

Future of Old Knoxville High School postponed

By Focus Staff

When Knox County Commissioners meet this week they could decide several issues, including the \$ 22 million city-county TIF for public facilities at the old Baptist Hospital. They won't, however, be voting on the future of the Old Knoxville High School.

Not yet.

The postponement came in last

week's work session as the commissioners went over various items on the upcoming agenda. The proposed purchaser was present, and it at first appeared as if the notion would be passed on for a decision. Proponents of the idea, who want to purchase the school and renovate it for use as an assisted living facility spoke- but only after a motion to make a decision later

was introduced.

Commissioner Amy Broyles, who hosted a community meeting the night before with the developer and local citizens, moved to put off the vote "for a month" to allow more public input on the project. The public has expressed concern that senior housing might not be the best use of the facility.

Rick Dover, of Family Pride

Corporation who currently has the contract, spoke to the commissioners during the discussion, saying he would "do whatever it takes" to satisfy the wishes of the public. He said he has talked to the Knoxville High School Alumni about creating a museum on the first floor.

Dover told *The Focus* that there will be an elevator for residents of

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Gibbs Middle, teacher morale discussed at insight meeting

Administrators, Teachers, Students, and Public Discuss Five-Year Plan at at Knox County Schools 2020 Public Insight meeting

By David Klein

On Thursday night at Halls Elementary School, students, teachers, parents, and other members of the community came together at a public insight forum to discuss the progress of the Knox County Schools' five-year strategic plan and ideas for the next five-year strategic plan. The Knox County Schools Strategic Plan to improve Knox County schools began in 2009. Dr. Jim McIntyre, Knox County Schools Superintendent, highlighted areas that had improved, mentioned areas that still needed progress, and asked for input from the community at the beginning of the program for the next five-year plan called Knox County 2020. Following his remarks, the public broke off into small groups, discussing what is good, what is not good, and what is next. The community members came back at the end of the program to talk about what they had discussed.

Dr. McIntyre started the evening by addressing the crowd in the gym and highlighting how the five-year strategic plan had improved the schools and what changes are needed for the next five years. There were four main goals from the 2009 plan: focus on the students, effective educators, engaged parents and communities, and infrastructure to enable student learning. One of the things McIntyre said had been a focus for the goal of effective educators was to have great school principals and leaders for the future. Tied to that, was a developmental education program installed for teachers.

McIntyre also said in his comments that the schools have seen steady, academic progress. 79.2 percent of high school students graduated in 2008; in 2012, it was 90.6 percent.



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Halls Elementary School's gym was filled with parents and teachers for last Thursday's public insight meeting. The last Knox Schools 2020 Insight Session is scheduled for October 29 at Austin-East Magnet High School from 6 to 8 p.m.

"We've seen remarkable progress over the last five years," McIntyre said.

McIntyre said that three main themes have emerged to date from the Insight sessions. "Personalized learning has been one thing to emerge, making sure we meet the individual learning needs of each and everyone of our students," McIntyre said.

"Facilities and capital investments has been another emphasis, the interest that we have a safe, healthy, and inviting learning environment for all of our kids," he said.

"Third, investing in our people, recognizing that we have truly outstanding teachers and principals in our schools," he stressed.

McIntyre emphasized the need for these sessions: "I think it's

important we hear from our community, Getting those many voices engaged is really important."

After McIntyre's comments to the public in the gym, attendees broke off into small groups in classrooms to discuss what is good about the five-year strategic plan, what is not good, and what is next. Highlights of the good were faculty, the students, and the Common Core program, which is designed to make sure every student graduates high school prepared for college or the workplace. Tennessee is one of 45 states that have adopted the Common Core standards and has implemented it.

On the "what is not good" front, people mentioned the absence of a Gibbs Middle School since 1991. Another concern mentioned

was the lack of support for regular education students struggling with a particular area.

For the question of what is next, group facilitators asked for a consensus from the group as to three goals of what they would like to see happen in the next five years as part of the Knox Schools 2020 Strategic Plan. The number one desire the group would like to see is a Gibbs Middle School. This was also the top priority of the public at the end of the insight program session.

The small group's second goal is improving teacher morale. Less student testing and paperwork that interfere with a teacher's time to teach was mentioned as one way to improve morale.

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Inskip faces changes

By Mike Steely
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What do you do when your part of town is in the midst of change and growth?

Knoxville is a community of neighborhoods, and Inskip is wedged between other neighborhoods like Happy Hollow, Fountain City, and Powell. It's an old area, named for the Rev. Inskip who established camp meetings at what is now the Fountain City Park. Several years ago Inskip was a thinly populated north Knoxville area with houses, farms, and pasture.

Today Inskip is the second most highly dense neighborhood in the city and is growing quickly with houses, apartments, condos, and assisted living. The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) has looked at the area and suggested some changes in the future that include sidewalks and more restrictive zoning.

The proposed zoning changes have caught the eye of the Inskip Neighborhood Association, and some of the residents want a voice in what happens to their homes, streets, and community.

Last week, the association mailed out a newsletter to some 1,600 home owners inviting them to its regular meeting at Inskip Baptist Church. One estimate is that there are more than 3,000 residents in the community who live in multi-family dwellings like condos and apartments. About a dozen people attended the meeting and discussed the proposed zoning changes, safety, and neighborhood watches.

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Judicial Selection: The Tennessee Plan

Would it surprise you to hear that the majority of our appellate judges in Tennessee will be up for a "yes-no" retention election in August 2014? Voters may select whether or not to keep each judge listed on the ballot in office. Appellate judges include judges on the Court of Appeals, the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court. While voters may serve on jury duty or appear in front of a trial judge for a legal matter, members of the voting public have very little interaction with appellate judges. How do they know if the judges are doing a good job? Does anyone know?

Known as the "Tennessee Plan" since 1994, merit selection of judges has been a feature of the Tennessee judiciary since 1971. It began with the creation of the Appellate Court Nominating Commission by the Legislature which morphed over time into the Judicial Nominating Commission. That commission was terminated on June 30, 2012 and did no further business after its "sunset" on June 30 of this year. The members of the commission were appointed



By Sharon Frankenberg,
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by the speaker of the respective Houses from the public and from nominees offered by various bar groups. The statute required a conscious effort to balance geography, race and gender in the makeup of the commission. Nonlawyers were also included as members of the commission.

The function of the Tennessee Plan is to provide a screening process for all gubernatorial appointments of appellate judges and trial judges. More than 76 judges have been appointed under the Tennessee Plan's merit selection feature. After the judges had been appointed, formal judicial performance evaluations are provided by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission. This panel reviews the work of individual appellate judges and gives an opinion to voters as to whether or not they should be given new terms. This merit retention feature of the Tennessee Plan has proven to provide opportunities for women and ethnic and minority judges to prove their qualifications before being subject to election. It also reduces the impact

of partisan elections on the judiciary by keeping political money and advertising at a minimum. The retention election is not a just rubber stamp however. Former Supreme Court Justice Penny Jo White received a "no" vote that removed her from the bench.

On October 16, 2013, Governor Haslam issued Executive Order No. 34 establishing the Governor's Commission for Judicial Appointments which reinstates a version of the Judicial Nominating Commission. The Order states, "in order to sustain the third and equal branch of government and its continued operations, it is essential to continue to fill judicial vacancies with men and women of the highest caliber, who by temperament, ability and integrity will freely, impartially and independently interpret the laws and administer justice." As such, the Governor may continue to make judicial appointments and will continue to have possible judicial nominees available to him who have been interviewed and screened by his new commissioners. The new Commission for Judicial Appointments will be composed of the eleven incumbent members of the old Judicial Nominating Commission plus six new members appointed

by the Governor in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the Senate. This action by the Governor puts stability back in our judicial system which has felt stress from not knowing what would happen as judicial vacancies come open.

The Tennessee Plan is being challenged by a proposed constitutional amendment going before voters in 2014. The proposal would replace Tennessee's current plan of merit selection and retention elections with a system allowing the governor to appoint appellate judges, subject to legislative confirmation, followed by retention elections. As we get closer to the 2014 election, expect to hear much more about this proposed constitutional amendment.

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By Age	Yes	No	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	1
30-49	17.14%	82.86%	35
50-65	31.68%	68.32%	101
65+	24.12%	75.88%	199
Total	25.60% (86)	74.40% (250)	336

By District	Yes	No	Total
1	39.29%	60.71%	28
2	17.78%	82.22%	45
3	22.22%	77.78%	36
4	30.95%	69.05%	42
5	24.32%	75.68%	37
6	20.51%	79.49%	39
7	22.58%	77.42%	31
8	14.29%	85.71%	28
9	36.00%	64.00%	50
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By Gender	Yes	No	Total
Unknown	21.43%	78.57%	14
Female	25.97%	74.03%	154
Male	25.60%	74.40%	168
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Dwayne Miley was one of twenty Public Service employees who competed in an annual event designed to highlight skills and safety related to tree maintenance and arbor work last Wednesday. The Public Service Department is responsible for maintaining thousands of trees in City parks and rights-of-way, and for prompt and safe removal of limbs or trees after storms or other tree-damaging events.

Harold's Tours visits Northeast



A group of 54 enjoyed a fall trip to the beautiful Green Mountain range in Vermont and New Hampshire. The mountain foliage was splendid in its fall colors and the weather was absolutely perfect. Many natives said that this was the most beautiful and warmest fall in 10 years.

The group then traveled

to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to tour the farm lands and learn more about the Amish culture. Amish live a lifestyle of simplicity and practicality and believe the Bible to be the ultimate word of God. Their homes and farms are beautiful and well maintained. Their work ethic is to be admired as well as their belief in

helping one another in time of need.

The tour group also saw the Sight & Sound presentation of "NOAH." This was an incredible and awe inspiring production of Noah's obedience to God to build an Ark and fill it with a pair of all the existing animals before He sent the flood. You feel like you are in the middle of

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Publisher's Position

Clerk Flap Is Pure Politics



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Well, it looks like the 2014 election season has already begun.

The flap about innocent folks being arrested without cause is being laid at the doorstep of Criminal Court Clerk Joy McCroskey by much of the local media. They have likely been fed this information by a disgruntled (with McCroskey) prosecutor in the District Attorney's office and some disgruntled former employees. The timing of these allegations not coincidentally coincides with the announcement by Knox County Commissioner Mike Hammond that he is running for Criminal Court Clerk in 2014.

That would explain Hammond being

incessantly interviewed by local TV stations, as well as his interest in fanning the flames. Hammond says he will bring his own "expertise" to the office. Of course Mike Hammond has no real expertise to bring to the Criminal Court Clerk's office. Hammond is more a personality than an experienced businessman or manager. His tenure as a member of the Knox County Commission has been more about jumping on every media report or in front of every camera to maximize his own exposure than a record of real accomplishment.

Some have hysterically cried if someone could be arrested without cause, it could happen to anyone. In fact, it absolutely could not. Despite Hammond-friendly media stories to the contrary, every one of these cases involves people who have been arrested before and convicted. These cases involve people who owe Knox County money for fees involving their court cases. **The Criminal Court Clerk has no authority to arrest a field mouse, much less a person.** Sheriff Jimmy "J. J." Jones has been quick to

try and explain neither he nor his office is involved in any of the mistakes. Rather than trying to assess blame, everyone would be better off by simply sitting down and correcting the problem, if one really exists.

Last year the Criminal Court Clerk processed approximately 70,000 cases and five, nineteen or whatever number some sensationalist TV reporter comes up with is but a small fraction of a fraction and the fact is there is always the possibility of an honest mistake. To put it plain and simple in mathematical terms, it is .0002714 of one percent. And, I wouldn't be a bit surprised that once Ms. McCroskey gets to the bottom of all this, it will turn out to be an even smaller number, maybe even approaching 0%. I have known Criminal Court Clerk Joy McCroskey for many years and I can assure you that McCroskey is one of the few public officials who will readily acknowledge a mistake and immediately move to correct it. Unlike many other politicians, who simply want to point fingers at everybody else, Joy McCroskey is a hard-worker

and a fine public servant. She has never been one for self-promotion; she just focuses on her job.

County Commission Chairman Brad Anders has summoned Ms. McCroskey to appear before the Commission today. I believe Ms. McCroskey will appear before Commission and I believe she will have answers for them. But when Ms. McCroskey does appear, Mike Hammond should immediately recuse himself and leave the podium, because having announced his candidacy for McCroskey's office, for him to participate, in my opinion, would be a conflict of interest.

And speaking of Hammond, hold on to your hat. Hammond says he will try and keep any mistake from happening by improving technology in the Criminal Court Clerk's office, yet the County Commission has regularly cut the Clerk's budget. Ms. McCroskey would have liked to improve the technology as well, but the Commission, including Hammond, kept reducing her budget. According to McCroskey, she even had a difficult time getting new

office chairs to replace some that were falling apart and unsafe.

In terms of revenue, the Criminal Court Clerk's office must operate off the fees it collects, which has been increasingly difficult since the Tennessee General Assembly passed "tort reform," which allows people to claim they are indigent, therefore exempt from paying any kind of court fees. Keep that in mind when Hammond tries to tell you he will run the office like a business. What business ever had a 400% increase in the number of transactions it had to perform, do it with the same number of employees and couldn't charge anything for it as long as someone says they're indigent? Very few.

The simple fact is Mike Hammond is running, not to serve the public, but because he wants a job that pays well. Hammond was ready to give up public service entirely when he applied to take Gloria Ray's place at the Sports Corporation, which carried a fat salary with it as well. **Hammond is looking for a lucrative place to land and his service on**

the County Commission was largely as a rubber stamp for former Mayor Mike Ragsdale and Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre. It was Mike Hammond who, when trying to find the money to fund McIntyre's enormous budget request, suggested increasing BOTH the sales and property taxes. Hammond was stopped only when an outraged public made it clear they would not tolerate any such tax increases.

No pun intended, but to add insult to injury, the Sentinel and other media outlets are picking at Ms. McCroskey for having missed some work. They all failed to report the fact that she had to endure two major surgeries, one of which involved her spine. One would like to think that when he or she is sick or stricken with a grave illness or condition folks would be considerate and that our job would be there when we recover. Yet then again, vultures and jackals are not known for being especially considerate. Hammond's opportunism is not and will never be expertise!

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the assisted living facility along with other improvements. He also plans to keep the historic features of the building, and, going forward, will hold public meetings to get input from alumni and neighborhood citizens.

Broyles said she thinks the public "has been misinformed" and said that senior citizens are "appropriate neighbors for that part of town." Concerns also included the idea that an assisted living facility would be for low income or subsidized housing. Dover addressed that directly by stating that there's a need for more assisted living in the area for residents who have an income higher than the poverty level.

Some were opposed to the delay and called the recommendation to sell the school to Family Pride for \$500,000, which is above the estimated value, "a fair process." The appraised value of the school

is \$410,000.

"It has nothing to do with the process," Broyles said, adding that she feels there was not adequate time to vet the proposal.

Dewhirst Properties, one of the bidders for the site, promoted a residential unit concept many claim would have

brought younger people to the Fifth Avenue downtown building.

Dover said his plan calls for services to the seniors living there that would include, if they wished, on site meals, transportation, a support staff, a wellness center, salon, and other services all

paid for by the residents in a monthly rate.

"People are outliving their money," Dover said, explaining that his partnership with Southeast Housing in the project, would permit affordable living because the

partner is a nonprofit group and savings of financing the project could be passed on to residents.

It now appears there will be more public hearings on the matter leading up to a commission decision which

could come in their regular meeting in two weeks.

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Emergency Warning Under Consideration

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There's a storm coming to your neighborhood and you might be the first or last to know. Right now Knoxville and Knox County have no emergency warning systems and unless you have an automatic weather radio or are watching television there's no way you would know of a tornado, chemical spill, large neighborhood fire, or most other mass disasters.

That's the discussion going on at the Knoxville Commission and will be on the agenda during today's meeting. If the \$29,768.10

contract is awarded you may be notified by internet or on your telephone if something is headed your way.

If approved, the Commission would hire the Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems to provide the service, which would be administered through the 911 system. The agreement would authorize one year's service with a possible extension for up to five years.

Andrew Labahn, Regional Sales Manager for Federal Signal, said that Knox County residents would take part voluntarily by enrolling on an internet web site.

Gibbs Middle, teacher morale discussed

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Frank Hawkey, a Central High School teacher who teaches a career technical education (CTE) class that emphasizes heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and electronics, emphasized the paperwork impeding teaching time.

"To have less paperwork would benefit my students better, and I would feel I would do more teaching," Hawkey said. "Teachers are doing less and less teaching and more and more paperwork; that affects my morale."

The third goal the group

chose to put of what they would like to see next, is expanding the career preparation opportunities for those students who choose not to go to a traditional college after graduation. Hawkey, as a CTE teacher, said this was his main reason for coming to the Insight Sessions. "I want to make sure CTE gets voiced and heard," Hawkey said. "There are a lot of issues across the board. I don't feel like CTE has been mentioned. The focus has been on colleges and universities and AP classes and less and less

on CTE. There's contractors out there looking for workers and we're not supplying it to them," he emphasized.

At the end of the session, where groups came back together and mentioned their ideas for the next five-year strategic plan, building a Gibbs Middle School was the number one priority for all of the groups. Dr. McIntyre responded to this when asked about it after the session was over. "I'm open to hearing a variety of perspectives and insights," he said. "We want to make that we're listening and

Inskip faces changes

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Maps of the proposed changes were available and most of those attending liked the idea of rezoning most of the area for R-1, or single family housing. One objected to the changes and indicated he would oppose the idea.

The Inskip Association will also invite area residents to come to a planning commission presentation at the Baptist Church at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 4th to hear the MPC proposal... which could result in a decision on November 14th.

In recent months, signage with the "I" logo along street and community sign began to appear throughout the area. Betty Jo Mahan, a community leader, told those present last week that several other plans are underway including painting the pavement to connect Inskip Elementary with the Inskip Pool and Park and the Inskip Recreation Center. Cherry Trees were planted at the pool, participating in the Food

Assurance program, and promoting the use of the Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center. The association hopes the newsletter will inform people of the efforts.

The promotion of the R-1 single family zoning is in the forefront of the effort.

"This may be the way to target people to become involved with our neighborhood association," said Anita Chase. The newsletter was prepared in English and Spanish. Mrs. Chase said the area is becoming bi-lingual and is encouraging Spanish speaking residents to become involved.

Community leaders in the Inskip Neighborhood association include Betty Jo Mahan, Bob and Anita Chase, and Mike Segers. Anyone interested in the association or attending the upcoming November 4th Zoning presentation can find the association on Facebook. Mrs. Mahan can be emailed at bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org.

giving every idea consideration."

The last Knox Schools 2020 Insight Session is scheduled for October 29 at Austin-East Magnet High School from 6 to 8 p.m. Once the Insight Sessions are completed, Knox County Schools will host two feedback sessions presenting findings and public feedback from the October Insight Sessions. Those sessions are scheduled November 14 at Gresham Middle School and November 21 at Bearden High School. Both sessions last 6 to 8 p.m.

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Human trafficking awareness event coming to Knoxville



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We don't often think of Knoxville and human trafficking, or slavery, but like many cities it is present and, for the most part, little is known about it. People in our midst are being forced into prostitution, slave labor, or worse.

"In July of 2010, a Knoxville man admitted to employing 400

female escorts to perform sex acts for cash," FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Knoxville field office told *The Focus*.

Some 80% of the trafficked victims across national borders are women and children. It's estimated that some 100,000 children are victimized through prostitution in the United States each year. Objectors maintain that East Tennessee is a prime

location to set up such a shop.

"Knoxville is one of those places because of the inter-states. Atlanta is a hub of it," said Pam Cantrell of Cantrell's Heating and Air. Her company is a sponsor of the "Run for Their Lives" event, to be held on January 11, 2014, and is looking for people to get involved now. The event will feature a 5K Run/

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Mac loves to cook

By Mike Steely
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Mac Aklouk has been in the restaurant business for 26 years, operating places like Oscar's on Cumberland Avenue. For the last five years he's owned and operated Mama Mia Cuisine on Executive Park Drive near Cedar Bluff and I-40.

Why would someone with a degree in Marketing from the University of Tennessee get into the restaurant business?

"It's something I love to do. I love to cook," he said.

"When you own your own business and you cook for your customers, you make it right," he explained. "There is a trick to pizza, what you put in it so that every piece tastes the same."

"I make everything myself, the sauce, the dough. I don't believe in anything in cans," he told *The Focus*. "I buy only quality ingredients."

Mama Mia features not only Italian but Mediterranean entrees as well, everything from a Falafel Platter to Iskender Shawarma, to pastas, fried pickles, loaded fries and Hummus Dip. Their Calzones are noted not only for the taste but also for their size.

"No one can finish a calzone alone by themselves," Mac said, adding "they eat it for lunch and then for dinner."

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Mac Aklouk of Mama Mia Cuisine.

Rev. Harold A. Middlebrook Sr. Honored At Urban League Gala

The Rev. Harold A. Middlebrook Sr., an iconic civil rights figure, received the prestigious Whitney M. Young Jr. Lifetime Achievement award at the Knoxville Area Urban League's Equal Opportunity Awards Gala at the Knoxville Convention Center.

"I am grateful to all of those who have come before me, who have struggled," Dr. Middlebrook said Thursday when accepting the award. "Many have given their lives that we might be able to sit in this place, in this hour and share together without regard to our race, our religion or our background."

Dr. Middlebrook, 71, a close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., witnessed King's death at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis in 1968. He has dedicated his life to serving as a civil rights leader. Dr. Middlebrook led campaigns for voter registration and employment equality, helped to form the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

He moved to Knoxville in 1977 to become pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. In 1980, Dr. Middlebrook became the founding pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ and has served the church for decades, while continuing to lead the civil rights movement on a local, regional and national level.

"We are so grateful for everything Harold Middlebrook has done for the civil rights movement," said Knoxville Area Urban League CEO Phyllis Nichols. "From Memphis and Atlanta in his youth to Knoxville for 36 years, he has been a blessing to each community he served."

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious of all Urban League awards and is not presented every year. It is named in honor of the fourth executive director of the National Urban League, Whitney M. Young Jr., who served from 1961 to 1971.



Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook Sr., center, received the Whitney M. Young Lifetime Achievement Award at the Knoxville Area Urban League Equal Opportunities Awards Gala on Thursday, Oct. 24. Knoxville Area Urban League CEO Phyllis Nichols, left, and Gov. Bill Haslam, right, presented Middlebrook with the prestigious award.

Past winners include Love Kitchen sisters Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner in 2011; and author, historian and former legislator Robert Booker in 2008.

The annual gala is a major fundraiser for the Knoxville Area Urban League and honors community members who have made a significant impact in three categories: Volunteer of the Year, Minority Business and Corporate Leadership. Those winners, respectively, were Alexis L. Goetz of Enterprise Holdings; Helping Hands Home Assistance; and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

The event always provides top-flight entertainment, and this year's featured musical guest was jazz artist Boney James. The saxophonist, songwriter, producer

and three-time Grammy Award nominee has sold more than three million records. Eight of his 12 albums went to No.1 on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Chart.

The Knoxville Area Urban League, founded in 1968 and an affiliate of the National Urban League, promotes equal opportunities for African-Americans and disadvantaged others. There are more than 100 affiliates of the National Urban League located in 35 states and the District of Columbia providing direct services to more than 2 million people nationwide through programs, advocacy and research.

For more information on the Knoxville Area Urban League and its programs, call 865-524-5511 or visit <http://www.thekaul.org>.

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Unemployment mine field

Since the demise of the U.S. economy in 2008, too many Americans have lost their jobs. In Tennessee 424,000 parents have lost them, and that number doesn't include the people who



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are no longer looking for work. (Kids Count Data Center)

It's a sad situation, one that breaks the hearts, hopes, and spirits of those affected. However, something even

worse is now occurring to folks who lose jobs in the state. They aren't able to file for unemployment due to a system that rivals the mess in the Affordable Care Act.

An acquaintance recently lost her job, and she began the filing procedure that same day. Later, she received confirmation that

her application had been received. The next thing she was to do was to keep a log of jobs for which she applied. Then the state required her to confirm her unemployment status weekly.

The woman did as the website instructed, but to her surprise, a message came that the information had not been filed in a timely manner. Confused, she placed a call to the state 800 number provided on the website. To her dismay, she was told that no one was available to take her call. Days and repeated phone calls later, she continued trying to find help, finally contacted a local office, and talked with a sympathetic worker. However, that person offered little help and less hope. It seems that all unemployment filings are done on-line or on the phone. The workers who used to help with claims have been let go. The folks there are not trained to do the job but diligently attempt to help. The result is that individuals in need are unable to file for or to receive unemployment compensation. They are trying to navigate an unemployment mine field.

If you look at the situation, it would appear that the Tennessee State

government is making the process hard to discourage people from filing. Oh, I suppose it does look good when the pols can brag about the low numbers on the unemployment roles, but for those in need of some short-term help to pay bills, buy groceries, and purchase medicines, the situation isn't so rosy. If this were the end of the story, it would be a disgrace, but things are even worse.

In April, 2013, a report appeared in The Tennessean about mistaken payments.

"People are dying to get unemployment benefits in Tennessee."

Since July 2011, for instance, at least seven people who had died were issued unemployment checks by the state of Tennessee, to the tune of about \$12,000 in unemployment payments."

That's evidently just the tip of the unemployment iceberg.

"But it's not just the deceased that a state audit found were being paid benefits by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. It also found that 24 state employees were getting paid unemployment benefits - while still working for the state of Tennessee."

Those findings were

among several alarming entries in a scathing audit detailing the overpayment of about \$73 million in jobless benefits and other systemic problems with the state's unemployment system."

Okay, let's see if I have this correct: dead folks can draw unemployment and working folks can get unemployment. It's just those who are without a job but with a legitimate claim that don't seem to be able to break through the tangle in order to get the funds that they need.

Not a single Tennessean should listen to another word about the poorly managed health insurance program. Yes, it is all screwed up, but closer to home is a program in just as bad a condition, and the very people who could have helped it run efficiently have been let go.

The good governor of the state needs to address this situation and bring some immediate relief to thousands out of the workforce who are fighting a jumbled mess. I laud the state's efforts to keep the national parks open during the recent assault on the government, but I would give greater praise for an unemployment program that met the needs of those displaced from their jobs.

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Human trafficking awareness event coming to Knoxville

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Walk called "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes."

"A lot of the victims are prostitutes in massage parlors or walking the streets," she said, adding that some are underage children or young women.

"Some arrive here and their passports are taken away, their families are threatened, and they are enslaved," she added. "God just placed it on my heart."

Registration to take part in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" 5K Run/Walk can be

done the day of the January 11th event, but Pam wants people to know they can register now.

"29.8 million people are sex or slave labor worldwide, it's a \$32 billion industry," Pam added with a sense of urgency.

January 11th is "National Human Trafficking Awareness Day" and local supporters of the "Run for Their Lives" event hope to bring public focus to the problem. There are various levels of sponsorship for organizations and businesses available, ranging from \$250 to \$10,000. The January event is the first time the event will be held in Knoxville. By promoting it early the advocates hope for a great response to the often overlooked subject. Anyone interested can call Pam at (865) 688-9858, Beth Brinson, Race Director, at (865) 567-6816, or email bethbrinson@tds.net.

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Part Two: Tennessee's Old Gray Fox Albert Gore

Pages from
the Political
Past



By Ray Hill

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In 1938, Albert Gore defeated a host of opponents to go to Washington as the Fourth District's Congressman. Gore had long idolized a former Congressman from the Fourth District, Cordell Hull. Hull had known Gore's father quite well and lived in Carthage when in Tennessee. Gore would frequently visit whenever Hull had finished dictating his mail and wandered down to the courthouse square after lunch. When Gore first went to Washington, Hull was Secretary of State in the Franklin Roosevelt administration. Gore had lost none of his admiration and respect for Hull and came to view the stately Tennessean as his mentor.

Despite his admiration for Cordell Hull, Albert Gore quickly displayed a maverick streak that would remain with him throughout his political career. Gore did not approve of Franklin Roosevelt's attempt to purge the Democratic Party of those senators who had opposed FDR's efforts to enlarge the

United States Supreme Court. Gore's displeasure with Roosevelt's court packing plan may very well have had a local angle, as the Congressman-Elect was critical of Tennessee's powerful senior United States Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, as well as E. H. Crump, McKellar's political partner and the leader of the Shelby County machine. Gore did not like the fact the Roosevelt administration placed nearly all the Federal patronage in the hands of Senator McKellar.

The two major rival factions in Tennessee politics at that time were the McKellar - Crump alliance and Gordon Browning, who was titular head of the alliance opposed to the McKellar - Crump rule. Gore had been affiliated with the faction headed by Governor Gordon Browning and he would remain independent of the McKellar - Crump influence. Relations between Congressman Gore and Senator McKellar were never especially warm, although they remained polite enough.

Gore later recalled when he first ran for Congress he encountered opposition from "the Federal crowd," which was led by Senator McKellar.

The new Congressman learned a valuable political lesson when he was first invited to visit the White House by President Franklin Roosevelt. Gore,



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Albert Gore, 1950

thinking he would use the opportunity to point out to the president some flaws in pending legislation supported by the administration, found himself the victim of FDR's legendary charm. Roosevelt, as usual, dominated the conversation and Congressman Gore found himself seduced by the president's lecture on the need to help American farmers and workers.

In organizing his Congressional office, Gore put his wife Pauline on the payroll. Doubtless Mrs. Gore worked hard and was quite efficient and knew the district and it was by no means an uncommon practice in Congress at the time. Still, Gore never drew the same kind of attention for nepotism that Senator McKellar did. Years later, Gore's predecessor in Congress, old J. Ridley Mitchell, denounced Gore for nepotism. While in Congress, Mitchell had long been a critic of the practice of nepotism.

As a freshman Congressman, Gore made little impression on the House, although he did find himself in a spat with one of the most senior Democrats in the House of Representatives, Congressman Sol Bloom. Gore had wanted to help a resident of his district get a job as a Capitol police officer.

Congressmen and senators frequently sought such jobs for constituents, especially young men who were ambitious to work while attending

one of the prestigious Washington-area law schools. Bloom was, to put it mildly, not receptive to Gore's request. Albert Gore yet again proved to be both industrious and shrewd and chose the perfect moment to bedevil the New York Congressman.

Bloom was very protective of the World Fair, which was in New York City. The director of the World's Fair had apparently made the mistake of promising more funding for those European countries participating in the Fair. Unfortunately, the money would have to be approved by Congress and Gore enlisted the aid of other freshmen members of Congress to lard the funding bill with pork. Gore's strategy worked and his constituent was put to work on the Capitol police force.

Albert Gore demonstrated persistence and determination when he felt strongly about a subject and his opposition to a Roosevelt administration housing bill did not sit well with Democratic leaders in the House. Gore wanted to speak to the bill, but the leaders of his own party refused to give him time. Undeterred, Gore sought out Joe Martin, the Republican leader in the House of Representatives. Most Republicans were naturally opposing the housing bill as well and Martin was delighted to give the Tennessee Congressman time to speak on the floor.

By all accounts, Gore's

speech was widely considered to be effective and may have actually changed some minds before the vote was taken, a rarity indeed in Congress. Gore derided the bill as a boondoggle, which would cost far more than the \$800 million requested by the Roosevelt administration. When he had concluded his talk, many members of the House stood up to give Gore a rousing ovation, a rare tribute to the young Congressman's speaking ability and reasoning. The Roosevelt administration lost on a vote of the House, which likely did not endear Albert Gore to President Roosevelt at the time.

As a Member of Congress, Albert Gore concentrated on working hard for his district, tending to the various matters and requests a Congressman receives routinely. Gore habitually congratulated constituents on the arrival of new babies, as well as sending along his best wishes to newlyweds. Gore was himself the recipient of such a letter from Senator McKellar on the birth of his son Albert, Jr.

While tending to the home folks, Gore also managed to be involved in a wide variety of issues coming before the Congress. Gore was a staunch supporter of the reciprocal treaties negotiated by Cordell Hull's State Department. Hull was himself somewhat obsessed with tariff issues throughout his time in Washington and

Gore also lent his support to the foreign policy of Franklin Roosevelt and Secretary Hull.

Albert Gore moved throughout his district at a frenetic pace, attending all sorts of events and initiated a radio program to inform his constituents about the issues facing the country. Gore's efforts paid off politically, as he was unchallenged for reelection in the 1940 Democratic primary, the only contest that mattered in the Fourth Congressional district. Gore was popular inside his own district, winning renomination by a bigger margin than any other Democratic Congressman in the State of Tennessee that year. Gore's 36,000 plus votes in the primary even exceeded the complimentary vote given Congressman Cliff Davis in the Crump domain of Shelby County.

It was an impressive performance, especially considering Tennessee politics was then dominated by Senator K. D. McKellar and Edward Hull Crump of Memphis. Senator McKellar was reelected that year to a fifth term in the United States Senate and Governor Prentice Cooper was reelected to a second two-year term as Tennessee's chief executive.

Congressman Gore was soon engaged in defending perhaps the most important New Deal agency in the Volunteer State: the Tennessee Valley Authority. The 1938 elections had

reduced the enormous majority enjoyed by Democrats following Franklin Roosevelt's landslide reelection in 1936. A coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans were a constant threat to additional appropriations for the TVA and Gore, along with most of Tennessee's Congressional delegation, fought hard to preserve and protect TVA. While Senator Kenneth McKellar's feud with TVA Director David Lilienthal has become legendary, Congressman Gore himself later admitted that it was McKellar's power and influence in the Senate that oftentimes saved the TVA appropriations. McKellar was frequently referred to as "the rich uncle of TVA" and in interviews following his defeat for the Senate in 1970, Gore generously gave Senator McKellar credit for being successful in providing funding for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Despite Congressman Gore's modesty about his success in protecting the TVA, he proved to be a resourceful advocate for the agency.

Albert Gore again proved his political independence when he opposed a price control bill that would give even more power to Leon Henderson, a Roosevelt appointee who exercised considerable control over the home front economics. Gore disliked the bill intensely and responded by drafting his own legislation. With the power of the Roosevelt administration, in the midst of a world war, Gore's proposal had little chance of success, but he persisted nonetheless. Gore's own opinion of Henderson was shared by Senator McKellar, who thought too much power had been reposed in a non-elected official.

Albert Gore was in Tennessee when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Congressman Gore was scheduled to speak on the radio from Nashville and naturally his topic had changed with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Gore lambasted the Japanese and told his constituents to prepare for war. Following his broadcast, Gore hurried back to Washington where he joined his colleagues in listening to a somber Franklin Delano Roosevelt give his famous speech asking the Congress for a declaration of war against the Axis powers.

During the hysteria of World War II, many politicians supported the notion of interning Japanese Americans for the duration of the war. Tennessee's junior U. S. Senator Tom Stewart had such a bill, but President Roosevelt issued an Executive Order, which accomplished the internment. Congressman Gore supported FDR's decision enthusiastically.



**Rosie's
World**

October

I think if I were to take a poll of what is a person's favorite season in our monthly walk through the year; I would get a host of replies. There are many who would say, "spring" for who doesn't like the re-awakening of the earth after a cold and icy winter? There are more than many who would say, "summer" because who doesn't like hazy, hot days when you can

swim, camp, cavort on the beach, wallow in the sunshine? I don't think there are too many who would say, "winter", unless you are a ski enthusiast in Vermont or Gatlinburg, even though winter has the favorite holiday of the year.

And then there's autumn. Nothing can compare to it, to the dazzling array of brightly colored leaves and the cool mornings and warm afternoons, when Nature takes a deep breath to prepare itself for the winter days ahead.

She does this very methodically, gathering up her dying shrubs and flowers, making sure that they are serenely coddled away until the earth re-awakens in the spring. Here are some interesting facts about this glorious month. In common years January starts on the same day of the week as October, but no other month starts on the same day of the week as October in leap years. October ends on the same day of the week as February every year. In common years

October starts on the same day of the week as May of the previous year, while in leap years, October ends on the same day of the week as August and November of the previous year. In years immediately before common years, October ends on the same day of the week as July of the previous year while years immediately before leap years, October ends on the same day of the week as April and December of the following year.

Are you confused? I know

I am. Not to be outdone, October ends her month with a holiday filled with laughter, funny outfits, and scary costumes, pumpkin faces and scarecrow dummies and lots of sweet stuff. No better way to end a month that is known for colorful displays of natural beauty. It also commemorates the most beautiful song for autumn:

"The falling leaves, drift by my window..."

The autumn leaves of red and gold.

I see your lips, the summer

kisses,

The sunburned hand I used to hold.

Since you went away, the days grow long,

And soon I'll hear old winter's song.

But I miss you most of all, my darling,

When autumn leaves begin to fall."

Thought for the day: The time you enjoy wasting, is not wasted time. Bertrand Russell

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you

150th Anniversary of the Siege Of Knoxville to be commemorated

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable and the City of Knoxville will celebrate the Civil War Sesquicentennial by presenting the KCWRT's signature event, Fort Dickerson Civil War Weekend, at Fort Dickerson Park. Join with local historians, authors and Civil War reenacting units as we celebrate veterans, past and present. This event commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Siege of Knoxville.

Step back in time and witness Knoxville in 1863. Tour the soldiers' camps, experience the cannons roar and witness the battles pitting neighbor against neighbor. Hear the eye witness account from Ellen Renshaw House as Federal troops occupied Knoxville, as shot and shell rained down on our fair city.

This event is free to the public and sponsored by the City of Knoxville,

Parks and Recreation Department and hosted by the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable. Fort Dickerson Park is located just off Chapman Highway in South Knoxville at 3000 Fort Dickerson Road.

The Civil War Weekend will run from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, November 9, and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Sunday, November 10. Activities will include living history campsites, infantry drilling and firing, a Civil War medical and surgical exhibit, ladies fashions, battle reenactments, cannon firings, and much more. Visitors are invited to park for free at Disc Exchange across from Shoneys on Chapman Highway, where they can ride a free shuttle to Fort Dickerson.

Fort Dickerson is the last remaining publicly accessible fortification of the sixteen original fortifications and battery positions

surrounding Knoxville during the Civil War. It was one of three constructed upon the heights across the Holston (now Tennessee) River from Knoxville, the other two being Fort Stanley and Fort Higley.

The middle fort was named for Captain Jonathan C. Dickerson, 112th Illinois Mounted Infantry, who was killed in action near Cleveland Tennessee.

For more information on this event as well as Civil War History in Knoxville, go to <http://kcwrt.weebly.com>

More information about the Fort Dickerson Civil War Weekend can also be obtained by contacting: Event Coordinators Perry Hill at 865-250-9144, Laura Reagan at reagan-seceash@aol.com and George Lane at 414-1527 or at geohlane@gmail.com.



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Bonny Kate Elementary celebrated its coupon book sales earlier this month with an awards ceremony on which top seller Jaycie Clapp was recognized and principal Brenda Norriss was duct taped to the wall. Each student was able to place a strip of colored duct tape on the principal.

25 years of Coupon Books celebrated with additional savings

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Knox County Schools Coupon Book this year, close to 75 merchants in the book are offering extra discounts on the 25th of every month through August 2014, in addition to their generous offers listed on their coupons. The next opportunity to take advantage of these extra discounts is Monday, Nov. 25.

Coupons of participating merchants are marked with a special "25th Anniversary

Special Offer" tab, and coupon-book owners can scan the QR code in the book to discover the extra discounts. (The monthly discounts also are listed at <http://25.knoxschools.org>.) When shopping at the participating merchants on the 25th of each month, coupon-book owners simply show their coupon book at the cash register to receive the extra discounts.

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Maryville Uses Quick Plays, Stifling Defense to Dominate Bulldogs

By David Klein

Flashes of lightning. That was what the Maryville offense was like Friday night against the visiting Bearden Bulldogs. The Rebels flashed their lightning strikes early and often against the Bulldogs, scoring their first three touchdowns in under three minutes on the way to a 51-0 victory. It was like a tornado and a snowstorm had struck the Bulldogs at the same time. Such is the impact of the Rebels' big play offense. On Maryville's first drive of the game, they went right down the field in four plays. Running back Shawn Prevo powered the Rebels on the drive with three runs,

ending it with a 1-yard touchdown run. The drive took just 57 seconds. After a 3-and-out by the Bulldogs, Maryville got the ball back and scored even faster. The three-play drive took only 33 seconds, and quarterback John Garrett threw a 16-yard touchdown to Cody Carroll. It was 14-0 Rebels with 8:45 left in the first quarter. Bearden had some success on its next drive but couldn't finish. It drove the ball to the Rebels' 39-yard line, but had to punt on fourth-and-six. Five plays later, Maryville was in the end zone again, this time on a 51-yard touchdown run by Garrett, who ran the ball straight up the

middle and broke several tackles. This touchdown took a little longer at 1:16, but the Rebels had scored three touchdowns in under three minutes to lead 21-0. Maryville only stopped themselves on the night. The first way the Rebels stopped themselves was a fumble just after the start of the second quarter. However, Bearden still could not move the ball on offense. Maryville made the Bulldogs pay with a four play, 70-yard touchdown drive. Garrett found Carroll wide open on a 39-yard play action touchdown pass. It was Carroll's second touchdown catch of the game and put the Rebels up 28-0.

This drive took just 1:28. The Rebels tacked on a last second 34-yard field goal just before halftime to lead 31-0 at the break. Maryville had 249 yards rushing and 31 points in just 8:20 of possession time by halftime. Following a missed 36-yard Bearden field goal to start the second half, Maryville scored in three plays on Jaylen Burgess' 33-yard catch. Burgess took a short screen pass the distance for a 37-0 Rebel lead, and the mercy rule began with continuous clock running. Maryville was going on another drive at the beginning of the fourth quarter and backup quarterback Tyler Vaught looked like he was going

to score on a long run. But the Bulldogs' Isaiah McDaniel ripped the ball right out of his hands and ran the ball back 40 yards into Rebel territory. The Bulldogs had a chance to convert on the turnover, but they committed one of their own when Xavier Johnson threw an interception to the Rebels' Josh Yoakum. The Rebels had the ball at their own 3-yard line, but it didn't matter. The Rebels went down the field in four plays, scoring on a Jaylen Nickerson 7-yard touchdown for a 44-0 lead. Drake Martin added a 96-yard interception return for a touchdown for the Rebels to thwart Bearden's best chance to score with

under two minutes left. That made the final score 51-0 Maryville. "I saw the receiver come out and I read the quarterback going to that side and I bit on his throw, came up and the ball came right in my arms," Martin said. "Defensively I thought we were strong all night. Anytime you get a shut-out that's good," Maryville Head Coach George Quarles said. "If we can go 10-0, that I think that would give us a number one seed for the playoffs (and home field advantage)," he added. Maryville is 9-0 on the year and faces Farragut next week for the District 4AAA regular season championship.

Farragut struggles to earn win, playoff spot

By Ken Lay

Nothing has come easily this season for Farragut High School's football team and that didn't change Friday night. But the Admirals persevered and prevailed in a 30-22 District 4-AAA victory over William Blount on a chilly late-October night at Bill Clabo Field. The hard-earned win netted the Admirals (6-3 overall, 5-1 in the district) a playoff berth. "I'm really glad with the way our guys responded," Farragut coach Eddie Courtney said. "We were 2-3 going into our bye

week and now we've won four in a row and those are all district games. "This was really big for these guys." The Admirals took a 3-0 lead on a 42-yard field goal by sophomore Carter Phillipy midway through the opening stanza before the Governors (2-7, 1-5) scored 14 unanswered points to open an 11-point lead by quarter's end. Peyton Otis gave William Blount a 7-3 lead with a 20-yard scoring scamper with 2 minutes, 30 seconds remaining in the frame and

quarterback Reed Daniels scored on a 35-yard scamper in the waning seconds for the Governors, who edged Farragut last year in Maryville. "This was a battle," Courtney said. "If you look back through the years, William Blount has always played us tough. The games have always been physical. "They're a physical bunch of players." The Admirals withstood William Blount's first punch and responded by scoring 13 points in the second quarter. Tanner Thomas had a

pair of rushing touchdowns in the frame. His 1-yard plunge pulled Farragut to within 14-9. Phillipy missed the extra point but the Admirals would reclaim the lead on Thomas' 4-yard run, which made the score 16-14 late in the first half. In the third quarter, things really got crazy. Farragut was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct after halftime for returning to the field late. Otis kicked off from the Admirals' 45-yard line and successfully executed an onside kick. The Gobs recovered at the

Farragut 34 and engineered an eight-play scoring drive. Daniels capped things off with a 1-yard scoring run to put William Blount up 20-14. The visitors converted a 2-point conversion to open an eight-point advantage with 8:52 remaining in the third quarter. The Admirals, who host Maryville in the regular-season finale Friday night, answered less than two minutes later when quarterback Bryan Phillips connected with Billy Williams on a 53-yard scoring strike at the 7:57 mark.

Farragut closed out the scoring when Phillips hooked up with Aaron Suadi on a 32-yard score midway through the fourth quarter. The Governors had a chance to tie the game but Landon Footy sacked Daniels late to end the threat. Thomas had another stellar effort as he rushed for 166 yards but Otis matched his performance by rushing for 167 yards on 22 carries. Otis eclipsed the 1,000-yard plateau for the season.

Battle of 9-0 powers Fulton and Carter is this week

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asking for, and what you've been wishing for. Better enjoy it (the win over Grainger) while you can tonight and Saturday. Come Sunday, the focus will be on Fulton." Woods called Fulton "a well-oiled machine. They look pretty dog-gone good. I saw them on TV one time this season. They were hitting on all cylinders. "Based on the number of big plays they've had and we've had this season, I think this should be a big-play game also." In Fulton's ninth win – a 61-28 victory over Christian County in Hopkinsville, Ky., last week – the Falcons' first touchdown marked the 28th possession in a row they had scored. The incredible scoring streak ended when they had to punt on their second possession. It was only Fulton's fourth punt of the season. Daryl Rollins-Davis amassed 333 yards of total offense, five TDs and a pair of two-point conversion runs in the out-of-state win. Tucker Greene, senior standout for Carter, scored three touchdowns – each in a different way – and the Hornets scored on every offensive possession but one in their win over Grainger. Greene hauled in a 3-yard TD pass from quarterback Jonathan Freeman, tallied on a 6-yard run from scrimmage and had a pick

six interception return that covered 56 yards. **BUSY AS CAN BEE:** Just when you think Hank Black has done about everything you can do on the football field, he does something else. In Carter's win over Gatlinburg-Pittman on Oct. 18, the versatile Hornet had a quick kick in the opening quarter. The old-school maneuver came on third-and-3 at the G-P 43-yard line. The 31-yard quick kick backed up the Highlanders to their 12-yard line. In addition to being Carter's punter, Black is a junior wide receiver, defensive back, place-kicker and punt returner.

ANTONIO'S ABSENCE: Carter all-star linebacker Antonio Brabson has been sidelined since suffering a dislocated wrist in the Pigeon Forge game on Sept. 6. The 6-2, 205-pound senior, who says he has committed to Austin Peay, hopes to return to action in the first round of the playoffs.

TITLE IMPLICATIONS: Other games this week involving local teams that could determine a championship include Sevier County at South-Doyle (2-AAA), Maryville at Farragut (4-AAA), Catholic at Alcoa (4-AA) and Rockwood at unbeaten Grace Christian Academy (3-A). Anderson County can clinch the 3-AAA title with a win at Oak Ridge

in Thursday night's TV game. If Oak Ridge prevails, the Ridgers will need Powell to defeat Campbell County on Friday. If Oak Ridge and Campbell County win, the crown goes to the Cougars.

MUST WIN: Powell Coach Tobi Kilgore says his Panthers have to beat Campbell County this week to make the playoffs. "Campbell County is a huge game for us," pointed out Kilgore. "It is an absolute must win to get in the playoffs. Justin and Matt Price have done a great job at Campbell County ... They are bringing a very talented and extremely well-coached team to Powell and it will be difficult for us to win this game if we do not control the clock and eliminate big plays."

FOR THE RECORD: After its 34-7 win last week, Webb School now has a 31-14 won-loss record in its football series against Catholic since 1960. The Spartans and Irishmen did not play each other in 1960 through 1962, or in 1970 and '71 or 1993 through 1996. Webb was 17-4 in the rivalry from 1972 through 1992. Catholic's best stretch in the series was seven consecutive wins, starting in 2002. Webb now owns a five-game win streak over its longtime rival.

After bowling, how about some dancing?

Just like Tennessee's football program is trying to end a bowl drought this season, the basketball Vols are aiming to make it back to the NCAA tournament.

I'm not going to say Cuonzo Martin is on the hot seat, but it is very important for him to be dancing come March.

Another trip to the NIT would create a lot of grumbling among the fan base, particularly with former coach Bruce Pearl still in town and eligible to start coaching again.

Athletic director Dave Hart's phone would be ringing off the hook.

Local sports talk radio show hosts would have a coaching controversy on their hands.

Bring Back Bruce might even go up on a billboard.

Cuonzo is a good coach, a good man and a good leader of young men. But in today's collegiate sports world, unfortunately, that may not be enough. Victories and championships are what sustain coaching careers.

Winning is important to Coach Martin, too. And on paper, heading into the fast-approaching 2013-14 basketball season, this should be a very successful season for the Vols.

For the record, I'm pulling for him. I'm hoping he wins enough games and championships to be our coach for many years.

As for the UT women's program, it's still a little hard to believe Pat Summitt isn't the head coach. She had been a fixture on the Tennessee sports scene for so long, a pioneer for the women's game and one of our country's greatest coaches of all time. I hope Head Coach Emeritus is not just a title, and she's doing well and is still able to contribute to the great program she built over the years.

Longtime assistant Holly Warlick took over and did a Pat-type job (I couldn't think of a better adjective) in her first season as head coach last year. I admit, after that season-opening loss at Chattanooga, Holly exceeded my expectations. The Lady Vols, in fact, exceeded a lot of folks' expectations as they won the SEC regular

season championship, after being predicted to finish fifth. They advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tourney before falling to Louisville.

But as much as I was impressed with what Coach Warlick accomplished on the court, I admire her even more for how she's handled the coaching transition with such class and respect for Coach Summitt.

The Lady Vols' program is still in good hands.

There's still a lot of football to be played, but the long basketball season will be tipping off in just a few days.

The "exhibition season" begins this coming weekend. The Vols' first pre-season game, against Florida Southern, will be Saturday afternoon at 1 at warm and comfortable Thompson-Boling Arena. UT fans will have time to check out Cuonzo's third team before watching Butch's football Vols win at Missouri later that evening.

The Lady Vols will host Carson-Newman in a preseason game next Monday night (Nov. 4) at 7 p.m. Admission to the exhibition games is only \$5 and it's a good way to check out the teams up close as plenty of lower level seats are usually available.

Basketball season starts for real on Nov. 8 when the Lady Vols open at MTSU in Murfreesboro. The Vols also start out on the road at Xavier on Nov. 12.

I look forward to checking out Antonio Barton, the senior point guard and transfer from Memphis. And it'll be good to see a healthy Jeronne Maymon back and teaming with Jarnell Stokes in the paint. They're both listed at 6-8, 260. Of course, All-SEC wing Jordan McRae returns and he could contend for Player of the Year honors in the conference.

Meighan Simmons, SEC co-Player of the Year last season, and Bashaara Graves, the league's Freshman of the Year, head up a solid group of Lady Vol returnees, who won't be satisfied unless they make the Final Four.

Here's hoping that kind of desire will spread over into the men's program someday soon. It used to be under Bruce, didn't it?

I better be quiet before I get Hart's phone ringing.

Cuonzo can get it done. And I'd bet he also can cut a rug.

Lady Irish nab region soccer title



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Catholic's Molly Dwyer prepares to take a shot against Grace goalkeeper Abbey Parrott in Tuesday night's Region 2-A/AA semifinals. Dwyer scored a goal in the Lady Irish's 9-1 victory at Blaine Stadium.

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School's girls soccer team has wasted little time finding a home in its new district.

The Lady Irish, who landed in District 4-A/AA this season after re-alignment, responded by going undefeated in district play, winning the post-season tournament championship and claiming a Region 2-A/AA title.

Catholic's region championship came Thursday night at Blaine Stadium when the Lady Irish downed rival Christian Academy of Knoxville 3-0. The Lady Warriors are regulars at the Class A/AA State Tournament and they've dominated District 4-A/AA in recent years.

But Catholic, which made the Class AAA State Tournament last year, took control this season. The Lady Irish has beaten CAK three times this season.

The most recent victory came Thursday night when Catholic scored three goals in the first half.

Camille Mancini, Renee Semaan and Abby Bower all tallied against the Lady Warriors on a cold October Thursday night against the Lady Warriors (13-7-2).

Both Catholic (16-3-4) and CAK advanced to Saturday's sectional round. The Lady Irish hosted Chuckey-Doak while the Lady Warriors traveled to Greeneville for elimination matches Saturday but results weren't available at press time.

Catholic opened the Region 2-A/AA Tournament with a 9-1 victory in

the elimination semifinals Tuesday night at Blaine Stadium.

Bower scored four goals against the Lady Rams (17-2-1).

"She had a great night," Catholic coach Mark Leader said. "She's not usually a big scorer but she was tonight and tonight, we were in a must-win game.

"We had four starters out [injured] and hopefully, we'll be able to get them back."

The injury-riddled Lady Irish, scored early and often against the overmatched Lady Rams.

Semaan opened the scoring with a goal in the 5th minute to give Catholic a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Irish then closed the opening half with four goals over the final 15 minutes. Bower scored the first of her four markers in the 25th minute to make the score 2-0. Mancini tallied twice in the final 20 minutes of the first half. Her first marker came in the 30th minute and she added another five minutes later to give the Lady Irish a 4-0 halftime lead.

The Lady Rams showed some signs of life early in the second half. Grace pulled to within 4-1 when Allie Dunn scored in the 43rd minute.

That marker, however, appeared to wake a sleeping giant as Catholic scored five unanswered goals in the second half.

Bower tallied three times after halftime. Molly Dwyer and Charlotte Sauter also scored after halftime.

In Class AAA: Farragut won the Region 2-AAA Championship with a 3-0 win over District 4-AAA rival Hardin Valley Academy Thursday night.

Natalie Goetz scored a pair of goals for the Lady Admirals (17-2-3), who had hopes of making their third consecutive trip to the State Tournament at press time.

Goetz's first goal came in the 49th minute and broke a scoreless tie between the two teams, who played for the District 4-AAA title on Friday, Oct. 18 at Farragut.

Joanda Parchman picked up an assist on the match's first marker. Katie Beuerlein gave the Lady Admirals a 2-0 lead in the 53rd minute.

Goetz scored the game's final marker midway through the second half. K.C. Ward was credited with a helper on that marker.

Farragut and Hardin Valley both played Saturday in the Sectionals. Wins would send both the Lady Hawks (who suffered their only losses to the Lady Admirals this season) to this week's state tournament in Murfreesboro. Hardin Valley played Farragut to a 2-2 draw in August.

In Tuesday's region semifinals: Farragut downed Powell 5-0 and the Lady Hawks outlasted Oak Ridge 2-0.

In Tuesday's Region 1-AAA Semifinals: Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett edged South-Doyle 2-1 to end the season for the Lady Cherokees.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Tennessee football coach Butch Jones and senior Daniel Hood (97) look on in the Volunteers season opener against Austin Peay. Jones and Hood both saw four years of October SEC futility come to an end recently with a 23-21 win over South Carolina.

Jones nabs signature win over South Carolina, Spurrier

By Ken Lay

It took Butch Jones just seven games to do what Derek Dooley couldn't get done in nearly three years as a long wait finally ended on Oct. 19 at Neyland Stadium.

Jones finally led the Volunteers to a Southeastern Conference victory in October. He got his first signature win over a Top-25 upper-tier conference foe when he led the Big Orange to a 23-21 victory over South Carolina and the man that UT fans love to hate --- Tennessee native and former Florida coach Steve Spurrier --- who has made a habit of taking jabs at Tennessee's program over the past two-plus decades.

Ironically, UT's last victory over a ranked team game over Spurrier's Gamecocks on Halloween Night, 2009 when Lane Kiffin led the Vols into battle in the famous (or infamous) black jerseys. Tennessee won that game handily before Kiffin bolted to Southern California (where he was recently fired).

After Kiffin left Rocky Top, Dooley took over and couldn't beat Georgia, Florida or South Carolina. Dooley's teams, in fact, scarcely managed to compete as Tennessee's football team became the SEC's laughing stock and was lampooned throughout the country. The Vols lost at Kentucky in 2011 and were routed by the hated Commodores in Nashville before Dooley got canned and left things in a mess.

Enter Jones, who rapidly changed the attitude in Big Orange Country. He opened with wins over Austin Peay (UT's 800th all-time victory) and Western Kentucky. The Vols then lost badly at Oregon and gave the Gators a valiant battle before coming up short. Then, UT came home and struggled against South Alabama before losing an overtime heartbreaker to Georgia.

Tennessee finally got rolling against the Gamecocks. The losses against the Gators and the Bulldogs definitely hurt, but most fans probably wanted to see the Vols take Spurrier down and they did when senior Michael Palardy kicked a game-winning 19-yard field goal.

"It meant everything to me," said Palardy, the kicker who was often criticized during the Dooley regime. "It's been a long time coming. I want to give it up to the offense and defense for putting me in that position.

"I couldn't have done it without the plays that they made. The biggest thing for me was coming back from that missed field goal earlier in the game."

The win was big for all the Tennessee players who have suffered through the lean times, including defensive lineman Daniel Hood, a 2008 graduate of Catholic High School. Hood, a fifth-year senior, who played for Dooley and was in the program during Kiffin's brief tenure, has emerged as a defensive leader and especially enjoyed the win over the Gamecocks.

"To me it means everything," Hood said. "It's kind of what we wanted to do this year as seniors.

"In my class, there's only four of us left: me, Marlon Walls, Joseph Ayres and Greg King. For us four to have been through everything that we have, it's nice to get that one win that we'll be able to talk about forever."

For Jones, it was just a great day.

"Great day to be a Vol," Jones said. "We found a way to win. I thought our kids showed some resiliency.

"We talk about playing winning football and all the things happened throughout the course of the game; and a game can be decided by two or three plays and you just never know which plays they're going to be."

Tennessee won, thanks to Palardy, wide receiver Pig Howard and quarterback Justin Worley, who all stepped up in crunch time.

Oak Ridge slows down Central attack, 24-13

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by a single play. On second-and-eight at the OR 36, Kirby was thrown for an 11-yard loss by soph Gavin Warrington. Later, on first-and-10 at the OR 30, a high snap caused Kirby to lose 19 yards.

In between those two Central possessions, freshman Tee Higgins got behind the Bobcats' secondary to haul in a 40-yard TD pass from Henderson to increase Oak Ridge's lead to 17-6. Henderson would finish with 9 of 22 completions for 147 yards.

The Ridgers pretty

much delivered the knockout blow with a 14-play, 76-yard march that took over seven minutes off the clock and carried over into the final quarter. Kyler Jones (5-9, 220) got a key first down on fourth-and-one at the Central 13, then plowed over from the 6 two plays later. Nickle's PAT made it 24-6 with 7:25 to go.

The Bobcats didn't quit, but now the clock was against them, too. Josh Poplar scored from the 3, after Kirby hit fellow soph Lyndon Wilson with a 30-yard pass on fourth-and-24. Eli Holbert's kick cut the gap to 11.

With only 3:18 left, Central attempted an unsuccessful onside kick. The Bobcats got the ball back with a little over two minutes to go but failed to pick up a first down.

Poplar had a strong night running the ball, with 96 yards on 12 carries. JaJuan Stinson added 57 yards on eight tries plus caught four passes for 40 yards. Running back Jeremiah Howard, standout sophomore, was sidelined with an injury.

Washington had six receptions, totaling 67 yards. Wilson had four catches for 76 yards.

Hassell doesn't know

what his team's playoff chances are now. "The way the TSSAA is, all I know is we need to win," he said.

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 CAK Class AA, D4	VS. FRA W 35-10	VS. Powell L 41-42	vs. Knoxville Catholic L 14-17	vs. Knoxville Webb L 7-49	vs. Scott W 47-7	vs. Grace Christian L 13-27	OPEN	vs. Belfry (KY) L 21-27	vs. Alcoa L 17-51	vs. Livingston Academy W 42-7	vs. Kingston
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Captain of the Ship

Sometimes I have more to say after I've finished an essay. This week I was going to write about new research on the mechanisms of aging, but the turmoil in our nation and the lies of our leaders can't go unchallenged. So I'll stick my neck out again as the battle for the homeland continues.

I've just finished a book by Scott Peck, titled "People of the Lie." Doctor Peck was a psychiatrist and best known for another book, "The Road Less Traveled." Some months ago I was rummaging in my library for something to read and I came across "People of the Lie" and the title intrigued me in view of our current political situation. A working definition of a lie is a willful

misstatement of the truth for personal or political gain. I see patients every day who magically think or lie to themselves there won't be consequences for their health choices. Others can't even comprehend their complex medical situations and must be cared for. Dr. Peck would not categorize these as lies. You've heard the phrase you can't fix stupid. Peck believed liars choose dishonesty.

In my medical practice I'm responsible for my patients and my staff. If a patient falls in my office this could be determined as malpractice. Likewise, a clerical error by my staff that causes harm to someone is my responsibility. Just like a captain on the high seas, a surgeon is the

captain of the ship in the operating room and has the overall responsibility for his patient's care.

It seems to me that Obama takes no responsibility for the State Department lies about Benghazi. Hillary Clinton took the fall for this debacle. Lois Learner took the fall when the IRS targeted TEA Party conservatives and then lied about it. Now, Jon Stewart and many others accuse HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius of lying to Americans about Obama-care. Many call for her resignation; should she take the fall for Obama? Obama never seems to be accountable for anything and continues to blame others for his own policies and decisions.

Narcissism is a psychiatric condition which stems from the myth of Narcissus who fell in love with his own image. The narcissistic person views themselves as special and has a sense of entitlement. Narcissists sometimes display omnipotent fantasies engineered to defeat/damage others to bolster their own internal poor self-esteem. Dr. Peck describes this extreme form as "malignant narcissism" and he believes

the psychodynamics of this destructive neurosis is actually a refusal to answer to one's conscience. The ancient Greeks called this arrogant pride (hubris) and Peck labels this degree of narcissism as evil because it harms others.

Well, that's enough psycho-babel, especially from a non-psychiatrist. I'm more intrigued by those who are sucked into the manipulation of the malignant narcissist and become "people of the lie." In 1923 there was an uprising in Munich, Germany that would later be called the "Beer-Hall Putsch." It was a revolt against the German government and it failed. Its leader, Adolph Hitler was imprisoned, but used his incarceration to write "Mein Kampf" or "My Struggle." Apart from his rants against Jews and Gypsies and communists, he came upon the notion of "The Big Lie," later used effectively by Joseph Goebbels, his propaganda minister. Apparently, a big enough lie, told boldly and often enough, will be believed by the common man who cannot imagine such deviousness or evil.

It appears that people want to believe Obama

and can't imagine that he does not speak truthfully or have their best interests at heart. I don't believe for a minute that the government can take care of me. People often point to our military as a governmental success, but I would counter that the military basically manages itself. Here's a basic question: who do you trust? I trust the people of America and my neighbors, not our out of control government and President.

Furthermore, I no longer trust the media to report the facts without their political spin. How can we trust the media to be fair or balanced when Obama just added the 16th journalist to his administration headed by Jay Carney, the Presidential talking parrot from Time Magazine? Many others come from the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, etc. His appointees echo the polls which show 80% of journalists admit to being Democrats. If you haven't figured it out, my column is an opinion piece. I'm not a journalist; I'm not a Democrat or a Republican. I am a conservative.

So what shall we do with a government that

budgets \$95 million for a website which doesn't work after spending \$634 million? Do we turn over our health care to this bunch? Today I heard that Obama didn't know the web site for his signature plan wasn't tested or wouldn't work. Should we allow the dishonest and dysfunctional IRS to be in charge of who gets subsidies for Obama-care or who fines the rest of us? Never mind that subsidies will be granted on the honor code; that is if anyone can register on their broken website.

The answer is, "The buck stops here," as the forthright President Harry Truman once said. And as captain of our ship, Obama is responsible for the Fast and Furious border debacle, the Benghazi catastrophe, the IRS abuses and his signature health plan. Demand that he stay in Washington and fix his mess rather than, again, gallivanting around the country fund raising for Democrats. He's supposed to be the President of all of us. But maybe that's not the truth either.

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

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Central High Fundraiser

The Central High School baseball team will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, November 2 in the CHS parking lot closest to Jacksboro Pike from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a great selection of items from over 20 families. Under new coach, Matt Byrd, the team has been having several fundraisers to purchase a batting cage for the CHS home field at Tommy Schumpert Park and for new uniforms and equipment.

Democratic Women's Club Meeting

The Knox County Democratic Women's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's

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Knoxville Residents Raise Funds for a Cure at the Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis will bring the Knoxville community and surrounding counties together on December 14, 2013 to raise funds to fight and cure arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. This annual holiday-themed event will be held in the Downtown Square from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. The Arthritis Foundation expects more than 2,500 people to take part in Jingle Bell Run/Walk this year.

Kingston community leader, Rick Ross is the 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk Adult Honoree. Rick is the Director of Parks and Recreation in Kingston and was diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis at 17 years old. Rick had a normal active childhood

until he began experiencing joint pain that seemed to get worse starting at the age of 6. By the time he was seventeen, his daily activities that most of us take for granted, slowly became more difficult. Physical activities of his youth were restricted and he experienced the pain of being told he had been struck with this disease at such a young age.

Last year through a remission, he began to train for his first 5 K. He decided his first run needed to be the Jingle Bell Run. After completing the run, his commitment to fight this disease grew even stronger.

"When people think of arthritis, they automatically think minor aches and pains,

which is far from the truth. Various forms of arthritis can seriously affect joints, muscles, internal organs, eyes, and also claims the lives of nearly 10,000 people each year. This is why the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is so important for this community to raise funds and fight to put an end to this serious disease," said Rick Ross.

Voted as one of the nation's "Most Incredible Themed Races" in 2012, the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is an important way to make a difference in the fight to end arthritis, a serious disease that affects 50 million Americans, roughly one out of five adults. Contrary to popular belief,

arthritis is not an "old person's" disease. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis that affect people of all ages. In fact, two-thirds of people with arthritis are under the age of 65, including 300,000 children. Here in Tennessee, arthritis affects more than 1.2 million adults and nearly 6,000 children.

As the nation's largest holiday race series, the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis offers a five kilometer timed fun run and a one-mile walk with other activities for the entire family. To learn more about the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis or to register your team today, visit arthritis.org/jbr.

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Faith

I have fought the good fight

Some of my favorite words of Paul come at the end of his life and ministry. As Paul writes his final letter that we have recorded (Second Timothy), the Roman Emperor Nero will soon have Paul taken to the executioner's chopping block where his head will be removed. Paul is writing to his young protégé, Timothy, whom he will pass on the torch of carrying the gospel. Paul writes:



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

If we keep on pouring our life out as a drink offering, we can say we ran the race and won. When Paul says the time of my departure has come, he is saying his hardships will soon cease. The word "departure" means to hoist up an anchor and set sail. So Paul looked on his present hardship and impending death as a release from this world. Paul saw death as an opportunity to sail into eternity.

Paul looks ahead with confidence. When the battle is over, Paul knows he is going to wear a crown. Do you want your life to count for something? Then follow the example of Paul who never quit, despite all the hardships he faced.

When you are going through struggles in your life, be it lack of work, lack of relationships, lack of health, or lack of respect, remember that you are not alone. Christ and Paul understand. The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. Life might be difficult right now, but it is going to get better. Celebration comes at the end when you hit the finish line.

At the ancient Olympic Games, the winner was presented a laurel wreath. To wear this crown was the greatest achievement that could come to any athlete. But this crown made of leaves would wither. Paul knows of a crown that would never fade. It is a crown of righteousness awarded to those who finish the race, those who are obedient to Jesus. Finish strong with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will make certain that you finish and not stop short.



The old wooden church before the current building replaced it. Photo from the Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church archives.

All Roads Lead to Clapp's Chapel

It is often referred to as the "Chapel," though most folks in the community know it as Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church. Nestled among large cedar trees, it is a landmark located along a bend on Emory Road in Corryton.

Driving out Clapp's Chapel Road, I can see the church cemetery at the back of the rural church. The church is in an area steeped rich in history and has a fascinating history of its own.

Clapp's Chapel is just up the road from the original log home of Nicholas Gibbs, for whom Gibbs Community is named, and is only a short distance from historic Harbison's Crossroads. I wondered when the church was founded and how it got its name. A document from the church archives answered both questions.

"The exact date of founding of the church is unknown, but the oldest available record is a receipt dated November 23, 1812, signed by John ell



By Ralphine Major
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Campbell to David Adair for \$5.00, part of his subscription to the brick church." It definitely is one of the oldest churches in the Gibbs Community. "The property on which the church now stands was deeded to the Methodist Church in 1850 by Solomon Clapp." This information was published in 1950-51 when Rev. William H. Porter, Jr., was pastor.

Perry McGinnis, who has appeared in my column as I chronicle his journey on the way to becoming a dentist, shared some fond memories of Clapp's Chapel.

"Bill Finchum and I joined the Chapel together in 1946," Perry said. (Finchum passed away shortly after I met him at the Gibbs 100th Anniversary this year.) Perry continued, "I remember the old church building so well. One Sunday morning, Pastor W. H. Leming (our preacher from 1947-1950 as a circuit minister for several churches) was delivering his sermon; and, in the back

of the sanctuary, a youngster dropped several marbles on the floor. The floors were wood and slanted toward the pulpit. The marbles rolled all the way to the front, interrupting the sermon, and finally stopping at the altar. Pastor Leming hesitated until the noisy marbles came to a stop and calmly said, 'you forgot to say slips, sonny.'" Pastor Leming was the last circuit preacher for the Chapel. On Rev. Leming's four church circuit were the Chapel, Corinth, Mays Chapel, and Corryton. The Corryton church must be Rutherford, though it may not have been known by that name when on the circuit. Rev. William H. Porter, Jr. (1951-52) became the first full-time pastor following the circuit preacher.

In a recent conversation with Dave Wright, Knox County Commissioner, Dave told me about the new leadership at Clapp's Chapel today. A future second part to the Clapp's Chapel story will share about the church's new pastor and choir director and their common link.

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Church Happenings

Clapp's Chapel United Methodist

Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church located at 7420 Clapp's Chapel Road (at intersection with Emory Road) will celebrate Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st, 6-8 p.m. There will be treats, games and safe fun for all!

Erin Presbyterian Church

Friendship Force Knoxville meets Tuesday, November 5 at Erin Presbyterian Church, 200 Lockett Rd., at 6:30 p.m. Members A-L bring refreshments. Election of officers will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call (865) 693-0322.

Fountain City United Methodist Church

Fountain City United Methodist Church will hold its 47th Church Bazaar on November 2, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Gym will be full of Christmas/Holiday Items, New to me Items, Antiques/Eclectic items, Bakery and Sweets, Recycled Toys, Books, Handmade Crafts and Jewelry, and much much more. We will also have Silent Auction Items. 100% of the money raised goes directly to missions. Lunch will be served in Wesley Hall from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Soups, Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, Desserts. Don't miss a Great day of shopping! See our

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Seymour United Methodist Church

The Wednesday evening weekly fellowship meals begin at 5:15 p.m. Make reservations on Sundays or by noon Tues.

Small group studies follow the meal at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening, plus, the M&M Children's group will be participating in a Halloween Trunk or Treat in the parking lot beginning at 6 p.m. Trunks and plenty of candy are needed.

This Friday, Nov. 1st, the Older Adult Council will sponsor an informational seminar beginning at 7.

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Rural/Metro Shares Safety Tips For Trick-Or-Treaters

Halloween means lots of little feet running door to door and across streets, and Rural/Metro wants them all to get home safely. Halloween has become the second-most popular family holiday in the United States – ranking just behind Christmas – and its signature event is children trick-or-treating, which often takes place after sundown, making the costumed children harder to see for motorists.

“We provide safety tips every Halloween, much like the beginning of the school year to remind motorists to slow down, because children are excited and not always watching for vehicles,” said Jerry Harnish, the regional director of Rural/Metro. “The children are focused on their candy and the next house and don’t always remember to look for cars. There are several steps that we can all take to keep them safe.”

An insurance study revealed that over a recent 10-year period, fatalities of pedestrians under the age of 18 averaged 5.5 on Halloween compared to 2.6 child deaths on other days of the year. The majority of the collisions didn’t occur at an intersection or crosswalk, and 55 percent of the victims were ages five to 15.

Rural/Metro offers these safety tips to keep youngsters safe on Halloween:

- An adult should always accompany trick-or-treaters on their candy rounds.
- Ensure your child’s costume is flame-resistant. Pumpkins on porches and doorsteps can be lit, and some neighborhoods line

the road with candle luminary bags. Check the labels to ensure your child is wearing flame-resistant fabric.

- Costumes should be brightly colored so as to be easily seen. If not, add reflective tape to the front and back of the costume.
- Use a flashlight. Your child will both be able to see and be seen by others.
- Remove any mask or headwear item that could limit eyesight before crossing a street or driveway.
- Stay in a group.
- Stay in well-lit areas and only approach homes with a porch light on.
- Use the sidewalk, if available, and cross the street as a group in established crosswalks or intersections.
- Don’t assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters, especially at dusk and after dark.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Never let your child enter a stranger’s home or vehicle for a treat.
- No treats should be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home. It is always better to consume packaged treats.
- Notify police immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- In preparation for trick-or-treaters, make sure your front porch and pathway are clear of hazards, such as fallen leaves, flower pots and hoses.

House to Home



Christenberry celebrates the 100th Day of School

To a five or six year old 100 is a whole lot! That is why the kindergarten students at Christenberry Elementary School celebrate the 100th Day of School in a big way. All of the kindergarten students assembled in the cafeteria. Together they counted to 100 in many ways; after all, they have been practicing counting all school year. They counted 100 goldfish going into a fishbowl. They counted 100 feet (and learned that was a great distance). The teacher with the tape measure marking the feet as we counted went out of sight. They counted by fives. They counted by tens. It was a grand celebration! Each time

the students counted to 100, a special new guest appeared. The guests included Cat in the Hat, Queen 100, Princess 10, and Zero the Hero. Zero the Hero danced around singing a song about how zero keeps all the other numbers in their place! I guess that Zero is important. The finale was a cake cut into 100 pieces; however, it disappeared.

The first graders also celebrated the 100th Day too. They were to bring a poster with 100 something on it. We have some talented and creative students. One student did 100 with small Valentine heart candy. What a lovely idea! Submitted by Debbie Heck.



Emerald Youth Legacy Dinner honoree Bill Sansom played a pick-up game of soccer with Emerald Youth children recently. Pictured are (l-r) Uriah Felipe, 9, Sarah McGhee, 9, Benitte Vyizigiro, 9, Sansom, and Tyler Bennett, 12.

Bill Sansom Is Honoree at Fifth Annual Emerald Youth Legacy Dinner

Knoxville business and civic leader Bill Sansom, CEO of the H.T. Hackney Co., and chairman of the board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, will be honoree of the fifth annual Emerald Youth Foundation Legacy Dinner on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The event, which will begin with a 6 p.m. reception followed by dinner and program at 6:30, is expected to draw more than 800 guests. Highlight of the evening will be recognition of Sansom for leadership and commitment in service to urban young people. There will be spirited singing by the Emerald Youth Choir, an ensemble of more than 60 elementary - high school students, led by music director John Jackson, and other special music including a talented pianist and a saxophone duo.

All proceeds of the event will

benefit Knoxville’s 22-year-old Emerald Youth Foundation, which serves more than 1,350 inner city children, teens and young adults each year through education, faith and sports programs.

For more than forty years, Sansom has served in many business and public service roles and cares deeply about the Knoxville community and beyond. “Bill knows that the physical and spiritual well-being of children is a measure of the health of a community. We are grateful for his commitment to making our inner city neighborhoods into healthier communities,” said Steve Diggs, Emerald Youth Executive Director.

Tickets and sponsorships are available online at www.emerald-youth.org, or email Morgan Goins at mgoins@emeraldyouth.org, or call her at (865) 637-3227 ext. 108.

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Pumpkin Pointers

Pie pumpkins, also known as sugar pumpkins, are smaller and sweeter than the "jack-o'-lantern" type and can be cooked like any member of the squash family. They also make a flavorful puree for cakes and pies.

BUYING: Select those with a firm, blemish-free rind and a bright orange hue.

STORAGE: Keep pumpkins in a cool, dry place for up to 1 month. A cut pumpkin can be stored in an open plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

PREPARATION: Cut off the top stem section. Remove seeds and scrape out stringy fibers.

YIELD: 1 medium pie pumpkin (3 pounds) equals about 2 cups of cooked pureed pumpkin.

Pumpkin Mousse Cheesecake

1 cup graham cracker crumbs (about 16 squares)
3 tablespoons sugar

1/4 cup butter, melted

FILLING:

3 packages (8 ounces each)

cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar

1 cup canned pumpkin

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

4 eggs, lightly beaten

GLAZE:

1/2 cup vanilla or white chips

1 tablespoon shortening

In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs and sugar; stir in butter. Press into a greased 9-in. springform pan. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 325° for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add the pumpkin, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour into crust. Return to baking sheet.

Bake at 325° 45-50 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight.

Remove sides of pan. For glaze, melt chips and shortening in a small heavy saucepan or microwave; stir until smooth. Drizzle over cheesecake. Refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 12-14 servings.

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Homeownership Workshops

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting an all-day Homeownership Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The workshop, which is open to anyone preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA loans. \$20 training fee. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org.

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting a three-session Homeownership Workshop on Nov. 12, 14 and 16, 2013, 1514 East Fifth Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917.

The workshop, which is open to anyone preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA and THDA loans.

Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8:30 and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Training Fee: \$20. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org.

Ossoli Circle Meeting

Ossoli Circle will meet October 28: Replacement Benefit Bridge Event 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fashion show courtesy of Chico. Visitors always welcome. The Ossoli Clubhouse is located at 2511 Kingston Pike.

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