

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration to begin next week

The 2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is pleased to announce the slate of celebration events for the week-long celebration beginning with the Interfaith Prayer Service at the Peace and Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 15, at noon.

On Thursday, January 16, the Leadership Educational Symposium is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., followed by the Leadership Awards Luncheon at noon. Both are in the Knoxville Marriott Hotel Ballroom.

The Honorable A C Wharton, Jr. Mayor of Memphis, will be the special guest for the annual Leadership Educational Symposium. Mayor Wharton has served as Mayor of Memphis since fall of 2009 and also served two terms as Mayor of Shelby County. During the morning Symposium, he will lead a roundtable discussion on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as well as speak on topics relevant to business, education, and mayoral issues.

John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center and former President of the American Society of Newspapers Editors, will be the keynote speaker at the Leadership Awards Luncheon. For 43 years, he served as an award-winning journalist for The Tennessean, Nashville's morning newspaper. He was founding editorial director of USA Today and served in that position for a decade. The trustees of Vanderbilt University created the John Seigenthaler Center and Middle Tennessee State University endowed a chair in his name. He continues to be a strong advocate of First Amendment rights of free expression and will provide a stimulating and moving address.

The Gallery of Arts Tribute Reception will be Friday, January 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Community Forum at 7:00 p.m. - both at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center.

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Mayor Rogero reviews 2013

Over the holiday break, The Knoxville Focus asked Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero eight questions regarding her 2013. She will be releasing her own 2013 Review soon but responded directly to our questions.

1. WHAT DID YOU WISH TO ACCOMPLISH THAT YOU COULD NOT AND WILL YOU BE WORKING ON THAT FOR 2014?

Projects never seem to go fast enough. After often years of careful planning, you naturally want to see dirt being moved. Well, 2014 should be satisfying to me, city staff and to all city residents, because we'll be moving a lot of dirt.

To cite a few specific examples:

Construction work is starting on the comprehensive \$17 million street redesign on the Cumberland Avenue Corridor. The aim is to ease congestion and allow traffic to flow functionally and safely by adding turn lanes, but the larger objective is to create the right environment where shopping and residential development can flourish. The Cumberland Avenue plan is currently the city's largest capital project, and so far, the city's investment has paid off with \$130 million in private-sector projects in the

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Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero.

'Coupon Book Lady' plans to stay busy



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Knox County School's "Coupon Book Lady," Mary Kerr (red), with her family at her retirement party in December. Pictured left to right: Jack Kerr, Mason Phillips, Mary Kerr, Jeremy Kerr, Jaycee Phillips, Kristin Phillips, and Todd Phillips.

By Mike Steely
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What would you do after 47 years with Public Affairs for the Knox County Schools?

Mary Kerr plans to stay busy. Even following her retirement party last month, she and her boss, Scott

Bacon, headed over to the new Sea Ray headquarters in the First Tennessee Building to pick up supplies for teachers and classrooms.

Donations by De Royal of medical trays, for example, are used by art teachers and the schools often get donations like vases, terracotta

pots, shirts and other items that are useful. But that's only a very small part that Mrs. Kerr has played in supplying the schools.

"Programs like Partners in Education, Dine Out for Education, Principal for a Day, the Career

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Will City give UT its campus streets?

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Tuesday night the Knoxville City Council should vote on a second and final reading to consider turning over city streets on the UT campus to the University. The proposal came before the council in it's December meeting and passed with only one "No" vote. While other proposals have passed on first reading and failed on a second reading, it appears this one is headed for approval.

The argument for giving UT the streets is that the University is promising not to close them to public use, will maintain them, and will save the city lots of money. The argument against the proposal is that, despite promises, UT could close the streets at will. Another question is who will have police authority on the streets, with the campus administration saying that it will maintain security there.

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Waynestock returns for 4th year

For the fourth year in a row, Waynestock will bring together Knoxville musicians and music fans in support of a good cause.

Waynestock was founded in 2011 to support long-time News Sentinel music writer Wayne Bledsoe in the wake of the sudden death of his son Andrew. Festival organizers launched the second Waynestock after the unexpected loss

of local music scene titan Phil Pollard. Overwhelming support and enthusiasm from performers and fans led to the continuation of the festival in 2013 as a musical showcase and celebration to support Community School of the Arts, a non-profit after-school arts program.

"Although the first two Waynestock festivals were inspired by tragic

circumstances, those events brought people together to support their friends and celebrate our music community. And that's become the festival's mission in a way--to have fun with great music and the extra benefit of supporting a good cause," member of the Waynestock planning team, Paige Travis, told the Focus.

This year proceeds from

Waynestock will benefit the E.M. Jellinek Center, a non-profit organization that has provided housing and comprehensive treatment for chemically dependent men since 1971. The center itself strives to be a therapeutic residential community that provides a clean, nurturing environment where clients with substance abuse or co-occurring disorders can receive

treatment to help insure freedom from the devastating cycle of addiction and achieve a successful transition to healthy, independent living.

"When I arrived at the E. M. Jellinek Center my life was in shambles. Everything prior to arriving was lost to my addiction, just short of my very life! I had

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Focus on the Law

Wage Garnishments

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By Sharon Frankenberg,
Attorney at Law

if it possesses or controls any money or property of the judgment debtor. If so, the employer must immediately furnish a copy of the garnishment to the employee. This may be done by first class mail. The employer must answer the questions asked in the garnishment within 10 days from the date it receives the garnishment. The employer must withhold a certain portion of wages due to the employee and remit the money to the court clerk at least once every 30 days. If the employer fails to answer promptly or to withhold the required wages, you may be able to take legal action directly against the employer.

The garnishment form contains a calculator for the employer to figure the amount of wages to withhold. The amount of wages which

may be garnished may not exceed 25% of the employee's disposable income for the week minus \$2.50 for each of his or her dependent children under the age of 16 who reside in the state of Tennessee; or the amount by which those wages exceed 30 times the federal minimum wage (currently \$7.25 per hour) minus \$2.50 for each of his or her dependent children under the age of 16 who reside in the state of Tennessee. If the judgment you were awarded is for child support or alimony and you have remarried or if your judgment was not for alimony or child support, this is the most that may be collected. If the court ordered alimony or child support and you have not remarried and if the judgment debtor is supporting a spouse or dependent child other than one for whom the judgment is entered, federal law allows 50% of the disposable wages to be garnished. If the judgment debtor is not supporting

any other dependents, 60% may be garnished. These figures rise to 55% and 65% if the support order is for a period more than 12 weeks before the pay period to be garnished.

A recently enacted statute requires that when a judgment debtor whose wages are subject to garnishment obtains new employment, he or she must notify the party they owe by certified mail within 10 days. The notification must identify the new employer including its address and phone number. If the judgment debtor fails to do so, he or she is in contempt of court and may be punished.

Remember, the court clerks are not allowed to give you legal advice. You should consult an attorney for help with your individual situation. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. Her office number in Knoxville is (865)539-2100.

Will City give UT its campus streets?

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The various ordinances facing the council include closing of Johnny Majors Drive from Lake Loudoun Blvd. to Pat Head Summitt Street, Lake Loudoun Blvd. from Volunteer Blvd to Neyland Drive, Chamique Holdscraw Drive from Lake Loudoun to Pat Summitt, Pat Summitt from Holdscraw Drive to Andy Holt, Fraternity Park Drive from Pat Summitt to Todd Helton Drive, Frances Street from Melrose Ave to Andy Holt, Andy Holt from Volunteer Blvd. to Melrose Place, Twentieth Street from Terrace Avenue to Andy Holt, and Melrose Place from Andy Holt to Melrose Avenue.

Brenda Palmer, the lone opposition during the first reading of the street giveaway, voiced very strong objections to each ordinance reading and each street was considered with each ordinance.

Also on a second reading tomorrow night, the council may give approval to new language defining standards for small breweries, wineries and distilleries within certain commercial and industrial zones, a move recommended by the planning commission.

Home offices may also be redefined for R-1E (upscale)

neighborhoods. The matter comes up on first reading and would no longer make it illegal to have a certain home-office businesses in those neighborhoods.

They will also consider amending the city Code to adjust the city's classification and compensation plans for general employees, clarify the "tent" section and offering an annual permit, and consider several property rezonings such as Star Sales Company on North Central Street and W. Churchwell Avenue from C-3 to C-6.

The Engineering Department is asking the council to authorize an agreement with Southern Shores Development, LLC, to construct Phase One of the Knox-Blount Greenway Project, not to exceed \$1,187,480.12.

The agenda includes several "consent" items involving pension amounts to former employees or their spouse, and an ordinance to give the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Commission \$2,000 toward the 2014 King Week Celebration events.

The City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the City County Building in their first session of the new year.

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Saturday, January 18 focus on students and teachers and include the Teacher In-Service Training program at the Beck Cultural Center and the Youth Symposium at Austin East High School. Both are all-day events and registration is required. Also on Saturday, the MLK Commission and the YWCA will co-host the annual Race Against Racism.

A Night with the Arts and the Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra will be on Sunday, January 19 at the Bijou Theatre.

Monday, January 20, the official MLK Holiday, will culminate with the Memorial March Parade down Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue in the morning followed by the Memorial Tribute Service at 11:45 a.m. at the Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church. Dr. George McKenna, III will be the featured keynote speaker. Dr. McKenna has been a teacher, superintendent, and administrator as well as educational consultant to numerous school districts and other organizations. Because of his accomplishments, he has received over 400



Dr. George McKenna, III

citations and awards as well as special recognition by President Reagan. In addition to print and TV media coverage, Dr. McKenna is the subject of the CBS television movie, "The George McKenna Story" starring Denzel Washington.

With the exception of the ticketed luncheon on January 16, all events are open to the public without charge. Some events require pre-registration.

For complete details of all Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration events, go to WWW.MLKKnoxville.org.

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By Age	Like	Dislike	Total
18-29	[None]	100.00%	3
30-49	37.50%	62.50%	40
50-65	23.35%	76.65%	167
65+	18.09%	81.91%	188
Total	22.11% (88)	77.89% (310)	398

By District	Like	Dislike	Total
1	34.62%	65.38%	26
2	24.00%	76.00%	50
3	26.19%	73.81%	42
4	24.44%	75.56%	45
5	12.50%	87.50%	48
6	18.00%	82.00%	50
7	29.41%	70.59%	51
8	26.09%	73.91%	46
9	7.50%	92.50%	40
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By Gender	Like	Dislike	Total
Unknown	26.67%	73.33%	15
Female	19.90%	80.10%	206
Male	24.29%	75.71%	177
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Fair, Teacher of the Year, and the Teachers Supply Depot," she mentions as another part of her duties.

She's been recognized for her successful effort in the system's Coupon Book campaign, earning her the nickname "Coupon Book Lady." Last year the Coupon Book sales brought in \$1,360,376 into the school system. Students sell the books

and, of the \$10 cost, \$8 returns to the school that sold them. Over the past 25 years more than \$28 million has been raised.

Even after retirement she said she will still be involved in the Teachers Supply Depot board.

"I'm looking forward to cooking, do some farming, and traveling. My husband has retired and I'm sure we'll be going to Anderson County often to visit our two grandchildren," she said.

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An All-American in the making

“I don’t know how many times I told him to try harder because you don’t know how good you can be.” Former Coach Bob Dagley recalls the comment he made to Tommy Everette, the junior starter who played center position on Dagley’s 1964-65 Gibbs Eagles’ basketball team. “I would be yelling at him as the game was going on to hustle more or try harder,” Dagley added. “Years later, I asked him if he remembered how he would shake his head up and down when I yelled at him. He let the wind out of my sails when he answered, ‘yeah, I couldn’t hear



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what you were saying, so I just always nodded yes.” Tommy Everette finished his senior year with the Gibbs Eagles and was named to the All-Knoxville Interscholastic League (KIL) Team, All-State, and All-ET. He helped the Eagles win the KIL “A” Division Championship for the second straight year with a 21-4 record, and Bob Dagley was named KIL Coach of the Year for the 1965-66 season. “A coach from a major college asked me if I thought Everette could play SEC basketball, and I told him yes,” Dagley recalls. “The coach told me he didn’t think he could. Later, after Everette had played in the East-West All-Star game in Nashville, that

same coach was heard to say to his assistant (speaking of Everette), ‘I think we missed getting the best big boy in the state.’” That coach’s loss was another’s gain. “By that time, Everette had already signed to play at Carson-Newman (C-N) just as Spitzer had done the year before,” Dagley said. “While he was working out for the All-Star game, another coach from a major college in the SEC offered Everette a scholarship on the spot. But, Everette kept his word and stayed with C-N.” Not only was Dagley’s center tall and talented, he had integrity, too. Some time later, Dagley found out that Everette had played in two Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star games—one in Tennessee and the other in Kentucky. “He was the high scorer in both games,”

Coach Dagley said. Interestingly enough, Dagley learned something else about the recruiting of his center player. “I found out that the same college coach who did not think Tommy could play SEC ball tried to get him to give up his Carson-Newman scholarship and play for him. He told Everette that one of the biggest mistakes he made, as a coach, was not signing him when he had the chance.” Dagley had been right about his center, but the college coach realized Everette’s potential too late. Tommy signed on to be a Carson-Newman Eagle for the next four years. (This is No. 22 on the 1964-65 Gibbs Eagles. Next in the series, Dagley’s center player sets records at C-N and becomes an All-American.)



ARCHIVES OF TOMMY, CAROLYN EVERETTE

Tommy Everette wearing No. 53 on the Carson-Newman Eagles' basketball team.

What exactly *is* the Joint Committee on Education?

By **Mike Steely**
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In a recent Knox County Commission meeting, Commissioner Sam McKenzie, one of four commission members of the Joint Education Committee, reported to the group. The committee, made up also of four members from the Board of Education, meets once a month to discuss mutual interests and has been mainly dealing with what to do with older and abandoned schools. McKenzie said the committee has discussed options for a combined Commission-School

Board retreat and the teacher survey recently mailed. He reported the special commission also learned that 40 percent of the school buildings are owned by the county, 40% by the school board, and 10 percent are apparently owned or titled to the individual schools. He said the group is discussing a possible six month plan for disposal of the old schools. The Joint Committee is dealing with the ownership in three ways: Who owns individual schools, the timing of disposals, and who get the funds when a

school is sold. The committee meets again Thursday, January 9, and the process of real estate ownership of the schools, the titling, and use of the schools is on their agenda. They’ll also talk with each other about the school budget and work on planning a joint retreat for both the School Board and County Commission. By any measure, the Joint Committee on Education is an odd entity. Authorized by the County Commission last year, the committee members serve by appointment by the chair and were appointed with no

expiration date. Only two meetings remain for the Joint Committee and they meet with a facilitator, Dr. Steven Joiner, a specialist in mediation and crisis prevention specialist. Commissioner Mike Hammond, another Joint Committee member along with Amy Broyles and David Wright, said the outside facilitator “has done a great job in moving us forward.” School Board members of the committee include Lynne Fugate, Gloria Deathridge, Karen Carson and Doug Harris. Dr. Joiner is managing director of the Institute for

Conflict Management at Lipscomb University and a professor in related subjects such as negotiation. The Joint Committee came about after conflicts between the commission and school board. Rules for the committee forbid the members from discussing the meetings or issues with each other outside the meetings, listening and not interrupting, etc. A question of public or private meetings was resolved and now the meetings are open. The committee also has no power other than to advise their own elected bodies. Karen Carson told

The Focus that the Joint Education Committee was funded by Knoxville’s Cornerstone Foundation, which funds fund religious and non-religious causes. Carson said the cost of advertising of committee meetings rotates between the board of education and the county commission. She also confirmed there are only two more meetings that are funded but hopes the dialog between the two elected bodies continues with our without a facilitator or funding.

Waynestock returns for 4th year

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become a failure as a result of a seemingly hopeless disease. I was taught how to live again at the center,” said Carl R., a former client of the center. Proceeds from this year’s Waynestock will go to E.M. Jellinek in an effort to further the center’s cause of rehabilitating clients like Carl and others. Waynestock 4 will feature three nights of music on January 30 and 31. and February 1, at Relix Variety Theatre, 1208 N. Central St. in Happy Holler. Music begins at 7:00 each night and admission is \$5 per night.

Thursday, January 30, is a singer/songwriter symposium followed by the Greg Horne Band. Friday, February 1, will feature the Jodie Manross Band, Dixieghost, J.C. Haun and The Dirty Smokers, The French, The Crumbsnatchers and Teenage Love.

On Saturday, February 2, the John Myers Band, Jamie Cook, Donald Brown, The Barstool Romeos, Senryu, will take the stage prior to a Grand Finale Tribute to Lou Reed. For more information visit www.waynestock.org.

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Pictured from left to right: John Crisp, Maintenance Director, Betty Jones, Joshua Crisp

Trinity Hills Recognizes Betty Jones

Betty Jones is the 2013 recipient of the Tyson H. Wallis Community Impact Award at Trinity Hills Senior Living Community, which is located at 4611 Asheville Highway.

This award was created in 2012 to honor an employee who exhibits the character, culture and commitment to the residents while upholding the values of dignity and honor, which are the cornerstone of our service to seniors. Tyson Wallis (1981-2012) embraced the mission of TrinityCare through his actions and remained true to his values and faith creating a positive and lasting impact at our senior living communities.

Betty has been employed with Trinity Hills since its inception in 2007 and currently serves as Housekeeping Supervisor. “She has been a continual

blessing to our staff, residents, and their families. In addition, she consistently exceeds the requirements of the job and makes a personal investment to impact the lives of those with whom she comes in contact with” states Joshua Crisp, Regional Director of TrinityCare Senior Living.

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works along the corridor.

In South Knoxville, it will be exciting to see carefully planned projects there start to take shape. The new Suttree Landing Park and Waterfront Drive will be underway, as well as the redesign of the entrance to Fort Dickerson Park.

The biggest dirt moving of all will be the long-term redevelopment of the former Baptist Hospital site by private developers who plan to invest up to \$165 million along the South Waterfront. Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial Corp. announced Dec. 23 that it had closed on the acquisition of the site, with demolition beginning soon. Blanchard & Calhoun is proposing to roll out in coming years a mix of luxury apartments, student apartments, a hotel and retail and office space. All of Knoxville will be eager to watch it unfold.

2. IS BEING MAYOR ABOUT WHAT YOU EXPECTED?

Yes. Actually, it's even better than I'd expected. I love the job, and I love the people I get to work with every day – city staff, police and firefighters, community leaders, homeowners, the business community. Every day has its tough challenges, but it's rewarding to sit down with people and come up with solutions to obstacles.

3. WHAT'S THE ONE THING THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR THAT SURPRISED YOU THE MOST?



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Mayor Rogero helped unveil the plans for the former Baptist Hospital in June, 2013.

I was surprised to be asked last summer to serve on Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam's Task Force on Aging. And then, a few months ago, I was selected as one of 26 elected leaders to serve on a task force that will advise President Barack Obama on climate preparedness and resilience-building strategies to help cities and states. I am excited to be in a position to help formulate common-sense policy solutions at the state and federal level.

4. HOW HAS BEING MAYOR AFFECTED YOUR HOME LIFE?

Serving as mayor takes a lot of time and energy, but I have a wonderful supportive family. I can focus on doing the best job I can as mayor because of the support and love of my husband, children and grandchildren.

In the end, it's really about making time for what's most important – enjoying spending as much time as I can with my two newest grandbabies, Vera and Lucas, or being there when my granddaughter Jada received a Coach's Award for her commitment to the West High Varsity Volleyball team, or being with my grandson Silas at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School's Grandparents Day. And I enjoyed being with my two oldest granddaughters, AJ and Maylah, and other family members over the holidays.

5. WHO IS THE MOST INTERESTING PERSON YOU GOT TO MEET IN 2013?

I've had the pleasure of talking with and getting to know a lot of really interesting people. It was exciting to meet both President Barack Obama in Chattanooga and First Lady Michelle Obama

at the White House this year. But the most inspiring people I've met as Mayor are Medal of Honor recipients Sammy L. Davis and Walter (Joe) Marm, who have come to town to help us prepare for the Medal of Honor Convention next September. I know all of Knoxville will join me in welcoming the brave and patriotic Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

6. DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE ENOUGH STAFF AND BUDGET?

As public servants, we have an obligation to make the best use possible of all of our resources. I am constantly impressed with and grateful for the amount and quality of work that our City staff perform - from the police officers and firefighters who work 24 hours a day to keep us all safe, to the Public Service crews who pick up leaves and

patch potholes, to the folks in Parks and Recreation working hard to make park and youth sports experiences as great as possible.

7. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE CITY IN 2014?

I see many opportunities in 2014. There are always short-range challenges, but looking at the big picture, much will be unfolding in 2014 in terms of major long-range initiatives. It's the start of fruition of a couple of years of careful preparation, planning and listening to people telling us what they expect and want.

I talked earlier about "moving dirt" and how excited we are to see big progress on the South Waterfront and the Cumberland Avenue Corridor. But the city also will be progressing on multiple road improvement projects across the city and will resume street paving operations when warm weather starts. Each year, the city paves 8 to 9 miles of roadways in each of the six City Council districts, for a total of 48 to 54 miles per year citywide.

The city will continue implementing energy-saving and sustainability initiatives, drawing on the recommendations from the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge team. Specifically, the city and its partners will be using weatherization and energy-reduction best practices to reduce emergency utility bill assistance for low-income residents living in older, currently inefficient buildings.

Also in 2014, the city's

Office on Homelessness will gather public input and work on finalizing a comprehensive plan to address a range of homelessness issues. In creating a draft of the plan, released in early January, I convened a Mayor's Roundtable on Homelessness to bring together the agencies and ministries that provide services. We learned from the listening and public input process of the Compassion Knoxville project, which in 2011 gathered more than 500 comments through 43 public meetings. Roundtable members then developed updated strategies to address this complicated issue – strategies that make sense for Knoxville. There will be many more public discussions on this plan very soon, but the focus will be on preventing homelessness and helping those already homeless find housing, jobs and stability.

8. DO YOU FEEL THE MEDIA HAS BEEN FAIR?

Yes, overall, most reporters and columnists have been fair. We're committed to open, responsive government, and being scrutinized and asked to explain policies and decisions is part of the job. We value the role of the media. Communicating through the media helps us get the word out on what's happening and also helps us solicit ideas and input from Knoxville residents on what they want from their city government.

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Knoxville Businesses Aid Urban Children through Recent Gifts to Emerald Youth

Several Knoxville businesses assisted Knoxville's urban children and teens through gifts to Emerald Youth Foundation during the Christmas holidays.

Sam Smith, franchisee of the Knoxville West TA TravelCenter, recently presented a check to EY for \$3,725.93. The money will be used to benefit EY's faith, education and sports programs, in which about 1,350 inner city Knoxville young people participate each year.

Beaty Chevrolet and Tennova Healthcare each donated items that were given to families for their children's Christmas gifts. At least 85 youngsters from kindergarten through high school age received several gifts apiece.

For the second consecutive year, Beaty Chevrolet collected the gift items for EY. Employees gave 22 bikes and 150 pairs of tennis shoes, plus toys, games and clothes. Helping Beaty's drive were Enterprise Rent-A-Car, which gave shoes, and Ally Bank, which gave \$1,000.

Tennova Healthcare also delivered many wrapped gifts, which included toys, gift cards, and other practical and fun items. EY distributed the gifts through its JustLead Network churches, which supplied them to parents to give to their own children.



David Wells, Emerald Youth senior director of development, accepts a check from Sam Smith, franchisee of the Knoxville West TA TravelCenter. Pictured are (l-r) Wells, EY participants Shakia Holland and Antori O'Neal, and Smith.

"We are deeply grateful for the many caring people in Knoxville's business community who came together for inner city children.

These gifts have touched many young lives," said Steve Diggs, Emerald Youth executive director.



Getting "booted" in downtown Knoxville seems like an increasing problem for parked vehicles. It'll cost you \$75 to have the things off your wheels.

Getting the 'Boot' in Knoxville

By Mike Steely
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You've parked downtown, stopped in at the courthouse or City-County Building, dined or shopped and you come back to your car and see it's been "booted." That thing on your tires isn't going to let you go anywhere. You'll find one on the driver's side front and one on the back wheel. You hadn't planned to be gone from your car as long as you were and now you have a costly problem.

Knoxville's "booting" of cars began in 2008 with a City Council ordinance authorizing the Knoxville Wrecker Service Commission to do so. You can get booted by one of the five private authorized companies, even in private parking lots. The five authorized "booters" include Floyd's Wrecker Service, Parkwest Medical Center, Premier Parking Enforcement, Ronan Parking Solutions and Strategic Parking Solutions.

The ordinance calls for a fee of \$75 to take off the parking boot and requires all the companies to be available and able to respond 24 hours a day. The ordinance also says that immediate payment when "unbooted" will be accepted in the form of Visa, Discover, Master Card or cash.

Companies booting (and unbooting) must make an application with the City, pay a fee, meet certain qualifications, and agree to the policies.

Parking lots must, in one inch letters, warn parkers of

the Boot policy, with a telephone number and company name. In two inch letters it must be posted that the lot "boots" and removal is at the parker's expense.

Waiting on someone to come to your car and take the boots off can take a of couple hours but there's not much to do but wait.

What happens if you return to your vehicle and it's not there? Has it been stolen or impounded?

Hopefully you took your cell phone with you and you could call the City Impound Lot at 215-6215 to find out your car's location, if it's been towed. Probably even easier is to remember the Knoxville Call Center; by calling 311, they can direct you to a telephone number.

Knoxville does have parking shortages but you can go on the internet and find out where the city and private garages and lots are located, their prices, etc.

If you get a ticket for parking over the limit on the meter the best bet is to pay it and you have three days to do so. If you wish to appeal you can contact City Court but could end up paying \$64.50 court cost in addition to your ticket charge.

Fines for overstaying your limits are \$11 or, after 10 days, \$20. Violating a Handicapped Parking spot is \$50 and fines for parking in a "No Parking" spot are \$16, or \$25 after 10 days. You don't have to be the driver of the ticketed vehicle; if it's your car, you are responsible for paying the fine.

Will Avis help or hurt Zipcar in Knoxville?

By Mike Steely
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Last March, Avis bought Zipcar nationwide and the car-rental company apparently has some changes in mind for the car-sharing company. Zipcar became very popular around the country but not very profitable. Zipcar started in Knoxville last January under a pilot agreement with the city and was helped by a state grant.

Zipcar is a rental company that offers its members small economy cars in downtown Knoxville and on UT Campus. Members pay an initial membership and a monthly fee,

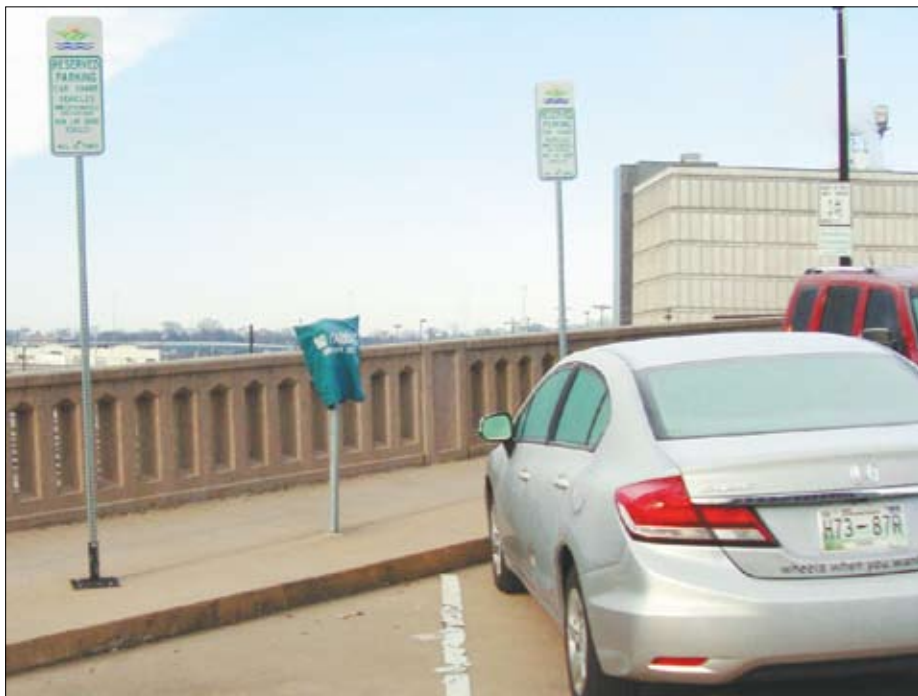


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Currently there are two locations to pick up a Zipcar in Knoxville, one on Gay Street at the viaduct and the other on the UT Campus.

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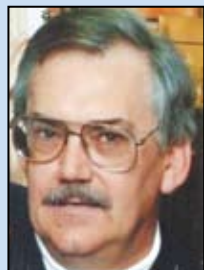
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The First Town in Kentucky

If you're headed to Lexington or anywhere north of the Tennessee-Kentucky line on Interstate 75 you might want to swing off the highway at Williamsburg, the first

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Just beyond the Lane is the old Williamsburg Depot, now being used by the Whitley County - Williamsburg Historical and Genealogy Society. If you continue up the hill

town you come to in the Bluegrass State. It's just off the interstate and the downtown is one of those 1880s examples of a courthouse square county seat towns. Founded in 1818, the town saw some Civil War skirmishes but didn't hit its heyday until the 1880s regional coal boom.

For many years Williamsburg was said to have more millionaires than any other small town in our nation. The coal mine owners built mansions there and several still exist today. The prosperous little town became a college town in 1889 when Cumberland College, now Cumberland University, opened. There may be more college students than permanent residents there, with the University owning more than 100 acres, 37 buildings and three athletic complex sites.

The university also operates the Cumberland Inn, just off the first I-75 exit, with 50 rooms, conference rooms, a steak house, catering, banquet facilities, and a gift shop. They also own the Hearth and Home Cabin that has room for 24 guests.

Next to the inn is the Cumberland Museum with various displays including the Henkelman Life Science Collection, Dehoney's African Artifacts, Lee's Animal Collection, and the William's Cross Collection.

The downtown has various stores and shops, the county jail, city hall, courthouse, and historic business buildings. At the courthouse you'll find a historic marker about "Aunt Julia Marcum," the only woman in U. S. History to be given a pension from the U. S. Government for Civil War service when she defended her home against an attack by the enemy.

The Historic Lane Theater sits just above downtown. The art-deco theater closed in 1987 and is used occasionally for special events, with hopes to fully restore the iconic building.

you come to Cumberland University and it stretches for blocks. You'll also pass, on the left, many of the mansions built by the early coal mine owning families.

Williamsburg's economy has rebounded a bit in recent years with the growth of the college, the passing of a beer-liquor ordinance, and the nearby distribution and manufacturing facilities. During the summer the town operates the Kentucky Splash park just off the I-75 exit. It also pulls in shoppers from the surrounding area, including Jellico, to visit the Wal-Mart shopping center and other businesses and supermarkets there.

Williamsburg hosts several events during the year including an Old Fashion Block Party, July 4th events, and is currently renovating the downtown. Near the I-75 exit is the Williamsburg Convention and Tourism Center.

You can call the Cumberland Inn at 800-315-0285 or simply Google or Yahoo Williamsburg, Ky., to get more information about the rich little town that promotes itself as "The Gateway to the Cumberlands."

If you have time or want to make a side trip, the north exit or second Williamsburg Exit can easily get you to Cumberland Falls State Park. Just take a left at the top of the exit and stay on it until you get to the park sign, take a left and stay on it. If you haven't visited the falls you'll want to do so and, then, you'll want to return again with guests.



The old L&N Depot in Williamsburg, Ky. serves now as the Whitley County Historical and Genealogy Society office. The county seat town also boasts of Cumberland College, a historic theater, and a courthouse square.

Photo by Mike Steely.



Rural/Metro of Tennessee recently added seven customized ambulances to its 54-ambulance fleet, representing a \$910,000 investment in Knox County.

Rural/Metro of Tennessee adds seven customized ambulances to fleet

Rural/Metro recently added seven new state-of-the-art ambulances to its 54-ambulance fleet in Knox County. The ambulances will replace and upgrade several ambulances that are scheduled to be retired this year.

"Rural/Metro is committed to having state-of-the-art ambulances stocked with the latest technology and staffed with paramedics and EMTs trained in the latest emergency medical protocols," said Rural/Metro Regional Director Jerry Harnish. "Providing the highest standard of safety and health to Knox County and all the communities we serve is our top priority, and our significant investment in Knox

County proves it."

Each ambulance was custom-made by Braun Industries Inc., the recognized leader in custom ambulance design, for Rural/Metro of East Tennessee and represents a \$130,000 investment in the community. In total, the seven ambulances are a \$910,000 investment in updating Knox County's emergency system. An eighth ambulance has been ordered and will arrive in a few weeks.

In total, Rural/Metro has invested more than \$3.6 million in vehicles and equipment upgrades in Knox County in the last three years.

In addition to new ambulances, Rural/

Metro has stocked each ambulance with cutting-edge, pre-hospital medical equipment. In 2012, Rural/Metro upgraded its cardiac heart monitoring system to LIFEPAK 15s, the latest technology for cardiac patients. The LIFEPAK 15 has improved operational systems, an increased resiliency in the field and an improved level of patient diagnostics.

Rural/Metro also added the LUCAS 2 automated chest compression device to its ambulances. LUCAS 2 is a portable device that delivers automated, uninterrupted chest compressions at a consistent rate and depth in accordance with the American Heart Association guidelines. Consistent chest

compressions are key to facilitating blood flow in cardiac arrest victims. It can double or triple a victim's chances of survival, according to the AHA.

Rural/Metro also introduced into its ambulances King Vision video laryngoscopes, a cutting-edge intubation technology, making it easier to open and maintain a patient's airway in an emergency.

"Rural/Metro has provided excellent medical care in Knox County for more than 25 years," Harnish said. "Our significant investments in this county show our commitment to continuing to provide excellent clinical care to Knox County residents."



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Fala – FDR’s Beloved Scottish Terrier

**Pages from
the Political
Past**



By Ray Hill

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The lives of presidents and kings are usually equally celebrated or condemned, yet Franklin Delano Roosevelt remains one of the most iconic of American presidents to this day. During his lifetime as president, just about every aspect of Roosevelt’s life was avidly followed by millions of people and in 1940, a new addition to FDR’s family was to become almost equally famous.

It was 1940 when Roosevelt’s cousin and frequent companion, Daisy Suckley, gifted the president with a Scottish terrier puppy as an early Christmas gift. Many of Roosevelt’s friends and relatives considered FDR to be quite lonely in the White House despite his usual sunny nature and the constant stream of visitors. Miss Suckley believed the puppy would give her cousin much happiness and comfort and the little Scottish terrier soon became the president’s constant companion of choice.

Born April 7, 1940 and originally named “Big Boy”, the little Scottie was carefully trained by Miss Suckley and he had an entire repertoire of tricks he could perform. President Roosevelt received his new puppy in November of 1940 and promptly renamed the dog. The Scottie was christened “Murray the Outlaw of Falahill”, or “Fala” to his friends and family.

Fala pretty much had the run of the White House and slept in the president’s bedroom each night. The Scottie soon wasn’t feeling well and was sent to a veterinary hospital by a distressed Roosevelt and it was discovered Fala had been visiting the White House kitchens where he was receiving all too numerous morsels of food. Fala’s digestive system suffered as a result and an unhappy President Roosevelt issued a stern order that only he was allowed to feed the Scottie.

Unable to walk without the aid of heavy braces, FDR usually enjoyed his breakfast in bed and the presidential breakfast was almost always bacon and eggs, part of which was carefully portioned out for Fala, who was the president’s most frequent breakfast guest.

Fala soon captured the popular imagination and remains perhaps the most famous presidential pet in our country’s history. The news media frequently reported on the Scottie’s doings and Fala became a symbol in his



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President Franklin D. Roosevelt with his Scottish terrier, Fala.

own right.

Metro Goldwyn Mayer, perhaps the most prestigious movie studio in Hollywood, known as the home of such screen legends as Clark Gable and Greta Garbo, hurried to Washington, D. C. and filmed a “short” of the little Scottish terrier. FDR, while holding a bowl of Fala’s food, demonstrated Fala’s ability to perform all his tricks for amused cameramen. The little Scottie could even curl his lips to resemble a smile at FDR’s command. Millions of Americans happily watched the movie short in theatres across the country. It was so popular, MGM made yet another Fala short. Fala also became the subject of a bestselling book, which is still in print today.

Roosevelt’s wife and First Lady, Eleanor, far more austere than the president, considered Fala to be something of a spoiled little beast, and more than one argument erupted between the two over Fala. The president was not above reviewing the folks proposed to accompany him on trips and scratching through Eleanor’s name and writing in Fala’s.

Fala was the witness to much history first hand; when President Roosevelt met with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on a battleship in Newfoundland, Fala can be spotted sitting in front of his master and Churchill before an assembly singing “Onward Christian Soldiers”. A medallion of Fala was struck and used to raise funds for British war relief. Fala himself was an honorary private in the United States Army, as he apparently had contributed \$1 for every day of the war from his evidently generous allowance.

American soldiers used Fala’s name during the Battle of the Bulge to help determine whether someone was friendly or an enemy, not expecting Germans to recognize the presidential pet.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, once the Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Navy, loved traveling by ship, and the president rarely ever left Fala behind. It was on board a battleship when Roosevelt viewed his little dog with alarm, noting the Scottie’s coat seemed to be falling out. The president demanded someone follow his Scottie and discovered admiring sailors were clipping locks of Fala’s hair as souvenirs. An outraged FDR issued yet again another edict to protect the dignity of his pet.

Fala got his revenge upon some sailors who, attempting to escape the oppressive heat, were lying on the ship’s deck beside one another barefooted. Fala hurried down the row of sailors, licking and tickling their feet and causing quite a commotion. Fala also amused the president by noticing fish caught by FDR and his party flopped about the deck wildly and the little Scottie was soon doing the same, causing much laughter.

Disgruntled Secret Service agents gave Fala the dubious nickname of “The Informer”, as the Scottie had to be walked and he was so easily recognizable, that it was a certain confirmation that President Roosevelt was himself nearby.

Kings, prime ministers, Congressmen and senators were often left hungry while President Roosevelt fed Fala from his own hand. Only after Fala had eaten did the president’s guests get to eat their own food.

Fala was disappointed by his master upon rare occasion. One such occasion was when Fala leaped into FDR’s limousine, which was carrying the president to an inauguration ceremony. The top-hatted Roosevelt lifted up a disheartened Fala and whispered, “Not this time, old man.”

Fala had to be about the best traveled dog in the country and whether FDR was embarking

on yet another trip by ship or his plane, the Sacred Cow, or his personal railroad car, the Ferdinand Magellan, Fala was usually somewhere nearby. When President Roosevelt went to Mexico to visit Mexican President Camacho, Fala went along South of the border down Mexico way.

The subject of political cartoons, Fala was once even portrayed by another Scottie in the movie Princess O’Rourke.

Fala’s popularity became such that he required a secretary to answer his mail, which ran into the thousands of letters.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of the shrewdest politicians ever to occupy the White House, once used his famous Scottie to pound the hell out of his political opponents during one of his reelection campaigns. The “Fala Speech” remains one of the most famous of FDR’s many memorable addresses. Carried over national radio as Roosevelt addressed a gathering of labor leaders, FDR indignantly informed his audience that the Republicans were accusing him of having left Fala stranded on an island in the Aleutians and had sent a ship to retrieve him at a cost of millions to the taxpayers.

“These Republican leaders have not been content with attacks on me, or my wife, or on my sons. No, not content with that, they now include my little dog, Fala. Well, of course I don’t resent attacks, and my family don’t resent attacks, but Fala does resent them. You know Fala is Scotch, and being a Scottie, as soon as he learned that the Republican fiction writers in Congress and out had concocted a story that I had left him behind on an Aleutian island and had sent a destroyer back to find him --- at a cost to the taxpayers of two or three, or eight or twenty million dollars --- his Scotch soul was

furious. He has not been the same dog since. I am accustomed to hearing malicious falsehoods about myself, but I think I have a right to resent, to object to libelous statements about my dog.”

As FDR spoke, his audience was convulsed with laughter and he received a tumultuous ovation when he concluded his remarks. A clever speech, it had the desired effect and once again Franklin Roosevelt routed his Republican opposition.

The only other political speech in our country’s history about a pet that could even remotely compare to FDR’s “Fala” talk is Richard Nixon’s “Checkers” speech.

Fala was with FDR when the president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia. Miss Suckley was one of those present when FDR passed away and Fala seemed to recognize that his master was gone. The little Scottie had been sleeping in a corner and suddenly jumped up and ran to the screen door. Using his head as a battering ram, Fala broke through the screen and darted to the top of a hill, barking and howling, where he remained alone. No one who witnessed the incident ever forgot it.

FDR did not leave his beloved little Scottie to his wife Eleanor; he expressly stated he wished to return Fala to Daisy Suckley. The former First Lady had to endure the embarrassment of sending her son James to ask Miss Suckley if she could keep the Scottish terrier. Miss Suckley agreed and Fala remained with Eleanor Roosevelt for the last seven years of his life.

Mrs. Roosevelt was the author of a famous and successful column, “My Day”, before and after the president’s death. Fala was often a topic of Mrs. Roosevelt’s column and she readily admitted, “It was Fala, my husband’s little dog, who never really adjusted.”

Mrs. Roosevelt noted Fala always became quite alert whenever the little Scot heard sirens, once a sign that FDR himself was due to arrive. Fala stationed himself in a doorway in Mrs. Roosevelt’s cottage where he could observe more than one door in the event he might dash out for yet another adventure.

Fala had quite nearly been killed by a bullmastiff just months after FDR had died. The dog belonged to Elliott Roosevelt, the late president’s son. Evidently the enormous mastiff only let go of Fala after someone had the presence of mind to beat him around the head with a rock. The mastiff badly mauled the little Scottie, who hovered precariously between life and death for several days. Mrs. Roosevelt was horrified and one can only imagine what Franklin Roosevelt’s reaction might have been.

Fortunately, Fala recovered but the mastiff was put down.

Fala sired puppies and one of his grandsons was a favorite companion of Mrs. Roosevelt, whom he accompanied on her ramblings at her Val-Kill cottage in New York.

Not surprisingly, there is quite a display of memorabilia relating to Fala at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park.

The most famous of presidential pets died on April 5, 1952, just days before what would have been his twelfth birthday. Eleanor Roosevelt, so composed and dignified when President Roosevelt died, was reportedly shattered by the loss of the little Scottish terrier whom her husband had loved so well.

Fala was buried at the feet of his master at the estate in Hyde Park, where he sleeps to this day, reunited with the person Fala himself loved best.

Capturing life on canvas

We left for Nashville a couple of days before Christmas, and because Lacey's family was visiting the other grandparents in Huntsville, Alabama, Amy and I had a chance to go someplace a little special. Our choice took us to the Frist Center to view the Norman Rockwell exhibit. That Sunday afternoon turned into a wonderful time to see up close the work of an artist that has inspired millions for almost a century.

One of the first paintings visitors espy and then spend several minutes viewing is titled "Discovery." It depicts a young boy who finds a Santa Claus suit in the bottom drawer in his dad's dresser. The child's look expresses the shock and disappointment when one of life's most magical beliefs crumbles. All of us remember when Santa disappeared from our lives. It happened for me one Christmas when I heard my parents sneaking presents under the tree after we'd gone to bed. Our bedroom was directly across the hall from the living room, so only the slightest noise



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would wake us up. It was hard to believe that Santa was our parents. That shock was only equaled with the news from older boys about how Jim and I "really" came to be. Sometimes in life, discovering things rocks our worlds.

Another painting, "Skinny Dipping," shows a group of boys and a dog running, presumably, from a person who has caught them swimming in some forbidden area. A lifetime ago, the Ball Camp boys rode bikes over the ridge to Karns on our way to Beaver Creek. We found a deep spot in that winding creek and stripped naked to jump in the water and cool off on a summer's day. Like most things in youth, activities that are forbidden become the things that bring the most fun. That includes smoking rabbit tobacco and paper from grocery bags or swiping watermelons from a farm.

The painting titled "Blessing" brings back plenty of memories for us older Americans. At every supper and dinner, our family began with "God is great, God is good/Let us thank him for our food..."

Those words blessed the food we ate from the earliest times I remember.

On one occasion, Jim and I came to the table still goofing off as we boys were wont to do. We began saying the blessing, but half way through, we got tickled and burst out in laughter. Daddy did not take to our behavior at all, and before we could blink our eyes, he had scooped us up and swatted our behinds. We stood crying, and upset over his reaction, and Daddy hopped in the car and drove off. He came home after a while, and we all made up. By the way, no one ever laughed during another blessing.

Maybe the best painting by Rockwell is titled "Going and Coming." The dual scene shows a car packed with family and pets and supplies for a fun-filled day at the lake. Kids are squirming, and parents are smiling as they make the journey. On the way home, it's a different story. The kids wear looks of exhaustion. Mom holds the youngest in her lap, and it appears as if any moment she might pass out. The father's exasperated look indicates he needs to arrive home soon to escape too much family togetherness. The grandmother wears the

same scowl on both sides of the trip. Even the dog's energy is depleted on the long ride home. Rockwell captures the true sides of events in most families' lives.

I wonder what Norman Rockwell would choose as settings for paintings today. Surely one would include a computer or video game or cell phone. Another might well depict the struggles of today's middle class as folks try to keep up with prices with faltering wages. He might even take to the canvas to portray the mindless babble and intransigence that comes from our nation's government. What's for sure is that Norman Rockwell is the master of capturing the essence of American life from decades in the past. We all should be thankful that so much of his work is available and that it memorializes life as so many have known.

If you get a chance to attend the showing, take it and be amazed by the man's work. If not, check out a book of his work and spend some time with family looking at those paintings and the messages they present.

Will Avis help or hurt Zipcar in Knoxville?

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plus about \$8 per hour to use the cars. The Avis purchase came about the same time as the license agreement last January between Zipcar and the city.

Two parking spaces are located at 144 North Gay Street and two spaces at 20th Street and Andy Holt. Two cars are parked there and available to members.

The agreement was recommended by the City Office of Sustainability and Jake Tisinger there said last week that while they haven't seen Zipcar figures on how the year went, it appeared to go pretty well downtown and better on campus. He said the Chamber of Commerce signed on as one of the corporate members. In early talks, Zipcar had told the city that if all goes well they would also be asking for additional free parking spaces, designated only for their cars, around town.

Katelyn Lopresti, General Manager of Zipcar's Universities marketing division, said the "partnership with the City of Knoxville continues to

prove highly successful."

"Strong utilization from both the University of Tennessee and Knoxville City Zipcar members is extremely encouraging," she said.

Members join online, receive a "Zipcard" and, when they need a car, they call or go to the sites, place their cards on the card reader on the windshield which unlocks the doors, and take the keys from beneath the dashboard. That's it. When they return the small cars to the same parking space, they leave the keys, exit, place their Zipcard on the windshield card reader, and walk away. They are billed on their use of the car. Day long use of the car is about \$69 but the fee includes insurance and fuel.

Avis is rumored to be looking at changing the system to permit one-way rentals.

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Tennessee announces 2014 January to June events

Winter celebrations and summer fun are on the agenda for 2014 in Tennessee. This is the year for historical events, anniversaries, and festivals filled with music, food, and entertainment. Cities will be abuzz with activity and small towns will charm their way into the hearts of their guests. Kick off the 60th anniversary of Rock n' Roll with Elvis Presley's Birthday Celebration at Graceland as fans from around the world celebrate the King. Find Tennessee's quirky side at events like Mule Day in Columbia, RC & Moon Pie Festival in Bell Buckle, and Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester. Tennessee won't leave its guests hungry with food festivals like the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg, International Biscuit Festival in Knoxville, and World's Biggest Fish Fry in Paris. Additional 2014 Tennessee events are highlighted for your convenience below. For more Tennessee events, visit www.tnvacation.com/calendar.

JANUARY

Jan. 8-11 – Elvis Presley's Birthday Celebration, Memphis – Elvis Presley fans celebrate what would have been his 77th birthday, including enjoying a grand birthday cake. 800-238-2000, elvis.com

Jan. 11-12 – Tennessee Sandhill Crane Viewing Festival, Birchwood – A celebration of the thousands of Sandhill Cranes that migrate through or spend the winter at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers near Birchwood, TN. Festival activities will be held at the Birchwood Elementary School, the Hiwassee Refuge, the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park, and the Rhea County Welcome Center.

Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memphis – Programs at the National Civil Rights Museum celebrate the birthday of Dr. King. 901-521-9699, civilrightsmuseum.org

Jan. 25-Feb. 1 – Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge – The ultimate Smoky Mountain experience is a series of activities sure to connect Pigeon Forge visitors with the great outdoors. Experts share their knowledge at

seminars, lectures and hands-on workshops. 800-251-9100, mypigeonforge.com

FEBRUARY

Jan. 20-Feb 1 – Winter Heritage Festival in the Smokies, Townsend – Celebrates the history, natural beauty and cultural traditions of Townsend, Cades Cove and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 800-525-6834, smokymountains.org

Feb 27-March 2 – Nashville Lawn & Garden Show, Nashville – The timeless appeal and importance of gardens will be celebrated at the 23rd annual Nashville Lawn & Garden Show at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com

MARCH

March 8-16 – Shamrock City, Chattanooga – Rock City's 7th annual Irish celebration features music, entertainment and Irish delicacies. 800-854-0675, seerockcity.com

March 15 – Irish Day Celebration, Erin – Enjoy a parade, food, entertainment and crafts at the largest Irish Day celebration and parade in this area. 931-289-5100, houstoncochamber.com

March 22-April 21 – Dollywood's Festival of the Nations, Pigeon Forge – More than 200 performers from around the world celebrate music, dance and art. 800-DOLLYWOOD, dollywood.com

March 31-April 6 – Mule Day, Columbia – One of the world's biggest mule celebrations. Events include mule sale, mule pulling, mule shows, pancake breakfast, flea market and parade. 931-381-9557, mule-day.com

APRIL

Month-long – 52nd Annual Dogwood Arts Festival, Knoxville – Miles of trails feature some of the most spectacular dogwood trees of all kinds. 865-637-

4561, dogwoodarts.com

Month-long – Awesome April, Nashville – A musical tribute to the city that promises a major event each weekend. 800-657-6910, visitmusiccity.com

April 4 – Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, Memphis – The National Civil Rights Museum offers a special program to commemorate the late Civil Rights leader. 901-521-9699, civilrightsmuseum.org

April 17-26 – Nashville Film Festival, Nashville – With genres from drama to comedy to foreign documentaries, this festival has something for everyone. 615-742-2500, nashvillefilmfestival.org

April 21-27 – World's Biggest Fish Fry, Paris – More than five tons of catfish are served to thousands of visitors, plus a rodeo, parade and catfish races. 731-644-1143, worldsbiggestfishfry.com

April 24-26 – Rivers & Spires Festival, Clarksville – A festival with more than 100 entertainers, kids area, car shows, food, jazz and more. 931-245-4344, riversandspires.com

Apr 26-27 – National Cornbread Festival, South Pittsburg – Visitors can experience the National Cornbread Cook-Off, art and shows. 423-837-0022, nationalcornbread.com

MAY

May 2-24 – Memphis in May International Festival, Memphis – Monthlong events include Beale Street Music Festival and World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest. 901-525-4611, memphisinmay.org

May 4-10 – West Tennessee Strawberry Festival, Humboldt – This festival includes parades, live entertainment, barbecue cook-off, concerts, fireworks and more. 731-784-1842, wtsf.org

May 6 – Nov 1 – Storytelling Live! Jonesborough – Storytellers from across the United States will share stories and entertain guests. 800-952-8392, storytellingcenter.net

May 9-10 – Tennessee Strawberry Festival, Dayton – Crafts, food and cruise-in on Friday expanding on Saturday to include the parade, food

competition and entertainment. 423-570-0105, tnstrawberryfestival.com

May 10 – 73rd Annual Running of the Iroquois Steeplechase, Nashville – This is the nation's oldest continuously run, weight-for-age steeplechase. 866-207-2391, iroquoissteeplechase.org

May 15-17 – International Biscuit Festival, Knoxville – Named one of the country's top 10 food festivals, this popular event allows guests to enjoy food, fun and music. biscuitfest.com

May 15-17 – Buford Pusser Festival, Adamsville – This annual festival honors the famous "Walking Tall" sheriff and features good music, food and family fun. 731-632-4080, bufordpussermuseum.com

May 16-17 – Sevierville's Bloomin' BBQ & Bluegrass, Sevierville – This event features the Tennessee State Championship Barbeque Cook-Off, bluegrass concerts from rising stars and bluegrass legends, kids games, great food and authentic mountain crafts. visitsevierville.com/vsevents.aspx

May 17-18 – 19th Annual Iris Festival, Greeneville – A juried arts/crafts festival plus food, entertainment and more surrounded by the history of President Andrew Johnson. The Annual Woodcarving Show is held each year in conjunction with the festival.

May 22-25 – Americana Music Festival, Crawford – Enjoy a three-day camping and music festival that coincides with the taping of an episode of the "Jammin' at Hippie Jack's Americana Music Series" on PBS. A similar fall festival is held in September. 931-445-2072, myhippiejack.com

May 30-June 1 – Memphis Italian Festival, Memphis – This community celebration demonstrates the values of family, faith, and fellowship in the Italian-American tradition. 901-767-6949, memphisitalianfestival.com

JUNE

June 3-7 – Germantown Charity Horse Show, Memphis – An exciting all-breed event with more than 800 horses including hunter/jumpers, American Saddlebreds,

Roaster and Hackney ponies and Tennessee Walking Horses. 901-754-0009, gchs.org

June 5-8 – CMA Music Festival, Nashville – "Country Music's Biggest Party" brings country fans and artists together for four days and nights of live music. 800-CMA-FEST, cmafest.com

June 6-7 – Blue Plum Art & Music Festival, Johnson City – Outdoor music and arts festival in downtown Johnson City features children's entertainment, music and more. blueplum.org

June 6-14 – Riverbend Festival, Chattanooga – Multiple stages of diverse music, plus fireworks, 5K and 10K runs and a children's village. 423-756-2211, riverbend-festival.com

June 6-Aug. 9 – Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales, Gatlinburg – This 7th annual celebration features storytellers, musicians and cloggers at different locations along the Parkway. 865-436-0500, gatlinburg.com

June 12-15 – Bonnaroo Music Festival, Manchester – A 100-acre village brings together the best performers in rock 'n' roll, jazz, Americana, hip-hop, electronica and more. 931-728-7635, bonnaroo.com

June 13-14 – Secret City Festival, Oak Ridge – This 10th annual citywide celebration commemorates the 67th anniversary ending of WWII and features the largest multi-battle WWII reenactment in the South, as well as tours of Manhattan Project sites, children's festival, arts and crafts and exhibitors. 865-425-3610, secretcityfestival.com

June 19-22 – Kuumba Festival, Knoxville – This event showcases local African American art and artists, featuring entertainers performing on three stages, live demonstrations, and crafts people and food vendors. kuumbafesttn.com

June 21 – Bell Buckle RC & Moon Pie Festival, Bell Buckle – Celebrate a Southern tradition with music, cloggers, games, crafts and cutting the world's largest Moon Pie. 931-389-9663, bellbucklechamber.com

June 21 – Jefferson Street Jazz & Blues Festival, Nashville – Great music, food and family fun. Local jazz and blues musicians perform. 615-726-5867, jumtojefferson.com

Teamwork keeps Lady Admirals on a roll

By Ken Lay

There's no "I" in team. That might be the oldest and most tired cliché in sports but for the Farragut High School girls basketball team, it's more than applicable.

The Lady Admirals represent one of Knox County's powerhouse programs and they haven't missed a beat since losing Katie Overton, Whitney Smith and Madison Blevins to graduation after last season.

Farragut (13-1), which recently defeated Brentwood 34-33 to win the Beech Tournament in Hendersonville, closed out the 2013 calendar year by winning 10 consecutive games. Second-year head coach Jason Mayfield credits his team's success to teamwork.

"These girls honestly don't care who scores," Mayfield said. "After losing three seniors, we had a lot of question marks but these girls stepped up."

The teamwork has made things nightmarish for the Lady Admirals' opponents.

"We've had five or six girls who have led us in scoring and that makes us hard to guard," Mayfield said. "You never know what's going to happen in any game and I told the girls that if I could predict it, I could make a lot of money."

"But you just can't do it."

The Lady Admirals had to win an ugly game against previously unbeaten Brentwood on Monday, Dec. 30 and they prevailed 34-33.

"Both teams were locked in defensively and that was a good win for us," Mayfield said. "Win or lose, that was a good game for us. They were a very talented team and, of course, they were undefeated coming into the game."

"I'm really pleased with where we're at, especially after losing three seniors because we had a lot of question marks."

Against Brentwood, it

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TEMPLETON TURNS DISAPPOINTMENT INTO MOTIVATION



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Aaron Templeton runs in the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals Dec. 14 in San Diego. The Hardin Valley Academy senior placed ninth in a field of 40.

Hardin Valley runner ranks among state's best ever

By Steve Williams

Aaron Templeton is getting ready for the final lap in what already has been one of the best high school careers ever posted by a Tennessee cross country and track athlete.

Although his last race didn't

go as he wanted, the Hardin Valley Academy senior achieved prep All-America honors for the second straight year at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals on Dec. 14 and has now started training for this spring's outdoor season as a distance runner for the Hawks. He plans to sign with Furman University in February.

Templeton earned his second trip to the nationals in San Diego by winning the South regional meet in Charlotte, N.C., on Nov. 30.

One of only 40 athletes to qualify for the prestigious Foot Locker event, Templeton, the two-time Tennessee state champion, placed ninth, covering the 5,000 kilometers at Balboa Park in 15 minutes, 29 seconds – the same time he was clocked in when he finished seventh in the event as a junior.

Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc High School in Michigan won the national title with a time of 15:07. John Dressel of Mt. Spokane High in Colbert,

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Area football players earn all-district honors

By Ken Lay

It was truly a magical year for the Fulton High School football team.

The Falcons went 13-0 en route to claiming their second consecutive Class 4A State Championship. Fulton had several players selected to the all-District 3-AA team recently by the league's coaches.

Daryl Rollins-Davis, who was Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Back of the Year, was the district's Player of the Year.

Xavier Hawkins was the Offensive Player of the Year and Rob Black was named Coach of the Year.

Fulton also had nine other players receive first-team honors including Penny Smith, Michael Scates, D.J. Campbell, Jonathan Roth, Domonique Williams, Tyler Stokes, K.J. Roper, Sidney Jackson and Kenny Marsh.

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Area volleyball players named to all-state team

By Ken Lay

The 2013 volleyball season was a banner year for Knox County High School teams.

Webb School of Knoxville won a Division II State Championship and Farragut made the Class AAA State Tournament after going undefeated in regular-season district play and winning the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

Grace Christian, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Concord Christian, Bearden and Catholic all enjoyed success.

Thus all of those schools had selections to the Tennessee Sportswriters Association's all-state team.

The Lady Spartans had three players named to the Division II team including front row specialists Frances Harrison and Nicklin Hames. Webb libero Katlyn Flickinger also made the team.

In Class A: three local players took top honors including the Lady Rams' Shea Saunders and Carolena Pridemore. Concord Christian's Brooke Stovell also made the squad.

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West Knox area players achieve all-state honors

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School's girls soccer team won the Class A/AA Championship in 2013.

It was the first title in school history and netted three players all-state honors recently. Midfielder Molly Dwyer and defenders Ashley Hickman and Charlotte Sauter were named to the Tennessee Sportswriters Associations All-State Team last week.

Christian Academy of Knoxville, which was

Class A/AA runner-up, had a pair of all-state selections including defender Melissa Garvey and goalkeeper Maggie Piety were named to the squad. The Lady Warriors also finished second in the district and region tournaments behind the Lady Irish. CAK and Catholic met three times last year and the Lady Irish prevailed in all three matches between the two Cedar Bluff rivals.

In Class AAA, seven area players claimed all-state accolades. Farragut,

which made the State Tournament for the third consecutive campaign, had three selections including defenders Josie Jennings (who will play at the University of Tennessee in 2014) and K.C. Ward (who will return to the Lady Admirals next season) and midfielder Katie Beuerlein, who will continue her career at Wofford next year, were named to the team.

Hardin Valley Academy, which finished second in District 4-AAA in its first season in the league, had

two selections including sophomore midfielder Gabby Powers and goalkeeper Jordan Beets.

Bearden forward Ashley Seltzer and West High's Keegan Francis also made the team from East Tennessee's toughest soccer districts.

In Division II, Webb School of Knoxville had three forwards achieve all-state honors. Evey Satterfield, Hannah Robinson and Halsey Howard were all named to the squad from one of Knoxville's youngest teams.

Area volleyball players named to all-state team

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In Class AA, the Lady Irish had three players named to the team. They included hitters Rachel Kozemko, Kamila Cieslik and Sarah McCarty.

CAK libero Taylor Call and setter Brynn Price also claimed all-state honors.

In Class AAA, the Lady Admirals went 46-10 and advanced to the State Tournament. Their stay, however, was short.

Two Farragut juniors made the all-state team. Raegan Grooms and Emma Milstead, who were team leaders for the Lady Admirals, achieved all-state honors.

Bearden libero Eleni Georgiafundis also made the all-state team from the Lady Bulldogs, who won the District 4-AAA Tournament title and finished second in the region.

TEMPLETON TURNS DISAPPOINTMENT INTO MOTIVATION

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Wash., was second in 15:10. They were two of eight juniors that placed among the top 13.

The top 15 finishers received All-America recognition.

The competitor he is, Templeton wanted to do better.

"At first I was very disappointed and angry with myself," said Templeton last week via e-mail. "But now I'm just using it as motivation for this track season."

"My plan going in was to get out quickly and get to the front, get relaxed and then move on the second loop of the course, but I was never really able to get into a rhythm and just had a bad day."

Looking at the big picture, Hardin Valley Coach Bryan Brown ranks his star harrier among the best the state has produced.

"It's weird to think that people could consider me that way," said the humble Templeton. "I know going through my high school career, I looked up to the guys who had previously made it to Foot Locker Nationals, like Andrew Bumbalough, Matt Sonnenfeldt, and Clint McKelvey as the greats of Tennessee, and I only hope to be a good role model for young athletes to look up to."

Bumbalough starred at Brentwood Academy in the mid-2000s and ran for Georgetown University. Now 26 years old, he



PHOTO COURTESY OF PHOTORUN.

Aaron Templeton prepares to cross the finish line.

is a middle/long distance runner for the United States and has posted times that rank him with elite distances runners in American history.

Sonnenfeldt, a 2009 Knoxville West High graduate, was TSSAA state champion in cross country in 2008. He became a two-time All-NCAA Southeast Region honoree in 2011 and 2012 while running at North Carolina State.

McKelvey is a product of Maryville High and was a 2008 Foot Locker finalist, placing eighth in the South and 29th in the nationals. He became a prep All-American at Maryville and the school's first state track champion, winning the 3200-meter run in 2009.

McKelvey made the U.S. National Junior team his freshman season at Duke. After missing 2 ½ years due to injury, he returned for his senior cross country campaign

this past fall and ended the season with a personal best time of 31:39.7 in the Southeast Regional 10,000-meter championship race.

Templeton was asked to reflect on his entire prep career up to this point.

"I think it has been a huge success and it's a giant blessing to be where I am," he answered. "I'm most proud of all the work I put in and seeing the results."

Templeton's senior season in cross country was near perfect. He won the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet at Sequoyah Park, leading the Hardin Valley boys to the team title again. He ran a record time of 15:16.44 in winning the Region 2-AAA crown.

Templeton also posted a new record (15:10.57) in repeating as Class AAA state champion in the TSSAA meet on the Steeplechase Course at Percy

Warner Park in Nashville. In the South regional, Aaron won by eight seconds over his nearest challenger, clocking a personal-best 5k time of 14:36 at Charlotte's McAlpine Greenway.

This winter, Templeton said he would be doing base miles with aerobic strength workouts to build his aerobic base.

This spring, he will compete in the 800-meter run, the 1-mile and 2-mile runs and the 5k.

As for his future collegiate career, Templeton said he looked at a lot of schools.

"It ended up coming down to Northern Arizona University and Furman," he said. "I really like everything about Furman, especially the team, coaches and the guys in the current recruiting class."

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was sophomore guard Anna Woodford, who led the way with eight points. She's played well despite sustaining a broken nose early in the season.

Another Farragut player, center Mady Newby, broke her nose on the team's final night in Hendersonville.

"Newby broke her nose but she finished the game," Mayfield said. "The trainer thought it was broken but didn't know for sure."

Newby was cleared to play when the Lady Admirals returned to the hardwood to host Lenoir City on Friday (results weren't available at press time).

Farragut advanced to the Beech Tournament Championship Game with a 53-44 victory over the host Lady Buccaneers.

Senior Madison Maples

scored 15 points while Miranda Burt finished with 11.

Kristen Freeman and Maegan Hudson (a transfer from Lenoir City) added six points each on a night when Newby and forward Becca Jameson were saddled with foul trouble.

"It was great to win that game and it was great to win it the way we won it," Mayfield said. "We toughed it out."

"It was great to have depth on a night like this."

Farragut opened the tournament with a 78-43 win over Christian Academy of Louisville out of Kentucky.

Jameson finished with a team-high 18 points. Maples scored 14 points and Newby added 11 in that game.

Area football players earn all-district honors

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Carter, which went 9-2, had seven players named to the first team including Tucker Greene, Caleb Collins, Jon Freeman, Logan Hurst, Gage Hemby, Toy'Shaun Winton and Charles Mitchell.

The Hornets' Hank Black was named Special Teams Player of the year.

Austin East's Ja'Quail Williams, Keishawn Johnson and Shannon Cozart achieve first-team honors. He was also named Newcomer of the Year.

Twelve area players were named to the second team.

The Falcons had six players receive second-team honors. Those selections were Edward Jones, Jajuan Hansford, Gage Seymour, Tony Gunn, Elijah Clark and De'Ontay Tate.

The Roadrunners and Hornets each had three players earn second-team honors. Austin-East players were James Nelson, Darius Harper and Jitu Booker.

Carter's second-teamers included Jared Lyness, Tyamos Atkins and Andrew Cook.

Today's menu: football, basketball and black eyed peas

Football and basketball are still sharing the sports spotlight, and will continue to do so until Peyton Manning leads the Denver Broncos to the Super Bowl title in cold and snowy East Rutherford, New Jersey on February 2.

Are you with me? Speaking of frosty football conditions, I heard last Thursday night that some 3,000 tickets still remained for sale for the NFC first-round playoff game at Green Bay. If those tickets weren't bought by Friday afternoon's deadline, the game against the 49ers



By Steve Williams

would be blacked out and not televised in the Green Bay area.

A die-hard Packers fan said one of the reasons \$100 tickets remained available was the weather forecast that was calling for a wind chill factor of 40 below.

That's why they call Lambeau Field "The Frozen Tundra."

College football's holiday bowl season of 35 games comes to a climax tonight with the last BCS national championship game, pitting SEC champion Auburn against unbeaten and top-ranked Florida State, led by freshman quarterback

sensation Jameis Winston.

The Southeastern Conference really needs the War Eagles to come out on top, particularly after Alabama was upset by Oklahoma 45-31 in the Sugar Bowl last Thursday night.

Many SEC fans, including myself, thought Sooners coach Bob Stoops would be wiping egg off his face after going against the Crimson Tide. Instead, he probably still has a smile on his face.

Stoops had called out the SEC during the regular season, saying the league didn't play tough defense anymore. SEC folks figured he would have to eat those words.

In the Mike Waters Memorial Bowl Contest I was in, I picked Alabama over Oklahoma only because I dislike Stoops and the Sooners more than Nick Saban and the Tide.

Timeout, for this observation: Saban sounded so uncharacteristically cool and calm after Alabama's losses to Auburn and Oklahoma, I'm beginning to think the guy is going to take the Texas job.

Back to bowl pickin'. I got off to a 5-0 start but had slipped to 17-13, with five games remaining. For the record, I've got Auburn edging the Seminoles 31-30 tonight to give the SEC its eighth straight

national football championship.

Florida started the SEC's title string in 2006. LSU did its part in 2007. The Gators reached the top again in 2008. Then it was Bama in 2009, 2011 and 2012, with Auburn interrupting its arch-rival's dominance in 2010.

More on the bowls: Like everybody else outside of Durham, N.C., I picked Texas A&M and Johnny Football to pummel Duke in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, but ended up rootin' for former UT coach David Cutcliffe and the Blue Devils.

The fourth quarter of that game was very exciting as the Aggies pulled out a 52-48 win.

Cutcliffe still gets my vote for National Coach of the Year.

Switching to basketball. Just when we get Cuonzo's Vols on the right track – 87-52 win over Virginia – our Lady Vols stumble, losing to LSU 80-77 Thursday night.

The UT women had won 16 straight conference openers. The only thing I can figure is Holly and the Lady Vols didn't eat enough black eyed peas the day before.

Perhaps the Vols can return the favor when they play in the Bayou Tuesday night.

Duncan quietly emerges as offensive for Bulldogs

By Ken Lay

Austin Duncan might be the most soft-spoken basketball player in Knox County but he's quietly providing some offensive punch for the Bearden Bulldogs lately.

And it couldn't come at a better time. Entering the season, veteran coach Mark Blevins didn't know where his offense was going to come from.

Bearden lost a good chunk of last season's scoring as many of the team's impact players graduated. Jack Graham, Isaiah Campbell, Noah Gettelfinger and Duncan returned and shined at times and Blevins knew someone had to step up.

Graham and Campbell have emerged as team leaders. Gettelfinger and Jason Smith (who had some big games earlier this season) are hurt and Jake Elkins recently returned from injury.

Enter Duncan, a junior guard/forward, who is finding his place in the Bulldogs' attack. He may not be the team's leading scorer but he's played a complementary role for his team in recent games.

In his last three contests, Duncan has averaged 15.7 points per game. He recently scored 23 points in Bearden's 86-62 win over South-Doyle in the semifinals

of the BSN Sports Super 16.

He followed that up with 14 points in the tournament championship game. Bearden (10-6) lost that game to Siegel 84-68. The Stars entered the game and left Knoxville undefeated.

For his part, Blevins has been pleased with Duncan's recent performances.

"He's growing," Blevins said. "He's starting to mature."

"I tend to put more pressure on players who I think will go on to college and last year, he wasn't sure if he wanted to play college basketball but I think Austin's going to be a collegiate player."

Blevins said he saw just how good Duncan could be last summer when only half of the team went to camp at the University of Mississippi.

"We went to Ole Miss and we were playing a team that was better than us," Blevins said. "Austin decided that he was going to be Larry Bird that day and we won."

"We wouldn't have won without him."

Duncan has struggled with his confidence during his high school career according to Blevins, but he's gotten comfortable with his scoring role.

He does, however, credit his teammates for his success.

"We just played Bearden basketball," Duncan said after the Bulldogs routed South-Doyle.

"My teammates just got me the ball and the shots were falling."

The shots kept falling the next night against the Stars --- at least for Duncan. He scored 14 points and was Bearden's sole representative on the all-tournament team. He had 10 points against Unaka in Bearden's victory in the tournament opener,

Before Christmas, the Bulldogs played in the Shootout by the Sea in North Myrtle Beach and Duncan, while not always the leading scorer, averaged double figures against three of the top teams in the country. He was Bearden's top scorer in a 99-62 loss to Hillcrest High (SC) with 12 points.

He scored 13 in a victory against Ft. Mill and had 10 in a loss to Carolina High.

"Those were three tough games," Duncan said. "We had a tough couple of days."

He may share the spotlight with Graham, Campbell and William Snyder among others but he doesn't seem to mind.

Graham, one of the Bulldogs' top scorers, said he was pleased to play with Duncan.

"He's done a great job for us," Graham said.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Austin Duncan, #20, has quietly emerged as a potent offensive weapon this season. Duncan was recently named to the BSN Sports Super 16 all-tournament team.

A look ahead: 2014 IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

By Alex Norman

2014 is just getting started but your fearless writer has gazed into his crystal ball and found out what is going to happen in the next 12 months. Here we go...

Editor's note: The writer is not completely serious for just about all of these entries.

Please don't wager your family mortgage on any of these predictions.

January

Lane Kiffin is hired as head coach by the Washington Redskins. Monte Kiffin is hired as defensive coordinator. Ed Orgeron is hired as team grunter and director of phone etiquette.

Tennessee's men's basketball team struggles, but begins to turn things around with a victory at Florida.

Local sports talk radio callers start petition at change.org to bring Bruce Pearl back as head coach.

February

Peyton Manning leads Denver to Super Bowl title over the Carolina Panthers.

Vols head coach Butch Jones is applauded for a Class of 2014 which ranks in the top five nationally according to most recruiting services. Jones takes umbrage with those that believe signing 67 players in one class is too much.

Cuonzo Martin's Vols go undefeated in the month of February, are squarely on the NCAA tournament bubble. Also, Martin is recognized nationally for saving 45 puppies from a burning building.

Local sports talk radio callers begin fundraising

effort for Martin's buyout.

March

Vols finish season with a 20-12 record, missing NCAA tournament for third straight season. Buzz Peterson calls UT AD Dave Hart to tell him he is available if needed. Vols bring Martin back for fourth season. Peterson signs petition.

Lady Vols advance to the Final Four for the first time since 2008.

Tennessee opens Spring Practice with a workout at Neyland Stadium which is attended by 45,000 fans.

April

Lady Vols lose in NCAA Finals to Connecticut. Geno Auriemma is attacked by pack of angry coyotes after winning national championship. Investigation into how 200 coyotes got into Nashville's Bridgestone Arena is ongoing.

John Calipari's Kentucky Wildcats lose in NCAA Finals to Syracuse. Calipari leaves immediately following game to recruit 4th grade prospect Billy Smith from Yakima, Washington.

Tiger Woods misses 3 foot putt which would have won him The Masters. Tiger's old caddie Steve Williams punches fans for no apparent season. Williams is back on Team Tiger in time for the U.S.

Open.

90,000 Tennessee fans attend the annual Orange & White game. Butch Jones signs autographs for all 90,000 fans, whether they want them or not.

May

America realizes baseball has begun. Goes back to sleep, picks up action in July.

The Tennessee Vols baseball team makes it to the SEC tournament for the first time since... (looks at computer, finds that records were not kept that far back).

LeBron James and the Miami Heat are upset in the NBA's Eastern Conference semifinals by Atlanta. Excitement wanes as Hawks immediately announce move to Dalton, Georgia.

4th Annual Knoxville Sports Media Combine rocked by controversy as each competitor fails to touch line in 20 yard shuttle. TSR's Steven Pearl wins again because frankly he is the only athletic person out there.

June

Indiana and San Antonio play the greatest NBA Finals ever, with each contest going to overtime. The Spurs edge the Pacers in 7 games. 822 people watch in the United States.

While attending a

Tennessee Smokies game, Powell's David Hammel is officially named the millionth fan to say how great it would have been for Knoxville to have built a stadium for the Smokies in the late 1990s.

July

High school football practice begins across the state. Fulton and Webb School vow to play with ankle weights to make games more competitive in 2014.

America's four week love affair with baseball ends the moment NFL training camps open in the final week of this month.

August

Riots break out across the nation as fans remember how brutal pre-season football can be.

Vols open season with a 34-20 win over Utah State. Fans begin booking

reservations for wherever the National Playoff is going to be held.

September

Tennessee sits at 3-1 following a win at Georgia. Vols starting QB Riley Ferguson announces he is retiring because it is all downhill from here.

Tennessee Smokies win Southern League championship in front of 239 fans at Smokies Park.

October

Fulton wins a HS football game despite punting on every down.

Boston Red Sox win World Series for second straight year. Historians try to explain there was a time when nationally their fans were thought of in a positive manner. Historians immediately discredited as loons.

Vols end nine game losing streak to Florida.

City of Knoxville burns for four days and four nights.

November

Tennessee finishes regular season at 7-5, including a 21-20 victory in the finale at Vanderbilt. Derek Dooley shows up in Nashville and screams "If there is one thing Tennessee always does... it's beat the (expletive) out of Vanderbilt!" to a group of horrified first graders.

Fulton, Grace Christian, Webb School and West all advance to the state title games in football.

December

Fulton and Grace win state titles.

Vols play in the Music City Bowl and beat North Carolina 24-14, only to have the game result overturned the following week because why not? It's still Tennessee in the Music City Bowl against North Carolina.

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Arts & Entertainment

First FCAC Art Exhibit of the New Year: Knoxville Watercolor Society

By Sylvia Williams

We will be starting Fountain City Art Center's New Year off in style with a magnificent display of watercolor paintings from the Knoxville Watercolor Society members.

If the paintings sent in for the invitations are any indication of the level of expertise to be expected from this show, then we are all in for a treat. The reception will be from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10. The show will be on exhibit, free to the viewing public as always, through February 14.

Would you say "No!" if 20 or more of the best cooks you know offered to feed you and your friends and family a sumptuous meal in congenial surroundings with the

beautiful notes of guitar music gently wafting over you, all for just \$10 per person? Of course you wouldn't!!! It follows, then, that you should mark your calendars NOW for 3 – 5 p.m., Saturday, January 25, 2014 for our Tasting Party, "Try This!" Last year, we were pleasantly surprised by the attendance at the tasting party and by the high praise for the event. Some people said it was their favorite event to date! We had 4 or five soups, a dozen or more casseroles, desserts, breads, salads, everything your little hearts could desire and more! Recipes from our first cookbook provided the menu and volunteers did the cooking.. Andy LeGrand and friends will play classical guitar for us

like last year.

We have about 40 copies of the FCAC Recipe Book Volume II if you would like to purchase one. If you want to attend the tasting party, "Try This," please email the Director at fcaccenter@knology.net or call after January 6: (865)357-2787.

If you haven't started creating a masterpiece for our theme show, "Illumination," you still have plenty of time! This year's theme show will be from February 21 through March 21, 2014. Artwork following the theme "illumination" should be brought to the Center from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18 and will be judged on Wednesday, February 19. The reception will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21



"Pelican Inn Revisited" by Max Robinson will be one of many exhibits at the Knoxville Watercolor Society Show which will open Friday, Jan. 10.

with awards announced at 7:00. Remember that you can enter 2-D or 3-D works as long as you are illustrating some clear aspect of the theme. This show is open to all artists, so be sure to spread the word!

'Video Pioneers: A History of Early Television'

A Brown Bag Lecture by Julian Burke

Join local collector and communications equipment expert Julian Burke, as he gives a brief overview of the evolution and transformation from radio to television in 1950s East Tennessee.

The lecture is held in conjunction with the exhibition, Live! On Air! and in Your Living Room, on display through February 23, 2014. The exhibit is rich with vintage clips from the old Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour, Bonnie Lou and Buster, Jim Clayton's Startime, early television commercials, and much, much more. A 1960s living room and a backdrop of from the Cas Walker Show bring the era to life.

Burke will also lead a brief gallery tour and show-and-tell of equipment currently on display in the new exhibition, Live! On Air! and in Your Living Room, at the

Museum of East Tennessee History. Julian Burke is recognized locally as one of the foremost experts on old televisions and radios. He has been a lifelong lover of electronics and started collecting old radios by going door to door at age 7, and he hasn't stopped since. By 13, he was fixing radios and televisions around Knoxville.

The program is sponsored by 21st Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

Arts & Culture Alliance Hosts 'Time Well Spent' with Artist Kelly Hider



"Another Helper" (Inkjet Print on Sintra with glued rhinestones)

The Arts & Culture Alliance is pleased to host a monthly series featuring artists demonstrating their work and discussing their inspirations and processes. The series, entitled "Time Well Spent: Inspiration at Lunch", is free and open to the public, and guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch. The next presentation in the series takes place on Wednesday, January 15, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with artist Kelly Hider, who will focus the discussion on her latest body of work, Presence, exhibited in September 2013 at the Blackberry Farm Gallery at the Clayton Arts Center in Maryville. Presence includes manipulated photographs of children playing with rhinestone-covered toys as well as displays of the altered objects created for the project. The surfaces are embellished with gold paint and glued rhinestones, evoking narratives of childhood innocence and suggesting the possibility of supernatural and spiritual forces. Hider will discuss other projects leading up to Presence and some of her artistic influences. The presentation will take place at the Emporium Center, 100 S. Gay Street, in downtown Knoxville. Parking is available at metered spots on the Gay Street viaduct or in the parking lot on Jackson Avenue cad-dy-corner from the Emporium.

Knoxville artist Kelly Hider is known for using alternative materials to create her mixed-media installations and two-dimensional work, blurring the division between "high" and "low" art. She has made artwork out of wallpaper, cereal, macaroni

noodles, and most recently, rhinestones, while maintaining a high level of craft. Hider was raised in Rochester, NY. While she began her artistic career focused on painting and drawing, she steadily gravitated toward working with photography, mixed media, and installation. Kelly Hider received her BFA from SUNY Brockport in 2007, and an MFA from the University of Tennessee in 2011. She has had solo exhibitions at the University of Rochester and at SUNY Brockport in Rochester, NY, The Ewing Gallery and Gallery 1010 in Knoxville, TN, and the Blackberry Farm Gallery at the Clayton Arts Center in Maryville, TN. Hider has recently participated in group exhibitions at Castell Gallery in Asheville, NC, Cazenovia College in Syracuse, NY, and at Lyon College in Arkansas, as well as an artist residency at MadOnArts in Puygailard-de-Quercy, France. She currently teaches photography at Walters State Community College, and art history courses at Pellissippi State Community College. For more information on Kelly Hider, visit www.kellyhider.com.

Upcoming presentations in the "Time Well Spent" series:

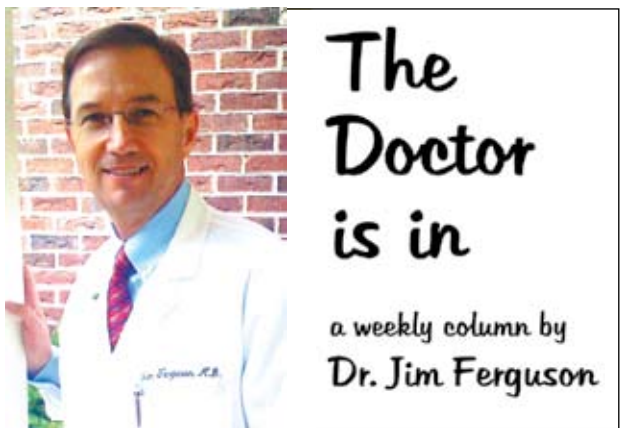
Wednesday, February 19, 12:00 p.m.: Emily Schoen - Mixed media and sculpture

Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 p.m.: David Harman - Painting

Wednesday, May 14, 12:00 p.m.: Evelyn Bryant - Sculpture

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The Christmas Gift

Some years ago I wrote an essay that referred to a short story by O. Henry called “The Gift of the Magi.” If you’ve never read this gem, you must. It is a story of the perfect Christmas gift that is born of love and respect. The title alludes to the visit of the Magi at Epiphany which we celebrate twelve days after Christmas.

Some people complain that Christmas has become too commercial, and that it’s hard to find a special gift in a country where most of us have all we need. As my readers know,

I love Christmas movies and often count on them to get me in the Holiday spirit. National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation is a staple for me and my son-in-law. You may remember one scene where Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) receives a membership in the jelly of the month club. He was not amused when his cousin Eddie told him that this gift was one that “keeps on giving.”

We’ve all gotten Christmas gifts that—shall we say—did not strike a chord. However, this year I received the greatest

Christmas gift since Santa brought me a bazooka when I was eight years old. M.E.C. has been my patient for a long time and not infrequently would comment on my weekly essays when she was in the office. In fact, she’s told me more than once she’s collected every story I’ve ever written for *The Focus*. I guess you could say I was flattered, but I was – as the British say – gobslapped when she made an appointment with me in late December to say goodbye and bring my Christmas gift.

I remember my doctors at Christmas usually with a gift card to a restaurant, a bottle of wine or some of Becky’s homemade treats. As the saying goes, it’s not the gift, but the thought that counts. This year Ms. C caused me to pause and reflect on not only O. Henry’s story, but the lesson of the widow’s mite told in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. In this story a poor widow gives lovingly and sacrificially. Ms. C is soon to enter the hospital for serious surgery, but before her ordeal she gave me her

collection of all my essays bound in three volumes. I am rarely speechless, but on December 23rd, 2013 at 2:32 p.m., I was.

I’m told writers seldom go back and read their work. Perhaps it’s because they find too many errors or poor sentences or things they wish they had said better. Ms. C’s gift may change that perspective and cause me to publish a book of my essays. I told her she (and others like her) was the reason I’ve continued in the broken medical system so long. I take care of some patients out of duty and professionalism. Others I love and enjoy. I told her I would not miss those in the former group, but she would not be among those.

This Holiday season was like no other for me. I graduated from medical school in 1975, and doctors of my era went into practice assuming patients sometimes become sick at night or on holidays. Dragging out of bed and driving to the hospital at 2 a.m. is not fun, but went with the title M.D. Things are different now, and I’ve come

to accept the changes, though I don’t agree they are best for patients. Ms. C’s visit on the 23rd was my last day in the office, and my last night on call was Christmas Eve. And then at midnight, January 1, 2014, my traditional career in medicine was over.

Change is inevitable and is reflected in New Year’s Resolutions which I never used to make. As I think back over the years I sense that I was always going somewhere. In college I studied hard to get into medical school. In medical school I worked to survive and get the foundational education of my profession. A postdoctoral residency program in internal medicine was my next challenge, and then I worked to build a practice and raise a family. My daughter recently asked me how I was doing with all the changes in my life. I shared with her my perceptual journey. As she mucked the horse stalls on our mini farm, she told me that I had arrived, as Oakley sped by us on his Christmas wagon. She’s right, I have

arrived because I have no more mountains to climb and I’m where I need and want to be.

I once read that the most important job you’ll ever have is raising a child. I believe this is true, but for most of my adult life I found that everything was done around my days on call and my office practice. My kids were fortunate that they had two parents with divided but overlapping duties. I worked and supported the family financially. Becky managed our home and nurtured our kids. In all of human history this is the ways things have been. I believe it could have been the other way around, but Becky’s nurturing skills are superior to mine and it worked for our family. I’m told this is antiquated thinking and that I need to change my perspective. I believe I’ll side with the lessons of history and my principles instead of the philosophy of modern liberalism we now endure. After all, how’s that working?

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

KUB’s Project Help Spreads Warmth During Cold Winter Months

With the cold winter months ahead, many families will struggle with the cost of heating their homes this year. Through Project Help, community donations provide emergency heating assistance to those in need due to job loss, illness, injury, or disability, as well as seniors struggling with the rising cost of living.

“Project Help depends solely on community and individual contributions,” said Mintha Roach, KUB President and CEO. “Thanks to generous donors, last year Project Help was able to help 325 needy families stay safe and warm through the winter.”

The 2014 Project Help campaign kicks off Monday, Jan. 6, and runs through Feb. 1. During those four weeks, KUB invites people to give a little to help those in need. Partnering with Food City, WVLT-TV, WIVK, the Knoxville News-Sentinel and Home Federal Bank, KUB offers four easy ways to donate to Project Help:

- Purchase a donation coupon when you shop at Food City.
- Make a donation at any Knoxville area Home Federal Bank location.
- Send a check to: Project Help, P.O. Box 59017, Knoxville, TN 37950

- Check the donation box on your next KUB bill for a one time donation or monthly pledge.

“This is our thirteenth Project Help campaign,” said Roach. “This year, funding for other heating assistance programs is down even more than last year. That means Project Help will have even more applicants. I hope the community will join in this effort and donate at Food City or Home Federal Bank locations. Even a dollar a month on your KUB bill can help a neighbor in need.”

Project Help is administered by the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC). KUB collects donations, and 100 percent of the funds go to CAC. The money goes directly toward the purchase of electricity, natural gas, propane, heating oil, wood or coal for those in need.

Project Help of East Tennessee is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 439,000 customers.

City creates separate urban forestry division

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero has separated urban forestry programs from horticulture operations, making each its own division within the Public Service Department.

The reorganization illustrates the priority placed on fully planning and developing all of the city’s green spaces, and it also comes as contract crews are conducting the winter plantings of 600 trees.

The Urban Forestry Division prioritizes public safety, maintains and protects public trees, assesses and diversifies the city’s tree stock and conducts tree education programs. Trees provide such benefits as reducing storm water runoff and energy costs while increasing property values, as well as a wealth of social and aesthetic benefits.

“Tree work is very specialized, and we want to make sure our crews are well trained and have the

knowledge and skills to plant and work on trees,” said city Urban Forester Kasey Krouse.

Krouse is overseeing a comprehensive inventory of the city’s trees, neighborhood by neighborhood, that will be used to plan which trees should best be planted where to ensure a healthy, diverse urban forest. Neighborhoods that have a lower than average number of trees, or a narrow range of tree species, are prioritized for new plantings.

One of the neighborhoods where crews are currently planting is Parkridge, where trees are being planted between the sidewalks and roads on Washington, Jefferson and Fifth avenues.

Knoxville City Councilman Finbarr Saunders designated \$2,420 from the Community Improvement (202) Fund to increase the number of Parkridge plantings by 20 trees. Community

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I Resolve

We are now entering into the first full week of the New Year. Some of you have already made the resolutions and quit. You started with good intentions, but they were only that. Many people can take out the same piece of paper with last year's goals written on them because they were never achieved. As you look back at 2013, there are likely some regrets. There are little daily regrets. You regret where you went to dinner or the movie you watched. You regret something you purchased. Then there are more significant regrets like big mistakes. Paul, who wrote Philippians, could have lived with regrets. His former life was not pretty. He was a murderer of Christians. His past could have gotten in the way of the future God had for him. He no doubt had some regrets and these could have kept him a prisoner of his past. Regrets can paralyze us. How do we respond



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

to these? We can do nothing and live in the past, or we make resolutions. Resolutions are born of regrets. So, we resolve this time of year to do things differently. What will you do differently in 2014 than what you did in 2013? You make your list of what you will change or do differently, but what happens? We do ok for a while, but somewhere, often not long in, it doesn't last. We get discouraged and many don't even do resolutions anymore as a way to deal with regrets. The reason resolutions don't always last is that we attempt to make the changes by our own strength. We begin to think that what it means to be a Christian is by deciding I am going to be kinder, more generous, more patient and loving. We place emphasis on our strength and ability to accomplish these good changes. But true lasting changes are not about our own determination. Paul wanted a righteousness that comes from God, not

from himself or his pedigree (Philippians 3:2-11). Paul doesn't call people to change through behavior modification, but through a relationship with Jesus. If you try to do it yourself, you will be bitter, discouraged, and you will give up. But if it comes by faith in God, it will last.

Maybe we need to wad up our resolutions, throw them in the trash, and then rewrite them. What if we all resolved this year to know Jesus and experience His power? Instead of living with resolutions or regrets, we can live with this resolve to love Jesus this way.

Paul says to forget what is behind and strain toward what lies ahead (Philippians 3:13). To get there, God needs to be at the center of your life. As Paul writes these words, he is in jail. Yet he writes to us about this resolve: to know Christ and experience His power. Start focusing on a relationship with Jesus because you can't do it on your own. Also, lean on your brother and sisters in Christ for support along the journey. God bless us all in 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compassion in Action Calendars

Compassion in Action Calendars are now on sale. Calendars are \$12. One hundred per cent of all proceeds go to the CIA fund which helps uninsured and under insured women receive mammograms, breast ultrasounds, breast biopsies, and breast MRI's. It also helps cancer patients who are in financial need by assisting with house payments, utilities, rides to treatment, cancer medications, etc. Call Jeanne at 607-9664 or Donna at 859-7089 to order.

Democratic Women's Club Meeting

The Knox County Democratic Women's Club will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. New members are always welcome! Call 742-8234 for more information.

Fontinalis Club meeting

The Fontinalis Club will meet on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at Central Baptist Church, located at 5364 North Broadway. Board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by social time at 10:00 and general meeting at 10:30. The program will be "Technology Initiative" presented by Theresa Nixon, director of Instructional Technology for Knox County Schools.

Fountain City Business & Professional Association January Meeting

The monthly Fountain City BPA Lunch Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, at 11:45 a.m. at Central Baptist Church.

This month's speaker will be Larry Rossini, Director of the TN Small Business Development Center. He will discuss business check-ups, new business licenses requirements, and new micro loan opportunities.

Arrive between 11:45 - 12:00 to sign in and begin lunch; Central Baptist Church is located on North Broadway in Fountain City. For detailed directions email: info@fountain-citybusiness.com.

Halls Business & Professional Association January Meeting

On Tuesday morning, January 7, the Halls Business and Professional Association's Breakfast Club will gather at First Century Bank on Emory Road from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to drop in and enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow HBPA members. If you would like to sponsor a Breakfast Club event in 2014, please contact Bob Crye at bob2793@comcast.net.

Heiskell Community Center Seniors Program

The Heiskell Community Centers Senior Program will be held on Thursday, January 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Center is located at 9420 Heiskell Road in Heiskell. The speaker this month will be Bonnie Heiskell Peters, a local writer who will speak about her books on Union County. She will have some of her books available for purchase after the meeting. Lunch served at noon, bingo at 1 p.m. All Seniors over 55 invited. Bring a dessert and a friend. For more information about the weekly or monthly programs call Janice White at 548-0326.

New grant for Veterans

Volunteers of America would like to announce a new grant for veterans that is funded by the Department of Labor, the Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families grant. This grant allows VoA to work with those who have been in the U.S. Military and are experiencing employment and housing stability problems. Qualified veterans receive case management to assist with the breaking down of barriers to employment, and can, on a case by case basis, assist with transportation costs, work clothing and tools, small vehicle repair, and child care costs. In addition, we connect clients with the community resources necessary for stability of the individual or family. To qualify for this grant, or one of the other two we manage, a veteran

needs to have served at least one day of active duty that can be verified by a DD 214, VA Medical Card, or a retiree card, unemployed or unemployed, and discharged with anything other than dishonorable. If interested, please call 865-524-3926, ext. 235, 254, or 253.

PK Hope Is Alive monthly meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson Support Group of East TN will meet Jan. 23 at 11:30 a.m. in Oak Ridge at Kern United Methodist Church Family Life Center located at 451 E. Tennessee Ave. This month's topic is "Circle of Care... Help is Around the Corner... at Home and away from Home." A light lunch will be provided by Amedisys Home Health Care and Covenant Health Hospice. PK Hope Is Alive meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and welcomes you to be a part of the Self-Help Group! For more information please call Karen Sampsell at (865)482-4867.

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group is for any adult who is suffering loss. Our group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the UT Hospice office at 2270 Sutherland Ave. A light supper is served. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Brenda Fletcher, Bereavement Coordinator at (865) 544-6277.

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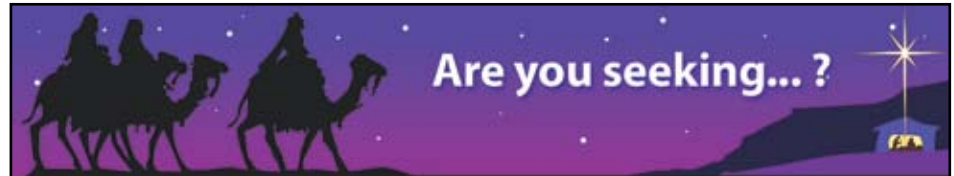
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Where Christ is Making a Difference in Our Lives and in Our Community

City creates separate urban forestry division

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nonprofit groups apply for funding through the Community Improvement Fund, and City Council members select projects they wish to assist.

Last spring, Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis designated \$361.47 from the Community Improvement Fund to add trees along Chapman Highway. Councilmen Mark Campen and Saunders together designated \$900 from the Community Improvement Fund to

support Arbor Day educational workshops and to plant trees at Christenberry and Lonsdale Elementary Schools.

From November through March is the perfect time for AvaLawn Lawn and Landscaping crews to do the tree plantings, Krouse said.

“Trees are dormant, and they tolerate some root disturbance,” he said. “Planting now allows the root system to re-establish itself.”

The city purchases its

trees at wholesale prices from Hidden Valley Nursery, Magness Nursery and Walker Nursery Co. in or near McMinnville, hand-selecting the trees to assure high quality with competitive pricing.

“We buy wholesale, and we know we’re getting the best stuff out there,” Krouse said. “It’s important how the nurseries prune the trees and care for them while they grow them at the nurseries.”

Deciduous trees provide beauty as art forms

There are several deciduous trees that provide beauty, even art

forms, in the garden in the winter. One of the most artistic trees in the winter is the Contorted Filbert.

Contorted Filbert is a unique specimen shrub that features twisted, spiraling branches and showy male catkins that hang from the dormant branches during the winter months. It is also known as Corkscrew Hazel and Harry Lauder’s walking stick. It is spectacular in the snow!!!

Another favorite to brighten up cold gray days is the red twig dogwood. They are actually a whole group of plants referred to as red twig dogwoods. It’s in winter when redtwig dogwood is exceptionally noticeable. The stems of the shrub become a

fiery shade of red. Red twig dogwoods are fast-growing shrubs and average 6-10 feet tall with a similar spread. They are especially showy when grown with a background of green conifers or with snow on the ground. The stems are most colorful when young. To ensure fresh colorful stems each year, cut back the older ones close to the ground late winter or early spring. Strong new stems will quickly spring forth. They are great to cut and use in Christmas decorations, both indoors and out. Red twig dogwoods like moist, well drained, average soil in full sun to light shade and are drought tolerant once established.

The Winterberry is extremely showy in winter when covered with their bright red fruit. This deciduous shrub grows 6-10 feet high and has a spread of 4-10 feet. The bright red berries stay on the bare branches for

a long period, persisting until spring. The female shrubs produce abundant berries when grown with a male. Cultivars include ‘Cacapon’, ‘Nana or Red Sprite’ and ‘Winter Red’. They are certainly eye-catching in an otherwise grayish winter garden.

A quite artistic shrub is the Wintersweet. The flowers of the Wintersweet appear in abundance on bare winter branches. Its branches alone are of interest as they are stiff and angular. The petals are pale yellow to off-white with a dull pink or red basal zone showing on the inside and don’t forget the lovely fragrance!!!

The shape and branches of trees towering in the winter sky can be a sight to behold---Art in its highest form!!! Those with a particularly unique form and structure, like the weeping willow, weeping cherry, etc are exceptionally

Apple Dumplings

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry
- 2 small tart apples, peeled and cored
- 4 tsp brown sugar
- 1 tbps chopped walnuts
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 tsps butter, divided
- GLAZE:
- 3 tbps confectioners’ sugar
- 1/2 tsp 2% milk
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp vanilla extract

Using a sharp knife, cut pastry sheet in half. Return half to the freezer. Thaw remaining pastry. On a lightly floured surface, roll pastry into a 14-in. x 7-in. rectangle. Cut into two 7-in. squares.



Place an apple on each square. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, walnuts and cinnamon. Spoon into the center of each apple,; top each with 1 teaspoon butter. Gently bring up corners of pastry to center; pinch edges to seal. Place in a shallow 3-cup baking dish coated with cooking spray. Melt remaining butter; brush over pastry. Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until apple is tender and pastry is golden brown. In a small bowl, combine glaze ingredients. Drizzle over dumplings. Serve warm.

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