins from 49 yards out. The scoring play culminated a 6-play 80-yard drive and gave the Falcons a 42-0 lead in a physical game.

"We knew coming in that the game would be physical because Farragut is a physical football team," Fulton coach Robbie Black said. "I was proud of our guys for getting physical with them."

The Falcons' defense added another touchdown midway through the third quarter when De'Ontay Tate recovered a fumble and returned it 56 yards for a TD. Justin Coleman's extra point made it 49-0 with 5:21 left in the third stanza.

Smith, who was 7-for-8 with 118 yards and a touchdown and an interception, scored

on a 52-yard scamper to give the Falcons a 55-0 lead.

The Admirals finally got on the board when Phillips connected with Billy Williams on a 14-yard scoring strike with 8:06 to go in the game. The score broke a shutout streak of more than 18 quarters for the Falcons, who host Gatlinburg-Pittman Friday in their annual homecoming game.

Black said he wasn't concerned with Farragut's touchdown.

"I'm not all that concerned about the goose egg," Black said. "I'm just concerned with the way that we're playing right now and you can't complain about that."

"I just told our guys that it's time to start another streak."

Farragut sweeps Bearden to claim first place

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School is perched atop the District 4-AAA volleyball standings and undefeated in league play.

The Lady Admirals (28-4 overall, 6-0 in the district) claimed sole possession of first place with a pair of straight-set home victories at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Thursday night.

Farragut opened the night with a 25-3, 25-7 win over West and got a long break while rival Bearden was embroiled in a three-set thriller with Hardin Valley Academy. The Lady Bulldogs outlasted the Lady Hawks 13-25, 25-17, 25-22 before tangling with the Lady Admirals in a showdown for first place.

Although the Lady Admirals prevailed in that match, it was far from easy. Farragut weathered a roller-coaster ride before prevailing 25-20, 25-22.

"Bearden is a great team and [Lady Bulldogs coach] Dave [McGinnis] does a great job with them over there," Farragut coach Susan Davidson said.

Farragut and Bearden (25-6, 5-1) battled fiercely in a see-saw affair before the Lady Admirals finally seized the upper hand. Farragut got some separation late and took possession with a 22-19 lead. Natalie Hartman served up the next two points and had an ace to make the score 24-19. The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Admirals then traded inside-outs to end the game.

The second set proved to be more of the same as Bearden, which finished

fourth at last year's Class AAA State Tournament, put up another valiant effort.

Farragut darted to a 3-0 lead as Tessa Watson, a senior setter, served up the first three points of the set. The Lady Admirals opened an 11-6 lead before Bearden answered and took a 13-12 lead as junior Carrie McGinnis, an all-state performer in 2012, scored three consecutive points. Farragut battled back and took a 14-13 lead.

From there, things really got crazy. With the set tied at 18, Farragut would score the next two points to take a 20-18 lead. The Lady Admirals scored five of the last nine points and Hartman closed out the match with the final point.

Emma Milstead led Farragut with eight kills, eight points and 10 digs. Raegan Grooms added nine kills and scored five points.

The outcome might have been a little different if not for Bearden's service errors.

"I think we played well enough to win the game," Coach McGinnis said. "We had four missed serves in that second set and those missed serves killed us."

Eleni Georgiafundis led Bearden with 10 digs and two points while Carrie McGinnis added six points.

Lady Bulldogs defeat Lady Hawks 13-25, 25-17, 25-22: Bearden overcame a rough first set that saw Hardin Valley's

Amanda Hylton score the first eight points. The Lady Bulldogs couldn't dig themselves out of that hole. But they stormed back to even the match before winning a thrilling third set in which they erased a 13-6 lead.

Coach McGinnis said that the comeback victory was huge for his squad.

"That one probably kept us in the district race," he said. "I've been in this district for two years but I know how tough it is."

"With these two teams [Hardin Valley and Farragut], there's no way that you can lose two games and win it. We played up hill all night."

Chesney McClellan led the Lady Bulldogs with eight kills and six blocks. Carrie McGinnis had eight points, 22 assists and two blocks.

Lady Hawks' coach Mike Rosenke, who has seen his team battle injuries all season, couldn't complain about his squad's effort.

"You can't really be disappointed with our effort," he said. "This was the first night that we've had everybody together."

"We're going to take this and learn from it. It was a good game and it could have gone either way."

Hylton finished with 15 points, two aces and 27 assists.

In Thursday's other match, HVA (18-10, 4-2) defeated the Lady Rebels 25-12, 25-19.

'Sluggish' Lady Devils sweep Central

By Ken Lay

A lackluster start didn't seem to hurt the Halls High School volleyball team in its annual showdown with Central for Black Oak Ridge bragging rights.

The Lady Devils struggled early but rebounded to claim a 25-22, 25-13, 25-20 victory over the Lady Bobcats at Central on Monday, Sept. 9.

Central (1-4 overall, 0-4 in District 3-AAA) started fast and opened leads of 3-1, 5-3 and 13-10 before Halls came storming back to take a 17-13 lead on a five-point service run by Riley Tarver. Tarver's spurt included a pair of aces.

The Lady Bobcats made one more surge to even things at 18 before the Lady Devils (10-3, 2-1) scored seven of the last 11 points to win the opening set.

Halls dominated the second set after Central took a 1-0 lead on a side-out. The Lady Devils opened leads of 12-4, 19-9. The Lady Bobcats pulled to within 19-11 before Halls scored the next four points to open a 23-11 advantage. Maddie Smith scored three points after a side-out to help the Lady Devils cruise to victory in the second game.

Halls coach Jerilyn Carroll said she was pleased with her team's district victory coming off a weekend at Bearden's Volley Dog Tournament.

"We came out and we were a little sluggish because we had a long weekend," Carroll said. "The girls fought through it and they responded."

"It's good to win a district game and [Central] is a pretty

good team. The girls are playing hard and we just try to compete and have fun and we try to be as successful as we can."

The Lady Devils were successful on this night. Halls opened a 13-8 lead on a service ace before Central pulled to within 14-11 on a point by Rayleene Stone, who finished with three aces and three kills.

Halls scored the next five points on the strength of Whitney Stone, who served up four points after a side-out. The Lady Devils went on to take a 21-15 lead before the Lady Bobcats scored the next four points when Mercedes Patterson made a service run.

The roller coaster ride ended when Mabe scored the final two points of the match.

Tarver led Halls with 10 points, three aces, one dig and 10 kills. Smith scored seven points and had 17 assists in the match that lasted just 57 minutes.

Central coach Heather Lovett said she was pleased with the first game.

"We came out in the first game and we played like volleyball players," she said. "We hit everything. The first game was great and we knew what we were doing."

"After that, I don't know what happened. I think, right now, that are girls are just too hard on themselves."

Hardin Valley over South-Doyle 21-14

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14-0.

But in the fourth, Clark Duncan's Cherokees got something going. First, they drove 85 yards, and saw Bruce run 12 yards into the end zone.

With 5:25 to go, the Hawks lead was down to 14-6.

After a big stop from the South-Doyle (2-1) defense, the Cherokees got the ball back at their own 37 with 2:16 remaining. With 1:29 to go, Bruce caught a quick pass, and ran 58 yards to the end zone. South-

Doyle would convert the two-point conversion and the game was tied. But the contest would once again be halted due to weather concerns.

When the game finally resumed about an hour later, overtime would be necessary to decide it. The Hawks went on offense first, and Jackson found the end zone for the second time. It capped a terrific night for Jackson, with 154 yards rushing and those two scores.

The Cherokees couldn't

match the Hawks with a score of their own, and Hardin Valley had a challenging, yet memorable 21-14 overtime victory.

Hardin Valley has yet to lose a game this season, but it will be tough to keep that mark unblemished. This Friday they travel to Blount County to play Maryville. The Rebels haven't lost to a Knox County foe in 13 years.

South-Doyle will try to get back on the winning track when they host Cocke County.

Nelson has seen it all in 41 years at Karns

By Ken Lay

When Dean Nelson graduated from Karns High School in 1972 he never really left school.

He picked up his diploma that spring and returned to the school later that year and became the scoreboard operator for the football team after doing a few games as a senior during the 1971 season.

"I love being in the press box and I did it a few times my senior year and the regular guy who did it didn't come back so I talked to the coach, who at that time, was Jim Watkins."

He began his time as a regular at Beavers home games and he recently opened his 41st season as the scoreboard operator and he's seen many coaches, players and press box personnel come and go.

"I just love sports when it comes down to it," said the 59-year old Nelson, who also works as a baseball umpire from March until October. "I like high school football."

"Outside of high school sports, I get the opportunity to do baseball in the summer and the guy I work for, who assigns umpires usually keeps me busy until October. When I get done, my honey-do list is pretty long."

Nelson said that he enjoys Friday nights with the Beavers. Furthermore, he said he wanted to be anywhere else.

"I've been doing this for so long that I wouldn't know what to do if I didn't do this," he added.

He will, however, miss a game this season. Nelson won't be around for Karns High's District 3-AAA game against Clinton on Sept. 27 because he will be taking out his wife Elizabeth for the couple's 32nd wedding anniversary.

"Karns has a home game that night and I'll have to find a way to get out of that one," he said.

Nelson adds an extra touch. In addition to serving as the school's scoreboard operator, he serves as an extra spotter for the public address announcer.

"I relay some information to the announcer because sometimes, there'll be a [penalty] flag on the field and he want see it but I will," Nelson said.

Nelson, who never played high school sports, has been an institution for the Beavers for more than four decades and he's obviously seen changes. He's seen athletes and coaches come and go. Karns hasn't much success on the football field but the Beavers have sent several players on to college.

"There's been some low points because Karns hasn't been very good but it's always nice when you see players move on to a mid-major or to a small college," said Nelson, who was a manager for the Beavers basketball team. "We've had coaches who have tried to turn things around, but they've took another job or they've gotten an administrative position."

Nelson has been around for a long time and for now; he's not planning on going anywhere anytime soon.

"As I've gotten older, I take it year by year," said Nelson, who has put four children through Karns High School. "I have four children and they've all graduated from Karns. 'Away from sports, I love to spend time with my two-and-a-half year old granddaughter and right now, when Parker tells Poppy to jump, I say OK."

"I would like to spend more time with my grand-daughter as she gets older. My wife cares for her during the week, so when I come home, I relieve my wife."

Nelson may toil diligently behind the scenes but his work hasn't gone unnoticed. His service was acknowledged by the Tennessee High School Athletic Directors in 2010.

He's lived in Karns for a long time and he's seen changes as the community has grown.

"When I grew up, the big thing to do was to congregate at the [one] red light," he said. "Now, Karns has three red lights."

During his time in the press box, personnel has come and gone but one thing hasn't changed.

"Everybody has always gotten along," Nelson said.

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The King's Academy wins big on homecoming, 40-0 over Jellico

By Bill Mynatt, Radio Voice of Powell Panther football on AM 620 WRJZ

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The Lions of The King's Academy wasted opportunity after opportunity in the first half, but still led 13-0 over Jellico at the intermission. Turnovers and penalties kept the game close going to the locker room.

That changed, however, as the third quarter began, and it didn't take long for the Lions to put the game away on their way to a 40-0 Homecoming night win.

After forcing a Jellico turnover on the opening Blue Devil possession of the half, The King's Academy scored quickly on a 44 yard run by 6'3" and 220 pound junior running back Jason Maduafokwa. Then another Jellico turnover gave the football to the Lions deep in Jellico territory, and another senior – this time quarterback Adam Deatherage – scored from 6 yards away.

The two touchdowns in the first minute and thirty six seconds of the second half stretched the lead to 26-0, and from that point on it was all The King's Academy.

"We just didn't take advantage of the opportunities we had in that first half", Lion coach Matt Lowe told me. "We made some adjustments in the locker room at the half, and came out and executed much better in the second half. I'm proud of my guys for doing that."

A balanced ground attack did the damage for The King's Academy.

Maduafokwa was the



PHOTO BY CLIFF MCCARTNEY.

The King's Academy's Isaiah Jeffers (#3 in purple) runs behind the block of team mate Drew Slomski (#62) Friday night in the Lions 40-0 homecoming win over Jellico.

leading ground gainer on the night with 95 yards on his 10 carries, but he had lots of support.

Sophomore Isaiah Gilmore carried the ball only 4 times, but netted 74 yards, while freshman Isaiah Jeffers made the most of his 5 carries by gaining 68 yards.

Two of Maduafokwa's runs resulted in touchdowns on runs of 8 and 44 yards.

Other scores came on a 6 yard run by Deatherage and a 12 yard run by yet another senior, Ethan McCammon.

Gilmore scored twice, including the first points of the game at the 4:01 mark of the first quarter on a 5

yard run. He also added a 55 yard interception return in the 4th quarter, showing his tremendous speed in the process.

As a team, The King's Academy carried the football 28 times, netting 327 yards – nearly 12 yards per carry.

The Lion defense harassed Jellico's freshman quarterback Tony Smith all night, forcing him in to bad situations more often than not. The lone bright spot offensively for the Blue Devils was yet another freshman, fullback Hunter Chadwell, who carried the football 21 times for 106 yards.

Lowe was very complimentary of his defense

that held Jellico scoreless, giving the offense an opportunity to get in sync.

"Those guys did a great job of running around making plays", Lowe said of the defensive unit. "They kept working hard and doing what we asked them to do. Just a great job on that side of the ball."

With the win The King's Academy evens its 2013 record at 2-2 and will host Donelson Christian Academy this Friday in a key district game.

Jellico is now 0-3 on the year and travels to district opponent Sunbright this week.

Howard adds finishing touches to Central's first win

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as a team, we were able to put those talents to good use tonight."

The game was much closer than the final score indicated. The Bobcats led 28-24 at the end of the third quarter but racked up 24 points in the final eight minutes, starting with a 23-yard field goal by freshman Eli Holbert with 7:41 remaining.

Howard's interception and return on Karns' ensuing possession gave the Bobcats a 14-point cushion.

Karns sophomore Greg Tye, who had three touchdown passes, was then picked off by Cedric Washington with 6:27 left. Three plays later, Howard took a short toss by Kirby to the house.

Central was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct after the score and the Beavers took advantage of the penalty after the kickoff. Matt Nauman's second TD catch cut the gap to 45-31 with 3:04 showing.

Central recovered Karns' short kickoff and

Stinson, who rushed for over 100 yards, had a 23-yard gain before Howard went the distance, faking out two defensive backs on his way to paydirt for the Bobcats' final TD with 1:20 to go.

Blake Bowman's interception set up the Beavers' opening touchdown, a 24-yard catch by Nauman. Karns quickly increased its lead when sophomore Devin Harper's pick led to his own touchdown, a grab in the end zone on a fourth-and-six play from the Central 15.

Hassell admitted he was worried when Karns took the 14-0 lead. "Despite their record, they're a really talented team," he said.

Karns put together drives of 12 and 14 plays long but got only a 19-yard field goal by Kevin Ellis from them for a brief 17-14 lead.

Central will host Powell in its homecoming game this week, while Karns travels to Anderson County.



*Photo by John Valentine
Central sophomore Jeremiah Howard goes high to make a catch, one of his five touchdown plays in the Bobcats' 52-31 win Friday night at Karns.*

Irishmen not resting on their laurels

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goes to Maryville to battle for first place in District 4-AAA.

Other local attractions include Jefferson County at Seymour, Farragut at West, Halls at Gibbs, Powell at Central and South Carolina School for the Deaf at TSD.

ON AGAIN: Gibbs and Halls will resume their on-and-off football series this week, as a result of the Eagles' move into District 3-AAA. The two teams haven't played each other since 2008, when Halls romped 42-7.

Gibbs coach Brad Conley believes being in the same district with Halls "should rekindle some exciting times in football. Unfortunately, we've not held up to our end of the bargain in the win column in the past. Two wins in 55 years doesn't quite create a rivalry, so it is important that we make it one. I think our communities will be very excited to have this game be an annual affair again."

Gibbs' last win over Halls was a 14-11 decision in 1991.

"I played in this game as a player, coached in it as an

assistant coach and as a head coach (all of those at Gibbs)," noted Conley. "I've not been fortunate enough to be a part of the winning side yet but look forward to a great game on Sept. 20. Also, coaching against (Halls head coach) J.D. Overton will be unique. J.D. played at Gibbs and I was an assistant coach when he was here. A lot of cross-over for our staffs and our kids on that night. Should be fun!"

RESPECTFUL REUNION: It'll be homecoming at Central

this week in more ways than one. Former Bobcats defensive coordinator will be making his first trip to Central since becoming Powell's head coach. He will have mixed emotions.

"I am very much looking forward to returning to Central," Kilgore told The Focus. "I had amazing experiences while at Central that helped me grow as a coach, teacher, and person. I also built many amazing relationships with faculty and students while there. I look forward to returning and seeing those players and teachers.

"As far as coaching against my former players and school, I look forward to the opportunity to play a great football team that has talent all over the field. It will be a very difficult challenge for us coming into Fountain City and getting a win, but we are very excited about the opportunity. I wish my former players nothing but the best, but when the ball gets kicked off it becomes a game against a strong district opponent. My job is to prepare Powell to win football games and that is what we are going to try to do."

A couple of bad calls by the Ol' Ball Coach

Steve Spurrier can dish it out, but apparently can't take it.

Last week, as I was trying to figure out how I could get to watch the 28-point underdog Vols play Oregon and Alabama's rematch with Johnny Football, since both games were kicking off at the same time, disturbing news came out of South Carolina.

News, I thought, that was embarrassing for the entire Southeastern Conference, if not a violation of Constitutional rights in the first place.

The State newspaper in Columbia, S.C., had maneuvered to stop controversial sports columnist Ron Morris from writing anymore about Spurrier and the Gamecocks.



By Steve Williams

The ol' ball coach reportedly had even admitted he had gone to bat for Morris' replacement.

"I did call The State newspaper and put in a good word for him (Glenn Snyder), and they hired him," said Spurrier.

Snyder, not surprisingly, is a self-described "Super Fan" of Spurrier.

A couple of days after The State announced its publisher's decision to replace Morris with Snyder, the newspaper ran its equivalent of a football reverse, and returned Morris to his old job. Perhaps someone mentioned to publisher Henry Haitz III something about Freedom of the Press, and a potential lawsuit, or that he had fumbled the ball on

this one.

Spurrier, anyway, should have more important things in which to concern himself. Like a better play call on fourth-and-goal from inside the 1-yard line. That was the fourth-quarter situation for the Gamecocks in the recent SEC Eastern Division showdown at Georgia. Out of the shotgun formation, South Carolina ran a wide pitch play to running back Mike Davis.

Davis never had a chance. The Bulldogs smothered him before he could get back to the line of scrimmage, then put together a long drive to run out the clock for a 41-30 win.

"That was a bad call on the fourth and foot line," admitted Spurrier. (But not as bad as his call to The State to recommend

Snyder). "We should have come up the middle on that one."

Spurrier has criticized The State's sports columnist for years. He once even held up a press conference until Morris left the room.

Spurrier says Morris has been too negative and written things about him that are untrue. But he has never been specific about what those untruths are.

A sports columnist should only be required to be fair and accurate. Every columnist is entitled to an opinion. Readers can agree or disagree.

Sounds like maybe Spurrier just needs thicker skin.

Timeout. While I'm on this subject, there's another SEC coach who often doesn't handle the media with class. I've

heard recordings of Alabama's Nick Saban raising his voice and getting mad when reporters have asked questions he doesn't want to hear. Suggestion: Saban could accomplish the same results with two words: "No comment." Wouldn't that be a more professional way to handle it?

Back to the ol' ball coach. Spurrier, who was a standout prep quarterback at Johnson City Science Hill back in the 1960s, went to Florida so he could play in the T-formation (the Vols were still running the single wing) and won the Heisman Trophy.

When Spurrier was head coach at Florida and had the Gators chomping in the 1990s, he never wasted an opportunity to get a dig in on Tennessee. His best shot: "You can't spell Citrus Bowl without UT."

I used to delight in seeing Spurrier throw his visor and still do. When he left the Gators to try the National Football League with the Washington Redskins, I hated to see him go, because beating Spurrier was the best thing about beating Florida. I thought his departure would take away from the rivalry. I was wrong. Beating Urban Meyer would have been just as good, and seeing the Vols beat Will Muschamp should be just as entertaining.
















Meanwhile, the ol' ball coach, with visor, thin skin and all, will bring the Gamecocks to Neyland Stadium later this season. I sure hope the Vols give Ron Morris something negative to write about that day.

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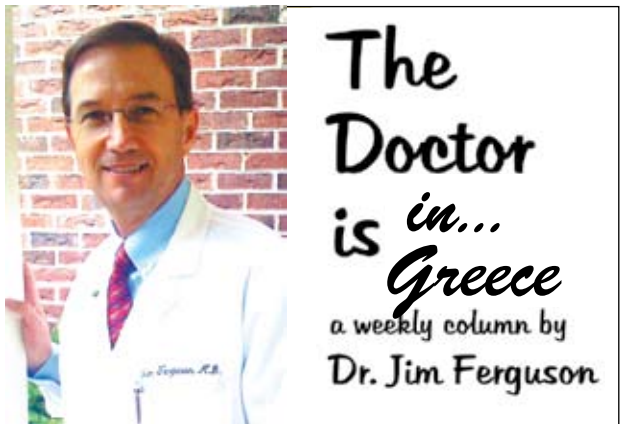


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A long time ago when our children were small we had several friends also with small children, so we frequently traveled together. Traveling with kids also encourages you to look for a deal. My brother- and sister-in-law have a ranch in southwestern Colorado and this was a frequent rendezvous for our group because the rooms were “inexpensive,” once you got there.

The town of Telluride is about the same distance from Bill’s ranch as Gatlinburg is from Knoxville. As a result, Telluride is where most of us learned to snow ski and the ranch is where our kids learned the duties of joint meal preparation including KP (kitchen patrol). Hanging out with each other, multigenerational card games, and laughter were the nightly entertainments because

there was no TV and Al Gore had not yet “invented” the internet.

Telluride’s local newspaper was and still is the Daily Planet, though Clark Kent never worked for this tongue-in-cheek rag which is more gossip and spoof than news—kind of like our so-called media today. One day as we were driving to town for a day of shopping and skiing, an ad in the Daily Planet caught my eye. It was a full page layout with the words Cheap and Sale at the top and bottom of a Picasso-esque drawing of a woman’s voluptuous derriere. We chuckled at the crude and, for those days, somewhat daring advertisement. Did you get it? Cheap A__ Sale!

The C A Tours idea was born the next day when most of our gang took a side trip to Arches National

Park. A few chose not to see this wonder of nature, instead opting for a tour of the hardware store while another wanted to get her nails done. Not wanting to miss anything, the “Arches Group” was entrusted with the camera of the “Town Group.” It occurred to me how inexpensive it would be to send your camera with someone instead of going yourself! This would be the ultimate Cheap A__ Tour.

Becky and I are not cheap, but we are frugal. I’ve told her that if she dies before I do, I’m going to put on her tombstone, “She Never Paid Retail.” However, as co-founders of the CA Tour Group we are a good team. I get us going and she makes it feasible. And the original American CA Tours now has an International Division.

It’s another beautiful sunny day in the Aegean, gateway port to Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympics. I’m proud to say that CA Tours hit a home run today. In fact, it’s a bit hard to go back and talk about our wonderful adventures a few days ago: roaming the Plaka of Athens, scaling the Acropolis and sitting amidst the ruins of the Agora where Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle taught and

philosophized.

The Parthenon is the best known structure atop the Acropolis and towers above the city of Athens below. Most people have heard of this temple completed in 436 BC and dedicated to Athena the goddess of Athens. The Parthenon in Nashville is a representation of this wonder of the ancient world. Much of ancient Athens was destroyed in the war with the invading Persians who were ultimately defeated on the plains of Marathon. In fact, the messenger bringing news of the final battle ran twenty-six miles to Athens and collapsed with news of the victory. The Greeks later restored Athens and built the Parthenon. These days we tourists of another time honor the legacy of ancient cultures, and we still run marathon races to honor the messenger’s sacrifice.

I never thought I would return to the Greek island of Santorini which is fifty nautical miles southeast of Athens. Becky and I first visited this crescent shaped island seventeen years ago with my Mom and our girls. This time I vowed to see the township of Oia - pronounced O-ya. Postcards of Greece frequently feature Oia’s blue domed Orthodox churches

set amidst sundrenched white stucco houses covered with cranberry colored bougainvillea. It is a beautiful and magical place.

I was a bit worried about the Ancient Olympia venue as we stepped off the ship amidst scores of people who filed down the wharf toward big tour buses of the touristy kiosks along the main drag. I thought to myself, “This will never measure up to the last two days,” and yet it did.

One of my observations of life is, “Get on a plane, rent a car, and you can see the world.” That is, if you’re adventuresome. Today we did what we’ve done all over the world. I marched into a car rental agency, rented a small Fiat van for the six of us, and off we went to see the impressive ruins of Ancient Olympia. I have to admit the ruins were much better than I thought they would be and our group maintained that my short comments on the ruins and ancient Greek history were much preferable to those of the professional docents all around us. My friends were probably just being kind, but I will admit that my blue baseball cap is a better rallying signal and certainly more unique than the ubiquitous umbrellas of the other tour

guides.

And then it happened – that magical aspect of travel which sometimes produces memories for a lifetime. As we traveled back toward the ship we decided to forego refreshments in a touristy town cafe and again go off the beaten track. With everyone driving from the back seat we found Olympia Vineyards and a new friend. Amanda is the fourth generation of her family to help in her family’s vineyard and their winery. She and her Mom served us Greek olives, bread with olive oil, cheese, samples of the family’s wine and hospitality. A beautiful experience and a fitting end to our stay in Greece. Now, it’s on to Venice and Italia!

(And Ray says “Hello” to his friends at the Krystal in Knoxville!)

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Oogling Over Orange

I’m ALL ORANGE!!!! GO BIG ORANGE!!!! ORANGE FEVER!!!! BIG ORANGE COUNTRY!!!! GO VOLS!!!!

ORANGE U A VOL? ITS FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE!!!!

Oh, I’m sorry---when you say ORANGE, I immediately go there. But I’m not here to talk about Tennessee football (although I love to talk Tennessee football), I am here to talk about ORANGE in the garden in fall!!!!

I wanted to share with you several flowers, shrubs and trees that are orange or turn orange in the fall. Everything orange!!! You could strive for an all orange garden in fall, if you so desired.

Let’s start with shrubs and trees. Fothergilla is a wonderful but underused shade-loving shrub. Fothergilla offers blue-green foliage in spring and summer. Its leaves reveal warm shades of gold and orange in fall. And fothergilla has honey-scented spring time flowers to boot. The two species in this genus of deciduous shrubs from the southeastern United States are ideal choices for those who wish to add something unusual and choice to their plantings. They are easy to grow, given a soil that is lime-free and not too dry, as well as a fairly sunny position. The fothergilla gardenii is a small shrub which grows to 3 feet in height and has dark green leaves that turn brilliant shade of yellow, orange, and red in fall. The more vigorous species,

fothergilla major, reaches 8 feet in height.

Chokeberry or Aronia is a wonderful shrub in several seasons. Chokeberry offers white flowers in spring, rich red fruits in late summer and brilliant orange-red fall foliage. They will grow in most soils but do not do well in dry, shallow alkaline ones. The Aronia arbutifolia is upright in habit and reaching 6-10 feet tall, the red chokeberry has oval leaves. Heads of small white flowers in spring develop into clusters of small red berries. Aronia melanocarpa, the black chokeberry is similar to aronia arbutifolia but with larger black fruits.

The smokebush or cotinus coggygria is usually a large shrub of rounded habit, 10 feet or

more in height and across, with rounded or oval, green to blue-green leaves that offers great fall color---often in bold shades of orange. It is loved in summer for its purple or gold foliage and plumes of soft, shimmering flowers.

The serviceberry or Amelanchier is a plant for season-long beauty. People adore serviceberry for its display of white springtime flowers, small but edible and delicious fruits that ripen in summer and amazing orange and red fall foliage. They mainly prefer a well-drained soil in sun or light shade.


Stewartia pseudocamellia is a topnotch tree that looks beautiful throughout the year. Its distinguishing features are late-summer, white camellia-shaped flowers with spreading petals

and leaves. In fall the leaves turn festive shades of bright orange, yellow and red.

Other trees that turn vivid orange in fall are sugar maple which is a great extra-reliable tree that makes a big statement in fall. The sweet gum is a widely grown deciduous tree. Young branches and twigs often have distinctive ridges of corky bark and its wood, known commercially as satin walnut, is used for furniture-making. Its glossy dark green leaves color orange or red and purple in autumn. The paperbark maple is a slow-growing understory tree that has highly ornamental, peeling orange-cinnamon bark. Its dark green, three-lobed leaves turn a brilliant orange-red in autumn.

Then there are orange flowers. **Continued on page 2**

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One of a kind

As you read the Gospels in the New Testament, you quickly begin to realize just how different Jesus was from everybody else. Though born in humble circumstances and growing up in relative obscurity as a carpenter in Nazareth, Jesus was unique. Better said, He was one of a kind.

One of the characteristics of Christ that set Him apart from the rest was His ability to teach the Word of God. Jesus used stories, illustrations, and parables to communicate truth. Jesus made the teachings of



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

God come alive.

We have one recorded sermon of Jesus in the Bible. It has been labeled the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus had just finished performing a miracle of healing, and word spread quickly. Crowds gathered to catch a glimpse, hear a word from God, or hopeful that Jesus might heal them from an infirmity. Jesus stood up to speak to the sitting crowd off the shore of the Sea of Galilee on a hillside that serves like an amphitheater. A hush fell over the crowd. Jesus began:

Blessed are the poor... Blessed

are those who mourn... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the pure in heart... Blessed are the peacemakers... Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" (Mt. 5:3-10).

These statements are radical. When these words were spoken, the poor and meek were not considered blessed or happy. Who in their right mind wants to mourn or be persecuted? But Jesus is showing clearly how God's kingdom is different from the kingdoms of this world. Jesus shows how character and the heart are more important

than wealth and circumstances. These "blessings" that Jesus gives at the beginning of His sermon show that something is different about His teachings than any other rabbi. Jesus goes on to attack legalism, hypocrisy, show and tell religion, materialism, and anxiety. He talks about the importance of God's people being salt and light, loving your enemy, and giving to the needy. He raises the bar on what faithfulness in relationships and marriage look like. He gives lessons on the appropriate way to pray and fast. Jesus gives the golden rule (doing to others what you would have them do to you).

This sermon is mind blowing.

It shows what the world should be like if everyone practiced the lessons from this sermon. But more than the words of this sermon, Jesus is trying to show that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He is the long awaited Messiah. At the height of Jesus' popularity, He says if you don't have Him, you don't have life (John 6:53-56, 58). Many begin to turn from Jesus at this point because Jesus was asking too much (John 6:66).

We have a choice to make as well. We accept all or none of Jesus' teachings. What will you do with Jesus?

Oogling Over Orange

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Butterfly weed, when in bloom, does indeed attract butterflies in droves; it is not, however, a "weed". It is a very hardy, easy-to-grow plant. In midsummer and persisting into fall, it produces masses of small, bright orange flowers. It is not particular about soil, but does

best in a full-sun location. Once established, it tolerates drought.

An eye-catching yarrow, 'Terracotta', has gray-green filigreed foliage and uniquely-colored earth-tone flowers that change from peach to coppery-orange. They retain their color even when dried. They tolerate heat and

drought well and once established, need only occasional watering.

So what I have to say about all this is "GO BIG ORANGE," both in the garden and in football!!!!

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."--Elizabeth Lawrence

Church Happenings

2013 Awana Ministry Conference

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Lenoir City

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For general conference questions call Gerald or Susan Vanderford at (865)531-8190 or e-mail at geraldv@awana.org or susanv@awana.org.

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You are cordially invited to attend the 216th Homecoming Celebration of Little Flat Creek Baptist Church, 9132 East Emory Road, Corryton, Tennessee 37721 on Sunday Morning August 18, 2013. Service begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Avenue Pike, will be celebrating 123 years of worship and community in a Homecoming Service followed by a pot luck lunch on September 22, at 10:45 p.m. Former pastor, Reverend Alfred Royer will preach the Word and former Minister of Music, Mr. Gerald Satterfield will lead the music once again. Make plans to join us. 865-938-2611

Seymour United Methodist Church

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Director and contact is Gaile Todd.

The Holston Conference Secretary's Association will gather for their annual

meetings from Sept. 19th – 20th at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, TN.

The "Camper Scamper" 5K race will be held on Sat., Sept. 21st. Registration starts at 7 a.m. at cost of \$35. Race will start at 8 a.m. and finish at Sandy Springs Park, 702 Best St. in Maryville, TN.

On Saturday, Sept. 29th, a training session for "Safe Sanctuaries" will be held from 3-5 p.m. at Sweetwater 1st United Methodist Church.

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church 701 Merchant Drive will host a free Medicare informational meeting, with a question and answer time, on Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Speaker Blake McCoy will cover topic like, What should I do and when should I do it? Do you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program such as QMB, SLMB or Medicaid? Do you need help with Prescription Drug costs?

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UT memorabilia

I'll bet you dollars to doughnuts, there is more than one article this week that starts with the phrase, "IT'S FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE!" (The legendary voice of John Ward still echoes in my ears, to this very day.) Well, with that in mind it got me to thinking of sports memorabilia and collectibles. How hard it is to find certain items, what are people looking for, and what are they willing to spend? So I decided to dig a little deeper into this all-consuming southern tradition.

There are several local auction houses that regularly obtain collectible



By Joey McKinley

Tennessee football and basketball merchandise. I have witnessed several bidding wars at Fountain City Auction when there was a team-signed football, Peyton Manning's autograph, or a Lady Vols basketball that had also been signed. Truth be told, if you are looking for collectible University of Tennessee merchandise, auctions and estate sales are a great place to find them. Furthermore, if you are patient, you can find them in your particular price range.

I guess my own favorite UT collectible isn't specific to the school at all.

It's the 1951 Orange and White Tennessee State shaped license plate. It's even better when you can find the matching pair of plates, with matching numbers. I have seen these plates sell from \$50 to \$200 for a single plate, and as much as \$150 to \$400 for the set. It all depends on condition, restorability, and the time of year you buy or sell it. If it's a motorcycle plate it's worth considerably more money. That said, there are VOLS pieces that people will never part with at any price. It's hard to value a 1951 New Year's Day Cotton Bowl program between the University of Tennessee and the University of Texas. There are so few of them still

around to be had, and those who have them will never sell them. Just like Tennessee Volunteers season tickets, they get handed down from parent to child.

If you are looking for current items to collect, keep some things in mind. Many items will have collectible value in 20-30 years, but try to steer away from things made in China. Items specific to big games will be in demand. Ticket stubs, posters, drink cups, programs, etc from special games; games with a big play or a magic pass, an

unexpected interception or a goal line stand. The more time that passes, and the less available these items become, will only serve to drive the collectible value higher. Almost any ephemera that is licensed by the participating teams and/or the SEC from a championship season and specifically a championship game will have significant collector's value.

It's uplifting to live in a town where tradition is so deeply valued: the ritualistic Vol Walk, Smokey The Dog, the Pride of the Southland Marching

Band, the Vols Navy and the immediately recognizable song Rocky Top. Everyone in Knoxville knows, to plan their weddings on a weekend that it doesn't interfere with a ball game. I've even been to an Orange and White funeral. Yes, these traditions do run deep. It's a part of what makes Tennessee the great state it is. All these things add up to my favorite time of year and it means fall is just around the corner! Until next time, stay safe and GO VOLS!

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Central High School

Band Boosters will be hosting an Alumni Band as part of Homecoming festivities on Friday night, September 20. Dinner will be served starting at 5 pm outside the band room. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP by contacting Central High School (attention Ms. Burdine) or at lisa.burdine@knoxschools.org.

DAR Meeting

The Samuel Frazier Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Silver Spoon, 210 Lovell Road, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. The program will be presented by Betty Stevens, State Vice Chairman for the Appalachian District. She will be discussing the State Regents Project, "Legacies of our Great Grandmothers-East Tennessee."

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The location of the meeting is at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell located at 1819 Dry Gap Pike. The guest speaker will be Charme Knight.

Ossoli Circle

Ossoli Circle - Coffee, 9:45 a.m. Monday, September 16th with Elizabeth Nelson, Librarian, Fountain City Library, on

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1963 Powell High School Reunion

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of the evening at \$45.00 each. We have invited several former PHS teachers as our guests. For questions and/or reservations, contact Jacki (Davis) Kirk at (865)250-0103 or Sandra (Strange) Davis at (865)382-3742, by September 28.

On Friday afternoon, October 11, all interested graduates are invited to tour Powell High School, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Afterwards, we will gather at Corvette's BBQ and Sports Bar to continue our visit. Corvette's is located at the intersection of Brickyard and Emory Roads.



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1 tsp vanilla
1/4 c chopped nuts
apple slices
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