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tnAchieves seeking mentors

By Joe Rector ioerector@comcast.net

A program that helps East Tennessee high school graduates to attend community college or technical college is in need of adult mentors. Called tnAchieves, the program already has 320 mentors in Knox County and 890 mentors in East Tennessee. This year 6,723 students have applied for the program, and that means plenty of mentoring help is

Mentors must be 21 years old and are subject to background checks. Each works with 5 students from the high school of his or her choice. After completing an application on line, these adults complete a one-hour training session. They must attend a mandatory meeting in January and one in March. Contacting each student every two weeks throughout the year is another requirement. In all, 10 hours of the mentor's time, less than one a month, is required.

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Saving the Kerns Bread Building



The Kerns Bakery building on Chapman Highway. Photo courtesy of Knox Heritage.

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

Call it making the best of a bad situation or making lemonade when life gives you lemons, it is a story of success that grew out of necessity.

When a Confederate soldier, wounded in battle, was waiting on a train in Knoxville to return to duty he is captured by Union forces. The captured man is release with an oath of loyalty but told to remain in Knoxville and not to leave.

The soldier, a German immigrant, needed to survive and found a unique way to do so.

Peter Kern and a fellow German immigrant went to work baking, opened a little shop and added an ice cream parlor.

and Lay's Three Little Pigs brands, Kerns Bakery became a major brand in East Tennessee and across the region. The founder went on to become a Knoxville mayor, a founder of the Humane Society, a church supporter, and a promoter of a very successful Market Square. Out of necessity and his own needs he became an expert on ice making and was president of the Knoxville Ice Company in an era when ice was a necessity.

Kern is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery but some his descendants still live in the area. The resurrection of the Kern's bread brand has highlighted the early Knoxville businessman's contributions.

In 1931 the Brown family bought ing and the landmark neon sign.

Like White Lilly Flour, JFG Coffee, the bakery, kept the name, and moved it to 2110 Chapman Highway. The company sold to Sara Lee in 1989 and, in recent years, Food City reintroduced the brand along with several other popular regional brands.

> The Kerns Bakery building is now empty and for sale and the City of Knoxville is looking to designate it a Historic H-1 Zone. Early interest in purchasing the property was to demolish the building and the City Council is discussing requiring any buyer to preserve the historic building. Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis suggested the preservation and historic designation.

Knox Heritage is also asking that any potential buyer preserve the build-

FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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SUPPORT 28.97% OPPOSE 71.03% Survey conducted November 14, 2013.

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5-year-old pens book

The determination of children that comes without any fear of defeat or of overcoming obstacles is something all adults could take to heart. It's led to one boy's impressive accomplishment.

Five-year-old Madden Chemsak saw his grandfather's photo on the back cover of a book and asked his parents why it was there. His mom told Madden that "P" (Joe Rector) wrote books. It was right then that he decided that if "P" could write a book that he could too.

"Madden has been inspired by my dad and his publishing books, and he's never been afraid to tackle any project," his mother said.

Madden has published his first book. "The Loneliest Airplane" is available at Amazon.com. Not being able to write yet, he dictated every word of the story to his parents Nick and Amy Chemsak. Next, he spent hours developing all the illustrations for the book.

November 23, Madden will be at the Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church's Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. until noon to sign books. The church is located at 7753 Oak Ridge Highway in Karns. His grandfather will sit with him during the session and will have copies of his own two books, "Baseball Boys" and "No Right Field for My Son: A Dad Pushes Too Hard."

Madden might have a bit of difficulty sitting still for the entire time since he's an active child with a variety of interests. His favorite topic of conversation is dinosaurs, and he can identify all of them with the correct name. Again with the help of his parents, he's

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Growth vs. Preservation discussed at MPC

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

Should we grow and expand or keep and preserve? This is the question that continues to confront Knoxville and Knox County.

At last Thursday's Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) the issues came before body in two different presentations, and the MPC decided both ways. It took three and a half hours worth of questions, speakers, and discussion.

In both cases, in split votes, the MPC decided to adhere to their staff's suggestions and passed proposals now go to the City Council and County Commission for a final decision.

The Inskip Community saw a resolution passed, 8-7, which asked the city to rezone the area from R-2 to R-1 and R-1A- apparently grandfathering a handful of homes and lots there which would remain R-2, as suggested by Wes Stowers, Jr.

Effectively it means that new apartments and condos will not be permitted in the R-1 zone and only single family homes and duplex housing would be allowed in the

A large apartment complex and marina was approved for the Westland Cove Development off Emory Church Road and Pellissippi Parkway- with one "no" vote.



Citizens against the Westcove Development hold signs reading "Vote No" at Thursday's MPC meeting.

The Huber Properties request is to change the zoning from Agricultural and Floodway to Planned Residential (PR) and Floodway. A packed audience came to protest and support the project, each side held up cards during a lengthy presentation with several speakers.

The debate centers around the effect the development might have on nearby neighborhoods, increased traffic, and the hilly terrain there. The current owners of the proposed 100 acre site, in a letter to the MPC, said they can no longer maintain their family farm.

Opponents questioned the proposal of 5 units per acre and the inclusion of 17 acres that they feel is not suitable for development.

John Huber called the project a "class A, top-end place," adding, "We are expecting 20,000 people to move (to the area) in the next five

years. There's a huge demand for apartments."

The developer is proposing 317 apartments and the opponents questioned that and said that 172 apartments were more suitable.

Both sides in both rezoning will have two more opportunities to make their case, before the next meetings of the County Commission and the City Council.

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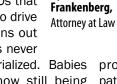


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Focus on the Law Tort Reform

The topic of tort reform does generate intense, passionate debate that it once did. The medical malpractice crisis of the 1990s that was going to drive all physicians out of business never





quite materialized. Babies are somehow still being delivered by obstetricians. Medical schools are still attracting applicants. Supply and demand in the insurance market has met the need for malpractice coverage by medical providers. Nonetheless, Tennessee has made major legislative changes in the last few years that continue to reform our tort system for

In 2008 and 2009 the state legislature passed laws changing how medical negligence claims may be brought. A most significant change is that a plaintiff must give a detailed notice 60 days before filing a lawsuit against a health care provider. The notice must identify the claimant,

better or for worse.

the claimant's attorney, and all providers being sent the notice. notice

must include a HIPPA compliant medical authorization which allows the health care

provider to obtain the patient's complete medical

Upon filing a lawsuit where expert testimony is required, a certificate of good faith is required to be filed with the original complaint. The plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel must certify that they have consulted with an expert who is competent to express an opinion in the case. The plaintiff must have a signed medical statement in the file that there is a good faith medical basis to maintain the lawsuit.

These changes have resulted in fewer medical malpractice suits being According to statistics compiled by the Administrative Office of the Courts, there were 583 medical malpractice suits

filed in the circuit courts in fiscal year 2006-2007. In fiscal year 2011-2012, that number had dropped to

More recent tort reform

has taken place with the passing of the Tennessee Civil Justice Reform Act. This act places caps on noneconomic damages ("pain and suffering") at \$750,000 per each injured plaintiff and \$1 million for a catastrophic loss or injury. Catastrophic injury includes paraplegia, quadriplegia, amputation of both hands, both feet, or one of each, third degree burns to 40% or more of the body or 40% or more of the face. The \$1 million cap for noneconomic damages also applies for the wrongful death of a parent leaving a surviving minor child where the parent had custody or visitation. These caps do not apply if the defendant is found to have "intentionally concealed, altered or destroyed records with the purpose of avoiding or evading liability." Nor does it apply if the defendant had specific intent to inflict serious

was under the influence of alcohol or drugs that caused his or her judgment to be substantially impaired. The Tennessee Civil

Justice Reform Act also puts a cap on punitive damages, the damages awarded by juries to punish the defendant. Punitive damages are limited to 2 times the total amount of compensatory damages or \$500,000, whichever is greater. Compensatory damages are the proven out-of-pocket losses like medical bills and lost wages. Also buried in this act is the prohibition against disclosing the limitation on the amount of noneconomic damages to the jury. The jury may decide to award a figure in excess of these caps but the judge will then reduce it to the statutory amount. This reform further limits the jury's discretion in compensating injured

Obviously this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an experienced attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation.

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injury or if the defendant

encouragement to students and keep them on task as they complete applications and meet deadlines associated with college entrance. They also contact parents or guardians when possible to keep them informed of events and student require-

The purpose of tnAchieves is to help students who might not otherwise attend college with last-dollar scholarships and mentoring. In addition to the mentoring, students receive up to \$4000 annually to attend either a community college or technical college. That keeps tuition from being an obstacle to these students. The ultimate goal of tnAchieves is "to transform

a community by creating and sustaining a more educated workforce."

The tnAchieves Board of Directors include Chairman Randy Boyd, Mike Ragsdale, Rich Ray, Buzz Thomas, and Tim Williams. In addition to serving in this capacity, all have mentored with the program since 2008.

Many East Tennesse students need a little help from mentors in the tnAchieves program. Individuals who want to invest in a program that offers a better life to these children and that betters the entire community can visit the website for more information (www. tnachieves.org/mentor-application). With a little donated time by mentors, young lives

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Support 28.97%

Oppose 71.03%

| By Age | Support | Oppose | Total |
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| 18-29 | [None] | 100.00% | 3 |
| 30-49 | 20.00% | 80.00% | 55 |
| 50-65 | 28.74% | 71.26% | 167 |
| 65+ | 31.18% | 68.82% | 279 |
| Total | 28.97%(14 | 16)71.03%(35 | 58)504 |
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| 1 | 51.85% | 48.15% | 27 |
| 2 | 28.57% | 71.43% | 56 |
| 3 | 36.17% | 63.83% | 47 |
| 4 | 45.45% | 54.55% | 77 |
| 5 | 25.40% | 74.60% | 63 |
| 6 | 34.00% | 66.00% | 50 |
| 7 | 13.70% | 86.30% | 73 |
| 8 | 13.43% | 86.57% | 67 |
| 9 | 27.27% | 72.73% | 44 |
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By Gender

| Unknown | 25.00% | 75.00% | 16 |
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| Female | 29.92% | 70.08% | 254 |
| Male | 28.21% | 71.79% | 234 |
| Total | 28 97% (14 | 16)71 03%(35 | 8)504 |

Survey conducted November 14, 2013.

Gibbs to hold 4th annual Christmas Parade

The 4th annual Gibbs refreshments will be Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 8th at 2:30 pm. The parade route will begin at Gibbs High School and travel south on Tazewell Pike concluding at the Clear Springs Baptist Church property across from Midway IGA.

Hospitality stands with Eddie Jones at 789-4681.

available for spectators. The lineup for parade participants will be at 1:45 pm at Gibbs High School. Those interested in participating in this year's parade should contact Gibbs Ruritan Club representatives Larry Daugherty at 898-3532 or



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Early Education Provides Mold for Outstanding Life (Part VI)

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First Lieutenant and Dental Officer

Only days after little Barron recovered from his abdominal surgery, Caroland Perry had more blessings come their way. Perry graduated first in his dental class

with a Doctor

degree on September 21,

1959 from the University

of Tennessee College of

Dentistry, making him the

first dentist from the small

Gibbs High School. In a

local newspaper article

about dental graduates

from Knoxville, Perry was

described as the "only son

of country store keepers."

His parents, Joe and

Mildred McGinnis, owned

and ran the McGinnis

Grocery at the corner of

Boruff Road and East



neighbors, such as the Mack Neuberts, Marvin Boruffs, Bill Wrights, Dave Wrights, and Les Spitzers ralphine3@yahoo. have appeared of Dental Surgery (DDS) in earlier Focus columns.)

> The store had been in the family since the 1920's and had been run by Joe's father and mother, James A. and Myrtle Clark McGinnis, until their deaths in 1955 and 1956, respectively. Mildred stayed in the store during the day, and Joe would come in from work at Knoxville Transit Lines (KTL) and stay until closing time. Joe and Mildred continued to run the store until they both retired. Joe retired as Superintendent

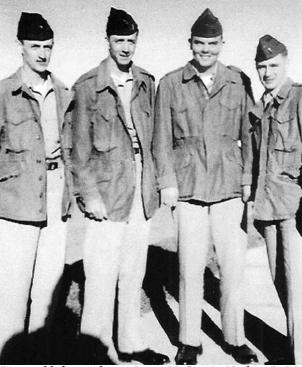
of Transportation at KTL where he had worked for over 40 years.

Carol and Perry reflect back on their struggles and hardships and their many blessings. "That was a brief but profound time of uncertainty quickly followed by the elation of Barron's return to health and the graduation from dental school. When those life altering events came to pass, it was then time for so many decisions to be made about our future. It's so very difficult, now, to recall just how we managed to do all that needed to be done. It obviously required Divine intervention."

After graduation from dental school, the young McGinnis family made a temporary move back to Corryton. Carol and Barron stayed with Perry's

parents while he was away for Army Medical Department basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas for six weeks starting in October. It was tough on the young father leaving his family behind. Then, in early November, the family of three moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where Perry served as a First Lieutenant and dental officer. "We gave thanks and settled in for a relatively stable and exciting two years," Perry said. (In the following weeks, life in Missouri for the First Lieutenant and his family.)

An October 1959 photograph shows four classmates (four other classmates are not pictured) from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, Class



Pictured left to right are Perry McGinnis, Nathan R. Walley (general dentist, Memphis, Tennessee), George S. Edwards, Jr. (orthodontist, Chattanooga, Tennessee), and Reben N. Pelot III (general dentist, Knoxville, Tennessee). Dr. Pelot is the only one of the four who is still practicing. Photo from the archives of Perry and Carol McGinnis

of September 1959, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. "Eight classmates entered Army active duty at the same time and we began

Medical Department Basic Training together only two weeks after graduation," Perry said.

That was country mus1c but they beat out Sugarland! few years ago.

offers plenty of signals to individuals to let them know they are getting old. Some come when we try to physically perform at the level we did a few years ago.

By Joe Rector joerector@comcast.net Of course, some of us see the signs when tainers for whom I root as we notice gray or thinning hair, paunches where flat stomachs once lived, and

scream to us that we are out of the loop these days. For instance, music just isn't the same. More specifically, country music doesn't mirror that of just a

once-muscular arms and

legs gone untoned.

I tried to watch show the other night. I enjoy Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood as they host the show. Yes, I have my favorite enter-

they vie for awards. Seeing superstars like Vince Gill and Alison Krauss on the stage is also a treat. Heck, I enjoy most of the Zac Brown Even other areas of life Band and Kenny Chesney music too. What I don't get are some of the new acts.

> The Georgia Florida Line won the Duo of the Year award. Really? I don't have a clue who these guys are,

One of these guys dresses the CMA awards like a biker with his leather

vest, and I'm not a big fan of this tattoos at all. Do they play instruments? I turned off the show when

some group dove into what sounded strangely similar to heavy metal music instead of country. What's happened to the old stand-by C-D-G chords? I never likd "head banger "music, and I sure don't want it invading country music. Little Big Town has a

good sound, but darn, they look more like a gospel group than a country one. Their harmonies are tight, but the song is strange: "I Don't Want to Go Sober." They won Group of the Year!

What I now write might be offensive or even heretical to some. For the life of me, I don't see what the big deal is with Taylor Swift. She performed with a wonderful group that would have been much better had she not been a part of it. The girl "ain't that special." Her voice is flat and whiny, and all of her songs are the same. Her end will come when she no longer can find guys who will date and then dump her and then use that as the inspiration for song after song. How in the world did Taylor Swift win Entertainer of the Year three years before? Go figure.

I like Carrie Underwood, but her performance of my head in confusion. Just because a steel guitar or fiddle hits a lick in a song doesn't make an otherwise pop tune country. The show honored Kenny

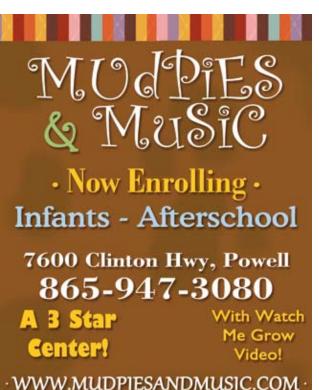
Rogers; he's an old guy. However, I'm not so sure Kenny was actually the one recognized. The man they saluted sure didn't look like the guy who sang "The Gambler" or "She Believes in Me." The entertainers who sang his songs were some of the best in country music. That was nice for us old fogies.

taking the reins of country music, but I'm not so sure how good that is. One of the best things of the night was

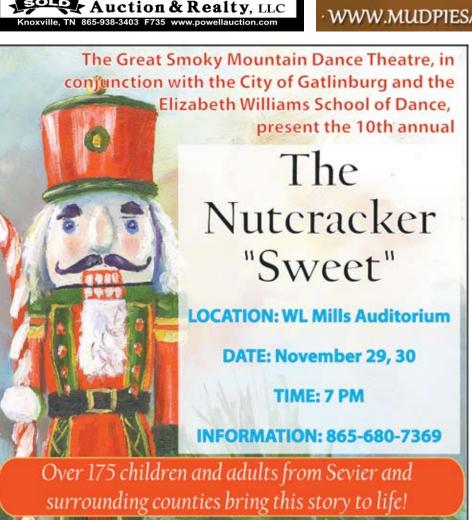
new songs left me shaking the tribute to George Jones by Alan Jackson and George Strait. They added so much with wonderful, country voices and some wrinkles that come from experience and hard work. That was simple and good. Who said that music must evolve? The roots to Nashville country music grow deep in the traditions of the genre that foregoes too much meddling from outside.

I probably have watched my last CMA Award show. It's just too depressing, and all this new stuff just makes me feel too old and The young folks are out of place. So, I'll close and crank up my iTunes featuring some of the old masters of country music.











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High Ground Park in South Knoxville opens November 29

Thanks to preservation park will close at sunset. work by the Aslan Foundation, High Ground Park will open to the public for the first time on November 29 for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Knox-Fort Higley where Union soldiers once guarded the high ground above Knoxville during the Confederate siege of the city.

The foundation invites the public to tour the lowimpact park in South Knoxville beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29. Due to limited parking at the site, a shuttle service will be available from a specially designated lot along Cherokee Trail at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. The

Refreshments will be pro-

vided and exhibitors, including the East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville Civil War Roundtable, McClung Museum, Legacy ville. The park preserves Parks Foundation, South the remnants of historic Knoxville Alliance and representatives from Historic Homes of Knoxville, will have displays set up in a tent immediately adjacent to the park until 3 p.m. "We look forward to High

Ground Park becoming an important part of the fabric of South Knoxville, highlighting the area's beauty and historical significance", said Aslan Foundation Board President Bob Young. "We are proud to preserve the remnants of historic Fort Higley for future generations

of people drawn to the tri- to the public while honorumph and tragedy of the ingits legacy and protecting Civil War."

In 1863, Fort Higley included a cannon redoubt, primary rifle trench, an interior trench, a ramp into the fort and a series of depressions thought to be rifle pits or shelters. Abandoned and unprotected on South Knoxville's wooded ridgetop since 1865, the remnants of these features are the only signs that remain of the historic fort.

The site of Fort Higley would soon have been lost to development without quick action from the Aslan Foundation to purchase it from developers. With the creation of High Ground Park, the Foundation wishes to make the site accessible

its beautiful natural setting. The park includes a peaceful walking trail with natural landscaping designed to highlight seasonal color displays from wild flowers, native flowering bushes and trees, and the surrounding hardwood forest. The trail, bordered by a stone wall, climbs a ridge and opens into a woodland meadow where a trailhead leads walkers to the fort's rem-

Informative educational signage will be placed along the path and at the meadow. High Ground Park represents a key link in the proposed Battlefield Loop connecting South Knoxville's Civil War forts and

strong's Hill, Fort Dickerson, and Fort Stanley. "November 29 was

chosen as the date to dedicate this park because of its importance in the history of Knoxville," Young said. "Union troops defeated Confederate forces at Fort Sanders, just a few miles across the river from Fort Higley. Fort Higley and other hill forts like it played a key role in the Union battle strategy to protect the high ground south of the Tennessee River."

After Nov. 29, High Ground Park, located at 1000 Cherokee Trail, will be open to the public year-round from sunrise to sunset.



5-year-old pens book

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developed and illustrated books about those creatures, but as of yet, they haven't been sent to a publisher.

Portions of the proceeds from the sale "The Loneliest Airplane" will go toward wil go toward Madden's education, and another portion will be given to his favorite

Other book signings are scheduled for Nashville where he lives and Huntsville, Alabama, where his other grandparents reside.



Films coming to Knoxville will benefit Ijams Nature Center's Kids Programs Horny Toad, a lifestyle backdrop. But for some of money to underwrite the recognize the importance of

of Santa Barbara, California, along with Grassroots Outdoor Alliance is pleased to bring Mountainfilm to Knoxville on Tuesday, November 19. Premium tickets can be purchased for \$20 and General Admission for \$12 at either the Bijou Theater

"Horny Toad believes that everyday should be an adventure and our outdoor spaces are the perfect

apparel company based out our youth that is more of an ideal than a realistic opportunity", states Brian Thompson, director of sales and marketing at Horny Toad. Thompson goes onto say, "We're thrilled to be partnering with the Grassroots Outdoor Alliance and IJAMS to bring attention to this issue and support their mission in Knoxville."

> Horny Toad and the Grassroots Outdoor Alliance have set a goal to raise enough

outdoor education for 500 youth through the 500 Days of Kids Outdoor initiative. In addition to the launch of a Fundly account, proceeds from the show will be donated to this effort through IJAMS, a local nature center that encourages stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn Horny Toad Clothing to get about and experience the

"All of our members these goals and we are so

getting kids outdoors to discover the wonders of nature, lead a physically active lifestyle and learn to become stewards of our open spaces", states Roanne Miller, President of Grassroots Outdoor Alliance. Miller goes on to say, "This year's Grassroots Summit fundraiser in coordination with 500 Days of Kids Outdoors, is a great way to achieve

appreciative of Horny Toad's contributions to make this happen."

Connie's Kitchen will be closed at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 for Tanya and Ray's Wedding. Also closed on Thanksgiving.

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Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance Requested

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It's taken most of the food trucks. year, but it looks like the City of Knoxville is finally going to officially look at an ordinance allowing mobile food vendors, with restrictions, beyond the current

that speaks to those mobile than the food trucks.

Tuesday night the council voted to authorize Mayor Madeline Rogero's office to further develop the ordinance for presentation back to council. Code 23, Article 1, currently mentions ven-

There's apparently no problem with food vendor trucks at special events, with property owner's permission, and the correct permits and licenses. However, it may be a violation if the vendor parks for business Currently there is little dors but is aimed more at in front of established retail

near "brick and mortar" restaurants.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe said his concern is when the mobile food vendors get too close to those businesses.

The idea, according to Patricia Robledo of the City's Business Support Office, is

tweaked" as it goes along, based on an ordinance now in effect in Nashville. The city council votes on the second and final reading of the authorization in their next meeting.

the ordinance by the end of

language in the city codes sidewalk hot dog sellers businesses, especially if to draft an ordinance for a November and in December Pilot Program that "can be we will be meeting with an advisory group, made up of mobile food vendors, brickand-mortar owners, the Law Department, and with Hospitality," Robledo said.

> She told The Focus that the Pilot Program could be "We should have a draft of in place by the first of the vear."

Waggoner launches campaign for sheriff

Waggoner announced his intent to run for Knox County Sheriff at a press event last Wednesday at Market

"As some of you know, I retired as Chief of Detectives with the Knox County Sheriff's Office on Sept. 1st," Waggoner told those assembled. "I began meeting with people across Knox County to explore the possibility of running for

"Those I have met with have shared with me their concerns about the present and their hopes for the future. As a result of those discussions, I am announcing my candidacy for Knox County Sheriff in the May 2014 Republican primary. I enter this race with gratitude for all this community has meant to me and my family for many generations, and with heartfelt enthusiasm about the opportunity to give back to the people of Knox County in this important way.

county, I have repeatedly heard Knox Countians say they want respecttime Sheriff who will focus every single day on what is best for our community. That is the kind of Sheriff I will be. With more than 44 years as a law enforcement professional, I have the knowledge, the experience and the education Sheriff's Office on a better path to the future.

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Bobby Waggoner following his announcement last Wednesday.

I have nothing but admira-"As I have traveled this tion for the hard-working, dedicated men and women of the Sheriff's Office."

Bobby Waggoner is a ful, mature, responsible native of Knox County who leadership from their next grew up in the Karns comcounty also deserve a full- he was captain of the foot-

ball team his senior year. He entered Tennessee Tech in Cookeville with both football and baseball scholarships, but his education was interrupted when he was drafted into the Army in 1966. He served two years and to lead the Knox County returned to Tennessee

Tech in the fall of 1968. He married Knoxville this native Kathryn Allen in announcement today, I February of 1969 and

want to be very clear that was hired by the Southern Railway Police Department in Birmingham, Ala., as a special agent that same month. Unlike local law enforcement agencies, railroad police officers have the ability to work across Sheriff. They deserve no munity and graduated from state lines, and Bobby in Columbus, GA in 1998. detective division after 26 less. The people of this Karns High School, where quickly found himself lead- In 2001, Bobby retired years with the Knoxville ing complex, multistate

> investigations. For the next 32 years, Bobby worked for Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern, eventually working his way up from Special Agent to Division Chief of Police to a senior role where he supervised more than 75 agents across five states. During those years he continued his education, receiving a BS degree in Social/Behavioral Science

from Norfolk Southern Railway Company and moved his family to Knoxville. He began working with the Knox County Sheriff's Office as Assistant Chief Deputy/ Administration. In February of 2007 he was appointed Chief of Detectives for Knox County, the position he held for more than six years until his retirement in

September of 2013. Bobby's family has a long

with a major in Criminal history of distinguished Justice from the University public service. His grandfaof Alabama at Birmingham ther, Bernard L. Waggoner in 1975 and a Master of Sr. served three terms Public Administration as Knox County Sheriff, degree with a major in and his father, Bernard Justice Administration from L. (Beefy) Waggoner Jr. Columbus State University retired as a captain in the Police Department. His sister, Brenda Waggoner, retired in 2006 after many years of service as a Knox County General Sessions Court Judge.

And now, with more than 44 years of experience in law enforcement, Bobby Waggoner continues that proud family tradition of public service with the goal of becoming Knox County

City takes control of McClung Warehouse property

On Wednesday, Nov. 13th, the City of Knoxville formally assumed control of six properties on West Jackson Avenue, including the historic McClung Warehouses. Under an agreement signed by the bankruptcy trustee for the properties, the City paid \$1.45 million to settle an outstanding lawsuit and acquire the land and buildings.

The properties, on West Jackson between Gay Street and Broadway, were formerly owned by Mark Saroff and have been in receivership since 2010. The total area of the six lots is about 1.7 acres. City Council approved the terms of the agreement in July, and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Marcia Phillips Parsons approved it on Oct. 25. The titles are now legally held by Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC), the City's redevelopment authority.

"This day has been a long time coming," said Mayor Madeline Rogero. "I am very happy that the City can now move toward stabilizing these historic buildings, and seek proposals from private developers to return these prime downtown properties to productive use. The Jackson Avenue corridor is one of the gateways to our downtown, and this gives us the opportunity to revitalize it."

The City will soon issue a bid for short-term stabilization of the buildings, to protect them from further water damage and trespassers. City officials will also begin the process of developing a Request for Proposals from private developers, with the goal of returning the properties to private ownership sometime in 2014.



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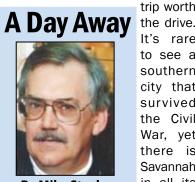
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By Mike Steely

trip worth to see a southern city that survived the Civil War, yet there is Savannah in all its glory.

Savannah was one of American's first "planned" cities thanks to General James Oglethorpe, a founder of Georgia. From 1733 until now the city has grown around Chippewa Square and the square supports the nation's oldest theater. Lots of other squares in the city are historic and beautiful, some may be known to you already. Taking a guided bus ride around town, for as little as \$25 per person can quickly get you acquainted or you can start with the River Walk and go from there.

There are lots of restaurants, gift shops, historic homes and many homes and churches invite you inside to tour. If you're hungry for Southern cooking there are several restaurants including Paula Deen's "The Lady and Sons." There's also the "Moon River Brewery," "The Chart House," and many other good places to sample the food, including fresh

You probably should start out at the Savannah Visitor's Center and catch one of the many shuttle busses. The Visitor Center also has a museum, exhibits, and a gift shop. You can hop off and back on as you like from the busses and they come by their routes every 15 minutes or so. Some of the tour busses have actors climbing aboard with you and presenting

themselves and their stories. If you're into motion pictures you'll love Savannah. You can go



The Waving Lady is one of the unexpected sites you'll find along Savannah's River Walk. It depicts Florence Martus, who greeted arriving and departing ships there for forty-four years.

to Chippewa Square and sit on the same bench as Tom Hanks did in "Forrest Gump." There are lots of other places around town that the movie featured, including the steps of the Presbyterian Church. Or you can take a walk over to the sites featured in the original and remake of "Cape Fear." Check out the Federal Courthouse there and then get a copy of the original movie with Gregory Peck. It's a great and scary tale.

When we were there recently they had closed off a couple blocks and were filming "Sponge Bob Square Pants 2." On another visit a few years ago, they were filming the Lincoln Assassination film "The Conspirator."

Within the Savannah area is the long white beach at Tybee Island, just 30 miles away. There are also old Southern mansions, rural scenes, and several pre-Civil War forts that served both sides in the conflict. One of the least visited is Fort Jackson, north of the city that overlooks the river and has costumed actors and

a cannon firing.

There's a couple different ways to get to Savannah. Interstate 75 from Knoxville to Macon and then Interstate 16 connects Savannah to Macon is the most direct route. You can take Highway 17 at the end of I-16 and get downtown easily. If you are camping I suggest Skidaway Island State Park just south of town.

Things to do and see on the way to or from Savannah could include the Coca Cola Museum in Atlanta, a visit to Vidalia (famous for sweet onions), or Juliette, Ga., where you can eat at the "Whistle Stop Café" from the movie. Or, for a quick side trip, you can stop by High Falls State Park between Atlanta and Macon and drive just a couple miles off Interstate 75 to take a break and visit the park there.

Sometimes those side trips help break up a long trip and, surprisingly, a side trip can actually be a highlight of the trip.

November 18, 2013 Are you superstitious?

Rosie's World

My grandmother would never own a black cat, or, even pet one, I'm sure. She wouldn't go outside the front door on a Friday with the date 13, and, never would she walk under a ladder. Superstitions date back to early man's attempt to explain Nature and his own existence. There was a deep belief that animals, nature and objects held a connection to spirits and the spirit world. They live on because they have been passed on from generation to generation. When our brains can't explain something, we make stuff up.

Here are some food superstitions: Garlic wards off vampires and spilling salt brings terrible luck. If you break open eggs with two yolks, someone you know is getting married or having twins. When cracking the egg make sure to crush the eggs afterward, otherwise, as legend has it, a witch will gather up the pieces, set sail, and cause terrible storms at sea. If you cut open a loaf of bread and see a hole (a.k.a as a large air bubble) that means someone will die soon. The hole in the bread represents

a coffin (spooky!) Common, but silly, superstitions: Why do people think a rabbit's foot brings good luck? One reason, apparently, is that rabbits are wellknown for their reproductive fruitfulness. Consequently, as feet are considered to be phallic symbols, the rabbit's foot may have been a fertility symbol.

A black cat might be a witch who transformed into witch, of course.

A common superstition is the belief that opening an umbrella inside a house causes bad luck. The origin of this is that the umbrella acts as a shield against the sun or rain outdoors. To open it indoors offends the spirit of the umbrella, who will cause bad luck to occur as

Don't walk under that ladder! This superstition is pretty practical. Who wants to be responsible for stumbling and and knocking a carpenter off his perch? But one theory holds that this superstition arises from a Christian belief of the Holy Trinity. Since a ladder leaning against a wall forms a triangle, "breaking" that triangle

would be blasphemous. And then there's the lucky seven. The number seven has been, and still is, universal. For example, seven wonders of the world, seven seas, seven continents, seven hills of Rome, seven notes in a musical scale, seven colors in a rainbow, seven spots on a lady bug (always a good luck symbol), seven days of the week, the seven-year itch, and Snow-White's seven dwarfs. Also, the seventh child of a seventh child will be psychical-

ly gifted. I am not normally superstitious. However the accident I had last year was on the twelfth day of the twelfth month in the year 2012. My granddaughter asked me, is twelve your unlucky number? I don't want to think so, but,

Thought for the day: A day without laughter is a day wasted. Charlie Chaplin

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Part Five: Tennessee's Old Gray Fox Albert Gore

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill rayhill865@gmail.com

Ibert Gore returned to Washington, D. C. in January of 1953 as a member of the United States Senate after having served fourteen years as a Member of Congress. Gore arrived in the Senate with the reputation of being a giant-killer, having defeated veteran U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar.

Politics in Tennessee had changed dramatically following the 1952 election. It is not an overstatement to say 1952 was the end of an era. Two titans of Tennessee's political wars had been retired by the voters; Senator K. D. McKellar had been Tennessee's first popular elected senator, as well as the Volunteer State's longest serving senator. Gordon Browning had been governor of Tennessee three times, as well as a six term Congressman.

Three men would domi-

nate Tennessee's politics during the decade of the 1950s: Frank Clement, Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore. Kefauver's presidential ambitions had already helped to change the face of Tennessee politics. Kefauver had pursued the Democratic presidential nomination before incumbent President Harry Truman had even announced his own intentions. When Kefauver won the New Hampshire pri-President was none too happy. Truman had never especially like Kefauver, but following his humiliation in New Hampshire, the President's dislike of Senator Kefauver became downright loathing. Truman was hell-bent that Estes Kefauver would not receive the Democratic presidential nomination and nudged a very reluctant Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson into the race. Southern delegations fought bitterly over the party rules, leaving Governor Gordon Browning at a distinct disadvantage back home. Browning's loyal support of Kefauver did little to help him in his primary campaign where he was challenged by

Both Kefauver and Gore were viewed as "liberal", while Governor Frank Clement was seen as somewhat more conservative. Both Kefauver and Gore were reviled by many of their constituents, especially in West Tennessee, when they refused to sign the "Southern Manifesto". That particular document was considered by many Southerners to be a bold declaration of principal decrying racial integration. Only three members of the United States Senate

from the South did not sign

thirty-two year old Frank

Clement.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator-elect Albert Gore receives the news he has been elected Tennessee's senator. With his wife Pauline and daughter, Nancy, 1952.

the Southern Manifesto; Estes Kefauver, Albert Gore, and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson. Johnson may not have even been asked to sign the Manifesto, as southern leaders realized LBJ had a national reputation and aspirations. Johnson had originally won the post as Minority Leader of the United States Senate with the backing of his mentor Georgia Senator Richard B. Russell. Senator Russell was the unofficial leader of the Southern bloc in the

tions. When Kefauver won the New Hampshire primary by beating the little man from Missouri, the President was none too happy. Truman had never especially like Kefauver, but following his humiliation in New Hampshire, the President's dis-

Gore's refusal would lead to a challenge inside his own party when he came up for reelection in 1958.

Tennessee clearly had a surfeit of political talent in Tennessee and Governor Clement as well as Senators Kefauver and Gore all harbored some national ambitions. Those conflicting ambitions came into view at the 1956 Democratic National Convention. Clement's reputation for dazzling oratory won him the coveted spot as keynote speaker at the convention. Senator Kefauver had once again sought the presidential nomination, but faced a much more determined Adlai Stevenson who was prepared to work for the nomination. Kefauver did not fair as well in the preferential primaries that year, but when Stevenson opened the vice presidential nomination to the convention delegates, Kefauver's heart skipped a beat and he was desper-

Estes Kefauver was hardly the only Democrat at the Democratic National Convention whose heart

ate to be on the ticket.

skipped a beat. Several other important Democrats saw them as viable vice presidential nominees, as well as future presidential timber. A young Massachusetts senator named John Fitzgerald Kennedy mounted a strong bid to be on the ticket. The powerful Majority Leader, Lyndon Johnson of Texas entered the vice presidential sweepstakes.

There were three men in Tennessee who also had starry eyes; Governor Clement and Senator Albert Gore saw themselves just as qualified as Senator Kefauver to serve as Vice President of the United States

LBJ did not want to become an open candidate for the vice presidency and Gore soon won the support of the Texas delegation and that of neighboring Oklahoma. On the first ballot, Gore ran third behind Kefauver and John F. Kennedy. Gore hoped to capitalize on the weaknesses of the two leading candidates; Kefauver was not well liked by many influential Democrats and was unpopular with many of his Senate colleagues. Kennedy was a Catholic, which was not a recommendation in the South especially.

Gore faced problems inside his own Tennessee delegation, which was largely supporting Kefauver. The publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, Silliman Evans, had long hoped to replace the late E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine, as the kingmaker in Volunteer State politics.

Evans's newspaper had given powerful support to Gore in his 1952 senatorial campaign and was quite close to Estes Kefauver. Evans reportedly barreled over to Senator Gore and threatened to withdraw the Tennessean's support in the future. According to some reports, Evans's threat went even beyond that, with the publisher saying the paper would do its best to beat Gore in future elections.

The pressure on Albert Gore was intense and he saw his small coalition disintegrating. Texas was leaving Gore to support Kennedy in an effort to halt the momentum of Estes Kefauver. Many southerners preferred a Catholic candidate to Kefauver.

Gore sought recognition from the Chair and announced he was withdrawing as a candidate and threw his support to Senator Kefauver. The switch in delegates actually helped Kefauver to narrowly defeat John F. Kennedy.

While Kefauver won a spot on the national ticket, the Democrats were unsuccessful in dislodging popular President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In fact, Kefauver had to be mortally embarrassed by the fact Tennessee went for the Republican ticket, as it did in 1952. Neither Adlai Stevenson nor Estes Kefauver was able to bring along their respective home states in the general election.

Albert Gore was deeply disappointed by his failure to be nominated for vice president and he continued to have national ambitions, but first he had to get reelected to the United States Senate in 1958.

At first, Gore seemed to have no opposition inside the Democratic Party, despite his refusal to sign the Southern Manifesto. The race for governor was entirely a different matter, as it would be the first time since 1944 when an incumbent was not running. A host of candidates entered the gubernatorial primary including Memphis Mayor Edmund Orgill, Judge Andrew "Tip" Taylor, and Buford Ellington, who had been Frank Clement's campaign manager in 1952 and Commissioner of Agriculture under Governor Clement. Another formidable entrant into the gubernatorial primary was former Governor Prentice Cooper, who had announced his candidacy on New Year's Day in 1958. Cooper's statement informed media outlets that he was "the race to win" and for six months, he was actively seeking the Democratic nomination for governor.

Cooper had been Tennessee's governor for three two-years terms from 1939-45. The Bedford County native had been the first man in almost a century to coax a third term from Tennessee voters. A bachelor during his own administration, the sixty-three year old Prentice Cooper had married a much younger woman and was the father of three small sons. Wealthy, able and highly respected, Prentice Cooper was a formidable candidate.

In June of 1958 both the gubernatorial and senatorial races in Tennessee changed significantly. Prentice Cooper abruptly withdrew as a candidate for governor and announced he was entering the senatorial contest to challenge Albert Gore.

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It was a curious decision, as there was only a couple of months before the election and Cooper still enjoyed better name recognition than any of his opponents in the gubernatorial race. Cooper's campaign for the Senate was pitched to take issue with Albert Gore being too liberal for Tennessee, as well as his failure to sign the Southern Manifesto.

Prentice Cooper's campaign for the United States Senate was well financed by all appearances and posters began popping up showing the former governor with his attractive young wife and three small boys, urging Tennesseans to support "the Southern way of life". Billboards materialized all across Tennessee saying Cooper would be "a senator FOR Tennessee, not FROM Tennessee." Cooper openly campaigned on a segregationist platform, leaving Gore on the

defensive. Gore, as usual had less money, but campaigned feverishly. He taunted the former governor as being a tool of the special interests and a Republican in all but name. While campaigning in West Tennessee, Senator Gore declared he, like most southern senators, had helped to water down the civil rights legislation before Congress to the point where it amounted to little more than allowing everyone the right to vote, a concept he said he

supported.

Despite the heavy spending by Prentice Cooper's campaign, Gore won the primary handily, beating the former governor with almost 60% of the vote. Gore won Davidson, Knox and Shelby Counties, but lost Hamilton County (Chattanooga) to Cooper. The former governor also ran well in much of West

Tennessee. While many celebrated the astonishing victory of the more "moderate" Gore, Buford Ellington, a segregationist, won the gubernatorial nomination. In fact, two of the leading candidates for governor of Tennessee were segregationists and won a total of 414,000 some odd votes over the "moderate" candidates who accumulated roughly 260,000 votes. It is also interesting to note while losing the Senate race decisively, Prentice Cooper won more votes than Buford Ellington. It is interesting to speculate what might have happened had the former governor remained in the gubernatorial contest.



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ALOOK AHEAD, **A GLANCE BACK**

Fulton wins toughest test yet, awaits Greeneville this week

By Steve Williams

There were no wide eyes and no panic when the Fulton Falcons came into the locker room at halftime Friday night.

For the first time this season, they were in a battle, leading Sullivan South by only 14-13 at the intermission break.

"I saw a focused group," said Coach Rob Black. "Our guys were still confident."

Sullivan South, utilizing a gambling defense, took a 7-0 lead - the first time the unbeaten Falcons have trailed in a game this season - before Fulton fought back for a 41-19 victory in second round play of the TSSAA Class 4A playoffs.

"I didn't have a concern with them responding," said Black. "I was just waiting for them to get started."

Black said the game was like "a heavyweight

Wide receiver Xavier Hawkins turned a short hitch route into a 69-yard touchdown play and Fulton also scored off a Sullivan South turnover -Lennox Roper's interception from his free safety position - for two big plays in the second half.

Black also praised senior quarterback Penny Smith. He said his team looked to Smith for his leadership and he "stepped up."

Fulton is now 12-0, while Sullivan South bows out at 10-2.

"We made some adjustments in our blocking and defensives schemes and had a good second half," added Black.

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Family Business Serving You Since 1992

Anderson County edges South-Doyle 32-27

By Alex Norman

The South-Doyle Cherokees hadn't won a playoff game since 1992. That streak was snapped in round one with a victory over Tennessee High.

They nearly picked up their second postseason victory in a row in Clinton.

The Cherokees fell just short against Anderson County (11-1), losing 32-27 in the second round of the

Class 5A playoffs.

It could have been a disastrous start for the Cherokees. The opening kickoff and the first snap didn't go well, and they were backed up on their own one yard line. Then Joc Bruce took over. A 7 yard gain... then a 15 yard gain... then a 4 yard gain, and then a 70 yard gain brought the Cherokees to the Anderson County 3.

Two plays later fullback Jacob Jones scored, and South-Doyle was on top 7-0.

After forcing the Mavericks to punt, the Cherokees took over on their own 28 yard line with 7:13 left in the first quarter.

Seven plays later, South-Doyle (7-5) on the board again. Bruce lined up at quarterback, took the snap, and went untouched seven yards and into the end zone.

With 3:24 to go in the first, South-Doyle was up 14-0.

Early in the second quarter the Mavericks bounced back. Matthew Fox took the handoff, and showed why he entered the game with 2318 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns this season. Fox with a burst of speed up the middle,

to the goal-line made it a 14-7 game with 11:37 left in the first half.

The Mavericks defense stepped up with a 3 and out, but their offense couldn't move the ball, so they punted the ball back to South-Doyle, where they took over on their own 33.

Jacob Jones converted Continue on page 2



Kyron Inman carries the football for Grace Christian Academy in its 47-27 playoff win Friday night over Oneida. Inman was the Rams' top ground gainer in the second-round victory.

Grace wins big but has some tweaking to do

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy's No. 1 ranked and unbeaten football team posted a big playoff win Friday night, but Coach Randy McKamey came away with some concerns.

"I thought we did a great job and never were in jeopardy, but at times we played a little sloppy on both sides of the ball," said McKamey after the Rams eliminated visiting Oneida 47-27 in a TSSAA Class 2A second-round game at the Jerry Disney Sports Complex.

"All correctable mistakes, but I find myself saying that a lot lately. When we played Rockwood (in the regular season finale Nov. 1) we did a few silly things and I said it was all correctable, and we didn't make those corrections this week. As we get deeper in the playoffs against some really, really good football teams, that's going to hurt us."

The Rams (11-0) seemed to lose a little intensity after mounting a 34-0 lead with 4:41 remaining in the second quarter.

"They sure did, absolutely, and it was not a pretty halftime sight in the locker room," added McKamey. "It was very frustrating. We'd given up a kickoff return and then a big bomb at the end of the first half. We just felt like they got complacent."

Grace has become a state power in recent years but still lacks a gold football, the symbol of a state championship. McKamey, obviously, doesn't want to see his team waste a golden opportunity this season.

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CAK Rolls to Setup Quarterfinal Showdown With Alcoa

By David Klein

The CAK Warriors looked like they would not be selected for the Class 3A playoffs two weeks ago. They finished the regular season 4-6. Well, don't look now, but the youthful Warriors have won four straight games, two of them in the playoffs, and are in the exact same position they were the last three years, facing Alcoa next week in the Class 3A quarterfinals. The Warriors hosted the Johnson County Longhorns in a second round 3A playoff game Friday night and rolled to a 56-19 win. CAK's Whitaker Cunningham repeatedly saw single coverage from the Longhorns for most of the game, and made them pay with seven catches for 192 yards and three touch-

CAK drew first blood on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Cole Smith to Cunningham. Johnson County answered CAK's touchdown with a 12-play drive that culminated with Patrick South's 25-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-two. Curiously, the Longhorns went for two. The Warriors stuffed their run attempt to remain in the lead

by one. The Warriors came right back in four plays. Smith fired a 27-yard touchdown pass to Phillip Nichols. The drive took just 1:19 and gave the War-

riors a 14-6 lead. CAK forced a turnover on

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Michael Palardy having an All-American kind of season

or placekicker is a team's most valuable player, that's usually a tell-tale sign that it hasn't been a banner season for the team.



It could mean there were too many failed third-down conversions, resulting in punting situations instead of first downs. In the case of a placekicker, it could mean a team had to settle for too many field goals in the red zone.

But it also could mean one player handled all of the kicking duties and was very good at it.

Michael Palardy has been that guy for Tennessee football in 2013 and is clearly the frontrunner for the Vols' MVP award. The senior punter and placekicker also still has time to help UT have a winning season.

It must start with a victory over Vanderbilt this coming Saturday night at Neyland Stadium.

Maybe Palardy this one for former UT kicking coach George Cafego, God rest his soul. Nobody has ever hated Vandy more than Cafego, who

was a great back in the Vols' single-wing days of the late 1930s.

Tennessee has lost three straight games to drop to 4-6, since Palardy's gamewinning field goal lifted the Vols over No. 11 ranked South Carolina 23-21 on Oct. 19. UT will also have to prevail at Kentucky in the regular season finale on Nov. 30 to finish 6-6 and become eligible for its first bowl game since 2010.

only seven players in major college football who handles all three phases of the kicking game - punts, kickoffs and field goal and extra point kicks - and the lone left-footed kicker in the group, has been performing at a super high level all season long.

It's been the type of opponents' 20-yard line first-team All-American two scores. could even win year Tennessee fans have and ranks second with 12 been wanting to see from Palardy, who came out of St. Thomas High in Coral Springs, Fla., ranked as the No. 1 overall kicker by Scout.com. He struggled early in his career at UT to reach expectations and temporarily lost his placekicking job last season to a walk-on.

First-year Coach Butch Jones now calls him a

The 5-11, 185-pound Palardy already has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award, which is presented annually to the naton's top collegiate punter. A preseason All-SEC

Palardy, who is one of third team punter selection, Palardy also has put himself in contention for All-America honors, particularly if voters look beyond his 44.6 yard average, which ranks 11th in the nation. Maybe even more impressive, he leads the nation with 26 punts (out of 52) landing inside the

punts inside the 10.

Palardy has a current career punting average of 42.8, which is second best all time at UT, trailing only two-time All-American (1982-83) Jimmy Colquitt's

As a placekicker this season. Palardy has been successful on 13 of 15 field goal attempts and all 30 of his extra-point tries. His 75 percent career FG accuracy (36 of 48) has him in second place all time at UT, trailing only Alex Walls' 77.9 percent (53 of 68) in 1999-2002. Palardy's current point

total of 213 has him in 10th place overall and seventh among UT placekickers.

The Vols have had three first-team All-American placekickers - two-time honoree and barefooted booter Ricky Townsend (1972-73), John Becksvoort (1993) and Daniel Lincoln (2007).

In addition to Jimmy Colquitt, Tennessee's three punters include Ron Widby (2003).

Making an oval ball go where you want it to go ain't easy, but Palardy appears to have mastered the art of punting. His senior season has been full of memorable moments. He landed one punt at the 2-yard line against Western Kentucky in Game 2.

SEC Special Teams Player of the Week and also recognized by the Lou Groza Award folks after his winning kick ruined Steve Spurrier's day on Oct. 19. He also had a 63-yard punt against the Gamecocks.

At Missouri, Palardy through pain. He made a 51-yard field goal for the Vols' only points and also averaged 42.7 yards on seven punts.

become a defender, particularly in the Auburn game when special teams' coverage broke down. He saved

Palardy was 3 for 3 in (1966) and Dustin Colquitt field goals against Auburn and shared the credit with teammates.

"I feel like I am in a groove," he said. "I think it helps when you are confident and by having a good line to block for you. When you have confidence in those around you, it helps with you as well."

Palardy's versatility Palardy was honored as should bode well for him as far as getting a future job in the NFL.

Right now, though, the 21-year-old communication studies major is focused on helping lead the Vols to a bowl game. He says that's the goal.

"It starts with senior leadshowed grit by performing ership," said Palardy, after the loss to Auburn. "I think it is critical for us to go to a bowl game . . . The bye week will be good for us to assess the problems and Palardy also has had to fix mistakes. When Vanderbilt comes here, we will be ready to play some sound

Grace wins big but has some tweaking to do team hung up a 9-3 record. lead to 34-14.

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Thus, his concern about errors not getting correct-

The Rams made it to the quarterfinals in 2008 and to the semifinals in 2009 before serving a two-year playoff ban in 2010 and 2011. They made it to the quarterfinals last season.

This Friday night, GCA will again play in the quarterfinal round, hosting Silverdale Baptist Academy out of Chattanooga at 7 p.m. The Seahawks (11-1) won at Hampton 28-21 in the second round.

"We talked about weathering the storm," said Oneida Coach Tony Lambert, whose

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"Grace has a fantastic team. We knew they would play really fast early on and there would be a barrage of points probably. My players responded to the challenge

Geoffrey McReynolds ran in from the 5 and 1-yard line for two touchdowns and quarterback Devin Smith hooked up with Andy Eddins on TD passes of 8 and 9 yards to lead the Grace scoring.

and never gave up."

Kyron Inman and Nathan Silver gave the Rams a 14-0 lead in the first quarter with touchdown runs of 20 and 35 yards, respectively. Cameron Kuerschen added Grace's final TD on a 6-yard

Already leading 28-0, a 22-yard fumble return by Inman set up the fifth 167 yards. Eddins had four Grace touchdown and the catches for 43 yards. Smith Rams looked to be headed for a mercy-rule size lead, but Oneida didn't quit. Nate Bowling returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and caught a 31-yard scoring pass from Cole West in the first half to cut GCA's

Both teams tallied 13 points apiece after intermission.

Jake Lawson had a 1-yard run and Cole West threw an 18-yard pass to Cage West for the Indians' final two scores. A 41-yard catch by Cage West had set up Lawson's TD.

Grace started the game by pounding the rock, marching 80 yards in seven plays out of its Wing-T for-

Smith showed his arm strength on the first play of the second quarter when he passed 55 yards to a diving Inman for a first-and-goal at

"Our running game always run in the fourth quarter. sets up our passing game," Skylar Sexton kicked five said Eddins. "That's exactly what happened tonight."

Smith went on to complete 12 of 19 passes for connected with six different

receivers. Inman led the Rams' ground game with 121 yards on 12 carries. Silver added 76 yards on 10 attempts.

Smith, senior captain, with just 17.2 seconds left said he would probably give the Rams' offensive performance a "B minus or C plus. The scoreboard says we won by 20 points, but we know we can do better."

> Starting with correcting mistakes.



Grace Christian Coach Randy McKamey talks to his unbeaten Rams, who advanced to the TSSAA state quarterfinals with a 47-27 win over Oneida.

Anderson County edges South-Doyle 32-27

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Cont. from page 1 on a 4th and 1 from the Anderson County 39, and then on the 9th play of the drive, Bruce powered his way in from 5 yards out. With 2:41 to go in the

half, the Cherokees were shocking the home folks with a 21-7 lead. The news got even worse for Mavericks fans when Fox fumbled, and South-Doyle had go before intermission.

possession at the Anderson County 45 with 2:27 to The Cherokees almost scored again when a deep ball from Brody Rollins to Shoan Labeaux nearly connected at the goalline, but South-Doyle had

the break. In the second half the handoff up the middle, Davey Gillum's Mavericks, was spun around by the

to settle for a 21-7 lead at

who went without Fox due to an ankle injury, turned things around. It took them only 90 seconds to score their first touchdown. Senior quarterback Tyler Hicks took the snap, faked a handoff, and then ran 7 yards for the score, making it 21-14.

Then, with 1:40 to go in the third, Hicks scored from a yard out. The extra point snap was high, causing a two point pass conversion attempt which was no good.

South-Doyle was up 21-20, but the momen-

tum was on the Mavericks side. And with 7:45 to go, Garrett Johnson took the Cherokees defense but stayed on his feet and scored, giving Anderson County a 26-21 lead.

Just when you thought Clark Duncan's team would fold, Bruce once again made a big play, running 62 yards up the middle, and the Cherokees were back in front 27-26 with 6:10 to go.

With 4:49 to go, the Mavericks faced a 4th and 5 from their own 32, and a trick play worked to perfection. Hicks ran to his right, flipped the ball to receiver Zane Smith, who then threw a strike to Johnson. He made the catch and advanced to the South-

Doyle 43. The drive continued, and on 3rd and goal from the 8,

Hicks ran the option and kept it himself. It would be his third touchdown of the evening, and the Mavericks were in the lead again, 32-27.

Incredibly, South-Doyle still had a chance to win, taking over on the Anderson County 40 with just over two minutes remaining following a botched pooch kick attempt. But three penalties stalled the drive and on fourth down, Rollins was intercepted, and that would end the Cherokees chance of advancing.

South-Doyle should be commended for a terrific season. As for Anderson County, they'll host West in the Class 5A quarterfinals on Friday night.

Melton, Kelly, Jr. lead Webb past USJ



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS | SPEARS PHOTOGRA

Webb's Matthew Melton eludes USJ defender Charlie Hughes (21) en route to scoring the Spartans' first touchdown in Webb's 48-21 win over the Bruins. Melton had three rushing TDs and caught a scoring pass.

By Ken Lay

For Webb School of Knoxville running back Matthew Melton its State Championship or bust.

"For us, it's all about the ring," Melton said after the Spartans downed University School of Jackson 48-21 in the TSSAA Division II-A Quarterfinals at Webb Friday night. "It's all about the gold ball.

"We're trying to win it back-to-back. My freshman year we won the back half of a back-to-back and we lost my sophomore year. We won again last year and we're trying to go back-to-back again."

When the Spartans (8-2) missed winning the State Championship in 2011, it was the Bruins who eliminated them in the semi-

"When they put us out our sophomore year, they were celebrating on the field and I remember looking at Todd [Kelly, Jr.] right after it and saying, 'Never again. It's not gonna happen.'"

Well Kelly, Jr. and Melton did their part to make sure that USJ didn't celebrate another upset victory on

this night.

Melton rushed for 139 yards and three touchdowns on just seven carries. He also caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Johnny Chun late in the



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS | SPEARS PHOTOGRAPH

Webb's Todd Kelly, Jr. runs past USJ linebacker Joseph Patterson (55) in the Spartans' playoff victory Friday night.

Spartans a 28-7 lead just before halftime.

Kelly, Jr., meanwhile, had 132 rushing yards and scored three touchdowns on his 11 carries.

Webb which travels to Memphis to face Evangelical Christian School this week, scored first against the Bruins (7-5) Friday night. And it didn't take long.

The Spartans took the opening kickoff and marched 64 yards on just four plays and took a 6-0 lead on Melton's 33-yard scoring scamper with 10 minutes, 29 seconds remaining in the opening frame. Robby Strachan's extra point made the score 7-0 before USI

answered on its first pos-

The Bruins engineered a long 17-play drive that was prolonged after Webb was called for roughing the kicker on a successful 37-yard field goal attempt. USJ coach Mickey Marley took the points off the

board,
That proved to be the right move for the Bruins, who scored two plays later on a 5-yard quarterback keeper by sophomore Easton Underwood to tie

the game.

Melton had a 43-yard scoring scamper to cap another short scoring drive on Webb's second possession to make it

Webb's defense then forced a three-and-out and benefitted from a shanked punt by Mitchell Bodford which gave the Spartans the ball on the

Bruins' 20-yard line. Kelly scored on a 5-yard run two plays later to make it 21-7. Melton's TD catch

made it 28-7 by halftime.
The Bruins scored early in the third stanza when Austin Orr caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from Underwood to make

the score 28-14.

Kelly had the next two scores. He scored on a 10-yard run midway through the third quarter and had a 39-yard scamper to make the score 42-14.

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Thomas Jordan scored Webb's final touchdown of the night on a seven yard run with 7:37 to go

to make the score 48-14.
USJ closed the scoring
when backup quarterback
Jacob Denbrook threw a
touchdown pass to Orr.

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Fulton wins toughest test yet, awaits
Greeneville this week

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Now the stage is set for No. 2 ranked Greeneville vs. No. 1 Fulton in this Friday night's quarterfinals. A big turnout is expected at Bob Black Field.

The Greene Devils, who beat Elizabethton 49-20 in the second round, also are undefeated. They are led by quarterback Zack Finchum, who can run and throw, according to Black, and No. 1 Trevor Wright, a dynamic wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner. Greeneville also is "big and strong up front," said the Fulton coach.

ried program, with a ton of tradition" said Black. "They've won back-to-back state championships in recent years.

"We know we'll be in

"Greeneville has a sto-

another fight next week, and we have nothing but respect for them."

In other playoff action involving local teams this

what should be a dandy Class 5A contest. Catholic (9-3) travels to Chattanooga Hixson (9-3)

week, West (11-1) plays at

Anderson County (11-1) in

in another Class 4A game. CAK (6-6) faces a tough test at Alcoa (11-1) in Class

In Class 2A, unbeaten Grace will be at home

against Silverdale (11-1). Webb School (9-2) travels to Evangelical Christian School (11-0) for a semifinal game in Division II-A.

All playoff games start at 7 o'clock local time.

Last week, West stopped Campbell County 50-18, South-Doyle lost a heartbreaker at Anderson County 32-27, CAK moved past Johnson County 55-19, Catholic won 38-37 at Signal Mountain, Grace turned back Oneida 47-27 and Webb defeated University School of Jackson 48-21.

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Warriors, Admirals prevail in hockey openers

By Ken Lay

The Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association's high school season began with a thriller between the Bearden/Karns Ice Dawgs and the Knoxville Warriors Thursday night at the Icearium.

The Warriors, comprised of players from Webb, Catholic and Christian Academy of Knoxville, came away with a 4-3 victory.

But the win didn't come easily but the Warriors (1-0) prevailed when Hayden White scored an unassisted goal with 1 minute, 18 seconds remaining in the third period.

After White scored what turned out to be the game-winner, Bearden/Karns not only killed a late penalty but had a pair of short-handed chances. The Ice Dawgs, however, couldn't convert to salvage a tie in the season opener for both squads.

"It was pleasantly surprised at first. We were in a see-saw battle and it was just a matter of who would get a lucky bounce," Warriors coach David Roulier said. "Luckily, it was us on that last goal.

"It was an up-and-down game. We would score and then they would score. I was upset with our ice coverage on defense but you have to give Bearden credit. They played hard and they had a couple of late chances when they were short-handed." The Warriors, who won the

league championship in 2011-12, scored first when Michael Roulier tallied off an assist from Jayce Dorman,

Knoxville also got a pair of goals from Michael Thompson in the game.

Bearden/Karns (0-1) got its first goal when Jackson Finch scored an unassisted tally while the Ice Dawgs were shorthanded. The Ice Dawgs' Austin

Bachleda scored a goal late in the second period. Jake Fountaine assisted that marker.

Fountaine scored Bearden/ Karns' final goal of the game off an assist from Finch.

Ice Dawgs' coach Stuart Bachleda said that he was pleased with his squad's effort.

"It was the first night of the season and on the first night, you find out what you've got and the kids find out what they've got," he said. "We were in it the

"We're a start-over team and these kids are teaching themselves the game and they're doing a great job." **Defending champ Farragut opens**

with win: The contest between the Ice Dawgs and the Warriors was the second game of a double header Thursday night.

The Farragut Admirals, who won last year's league title by going 19-0, picked up where they left off last season. Farragut scored three unan-

swered goals in the third period en route to recording a 5-2 win over the Knoxville Knights.

The game was tied 2-2 heading into the final frame.

Felix Bjurstrom broke the tie with a goal with 7 minutes, 10 seconds left in the third period. He also scored the game's final marker with about four minutes later. The Admirals' other third-period goal came from Trey

The Admirals scored the game's first goal early as defenseman Kyle Lindsay tallied. Harley Gorlewski, who had a goal and an assist, scored Farragut's second goal of the first

The Knights (0-1) got goals from Mason Jobe and Tyler Peter. Jobe's goal came in the first period and knotted the game 1-1 while Peter scored the lone goal of the second period.

Lady Hawks open with win over pesky Central squad

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball team opened its 2012-13 season on a winning note Tuesday night.

The Lady Hawks used a big second quarter to nab a 52-37 victory over Central in Fountain City. Hardin Valley and the

Lady Bobcats played a virtually even first quarter as both squads hit some 3-point shots early. The Lady Hawks, who led 15-12 by first quarter's end, blew open a close game with a 17-7 surge in the second frame as junior Brooklyn Battle and senior Brie Carter provided the bulk of the offense in the quarter.

Battle, a guard, scored six of her 13 points in the second quarter. Carter also had a pair of field goals in

the frame to help the Lady Valley appeared poised didn't." Hawks (1-0) open a 32-19 advantage by halftime.

Central (0-1) was at a size disadvantage and got into some early foul trouble and those were both factors in the loss. The Lady Bobcats

might've been smaller

than HVA but Lady Bob-

cats' coach Tony Patterson was pleased with his squad's effort. "We know that we're always going to be the smaller team," Patterson

of what our kids did. "If we give this kind of effort in every game, then we're going to be competi-

said. "I'm extremely proud

The Lady Hawks continued to dominate the boards and extended their lead to 43-25 by the end of the third quarter. Hardin

to claim an easy seasonopening win.

Central, however, had other ideas. The Lady Bobcats battled and pulled to within 47-37 when senior guard Marissa Spires converted a three-point play with 2 minutes, 34 seconds remaining in the contest. The Lady Bobcats, however, couldn't come

But Patterson learned something about his

any closer.

"They [the Lady Hawks] are a good ball club and [coach] Jennifer [Galloway] does a great job," Patterson said. "But I'm really proud of the way our girls competed.

"When we got down by 18 at the end of the third quarter, we could've mailed it in and lost by 40 but we

Hardin Valley was sloppy at times but used its rebounding to prevail.

"There were some good things to take away from this," Galloway said. "We played hard and we controlled the boards, offen-"In the first half, we took

care of the ball and we didn't take care of the ball as well in the second half and that's one of the things that we're going to have to get better at."

Carter had 14 points to lead all scorers. Battle added 13 and point guard J'Tia Williamson added eight and Lacy Cantrell

Spires scored 10 points to lead Central while Allison Bradshaw added seven.

Hardin Valley uses big second quarter to trounce Central

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy boys basketball coach Keith Galloway saw his team do exactly what he wanted it to do Tuesday night.

"We smelled blood and we kept our foot on the gas," Galloway said after his Hawks routed host Central 91-64 in the season opener for both schools in Fountain City. "We didn't take our foot of the gas like we have in the past."

Hardin Valley (1-0) scored points in bunches and all but ended things with a 27-9 run in the second quar-

The Hawks, who led 23-16 after the first quarter, had three players score in double figures against the Bobcats. Junior guard Blaine Shockley had 11 of his game-high 22 points in the second quarter and provided the biggest offensive punch on a night when HVA's attack was balanced. Daniel Linebaugh scored 15 points and senior forward Zak Carter added 15.

HVA got nine points from center Dyonta Bazzle-Brown while Tyler Thompson and Caleb Clevenger added seven points each for the Hawks, who opened a 50-25 lead by halftime.

"We came out with energy and we played hard," Galloway said. "We really stepped up."

Central (0-1) was saddled with foul trouble and the Bobcats committed turnovers and gave up transition baskets all night. Central second-year head coach

Jon Higgins was distraught but quickly turned the page. The Bobcats won't have much time to brood over last week's lopsided loss. Central will host Black Oak

Ridge rival Halls Tuesday night in

the District 3-AAA opener for both

"Obviously, we have some things to work on, discipline being one of them and toughness being to come back and work hard and be ready to go Tuesday night. "But those [things] are all fixable

things and they will be fixed."

another," Higgins said. "We're going

Matt Randolph scored 13 points

to pace Central, which trailed 71-43 by third quarter's end. Tee Sanford added 11 points and Brett Huffaker scored nine. Tyler Cate finished with seven points and hit an early 3-point shot that kept his team in the game early before things came unraveled for the Bobcats.

"We gave it to them," Higgins

For the Hawks, the win might've signaled a new beginning. Hardin Valley has moved to District 4-AAA after spending the last five seasons in District 3 and Tuesday's fast start certainly helped erase the memories of last year's 10-19

CAK Rolls to Setup Quarterfinal Showdown With Alcoa

<u>Cont. from page 1</u> downs on the Longhorns' next possession, then worked some magic for their next score. Johnson County stopped the Warriors on a

third down, drawing a holding penalty in the process. Instead of declining the penalty and making the Warriors punt on fourth down, the Longhorns took the penalty and CAK faced a third-and-26. The long distance meant nothing to CAK as Smith threw over the top deep to Cunningham, who burned single coverage again for 58

yards. "They kept giving us the same look, playing press coverage and bailing late, and he kept running by them," CAK Head Coach Rusty Bradley

"That's kind of the team we are,"Smith said. "We're a in the third quarter. passing team. It's been working for us most of the night, passing it deep, so we took a shot deep, and it worked."

yards, and CAK opened up a little bit of a cushion on the Longhorns.

The second half began with

both teams' offenses failing to convert fourth downs. CAK would take advantage of a short field after their fourth down stop of the Longhorns. The Warriors went three plays in 55 yards, striking on another touchdown pass from Smith to Cunningham,

28-6 Warriors with 7:59 left

Back on offense, Johnson County fumbled the ball away to the Warriors three plays later. Jake Morgenstern ningham_caught_his_second__caught the ball in midair. Flatt__lead to 42-13. touchdown pass for 16 fumbled the ball backwards, and CAK's Ryan Long recovered it. The fumble recovery gave the Warriors a first down at the Longhorns' 11-yard line. On third and goal from the 3, Smith carried the ball into the right corner of the end zone for a touchdown.

> CAK's Drew Jost added to the CAK touchdown barrage. He ran for a 9-yard touchdown with 2:37 left in the third quarter. The mercy rule

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CAK was pulling away.

game. That made the score took effect, continuous clock Longhorn momentum and running when one team goes ahead by 35 or more points. But it ended shortly later when Patrick South ran for a 22-yard touchdown. It was a quick, three play drive for the

> CAK had their reserves in on offense at the beginning of the fourth quarter when fullback Tyler Garrett fumbled. Johnson County recovered and two plays later, Greg Roark hauled in a 49-yard touchdown catch. The Longhorns failed on their twopoint conversion attempt but had scored two touchdowns in less than five minutes as CAK now led 42-19.

Bradley decided to squelch the temporary for the Warriors, who are

put his offensive starters back in the game. Following a failed Longhorn onside kick, the Warriors' Jost punished the Longhorn defense a 31-yard run to the Longhorns' 4-yard line, then two plays later, scored his second

any Longhorn comeback. CAK added a 18-yard Keegan Piety touchdown with 1:52 left to make the final score 56-19 CAK. CAK finished the game with 272 yards rushing and 268 yards passing, balanced numbers

touchdown of the game. The

four-play drive took just 53

seconds and put an end to

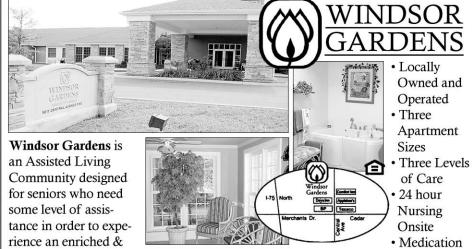
usually much more dependent on throwing the ball.

CAK faces Alcoa next week in the third round of the playoffs. These two teams have history, as they have met on a touchdown drive that three straight times in the Three plays later, Cun- popped Daniel Flatt after he Highlanders and cut CAK's featured all power running third round of the playoffs plays by him. He reeled off with Alcoa winning in 2010, and CAK winning in 2011-12. The Tornadoes defeated the Warriors earlier this year in

> the regular season. "The 4-6 record, all the close losses, the injuries, all that stuff, is irrelevant," Bradley said. "Now we're in the same spot we've been in the last three years (facing Alcoa) and I'm excited to see what this team does with the opportunity we have," Brad-

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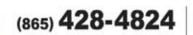
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Doctor is in

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Procedures

mind or something that's in your body. I have a family history of colon and prostate cancer and as a result my doctors have their way with me on a regular basis. I no longer watch NBC because of its bias, but as I was flipping channels I learned that Matt Lauer and Al Roker were to get prostate cancer screening tests during their morning TV show. By the titillating tone of the advertisement, I

assumed their screen-

ing test wasn't a PSA

(prostate specific anti-

gen) blood test. After all, it was on the Today

show that Katie Couric

had her first colonosco-

py. I suspect the boys

were to have the ever

It's hard not to write

about something on your

so popular DRE or digital rectal exam. Recently, I similarly assumed the position and steeled myself for the probing. My doctor said, "Jim, I'm sorry." Glancing over my left shoulder and through gritted teeth, I managed a growl, "Doc you're not as sorry as I am."

Cancer screening is an important aspect of medical care and is a major focus of the Annual Wellness Visit now mandated by Obamacare. Never mind that competent physicians have always advised their patients of appropriate cancer screening tests as they monitored and treated other conditions at a fraction of the cost now expended. We now have an additional expensive layer of bureaucracy

to organize screening tests that our children and their children will be forced to repay.

Most of my readers understand that the biggest hurdle of a colonoscopy is the prep. By the time you present for the examination the worst is over. I have to admit that my doctor's purgative protocol was a big improvement over preps I've endured with previous examinations. In my personal experience the worst prep is the "gallon jug" purgative regimen. One of my gastrointestinal colleagues admitted to me that after he experienced the gallonjug prep for his colonoscopy he no longer uses it with his patients.

I believe we are too quick to complain and slow compliment those who do a good job. The staff at Fort Sanders Hospital took good care of me and I told them so. And I survived my scope with a good report. Years ago Demerol and Versed were given as sedation for colonoscopy examinations. Propofol is the sedating drug used these days. I've had both regimens and Propofol is better as long as it is used by professionals

in a controlled situation. You may remember that Propofol was the drug used by Michael Jackson's doctor to put him to sleep every night. Jackson died and the doctor went to jail. I went to sleep in ten seconds and awakened twenty-five minutes later with only minimal side effects. Case in point, I'm writing this essay after my procedure and sedation.

I've written before that

threes resonate with me. I'm Trinitarian and Becky says I can always find three options for any situation. A couple of weeks ago I wrote about three patients who had fallen and broken hips and pelvis. This week it seems that breast cancer is unfortunately the diagnosis in three of my patients. Sometimes older ladies resist going for mammography or doctor's examinations. That is a mistake because breast cancer risk doesn't decline as you get older. However, a mammogram isn't enough. Three years ago an eighty-eight year old lady came to me as a new patient. She reported two hospitalizations in the previous six months. She told me that none of the numerous

doctors who cared for her examined her breasts. I did so and she had breast cancer. She is alive today because of a careful examination.

No test is perfect. If designed for screening purposes a test needs to be very sensitive, and we have to accept some false positives. On the other hand, some tests are designed to be very specific and would be poor screening procedures because many subtle abnormalities might be overlooked. The bottom line is that you and your doctor are a team and should be the ones who decide what is best for you. This should not be done by an insurance company or a politically motivated President.

Screening tests help, but most of us know what we should do to stay healthy; it's not rocket science. We shouldn't use tobacco or over eat. We should exercise and wear seat belts. Diseases that run in your family matter and influence healthcare decisions, even screening tests. Illicit drugs kill the soul and the body. The Spirit is foundational. William Penn, the founder of the Pennsylvania

colony said three hundred years ago, "Those who will not be ruled by God will be ruled by tyrants." Mr. Penn understood that Spirit trumps State.

As a conservative I believe in the freedom of choice, but acceptance of the consequences of those choices. If you use street drugs and develop health problems you should be rescued once and offered rehab. If you refuse then tough love must reign and you will have to go to the end of the line for any additional help in a world of limited resources. Jesus said that the "poor will always be with you." I believe this applies to the poor in spirit as well as imperfect health and limited abilities.

Our erstwhile president crows about equality; this is a utopian concept. In a Republic we are supposed to have equal opportunity under the law. But how can we trust a man or his minions who violates the procedures of the Constitution and its laws?

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

Samaritan Ministry's FaithWalk honors World AIDS Day

Samaritan Ministry will host the second annual FaithWalk - Knoxville Steps Up for HIV in commemoration of World AIDS Day on Saturday, December 7, 2013.

The 1.75-mile walk through Downtown Knoxville kicks off at 1:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall with registration and snacks. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. following a short prayer and blessing in the sanctuary.

"The purpose of FaithWalk is to bring members of the community together, regardless of individual beliefs or church affiliation, to take a stand against the stigmas associated with HIV, raise awareness and spread love," said Samaritan Ministry Director Wayne Smith.

While there is no cost to participate, donations are accepted during online registration and on walk day. Proceeds will go to Samaritan

Ministry, National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS and Knox County Lions Charities. FaithWalk is sponsored by Samaritan Ministry, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, FAITH Coalition, and MAC AIDS Fund. Register online at www.samaritancentral.org.

Free parking is available across the street from the Immaculate Conception at 414 W. Vine Avenue. For more information call (865)450.1000

Samaritan Ministry, a ministry of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, is a faith-based AIDS service organization that serves people in Knoxville who are living with HIV/AIDS. The organization seeks every opportunity to advocate, teach, and otherwise provide support in the fight against this disease.

UT and Kentucky Square off in Annual Blood Drive

Vol fans will have the chance to bleed orange for the Medic Regional Blood Center's 26th annual Battle of the Orange and Blue blood drive next week.

Each year the University of Tennessee takes on the University of Kentucky in the friendly competition to see which fan base can bring in more blood donations during a five-day period. The drive begins Monday, Nov. 18, and ends Friday, Nov. 22.

"It's a fun way to play off the football rivalry and get the community involved," said Christi Fightmaster, director of public relations for Medic.

Kentucky has won the competition the past two years. The overall record of the series is 12 wins for each school and one tie.

Each weekday, faculty, staff and students may donate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Carolyn P. Brown University Center, rooms 223-225. Other campus donation locations are as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 19-noon to 8 p.m. in the South Carrick

Thursday, Nov. 21—noon to 8 p.m. in the Hess Hall

Anyone can donate blood Monday through Friday at the various campus locations or at one of Medic's two local donor centers, located at 1601 Ailor Ave. in Knoxville and 11000 Kingston Pike in Farragut.

Donors at all locations will receive a free game day T-shirt, a coupon for a small Frosty from Wendy's and a coupon for a free small onetopping pizza from Papa John's. Donors who visit one of Medic's donor centers also will receive a free Regal Cinemas movie pass with no expiration date.

The competition began in 1987 as a way for the Medic Regional Blood Center and the Kentucky Blood Center to collect enough blood to adequately supply local hospitals during the holiday season. Blood donations decline during the holiday season, though the need often increases this time of

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ers yet practice anti-Semitism, child abuse, cross burnings, and televangelist sex-and-money scandals. Theologian Karl Barth stated, "Religion is the great enemy of God." It is true that much evil over the course of history



of Christ

abuses found in religion, you are By Mark joining the likes Brackney, of Amos, Isaiah, Minister of the John the Baptist, Arlington Church

Jesus, John, and Paul. Each of these proclaimed that a life of authentic faith must be purged of such hatred and hypocrisy. These words are echoed by the Lord: "I want no more pious meetings...Your fes-

tivals are a burden to me...

When you lift your hands

to pray, I will not listen... Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows" (Isaiah 1:13-17 NLT). The apostle Paul, in his final letter, wrote something similar to his young protégé, Timothy, "There are people who act 'religious' - all the while rejecting the power that would make them truly godly. Stay away from people like that!" (2 Timothy 3:5 NLT).

One of the things I have discovered about being a preacher in the Bible belt of Tennessee is that "church membership" is a

big deal. People may not have stepped foot into a church building in twenty years, but they still consider themselves a member and the pastor still counts this person as on the "rolls of the church." But no one is a Christian by virtue of being a church member any more than one is a doctor by entering a hospital or a Navy Seal by stepping into a naval recruiting center. We have a simplistic tendency to equate Christianity, church membership, Protestantism, Catholicism, or non-denominationalism with being a disciple of Jesus

Christ. The truth is, these may be far apart.

The genocide and ethnic cleansing that prevailed in Rwanda during 1994 took place despite the fact that this African nation was littered with Christian church buildings, Christian schools, Christian ministries, and Christian hospitals. The problem is that the message of these Christian institutions was woefully absent in the love for God and love for others. It makes me wonder what the message of Christianity is today in our country. Some see it as judgmentalism, gay-bashing, racist

hatred, and a disregard for the weak.

But shouldn't Christians "take a stand" against humanism, sexual sin, and moral decay?" Absolutely, but the way to do that must come with a Jesuslike attitude. Notice how Jesus treated "sinners." He ate with them, defended them from religious zealots ready to stone them, and treated the outcast with dignity.

Let us take a stand the Jesus way. Love God. Love your neighbor. And when you speak God's truth, do



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Wade B. and Elizabeth (Young) Whiteside, of Knoxville, are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 24, 2013, at Fountain City Lions Club Building. They were married Nov. 20, 1943. He works as a realtor and she retired from the State of Tennessee, Division of Geology. They have one son, Bob Whiteside, of Greenwood, S.C., two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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www.NewBeverly.org

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No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.

Church Happenings

Beaver Ridge UMC

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy. in Karns is CALLING ALL CRAFT-ERS! We are planning our annual Craft Fair on Saturday Nov. 23rd.in our nice warm Family Life Center. Last year was a BIG success for our crafters and for all who started their Christmas shopping or just bought pretty things for themselves! Tables are only \$30 and set-up is the 22nd from 4-7 p.m. To reserve your spot and get your application please e-mail amrector@comcast. net or call the church office 690-1060. See our ad on

Central Baptist Church of Fountain City

Fountain City Community Thanksgiving Service: A Fountain City community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 5p.m. This service will be hosted by Central Baptist Church of Fountain City. This annual service is sponsored by the 10 participating churches who First Lutheran Church of the Fountain City Ministry Center, which is located in Central Baptist Church of Fountain City. This ministry center serves about 450 families each month providing emergency food, clothing for children, and spiritual support. Our goal is to foster deeper fellowship within our community. An offering to benefit the FCMC will be accepted during the service. Donations of canned goods will also be accepted at the entrances to the sanctuary. All area residents are invited to attend as we worship together in a time of thanksgiving!

Colonial Heights United Methodist Church

Each Thanksgiving, members of CHUMC give up their Thanksgiving Day to serve others less fortunate. This is the 13th annual dinner which is held each year in memory of Rick Flanagan, a dedicated member of CHUMC

who was involved with the Choir, Sunday School and Youth Programs. The dinner is designed to assist those less fortunate than a lot of us and provides a wonderful meal along with fellowship for those who either have no current home or family to enjoy Thanksgiving Day with. Along with the dinner, guests attending will have access to a clothing closet, Barber shop and can choose a pair of new socks, gloves and hats from our special Christmas tree designed just for them. If you or if you know of anyone who would like to join us for dinner simply call the church office at (865)577-2727 if you need transportation a church member will be more than glad to pick you up and take you back home. CHUMC looks forward to having Thanksgiving Dinner with EACH of YOU; November 28th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. CHUMC is located at 6321 Chapman Highway, South Knoxville.

serve together in support First Lutheran Church. located at 1207 N Broadway, Knoxville announces its worship schedule for Thanksgiving, Advent and the Living Nativity. Parking is available on church property, entrance on Broadway, and in the lot on the corner of Broadway and Wells Street. The public is invited to all services and activities.

Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. The service will feature singing and communion. There will be no service on Thanksgiving day.

All advent services will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on December 4th, 11th and 18th. The services will include the lighting of the candles in the advent wreath and communion.

The Annual Living Nativity Event on December 15th will begin with Bible Study indoors at 5:00 p.m. Everyone will then move outdoors to enjoy the traditional Living Nativity at 5:30 p.m. Indoor festivities will resume at 6:30 when the Hand Bells Choir will play Christmas selections. Available indoors, during all activities, will be soup and sandwiches.

Seymour United Methodist Church

This coming Sunday, Nov. 24th, the youth program will NOT meet for its regularly scheduled Sunday evening events.

Good to report that the recent "Pumpkin Patch" raised some of the needed funds for youth and children's ministries. Many thanks go out to the church family and the general public for their support each year.

For this week only, the regular Wed. evening "Get Real Life" small groups will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., as they conclude these sessions.

This Wednesday evening, Nov. 20th, our annual Thanksgiving fellowship meal will be held beginning at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations on Sundays or by noon Tues.

Following this special meal, at 6:30 p.m., the annual Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service will be held in the sanctuary and the invitation is open

On Friday, Nov. 22nd, the Scrapbooking fellowship group will meet beginning at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is

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gathering of Veterans. The Volunteer State Honor Guard participated in the celebration by presenting a salute to Veterans by recognizing each branch of the military, a gun salute,and the playing of TAPS. Principal Angela Harrod and staff would like to thank all Veteran's for their service to our country.

UT Gardens November 2013 Plant of the Month:

Rachel Jackson Aster

Submitted by James Newburn, Assistant director of the UT Gardens,

Often for our November Plant of the Month the University of Tennessee Gardens will choose to feature an evergreen, ornamental grass or a tree or shrub known for its striking fall foliage or bark. Quite frankly, one reason is not much is blooming in the garden at this time of year. The Rachel Jackson aster, Aster oblongifolius 'Rachel Jackson' (syn: Symphyotrichum oblongifolium), is an exception and an exceptional one at

Valued for being one of the latest blooming asters, this perennial begins blooming about mid- October (in Knoxville) and will last well into November - tolerating light frost. It has masses of beautiful bluish-purple flowers that are the exact color of the purple 'post-it' notes on my desk, and it is a rather robust plant that famed garden designer Ryan Gainey describes as "naturally tumbling." In the UT Gardens, Knoxville, we have several clumps 5- to 6-years old that are easily 9 feet in diameter and about 3 feet tall. They make an impressive display. Spreading from the roots, though not too aggressively, Rachel Jackson aster can be kept it in scale in smaller gardens by sharing divisions with your friends, staking and pinching or cutting plants back half way in early summer.

For Tennessee gardeners this plant can have special meaning because it was discovered in the garden of Rachel Jackson, the wife of President Nashville. Named by Gainey, Rachel



The Rachel Jackson aster was discovered in the garden of the wife of President Andrew Jackson at their home The Hermitage in Nashville, Tenn. It's an exceptional lateblooming addition to any garden.

Jackson aster is now available commercially, though it is somewhat hard to find as garden centers often focus on mums and pansies when showcasing fall bloomers. A little searching through catalogs and the internet should result in mail order availability though.

Hardy to zone 4, the plant should have no problem with winter temperatures during dormancy. It appears to tolerate the heat and humidity across the state just fine. This aster thrives in full sun but will tolerate partial shade, though this may result in a more leggy appearance. It also tolerates most soils, but they should be well drained to avoid rot, especially in the winter. After the plant dies back following a hard freeze, at the UT Gardens we leave the foliage for wildlife habitat. We cut it back in

For gardeners wanting a midfall splash of color and a touch of Tennessee history 'Rachel Jackson' Andrew Jackson, at the Hermitage in aster just might be the plant for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Stop Smoking Class

A two-hour introductory session on how to stop smoking will take place at the North Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6530 Fountain City Road, Knoxville, TN on November 21, at 7:00 p.m. November 21st is the national "Great American Smokeout Day", which has been designated by the American Cancer Society as a time period where people stop smoking for 24 hours. The class is free and open to the public but registration is required. For more information and to register, call Kathy Reid at (865) 314-8204, or visit knoxvilleinstep.com. The class is sponsored by the North Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Halls Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 7, is the annual Halls Christmas Parade! Line up starts at 4 p.m. at Halls High School, and the parade steps off at 6 p.m.

Halls Republican Club Meeting

The Halls Republican Club will meet the 3rd Monday (Nov. 18) at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell located at 1819 Dry Gap Pike just off of E. Emory Rd. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with fellowship and snacks at 6. The speaker for the night is Knox County Criminal Court Judge, Division I, the Honorable Steven W. Sword.

Homeownership Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is hosting an all-day Homeownership

Workshop on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop, which is open to anyone preparing to purchase their first home, covers the details involved in selecting, purchasing, financing and maintaining a home and meets all requirements for FHA loans. \$20 training fee. Info: 865-524-5511; www.thekaul.org

Interview Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: "Interview Skills: Talk Your Way into Work" on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Instruction provided by Talbots. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call 865-524-5511.

South Knox Republican Club Meeting The South Knox Republican Club

meets the 3rd Thursday (Nov. 21) at Gary Underwood Park on Moore Road. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Powell Republican Club Meeting The Powell Republican Club meets

the 3rd Thursday (Nov. 21) at Shoney's on Emory Road. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker for the night will be Jason Zachary, candidate for US House District 2.

House to Home

UT Veterinary College offers Pet Memorial Celebration, PAWt-luck Dinner

A special day to honor the lives and loss of companion animals

In an effort to help pet owners celebrate the lives of their companion animals, both living and dead, Veterinary Social Work (VSW) at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine is hosting its winter Pet Memorial Celebration, Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, allows people to reflect on the impact pets have on their lives. Participants are invited to bring a humanfriendly food item to share that reminds them of their animal.

opportunity to gather with others who have also experienced the loss of an animal can be therapeutic. "People should realize they don't have to grieve alone. They can share stories of beloved animals and know they are supported through their loss." Lyall says the event is an opportunity to find new ways to memorialize their pets.

Participants are encouraged to bring copies of photos of their pet that can be used in a memorial art project.

The event will be held in the Sequoyah Room at the College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus of the UT Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville. The college is located at 2407 River Drive off Neyland Drive.

Reservations required. Please RSVP by

emailing vetsocialwork@ utk.edu or calling 865-755-8839.

One of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine educates students in the art and science of veterinary medicine and related biomedical sciences, promotes scientific research and enhances human and animal well-being.

In addition to the programs of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the UT Institute of Agriculture also provides instruction, research and public service through the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT AgResearch system of 10 research and education centers and UT Extension offices in every county in



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Veteran's Benefits Lunch and Learn

Tom Humphries from Knox County Veterans Services will provide information on Veteran's Administration "Improved Pension Benefit" with Aid and Attendance for wartime Veteran's and spouses of wartime Veterans on January 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Halls Senior Center, 4405 Crip-

Bring a brown bag lunch and stop in and listen to the presentation. Determine if you or a family member are eligible for this important benefit and where you can go for assistance.

There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. Please RSVP at 922-0416 by January 7th for planning purposes.

The Volunteer Women's

Volunteer Republicans Women's Club Meeting

Republican Club meets the 3rd Monday (Nov 18) at Buddy's Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon. Price is \$12.00. The speaker for the VRWC is T. J. Corcoran, spokesperson for the Knoxville Fire Dept. He will speak on safety for the Holidays.

Wordplayers calls for Audition

WordPlayers announces Auditions for "A Woman Called Truth" by Sandra Asher for Monday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Fourth United Presbyterian, 1323 N. Broadway. Seeking: 1 African-American man, 18-35 yrs., 2 African-American women, 22-60 yrs., 1 European-American

man, 30-60 yrs. To schedule an appointment, please call (865)539-2490. Appointments: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Open Call: 7:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.word-

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