

# Councilman Nick Della Volpe: Fighting for the 4th District

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“I believe in strong, healthy neighborhoods and rational growth,” 4th District Knoxville City Councilman Nick Della Volpe told the Focus. “The government should work for the taxpayers, not the other way around.”

4th District Knoxville City Councilman Nick Della Volpe is one of two incumbents on Knoxville City Council who drew an opponent this year, but that hasn’t slowed him down. In fact, it has made him even more committed to finishing the work he began during his first term.

A Holston Hills resident and veteran attorney, Della Volpe has been involved in the community for over 40 years.

He is currently working with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) on behalf of East Towne area merchants to improve the visibility of the more than 100 stores along Exit 8 off of

I-640. Della Volpe and the merchant group also hope TDOT will review the interchange exits and improve signage along the exit. At Della Volpe’s request, the City of Knoxville will begin clearing some of the brush that obscures the exit from the more than 60,000 cars that pass by each day.

In Fountain City, he led the charge to reform the zoning code to regulate future crematory building as an accessory use, addressed the periodic flooding issues around Harrell Hills and Vitex Road, and proposed an interchange modification at Broadway.

Additionally, Della Volpe has devoted extensive time to parks and greenways- working extensively to expand Tank Strickland Park. He helped insure the demolition of buildings and helped obtain donations of top soil- working alongside volunteers to plant grass and trees once the buildings

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*Survey conducted October 17, 2013.*  
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# Dylan ‘dusts’ off the veteran drag racers

## Gibbs High junior to run at Pomona in NHRA finals

**By Steve Williams**

California, Here I Come!

That’s the feeling around Dylan Kiser’s family these days.

Kiser’s outstanding career as a junior drag racer ended quietly in the National Hot Rod Association Division 2 Bracket Finals October 3-6 in Atlanta, but before that weekend was over the 16-year-old Knoxville made more than just some noise competing against adults in the Pro ET Class.

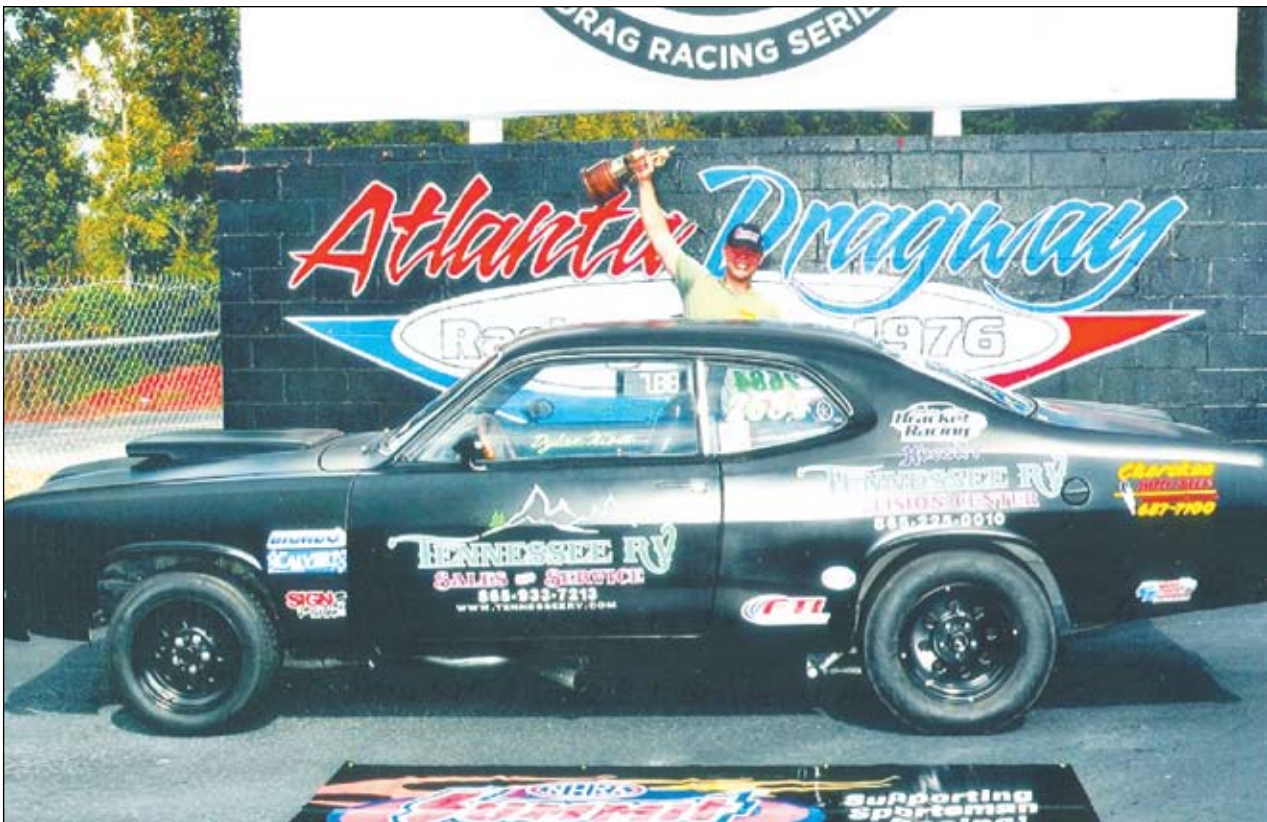
Driving his black 1974 Plymouth Duster, the Gibbs High School junior, in fact, became the youngest driver ever to win the Southeast event and qualify for the NHRA Summit Racing Series National Championship in Pomona, Calif., November 8-10.

“At first, we didn’t think he was going to get to go, because you have to be 18 years old,” said Chester Lay, Dylan’s grandfather.

But good news came October 8 from Red Whitmore of Bristol Dragway, where Dylan won the juniors’ season championship for the third straight time this year.

“He phoned and said, ‘You’re in!’ recalled Lay.

Whitmore acknowledged



*Dylan Kiser hoists the championship trophy after driving his black 1974 Plymouth Duster drag car to first place in the NHRA Southeast Pro ET Class in Atlanta. Kiser will compete for the national title at Pomona, Calif., in November.*

Kiser got a waiver from the NHRA main office in Glendora, Calif., and will be in a field of seven, with the other drivers’ average age range in the late 20s to early 30s.

“I was worried about getting in. Now I’m worried about getting there,” said Lay, laughing.

It’ll be about a two-week trip for Dylan and grandparents Mary and Chester and their first time going to California. They’ll be doing some sightseeing,

too. They’ve already made plans to stop and see the Grand Canyon on the way there.

“I raced all over the Southeast as a drag racer, but never out West,” said Lay, who introduced his grandsons, Dylan and Devin, to the sport when they were youngsters.

Many view southern California as the birthplace of drag racing, and Pomona, which is located in Los Angeles County, as an integral part of the sport’s rich

past.

Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, where Dylan will be competing, was formerly known as Pomona Raceway and is one of the most famous dragstrips in North America.

One might say Pomona is drag racing’s Daytona or Indy 500.

Whitmore, owner of the bracket series at Thunder Valley, is very high on Kiser, who will be Bristol’s lone representative at Pomona this year.

“He’s a heck of a drag racer,” said Whitmore, who was on hand to see Dylan win in Atlanta and plans to attend the Pomona finals, along with his daughter Lyndsay. “He understands all aspects of the sport, which is very important.

“If he keeps going like he is, he has the potential to be one of the best bracket racers in the country.”

Winning at Pomona won’t be easy, but Whitmore believes Kiser is up to the challenge.

“There’ll be a lot of pressure,” he said. “Dylan will be racing in front of thousands of people. He’ll be going up against new drivers. It’ll be a different ball game for him.

“It wouldn’t surprise me at all if he wins this thing, because he’s that good of a racer. I think he can handle everything that Pomona throws at him.”

Representing Bristol Dragway in Atlanta, Kiser was one of 10 junior drivers (ages 13-17) in the prestigious Race of Champions but lost in the first round. He didn’t fare much better in bracket racing the next day, either, bowing out in the second round.

Dylan bounced back in the Pro ET, winning eight rounds to come out on top in a field that included 150 cars. He beat Tim Griffith, the Bristol Pro ET champion, in the finals.

“I really wasn’t surprised he won,” said Lay, who helps on the starting line in Dylan’s races by making sure the burnout area is clean and free of excess water. “He’s as good as I’ve seen. I don’t care if he is 16. He’s really good.”

Dylan tied for second in footbrake racing and also competed in the Sportsman Class with veterans this past season at Bristol, so he had some experience competing against

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# Help for victims of domestic violence

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence occurs across all segments of our society, regardless of race, education, income or sexual orientation. Whether you are aware of it or



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not, you likely have neighbors who are or have been victims of domestic violence. My hope is that you will take something from this column and be able to share it with these neighbors. No one should have to live in fear of an abuser.

If a victim of domestic violence does not feel safe in his or her home, he or she should leave and stay with a trusted friend, relative or in a shelter. A victim should also develop a safety plan which is a listing of actions to take if he or she is at risk of further abuse. A victim may receive assistance developing a safety plan from a local shelter, from a Legal Aid Office or from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. Serenity Shelter serves Knox County and may be reached by phone at (865)673-6551. The Family Crisis Center serves Knox County at (865)637-8000. The Salvation Army also

offers shelter in Knox County at (865)525-9401. Safe Haven offers shelter for victims of sexual assault in Upper East Tennessee at (865)522-7273. The YWCA offers personalized assistance for victims of domestic violence and I highly recommend contacting them at (865)215-6383 for services in English and (865)257-6785 for services in Spanish. There is also a local 24-hour crisis line at (865)521-6336.

In Knox County, we are very fortunate to have multiple options for obtaining Orders of Protection. An Order of Protection is a civil legal document that helps protect you from domestic violence. It can last for one year. There are three kinds of Orders of Protection: No Contact, No Contact with Communication and Social Contact. There first two types do not permit any physical contact between victim and abuser. The last type merely prohibits the abuser from hurting, attempting to hurt or threaten harm to the victim. A victim can request an order of protection by filing a Petition for Order of Protection. This

form is available at both the Family Justice Center (400 Harriet Tubman Street, Knoxville, TN 37915 ph. 521-6336) and the Fourth Circuit Court Clerk (City-County Bldg., Main Floor, 400 Main Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902 ph. 215-2404). The Chancery Court also has jurisdiction to issue Orders of Protection.

Every Thursday morning, Judge Bill Swann of Fourth Circuit Court dedicates time and attention to domestic violence and, specifically, to hearings on Orders of Protection. Attorneys with Legal Aid of East Tennessee, volunteer attorneys and advocates from the YWCA help victims of domestic violence file the necessary paperwork and complete the court hearings needed to obtain an order of protection. They can also help with pursuing punishment of the abuser if the order of protection is violated. Of course, anyone in immediate danger should call 911 whether they have an order of protection or not.

There are support groups available to help victims of domestic violence. Our local YWCA offers free support groups for adult female victims and survivors of emotional, mental, and/or physical abuse. The groups are conducted in

both English and Spanish. Contact Judith Wyatt with the YWCA at 215-6848. Child and Family Services of Tennessee offers support for victims in "Promise Group." Contact the Family Crisis Center at 637-8000. Finding Hope and Healing Group is a support group in West Knoxville. Contact Rachael Searcy at 215-6863. And victims of sexual assault, male and female, may receive free assistance through Safe Haven, contact number is 558-9040. Victims of domestic violence may also choose individual counseling at multiple facilities in our area. The cost may be covered by insurance or sliding fees may be available. Clearly, help is available so let's make sure that our neighbors get the help that they need to be free from domestic violence.

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### By Age

	Democrats	Republicans	President Obama	Total
30-49	14.58%	31.25%	54.17%	48
50-65	13.02%	38.46%	48.52%	169
65+	12.81%	35.95%	51.24%	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.07%</b>	<b>36.38%</b>	<b>50.54%</b>	<b>459</b>

### By District

1	3.45%	65.52%	31.03%	29
2	9.09%	47.73%	43.18%	44
3	18.00%	38.00%	44.00%	50
4	11.11%	34.92%	53.97%	63
5	20.37%	33.33%	46.30%	54
6	13.33%	37.78%	48.89%	45
7	15.25%	25.42%	59.32%	59
8	12.12%	24.24%	63.64%	66
9	10.20%	40.82%	48.98%	49
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### By Gender

Unknown	5.88%	35.29%	58.82%	17
Female	10.55%	39.91%	49.54%	218
Male	16.07%	33.04%	50.89%	224
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adult drivers.

Lay said his grandson was excited about the Atlanta victory and going to Pomona. "He doesn't show it. I think that's what makes him a good driver. He kind of keeps his head."

Kiser could race one more year in his junior dragster, but "he's strictly going to concentrate on the big car," said Lay.

The Plymouth Duster has

sentimental value. Kiser bought it from Norman Chesney, who befriended his grandfather and taught him how to race years ago.

Chesney, who lived in East Knox County off Asheville Highway, won multiple championships in drag racing, and also drove the Duster to victory in the Street Car Class.

"He passed away this past spring before he ever got to see Dylan race in his

car," said Lay.

Kiser started racing when he was 9 years old and has had a dream career. He won the NHRA Race of Champions for juniors at Emerald Coast Dragway in Florida in 2011. He also was the International Hot Rod Association Division 2 (Southeast) champion the past two years, winning in Montgomery, Ala., in 2011 and in Memphis last year.

With the win at Memphis,

Dylan was one of only 16 juniors in the nation to qualify for the IHRA Summit Super Series. He made it to the final four but lost in the semifinal round on a red light.

In his career, Kiser has 78 wins in 111 final rounds. About 70 of those wins were in the junior division.

The young drag racer is now off to a winning start against veteran drivers in the sport.



*Dylan Kiser of Knoxville is one of the up and coming drag racers in the nation. He'll be racing in a NHRA championship event at the famous dragstrip in Pomona, Calif., in November.*

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Publisher's Position

Some Things that the Legislature Needs to Fix



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Despite some claims to the contrary, there are some things the Tennessee General Assembly needs to fix. Our superintendent of schools has loudly proclaimed his support for the evaluation system of teachers, which was enacted in Nashville. Frankly, Dr. Jim McIntyre's support for the new evaluation system is less because he thinks it's wonderful than a sycophantic desire to succeed Tennessee Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman. The new system has any

number of flaws, none of which McIntyre or most legislators seem to notice or care about. Some educators are not even evaluated by someone with experience in their own field. Another thing that doesn't seem fair to me is that new teachers may be fired by the school system without having to give any reason. And to make matters worse, they can't reap- ply for two years. While they're at it, the Republican legislature should change the law to allow for an elected superintendent.

The legislature should also make some changes in the "tort reform" enacted some- time ago. That same reform has decimated some local offices, which are no longer able to effectively collect the necessary fees to oper- ate properly. For instance, anyone can walk in off the street and ask for an order of protection and claim to be indigent and get it. What office ever had a 400% increase in the number of transactions it had to per- form, do it with the same number of employees and

not be able to charge any- thing for it? The clerk's offic- es in Knox County have oper- ated on a fee basis and paid their own way for years and nobody can think of any other offices in county government that do that. The tort reform had a dev- astating impact on some of our local offices and the leg- islature should go back and fix the problem. Litigation in localities should be a user tax, not paid for by the gen- eral taxpayers. The legislature should get down to the business of

governing without the Repub- lican super majority wasting its time and our tax dollars to try and regulate everyone's personal lives. The Republican-controlled legislature so far doesn't have as much to brag about as it thinks it does. If they are really serious about genuine reforms, they need to get to work and fix the problems that were created when the republicans didn't have the majority of votes, much less the super majority that they enjoy now.

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were removed. Most recently, Della Volpe picked up the torch on earlier green- way efforts and was instrumental in get- ting city crews to finish placing stone on a half-mail segment of Loves Creek Trail. Although he works alongside constitu- ents and is committed to improving and maintaining the health of the neighbor- hoods inside his district, Della Volpe, admit- tedly, is not afraid to take on key issues. "I have worked on battling urban blight, protecting our hillsides, and urging fiscal responsibility in all things, includ- ing the city pension system," he added. Della Volpe garnered 64% of the vote in Knoxville's primary election against challenger Rick Staples, a Democrat active in the North Knox community. Many North Knox residents report receiving calls from special interest groups, such as the Fraternal Order of Police and the Firefighter's Associ- ation, urging them to "vote Staples." Della Volpe remains undeterred. "It is unfortunate that my opponent is trying to turn this city election into a par- tisan race, and that he is being fronted by special interests like the FFA. Our city is essentially a service provider. It is not about national partisan politics. It should be run for the benefit of the taxpayers, not special interests," he told *The Focus*. Nick further maintains that he wants to protect city workers by making sure the pension plan is sustainable, so they don't end up without a pension after retirement because the burden of funding it is too great. He reiterates that he doesn't want to do away with the pension. His goal is to ensure that that out-of-control pension obli- gation doesn't bankrupt the city as it has in other parts of the country. He added that the city's current pension plan is under- funded by some \$200 million, more than the city's annual budget of \$180 million. Early voting for the General Election began on October 16 and runs through October 31. Election Day is November 5th. "Thank you for choosing me in the Pri- mary. I ask for your support and vote in the General Election," Della Volpe added.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

October 9, 2013

I'm a 57 year old male, who worked for 43 years and paid taxes until February of 2013. I was a truck driver and unable to pass my DOT physical due to medical problems. When I consulted my doctor, I found my medical problems were worse than I thought. My family doctor, my cardiologist, and re- nal doctor told me my working days are over. But according to Social Security doctors who spent a total of 35 minutes, 5 minutes at medical doctor, 30 at the psychiatrist, and I'm just fine.

I have been without insur-

ance since May because I used up what savings I had to pay medical expenses and in- surance premiums. I applied to Tenn-Care and was denied twice. If I had been a single mother, or someone who is pregnant or an illegal alien I would qualify. I am now trying to pursue an option through VA. I am really having a difficult time understanding how this works this way. You're a productive, tax paying citizen and veteran, and when we need help at this point in my life all I get is "sorry, we can't help you". Can one of those idiots that make up these rules tell me why? These liberal bleeding heart Democrats have done all they can to make life easier for that class of people who think work is evil and everything should

be given to them. If I were a teenage girl who had a child or pregnant, I would have ten dif- ferent agencies fall over each to help me. It doesn't matter they haven't paid the first cent in to the tax system. When the ones who do pay taxes, their refunds are 6 to 10 times what they pay in. Thus, they paid no taxes. Yet the democrats want to cut services and benefits to older Americans. I would like to remind our political leaders that we older Americans help build this coun- try, paid our taxes, and served in our Armed Forces. I for one am tired of being treated as if we no longer matter- Barack Obama and liberal democrats spend huge amounts of money on illegal aliens, unwed moth- ers in free rent, cell phones,

food stamps, medical care. So- cial Security was not meant to pay benefits to drug abusers, drunks and so called ADHD (my term for lack of parent- ing skills). It's time that older Americans got treated with respect and dignity. We just want we were forced to pay for (Social Security). When I see what America has become, I just wished I could get what I paid into Social Security along with the employer contribu- tion, leave this country and re- nounce my citizenship. I can't honestly say I'm proud to be an American anymore. America today is catering to ev- eryone but the ones who fought for a strong Christian Nation. Charles Ellis Knoxville, TN 37918

Standing Tall on the Court

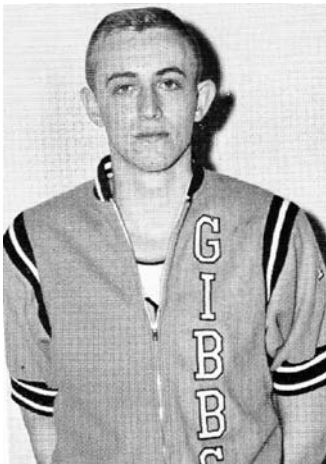
"Back in my high school days, I remember seeing some basketball players become pretty good players earlier than others and keep improving until they reached a plateau. But, they never seemed to get much better after that. Other players started out slower and reached their plateau later. Still, some started out slower and continued to improve--but, they never seemed to reach a plateau. These players just continued to improve and get better," former Coach Bob Dagley said. "There are not many players that seem to fit into that mold, but I had the priv- ilege to work with a Gibbs player who definitely fitted that mold. When I came to Gibbs, he was a skinny soph- omore who was going through such growing changes that it appeared that the height of the lines on the court pre- sented hurdles to be avoided if he was to keep his footing. That player was Tommy Ever- ette." Everette was the only



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junior who started for Coach Bob Dagley's 1964- 65 Eagles on their amazing run to a 31-2 season. He had grown 8 inches between his junior high days and his freshman year. The growth spurt quickly pushed Tommy to a 6-foot-6 height, making him Dagley's tallest Eagle. "One of the best moves I made as a coach was to move Everette from forward to center before the 1964-65 season, because a forward he was not; but, a center he became," the coach said as he reflected back on that time. "I wanted a center that could anticipate when and how to free himself from the defense and come up to meet the ball at the right time. Most play- ers have a hard time learn- ing that," Dagley added. The coach showed Tommy some simple things to do to free

himself from the defense. He also showed him some simple moves he could make with his back to the goal and then some moves when he was facing the goal. "He took to the center position like a duck takes to water," the former coach stated. "I was surprised how quickly he began to make those simple moves and even more sur- prised when he started to combine these moves and even add his own version of moves." Just before Christmas, Gibbs played a ranked team from Middle Tennessee who had an All State center. It was then that the coach realized how much progress Tommy had made. In the game, Ever- ette faked their center so badly, he fell down and Ever- ette got a lay-up. Tommy con- tinued to make progress at the center position. In the finals of the Sixth District Tournament, he even had a perfect game. "Tommy did not miss a shot," the former



Picture of Tommy Everette from the 1966 Gibbs year- book.

coach proudly said. "He had 11 for 11 field goals and 7 for 7 free throws with a total of 29 points!" It was a great game for Everette; it was a great game for Eagles' fans, too! (This is No. 20 on the incredible 1964-65 Gibbs Eagles--next in the series, the only junior starter becomes a senior.)

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# Central High Honors Three Alumni

The Central High School Foundation and the CHS Alumni Association are proud to honor three distinguished alumni as additions to the Central “Wall of Fame.” This year’s honorees are: Charles “C.E.” Harris, Class of 1935 (d. 2005); Sylvia Blankenship Williams, Class of 1970; and Stephen Land, Class of 1971.

Charles Edgar Harris began his very successful career with the H.T. Hackney Co. in 1945, when he was employed by Ben Morton and his son Julian, who managed the company in succession from

1899 to 1971. C.E. Harris became the chief executive in 1975. He also served on the board of directors of both the Park National and the First American Bank, was a long-time member of the Downtown Rotary Club, the Downtown Knoxville Association, the Greater Smoky Mountains Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Knoxville Y.M.C.A. and the United Way. He was called upon by community leaders to lend his budget expertise to the planning for the 1982 World’s Fair, and established accounting methods and procedures

which contributed to the success of the Fair.

Additionally, he was a layman, deacon, Sunday school teacher, trustee and chairman of many committees of Central Baptist Church, Bearden. He has left an enduring legacy by the donation of his acreage and home on the corner of Morrell and Westland roads for the benefit of Baptist ministries. The Knox County Association of Baptists now maintains handsome offices on the premises, visiting missionaries are housed in the former residence, the community can



Charles “C.E.” Harris



Sylvia Blankenship Williams



Stephen Land

picnic at the outdoor Harris pavilion and the Central Baptist soccer program uses the recreation field. He served two terms as

a trustee of the Carson Newman College (now University) and was a director of Religious Heritage of America, St. Louis, Mo.,

receiving their Outstanding Community Leadership Award. Preceded in death in

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## Young Professional Knoxville Civitan becomes 3rd club chartered worldwide

The newly chartered Young Professional Knoxville Civitan Club celebrated its charter Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Barley’s Taproom in the Old City. YP Knoxville Civitan is the third Young Professional Civitan Club chartered worldwide.

During the charter celebration, the new club received membership pins, its official club banner and other items in recognition of the club’s formation. The YP Knoxville club builders include Executive Master Club Builders Kendyl Massey and Tammy Pearson, as well as Certified Club Builders Julia Hurley and Cathy Cooke. The Lenoir City Civitan and Abingdon (Va.) Civitan clubs sponsored the new Young Professional Civitan Club in Knoxville.

The inaugural club officers are Michael Grider, president; Nathan Higdon, president-elect; Jennifer Linginfelter, treasurer; and Caitlyn Long, secretary. The Young Professional Knoxville Civitan Club chartered with more than 40 members, which is twice what Civitan International requires.

“Already, our club represents a wide range of professionals from Knoxville

and the surrounding area,” said Grider. “We are all excited about focusing our talents and abilities in a way that serves our community and the mission of Civitan International.”

Young Professional Civitan is a division of Civitan International. It is geared toward professionals who are in their 20s and 30s, with the goal of providing networking and community service opportunities. Anyone interested in joining YP Knoxville Civitan should email [knoxypc@gmail.com](mailto:knoxypc@gmail.com).

Civitan International is an organization of community service clubs with roughly 40,000 members across four continents. Each club works to help others and fulfill needs in their community, with a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Civitans continue this mission through fundraising for the UAB Civitan International Research Center, a world-class medical facility dedicated to researching developmental disabilities and other cognitive disorders. For more information, visit [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org), or call 1-800-CIVITAN.



## \$22 Million TIF for Baptist Hospital Project

By Mike Steely  
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The partial opening of the Henley Street Bridge last week was a welcomed event for South Knoxville businesses and residents, and the plans the city is making for the former Baptist Hospital might bring even further progress.

The Knoxville City Council’s decision to approve a \$22 million Tax Increment Financing (TIF) over 30 years kick starts the demolition and development of the old hospital site.

Described as an “eye sore” the abandoned hospital and surrounding medical and office buildings could eventually become a site of a hotel, student housing, apartments, retail stores, and a river walk that links the site to the City View Apartments just down river.

The Developer, Blanchard & Calhoun, asked the city successfully to pledge the funds that would go to improve and add roads, extend the Riverwalk, and build a public pavilion.

Rhodes Seegar of Blanchard & Calhoun told the council that plans include demolition of part of the hospital from January until September of next year. The exterior of the Baptist Professional Building and the Eye Institute exteriors will be done, working around current tenants there. The Baptist Tower will be renovated starting in March and 250 student houses will be built in the current parking lot.

The \$160 million dollar project also calls for 18,000 square feet for retail businesses, plus a motel, apartments, restaurant and fitness center.

The city takes on a 30 year debt obligation with the TIF agreement but were told there was “no expense to the tax payer.”

Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis said, “It’s the biggest TIF we’ve done,” adding “The south merchants deserve this.”

When completed, the project is expected to provide 1,500 to 2,000 new jobs.

In a related vote the city council, on First Reading, voted to add additional funding of \$2.5 million to the River Edge Apartments, a \$15 million development, to widen roads and extend the Riverwalk and add a dock.

The council also voted, on the first reading, to issue \$32 million in bonds, bringing the city debt to just over \$200 million dollars.

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I'm fascinated by business pitches on television. Some of them, such as E Trade or Aflac, are funny. Others like Northern toilet paper or Viagra are nothing short of inappropriate. One thing is for sure: none of them paint life as it really exists.

One particular subject confounds me. It's the commercial about men buying engagement rings and presenting them to the women they love. The familiar line, "He went to Jared," comes to mind. These men are heroes because they visit the jewelry store, choose a hunk of diamond and mounting, and present those "perfect" rings. Is that how life really works?

Amy and I had dated for about seven months before



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a discussion about an engagement ring began. We'd both discovered within the first six weeks that our paths were destined to cross. Neither of us definitively stated that the time was right for purchasing a ring. It just happened.

I was still a college student whose income came entirely from a small check for being the head resident of a dorm. Somehow, Amy knew the jeweler, and on a set day, we hopped in my VW Bug and drove to Carthage, several miles from Cookeville. A balding man in his late fifties or early sixties greeted us and sat us at a counter. He opened up a velvet pouch and poured out several various sized diamonds onto it. Then, one by one, he described them and told us the

size, quality, and cost. Some were exorbitant in price, so much so that my heart palpitated as I tried to calculate the monthly payments for them.

After the presentation ended, it was Amy, not I, who made the choice of stone. Bless her, for she chose a diamond that wasn't perfect; it had one area that contained a small amount of clouding, double speak for "flaw." The size was good, but the price was much more in line with my wallet. I breathed a sigh of relief and developed even stronger affection for my bride-to-be.

Then the other shoe fell. The discussion turned to the mounting. Huh? I thought the cost quoted included something to put the diamond on. WRONG! Amy and the jeweler began a discussion about the ring part. She wanted something that was made of pink and green gold

and that looked antique. Yes, gold can be colored differently by adding alloys, and my brilliant wife knew this. At any rate, she described the ring, and the man produced it.

In April, I gave that ring to Amy. It was the first time that she'd seen it assembled, and it passed her approval. Of course, it pleased her because she created it. One more thing should be made clear: I had no part in choosing this ring! The only role I played in the event was as the person who paid the bill. As things turned out, Amy and I worked to pay off the ring with the small income from my teaching job and her part time job after college classes.

I asked her Poppa for permission to marry Amy, and he consented. We told her mother about our engagement, and for a long period, she refused to speak

to me. I didn't understand that until my own daughter reached the age of nineteen, and then it became abundantly clear how concerned Mary Alice was that Amy would marry and never reach the goals she'd had set for life.

So, I don't understand this pitch about the surprising a woman with an engagement ring. It's like someone allowing his friend to pick out a car for him. Too many things can go wrong, and then a friendship is strained as the person is stuck with a car he doesn't like. When a man says, "With this ring," at a wedding, it better be one that his bride has chosen and wants to keep for the next fifty years.

## Central High Honors Three Alumni

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2002 by his beloved wife of 64 years, Dorothy Wilson Harris, Charles Edgar Harris passed away on June 14, 2005 at 89 years of age. He was survived by his two sons, Charles Edgar "Ed" Harris Jr. and William "Bill" Harris, and by six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Sylvia Blankenship Williams is one of the creative forces responsible for the successful Fountain City Art Center. In 2001, Sylvia became involved with an area artist organization called Fountain City

Art Guild and she proposed creating a non-profit art center. In October 2004, that dream was realized in the old Fountain City Library building on Hotel Avenue. Months before receiving keys to the property, Sylvia formed a board of 21 community leaders and artists and enrolled 150 Art Center members. Sylvia served as volunteer director from the beginning. Since 2005, when the board asked her to serve as executive director with a salary, she has proudly held that position. The art center offers numerous classes and workshops,

exhibits, summer art camp classes for youth, 5 or 6 major art-related events, and works with other organizations in the region to promote the arts.

Sylvia was the oldest of four children born to Dr. James L. Blankenship, a nuclear physicist, and Jamie Gillenwaters Blankenship. She attended Spring Hill Elementary and Fountain City Elementary before attending Central. She later received a degree in French Literature from Mary Baldwin College then a teaching certificate and M.A. in French from the University of Tennessee

before entering education. She is married to another Central graduate, artist Charles Williams.

She and husband Charles have two children, Chuck and Olivia, and two grandchildren.

Sylvia has been described as a "study in contrasts"; small in stature but a whirlwind of ideas, energy, and enthusiasm. She is both a gifted artist and a marvel with public relations, making everyone she meets feel special and important and helping to make the Art Center an important asset to Fountain City.

The third honoree, a 1971 graduate of Central High School, Stephen Land, has become nationally known as the founder and CEO of Jupiter Entertainment. Gov. Haslam recently appointed Land as one of four new commissioners on the Tennessee Music, Film and Entertainment Commission.

The son of Ruth and Fred Land, Stephen and his sister Frieda grew up in Norwood, attending Fountain City Elementary, then Central. After graduation, he obtained a degree from the School of Journalism at the University of Tennessee.

His communications degree lead to a unique opportunity to work for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce where he held a number of positions, eventually serving as General Manager. "I

was so fortunate to work for the Chamber during the World's Fair. The atmosphere in the community was just electric." While working at the Chamber, Land met Ross Bagwell who had been hired to produce several videos for the Chamber and formed a life-long connection. Bagwell hired Land for Cinetel Productions, placing him in charge of creating shows and pitching them to networks. Over time, Land began to write, produce and oversee shows as well.

In 1996, Stephen Land established his television production company, Jupiter Entertainment, to pursue his passion for storytelling through film. One of Land's first projects was the hit series "City Confidential," Jupiter has continued to produce prime-time series and specials for cable, the best known series include "Hey Dude" (Nickelodeon), "America's Castles" (A&E), "Biography" (A&E), "Club Dance" (TNN), "Modern Marvels" (History), "Sons of Guns" (Discovery) and "Snapped" (Oxygen). Land is passing on the rewards of his commercial success through his support of the College of Communication and Information at the University of Tennessee, establishing the Land Family Communications Endowed Scholarship and providing funding for the Land CCI Ambassadors

Program. The Lands are strong supporters of the Knoxville Museum of Art, and other civic groups including the YWCA, Knox Heritage, Ijams, and St. Jude Hospital.

Land is married to another Knoxville, Nancy Jones. The Lands live in West Knoxville and have two children: Lauren Hall, a graduate of Indiana University, living in Knoxville with a new daughter Caroline; and son Harrison, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, lives in NYC running the Development Department for Jupiter. His sister, Frieda, now lives in Atlanta.

These outstanding alumni will be honored at the 12th Annual "Wall of Fame" Breakfast to be held on Saturday, November 2 at 9 a.m. at Central Commons, Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike. The event will feature a video production of interviews with the honorees and will highlight the above graduates whose accomplishments and values demonstrate the achievements of past graduates and the potential of Central's future graduates. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and may be purchased in person at the school office, or by contacting Larry Smith at 922-5433 or Courtney Shea at courtshea@aol.com.



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# Tennessee's Old Gray Fox

# Albert Gore

## Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill  
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The name Gore conjures in Tennessee thoughts of former Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., but his father was a very successful politician in an age when it was a more respectable profession and the rough and tumble of Tennessee politics was hard fought.

Albert Gore, Sr. represented Tennessee in Congress for thirty-two years, either in the House of Representatives or the United States Senate. Gore was born the day after Christmas in 1907, one of five children to Allen and Maggie Gore.

Young Albert had to scrap out an education and attended Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College and later earned a law degree from what was then the Y.M.C.A. law school. Gore met his future wife, Pauline, who also earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University, a rarity for a woman at that time.

While still Superintendent of Smith County schools, Gore would frequently stop in the old Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville to have a cup of coffee before returning home, which is where he met the future Mrs. Gore. Gore was attending the Y.M.C.A. law school and he later recalled the coffee didn't taste good unless it was served by a particular waitress, which just happened to be Pauline LaFon. Evidently, Albert Gore enjoyed excellent coffee for the remainder of his life, as the two stayed together until Gore's death.

The political bug had bitten Albert hard before he met Pauline LaFon and he waged a spirited campaign for Superintendent of Smith County schools, despite being only twenty-five years old. Gore lost to the incumbent, Lee Huffines, and Gore remembered Superintendent Huffines as "a very friendly man". Having only narrowly lost to the incumbent, approached the Superintendent for a teaching position.

While Huffines might have been friendly, he candidly told Gore he wouldn't place him in a job inside Smith County lest he defeat him in the next election.

Without a teaching position, Gore's economic condition became, in his own words, "embarrassing". He stood in line for a job interview for the better part of a week without even being interviewed. Finally, Gore accepted a job selling door-to-door. Gore was earning \$12.50 a week from his new job

and still managed to save a little money with which he bought and sold tobacco. Money was still so tight, Gore would give a farmer a check at the last possible moment and hurry to the bank to urge the banker to slightly delay cashing his check. Gore's industry and hard work paid off and he pocketed an extra \$1,000 during the worst of the Great Depression.

Albert Gore later laughed that his tobacco earnings were "burning a hole" in his pocket and used the money to purchase a farm in Carthage, which he kept for remainder of his life. It was a wise investment for the budding young politician.

It was in 1933 that Albert Gore made his first visit to the nation's Capitol. Gore took the train to Washington, D. C. carrying a pasteboard suitcase made to resemble the much more expensive leather suitcases of the time. Unfortunately, Gore was caught in a torrential rain on the way to his room in the Dodge Hotel. The rain washed away the veneer of Gore's little suitcase and even worse, it came apart. Gore arrived at his hotel carrying all his possessions.

Albert Gore hurried to the Capitol the next morning to visit his own Congressman, John Ridley Mitchell. Gore received the typical Mitchell greeting, warm and hearty. Mitchell was careful to inform Gore just how much he respected the younger man's father and family. Mitchell gave Gore a pass to the House Gallery, where a fascinated Gore spent several days observing the doings of the Congress.

Shortly after Albert Gore returned home to Smith County, Superintendent Lee Huffines was discovered to be suffering from a terminal form of cancer. Huffines had been Superintendent of Smith County schools since 1915 with but one four-year interruption. Huffines's reign as Superintendent had not been without controversy and he had not made everyone happy throughout his tenure. The Superintendent had faced numerous opponents previously who had made him the issue in the campaign and he had truly appreciated young Gore's decision to campaign on the issues rather than personalities. As he lay dying, he asked his friends and allies to insist that Albert Gore be appointed by the County Court to serve as his replacement.

The Smith County Court did follow Huffines's dying wish and Gore succeeded Lee Huffines as Superintendent of Smith County schools.

Gore was soon involved in state politics and was named campaign manager for Congressman Gordon Browning's bid to unseat U. S. Senator Nathan L. Bachman in 1934. Browning lost, but ran a respectable race.

Despite having opposed Senator Bachman, Tennessee Democrats

made an effort to unite the party for the fall campaign. Gore was selected to head the speaker's bureau for the general election. Gore showed considerable ingenuity and political skill by sending Fourth District Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell out to speak in the larger cities. Mitchell, clearly having statewide ambitions, enjoyed the attention from local media, giving him more exposure to potential voters, but it also kept Mitchell outside his own Congressional district. Those speaking assignments were filled by Albert Gore, who, not surprisingly, began being mentioned as a future candidate for Congress.

Gore's support for Gordon Browning was remembered when Browning was elected governor in 1936. Governor Browning invited Gore to serve in his Cabinet as Commissioner of Labor, an appointment Gore immediately accepted.

The Browning administration was controversial and would ignite one of the fiercest fights in Tennessee's political history. The 1938 campaign would determine the faction of Tennessee's Democratic Party which would dominate the state for years to come. Albert Gore managed to avoid most of that, having resigned from Browning's Cabinet to run

for Congress.

The Congressman from Tennessee's Fourth District was John Ridley Mitchell. Mitchell had been highly popular inside his Congressional district after first winning election in 1930. Mitchell was reelected in 1932 by beating a longtime incumbent when their districts were merged following redistricting. It was a considerable feat and one that demonstrated Ridley Mitchell's political skills.

In one of his autobiographies, Albert Gore mentioned that Ridley Mitchell was the sort of politician who could promise every constituent a new post office and then make that constituent happy when the promised post office never materialized.

In 1938, the seat in the United States Senate held by Nathan L. Bachman was open, as Bachman had died unexpectedly of a heart attack in April of 1937. Governor Browning had appointed George L. Berry to the Senate and Congressman Ridley Mitchell entered the special election in 1938, leaving his Congressional seat open.

Albert Gore entered the Democratic primary for Congress in 1938 and faced a host of

opponents. Perhaps the most formidable opponent contending for the nomination was John Jewell, a state senator who had run a strong race against Ridley Mitchell in 1936. C. D. Lamb, another candidate with a local power base, proved to be a strong candidate as well.

Money, one of the key ingredients for any successful campaign, was usually scarce whenever Albert Gore was running for office. He and his wife Pauline scraped together whatever they could and Gore's campaign for Congress was highly personal, with the candidate visiting every county in the district repeatedly. Only thirty-one years old when he first ran for Congress, Gore could claim experience as Superintendent of Smith County schools as well as his brief tenure in the Cabinet of Governor Gordon Browning, but several of his opponents had records from their own time in public office.

Gore was an accomplished fiddle player and he toted his fiddle with him everywhere he went during the campaign for Congress. Gore would entertain rallies as well as whoever happened to be in a country store at the crossroads of a particular county.

While readers today are likely familiar with the campaigning of Gore's son, the two might have the same name, but the father was, I think, by far the superior campaigner. Albert Gore, Sr. was an excellent speaker, possessed a winning smile, and was adept at winning friends through personal contact. There was nothing dull or leaden about Albert Gore, Sr.

Gore largely managed to avoid being caught up in the fierce battles for governor and U. S. senator that year, despite his connection with incumbent Governor Gordon Browning. Gore won the Democratic nomination for Congress, beating out his nearest competitor, John Jewell, by more than 3,000 votes. The Fourth District covered a large territory and was composed of eighteen counties; Gore carried eight of them to win.

The Republican Party was not a factor inside the heavily Democratic Fourth District. Albert Gore was in essence, the new Congressman from the Fourth District even before the ballots were counted in November.

Albert and Pauline Gore, along with their young daughter Nancy, were off to Washington, D. C.

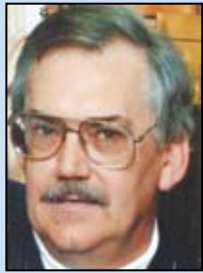


FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Albert Gore in 1942



## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

John Murrell died a young man but in his brief lifetime he had ventured across Tennessee and Kentucky and raised a lot of fear, murdered a few folks, stolen from many others, and left his stamp on our history and legends.

Murrell was born about 1806, some say in Virginia and some say in middle Tennessee. He was said to have started his "career" at Cumberland Gap, way-laying travelers there and stealing their money and goods. For a while Cudjo's Caverns there was known as "Murrell's Cave." From there he moved up to the Ohio River and put a gang together, operating out of Red Banks and Diamond Island. From there his gang moved to Cave In Rock, just across the Ohio River

from Kentucky.

Murrell then moved and spent several years operating along the Natchez Trace, robbing, killing, and stealing slaves. Then he hatched an odd idea for the time.

The plan was to foster a Slave Revolt in the south. He would encourage slaves to escape and join his "Mystic Clan" and gain their freedom. He would start in New Orleans and, by doing so, would become the ruler of a huge crime ring and king of that city. But his plans were found

out, many of his followers were hunted and killed, and Murrell himself was eventually caught and convicted of stealing a slave.

During his criminal lifetime Murrell "rubbed shoulders" with the likes of fellow outlaws Sam Mason, The Harpe Brothers, Harry Crenshaw and many more. His deadly deeds were exposed and blown way out of reality, in a "dime" novel prior to his death. His fame was recalled by Mark Twain as Huck and Tom looked for "Murell's Treasure." Several movies

were made about him and some actually place him well beyond his time of death in the Civil War.

He died in 1844 atop the Cumberland Mountains near Pikeville. Although near his time of death he professed his faith and declared he would no longer be an outlaw, Murrell was such a legend that he would not rest easy in his grave.

The "reformed" outlaw lived as a blacksmith near Pikeville and was buried in the Smyrna Cemetery, in Bledsoe County. He did

not stay buried very long. Someone, legend says two doctors, dug him up and took body parts, including his head. Some say he was reburied there and others say his body was taken, in pieces, and buried at unknown spots. It is said you can see Murrell's thumb at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville.

Cave In Rock is a little Illinois town just across the river a few miles north of Marion, Ky. You can get there by going through Nashville and north off

Interstate 24 to Highway 641 and following it to Highway 91. The Cave In Rock Ferry, one of seven in Kentucky, goes back and forth about every 20 minutes and you can see the cave from the Kentucky side. There's only about 640 people who live there and the village is a step in the past. The Cave In Rock State Park is located above the cave.

Or you can drive over to the Pikeville area and see if you can find Murrell's grave.



*The Ohio River as seen from Cave In Rock, once called Murrell's Cave. Tennessee's early history is full of legend about Murrell, a highwayman and river pirate, and the outlaw is buried near Pikeville, Tn. Or most of him is there...*

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## Lady Admirals headed to Murfreesboro after win

By Ken Lay

The next stop for the Farragut High School volleyball team will be Murfreesboro.

The Lady Admirals punched their ticket to the Class AAA State Tournament with a 25-12, 25-22, 25-13, 25-15 victory over Science Hill in a Section 1-AAA match before a boisterous crowd at Farragut's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

It was business as usual for Farragut (46-8), which has played team volleyball all season long. The match against the Lady Hilltoppers (32-16) was no exception.

"It was an overall team effort from all angles," Lady Admirals' coach Susan Davidson said. "We had a good team effort here tonight."

Farragut, which went undefeated en route to a District 4-AAA regular-season championship and finished second in the district's post-season tournament and won the Region 2-AAA Tournament with impressive wins over host Karns and rival Bearden (which beat the Lady Admirals in the district finals), boasted a balanced attack.

Junior Raegan Grooms, who missed much of the 2012 season due to injury, had 12 kills and 16 digs. She also served up a match-clinching ace.

"That was huge," Grooms said. "There's nothing much better than going to state. That's what we worked all season for and we're going to win."

Grooms got plenty of help from her supporting cast on this night --- but that's nothing new.

Senior setter and captain Tessa Watson dished out 22 assists and provided a defensive spark with 11 digs. Emma Milstead finished with 13 kills, 14 assists and six digs. Natalie Hartman also added nine clutch kills.

"Natalie Hartman was on fire tonight," Davidson said. "She had nine kills but they were nine special ones just at the right times."

Farragut has made a habit of putting its opponents away with a potent service game and that part of the Lady Admirals' attack got even stronger in Thursday night's elimination match --- especially in the clinching game --- when freshman Madi Howell scored three consecutive points to give Farragut a 20-9 lead and help put the game out of reach.

"We talked all week about serving tougher and Madi had a five-point run and scored 10 points in that game," Davidson said. "She's a freshman and she comes in and plays in the back row."

Grooms, Milstead, Hartman and Watson, Farragut's top server, all had big service runs in the match.

It wasn't all easy, however, for the Lady Admirals. Farragut opened a 12-7 lead in the second set only to see that game slip away. But the slump didn't last long.

The Lady Admirals quickly regained control of the match by opening an 8-1 advantage in the pivotal third game.

Farragut opened the set by scoring on a side-out before Watson scored six points (including a pair of aces) to make the score 6-0. The Lady Hilltoppers scored on a side-out before the Lady Admirals scored two straight to make the score 8-1. From there, Farragut would cruise. The Lady Admirals never trailed in the three games they won.

Farragut is one of three area Division I teams heading to Murfreesboro. The Lady Admirals will be joined by Christian Academy of Knoxville (Class AA) and Grace Christian Academy (Class A).

## Farragut Beats Rival Bearden 38-6

By Alex Norman

Knox County has their share of big time rivalries.

Austin-East and Fulton. Webb and Catholic. Halls and Central.

But the folks in West Knoxville believe that matchups between Farragut and Bearden rank up there with any rivalry you can mention.

Last Thursday the rivalry was renewed and for one night, it was a completely one sided affair. Farragut scored 35 unanswered points on their way to a 38-6 victory.

Midway through the first quarter Bearden was on top 6-3 when the Admirals began their big play night through the air. Senior quarterback Bryan Phillips threw a deep ball to the back right corner of the end zone. Aaron Suadi ran past junior defensive back Jack Shires and made the grab. The 27 yard hookup gave Farragut a 10-6 lead.

Teams would trade turnovers on their next drives. Bearden's Xavier Johnson was intercepted by Farragut's R.G. Stewart, and then Farragut's Phillips would be picked off

by Bulldogs defensive back Hunter Henry.

In the second quarter the Admirals took advantage of a second Bulldogs turnover. Ryan Glitenkamp picked up a poorly executed pitch, and returned it five yards to the Bearden 40. On the very next play,

Phillips went deep again, and once again looked for Suadi. His diving effort in the end zone gave Farragut a 17-6 advantage with 11:43 to go in the half.

On the Admirals next possession, they moved the ball inside the Bulldogs ten yard line, but the drive would stall, and end without points as a 32 yard field goal attempt by Carter Phillipy was wide right.

Farragut (5-3, 4-1 District 4-AAA) led 17-6 at the half.

The second half began in devastating fashion for Bearden (2-3, 2-6 District 4-AAA). They kicked off to Farragut's Billy Williams, who caught the ball at his one yard line, and proceeded to run 99 yards, untouched, to the Bulldogs end

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

*Farragut senior receiver Aaron Suadi and Bearden senior defensive back Hunter Henry battle for the football during the Admirals 38-6 victory over the Bulldogs.*

## ‘Banged up’ Irish nab Senior Night win over Scott



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

*Catholic's Elijah Brown (5) runs past Scott's Caleb Sexton and into the end zone in the Irish's 35-2 win over the Highlanders on Senior Night at Blaine Stadium last week. Brown scored three touchdowns for Catholic, which improved to 7-1 with the victory.*

By Ken Lay

A bruised and battered Catholic High School football team overcame injuries and turnovers to nab a 35-2 District 4-AA victory against Scott Friday night before a packed house at Blaine Stadium.

It took the Irish just three plays to score a touchdown and set the tone. Catholic (7-1 overall, 3-0 in the district) took the opening kickoff and marched 53 yards for the game's first score. Senior running back Elijah Brown put the Irish on the board with an electrifying 26-yard touchdown scamper.

It was the first of three touchdown runs for Brown, the son of former Tennessee football player Terry Brown. The younger Brown finished with 164 yards on just 10 carries for the Irish, who scored the game's first points just 56 seconds into the

contest.

Brown had a pair of long runs in the second quarter to help Catholic bounce back from a recent 61-40 loss at Anderson County. His other touchdown runs covered 50 and 51 yards respectively.

Catholic's defense scored its second touchdown as senior Harrison Huber intercepted Scott starting quarterback Jake Phillips and returned it 47 yards to the end zone. Wyatt Price's extra point extended the Irish's advantage to 14-0 with 5 minutes, 45 seconds remaining in the opening stanza on Senior Night.

"The ball was tipped and one of our guys couldn't get to it. But I made the catch and I got some good blocks," Huber said. "We needed that one."

Catholic's defense held the Highlanders (6-3, 1-3) scoreless

en route to a victory that helped the Irish culminate a perfect home regular season.

"It feels great to win all of our home games," Huber said. "The Anderson County game [played in Clinton on Oct. 11] was just crazy."

Scott scored its only points on a safety as time expired in the first quarter.

Although the Irish dominated the opening half, things were far from perfect. Catholic, which closes the 2013 season with tough road games at Webb and Alcoa (in a game that will determine the district champion), lost two fumbles and quarterback Zac Jancek threw an interception before taking a seat after halftime with the game in hand.

Jancek closed his night with a bang as he scored Catholic's last touchdown on an 18-yard

run to make the score 35-2 inside the final minute of the half.

Brown's second TD dash came early in the second frame. He would add another score later in the stanza for the Irish, who will look to end a three-game losing streak to the Spartans.

Scott's safety kept the mercy rule from being invoked but that wasn't necessarily a bad thing for the injury-riddled Irish.

"We got a chance to get some seniors some playing time," Irish coach Steve Matthews said. "We're a banged up football team right now."

Brown agreed. "This was a special night for us," he said. "Some guys got a chance to play and we got a chance to see what they could do."

"We may need those guys."



# Battle of Bristol

## Battle at Bristol... A Major Recruiting Opportunity for Tennessee?

By Alex Norman

Back in March, Tennessee football coach Butch Jones was the Grand Marshal for the Food City 500 Sprint Cup race at Bristol Motor Speedway. He was impressed with what he saw at the track that some like to call "The Last Great Colosseum."

"The magnitude of it, the excitement, the pageantry of it, this is truly a special place," said Jones.

That track will be home to a historic matchup on September 10, 2016 when the Vols play Virginia Tech in the "Battle at Bristol." A record crowd of more than 150,000 fans is anticipated.

"We have a great following here, to be part of it in a few years is exciting," said Jones.

If we have learned anything about Butch Jones and his coaching staff, it is that they are tireless recruiters. Tennessee's Class of 2014 is expected to be ranked in the top 5 nationally. This despite three straight losing seasons (under former Vols coach Derek Dooley), and no bowl game victories since New Year's Day 2008.

Jones and his staff surely are using the future game in Bristol as a selling point to players in the next three recruiting classes.

"Everything is about making an impact. I think more so than just this game it is an illustration of how we are continuing to elevate and grow our football program," said Jones. "The vision that we have, the relentless approach that we are taking on the field and off the field... I think it is another illustration of what's going on at Tennessee."

There is a good chance this won't be the last neutral site contest for the Vols in the Butch Jones era.

"Everything is about appealing to the prospective student athlete," said Jones. "To have marquee games and marquee venues... I think they are critical as we continue to elevate our football program."



UT athletic director Dave Hart and head football coach Butch Jones announced that the Tennessee Volunteers and Virginia Tech Hokies will play on Sep. 10, 2016 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

## Vols vs. Hokies in Bristol: Let the hype begin

By Ken Lay

It's a game that's been rumored to come to pass for nearly two decades and now it's finally going to happen.

Tennessee and Virginia Tech will play at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sept. 10, 2016. Talk of the matchup at the world's Last Great Coliseum began 17 years ago when the Volunteers and the Hokies enjoyed National prominence on the gridiron.

At that time, Frank Beamer was transforming a dormant program into a Big East --- and later --- an Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouse.

Meanwhile, rumors of the game hit a fever pitch as Philip Fulmer was helping Tennessee become a National Championship contender after the Vols were mired in mediocrity under Johnny Majors.

Talks of the game began to take off in 1996 when

Tennessee was making a habit of competing for --- and winning Southeastern Conference titles. In Blacksburg, Beamer was transforming Virginia Tech into the NCAA's new darling program. Both continued to be Top-25 teams until the Vols went 5-6 in 2005. They would, however, rebound to have winning seasons in 2006 and 2007 before the wheels finally fell off in 2008 when Fulmer went 5-7 and was unceremoniously canned midway through the season. As a lame duck coach, Fulmer salvaged some respectability by beating Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

During the same time the Hokies continued to field a competitive program and rumors persisted as BMS owner Brewton Smith expressed his enthusiasm for hosting the biggest college football game ever played at

the iconic half-mile race track that seats 160,000 fans.

Well, it became official last Monday at a press conference that was more of a circus at the track. There, the infield was painted and even sported a checkerboard end zone. The two teams signed the contract to play in Bristol in 2016 amongst cheers from Tennessee and Virginia Tech fans.

Now the game everyone in East Tennessee and western Virginia wanted to see will happen. The contract is signed so there's no turning back.

Last Monday was the biggest hype event in college football history as race cars featuring UT and Va. Tech logos were on the track. It will definitely be an event that will interest NASCAR fans and college football enthusiasts alike.

The press conference, however, was overhyped when you consider that the Vols were in preparation for a huge SEC showdown against South Carolina and the Hokies did not play on Oct. 19.

The hype surrounding this game is an absolute joke. For starters, Tennessee is 1-12 since in October since 2010. The Vols' only October win

during that time was against Buffalo on Oct. 1, 2011.

UT is on its fourth coach and third athletic director since talks about this game began. Lane Kiffin lasted just one year before he bolted to USC (where he's since been shown the door). His last game at Tennessee was against the Hokies on New Year's Eve, 2009 at the Chick-Fil-A Bowl in Atlanta. Virginia Tech dismantled the Big Orange 37-14.

Derek Dooley was canned after three consecutive losing seasons, leaving new coach Butch Jones to inherit a mess. ESPN's Dr. Jerry Punch assured the crowd that Butch Jones would still be coaching on Rocky Top when the game finally kicks off.

But what proof does anybody have? Will Jones leave for greener pastures or will he even survive as Tennessee's coach long enough to be around in 2016?

Beamer's future has also come into question recently. So it's safe to assume that neither coach will be in place when the teams invade Bristol.

Sure, the Battle of Bristol will be historic but let's remember two-plus years is an eternity in the ever-changing world of college football.

## Farragut Beats Rival Bearden 38-6

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zone. The Admirals were up 24-6 only 17 seconds into the third.

Farragut really put the game away on their next possession. A 10 play drive that covered 65 yards and took 4:22 off the clock finished with a four yard touchdown run by sophomore Tanner Thomas. The Admirals were on top 31-6

and in complete control.

Phillips would throw for 205 yards and three touchdowns in the victory, and last scoring play going once again to Suadi midway through the fourth quarter. Suadi had over 100 receiving yards, and Thomas ran for 130 yards as well. A balanced offensive attack helped Farragut win their third game in a row, and remain in a tie with Knoxville West for second place in District 4-AAA.

Farragut finishes the regular season with two games at home. On Friday they face William Blount, and on November 1st the Admirals host undefeated powerhouse Maryville.

The Bulldogs face the same opponents, only on the road. Maryville this coming Friday and the Governors on November 1st.

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# Alcoa Rolls Over Warriors 51-17

By David Klein

The Alcoa Tornadoes used a powerful running game, a ball control offense, and a stifling defense Friday night at home to beat the CAK Warriors 51-17. In the win, Alcoa jumped out to a 28-10 first half lead. Alcoa running back Jaquez Tyson ran for three touchdowns, part of a balanced scoring effort by the Tornadoes. Fellow Tornado running back Malik Love scored two touchdowns as did quarterback Peyton Wall. The game turned in Alcoa's momentum when the Tornadoes recovered a Philip Nichols' fumble in CAK territory. From there, they rode Tyson's back, capping off the short drive with Wall's one-yard touchdown run and a 21-3 lead.

Alcoa set the tone for their offensive explosion on their first possession of

the game. Love took a pitch outside to the right, then cut it back inside, taking it 73 yards for the touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

The Tornadoes scored their second touchdown of the game on Tyson's one-yard touchdown run.

His touchdown came after Alcoa converted three third downs on the drive. The offensive line for the Tornadoes manhandled the Warriors during the game. "When they come out, they dominate," Tyson said. "It's so simple, it seems like to me. As easy as they make it for me, it's got to be easy for them."

CAK temporarily halted the Tornadoes' momentum with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Cole Smith to Nichols. On the play, Smith faked a handoff, then acted like he was going to run it, but instead he threw a jump pass for

the touchdown. Preceding the touchdown, Nichols caught a 42-yard bomb to get the Warriors into the red zone.

Alcoa came right back. Tyson bulldozed through the Warriors on the drive, capping the drive with a 12-yard touchdown, his second of the game. That touchdown gave Alcoa a 28-10 halftime lead.

It was all Tornadoes in the second half. Alcoa received the second half kickoff and immediately marched down the field. Tyson scored his third touchdown from one yard out, making it 35-10 Alcoa.

On its next possession, CAK's Cole Smith threw his second interception to Dustin Clabough. The very next play, Wall threw a 56-yard strike to Love, hitting him in stride, and the rout went from bad to worse for CAK.

Alcoa forced a safety, sacking Smith in the end zone for two points on CAK's next possession. Then the Tornadoes' Wall scored his second touchdown of the game, as Alcoa went up 51-10. Suddenly, the Tornadoes had scored 23 straight points in four minutes.

In the fourth quarter, neither offense scored, but CAK had a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown off of Alcoa backup quarterback Kullen Wells. Alcoa won 51-17.

Alcoa's defense had forced five turnovers, four interceptions and one fumble. Alcoa Head Coach Gary Rankin praised his defense's performance. "I thought we hit them a little bit. Our secondary was good," he said.

Alcoa improved to 7-1, 3-0 in District 4AA. CAK fell to 2-6, 1-2 in District 4AA.

## A LOOK AHEAD, A GLANCE BACK

# Bobcats host Oak Ridge in key District 3-AAA game

By Steve Williams

They're heading down the homestretch of the 2013 high school football regular season.

Many teams will be playing for district titles and playoff berths and seedings in the final two weeks of play.

Knoxville Central has two big games remaining in District 3-AAA. The Bobcats, who won at Halls 34-7 in the annual Battle of Black Oak Ridge last week, will host the Oak Ridge Wildcats this Friday night before entertaining Gibbs in Week 10.

Central is now tied in third place with Powell with a 4-2 district record. The Bobcats are 4-4 overall.

Oak Ridge, which rallied to win at Powell 21-14 Friday night, is 5-1 in the district and in a three-way tie for first place with Anderson County and Campbell County. The Ridgers are 6-2 overall.

Central pulled out a 63-60 win at Clinton in Week 7 as JaJuan Stinson hauled in a 59-yard touchdown pass as time expired.

In the unbelievable finish, the host Dragons had taken a 60-57 lead with 22 seconds to go in the game when Central snapped the ball over its punter's head and Clinton recovered it in the end zone for what looked like would be the winning TD.

"In all my years of coaching, I haven't been involved or seen a game quite like that one," noted Central Coach Joe Hassell last week, reflecting on the exciting game at Clinton.

When asked if he thought Clinton had the game won when the Dragons went ahead on the errant snap to the punter, Hassell answered, "No. I felt that we had time on the clock and with our ability to get the ball vertically we had a shot. Admittedly, it was a long shot, but neither our kids or coaches were ready to concede a loss with time on the clock and the ball in our hands."

**TOUGH LOSS:** Powell played its first game without senior quarterback Hagen Owenby in the loss to Oak Ridge. Owenby suffered a knee injury the week before against Halls and is out for the season.

**LONGTIME RIVALS:** Catholic will play at Webb School in this week's Rivalry Thursday TV game at 7 o'clock on MyVLT.

"When I first came to Webb School some 30 years ago, the Webb-Catholic rivalry was already in place," pointed out Spartans Coach David Meske last week

"This is a game where both school's alumni and students come out in full force. This is a great event for our players, students, alums, band and cheerleaders as they are involved in an exciting atmosphere that will leave them with lasting memories. This game is what makes high school football so special as players from two great schools have the opportunity to compete against each other in front of a full stadium."

**GETTING CLOSER:** Fulton has moved within one point of Maryville in Sonny Moore's latest Computer Power Ratings.

Based on games played through October 11, Ensworth has taken over No. 1 with a 155.88 rating. Maryville slipped to second place at 152.38. Fulton is third at 151.81.

Fulton, by the way, will be seeking the school's 400th all-time football victory when it plays at Christian County in Hopkinsville, Ky., this Friday.

# Big-play Hornets get past tough G-P, 49-42

## Unbeaten Carter now focusing on Grainger

By Steve Williams

There were a few anxious moments among Carter High fans before their Hornets could nail down a 49-42 win Friday night over Gatlinburg-Pittman and keep their unbeaten streak alive.

It wasn't until Tucker Greene caught an 18-yard pass from Jonathan Freeman on third-and-16 that Carter could go into its victory formation and the Hornets' faithful could let out a sigh of relief.

The big and strong Highlanders gave Carter all it wanted.

"I'd say this was the best team we've played so far," said Freeman, the Hornets' junior quarterback, who threw three touchdowns and ran for another.

It was a battle between two teams with contrasting styles.

Gatlinburg-Pittman workhorse Michael Muszik, a 6-2, 250-pound junior tailback, carried the ball 27 times for 132 yards and three touchdowns. The Highlanders, running mostly out of the power I, had 56 rushing

plays for 233 yards.

Carter countered with a big-play passing attack. Freeman completed 19 of 39 passes for 398 yards and versatile Hank Black caught nine passes for 197 yards and two TDs.

"We knew they were going to be physical coming into this game," said Black "We knew they were going to hit us in the mouth. We just had to use our athletes against them. We made things happen. That's what we do."

Playing smash-mouth football is what the Highlanders do.

"That's always been our forte," said veteran coach Benny Hammonds, who is in his 42nd season at G-P. "Try to be physical and run the ball right at people. It wasn't enough to overcome the big plays that Carter has been making all year. They made them tonight and they're deserving of the victory. They made more plays than we did, and we knew coming down here that they were a big-play team."

The action-packed game was filled with big plays by both teams from start to finish, including a 102-yard interception return by G-P's Jeremy Odom in a second

quarter that produced 43 points by the two teams.

The win on Seniors Night lifted Carter to 4-0 in District 3-AA and 8-0 overall. There's already been publicity and speculation about a potential matchup of two undefeated teams when Carter plays at unbeaten Fulton in the regular season finale, but Coach Heath Woods' Hornets weren't looking ahead to that potential showdown after the win over G-P. Their focus is firmly on this week's game at Grainger County.

"We're not even looking at Fulton right now," said Black. "We're focusing on Grainger County. That's our main goal right now - to beat them and go 9-0. We'll look at Fulton next week."

Added Freeman: "It's one week at a time because Grainger is not a bad team either. If we don't come ready to play against Grainger, we'll get beat."

It took Carter awhile to seize the lead against Gatlinburg-Pittman. The two teams had been swapping scores. But after Black's 69-yard TD catch-and-run and PAT kick pulled the Hornets into a 21-all tie, Greene intercepted G-P quarterback Tanner Cox's pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to give Carter its first lead with 5:45 left in the second quarter.

The Highlanders regained the lead, 29-28, on Odom's 15-yard

TD run and Muszik's two-point conversion run with 51.5 seconds to go in the half.

But Carter got off to a good start after interception, striking quickly on offense and getting back-to-back stops from its defense.

Toy'Shaun Winton scored on a 22-yard run - his second TD of the game - on the third play from scrimmage in the second half and Greene tossed a two-point pass to Charles Mitchell to put the Hornets ahead 36-29.

Black's 16-yard TD catch extended the lead to 43-29 with 6:23 remaining in the third quarter.

After the Highlanders cut the lead to 43-36, Freeman scored on third-and-1 from the G-P 9-yard line with 9:51 showing in the final quarter. It looked like Freeman was just running a quarterback sneak to get the first down, but he rode his blocking all the way into the end zone to increase Carter's lead to 49-36.

The key to the win, said Freeman, was the team sticking together.

"We had some turnovers, things we don't normally do," said Freeman, who threw three interceptions. "There was a little confusion and people getting kind of angry, and that's natural for that to happen - getting upset for making mistakes we don't usually make. But we stuck together as a team and held it together."

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 SOUTH DOYLE Class AAA, D2	OPEN	VS. Heritage W 26-7	vs. Jefferson County W 28-14	vs. Hardin Valley L 14-21	vs. Cocke County W 41-14	vs. Knoxville Carter L 10-44	vs. Seymour W 34-14	vs. Cherokee W 31-28	vs. Morristown West W 36-21	vs. Morristown East	vs. Sevier County
 GCA Class A, D3	VS. Austin-East W 55-19	VS. Kingston W 34-6	vs. Tellico Plains W 42-6	vs. McMinn Central W 42-0	vs. Harriman W 54-0	vs. CAK W 27-13	vs. Meigs County W 63-7	vs. Midway W 53-14	vs. Greenback W 52-13	OPEN	vs. Rockwood
 AUSTIN-EAST Class AA, D3	VS. Grace Christian L 19-55	VS. Anderson County L 24-56	vs. Knoxville Fulton L 0-63	vs. Sweetwater L 12-28	vs. Knoxville Carter L 6-50	vs. Brainerd W 21-18	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman L 15-32	OPEN	vs. Pigeon Forge L 6-33	vs. Loudon	vs. Union County
 CARTER Class AA, D3	VS. Gibbs W 54-48	VS. Cocke County W 33-0	vs. Pigeon Forge W 27-24	OPEN	vs. Austin-East W 50-6	vs. South-Doyle W 44-10	vs. Union County W 52-12	vs. McMinn Central W 47-22	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman W 49-42	vs. Grainger County	vs. Knoxville Fulton
 FULTON Class AA, D3	VS. Knoxville Powell W 46-0	VS. Bearden W 52-0	vs. Austin-East W 63-0	vs. Farragut W 55-7	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman W 62-8	vs. Knoxville Central W 69-14	vs. Pigeon Forge W 61-0	OPEN	vs. Union County W 74-0	vs. Christian County, KY	vs. Knoxville Carter
 GIBBS Class AAA, D3	VS. Knoxville Carter L 48-54	VS. Grainger W 28-14	vs. Anderson County L 6-35	vs. Clinton L 19-38	vs. Knoxville Halls W 36-0	vs. Oak Ridge L 28-57	OPEN	vs. Campbell County L 28-35	vs. Karns (10/17) W 24-10	vs. Powell	vs. Knoxville Central
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 HALLS Class AA, D3	VS. Williams-burg L 14-43	VS. Union County L 20-26	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge L 6-37	vs. Gibbs L 0-36	vs. Campbell County L 0-56	vs. Karns L 16-33	vs. Powell L 0-17	vs. Knoxville Central L 7-34	vs. Anderson County	vs. Clinton
 HARDIN VALLEY Class AAA, D4	OPEN	VS. Karns W 29-8	vs. William Blount W 45-20	vs. South-Doyle W 21-14	vs. Maryville L 0-49	vs. Knoxville Catholic L 14-15	vs. Farragut L 33-35	vs. Bearden W 33-7	vs. Knoxville West L 12-49	vs. Lenoir City	vs. Heritage
 KARNs Class AAA, D3	VS. Knoxville West L 7-65	VS. Hardin Valley L 8-29	vs. Powell L 13-19	vs. Knoxville Central L 31-52	vs. Anderson County L 14-49	vs. Clinton L 27-32	vs. Knoxville Halls W 33-16	vs. Oak Ridge L 28-56	vs. Gibbs (10/17) L 10-24	vs. Campbell County	OPEN
 POWELL Class AAA, D3	VS. Knoxville Fulton L 0-46	VS. CAK W 42-41	vs. Karns W 19-13	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Central L 35-37	vs. Anderson County W 41-27	vs. Clinton W 67-6	vs. Knoxville Halls W 17-0	vs. Oak Ridge L 14-21	vs. Gibbs	vs. Campbell County
 BEARDEN Class AAA, D4	VS. Sevier County L 27-62	VS. Knoxville Fulton L 0-52	vs. Heritage W 54-28	vs. Morristown East L 28-41	vs. Lenoir City W 26-17	OPEN	vs. Knoxville West L 20-41	vs. Hardin Valley L 7-33	vs. Farragut L 6-38	vs. Maryville	vs. William Blount
 CATHOLIC Class AA, D4	VS. Notre Dame W 22-13	VS. Coalfield W 47-7	vs. CAK W 17-14	OPEN	vs. Tyner Academy W 24-6	vs. Hardin Valley W 15-14	vs. Kingston W 51-7	vs. Anderson County L 40-61	VS. Scott W 35-2	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Alcoa
 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	vs. Kingston
 FARRAGUT Class AAA, D4	VS. Kingsport DB L 20-21	VS. Oak Ridge W 31-24	vs. Lenoir City W 34-14	vs. Knoxville Fulton L 7-55	vs. Knoxville West L 16-25	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley W 35-33	vs. Heritage W 48-7	vs. Bearden W 38-6	vs. William Blount	vs. Maryville
 WEST Class AAA, D4	VS. Karns W 65-7	OPEN	vs. Maryville L 20-42	vs. Asheville, NC W 34-20	vs. Farragut W 25-16	vs. Cleveland W 35-25	vs. Bearden W 41-20	vs. William Blount W 49-20	vs. Hardin Valley W 49-12	vs. Heritage	vs. Lenoir City

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After the resurrection of Christ, fifty days later came the Jewish Festival of Pentecost. Thousands of Jews have gathered for this prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel to celebrate the giving of the Law on Sinai.

It is during the feast that the Holy Spirit is poured out and the church/kingdom is born. Jesus promised and the prophets foretold of this event.

The church begins to grow rapidly, beginning



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

in Jerusalem, spreading to Samaria, and then to the entire world. The New Testament, beginning with the Book of Acts, records the progress of the gospel and the new churches that are

planted. The most prominent figure is a church planter named Paul. Paul (known previously as Saul), was not the candidate most Christians would have expected to be the leading missionary of the early church. Paul was

a persecutor of the church. He was a diehard Pharisee, committed to strictly preserving the boundaries of early Judaism. Not only was Paul grounded in the Jewish traditions and law, he was also a Roman citizen (Acts 16:37; 22:25-28; 28:16). This fact did not dominate his life or sense of identity, however. It was a resource he would draw upon from time to time in order to advance the gospel, but he did not boast about it. The citizenship that Paul did emphasize was that of the kingdom of God.

Paul's new life in Christ began on a road, the Damascus road (Acts 9:1-31). While walking on this road to find and punish Christians, Jesus revealed Himself to Paul. Not only did Jesus show Paul who He was, but also

Paul was given the message that God wanted him to convey. This message was the law-free gospel of redemption through faith in the crucified Christ. Paul would become God's mouthpiece to the Gentiles (Galatians 1:15-16). This passage from Galatians points out that God has had His hand on Paul from even before his birth (echoes of Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations"). Paul's calling to go to the Gentiles was not a result of his own career planning. Paul was anything but interested in the Christian faith. It was God who was guiding his life. God decided that Paul would be His witness to the Gentiles.

And what a witness Paul was. The Book of Acts records three different missionary journeys Paul would take. Paul goes on to author thirteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament and plants at least ten different churches of non-Jewish origin. He suffered greatly in his ministry (2 Cor. 11:23-28), and eventually died a martyr's death by being beheaded by the Romans.

Paul is another example among many in the Bible that God can use anybody. Isn't that good news? God loves to use the least likely candidate to do great things for His Kingdom. This is great hope for you and me. Let us learn from Paul's life about the grace and power of God.

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## Church Happenings

### Bells Campground UMC

Bells Campground UMC is holding a revival Sunday, October 27- Wednesday, October 30 at 7915 Bells Campground Rd, Powell, TN. Rev MC Taylor and Rev Charles Scruggs will be preaching. Service begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### New Beverly Baptist Church

A Chili Supper Fundraiser hosted by seniors, The Timeless Treasures, will be held Saturday, Oct. 26th. 5-8 p.m. Adults \$10 and Kids \$5 (Under 4 Free).

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## Rosie's World

## And then it was winter

Y o u k n o w , time has a way of moving quickly and catching your unaware of passing years. It seems just yesterday I was young, just married and embarking on with my new life and my mate. Yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I knew that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all hopes and dreams. But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast?

Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing old people through the years and thinking that the old people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it was like. But, here it is. My friends are retired and getting gray. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better or worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant, but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! Cause if I don't go on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit! And so, I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how

long it will last. This I know. When it's over on this earth, it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done. Things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you want to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly. Don't put it off too long. You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So, live for today.

Your kids are becoming you, but your grandchildren are perfect! Going out is good and coming home is better. You forget names but it's ok because other people forgot they even knew you. You realize you're never going to be really good at anything, especially golf. The things you used to care to do, you not longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore. You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep." You miss the days when everything worked with just an "on" and "off" switch. You tend to use more 4 letter words... what? When???

Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere. What used to be freckles are now liver spots. But old is good in some things: old songs, old movies, and best of all, old friends.

Thought for the day: It is health that is wealth, not gold and silver. Anonymous.

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.



## Antiques Roadshow announces Season 18

On January 6, 2014, ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, PBS's most-watched primetime series, returns for Season 18 with its signature cross-country treasure hunt and an added bonus—more episodes than ever before!

With 35 brand new episodes ANTIQUES ROADSHOW shares history through America's untold stories. Host Mark L. Walberg welcomes viewers to join us in rediscovering hidden treasures from attics and basements, estate sales and dumpsters starting Monday, January 6, at 8 p.m. on PBS.

ROADSHOW's first Season 18 stop is Boise, Idaho, which yielded one of the high-values for the season: an oil painting of an Italian landscape done by Hudson River artist Sanford Robinson Gifford that was appraised for \$300,000 and was previously stored in the guest's basement.

After Boise, ROADSHOW's newly expanded tour travels to Detroit, Michigan; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; Anaheim, California; Richmond, Virginia; Jacksonville, Florida; and Knoxville, Tennessee.

"They saved the best for last!" says East Tennessee PBS CEO and general manager Vickie Lawson. "We had a remarkable experience hosting ANTIQUES ROADSHOW in July, and we're excited to watch the Knoxville episodes in Fall 2014 along with the rest of our East Tennessee viewers. We'll also broadcast behind-the-scenes footage our production team filmed during the event."

East Tennessee PBS will announce exact airdates for the three episodes filmed in Knoxville when they are confirmed. ANTIQUES ROADSHOW airs Mondays at 8 p.m. on East Tennessee PBS.

Here is a sample of discoveries from ROADSHOW's 2014 season:

- In Detroit, ROADSHOW appraised a script for The Wizard of Oz that belonged to Bert Lahr, who played the "Cowardly Lion." The script, which was Lahr's working script on set, was brought in by his great-grandson and valued at \$150,000.
- In Baton Rouge, a guest brought a copy of the book "The History of Magic," with an inscription from his old college roommate... Jim Morrison of "The Doors" fame. The book appraised for \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- In Anaheim, ROADSHOW switched gears from pop art to pop music when a guest brought in Michael Jackson's hand-drawn sketches from tenth grade. The sketches provide illumination on Jackson's enigmatic youth, and appraised for \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- In Richmond, a former college basketball referee brought in a signed basketball used when University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill won the 1982 championship against Georgetown. The signatures include former teammates James Worthy, Sam Perkins, Patrick Ewing, and breakout freshman Michael Jordan.

For more information about ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, visit pbs.org/antiques.

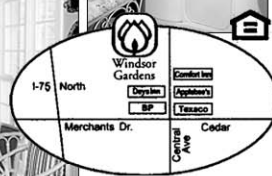
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## Karns High Reception

Karns High School will hold a reception for alumni on Nov. 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the commons area of the school. It's all a part of the 100th anniversary of the school. A variety of

memorabilia, including yearbooks and newsletters, will be on display. A time capsule from 1938 and one placed at the present school upon its construction will be displayed. All alumni are invited, and any memorabilia they can loan for displays is welcome.

## Republican Club Meetings

The 8th District Republican Club meets the 4th Tuesday (Oct. 22nd) at Carter High School, 210 Carter School Road. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with Mayor Tim Burchett speaking.

The Center City Republican Club meets the 4th Thursday (Oct. 24th) at Shoney's, 4410 Western Avenue. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. [knoxgop.org](http://knoxgop.org).



**Random Acts of Flowers visits Windsor Gardens Assisted Living.** *Random Acts of Flowers recently held a floral arranging workshop with some residents at Windsor Gardens. Annette Long and Maria Horvath of Windsor Gardens show off the beautiful arrangements they made!*



## Pickled Pumpkin

1 cup water  
½ cup sugar  
1 ¾ cups cubed peeled pie pumpkin  
¼ cup cider vinegar  
½ teaspoon whole chives

In a saucepan, bring water and sugar to a boil; cook and stir for 5 minutes. Add pumpkin, vinegar and cloves. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until pumpkin is tender. Discard cloves. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

## Halloween Supper Surprise

2 lbs lean beef cut into small cubes  
1 onion, chopped  
2 tbsp oil  
¼ cup soy sauce  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
2 cups cooked rice  
1 8oz can sliced water chestnuts, drained  
1 small pumpkin

Cut the top off pumpkin and remove the seeds and pulp. In a heavy skillet, heat the oil and add the beef cubes and the onion. Cook over high heat, stirring until beef is brown and onion is translucent. Mix in all remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Spoon mixture into pumpkin shell and replace the top. Place on a baking sheet with sides in a pre-heated 350° oven. Place a pan of water in the oven with the pumpkin. Bake about 1 to 1 ½ hours or until pumpkin is tender. Scoop out the pumpkin and meat together to serve. This is a fun dish for Halloween night.

## Pumpkin Bars

¾ cup flour  
¾ tsp salt  
½ tsp baking soda  
½ tsp nutmeg  
½ tsp cinnamon  
2 eggs  
1 cup brown sugar  
2/3 cup canned pumpkin  
¼ cup cooking oil  
1/2 cup nuts

Mix dry ingredients. Beat eggs, add sugar, then oil; add dry ingredients with pumpkin and nuts. Pour in 9x9x2-inch greased baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan and frost, if desired.

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