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## The Driving Force Behind Football Saturday



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

*One of Knox Area Transit's trolleys stops by Barley's Taproom in the Old City to pick up passengers to take to Neyland Stadium. Barley's is one of the four locations that KAT Game Day Shuttles services on game day.*

By Dan Andrews  
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Twenty-six buses, six trolleys, four specialized ADA transport vehicles, and an army of over sixty Knox Area Transit (KAT) employees- that is what it takes to transport tens of thousands of UT football fans on game day from four different locations to Neyland Stadium on KAT Game Day Shuttles. So how do they make it run so smoothly? *The Knoxville Focus* spent game day with KAT for a closer look.

For a first-hand look at the process, I spent the day shadowing KAT Director of Transportation Services, Rodney Boone. Early in the week before a home game, he holds a roundtable meeting with coordinated departments and addresses employees' schedules in preparation for Saturday.

On game day I met Mr. Boone at the KAT bus yard at 8:00 a.m. The first thing I noticed is that the KAT employees are almost like family- smiling and interacting with each other in not just a professional way but also in a friendly, happy way. As the day progressed, I realized that this was a key dynamic to the operation's success.

According to Mr. Boone, on game day GPS is seldom used for the KAT game day campus shuttle service. He explained that the shuttles do not run according to a schedule because of traffic congestion issues and that routes can change at the last minute due at the direction of police. Operations run smoothly without it.

We began our day in the "nerve center." This is where the employees receive their assignments for the

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### FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

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Survey conducted  
October 4, 2013.

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by an independent, professional polling  
company.

## Proposal made for Old Knoxville High School

By Mike Steely  
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The Knox County Commission will receive a proposal Monday that recommends that Family Pride Corporation of Loudon be awarded the bid for Old Knoxville High School. Family Pride's president, Rick Dover, has remodeled and repurposed several Loudon, Lenoir City, and Knox County schools, including Oakdale Elementary, for assisted living facilities and multi-purpose use. The firm is currently working on renovations of a former hospital in Loudon and the Alexander Inn in Oak Ridge.

The bid of for the historic high school is \$500,000 and Family Pride Corporation is joined in the proposal by Southeastern Housing Foundation of Knoxville. The proposal is supported by the Arts and Culture Alliance of Knoxville, as the proposal calls for artist studio and classroom space in the loft of the building. The main use of the building will be for assisted living. Redevelopment of the building is estimated at \$ 13.7 million.

The recommendation now goes from the mayor's office to County Commission and will apparently be discussed in the commission's work session Monday, October 21st.

The high school was built in 1910 and closed in 1951. It has since been used for administration, storage of records, and adult education.

Family Pride's proposal calls for restoring the school within historic guidelines and keeping and maintaining the Doughboy statue that stands in front.

## The Civil War comes to life



PHOTO BY RANDY SEALS

*Confederate forces prepare to charge Fort Sanders. Hundreds of re-enactors will take part this week in the staging of the Battle of Fort Sanders and the Battle of Campbell Station.*

By Mike Steely  
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One hundred and fifty years ago a bloody battle took place in Knoxville and on October 10, 11, 12 and 13, thousands of re-enactors and history-minded visitors will gather on a hillside near Corryton to relive the Battle of Fort Sanders and the Battle of Campbell Station.

The year was 1863 and the Union Army had marched into Knoxville through cheering crowds as the occupying Confederates fled south, drawn out of the area and into the war raging around Chattanooga. The positions the Confederates held, including an earthen fort named Fort Loudon, were occupied and fortified by the Northern force. In the early fall of that year the Confederates attempted to retake the city and again control East Tennessee, but the Union forces

were ready.

Unknown to the Southern Army the Union forces had taken Fort Loudon and deepened the trench around the fort. A deep trench now protected the position there and it wasn't until the Rebel forces charged the position that they learned it was impossible to climb the dirt wall. By the end of the brief charge the trench was full with Confederate dead and wounded one on top of another.

On a hill in Corryton one bastion of the earth fort, including the trench, was rebuilt to scale a few years ago and this weekend the forces relive the attack. In a valley nearby the two sides will also face off and relive the Battle of Campbell's Station. The event draws thousands of visitors, re-enactors, vendors, and guests.

Preparations are underway now as participants

arrive, set up camp, open tents, set the cannons in place, and await the first day. The site opens Thursday to school groups. On Friday the site, just off Washington Pike, has several speakers, a brass band, an address by Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, a march-in-review with both armies, and a proclamation recognizing the 150th Anniversary.

A schedule of all the events is available at [www.battleoffortsanders.com](http://www.battleoffortsanders.com).

Saturday the activities include Women of the Civil War, Meet the Generals, and a Lincoln perspective by Dennis Boggs. There's also a Civil War Small Arms exhibit, Medicine demonstrations, Wagon Rides, a drill by Confederate forces, walking tour of encampments, period and modern food, and exhibit tents.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday the re-enactment of Battle of Campbell Station plays

out followed by the Battle of Fort Sanders Sat 4 p.m.

On Sunday the site opens at 10 a.m. and a church service is planned for 10:30. The last day of the event includes Meet the Generals, a Lincoln Perspective, exhibits, Wagon Ride, a guided tour of the fort, a drill by Confederate forces, and a presentation about life in the Winter of 1863.

Smiley Clapp, the promoter of the event that takes place on part of his Corryton farm, says the annual event draws people of all ages.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$30 for a family.

The original Fort Sanders was named for General William P. Sanders, a Kentucky native who chose the Union cause, raided through Tennessee successfully prior to the Union invasion, and was mortally

wounded in west Knoxville by a sniper firing from the Bleak House. Sanders was a cousin to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Gen. Sanders was taken to the Lamar House, now the Bijou Theater downtown, where he died of the wounds in the Bridal Suite. He had been dating a local Knoxville woman who was a cousin to a known Confederate spy. His death was kept secret for two weeks so it would not hurt the efforts of his troops.

The battle of Campbell Station and Fort Sanders was decisive and East Tennessee, except for some smaller battles, remained in Union hands until the end of the war.

Visitors to the two-battle event might want to plan ahead and arrive early. Free parking is available just off Washington Pike just beyond Circle Road in Corryton.

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# Unemployment Benefits

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In order to be eligible for unemployment benefits, the unemployed individual must file a claim with the state Employment Security Division office and must register for work and be willing and able to work. In addition, he or she must have worked a sufficient amount of time before losing your job in order to



By Sharon Frankenberg,  
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qualify. Specifically, a claimant must have worked in employment that is covered by unemployment insurance during the last 18 months prior to filing a claim.

A claimant may file a claim for unemployment benefits online at <https://ui.tn.gov/> but he or she needs to have a valid email address to apply online. A claimant will be required to file a Weekly Certification verifying three weekly work searches on the work search log received by mail or found online. All earnings must be reported in the week they are earned--not the week they are received.

Claimants are not eligible for benefits under the following situations: 1) if they quit their job without good cause; 2) if they

fail to apply for or accept suitable work; 3) if they are receiving other unemployment benefits; or 4) if they have filed a fraudulent claim for unemployment benefits. Committing fraud in these circumstances includes actions such as giving false information to the state agency; returning to work but continuing to collect benefits; and failing to report earnings from temporary work or a part-time job while collecting unemployment benefits.

If you are denied unemployment benefits, even though you think you are eligible, you must first file a written request for a hearing, and then contact an attorney or local legal aid services office for help with your appeal.

There are also certain dependency benefits which may be available to unemployed claimants from the state in the amount of \$15 for each minor child not to

exceed a total of \$50. The child must be less than 18 years of age and unmarried; or less than 18 years of age and in the claimant's custody pending adoption; or less than 18 years of age and for whom the claimant is ordered by the court to contribute to the child's support and for whom no other person is receiving allowances for this child. Also an appointed guardian of a dependent child may be paid dependency benefits.

In addition to state unemployment benefits, Emergency Unemployment Compensation is a Federal temporary extension of unemployment compensation for unemployed individuals who have already collected all regular state benefits for which they were eligible. Unless Congress extends it further, this program provides benefits for weeks of unemployment ending on or before January 1, 2014.

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**Appointed 28.34%**



By Age	Elected	Appointed	Total
30-49	82.98%	17.02%	47
50-65	70.53%	29.47%	95
65+	69.83%	30.17%	232
Total	71.66% (268)	28.34% (106)	374

### By District

1	69.57%	30.43%	23
2	69.39%	30.61%	49
3	66.67%	33.33%	33
4	51.85%	48.15%	54
5	64.71%	35.29%	34
6	97.14%	2.86%	35
7	76.36%	23.64%	55
8	84.31%	15.69%	51
9	67.50%	32.50%	40
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### By Gender

Unknown	71.43%	28.57%	14
Female	75.42%	24.58%	179
Male	67.96%	32.04%	181
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day. We next went to Mr. Boone's office where he received the latest updates on road closures and information such as weather and other pertinent information for the day.

When we hit the road, our first stop was the parking garage across from the Civic Coliseum. The first thing I noticed was how wristbands were being used to verify passenger payment of \$6 for round trip fare.

"When we had tickets we had so many problems. People would lose them during the game or in a rainstorm they would be all wet or hard to find. With the wristbands, we make easy and convenient

for everyone," Boone explained.

The coliseum is the busiest location and requires the largest staff. A key to moving large numbers of people smoothly is to have a line of buses waiting in queue. The line remained short and everything ran very smoothly.

Next we travelled to the Old City location. This is possibly one of the best locations. With free parking in the city lots under the bridge (look for signs as there are private lots that do charge) and pick up and drop off directly in front of Barley's Tap and Grill. This also is an excellent location to hang out after the game. If you are not looking to stay around,

another great benefit is that this location is close to the interstate and just far enough away from the stadium that it creates probably the easiest exit from a football game.

From the Old City, we travelled to the Market Square/ Krutch Park location. A great advantage to using this location is that when game day is early, the Farmers Market is open. With restaurants and vendors all in one place, this creates an excellent alternative to tailgating in a parking lot.

Before kick off the last place we went was onto the campus itself. I watched as streams of fans poured off the bus in a seamless fashion.

The coordination was flawless. The main key to the success is the laser sharp attention every employee has at this location. With people walking all over and many not paying attention, KAT employees make fans aware of incoming and outgoing buses.

Also, they are very active in assisting fans with a wide range of questions. Most questions I observed focused on locations of buildings.

KAT operations performs an amazing job in a short period of time. They perform the operation flawlessly. If you are tired of waiting in traffic or spending \$20 to park near the stadium, the KAT system is a great alternative.

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# Publisher's Position

## Who's Playing Politics? The Superintendent, That's Who!



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How many times have we heard an appointed superintendent of schools would eliminate politics from the school system? It has been an endless refrain and like most such reforms, it proves to be illusory.

An appointed superintendent hasn't solved our problems; in fact, now we seem to be jumping from crisis to crisis and have more failing schools than we ever had under an elected superintendent.

McIntyre has been out promoting yet another of his public talkathons, having christened it "Insight Sessions," with various meetings all across the county. Ostensibly, these particular meetings are to allow the public to share their thoughts about the next "strategic plan" once we're done with the current one. Of course the only real strategic plan McIntyre seems to have is to run the present system into the ground, expand the bureaucracy as much as possible and increase your taxes.

To promote the "Insight Sessions", a series of robo-calls were prerecorded,

mostly by incumbent members of the Board of Education. Only Mike McMillan, East Knox County's Board member, passed on recording a robo-call for the Carter community. Mr. McMillan did not believe it was an appropriate use of taxpayer resources especially right before the election season begins. To take the place of McMillan in recording a message to the people of the Carter community, the "Brain Trust" at the school system resorted to one Conley Underwood.

Underwood's sole claim to fame is he is the nephew of Shirley Underwood, who was employed by the Knox County school system when the world was young, and **he was Mike McMillan's opponent in the 2012 election.**

Readers will recall Underwood did his best to leave the impression he was responsible for the new Carter Elementary School. One would have thought he built it singlehandedly himself when he had as much to do with the success of that particular project as Miley Cyrus.

Conley Underwood would have been yet another rubber-stamp Board member for McIntyre and even after losing the election to Mike McMillan, he dutifully endorsed the huge budget proposed by McIntyre which would have required an equally huge tax increase.

Just why, out of the thousands of residents in East Knox County, Conley Underwood was chosen is a question that needs to be answered. Mike McMillan is easily the member of the Knox County Board of Education

who asks the most questions and who is the most critical of McIntyre and his administration. There were numerous other, more obvious choices to record a robo-call for the school system. Cheryl Hickman, former principal at Carter High School, is well known throughout the community and is working in the administration now and would have been a logical choice to record a message. So too would have been the principals at Carter Elementary, Carter Middle School or Carter High School. Yet, the McIntyre administration selects Mike McMillan's former opponent. A coincidence? I don't think so. Did the McIntyre administration ask Gina Oster to record what they will claim is a public service announcement? Ms. Oster is a PTA leader and was Board member Doug Harris' opponent in 2012. No, they most certainly did not.

Prospective candidates for public office in Knox County will be able to pick up their petitions next month and **there are five school board members who are up for election: Gloria Deathridge; Lynn Fugate; Thomas Deakins; Kim Sepsi; and Pam Trainor.** Deakins has already announced he won't seek another term, but the other four all appear to be candidates. In essence, the Knox County school system is using your tax dollars to make calls into the incumbents' own districts promoting public meetings right before an election. They are also promoting themselves and McIntyre. The one thing all the incumbent board members have in common is they are all McIntyre rubber-stamps.

State Representative Harry

Brooks, also a candidate for reelection next year, was invited to make robo-calls into portions of his own legislative district. Brooks just coincidentally happens to be the Chairman of the House Education Committee and has apparently grabbed onto the coattails of Dr. McIntyre.

It is absolutely inappropriate for prospective candidates to be utilizing taxpayer dollars to send literally thousands of calls into their own district. Can any intellectually honest person really make the case it isn't political? The Knoxville News-Sentinel would be the first to thunder its righteous indignation were it the members of the Knox County Commission doing the same thing. Yet both the Sentinel and its political partner, the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, have not uttered a single peep about this obvious political retaliation against the only member of the Board with the guts to stand up to McIntyre.

In a related development, the objection former Board Chair Karen Carson has to allowing the Boys & Girls Club to use the old Carter Middle school gym is yet another attempt to punish McMillan. These same self-appointed advocates for children should be truly ashamed for their own disregard for the welfare of children in another community.

These pitiful attempts to punish Mike McMillan politically are obvious and stupid. If Conley Underwood runs again in three years and McMillan chooses to stand for reelection, Underwood will lose even worse than he did before.

The last strategic five-year

plan was little more than a bad joke. McIntyre points to the new system of evaluations for teachers as some sort of achievement. This same system of evaluations has some teachers evaluated outside their own field. It's like trying to have a hair dresser evaluate a brain surgeon or vice versa. Another bad policy change is allowing the school system to fire young teachers for any reason or no reason at all, without having to give the teacher a single reason why they were fired. And to sweeten the pot, the poor teacher is banned from teaching in the system from which he or she was fired for two years. And just so you know, I know of at least one instance where a young teacher was fired who had very good evaluations and had even earned the bonus McIntyre brags about. She lost not only her job without any explanation, but didn't even get the bonus she earned.

Those are part of the "improvements" hailed by Dr. McIntyre and passed through Harry Brooks' Education Committee. To date, I've never heard Dr. McIntyre express the slightest sympathy, much less urge the legislature to correct these egregious flaws in the law. Nor have I ever heard Representative Brooks say these flaws need to be corrected. Yet McIntyre can be depended upon to sing hosannas to whatever Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman produces from his bag of all too meager tricks.

Superintendent McIntyre points with pride to the new STEM Academy, yet neglects to mention one of his proposals to save Vine Middle

School, designated as a failing school, is to reserve fully a third of the seats for Vine students at the STEM Academy. Of course that particular "solution" goes against everything the STEM Academy was touted to be and would in fact destroy the very concept of the school.

And to beat all, ACT scores have dropped under McIntyre's reign. Try as he might, the scores speak for themselves. And that is before we get to the preparation rates, meaning whether a graduate goes on to further his or her education or get a job, which are perfectly abysmal. The highest preparation rate in Knox County is at Farragut High School and that is only 42%.

Mayor Tim Burchett is about to announce a \$150 million surplus, which has occurred precisely because of his efforts to pinch pennies and force most every agency in the local government to do more with less. Don't kid yourself; look for McIntyre and the Board of Education to start circling that surplus like a pack of sharks after a bleeding seal. Keep in mind the school folks are hardly starving; we spend more than half a billion dollars on schools in Knox County. McIntyre himself is the highest paid public official in Knox County.

It's abundantly clear the school system still knows how to play politics. The best strategic plan for Knox County would be the departure of Jim McIntyre and his rubber-stamp Board members and that would cost us exactly nothing.

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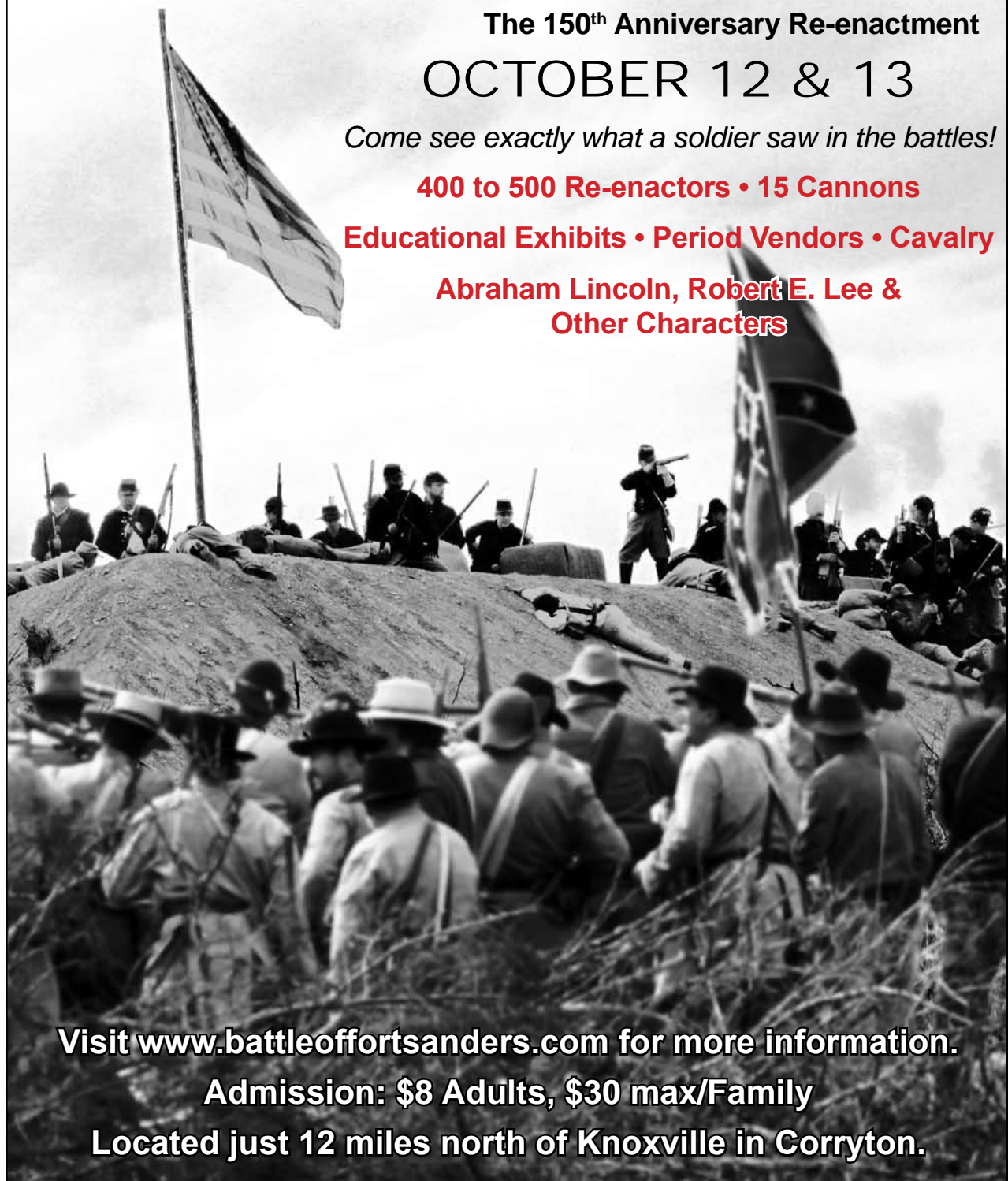
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## Checkpoint Tracker Adventure Racing Championship brings world-class athletes to Knoxville

By Tasha Mahurin  
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The highly anticipated Checkpoint Tracker Adventure Racing Championship, the nation's largest competitive adventure racing series, will bring hundreds of the best adventure racers in the nation to Knoxville this week.

Among those competitors is Hunter Leininger from Florida. At 13 years old he is the sport's youngest competitor.

Adventure racing is no easy feat at any age. For example, during Knoxville's 2013 Checkpoint Tracker Championship, individuals, two-person and four-person, co-ed and same sex teams will be required to navigate a 100-mile, non-stop course by map and compass from checkpoint to checkpoint in under 30 hours. Scheduled activities include trekking, caving, orienteering, mountain biking, paddling, rappelling, ascending and a mystery; the first team to the finish line with the most checkpoints will be declared the 2013 Checkpoint Tracker Adventure Racing champions.

"The goal is for racers to complete a designated course in a pre-determined amount of time while transporting all of their gear, food and water with no outside assistance," said Peter Jolles, the course director for Checkpoint Adventure Racing.

Hunter began adventure racing at the age of 7, and remarkably, finished his first 6 hour race in 5 hours and 38 minutes. A family sport, Hunter's father is also an adventure racer.

The Leiningers are just one of 115 teams registered for the event. The defending two-year championship team, led by Stephen Regenold and sponsored by thegearjunkie.com, will also compete this weekend.

"Knoxville offers the amenities, accommodations and quick access to the terrain that we need, and provides a compelling



Hunter Leininger

urban setting for a fun, high-energy, outdoor event. By leveraging the surrounding mountains, rivers and forests, we've been able to design a championship-caliber course worthy of the best adventure racers on the North American continent," Jolles explained.

Last year, the race was held in Moab, Utah. Moab is internationally known for its outdoor offering, and for Legacy Parks Director Carol Evans, to have the event held locally is confirmation that the foundation's work to position Knoxville as a premier outdoor destination has paid off.

"Through this event, we'll reach some of the world's premier adventure racer, thus enabling them to experience the uniqueness of the Knoxville's Urban Wilderness and beyond," she said.

While details surrounding the course have not been released in order to preserve the integrity of the competition, the event will be held October 10-12 in and around Knoxville and the Urban Wilderness. The awards ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Market Square in downtown Knoxville. For more information, visit them online at [www.checkpointtracker.com](http://www.checkpointtracker.com).

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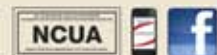
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# Another testing debacle

Without a doubt, I'm not the only one who uttered a "Huh" and re-read the story of the Stem Academy student who received copies of earlier tests to help her pass a World History exam. Plenty of blame can be spread to all involved with the situation.



By Joe Rector  
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The first comment comes about the student. From the newspaper article it seems that she isn't capable of doing the work or is unwilling to do so. She failed the history course and another one. Is the whole issue something that could have been avoided by a more serious commitment to study in "all courses," not just the ones in which she might excel?

The STEM Academy education is touted as something above and beyond those at other schools in the system. The description on the website states,

"The essential element of high quality STEM education is not a narrow focus, but an open mind disciplined and empowered by scientific reasoning, technological expertise, engineering design, and mathematical logic."

Evidently, the approach didn't work for this girl; she didn't manage to navigate things in a couple of classes. So, she was placed in front of a computer where she was to learn the material. Having her do so violated another description of the academy:

"Our integrated curriculum delivered through project-based instruction develops students' abilities to make connections, work in teams, ask questions, gather and interpret information, evaluate sources, draw meaningful inferences, and defend their conclusions-useful skills for future graduates pursuing any major or career path."

It looks as if the academy received another failing grade on this. It's difficult to achieve those things when a student sits in front of a computer screen all day. The young person is more likely being forced the material she didn't get the first time around, and there's no team work involved.

At any rate, the school system's responses made the situation as clear as mud. It was a test, but then, again, it wasn't. The scores counted, but not really. The test used to be used but not any longer, even though teachers didn't know. Double talk does little to add clarity to a questionable program. Last, it was a test, but not an End of Course (EOC) one. HUH?

This online program Odyssey has never been a favorite of teachers. Recovery credit programs can be completed in a couple of weeks. If the learning results with Odyssey are that spectacular, why doesn't the superintendent fire all the

teachers and let kids earn credits on computers? As things are now, other students resent having to put in the classroom work for a semester while others get the same thing for a fraction of the time.

Somehow, we've lost direction in our school system. Money is spent on all sorts of innovative programs. The focus from the top is more on scores than on education. Someone not long ago opined that the system was run more like a manufacturing plant where students were products. Maybe that's all right at some level, but education is much more than making "cookie-cutter" students. Kids are humans, not products, and an education that works teaches basic skill in subjects, as well as about life and getting along with others. No end of course exam will accomplish that.

Students must be held accountable for what they master in classes. Failure should require a "re-do," not a shortcut and reward. Cheating must never be allowed so that a student can pass and the system can change its percentages of passing or graduating students.

Most of all, Knox County Schools need to have the courage to do what is best for students. Secondary concerns should be aimed at EOC scores. If teachers are allowed to teach and students are willing to work, the outcomes will be what we all want. It just might avoid another testing debacle.

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# Congressman Leonidas Campbell Houk

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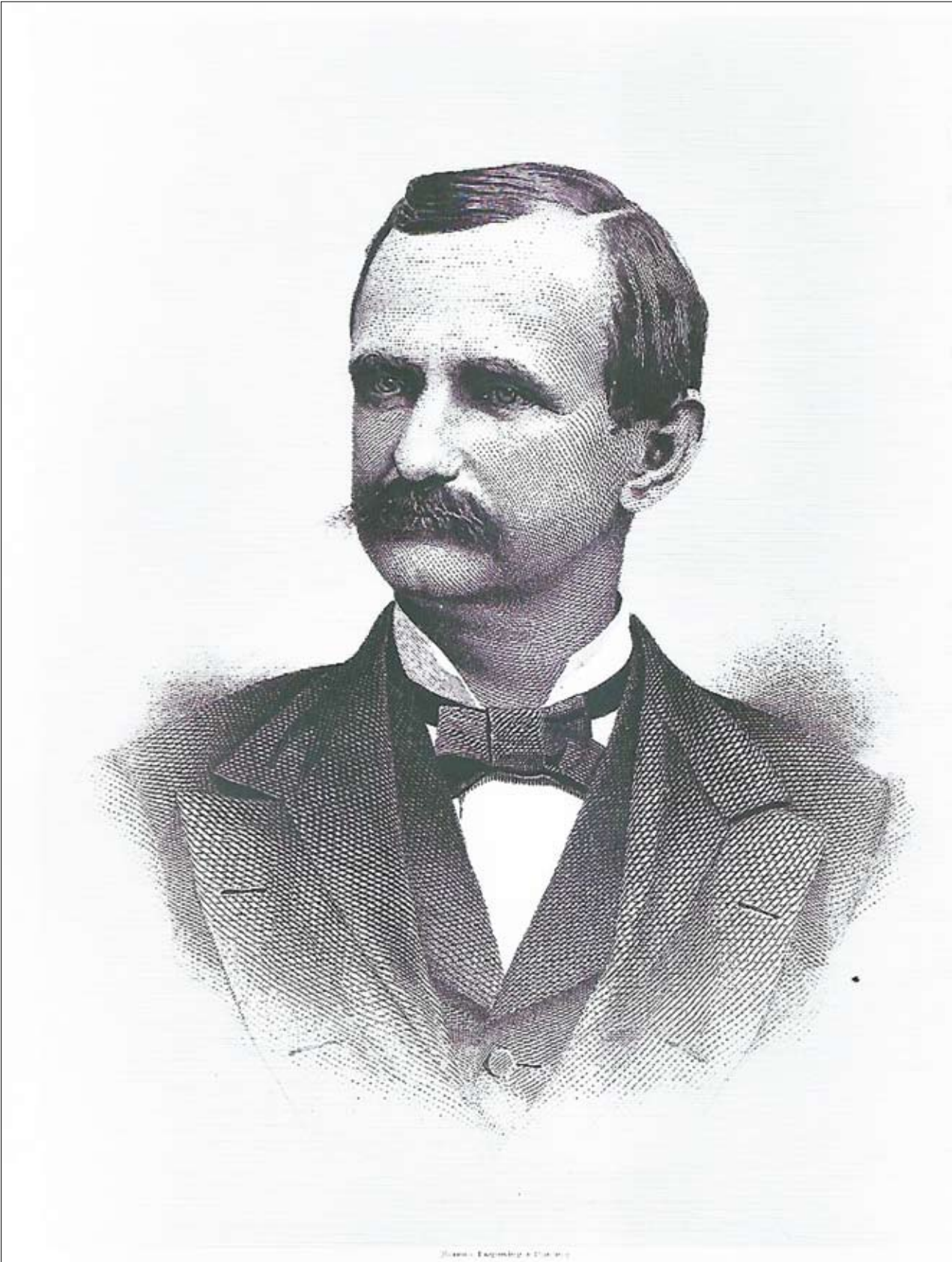
By Ray Hill  
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For more than a decade Leonidas Campbell Houk was the Congressman from Tennessee's Second District. A man with neatly combed hair and a moustache that would have done justice to a Victorian villain; Houk was a popular political figure who tightly maintained his control of his district for years.

Houk was born June 8, 1836 near Boyd's Creek and like many of his contemporaries, his childhood was abbreviated by the loss of his father at an early age, which impoverished his family. L. C. Houk was almost entirely self-educated, being a voracious reader. Eventually, Houk became proficient at cabinet making but found himself in trouble with the law at age seventeen and found himself in court for having discharged a firearm within the City limits of Maryville. During Houk's trial, Oliver Perry Temple, a highly respected local attorney, while not officially defending Houk, jumped to his feet and made an oration praising Houk. Temple's speech helped to convince the presiding judge to show the young man leniency. As a result of his trial, Leonidas C. Houk became quite interested in the law and regularly visited Mr. Temple's office to chat and borrow legal books. The friendship between Oliver Perry Temple and Lenonidas C. Houk would continue until the end of the Congressman's life.

Again self-educated in the field of law, Houk commenced to practice as an attorney in 1859. The Civil War erupted two years later and Houk, like most of his fellow East Tennesseans, was a strong supporter of the Union cause. Houk debated Henry S. Foote, a former United States senator and governor of Mississippi, defending the Unionist point of view. Eventually Houk traveled to Kentucky to enlist as a private in the Union Army. Houk rose to the rank of Colonel and found himself badly outnumbered while fighting in Kentucky. Refusing to surrender, Colonel Houk chose to lead his men in a fighting retreat. The retreat was a brutal affair and Houk's health began to falter, leading to his quitting the Union Army in 1863.

As his health improved, Houk continued his support for the Union, largely through penning articles on behalf of the Union cause. Houk was an elector for the Union Party candidates in 1864 and strongly supported Abraham Lincoln and his running mate Andrew



Congressman Leonadia C. Houk

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Johnson.

Houk entered the primary to win Tennessee's Second Congressional district in 1865, but was defeated by Horace Maynard. Houk recovered from his loss by being elected judge of the Circuit Court for Tennessee's Seventeenth District. Houk enthusiastically supported the policies of governor William G. "Parson" Brownlow, which were quite harsh toward former Confederates, whom Brownlow insisted be disenfranchised. Houk again challenged Congressman Horace Maynard for the Republican nomination for Congress in 1868 and lost. It was a bitter battle and Houk, severely disappointed by his defeat, changed his mind about his support for Brownlow. Houk moved from Clinton in 1869, relocating in Knoxville where he formed a law firm with Henry R. Gibson, who would go on to be elected to Congress himself, defeating Houk's son John.

Houk sought election to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1872 and was elected, but served only the one term as the stubborn candidate decided to run for Congress again in 1874 as Horace Maynard was not seeking reelection. Houk engaged in a hard fought campaign with Jacob Thornburgh, which proved to be very bitter. Houk finally withdrew as a candidate, finding his candidacy might harm Republican chances in the general election.

The persistent L. C. Houk finally realized his ambition and claimed the GOP nomination for Congress in 1878 when he beat William Rule. Rule was the editor of the Knoxville Chronicle. Rule had been associated with William G. Brownlow and when the Knoxville Whig had been sold and the new owner tried to turn it into a Democratic paper, Rule had quickly started the Chronicle to keep the Republican cause alive. Rule's facility with a pen caused a near fatal encounter on Gay Street with James W. Wallace, editor of the Knoxville Tribune.

Wallace strongly objected to what he considered a personal insult contained in the pages of the Knoxville Chronicle and demanded Rule issue an apology. Rule refused to apologize and the argument escalated with Rule clubbing Wallace with his cane. The battered and infuriated Wallace responded by pulling out a pistol and rapidly fired off three shots, all of which fortunately missed Rule. The altercation between the two editors caused both to be arrested, although ultimately no charges were filed by either party. The two partisan editors blamed the other for the fracas and local Republicans, pleased with Rule for having attacked Wallace, gave him a new walking stick.

Houk only barely managed to beat William Rule, but they were later able to heal the differences between them. Rule's newspaper eventually

became the Knoxville Journal and the Journal was perceived by many to be the editorial mouthpiece for Congressman Houk's political organization.

Houk quickly perceived his constituents were less interested in the pressing national issues of the day than local issues. Congressman Houk thought little of becoming a national statesman, but concentrated on providing good constituent service and strengthening his hold on the Second District. Houk extended aid to veterans, both Union and Confederate, at a time when there was no Social Security and national pensions were granted by a special act of Congress. Houk routinely distributed seeds from the Department of Agriculture to grateful constituents. Congressman Houk also busied himself with seeking compensation for those constituents who had suffered extensive property damage during the Civil War.

Houk and his old rival William Rule once again were feuding in 1881 when Rule wanted to be Knoxville's Postmaster, a choice political plum at the time. Houk intended to keep his hold on his own political patronage and supported Oliver Perry Temple, the lawyer who had spoken up for him during his trial, for the postmastership. When denied the postmaster's job, Rule once again ran for Congress against Houk in an especially hard fought campaign that left both

men claiming to be the Republican nominee. The issue was finally decided in the general election, which Congressman Houk won easily. That election apparently finally decided the issue between Houk and William Rule and Rule's newspaper eventually became part of the Houk machine. Houk's last victory over Rule also helped to deter future opposition to his continued incumbency.

Congressman Houk consolidated his power, not only inside his own district, but successfully maneuvered to gain control of all patronage in the State of Tennessee. There was considerable patronage to distribute through a Republican president and Leonidas C. Houk became more or less the most important member of the GOP in Tennessee. Through his control of patronage, Congressman Houk forged an alliance with Tennessee Democrats who hungered for some of the appointments available through the federal government. At least one other Republican found fault with Houk's arrangement with the Democrats. Congressman Henry Clay Evans of Chattanooga believed Houk was too

quick to give Democrats what they wanted and the two engaged in a bitter fight over control of Republican patronage. The state legislature had control over redistricting Congressional seats and Houk doubtless quietly encouraged Democrats (who controlled the legislature) to help ease H. Clay Evans out of Congress. It worked. Having to run in a much altered district, Evans lost his reelection bid, but the feud between the two men continued even after Congressman Houk's death when Evans fought with Houk's son John.

Leonidas C. Houk was only fifty-four years old at the time of his death and the Grim Reaper found the Congressman in a most unusual way. Congressman Houk visited DePue's Drug Store where he proceeded to drink a bottle of arsenic. From all the information available, Houk was not suicidal and it seemed to be a bizarre accident. Houk suffered terribly and died the next day in agony.

Congressman Houk was buried with much fanfare and was succeeded in Congress by his son, John Chiles Houk. The younger Houk had worked as a clerk in the Pensions Bureau in Washington, D. C. under his father's patronage while studying the law at what later became George Washington University. He had also been an Assistant to the Doorkeeper of the United States House of Representatives and secretary to the Tennessee Republican Executive Committee, both jobs he acquired through the influence of his father.

By the time of his father's death, John C. Houk was practicing law in Knoxville. The beneficiary of both great sympathy due to his father's death, as well as the political strength of the Houk machine, John C. Houk was elected to take his father's place in Congress.

John C. Houk was reelected in 1892, but defeated for renomination in 1894 by Henry R. Gibson, who had once been his father's law partner. Houk did not quit politics after his defeat for reelection to Congress; he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in 1896. Houk would serve, off and on, in the State Senate until his death on June 3, 1923. John Houk was a member of the State Senate at the time he died.

John C. Houk's passing marked the end of the Houk political dynasty.

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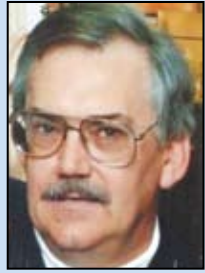
Chimney Rock, N.C., is southeast of Asheville on Highway 74A. It's a beautiful valley and mountain drive, as scenic as you may want with curves and hills, great for sports cars, motorcycles, and careful travelers. Or, if you want to go by way of Hendersonville you can take Highway 64 east.

The Chimney Rock is a 26 story high monolith that stands out in front of a huge rolling bluff overlooking Hickory Nut Gorge. It was developed as a private tourist attraction by the Morse family and acquired in 2007 by North Carolina. Now it's a state park with some 1,000 acres including the rock, hiking trails, a waterfall and picnic area. Hickory Nut falls is promoted as the second highest cascade in the eastern United States.

Rock climbing is popular and beginners can try it with supplied equipment and trainers.

There's a \$ 15 charge to get into the park for adults, \$5 for children and small children are admitted free. It's a narrow drive from the gate at Chimney Rock village up to the admission area, so be careful as the road is currently being repaired. You'll find the park rustic and typical of the

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

"old timey" parks with lots of rock walls and such.

I should warn you, if you are planning to ascend the rock, the elevator to the final steps was not working when we were there recently. You should check the internet or call ahead if you need the ride up to the rock. But, if you make the walking and climbing trip up to the top you'll get a 75 mile view of the valley below.

Back down in the village are little shops and restaurants, much like Gatlinburg was fifty years ago.

Early fall is a good time to visit there and if you go or come back by way of Hendersonville you might want to stop at one of the many apple orchards or stands

Chimney Rock Park is dog friendly. Down in the village you can walk along the rushing river, check out the many gift shops, or take a drive south to Lake Lure or north to Bat Cave. At Bat Cave, if you call and make reservations, you can tour what may be the longest "fissure" cave in the country.

On a fair weather day the drive from Knoxville to Chimney Rock takes 3 to 4 hours via Interstate 40. If you're just out for the day with no other destination you might want to drive through Hendersonville or go down to Flat Rock to see a play, visit the historic little town, or even tour the Carl Sandburg home there.



The gate and bridge at Chimney Rock State Park in North Carolina may look familiar to you if you remember the movie "Firestarter." It's where Knoxville's David Keith and Drew Barrymore walked across the river. Chimney Rock is in the back ground.



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The Wright family enjoys Easter together. Right to left: Twins David and Taylor Wright in front of parents David and Melissa Wright; Lillian Wright in front of her parents Steven and Anne Wright with (Grandfather) Steve Wright holding Carter Wright at back; and Gracie Brady in front of (Grandmother) Pam Wright and parents Buffey and Travis Brady. Photo provided by Steve and Pam Wright.

## Wright on the Mark! (Part IV)

He was the drum major for the Gibbs High School Band, the president of the chorus, and an outstanding basketball star on Coach Bob Dagley's 1964-65 team. Steve Wright began playing basketball at Gibbs Junior High School under the late Coach Dwane Ritter. The team had a 15-0 season and won the Knox County Championship. "Coach Ritter and Coach Dagley were my two favorite coaches, and I credit them with my success in basketball," Steve said. "Even as a young ball player, I knew they were good coaches; but, it was not until I was older and looked back on that time did I realize what great human beings they were, also. They always treated us fairly."

Steve played four years of basketball and baseball in high school and even played on the same teams



By Ralphine Major  
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as his brother, David. In basketball, David was a senior who started at forward and Steve was a sophomore who started at guard. In baseball, David was the pitcher, and Steve was

the catcher and pitched, also. "My brother was a great baseball pitcher and a great basketball player and the most outstanding player from Gibbs I knew," Steve said. He even has a scrapbook full of clippings about the brothers' success in sports. Wright has wonderful memories of Dana Campbell, his baseball coach at Gibbs. David graduated from Gibbs in 1963.

Steve is a Vietnam veteran and later was in charge of security for McDonald's for 27 years. These days he and his wife, the former Pam Miller, enjoy spending time with their family. They have two sons and

one daughter, all of whom graduated from Gibbs. The Wright family has carried on the tradition of playing ball. Their older son, David, played baseball and football; their daughter, Buffey, played basketball and fast-pitch softball; and their younger son, Steven, was a baseball player and wrestler and is now a captain in the United States Air Force. The Wrights are blessed with six grandchildren which includes a set of 15-year-old twins. Steve proudly told me that all of their children and families attend church together at Sevier Heights Baptist Church in Knoxville.

Wright, the player who walked home four miles after three-hour practices each day, certainly left his mark on the court at Gibbs. (This is No. 19 in the '64-65 Eagles' series and concludes the part on Steve Wright. In two weeks, the series continues with the only junior who started that year for Dagley.)

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## A Look Ahead, A Glance Back 3-AAA Race Tightens Up, Powell In Third

By Steve Williams

A heck of a race is shaping up in District 3-AAA high school football this season.

Heading into Week 7, Powell is one of four teams with only one district loss. The Panthers improved to 3-1 in district play with a surprisingly easy 67-6 romp at Clinton last week.

Anderson County, which handed Central a 60-38 setback, currently sits atop the District 3-AAA standings with a 5-1 mark.

Campbell County is 4-1, while Oak Ridge and Powell are tied at 3-1. Central is in fifth place at 2-2. Rounding out the standings are Clinton 2-4, Gibbs 1-3, Karns 1-4 and Halls 0-4.

Things got tighter in the 3-AAA standings last week when Campbell County handed Oak Ridge its first district loss of the season. The Cougars' 27-14 win also was their first-ever over Oak Ridge.

This week's 3-AAA games will have Gibbs hosting Campbell County, Karns traveling to Oak Ridge, Powell hosting Halls and Central going to Clinton.

Anderson County, 6-1 overall, steps outside the district and entertains unbeaten Catholic.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** Powell has won back-to-back games on the road to get back in the district title picture, starting with its 41-27 win at Anderson County in Week 5. Tobi Kilgore, the Panthers' first-year head coach, last week recalled the "huge win" over the Mavericks.

"We played in front of a very hostile environment with everything from fireworks to the sound effects during the game, with the Maverick and Austin Powers stuff going on, not to mention the tough AC crowd that is very supportive and proud of their program," Kilgore pointed out.

"Our kids did a good job of focusing on doing their jobs and ignoring everything else that was going on, and in the end we walked away with a huge district win.

"Big thanks to our fans who came out and supported us on the road in AC. They did an amazing job of neutralizing the big AC crowd and supporting our

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## Admirals start fast, hold off Hawks 35-33

By Ken Lay

A new Knox County football rivalry was born Friday night at Farragut High School's Bill Clabo Field Friday night.

The first chapter of the Farragut-Hardin Valley Academy rivalry went to the host Admirals 35-33 in a District 4-AAA game.

But it wasn't easy for Farragut (3-3 overall, 2-1 in the district). Although, early, it looked like the Admirals would cruise. The home team scored on its first four possessions and opened a 28-7 lead by early in the second quarter.

Admirals quarterback Bryan Phillips three touchdown passes in the first quarter. He threw a 16-yard score to senior tight end Billy Williams to start things and give the Admirals a 7-0 lead just a minute-and-a-half in the contest.

Phillips had a 34-yard scoring strike to Aaron Suadi just over five minutes later to extend Farragut's advantage to 14-0. Phillips' third TD pass of the frame was an 11-yard effort to Williams and put the Admirals up 21-7 with 8.2 seconds remaining.

The Hawks (3-3, 1-2), who dropped their third consecutive game after getting off to their first 3-0 start in school history, got on the board when Joe Underwood scored on a 2-yard plunge to pull HVA to within 14-7 with 3 minutes, 16 seconds left in the opening quarter.

The Admirals, who were coming off an open date, scored the only



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*Farragut defensive end Matthew Eggert (85) attempts to make a play in the Admirals 35-33 victory over Hardin Valley Friday night at Bill Clabo Field.*

touchdown of the second stanza when sophomore Tanner Thomas dashed to the end zone from 20 yards out to give FHS a 28-7 half-time lead.

From there, it looked as though the Admirals were poised to cruise to victory.

Not so fast.

The Hawks got back into the game when Underwood intercepted

a Phillips pass and returned it 10 yards into the end zone. Phillips has thrown interceptions after half-time against Oak Ridge and Lenoir City in 2013.

"I've got to stop throwing those Pick 6's," said Phillips, who three for three scores and ran for another. "I'm not quite sure what's going on.

"[Offensive coordinator Rusty]

Partin took the blame for that one but I threw it and it hurt our team. It's on me."

The Hawks pulled to within 28-21 on a 17-yard touchdown run by Ryan Ferguson with 8:46 left in the game.

Phillips appeared to put things away with an 18-yard scoring scamper midway through the final

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## A-E Falls at G-P 32-15

By Alex Norman

The first season for Austin-East head coach Jeff Phillips has certainly been a challenge. And last Thursday, things got even tougher for the Roadrunners.

Austin-East played hard until the final whistle, but didn't have enough to knock off Gatlinburg-Pittman. The Highlanders beat the Roadrunners 32-15 in a District 3-AA matchup in Sevier County.

It looked like the Roadrunners would get on the board first, as Jacquial Williams took a screen pass from Darius Harper, and ran 54 yards into the end zone. But a questionable clipping call inside the G-P 20 wiped the score off the ledger.

This was an uneven game throughout, with the officials taking center stage for most of the evening. Austin-East was

flagged 14 times for 115 yards, while Gatlinburg-Pittman had their share of the yellow flags as well, penalized 8 times for 67 yards.

Late in the opening quarter G-P finished off a 50 yard drive with a 5 yard touchdown run from Michael Muszik. The extra point was blocked, but the Highlanders were on top 6-0.

Early in the second, Harper made a mistake, and G-P's Jeremy Odon made him pay for it. Harper had the Roadrunners in Highlanders territory, but his pass was intercepted at 39 yard line. Odom showed great speed, cut back at the 25, and finished the play in the end zone. That 61 yard interception return for a touchdown gave G-P a 12-0 lead with 11:43 to go in the first half.

A-E struck back with the big

play. Harper threw the deep ball to Williams, who wasn't stopped until he was at the G-P 8 yard line. Keishawn Johnson would finish with a three yard scamper to the corner, and with 9:22 to go in the half, A-E (1-6, 0-3 District 3-AA) was only down 12-7.

But the Highlanders responded... through the air. Tanner Cox faked the handoff to Muszik, and threw 33 yards to the end zone, where a wide open Odom was waiting for the football. That put G-P up 18-7 with 7:18 to go in the second quarter, and the score would stay that way through intermission.

In the third the Highlanders (6-1, 2-1 District 3-AA) put the game away. On fourth down from the three, Muszik made a first down with a run inside the one. On the next play, Cox fell into the end zone. The conversion once

again failed, but G-P lead 24-7 with 2:33 remaining in the third quarter. That 11 play drive took a lot out of the Roadrunners.

But in the final seconds, the Roadrunners took something that could carry over into the film room as an example of playing hard throughout the night. Johnson caught a pass at his own 30, broke multiple tackles, and ran all the way to the G-P 5 at time expired. A facemask penalty gave A-E one final play. Harper connected with Williams on a two yard hookup. Those two also connected on the two point conversion. That gave us the final tally of 32-15 in favor of Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Austin-East gets this week off, before returning to District play on October 18th with a home game against Pigeon Forge.



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# Just imagine: Fulton vs. Maryville

Fulton has this Friday night off. If only Maryville did, too. Then high school football fans in this area would have had a chance to see the Game of the Year.

Not just any Game of the Year, mind you. But a special one.

Instead, we can only imagine what would have happened if the Falcons and Red Rebels had clashed this season.

Yes, just imagine. With the Vols having an open date this upcoming weekend, the prep showdown could have been played at Neyland Stadium on Saturday, allowing fans an opportunity to see the clash, after watching their own team play the night before. Many players on other teams, I'm sure, would have been interested in seeing this game, too.

What kind of attendance would you think a contest like this would have drawn? Thirty or 40,000?

Maybe more.

Fulton and Maryville are not just the two highest ranked teams in this area. They are two of the best in the state, if not the best.

In fact, in Sonny Moore's latest computer ratings of the state's 339 teams, which you can see on line, Maryville is rated No. 1 and Fulton No. 3, with Ensworth, a Division II-AA team, No. 2.



By Steve Williams

Maryville is a Class 6A school that has the most respected football program in the state. Nine state championships since 2000 will earn you that distinction.

Fulton, with four state titles since 2003, has a 4A team this year that can outrun and beat the "big boys." Three of its victories have been over 6A teams and one over a 5A team.

It's not just that Fulton and Maryville are unbeaten, it's how they've been mauling the opposition.

The Falcons made a statement on opening night, romping past homestanding Powell 46-0. That's been their closest game of the year!

After that, Fulton destroyed Bearden 52-0, Austin-East 63-0, Farragut 55-7, Gatlinburg-Pittman 62-8 and Central 69-14. Combined, that's an average "football score" of 58-6.

Preseason speculation that Maryville might be down a little bit this season quickly faded away. The Red Rebels opened with a 35-15 win over highly regarded Webb School, then dispatched annual rival Alcoa 31-2.

The West Rebels really thought they could end Maryville's 13-year-old win streak over Knoxville teams in Week 2. It didn't happen. West,

tacking on a touchdown with no time left on the clock, lost 42-20.

After an open date, Maryville blasted Hardin Valley Academy 49-0 and then traveled to Sevierville to play undefeated Sevier County. Many thought that would be a tough test, but the Red Rebels jumped out to a big lead early and rolled to a 55-6 win, upping their average score per game to 42-9.

It's easy to understand why area prep fans would want to see Fulton and Maryville on the same field. A matchup like this would have been doesn't happen every season. But their schedules didn't provide the opportunity. Their open dates didn't match.

We can only imagine . . .

There's the Maroon and Black warming up on one end of Shields-Watkins Field, the Red and Black close to the checkerboards on the other end.

Then the Game of the Year begins.

There's Maryville Coach George Quarles calling the plays on one sideline and Fulton's Rob Black calling the shots on the other side.

There's the speed and quickness and athleticism of the big-play Falcons, and the machine-like execution, depth and talent of the Red Rebels.

Fulton has super playmakers in running back Daryl Rollins-Davis, wide receiver Xavier Hawkins and quarterback

Penny Smith. Linemen Akeem Cooperwood (6-7, 327) and Michael Scates (6-5, 291) also are college prospects.

The Falcons also have 280-pound junior D.J. Campbell, who can be a load as a running back and a hard hitter as a linebacker. There's also Kenny Marsh, a big-play defender in the win over Central.

Quarles may have the best group of runners he's ever had. Shawn Prevo has become a household name around Blount County. The Rebels also have a talented big back in junior Jaylen Burgess. Quarterback John Garrett, a senior, got his chance to shine this season, and has he ever. He can beat you with his feet or arm.

Look for Cody Carroll to go in motion often. The veteran wide receiver caught two touchdown passes against the Smoky Bears. The Red Rebels' 6-foot-6, 240-pound junior defensive end Dylan Jackson is a Division 1 prospect, who is weighing offers from UT and Vanderbilt.

It's third-and-goal for Maryville with the game on the line. The eerie third down bell sounds are piped in to inspire the defense. Quarles sends in a play. Jeff McMillan sets the Fulton defense. If you hear that Notre Dame fight song or "Victory March," you'll know the Red Rebels have scored.

Just imagine.

## South-Doyle overcomes penalties and Eagles, 34-14

By Steve Williams

South-Doyle High School's football program has come a long way under Clark Duncan over the past couple of years, but the head coach said his Cherokees still need to learn from their mistakes. Call it growing pains.

South-Doyle was penalized 14 times for 105 yards and had two touchdowns nullified by penalties but still managed to pull away from rival Seymour for a 34-14 victory Friday night at Billy K. Nicely Stadium.

"We've got to get better at the little things (penalties)," said Duncan. "When we do that, we've got a chance to be special."

"We're still a relatively young football team. We're predominantly juniors. We're making these inexperience mistakes. It's not effort mistakes."

A combined total of over 500 yards in rushing by running backs Jocquez Bruce and Malik Lundy and quarterback Brody Rollins – all three juniors – helped South-Doyle overcome its rash of fouls on homecoming night. After junior Rachel Cormack was crowned queen, the packed house saw the Cherokees eventually pour on the points. They led by only 7-0 at halftime and 14-0 after three quarters.

Bouncing back from their loss at Carter, the Cherokees improved to 3-0 in District 2-AAA and 4-2 overall. South-Doyle travels to Rogersville this Friday to play Cherokee High.

"In the second half, we had some injuries to key players in our secondary," said Seymour Coach Jim Moore. "We lost Blaise Rooney to a MCL (knee injury). Larry Kennedy got his chin busted and was running in and out. We couldn't stop the bleeding. We came into the game with one player already sidelined with an injury. A depth issue got to us. The kids gave it all they had. You couldn't fault them for that at all."

In his post-game meeting with his squad, Moore told the Eagles (1-2, 2-4) they would have to go in full pads on Monday because of the short week. Sevier County will play at Seymour in the Rivalry Thursday

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## Admirals start fast, hold off Hawks 35-33

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quarter. But Hardin Valley answered when Nathan White, who went 17-for-39 with 310 yards, connected with Jack DeFur to make it 35-27 left. The extra point failed.

White threw his second TD pass with 1:54 left to make it 35-33. A two-point conversion failed.

The Hawks had one last chance to win and the game was finally over when White's last pass attempt fell incomplete.

HVA coach Wes Jones commended his squad's second-half effort.

"We challenged the kids at halftime," Jones said. "We told them that one of two things was going to happen. We told them that they were either going to get run out of the stadium or they were going to be a part of the biggest football comeback in Hardin Valley history."

"Our kids wanted that comeback bad and I'm really proud of their effort."

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## Inspiration nets win for Halls on Senior Night

By Ken Lay

Things haven't gone as planned for the Halls High School girls soccer team in 2013 and the Lady Devils haven't had much to celebrate.

But they finally had plenty to be happy about Tuesday during a 5-0 victory over William Blount on Senior Night at the Halls Soccer Field.

"We scored five goals tonight and we don't usually do that," Lady Devils coach Mike Horner said. "It hasn't been our year, man."

Halls (3-4-3) has struggled all season but Tuesday night belonged to the Lady Devils, who played inspired soccer. It was the final home match for seniors Lauren Biliter, Madison Sanders, Caroline Beeler and Courtney Stevens and all made significant contributions in the victory over the Lady Governors. Another senior, Kayla West, didn't play and wasn't present.

Stevens scored twice. Beeler had the game's first goal and Sanders closed out the scoring just before the final whistle. Biliter had three saves and combined with Taylor Stephens for a shutout.

"They had a good finish," Horner said of his senior players.

The victory and Senior Night were only part of the story for the Lady Devils, who acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month by warming up in pink t-shirts and played the game in memory of Halls Middle School student Saxon Cochran, who recently lost his battle with cancer.

"We're playing for God, we're reping in our pink shirts for breast cancer awareness and we're playing for the seniors," Biliter said. "We have our armbands honoring Saxon. His funeral was tonight."

"We're celebrating God and we're celebrating Saxon's life tonight."

Halls, which had plenty to play for despite a disappointing season, got on the scoreboard early when Beeler fired a long-range shot past William Blount goalkeeper, Moriah Budnar in the seventh minute. That would be the lone goal of the half thanks largely to Budnar's effort. She made seven saves in the first 40 minutes.

"She played really well," Biliter said of her counterpart.

Beeler said her goal --- and the win --- was a long time coming.

"This feels really awesome," she said. "We've worked really hard for this."

Halls blasted 15 shots against the Lady Governors after halftime. Stevens scored first in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute to make it 2-0. William Blount then surrendered an own goal a little more than a minute later.

Stevens, who made the score 4-0

in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute, said she was glad to finally score on Senior Night.

"It feels good to score on Senior Night," she said. "I've had a ton of assists but it finally feels good to put a couple in the back of the net."

Sanders scored the final goal of the match in the second minute of injury stoppage time. The game was delayed in the second half when Budnar was injured and left the match.

Sanders, a defender, doesn't get many chances to score but she took advantage of her opportunity in her final home match.

"Getting that last goal feels just great," Sanders said. "As a defender, it feels good to score."

"It feels awesome to come out here and win on Senior Night. We've had seven years together."

## 3-AAA Race Tightens Up, Powell In Third

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players for the full 48 minutes. We truly do have the best fan base in this area in my opinion and it showed (that) night."

**BEAVERS REWARDED:** In a battle of two winless teams, Karns got win No. 1 Friday, defeating Halls 33-16. Heading into the homecoming game, Travis Tipton, the Beavers' interim coach this year, reflected on his team's challenging season.

"While we are winless on the year officially, and regardless of what the scoreboards have said, we have been "in" four of six games, the exceptions being the West and Anderson County games,"

noted Tipton. "We just didn't show up to those games, from start to finish."

"I am certainly not a coach that makes or accepts excuses, but the truth is we entered the season with depth/experience issues and we have been hit hard with injuries. Regardless though, these players continue to battle each week and besides a dismal showing at AC have improved each and every week. Anyone that attended last week's game (32-27 loss to Clinton), saw a shootout against a good Clinton team. I'm expecting our guys to carry that momentum into (the Halls game)."

"I believe and have told the team that football is a lot like life; while (the) season has

dealt us our share of challenges, at some point we will be rewarded for how we have faced adversity, and how we have continued to work hard each and everyday."

**STEAMROLLING:** Knoxville's four undefeated teams – Carter, Catholic, Fulton and Grace Christian – each won in convincing fashion Friday night. (Check out the scores and schedules of the 20 high schools in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area on the "Prep Football focus" page.)

**BRING IT ON:** Central Coach Joe Hassell said he hopes Fulton will stay on the Bobcats' football schedule beyond next season's second game of a two-year contract. "We'll evaluate our schedule after two years,

and hopefully we're able to get them on the schedule," said Hassell, following the two teams' first meeting in 15 years on Sept. 27.

"I think we need to play on a regular basis," said Central athletic director J.D. Lambert. "I think it's great for the communities. The kids look forward to it. There was a lot of excitement in the school (the week of this season's game), because we share a neighborhood. I think it's a positive."

This season's game was the 48th between the Bobcats and Falcons in the Battle of North Knoxville, which originally started in 1951.

**SHORT SEASON:** Tennessee School for the Deaf was scheduled to play its season-

ending homecoming game against Oak Level Baptist Academy this past Saturday afternoon. The Vikings were 3-3 heading into the season finale.

"This has been the most difficult year for scheduling," replied TSD athletic director Luke Benson. "We had eight games scheduled and one game was canceled by the other team (South Carolina). With the limited number of 8-man teams, it really limits our options. We are having to travel out of state four to five times a year and sometimes have to play a team twice in a season to fill our schedule."

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# Youngsters step up for Karns on senior night



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**Karns High's Courtney Bailey serves in the Lady Beavers' straight-set victory over West last week. Bailey scored 16 points and had three aces on Senior Night at Karns.**

By Ken Lay

In a night when the Karns High School volleyball team honored its seniors it got a big boost from some younger players and the result was a 25-7, 25-8, 25-15 victory over West on Monday, Sept. 30.

"This group of seniors and this team has worked hard," said Lady Beavers coach Kynette Williams, who honored her 12<sup>th</sup> senior class to come through the program. "They won that [District 3-AAA regular-season] Championship.

"But our future's bright and the younger kids are hungry. This was good for them because they got a chance to show their parents what they've been working on. This is a classroom situation and we work hard to get better every day."

Karns (which improved to 21-11 with the victory) controlled this night from the outset. It all started when Courtney Bailey opened the first set by serving up 10 consecutive points to open the game. She had a pair of

aces on that run and forced the Lady Rebels to call an early timeout with the Lady Beavers leading 8-0.

West pulled to within 10-1 on a side-out before Karns, which will be the top seed in the District 3-AAA Tournament, which opens Tuesday night in Clinton, then scored the next three points. The Lady Beavers were in command and closed out the first set on an ace by Bailey, who scored 12 points (including three service aces).

The Lady Rebels darted to a fast start in the second set as Rebecca Orpurt scored the first two points. West would battle valiantly and the Lady Rebels kept things close early and took a 5-4 lead with consecutive service aces by Hannah Wright.

Karns evened the set 5-5 on a side-out and then proceeded to score 12 consecutive points (including four aces) on a service run by senior Lindsey Wright, one of three seniors playing in their final regular-season home match. The Lady Beavers would cruise to victory

as Sarah Smith had another big service run.

Williams then used the third and final set to give her reserves some well-deserved playing time and those players would notch an easy victory and Karlie Hoyle, a senior who relocated from Oregon, scored a pair of service points. She's one of the Lady Beavers' big hitters, but is rarely in the service rotation.

Some younger players shined but this was a night for Hoyle, Wright and Jessica Severs.

Wright and Severs have been through a roller-coaster ride. They joined the team when Karns went to the Class AAA State Tournament but went through a couple of lean seasons when the Lady Beavers failed to reach the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

"We've had our ups and downs but we've put a lot of work into this program and to this team," Wright said.

She said she's been privileged to play for Williams for four years.

"Coach is not only a coach for volleyball but she

teaches you to take on life," Wright said.

Severs and Hoyle had similar sentiments.

"The history is a big part of this program and we want to make it back to the regionals again," Severs said. "She [Williams] has been a great role model for me in my life.

"She has really helped me."

Hoyle joined the team this season and although she hasn't been around long, she's found a home at Karns and has kind words for her coach, who has led the program to two state tournaments, 10 regional tournament appearances and shares of 10 district titles.

"I love it here," said Hoyle, who had eight kills and four digs last Monday night. "We've had some ups and downs this year but there's so much history here.

"It's been a good year and it's been a blessing to play here with these girls and with this coach. We've become a team and we've become a family."

## Schubert closes prep career on top

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville senior golfer Sophia Schubert is leaving the high school golf world on top.

Schubert, who won her second consecutive Class A/AA State Championship last week, fired a two-round total of 141 to claim her second consecutive championship. She shot a 4-under 68 in the final round Wednesday at Willowbrook Country Club in Manchester to win her second straight title. The Auburn commitment, who also won the State Title as a freshman in 2010, led the Lady Warriors to a third-place finish in the team standings.

CAK finished with a team total of 367 and came in third behind State Champion Sullivan South (327) and Macon County, which finished with a combined 335.

Schubert may have captured the crown but it was also a big day for the Grace Christian Academy squad, which sent three individuals to the State Championships and all performed well. Blythe Scrivner finished with a two-round total of 160. Mackenzie Hodge shot a 163 and Emery Ward posted a 170 for the Lady Rams.

**Carter's Fultz takes third:** Jeremy Fultz of the Hornets shot a two-round total of 147 to finish in a third-place tie at the Class A/AA State Tournament in Manchester. His stay was highlighted by a second-round where he posted 5-under 67 on Wednesday. He opened the event by posting a 74.

CAK's Davis Shore posted a 36-hole score of 144 and Catholic's Matt Hollo-way shot a 157.

**Farragut sweeps Region 2-AAA Tournaments:** The Admirals and Lady Admirals will both make appearances at this week's State Championship at Willowbrook Country Club in Manchester.

Farragut's boys posted a team total of 300 at Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa to claim a state berth on Monday, Sept. 30.

Teams from District 4-AAA claimed the top three spots at the region. The Admirals bested second-place Maryville by 14 strokes. Hardin

Valley was third (319).

Farragut junior Connor McKay claimed the individual region championship with a 73, including a 35 on the back nine. Other scorers for the Admirals included Mark Dalton (75), Chip Thomas (76) and Tyler Johnson (76). Brian Clark had an 80, which didn't count in the regional team score but he will play this week in Manchester.

Other boys to qualify included Halls High's Trey Poteet (76) and Cameron Yeary (76). Lenoir City's Tanner Nelson also qualified with a 75.

In the girls tourney, the Lady Admirals (165) claimed a two-shot victory over Campbell County. The Lady Cougars boasted the Low Medalist as Lindsay Taylor finished with a 79.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth Keeling led the Lady Admirals with an 81 and Kayland Boling finished with an 84. Rachel McMahan will also represent Farragut at the State Championships. She shot a 91, which didn't figure in the Lady Admirals' regional team score.

Other individual qualifiers included Halls High's Megan Gaylor (86) and Powell's Morgan Julian, who shot an 88 and had to qualify by defeating Campbell County's Hannah Lay on the third play-off hole.

**Two area players advance from Region 1-AAA:** Seymour's Katelyn Witucki and South-Doyle's Lexie Shaw will both be in action at the State Tournament, which opens Tuesday in Manchester.

Witucki, a freshman for the Lady Eagles shot an 11-over 83 at the Region 1-AAA at The Country Club in Morristown. Shaw, who posted an 84, will represent the Lady Cherokees.

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# South-Doyle overcomes penalties and Eagles, 34-14

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Senior quarterback Nick Sexton led Seymour to the South-Doyle 34 at the start of the game, but the Eagles couldn't overcome a block in the back penalty and had to punt. For the night, Seymour was flagged nine times for 74 yards.

South-Doyle overcame a holding foul on its first possession when Rollins ran for 24 yards on third-and-18 from the Cherokees' 17-yard line. Bruce gained nine yards and Rollins, on the read-option, scampered 22 yards for another first down at the Seymour 28. Lundy then got into the act with a 21-yard run and Bruce scored with a 7-yard run around the right side. Logan Mathis' PAT kick gave the Cherokees their 7-0 lead with 4:52 remaining in the first quarter.

Bruce lost the first of two fumbles in the game the next time South-Doyle got the ball, but the Eagles couldn't capitalize.

The rest of the two teams' first half possessions ended with punts, except for a missed 51-yard field goal attempt by Seymour's Johnathon Jerman with 3:48 left in the second quarter. A 58-yard touchdown run by Bruce was brought back because of a holding penalty with 1:46 to go.

In the third quarter, South-Doyle junior wide receiver Shoan Labeaux scored on a 23-yard reverse, but a hold erased the TD and Michael McCarter recovered a fumble by Bruce at the Seymour 33 on the next play.

Following a Seymour punt, the Cherokees finally changed the score. Bruce had a 17-yard run coupled with a 15-yard face mask penalty by the Eagles. Rollins, on a second-and-19 after a holding penalty assessed to South-Doyle, busted loose for a 40-yard gain to the Eagles' 5-yard line.

On the next play, senior leader Jacob Jones peeled back to make a wicked block for Bruce, who started right but reversed his direction and took off to the left for his second touchdown.

Bruce is so good at improvising, he has been given the green light.

"Sometimes as a coach, we say not to do those things," admitted Duncan. "We learned a long time ago we don't say that (to Jocquez) because he's going to make nothing into something."

Down 14-0 late in the third quarter, Sexton, after throwing a 44-yard pass to Kennedy, broke a tackle and scored from 16 yards out. But the touchdown was nullified by a holding penalty.

Seymour was still in striking distance with third-and-two at the 15, but Greyson Riffey threw Tanner Sise for a 3-yard loss. The Eagles appeared to be lined up for a 35-yard field goal, but holder Clayton Ogle took off running after taking the snap, and was thrown for an 18-yard loss by Riffey and Rollins.

Rollins raced 56 yards around the right side on the second play of the fourth quarter to extend the Cherokees' lead to 21-0. After a Seymour punt, Lundy bolted 58 yards up the middle, running away from defenders to make it 28-0.

A 20-yard run by Sexton finally got the Eagles on the scoreboard with 9:03 remaining.

Jones, known more as a defensive leader for South-Doyle, scored the Cherokees' final TD on a 4-yard run. Sexton's 38-yard pass to Luke Sharpe with 3:46 left completed the scoring.

Bruce finished with 207 yards rushing on 21 attempts. Rollins netted 167 yards on 12 carries. Lundy gained 130 yards on 12 tries.




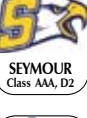










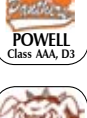





Sexton led Seymour with 221 yards passing, completing 16 of 27. He also was the Eagles' top rusher with 48 yards on nine carries.

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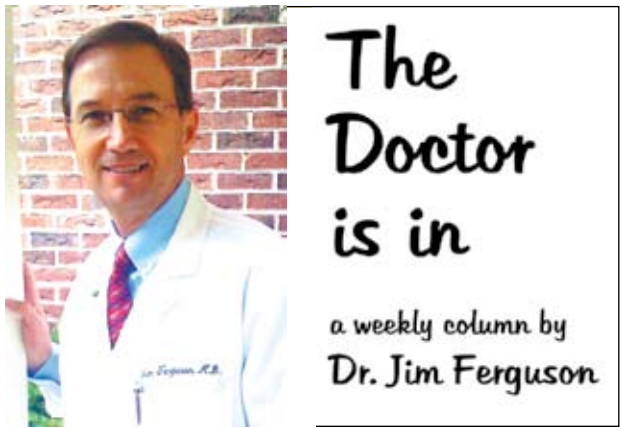
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### The Rash

Some years ago there was a commercial that highlighted the “heart-break of psoriasis” and then went on to mention two other common skin conditions, seborrhea and eczema. I don’t remember what was being advertised as a treatment, but that doesn’t matter because the conditions are all treated differently and often require prescription medications and a doctor’s expertise. I do remember Cas Walker, the Ole Coon Hunter, extolling the virtues of “Gold Bond Salve.” But, Cas was also notable for other questionable advertisements including chicken tossing and “thump’n good” watermelons. I don’t pay much attention to media advertisements, in fact we usually fast forward through

them. You may be surprised, but I can’t remember a patient asking me for a Viagra prescription because he was convinced by a commercial. Actually, listening to the obligatory disclaimer warning that something might fall off with use of the product should make a rational person think twice about using a medication. Incidentally, my wife is fond of “Itch Ex” for her skin issues despite my reservations. Our skin is a complex organ that we take for granted until we get a rash, a sun burn or a tormenting itch. If you think about it, we live in an aqueous (water) medium much like a wine skin of antiquity. The 1.7 square meters of our skin defines our physiologic boundary. If the skin is badly burned and becomes

leaky we will rapidly dehydrate and die. Or if the skin barrier is breached we can become infected with “flesh-eating bacteria” which seems to have recently captured the attention of Floridians and the media. The common term eczema is often used interchangeably with atopic dermatitis, a very common condition in children. Atopic dermatitis is a chronic skin irritation preferentially affecting skin creases and probably has genetic mechanisms triggered by environmental factors. Importantly, atopic dermatitis is strongly associated with hay fever and asthma. Eczema is a more general term and refers to any inflamed skin condition. I have mild hay fever, but no history of asthma or skin rashes aside from poison ivy, a different dermatitis (skin irritation). A lot of us in East Tennessee speak with a nasal twang because there is water in our mountains and this produces vegetation and pollen and molds that subsequently inflame and stop up our noses. We take for granted that trees rot in our Smoky Mountains. Interestingly, fallen trees lay on the ground for decades in the Rockies because

there is less water for fungi in that dryer climate. At this time of the year golden rod is a beautiful yellow plant that produces hay fever in allergy-prone individuals. Ragweed is another common source of hay fever misery. You would understand why this benign looking weed is so lethal if you observed its pollen under the microscope. The spores actually make the alien Sigourney Weaver fought look like a koala bear by comparison. My diagnostic conundrum is why have I developed eczematous dermatitis of my hands over the last six months? Perhaps it’s related to my hay fever, but there are no other symptoms of allergy. I researched the question in several well respected medical data bases and found no answer. Perhaps it’s unsettling that you realize I don’t know everything. Actually, it’s a certainty that if your doctor acts as if he/she knows everything you should leave and never return because, if he’s not already dangerous, he soon will be. The Proverbist said, “Pride goeth before the fall.” The ancient Greeks called arrogant pride hubris

and to them was the greatest of all sins. As I watch the dysfunction in Washington I come to the conclusion that it’s all about hubris, the hubris of Obama. If the President can unilaterally grant more than 2000 waivers for his Obamacare legislation, why can’t he offer the same deal for the common man? I can only surmise that he’s again drawn a “redline” and has to refuse the rest of us the same deal he gave Congress and Big Business. The influential TV host Bill O’Reilly and Speaker of the (people’s) House, John Boehner, have requested a one year waiver for everyone and yet the progressive Obama-Reid-Pelosi troika have refused, and our government is again shut down. The world sees us locked in an ideological civil war while China pollutes, Putin extends his communist tyranny, and the Iranian Mullah’s uranium enrichment centrifuges continue to spin unopposed. It seems as though Obama prefers to negotiate with Putin and the Mullahs than with those devilish Republicans. Perhaps my rash is due to anxiety over the state of the State and the lack of leadership of

our titular leaders. Perhaps I’ll name my condition, Obama-eczema just as I refer to our pricey Obama-gas that has doubled since he took office. I know that blaming my rash on the mess in our country is poor science. It would be what doctors call an anecdotal association. But hey, I’ve already told you that I don’t know everything and I’m far from perfect. Why can’t I be granted a waiver from fairness or rational thought? It seems our leaders have granted themselves and their crony-capitalists freedom from the very laws they have crafted for us. I can only hope that they all get a terrible rash in places where the sun doesn’t shine.

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

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

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

## Tennova Health and Fitness Center hosts Open House

Tennova Health and Fitness Center is hosting an Open House on Monday, October 7, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Stop by Tennova Health and Fitness Center, off Emory Road in Powell, for a free day of fitness, no enrollment fee and prizes. Members of Tennova Health and Fitness Center enjoy more than 80 hours of group fitness classes like Zumba, Group Power, Deep Water Exercise, and so much more! With the latest cardiovascular equipment, an Olympic free weight room, a warm-water therapy pool and a six-lane junior olympic lap pool, there is something for

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## 6th Annual Knox County Fall Fire Prevention Festival coming to Farragut

The Knox County Fire Prevention Bureau – in partnership with the Town of Farragut, Tennova Healthcare, Rural/Metro Fire Department and Costco – presents the 6th Annual Knox County Fall Fire Prevention Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Turkey Creek Medical Center parking lot at 10820 Parkside Drive in Farragut. “The purpose of the Fall Fire Prevention Festival is two-fold,” said Colin Cumeasty, fire prevention specialist for the Knox County Fire Prevention Bureau. “First, the festival allows

emergency responders across Knox County to come together to interact with people and showcase their commitment to those we serve. Second, and most importantly, the festival helps educate and engage our neighbors in and around Knox County on ways they can protect themselves and their families from fire and other life safety emergencies.” The community is invited to this free event, which will feature specialized emergency vehicles from the Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad, Knoxville

Fire Department, Knox County Sheriff’s Office, Karns and Seymour volunteer fire departments, Rural/Metro Fire Department and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Attendees will enjoy appearances by the Knox County Sheriff’s Office helicopter and bomb squad robot. In addition, participants will see live fire and life safety demonstrations, have your child’s car seat inspected by Safe Kids of the Greater Knoxville Area from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; experience an interactive boating safety simulator;

and have questions answered about your home fire extinguisher by a licensed professional. The event will also offer games and children’s activities. Proceeds from food concessions will benefit the Knoxville’s Kerbel Shriners to help East Tennessee children with access to specialized medical care. For more information about the festival, join the conversation at [www.facebook.com/KCFPB](http://www.facebook.com/KCFPB), [www.twitter.com/knoxTNfire](http://www.twitter.com/knoxTNfire) or contact Colin Cumeasty at [colin.cumeasty@knoxcounty.org](mailto:colin.cumeasty@knoxcounty.org) or 215-4660.

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# Faith

## He has risen

Being a minister, I am often called upon to assist with funerals. Over the past ten years, I have preached forty-three funerals. The majority of these were members of our body at the Arlington church. Others were personal family members, like my grandparents, or friends and family of our church members. Each time I stand over the grave of someone recently departed, I am reminded that life as this person knew it is over. This person is now gone and there is nothing I or anyone else can do about it. There is an empty feeling with each loss. I will no longer see this person in our worship or get to visit with them in this life. I miss



**By Mark Brackney,**  
Minister of the  
Arlington Church  
of Christ

terribly the weekly phone call to my grandparents.

The followers of Jesus were feeling the same way after Jesus died and was buried. Even though Jesus on several occasions told His followers that this would all take place and He would rise from the dead in three days, they didn't understand. Jesus was gone, forever in this life. They were distraught, grief stricken, and fearful. The day after the Sabbath, several ladies got up early to go to the tomb and ask permission of the Roman guard to pay their respects. Imagine their shock when they get to the tomb and the stone is rolled away. Their first thought was that the body was stolen. Thankfully, an angel appeared and told the ladies what had happened. "He is not here. He has risen, just as He said, 'Go quickly and tell His disciples'" (Matthew 28:6-7).

Mary Magdalene, the woman Jesus had earlier healed of seven demons, stays at the tomb and cries. She just can't process what all is happening. A man approaches her and asks what is wrong. She wants to know where they have put Jesus. Jesus is the man talking to Mary,

but she does not recognize Jesus until He speaks her name. How beautiful. When Jesus speaks our name, we should recognize His voice as He recognizes our voice as the Good Shepherd. Jesus tells Mary to go back and share with the disciples the good news that He is alive. We likewise are entrusted by Christ with this good news.

Later Jesus approaches two disciples walking to Emmaus. They as well do not recognize Jesus and begin to tell Jesus about all the happenings the past weekend. Jesus must have been laughing inside at the surprise they were about to get. Jesus gives them a lesson from the Old Testament prophets about what must happen and then they recognize Jesus. They run back to Jerusalem to tell the good news as well. Jesus then appears to all the disciples except for Thomas, who was absent. He doubts unless he sees with his own eyes. A week later Jesus appears to Thomas and he states, "My Lord and my God" (Jn. 20:28).

I can't wait for the day when funeral homes and cemeteries will be out of business. Jesus is coming back again one last time to take us to be with Him. Until then, we don't lose hope. Keep serving until we declare, "My Lord and my God!"

## Trick or Trees at the UT Gardens

### Spooktacular fun for little ghouls and goblins

Come scare yourself silly at the UT Gardens! Families are invited to come in costume and join us for the 3rd annual Trick or Trees on Saturday, Oct. 26, from noon until 4 p.m.

Hike through the garden and enjoy trick-or-treating at five different activity stations. Learn about all the Halloween favorites. From pumpkins to mummies, it's frightening how much fun you'll have! Not to mention the creepy crawly crafts you get to take home.

Trick or Trees will be held rain, shine... or zombies. The cost is \$6 per child (12 and under) and an adult must accompany all children. Families are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities anytime between noon and 4 p.m. Due to limited capacity, advance registration is required. Register online at <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>, call 865-

974-7151, or email [dstowell@utk.edu](mailto:dstowell@utk.edu) by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

All proceeds will benefit the UT Gardens. For more information and a complete schedule of the weekend's activities, please visit: <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>.

Located in Knoxville, Jackson and Crossville, the UT Gardens system includes plant collections that together serve as Tennessee's official botanical garden. The gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. They deliver research discoveries, promote hands-on learning and provide educational opportunities for their communities. From Master Gardeners to kindergartners, there's room for everyone to learn and contribute.

The UT Gardens, Knoxville, are located on the campus of the UT Institute of Agriculture on Neyland Drive. For directions or more details, visit <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu>

## Church Happenings

### Colonial Heights United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Men of Colonial Heights UMC, located at 6321 Chapman Highway, will host their annual Chili Supper Saturday, October 12, from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Hall. Funds raised will be used for maintenance on the Church property. Tickets are available by calling the Church office or at the door on October 12.

The Soul Patrol continues the series on "Crime & Punishment" each Sunday afternoon from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. as they study the heroes and villains' throughout The Bible. Dinner is always provided

for both Soul Patrol & Youth members.

"Live Large, Be Different, and Shine Bright" is the series being studied by the Youth. They will learn the 12 continuous qualities for healthy living relationships with others.

For more information on these and other happenings at CHUMC call the church office at (865)577-2727.

### Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing boxes of blessings (food) on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone. anyone who would like to come and receive

a box of blessings is invited. You must be present to receive a box of food.

One box per household.

### Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Call 938-2611 or leave a message.

### New Beverly Baptist Church

New Beverly Baptist Church presents Brandon Schultz, eighteen year old Evangelist "Preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ" Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 11 a.m.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Bologna Cutting

Bob Thomas, candidate for Knox County Commission County Wide Seat, invites the public to an Old Fashioned Bologna Cutting with Moonpies and R.C. Colas on Wednesday, October 9 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Powell Auction Company, 6729 Pleasant Ridge Road.

## Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, October 9 at Central Baptist Church. This will be a Speed Networking meeting, so all attendees are the speakers!

## Halls Republican Club

The Halls Republican Club will have a Cake Auction Thursday, October 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Beaverbrook Golf and Country Club on Cunningham Road, Halls.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will be the guest host; many other officials will be in attendance. Light buffet at 6 p.m. with auction to follow.

## Self Defense Class

Associated Therapeutics, Inc. Jump Start Health and Fitness offers a twelve class series of women's self-defense classes. Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 22 and go through Tuesday, December 3, 2013. The class will meet for six weeks Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. at Jump Start Health and Fitness, 2704 Mineral Springs Road, Knoxville, TN 37917.

## Tri-County Lions Dinner

This year's Chili Dinner will be October 11 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Connie's Kitchen, 10231 Chapman Highway in Seymour. Tickets are \$5 for traditional chili or white bean chicken chili with cornbread and a drink.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

**Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization – Executive Board Meeting, October 16, 2013.**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, October 16, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Resolution to Adopt the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program, Approval of the Updated TPO Outreach Plan, Approval of the Amended Executive Board and Technical Committee By-laws, Approval of TPO Ranking of TDOT Highway Projects, Smart Trips Program Update; and other business.

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

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2 eggs  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
1-2 drops almond flavoring  
1-2 bananas (opt)  
1 baked pie shell or graham cracker crust  
In a heavy quart pan, heat milk on low heat. In quart mixing bowl, mix dry ingredients well; beat in eggs and flavorings, then pour into hot milk slowly, stirring constantly with wooden spoon. Stirring constantly, bring to slow boil and boil for one minute. (Add sliced bananas if desired.) Serve as hot or chilled pudding or pour into baked pie shell or graham cracker crust, cool and top with Cool Whip.

## Graham Cracker Crust

21 square graham crackers, crushed  
very fine with rolling pin  
3/4 c white sugar  
2 dashes salt  
6 T butter, melted  
Combine well the crackers, sugar and salt. Stir in butter and mix by hand. Mixture is ready when it remains firm when squeezed in a handful. Reserve 1/4 cup of mixture for sprinkling over filling for topping. Pack by hand cracker mixture around inside, bottom and sides of 9-inch pie pan or use back of spoon. Fill with vanilla pie filling and sprinkle 1/4 cup reserved cracker mixture over top of filling (no Cool Whip is needed).

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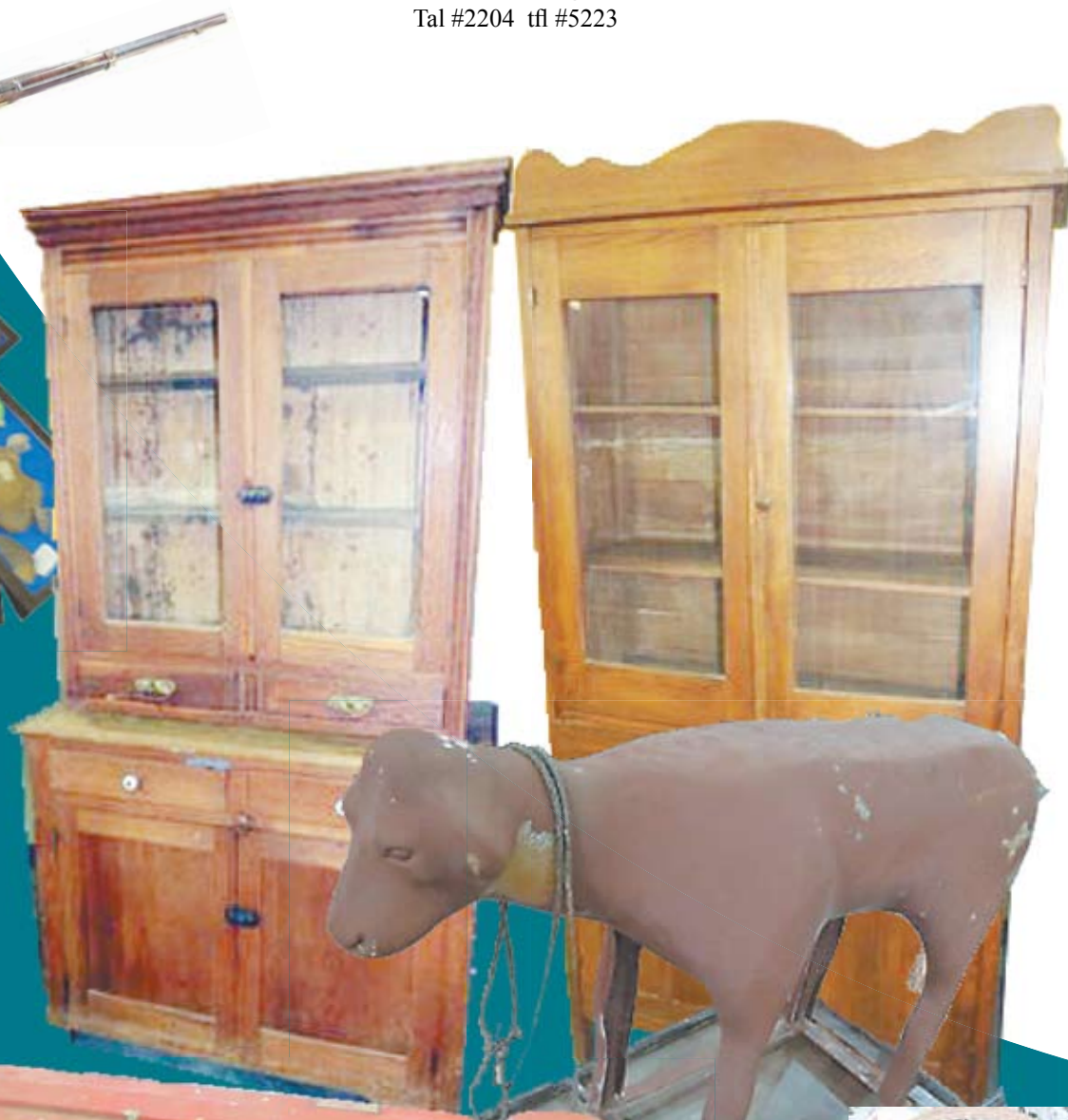
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