

Charles Busler running for 7th District County Commission Seat

By David Klein

Charles Busler, Knox County Commission Candidate for District 7, has been living in the 7th District for 41 years and has three generations of family that live in the area. He retired from working as a long-time contract sales leader at Sears, where he ranked as a top five sales leader nationally. As a deacon of Sharon Baptist Church, he has been active in his church for 35 years and has taught men's Sunday school, worked with Habitat for Humanity, and coached Upward Basketball.

In attending area meetings, Busler had some people come to him and asked if he would run. "I wanted to help the community. I have always thought that's what you should do. I want to give something back."

Busler's career with Sears in contract sales has given him valuable experience in working with local, state, and federal

governments. In addition, Busler said he has been very involved with the National Homebuilders Association where he has served on the Governmental Affairs Committee in Sevier, Blount, and Knox County.

In talking with people, Busler has discovered that taxes and jobs are two of the issues of importance to voters. He also said Knox County needs to grow jobs. One way to do that is to bring new business in and do everything possible to help existing businesses.

"New and existing business growth will hold other taxes down and may even reduce taxes if we can achieve additional growth here in Knoxville," he stressed.

When it comes to taxes, Busler said "We have to have a fiscally responsible government so that people can keep more of the money they earn." Busler added.

Busler also places a high

priority on education. He would like to build a more collaborative relationship between county commission and the county school board. He also expressed concern that 400-600 teachers are retiring this year because they are frustrated with the existing school administration.

"Communities and neighborhoods grow around schools," Busler said. "We need to work hard to make communities stronger which will make the entire county stronger."

"It is important that people have a sense of involvement," he continued. "They want a representative who will listen to them and take their feelings and issues seriously and will have the dedication to stand up and speak for them. In addition, I will communicate with my constituents as to how tax money is spent and make sure they know that each tax dollar we spend is being used efficiently and



Charles Busler,
Knox County Commission Candidate for District 7

effectively."

The primary election is May 6, and there are no Democrats or Independents running in the race. The winner of the primary

will be District 7 County Commissioner. For more information on Charles Busler, go to charliebusler.wix.com/countycommissioner.

Knox Heritage opens new headquarters

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April 1st might be April Fool's Day, but it's a special day for Knox Heritage. The preservation group was founded on that day in 1974 and will be celebrating its heritage and new location in a history house at 3421 Kingston Pike.

Kim Trent, Executive Director, told *The Focus* that the 40th anniversary open house will be free to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a special media presentation at 10:30. Parking will be at the Laurel Church of Christ.

Their new home is Westwood, a two-story Queen Anne/Richardsonian Romanesque house built in 1890 by J. E. Lutz and designed by the architectural firm, Baumann Brothers. This house was listed individually on the Historic Register in 1984.

Knox Heritage works to preserve structures and places with historic or cultural significance. Established as a non-profit educational corporation, Knox Heritage is chartered by the state of Tennessee and governed by a board of directors representing all areas of our community.

The group works with the city, county, citizens, etc. to restore blighted historic houses and buildings. A list of the "Fragile Fifteen" sites is compiled and issued each year.

New downtown signs to help navigation, reduce visual clutter

Anticipate seeing new, more attractive and more functional signs in downtown Knoxville, starting this summer.

While helping a visitor find parking and iconic landmarks, the Wayfinding signage project also will reduce the overall number of signs downtown by about 150 signs.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has given the City the Notice to Proceed to Construction on the estimated \$1 million Wayfinding project, which is 80 percent federally funded through TDOT.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting with contractors interested in making and installing the 247 signs is scheduled for 10 a.m. today at the City's Public Works Complex, 1400 Loraine St.

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Use of School System's PPU fund questioned

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The Knox County Commission discussed the possible misuse of school system funds, specifically Physical Plant Upgrade (PPU) funds, in the commission workshop last Monday, bringing a retort from Superintendent James McIntyre.

Commissioner Jeff Ownby reported to Commission that the matter came up in a recent Audit Committee meeting. Ownby questioned if funds in the PPU budget were being used by the school system for projects that were not authorized. The PPU budget is designated for repairs such as fixing physical plant plumbing, roofs, repairs, etc.

Ownby said he had asked twice for the information and did not receive anything from the school administration until a news report came out on the issue. Then he said he got several pages "in three-point type" and that there are several questions remaining.

Ownby pointed out that

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Sally Absher, Candidate for 4th District School Board Seat, attended a rally for education held earlier this month at Market Square.

By Ken Lay

Sally Absher is hoping to make some positive changes in the Knox County School System. She is running for the Knox County Board of Education's District 4 seat; and her platform is simple:

"I think we need more local control of our schools and I think we need to let educators make education decisions and not bureaucrats who haven't been in the classroom for 30 or 40 years or those who have never been in the classroom as a teacher at all," Absher said. "I'm a communicator and the main reason I'm running is that I feel that there has been a total lack of communication between our current school board member and her constituents. School board members should be accountable to their constituents; however, the current 4th district school board member has become a cheerleader for the superintendent. The superintendent works for the school board and the school board is supposed to work for We, the People."

Absher places great importance on communication. "I'm involved in a door-to-door campaign and you

Sally Absher Running for 4th District School Board Seat

only have a few minutes to engage folks, so I give them a card that has all of my contact information," she said. "It has my e-mail address and my phone number and I tell them to contact me with their questions or concerns."

Recently some veteran teachers have taken early retirement from Knox County Schools. The exodus was prompted by the current school superintendent and the board's implementation of Common Core Standards and convoluted evaluation process.

"That's another important reason that I decided to run; high-quality teachers are leaving Knox County Schools or leaving the profession all together," she said. "Teachers don't mind being evaluated, what concerns them is the way in which they're being evaluated."

Absher's commitment to communication has gone far beyond returning phone calls and e-mails.

"I have been attending all of the parent organization meetings in my district and I am telling everyone that I am here to listen," she said. "While I have seen a lot of good things going on, I have also encouraged the parents and teachers to voice their questions and their concerns."

"We always need to celebrate what is good about our schools but we also need to fix what's wrong and not just sweep those things under the rug."

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Focus on the Law Nuisance

Nuisance is the maintenance of a wrongful condition on a person's own property over an unreasonable length of time which annoys or disturbs the free use of another's property or which renders its ordinary use or physical occupation uncomfortable. For example, in the case of Oakley v. Simmons, 799 S.W.2d 669, the plaintiffs owned a private airstrip on their 35 acres and used it 2 to 3 times a week. Mr. Simmons bought an adjacent tract of land from his brother-in-law approximately 6 years after the plaintiffs began using the 35 acres for a private airstrip. A few months later Simmons began construction of a residence and eventually erected a single pole, 40 feet high, immediately adjacent to the plaintiffs' property. The pole was purportedly to be used as a light pole but it was located some 360 feet from his residence. This pole was directly in the flight path of



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

the runway. At trial, the jury found that the pole erected by the defendant constituted a safety hazard. It was a nuisance. The court of appeals held that the definition of nuisance extends to everything that endangers health or life, offends the senses, or obstructs the reasonable and comfortable use of property. A nuisance is created where a landowner uses his property in such a manner as to unreasonably interfere with plaintiff's use or enjoyment of his own property. In the case of Charles v. Latham, 2004 Tenn. App. LEXIS 553, the trial court found a dispute between adjoining property owners over the use of a driveway easement. An easement is a property interest that confers to the holder an enforceable legal right to some lawful use of the real property of another. The proof in the case was that the defendant spent many hours hauling

junk and debris and positioning it along the fence in front of the Charles property. The defendant dug a trench in the middle of the portion of the right of way used only by Charles. When Charles made repairs to the driveway, the defendant removed the repairs and built a 2 to 3 foot high speed bump on plaintiff's part of the right of way. The trial court found, and the court of appeals upheld the court's finding, that defendant's actions in unreasonably interfering with plaintiff's use or enjoyment of his property constituted a nuisance. A civil lawsuit for nuisance should be brought within three years as an injury to personal or real property pursuant to T.C.A. Sect. 28-3-105(1). Damages may include the cost of restoring the plaintiff's property to its condition prior to the creation of the nuisance (the cost of removing the pole in the example), diminution in property value (what the property is worth with a damaged driveway rather than a repaired one), lost

rental value, personal damages for inconvenience, emotional distress, and injury to the use and enjoyment of property. Punitive damages may also be sought in a case where the defendant needs to be punished for his or her wrongful conduct and to deter others from such conduct in the future. Criminal statutes prohibit public nuisances like operating a house of prostitution and manufacturing controlled substances. The penalty for maintaining these types of nuisances is seizure by the state and forfeiture of property. The money recovered from the forfeitures is split equally between the general fund of the state and of the political subdivision or public agency whose officers made the seizure. You should consult an attorney for assistance and advice with your individual situation. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. Her office number in Knoxville is (865)539-2100.

New downtown signs to help navigation, reduce visual clutter

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There are three main goals of the project, said Project Manager Anne Wallace with the City's Office of Redevelopment: **Navigation.** Wayfinding aims to assist both locals and visitors as they explore downtown – motorists as well as pedestrians. That includes directions to and improved signage at garages, and even electronic messaging at City garages that helps people find alternative parking if that particular garage is full. **Economic development.** Tourists are likely to extend their stay if they find out about secondary points of interest once they're downtown, and easy-to-read signage is an effective way to tell people about what downtown offers, Wallace said. **Branding.** Giving downtown a "unique look" is intentional, according to Wallace. Aesthetically, the new signs carry color schemes and motifs inspired by downtown's architecture and history. "The signs relay the message, 'This is an energetic, vibrant area,' and they acknowledge the cultural aspects and natural history of Knoxville," Wallace said. City officials invited the public to a half-dozen

meetings to determine objectives and plan details of the Wayfinding project, which then went before the Downtown Design Review Board and to City Council for approval. Drawing from extensive input from downtown stakeholders, the signs won't direct people to specific businesses but will focus on helping visitors locate parking, historical sites, cultural attractions, districts such as the Old City, recreation opportunities, government buildings, hospitals and transportation options. The project also will alleviate visual clutter. While 247 new signs will be erected, roughly 400 existing signs will be removed. "I'm looking forward to seeing these eye-catching images start to appear on signs around downtown," Wallace said. "There will be a dogwood motif on the gateway signs, for example. There's a motif that mirrors the wrought iron architectural details downtown." "Investing in Wayfinding yields additional visits and longer stays by visitors, so this is good for the downtown businesses and attractions." For more information on the Wayfinding project, visit www.cityofknoxville.org/wayfinding/.

Clancy's Tavern: No quorum, no decision

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

Opening a new business can be a headache and opening one in a historic building can be a migraine. There can be specific requirements, delays, and things not normally required with getting open in a modern structure. Just getting permission to put up a sign can be a problem and that's what faced Clancy's Tavern last Thursday morning. The new business, which will feature an "Irish Pub" theme, will be located in the historic Burwell Building, also known as the Knoxville Bank and Trust Company Building, right next to the Tennessee Theater on Gay Street. The business proponent appeared before the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission at the 8:30 a.m. regular meeting only to find that not enough of the "city" members showed up to hold the meeting. That's unusual for that group, but several members had given notice ahead of time that they would not be attending. So even without a quorum, those members present invited the Clancy's Tavern representatives to speak but they declined until enough members were present to make a



Clancy's Tavern at Gay and Clinch is hoping to open by April 15th with or without a permanent sign. The Historic Zoning Commission (HZA) failed to have a quorum last week so the request for a lighted sign awaits a possible special meeting of that body. The Burwell Building, built about 1910, actually predates the Tennessee Theater. (Photo from HZA staff report)

decision. The tavern wants to put up an indirectly lit sign above the front door and windows that would wrap around the corner to Clinch Avenue. The 110-square foot sign could then be seen by passing traffic and pedestrians. Currently the tavern has a banner on the building that wraps around, similar to what they are requesting for the permanent sign. The City Beer Board gave approval of the beer permit recently and the

tavern had hoped to be open by Saint Patrick's Day but is now hoping to open sometime in April. Construction inside is still going on and employees are being sought for positions there. The commission's staff is recommending against the sign request, noting that neither of the facades of the building are designed to hold a sign board. They said that the appearance of the historic building would be altered and would create a "false

sense of history." The commission also said the sign would obscure some of the historic Art Nouveau moldings and could damage some of the masonry. The commission members discussed contacting those absent members and possibly holding a special called meeting to hear the applicant a second time. The historic commission is made up of citizens appointed by both the county commission and

the city council. Tavern owner Danny Clancy told *The Focus* last week that they are putting down the flooring and interviewing possible employees next week, hoping to get the sign hearing sometime around April 1. "We're shooting to open about April 15," he said. It is apparent now that they may be opening with the banner rather than the permanent sign.

Commission's Committee policy being revised

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Appointments to the committees in Knox County Government may be different in the future. On first reading last Monday, the commission voted that standing committee chairpersons may no longer be appointed by the commission chairman, but will be elected by the committee on a one year term with the option for one more year. The membership of the various standing committees may also change, giving the commissioners a chance to request a seat in a certain committee. Such an appointment would have to be approved by the whole commission. If there is not at least four commissioners present on each committee, the commission chair would name the others. Any commissioner would serve on the appointed committee during their four-year term in office. The suggestion came from the Rules Committee, which is also considering doing away with the "Committee on Committees" and other committees not already created or sub-committees the commissioners would serve on for only two years. Some terms, like the Court Committee and Insolvency Committee, would be for one year. The change goes before the full county commission next month.



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Janet Greer shares her book “When You Hear a Siren” with her grandchildren: Allie Roberts, Cohen Olivarri, Greer Roberts, Chase Roberts, Janet Greer and Sawyer Olivarri.

Janet Greer Writes Children’s Book

By Joe Rector

Anyone who knows Janet Greer will immediately say that she has a hard time just relaxing. Instead, she’s always looking for the next project to attack with passion and energy. That’s what Greer did in 2012 when she wrote her first book, “When You Hear a Siren” (\$9.95) is a children’s book. The inspiration for its creation is threefold. Greer had been taking a long look at her life for years before she wrote it.

“I asked myself what I’d done to make a difference in this world, and the answer came back nothing. ‘When You Hear a Siren’ is an attempt to positively answer that question by making an impact,” Greer said.

The second motivation for the book was her dad. Capt. Pete Rader served with the Knox County Sheriff’s Office for 30 years. His service included running toward danger in an effort to protect others, and that always included flashing lights and blaring sirens as his cruiser sped to a dangerous situation. Greer hopes that in some way her book honors her dad and the many other individuals who turn on sirens and risk their lives for others.

The third reason might be the largest one of all. She said, “I

believe that we, as grandparents, are charged with leaving some kind of legacy for our grandchildren.”

Greer remembers being frightened as a child any time she heard a siren blast. Her hope is that after reading the book all children will identify the sound of a siren as a good thing because it means help is on the way. She also wants it to teach young ones to stop, bow their heads, and say a prayer for those who might be need help and for the responders. Her goal is that this simple act will instill in children a lifelong ability and desire to pray in all situations.

Another work by Greer is close to publication. Called “The Nana Stories”, this chaptered book will be filled with insightful, hilarious, and thoughtful antics of grandchildren through the eyes of a grandmother.

“I’m not a writer; I’m a storyteller, and my six grandchildren have provided more than enough material for stories in this book,” she added.

When she’s not busy with her books, Greer helps her husband Russell at their business, Friedman’s Appliances. The artist in her also has lured her toward many different projects. One that gained popularity entailed taking her wedding dress, cutting it up, and making

a basinet skirt. So far, four grandchildren have slept in the basinet, and each of their names and birthdates are embroidered on the skirt.

Janet Greer is excited to share “When You Hear a Siren” with children. It is available at Smart Toys and Books or at www.janetgreer.com. She has spoken to groups and given readings, and she welcomes more opportunities to present the 20 minute program.

Greer will be one of the featured authors at the Farragut Children’s Book Festival held at the Campbell Station Park and Library on April 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Janet Greer has channeled one of creative talents toward writing books for children. She enjoys the contact with all children and adults. People who have read the book declare that she’s successfully fulfilled the goals that she first identified.

Her greatest hope is that “When You Hear a Siren” will inspire all to take a moment to say a prayer every time they hear a siren.

Greer can be contacted at janet@janetgreer.com for more information about programs and about pre-ordered, personalized copies of the book.

Big Ears, Big Buses, Little Dogwoods

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council floated quickly through their agenda last Tuesday, approving each item one-at-a-time.

The meeting began with the Councilman Marshall Stair asking Ashley Capps of AC Entertainment to speak.

Capps told them that after a few years, the “Big Ears Festival” is returning to Knoxville March 28th through the 30th. He said that thanks to the Haslam Foundation, the City, Regal Cinema, Visit Knoxville and other organizations the festival will feature 50 performances at the Tennessee and Bijou Theaters.

Capps said the venue will include everything from classic to rock and jazz to folk. He said more than 1,000 performers are coming to the event from across the nation and foreign countries.

“It’s going to be really big fun,” Capps said.

Mayor Madeline Rogero thanked Capps for bringing the festival back and also for contributing to the arts in Knoxville.

Other motions that were passed in one of the council’s briefest meetings in recent months included giving the Fountain City Lions Club \$5,000 for maintenance and upkeep, the authorization of \$42,900 to purchase a “chronic problem” property on Branson Avenue, and applications to three different agencies for grants to help with the cost of the replacement of retired buses.

Knoxville Area Transit Interim Director Melissa Roberson said the city will actually be retiring more

buses than it plans to buy because of the due to the loss of service to the UT campus. She said that regulations require 20% of the active buses to be spare vehicles.

The council also voted to increase the contract price \$24,400 to Vaughn and Melton, Inc., for working being done on the Westland Drive Bridge and drainage project.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe asked why the increase and Jim Hagerman, city director of engineering, explained that most of the cost is because one property owner did not want to sell a right of way and also for more traffic control work.

The insurance for liability and vehicle equipment coverage for K-Trans was also approved to be enrolled into the city’s self-insurance program.

\$338,520 was approved with a company to provide coverage. K-Trans had being buying insurance with an outside company.

Among other things the city approved an amendment to the City Code relating to Ethics. It adds nepotism to the code and forbids future hires from being related to their supervisors and requires the transfer or reassignment of any two related employees or two employees that may become related.

They also agreed to accept \$26,000 with the county from Homeland Security to purchase an upgrade kit for a robot that is used remotely, and give \$2,000 to purchase and plant 48 dogwood trees for the Dogwood Arts Festival.

Illegal beer sales increase

By Mike Steely
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“We normally go to 30 or 40 places,” said Sgt. Tracy Hunter of the Knoxville Police Department. She was addressing a question from city council and said that the sale of beer to minors has increased since January.

“This past week we found businesses were calling ahead to other businesses, so we hopped, skipped and jumped,” she said. Sgt.

Hunter went on to say that 33% of bars and 21% of convenient stores checked illegally sold to minors. She said of the 17 places visited last week 7 sold to the undercover-underage buyers.

She told *The Focus* that the police department and the Alcohol Beverage Control board use underage police cadets when visiting stores. She said that if the business is caught selling to minors they receive

a citation then and there on site.

The city beer board heard several applications for permits, including the Knoxville Zoo, the Lighthouse of Knoxville, and Scruffy City Hall Brewery. Each applicant who had fulfilled all requirements including training were presented with a bag containing information, a letter about how to spot underage ID cards, window clings and buttons about under-age sales.

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Friends of Sevier County Library System's used book sales are always great for bargains – most books are \$1 or less -- but the next sale will offer even greater deals with one area reserved for books at 25 cents or less.

The sale, set for April 1 through 5 at King Family Library, will as usual offer gently used books of all descriptions at \$1 for most hard cover books and 50 cents for most paperbacks. What's new is that in addition, a bargain hall April 2 through 4 will offer hard cover books at 25 cents

and paperbacks at 5 for \$1. Boxes containing at least seven books on selected topics will cost \$3 or \$4.

"Storage space for our used books has reached capacity, and we must reduce our inventory," said Marti Agler, who is co-chair for the sale with Mary Lou Fair. "This makes the sale a great time to stock up on books for summer reading."

Books signed by their authors and vintage books, all types of fiction and non-fiction, children's books, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, some audio books, vinyl records and magazines will all be on sale. An expert will be on hand to help with vintage book sales.

Friends of the Kodak, Seymour and King Family Libraries combine to form Friends of the Sevier County Library System, whose volunteers organize the sale. All proceeds are divided equally among the three groups, who use the funds to benefit their respective libraries.

Preview Day is from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, open only to Friends of the Library members. Memberships are available for a small fee at the door. Sevier County teachers and home-schoolers may also purchase goods that day. They are asked to bring ID with them.

On Wednesday through

Saturday, the sale is open to the public during library hours of operation (Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. though 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Saturday is also Bag Day, when readers can fill a bag with any books they choose for \$5 a bag. Bags are provided.

The books for sale are donated to the three libraries by readers or culled from the library shelves. They are all in good condition.

King Family Library is at 346 High Street, Sevierville. For more information, call the library at 865-453-3532.



Daniel Johnson with books he selected at a recent Friends of the Library used book sale. The next sale is April 1 through 5. Photo by Diane Johnson.

Use of School System's PPU fund questioned

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Northshore Elementary was allocated \$800,000 but ended up spending \$1.7 million. He said there are several issues that involve use of the funds, from keyboards to band equipment.

Ownby said he also questioned why the budgeted \$ 2.25 million for the Stem Academy ended up at \$18.3 million in expenses and asked why that project wasn't bided out. He also pointed out that \$13.95 million allocated for school Capital Improvements were transferred to the PPU account.

"There's no transparency in the school's PPU account. The PPU is basically a slush fund," Ownby said.

After Ownby's account, the commission discussed a motion to have the Internal Auditor look into use of the funds.

Superintendent McIntyre responded that he welcomes the opportunity with the auditor and then called the questions "fairly salacious."

"If you have questions about how we do things," he said, "call me."

Ownby said he had contacted the school

administration, got no reply, and contacted them again before finally going to the Audit Committee with the matter.

McIntyre replied, when Ownby said he'd made several inquiries there, "Except for me!"

Ownby said he had requested information from Ron McPherson, the school system's Director of Finances, and said he couldn't understand if McPherson hadn't informed the superintendent.

When the internal auditor Andrea Williams informed the commissioners that it might take four to six

weeks to report back on her investigation, Commissioner Tony Norman asked her if the commissioners could have access to her progress during the inquiry. Williams said that while it would not be public record until completed, the commissioners could check with her during the audit.

The commission voted to authorize the audit and make it a priority. Superintendent McIntyre left the meeting and met with the media in the hallway for several minutes.

In other action, the commissioners authorized payment to Pugh and

Company for a review of the Internal Auditor in order to meet federal requirements and to authorize Pugh to finish evaluating the Trustee's Office. The audit is to see if the deficiencies in that office from 2013 have

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The commission also passed, on a final reading and without discussion, the employee protection from officials when they publicly speak out against policies.

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Our county is the third most populated county in Tennessee, with about 441,311 people living here in our 526 square miles. The City of Knoxville has about 183,200 residents within its 98 square miles. The Town of Farragut has 20,678 people. In 2013, Knoxville was among the top 10 fastest growing cities in the nation according to CNN Money.

Knox County was created in 1792 from part of what was then the Southwest Territory, making it one of the oldest counties in the state and the capital of the territory. Knoxville later became the capital of Tennessee prior to its moving to Murfreesboro and then to Nashville. Since its creation the county and city have seen boom and bust, but in recent years has fared much better economically than many other areas.

During the last 20 years the city grew briefly with a spurt of annexations under Mayor Victor Ashe but, since then, the city has paused any further taking of the county and began concentrating on recovering, renovating, and renewing neighborhoods, buildings, and the downtown area. Conservation-minded groups have focused on the creation of greenways, walking and bike trails, and preservation of homes, buildings, and historic sites including the Civil War forts overlooking the city.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Various local government agencies have duties involving neighborhoods, including the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), the city's Office of Neighborhoods, the Neighborhood Advisory Council, and various task forces and subcommittees.

Any decision made by the MPC must be approved by the city or the county, depending on where a property is located; the planning commission operates as a joint function of the city and county. The planning commission can be reached at "knoxmpc.org" or calling 215-2500.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Some neighborhoods and business districts get special signage, like this Happy Holler over North Central Street, designating a business strip that is being renovated by private investments with the city's help.

Under the MPC, there is the Historic Planning Committee and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The MPC also administers the Small Area and Neighborhood Plan with projects including the Bearden Village Opportunity Plan, the Broadway-Central-Emory Place plan, the Fort Sanders Neighborhood plan, the Inskip Small Area plan, the Lonsdale Redevelopment plan, the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood plan, and the Vestal Site Improvement plan.

While neighborhoods in the county are often referred to as "communities" there is little difference between these county neighborhoods and those in the city except the distance between. In many cases, like West Knoxville and Knox County, it's not very obvious whether you are in the county or the city.

Farragut has its own city government, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Gary Palmer, Assistant Town Manager, told The Focus that neighborhood homeowner associations are consistently notified of zoning changes, which also appear on the town's website and are published. He said the planning commission meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. All town meetings have a public forum

and anyone can get information by calling 966-7057 or going on the internet to "townoffarragut.org."

THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Operating within the city's Community Development Department, the Office of Neighborhoods works with established neighborhood groups and with new or emerging organizations to strengthen and improve Knoxville.

Groups in neighborhoods in or partially in the city can register. Such groups include neighborhood watches, associations, home owner's organizations, tenant groups, and the like.

The Office of Neighborhoods helps the groups engage in citizen-led improvements, based on each area's unique assets and needs as identified by residents. It provides groups with leadership training and other organizing tools. A website is maintained at www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods and anyone interested can call 215-3232. The office is in the City-County Building downtown. A weekly newsletter is published and leadership classes are held each

fall.

David Massey, Neighborhood Coordinator of the Office of Neighborhoods, said that there are presently 120 neighborhoods in the city directory and he explains that of those some 80 are active. He said that those active groups are assigned a liaison police officer that meets with each group. Massey can be reached by phone at 215-3232.

Community groups recognized earlier this month at the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Awards and Networking Luncheon for their outstanding work include: the Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association, which negotiated with a cell tower builder for a better outcome; the Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Association, a county and city group that worked through some privacy issues to use

technology to prevent crimes; the Lyons View Community Club for creating a partnership to upgrade their community center; the Parkridge Community Organization that supported a butterfly garden, historic home tours, and transformed a freeway underpass; the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association for several major projects including an outdoor classroom, a community wildlife habitat, and programs to honor civil service workers; and the Western Heights Residents Association which partnered with an outside organization to build a proud community that is prepared to "take back the neighborhood."

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Neighborhood Advisory Council is the advisory and partnership group that advises and provides feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods. It brings issues to the attention of the city, proposes responses and solutions, and serves as a sounding board for city initiatives and proposals.

The membership has been enlarged to include two representatives from each City Council District and at least three At Large members. The meetings are hosted by David Massey of the Office of Neighborhoods.

The city office annually recognizes active and successful neighborhood organizations and chooses a "Good Neighbor" of the year.

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The Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting recently said good bye to outgoing members.

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Knox County neighborhoods, those outside the city, have several options available through the county government. The Office of Community Outreach, at 215-HELP, can answer questions or forward your concerns to the correct agency. The former Office of Neighborhoods has been absorbed by the Community Outreach office.

It was established in 2011 by County Mayor Tim Burchett as a way to ensure great service, efficiency in government and fiscal savings to taxpayers.

“Community Outreach is a one-stop-shop for any and all questions about local government, from codes and policies to libraries, senior citizens and veteran services,” the Mayor said in establishing the office.

You can call that office or, if it concerns Zoning, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office is online or at 215-2500. Their online web page gives you meeting information, agenda information, and other helpful information. The MPC handles both city and county zoning, zoning enforcement, etc.

Traffic calming questions in your neighborhood can be directed to John Sexton at Transportation Engineering at 215-5860. Getting speeding slowed could require 50% of the neighborhood’s agreement and the process could take 4 months or so. You could also call the sheriff’s office at 215-2432 and tell them of the problem. The best place to start a traffic problem inquiry would be the 315-HELP number.

The Community Action Coalition (CAC) sponsors leadership training programs for current and emerging leaders who live, work or volunteer in low to moderate income communities. The selection committee meets in July and August and classes begin in the fall, at no charge to the participating person. CAC is a city-county organization. The organization also offers low-fare transportation for handicapped people and others. You can contact CAC at 566-3500 or visit www.knoxcac.org.

Neighborhood Community Centers, operated by CAC, are in four locations and provide a wide range of programs and services to families and individuals who need help, including referral services, technical assistance and a meeting place for neighborhood organizations. The offices are located at 4200 Asheville Highway, 7028 Maynardville Highway, 522 Maryville Pike and 2247 Western Avenue.

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In a recent Advisory Council meeting, Massey and the group considered recommendations of appointments by the mayor and heard from departing Council members.

Barbara Pelot, a former city council member who had voted to create the council while Bill Haslam was mayor, said, “I invited myself” into the group. She said the council is, “coming together with one voice. We’ve accomplished so much; this is where government should be.” Pelot was one of the At Large members and is a West Hills Community Association member.

Cathy Irwin, also departing as a member, advised the remaining Council to “be proactive. Get out there, be active, talk to people and let them know there are solutions.” Irwin is a member of the Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association.

Rick Roach said, “I don’t think the city understands the resources it has. I represent an area in Knoxville with a lot of potential.” He added, “Keep the ideas of openness on the table.” Roach is a member of Friends of Williams Creek.

Another Advisory member leaving due to term limits is Mae Moody of the Wilkerson Road Neighborhood Watch.

“I don’t like to see wisdom and experience walk out of the room,” Massey said of those term limited members, explaining that the Advisory Council is set up to have turnover so other people can serve. Each member serves for three years.

Currently the group is awaiting new members to be named who will take their seats in April. The group will be talking about speed bumps vs. rumble strips for traffic calming, portable speed limit signs and other neighborhood topics in the April meeting as well. Massey said the mayor is asking all the departments for a budget request plus a budget request with six percent cuts. Massey said his office will roll out an Emergency Preparedness program in August, similar to a Neighborhood Watch, and that speakers will be available

on the topic. The office’s Neighborhood Directory provides contact names and information for more than 110 neighborhood groups in the city. It also can provide a Guest Speakers Guide and each member neighborhood organization can have a web page on the city’s web site.

The Advisory group also learned that Ed McMahon, a consultant of sustainable development, will be speaking on March 26th and 27th. The presentation is free to the public and will be held at the McCarty Auditorium at 1715 Volunteer Blvd on the 26th from 5 until 6:30 p.m., and on the 27th from 10:30 until noon at the East Tennessee History Center at 601 South Gay Street.

The Advisory Council meets each month on the second Wednesday at 4:30 at the L.T. Ross Building at 2247 Western Avenue.

GETTING ACTIVE

Often Knox County and Knoxville neighborhood groups band together on projects, zoning, historic preservation and the like. The South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition, for instance, includes associations from Colonial Village, Island Home Park, Lake Forest, Old Sevier Community Montgomery Village, South Haven, Southside Riverfront and the South Knoxville Alliance.

Neighborhood groups also collaborate for special projects with groups like Legacy Parks, Outdoor Knoxville or Knox Heritage, for example.

The Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN) is a non-profit group that tries to get neighborhoods groups talking with each other. David Gardner of COIN says they are working with the city to allow more than one city-supplied sign per neighborhood and also with his Lake Forest Neighborhood to place a larger marble sign there. He said COIN also works with neighborhoods on larger zoning issues and will occasionally speak to

the city council. Gardner can be reached at davidgardner@att.net.

Over the past year, many neighborhood groups have stood up to local developments that they thought could harm their area by increasing traffic, destroying the neighborhood concept, taking away green space, or violating zoning.

The groups regularly appear before the MPC, city and county government, the Board of Zoning Appeals, or even consider court action to stop a project they object to seeing in or near their homes.

Neighborhoods in West Knox County have united to push for a Hardin Valley Middle School, even sending speakers to the Board of Education meetings. They cite the area’s population growth, the cramped condition in area schools, and the need for a closer school as reasons for a new school.

Groups in Mechanicsville took to the planning commission and the city council to testify both for and against the conversion of the Old Moses School to senior living apartments and got some restrictions placed on the project.

Neighbors of the Old Knoxville High School on Central Street also organized to speak for and against the project, ultimately receiving some concessions from the developer.

The Inskip Neighborhood Association successfully pushed the planning commission into rezoning most of their area as R-1 and R-1A, restricting further apartment development. A few other Inskip property owners spoke up and got to remain R-2.

Residents around Emory Church Road have spoken against a large apartment development there and haven’t given up although the plans were approved by the MPC and County Commission. That matter may find its way to court.

Neighborhood groups have also opposed the construction of a new Tennova Medical Complex. The Middlebrook area group and other neighbors fought the new hospital through the MPC, City Council,

and Board of Zoning Appeals and now may fight the hospital in Nashville when Tennova’s parent company files an application for a “certificate of need.” Opponents are waiting to hear when the letter is filed and said the new owners of Tennova, Community Health Systems have not responded to inquiries. So for now the proposed Tennova complex is on hold.

The Sequoyah Hills association is currently trying to stop a development on 5.66 acres, the site of the Dr. Christenberry House. The developer wants to rezone to RP1. The MPC has said that the house is not in the historic zoning area nearby but would qualify for historic zoning. Opponents would like to save the old house and object to the amount of traffic that would exit there on to a very busy Kingston Pike. Apparently the objections of the residents or the possibility that the RP1 zoning might fail may have caused a change in development plans. Unlike many developments the request for zoning is coming from the Christenberry family instead of a developer.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND GREENWAYS

Neighborhood organizations are vital to the upkeep of local parks. While not necessarily their duty, most groups take pride in their parks and their members and volunteers plant flowers and trees, pick up trash, and keep the parks safe.

There are many local parks in Knox County and Knoxville and, depending on the park’s location; it could fall under either body. In most cases the community organizations should check with either the City or the County about making improvements or changes. The Knox County parks can be contacted by calling 215-6600. The city parks can be contacted at 215-4311. Both governmental bodies maintain web sites. Information about Greenways can also be obtained at those telephone numbers or online.

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The Greatest Campaigner of Them All: Senator Estes Kefauver Part Eleven

Pages from the Political Past



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Senator Estes Kefauver had demolished his opposition inside the 1954 Democratic primary and he had been reelected to a second term that fall easily. Almost immediately following his reelection, Senator Kefauver began considering another run for the presidential nomination of his party in 1956.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was quite likely the single most popular individual in the United States of America when he had been nominated by the Republicans to run for president in 1952. He had defeated Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson handily to win the election and there was some question as to whether the shine on Eisenhower's reputation had been diminished after having served as president for four years.

Kefauver, ever the outsider, realized he would once again face daunting odds in overcoming the establishment of his own party, but he was anxious to run again. The senator confessed he wanted to run, but as usual, he had little money to run with. A visit to a wealthy Nashvillian brought in a contribution of \$10,000, which was enough to kick off Kefauver's 1956 effort to win the Democratic nomination.

Unlike 1952, Kefauver unexpectedly discovered opposition to another presidential campaign inside his own home. Nancy Kefauver, the senator's wife, was quite frank in her comments that she preferred Estes not to run and Linda Kefauver, the eldest child, was particularly upset at the idea of her father being away more often than he already was. Linda was coming to resent politics and her father's long absences from home.

Nancy Kefauver remained clearly resentful herself for much of the campaign, seeming reluctant to make appearances or accompany her husband on the campaign trail.

Once again the Kefauver campaign suffered from being disorganized and the Tennessean seemed utterly unable to properly staff his organization.

Unlike 1952 when he remained coy until literally the last minute, Adlai Stevenson hungered for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956. Furthermore, this time Stevenson was prepared to fight for it.

Kefauver again entered the New Hampshire primary and won a smashing victory. Kefauver won Wisconsin where he ran unopposed. The first real test of Kefauver's political strength came in the Minnesota primary where Stevenson had the support of Governor Orville Freeman and Senator Hubert Humphrey. Humphrey wanted to be

vice president and thought his best chance would be running with Stevenson that fall. Both Humphrey and Freeman had warned Kefauver to avoid running in Minnesota, promising the Tennessean he would lose badly should he ignore their advice.

Estes Kefauver personally scribbled an announcement of his intention to contest the Minnesota primary and brought his unique style of campaigning to the Gopher State. Cat napping as he traveled all across Minnesota and carrying spare shirts in a paper bag, Estes Kefauver appeared in countless small towns, greeting voters with his firm handshake and a smile.

Adlai Stevenson had little choice but to campaign personally, while Governor Freeman and Senator Humphrey stumped the state on his behalf. Polls showed Kefauver well behind Stevenson. Surrounded by friends, a Scotch and soda cradled in his big hands, Kefauver watched as he proceeded to win 57% of the vote in a state where he had been assured he could not win.

Kefauver's victory was so complete, his slate of delegates had defeated the party professionals, leaving both Senator Hubert Humphrey and Governor Orville Freeman in the supremely embarrassing position of not being members of the Minnesota delegation to the Democratic National Convention. They would have been excluded as official members of their own delegation had it not been for Estes Kefauver's personal generosity in extending them spots in his own slate of delegates.

Adlai Stevenson, chastened by his loss in Minnesota, determined to meet Estes Kefauver in the Florida and California primaries and intensified his own campaigning. No longer the aloof intellectual candidate, Adlai Stevenson was soon pumping hands, kissing babies and engaging in the kind of retail politics Estes Kefauver had mastered long ago.

Stevenson was the first to let go an assault, criticizing Kefauver's attendance record in the Senate while campaigning in Florida. Stevenson pointedly noted not a single other senator had endorsed the Tennessean.

Kefauver was wounded and responded, "I have many friends in the Senate." In an attempt to prove it, Kefauver set out to secure endorsements from some of his colleagues and to his surprise and chagrin, discovered even his junior colleague from Tennessee, Albert Gore, dodged supporting him. In his excellent biography of Senator



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver

Kefauver, Charles Fontenay quotes Gore as telling his colleague that he had "publicly pledged myself to remain aloof from a possible contest or controversy regarding the Tennessee delegation, saying I would be glad to support either you or Governor Clement for national preferment."

Like Kefauver, Governor Frank Clement was highly ambitious and was to be the keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention. Both Clement and Gore thought lightning might strike and both daydreamed about becoming Vice President of the United States. The abundance of political talent in Tennessee was pitting Kefauver, Gore and Clement against one another.

After a hard fought contest in Florida, Adlai Stevenson barely squeezed by Estes Kefauver, winning 221,718 votes to the Tennessean's 209,447 votes.

Sleep deprived, weary to the bone by the time of the California primary, Estes Kefauver was thought by some to have been drinking too much, but he was merely exhausted. Stevenson won the California primary handily.

His loss of the California primary effectively ended Estes Kefauver's quest for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956. As the national convention approached, Kefauver began thinking about the possibility of running with Stevenson as the vice presidential candidate. Senator Kefauver readily admitted his attacks on Stevenson during the hard fought primaries was out of character for him and he apologized. Kefauver withdrew as a candidate for the presidency and threw his support to the former Illinois governor.

As Democrats gathered in Philadelphia for the national convention, the situation for the Tennessee delegates was becoming increasingly complicated. The delegation had agreed to support any Tennessean with a chance to land a spot on the national ticket. Clement, acknowledged to be a remarkably effective orator, had finally won an opportunity to bask in the national limelight by giving the keynote

speech of the convention. Many of the governor's friends believe it was one of the worst speeches of his career. Clement, who regularly used biblical phrases and allusions in his speeches, used the theme of "How long, oh Lord, how long?" in his speech. It was an overly long and rambling affair and not at all well received on the medium of television. One newspaperman wryly noted the Tennessee governor had slain the Republican Party with "the jawbone of an ass."

His speech having fallen flat, Clement was eliminated as a serious contender for the vice presidential nomination.

Unlike most presidential nominees, who announced their own choice of a running mate, Adlai Stevenson electrified the Democratic National Convention in 1956 by telling delegates it was up to them to pick the vice presidential candidate. Immediately candidates popped up like weeds. Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson wanted the vice presidential nomination, as did a young senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey announced he, too, was available. In Tennessee alone, there were three candidates for the vice presidential nomination: Estes Kefauver, Frank Clement and Albert Gore.

Senator Kefauver was initially uncertain and wavered before finally deciding to fight for the nomination. Still, Kefauver did not have the unqualified support of his own delegation; quite to the contrary, there were many Tennessee delegates who were opposed to Estes Kefauver. The Tennessee delegation had been prepared to back Governor Clement for the vice presidential nomination, but switched to Senator Albert Gore. Even without the support of his own state, Senator Kefauver led on the first ballot with 483 ½ votes, followed by Senator John F. Kennedy with 304 votes. Albert Gore lagged behind with 178 votes.

Gore later confessed he believed he could win the nomination with a deadlock between Kefauver and Kennedy. Senator Gore had

received considerable support from the large Texas delegation, which was headed by Lyndon Johnson and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. Gore was surprised when the Texans abandoned him on the second ballot in favor of Senator John F. Kennedy. Texas was not the only big state to switch its preference; New York joined the Kennedy column as well.

Kefauver was hurrying to the suite of Senator Hubert Humphrey and found the Minnesotan crying, realizing his hope of winning the vice presidential nomination was done. Kefauver's biographer, Charles Fontenay, masterfully described the scene between the two men.

An emotional Kefauver also began crying and grabbed hold of Humphrey and exclaimed, "Hubert, I've just GOT to have those delegates! Hubert, you've just got to help me!"

Humphrey yelled that he was for Kefauver and dashed off for the convention hall to announce his switch. Kennedy was gaining ground and only good luck prevented a stampede for the Massachusetts senator, keeping Kefauver's chances alive. Other delegations were preparing to join the Kennedy bandwagon and small fights began to erupt inside some of the delegations. California Attorney General Edmund "Pat" Brown began frantically waving the state's banner in the hope of attracting the attention of the convention chair to announce a switch to Kennedy. Congressman James Roosevelt, son of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was deeply committed to Estes Kefauver and snarled at Brown that he had not changed his vote and if Brown dared to announce a vote without polling the entire California delegation he would bodily harm the Attorney General.

Senator Albert Gore sat dejectedly in a bar, watching his support evaporate and when approached to release his delegates to his fellow Tennessean, he refused. Discovered at the bar by Silliman Evans, Jr. who had succeeded his late father as publisher of the Nashville Tennessean,

Evans promptly berated Gore.

According to Charles Fontenay, Evans roared, "You son of a bitch, my father helped make you and I can help break you! If you don't get out of this race, you'll never get the Tennessean's support for anything again, not even dogcatcher. The Tennessean will beat you if it takes a million years!"

A silent Gore plodded off and located the Tennessee delegation, telling Governor Frank Clement he was withdrawing and throwing his support to Kefauver, causing Clement to wail, "Oh, no, not Estes!"

Considering that Speaker Sam Rayburn, presiding over the Democratic convention, was hostile to Estes Kefauver, Kefauver's supporters employed a rather shrewd trick to get the wily old Texan's recognition. A runner went screaming down to the rostrum exclaiming Tennessee was about to announce its support for John F. Kennedy and it worked. Rayburn immediately recognized the Tennessee delegation.

Senator Albert Gore declared he was withdrawing and the Tennessee delegation was supporting its native son, Estes Kefauver.

Sam Rayburn was stunned, his usually impassive and forbidding face registering his surprise and anger. Oklahoma, which had also been supporting Gore, switched to Kefauver, as did Hubert Humphrey's Minnesota.

Once again Sam Rayburn was prodded to recognize yet another state, this time Missouri, and as the request for recognition came from Congressman John McCormick of Massachusetts, Rayburn thought the Show Me State, home of Harry S. Truman, would go for Kennedy. The Speaker's face fell when Senator Thomas Hennings announced the entire Missouri delegation was supporting Estes Kefauver. That vote put Kefauver in the lead for the vice presidential nomination. California gave Estes Kefauver the needed votes to clinch the nomination.

Estes Kefauver was officially the Democratic nominee for Vice President of the United States.

A simpler landscaping way

I don't want to jinx anything, but it does look as if spring might make an appearance on time. Most of us are weary from all the snow and frigid temperatures that have assaulted us this winter. So, with a few days of warm weather, we're ready to arise from our hibernation and begin those chores outside.

These days, yard work has become a much too in-depth process. I admit that to being as guilty as anyone of going to extremes in taking care of my yard, but even my efforts pale in comparison to some folks.

The process begins at the end of February or early March. Men roll out



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their spreaders and fill them with "weed and feed." The price per bag of this stuff runs anywhere from \$11-\$35, and most of the time, the job requires multiple bags. If that weren't enough, a second defense of concentrated weed-be-gone is applied with a water hose and special container. Still, there's no guarantee that unwanted plants won't pop up anyway.

I used to go all out in applying this stuff to the yard, but the fact remains that it will work only if all the rest of the neighbors attack their weed infestations. That doesn't happen in our community since we have yards, big, open spaces instead of postage

stamp-sized lots that many subdivisions have. Now, I make a couple of attempts to kill the most stubborn and aggressive weeds and leave the rest of them alone. As the old saying goes, "it's all looks green when it's mowed!"

The next step is fertilizing and over-seeding. I get the idea of giving a kick-start to grass, but not going overboard. My father-in-law once urged me years ago to apply ammonium-nitrate to my new yard. I could hear the grass growing at night and mowed twice a week to keep it from overtaking the house. As for over-seeding, I thought that grass had a root system that would cause it to spread and grow. My experience is that throwing out extra seeds is a waste of money since the wind and birds

take most of it.

Then there's the mulching of areas. I take my trailer and get two scoops per visit and then spend hours shoveling, spreading and raking this concoction that is a mixture of ground wood and manure. Yes, it does make the place look nice, but mulch lasts only so long before it must be reapplied, and none of the stuff smells pleasant.

In years gone by, I remember the yard work we boys did around the house. Our older brother Dal mowed because Daddy feared that Jim and I would cut off our feet. So, we each received sets of hand clippers and were instructed to cut the weeds around the house and all flower beds. For hours we'd squeeze those clippers until our hands cramped. That job is what

a weed-eater performs today.

Mother had flowerbeds everywhere. However, she didn't line them with pavers or other stackable borders products. She dug up rocks from the yard and lined her beds with them. Then she'd fill the ground with plants and ground cover that made mulch unnecessary.

The earlier generation made do with what they had more than we do. They recycled most anything. Rarely did they go out and spend a wad of cash on pots for plants. Nope, they scrounged around until they came up with the perfect plant containers: used tires. Homeowners would apply a coat of white-wash to the rounds, set them in the yard, and fill them with dirt and a little manure. Then they'd stick

in plants, give them a drink of water, and leave them alone. I know for a fact that the plants grew healthy all summer.

Today, we invest fortunes in pots and baskets and raised growing beds, but our flowers aren't any prettier than the ones our parents had. I much prefer a natural looking yard to a perfectly sculpted one. Something "human" is part of a landscape that's a little cockeyed or that is lush in some places than in others. The old yards had bare spots as well, and I'll bet they were caused by kids playing there.

Maybe we'd all be happier if we returned to white painted tire planters and a few bare spots to remind us of our children's presence. Many folks would definitely be less fatigued from all the work.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

The weather in Knoxville is warming, allowing us to get back to the trails, waters and shopping trips downtown that are made tougher by the cold winter. Last week, I mentioned upcoming business developments in Tennessee and the jobs they bring to the state. While important, we must not forget about our state's top economic industry. Agriculture has a \$66 billion per year impact on Tennessee's economy and supports nearly 333,900 jobs.

According to the Department of Agriculture, Tennessee has 76,000 farms representing 10.8 million acres in production.

Roughly half of our state's land, about 11.8 million acres, is Tennessee farmland. Tennessee's top agricultural commodities include cattle, soybeans, corn, poultry, cotton and timber.

Farmers and agriculture groups from across the state will join House lawmakers next week to celebrate Tennessee's annual "Ag Day on the Hill" event at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville. Governor Bill Haslam has also proclaimed the date "Agriculture Day" as part of the annual national observance to recognize the important contributions of farmers and farmland owners to the state and nation.

Ag Day on the Hill activities will include the popular milking contest between Senate and House members, a cattle-weighing contest, farm animals, crops and equipment, and new this year, a silent auction to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee and Tennessee's Ag in the Classroom educational program.

The event will also feature for the first time the Drive to Feed the World

Tour, a unique, interactive road show traveling the nation to heighten awareness about world hunger and sustainable food production.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee will have collection bins available at Legislative Plaza throughout the day. Participants and visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable items for donation. The Farm and Forest Families of Tennessee organization will present a check to Second Harvest in honor of the milking contest winner.

Legislature would preserve teaching of cursive writing

House lawmakers overwhelmingly approved a measure this week calling for children in schools across Tennessee to learn the ability to read and write in cursive.

House Bill 1697, which was approved 85-6, would add handwriting instruction to the state standards.

The bill is meant to prevent a decline in the ability of students to read handwritten notes and sign their own names, as well

as interpret historical documents in their original form, like the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution.

The motivation for the legislation came after parents complained to state lawmakers that their children were unable to read handwritten assignments. Upon further investigation, it was also found that a significant percentage of high school juniors and seniors could not read cursive writing assignments written by teachers on classroom chalkboards.

Over the last few weeks, the measure sailed through the House committee process, drawing bipartisan support from lawmakers.

Tennessee is one of at least six states with lawmakers urging the teaching of cursive. Five other states — North Carolina, California, Georgia, Massachusetts, and Virginia — already have laws in place to make sure students learn to read and write using cursive in school.

The Senate Education

Committee is set to take up the measure in the next few days. If passed there, it will travel to the desk of Governor Haslam to be signed into law.

I am excited about having the opportunity to serve the people of Tennessee and especially those of the 19th District. Please let me know how I, or my office, can be of service to you. I can be reached at my Nashville office at 615-741-6879 or rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov. It is an honor to be your representative.

LWV to hold BoE Candidate Forums, produce Voter Guides

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County (LWVKKC) has partnered with the Knox County Teachers Association (KCEA) to develop a voter guide for all 13 School Board candidates and to hold two moderated candidate forums in order to inform voters about their choices for the Knox County Board of Education in the May 6 primary.

The voter guide will report the candidates' answers to six questions proposed by interested citizens and focused on the major challenges facing the Knox County public schools as they balance state mandates, teacher needs, and most of all, make decisions that best serve our county's students. The voter guide will be published by the Knoxville News Sentinel.

This non-partisan race will allow voters to determine their representative from the five districts. If there are

three or more candidates in a district, the winner must receive 50% plus one of the total votes. If they do not, there will be a runoff in the August general election.

The first School Board candidate forum, for Districts 1 and 6, is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street.

The second candidate forum, for Districts 4, 7, and 9, will be held Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Mississippi State Community College Magnolia Campus, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue.

The audience at both forums will be able to submit questions for the candidates to answer.

LWVKKC President, Kim Lauth, hopes that "citizens will inform themselves about the substance of the questions and pay careful attention to the candidates' responses and that

many voters will attend one or both forums. An informed citizen is the best assurance of democracy at work."

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information about the Knoxville/Knox County League of Women Voters, visit www.lwvknoxville.org or email league@lwvknoxville.org.

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Tennessee wins first two NCAA tournament games

By Alex Norman

Nothing has come easy for the Tennessee men's basketball team this season, so perhaps it shouldn't have been a surprise that even earning an NCAA tournament bid was a struggle as well. The Vols got into the field of 68, but were forced to

play in the first round, the so called "play-in" game on Wednesday, March 19th. Tennessee would earn an 11 seed, and a matchup with Iowa in Dayton, Ohio. The Vols got off to a rough start, falling behind by as many as 12 points in the first half. But

thanks to their aggressive defense and rebounding, Tennessee chipped away at the Hawkeyes advantage, and finally, with just over 3 minutes remaining, Vols guard Antonio Barton made a three pointer that gave UT its first lead of the contest, 59-57.

The game would eventually go to overtime, where the Vols took control, outscoring the Hawkeyes 14-1 in the extra session for a 78-65 victory. It was Tennessee's first NCAA tournament game win since 2010. Jordan McRae led the Vols with 20 points. Jarnell

Stokes had his 20th double-double of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Vols head coach Cuonzo Martin, who has received almost constant analysis this season from sports talk radio callers and message boards posters, said that his concentration has been

centered on his team, not the negativity. "I don't deal with criticism. That's time and energy wasted. What was said? don't know. Because I don't have the time and energy," said Martin. "Where I'm
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Big inning lifts Bobcats to 7-3 win over Fulton

By Ken Lay

Central High School's baseball team used the big inning to propel itself to victory Thursday night. The Bobcats scored all seven of their runs in the bottom of the third inning and held off Fulton to earn a 7-3 victory at Tommy Schumpert Park. Things started in that frame for Central (5-3) when designated hitter Stephen Trehwitt was hit by a pitch and Riley Thomas reached on an error, which opened the flood gates. The Bobcats picked up their first hit of the inning when Kayne Garrett legged out a bunt single to load the bases. Alex Haynes then walked to plate Trehwitt with Central's first run to knot the game 1-1. Bobcats' center fielder Jeremiah Howard then but his team ahead for good with a two-run single to make the score 3-1. "Jeremiah didn't even play baseball last year but he's gotten some big hits for us this year," CHS coach Matt Byrd said. "We really put the pressure on their defense." The Falcons (3-2) wilted under the pressure. Fulton committed four errors in the inning which saw Central get just three hits. Wild pitches, passed balls and hit batters all help the Bobcats amass the big inning. Central also scored a run on a sacrifice fly by Harrison Stephens and Jackson Greer had scoring single. Falcons' coach Adam Dyer tipped his hats to Byrd and the Bobcats. "We just had one bad inning but you have to give them credit because they put the pressure on our defense and that's what you have to do in high school baseball," Dyer said. "They scored just two earned runs and our pitcher [Gage Seymour] threw 74 pitches in seven innings. "You're not going to win many games when you give up five unearned [runs]. I was proud of our kids because they battled back and won the next two innings." Things started on a high note for the Falcons, who took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Lucas Hill doubled to score Tripp Carver, who reached on a fielder's choice. Fulton trimmed Central's lead to 7-2 in
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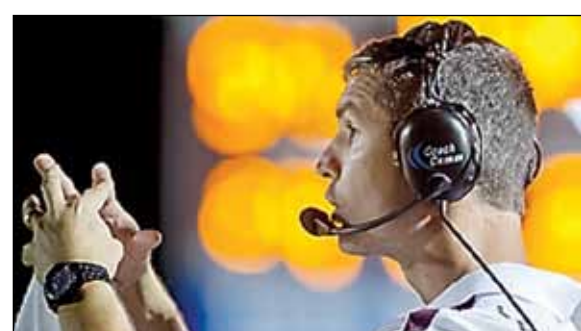
PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Central High's Michael Benusches winds up to throw a pitch in the Bobcats' 7-3 win over Fulton. Benusches had nine strikeouts on the day.

Smith comes home to enjoy the twilight of his career

By Ken Lay

Dwight Smith admits that he lives the best life and most of that life has been spent coaching high school baseball in Knox County. This year, the longtime coach has come home to Karns High School. He came at the behest of Beavers' coach Matt Hurley. "It's great to come back and finish my [coaching] career where I started," said Smith, who was the Karns head coach from 1976-93. "Matt Hurley is a good young coach and he loves the kids.
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Morgan Shinlever is Bearden High School's new head football coach.

New Bearden football coach will use Quarles' 'teaching' method

By Steve Williams

When it comes to football, Morgan Shinlever, Bearden High's new head coach, has some George Quarles in him. That's certainly a good thing. Quarles has become the most successful football coach in TSSAA history, guiding Maryville to 10 state championships since 1999. Shinlever plans to use a coaching method at Bearden he observed many years ago when he played under Quarles. "The biggest thing Coach Quarles did was he paid so much attention to detail and he explained the method behind the process," recalled Shinlever last week. "His players were in tune to what he was doing
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Halls Middle wrestlers take third at State

By Ken Lay

COOKEVILLE---Halls Middle School's wrestling team posted a third-place finish in the State Middle School Wrestling Tournament recently.

The Demons had seven wrestlers medal in the event on Saturday, March 15 and that left coach Cody Humphrey ecstatic.

"They did a good job," Humphrey said. "This was a pretty big tournament. I think they were 30 or 40 schools and it was a lot tougher than it used to be. Last year, we finished second so we had a good year last year too and I think this year's tournament was a lot tougher."

Halls finished third behind Cleveland and Christian Brothers from Memphis.

The Demons were led by Hunter Woods, an eighth grader who finished second in the 160-pound weight class.

Halls had three athletes place third in their respective weight divisions including Ian Morgan, Nick Gold and Derrick DeBusk. Morgan, a seventh grader, wrestles in the 80-pound division. Gold competed in the 105-pound division and DeBusk is a heavyweight.

Fourth-place finishers were Garrett Lay (95 pounds) and Chase Brown (90 pounds).

Luke Harp came in fifth in the 180-pound division.

The tournament culminated a season of hard work for the Demons and signals big things to come for the Halls High School program.

"The boys have worked hard and we put them through a lot," Humphrey said. "We do this five months out of the year and I know they get tired because I get tired."

"We won our Region Duals again this year and hopefully these guys will go on to the high school. It's my job to get them ready for the high school team and I love seeing by guys go there and compete and do well. This is the hardest working group of middle school athletes that I've had. I tell the boys that hard work in wrestling and in life will pay off and I think I proved that."

Humphrey has assembled a successful program that has its strength in the lower weight classes but he's looking for more wrestlers in the upper weight divisions.

"I don't have the numbers in the room that I want," he said. "I would like to have some more football players come out. Halls has been dominant in the lower weights but I'd like to have some more heavyweights."

While the middle schoolers had a big day at the state tournament, the event also gave Humphrey a glimpse into the future as three wrestlers from the elementary school program earned medals.

Fourth grader Joseph Nielsen finished fourth in the 70-pound division. Second grader Cash Sennell came in sixth in the 55-pound weight class and Cannon Elkins, a fifth grader, took third in the 85-pound division.

Wynne's big day spells victory for Lady Hawks

By Ken Lay

Kaleigh Wynne had a game Wednesday night that she won't soon forget.

Wynne, a sophomore pitcher for the Hardin Valley Academy softball team, achieved a miraculous feat in the circle as she struck out the side in all five innings of the Lady Hawks' 14-0 home victory over Clinton.

She gave up just one hit, walked one and hit a batter en route to a dominating win.

And if all that weren't enough, she also had a big day with the bat. She went 3-for-4, reached base four times, hit a home run and drove in four runs.

"She's a leader in the circle and she's a leader at the plate," Hardin Valley coach Whitney Hickam-Cruze said of her sophomore right hander who transferred from a school in Arkansas. "I've been a coach for six years and I don't think I've ever seen [all outs be strikeouts]."

HVA, which improved to 3-1 Wednesday night, had plenty to be happy about.

"We feel pretty good here right now," Hickam-Cruze said. "Clinton



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Hardin Valley Academy sophomore pitcher Kaleigh Wynne throws a pitch in the Lady Hawks' 14-0 victory over Clinton. Wynne had 15 strikeouts in the five-inning win. She also homered and drove in four runs for HVA.

gets better and better every year and they have some good hitters.

"We're in a position this year to finally make some noise and I've been waiting for that."

Wynne said she still has work to do despite a dominating performance against the Lady Dragons.

"They had some good hitters and I still have to keep working," Wynne said. "We're a young team and we just have to keep working hard every day in practice."

Hardin Valley took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Wynne's single plated Chelsea Texiera, who doubled to lead off the inning.

The Lady Hawks would eventually blow things open but they squandered a golden opportunity when they left the bases loaded in the second inning.

HVA started a two-out rally when Halle McGuire doubled. Hayley Cloud walked and Texiera reached on an error to load the bases. Clinton pitcher Brooklynn Shubert averted damage when she induced a pop up from Molly Smith to end the frame.

The Lady Hawks scored five runs

in the third when they were aided by a pair of Clinton errors. Sarah Storey had a two-run single and Leslie Beecham knocked in a run with a hit. The two Lady Dragon errors led to two more runs to make the score 6-0.

Hardin Valley iced the game with eight runs in the fourth when it sent 13 hitters to the plate. Wynne started that rally with a one-out solo shot over the left-field fence. She also had a two-run single later in the inning. Storey had another two-run single and Texiera drove in another run with an infield hit. Aubrey McGuire also had an RBI single in the frame.

Hickam-Cruze saw her team do exactly what she wanted.

"I wanted to see the girls come in here and blow them out," she said.

The Lady Dragons got their first base runner when Wynne plunked Clinton catcher Brooke Bailey. Samantha Templin walked in the third before Bailey broke up Wynne's no-hit bid with a one-out single in the top of the fourth.

Determined Vols make it to the Dance after all

Give Cuonzo Martin credit. The embattled University of Tennessee basketball coach didn't let himself get caught up in all that negativity. He kept his eye on the prize and his players followed suit.

As I write this on Friday

night, the Vols are coming off NCAA tournament wins over Iowa and UMass and looking forward to a Round of 32 game against Mercer Sunday in Raleigh.

Most UT fans had been hoping for a shot against Duke, but Mercer took care of the Blue Devils prior to the Vols eliminating the Minutemen.

So, the Tennessee-Mercer survivor will advance to the Sweet Sixteen in the second weekend of the Big Dance.

If you're a true Tennessee fan, how could you not be pleased with



By Steve Williams

the Vols' late-season surge?

If you're still pointing to next season and forecasting gloom and doom for the Vols under Martin, obviously you haven't learned anything.

It's very simple. Let a season play out. There's always plenty of time to gripe and call for a coach's job after the final horn.

College basketball is a long season and usually includes peaks and valleys. Sometimes you have to hang on tight and ride it out.

It is also a tournament sport. Granted, for most of the season, this veteran Tennessee team wasn't playing up to expectations.

But the Vols didn't quit. They came on strong down the stretch and just made it into the NCAA field of 68.

Had Coach Martin's team not made it in, then Athletic Director

Dave Hart would have had a tough decision to make.

Hart now only needs to boost Cunozo's pay to reflect his third-place standing in winning percentage among SEC coaches.

As for next season, I have an idea for all those who like to take part in petitions. Start one to encourage Jarnell Stokes to come back next year. Butch can do his part too, by giving the big guy a tryout on the football team, if he's really serious about it.

A big part in this season's off-the-court drama also played out last week as Bruce Pearl, the popular former UT coach, accepted Auburn's offer to be its new coach.

Give Auburn AD Jay Jacobs credit. He made a great hire. As good a promoter as he is a coach, Bruce is a perfect fit for the Tigers' program, which is in dire need of an infusion of energy and excitement.

As we have seen, that's right down Pearl's alley.

I must admit I was a little saddened when I heard the news last Tuesday that Pearl had accepted the Auburn job. That feeling had nothing to do with Cuonzo. I'm proud he's our coach. It was the memories of Pearl's early years at Tennessee rushing back.

The eye-opening win at Texas. Turning over the opposition with Controlled Chaos. His sweat-soaked suit in a big win in The Swamp. A first-ever No. 1 national ranking and first SEC championship in 41 years..Knocking on the door of the Final Four. A painted up Pearl in the stands and Pat singing Rocky Top.

The memories will last, but he's gone for good. The finality of it brought sadness to a lot of Tennessee fans.

Many have said in recent months

that the UT administration would not have considered bringing Pearl back, even if Martin's third season had been a bust and he was fired. I have no proof that would have been the case. We'll never know for sure. It's a moot point anyway.

I do admire Auburn's administration for giving Pearl a second chance to coach again. I believe that's the fair thing to do. Come August, he will have paid for his NCAA sins. In everything I've heard and read, he seems to be sincere in his remorse.

Pearl wants to become Auburn's winningest coach ever. And he wants to clear his name.

Won't next season's game here against Auburn be something.

UT fans should give Bruce a warm welcome.

Then cheer like heck for Cuonzo and the Vols.

Big inning lifts Bobcats to 7-3 win over Fulton

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the fourth on an RBI single by Seymour. The Falcons got to within 7-3 in the following inning when Ethan Williams singled and stole

second. He scored on a double by Hayden Willard.

Central pitcher Michael

Benusches retired the Falcons in order in both the sixth and seventh to end the game. He had nine strikeouts.

"Michael got stronger as the game went on and his defense backed him up," Byrd said.

Tennessee wins first two NCAA tournament games

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from, the way I was raised, I just can't waste time on it. I'm consumed with our players to be successful on and off the basketball court. All the seniors are graduating. Our guys have done a great job in the classroom. Winning ballgames. I don't have that kind of time or energy. I'm consumed with success."

Tennessee had very little time to enjoy the victory over Iowa. After the game they hopped on a plane and landed in the early morning hours in Raleigh, North Carolina. They would play in the second round against 6 seed UMass, less than 40 hours after their overtime affair with the Hawkeyes.

Any concerns over a fatigue factor were almost

immediately squashed by Tennessee. The Vols jumped out to an 8-2 lead, and were up 41-22 at the break.

Tennessee knew they would have an advantage inside against the smaller Minutemen and they didn't waste the opportunity. Stokes had a monster game with a career high 26 points and 14 rebounds. He also made 12 of his 13 free throw attempts. Jeronne Maymon had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Four Vols scored in double figures. It was an absolutely dominating performance, the kind of game Tennessee fans expected to see more of this season.

Tennessee beat UMass 86-67, and advanced to

the third round where they would face 14 seed Mercer on Sunday, March 23rd. Results of that game were not available at press time.

"Just happy with the way our guys performed today. Thought we got out the gates and played well on both events end of the floor," said Martin. "Played together. Defended well. We set our tone early, a physical tone with our fouling. Tried to keep those guys out of the lane. The first three or four minutes (of the second half), we weren't as good as far as keeping the guys out of the lane but I think we did a better job and it carried us throughout the game. They made a run in the second half, which we knew they would. We maintained a level

of composure and found a way to get the win."

"Well, coming into this game, my mindset wasn't to score the ball," said Stokes. "I was somewhat worried about their point guard, Chaz Williams, getting into the lane. I'm just looking at the stat sheet. We held him under his career high, under his career averages the entire game. So I wanted to play very good ball screen defense, but it made this a fast break game so I got a lot of points just off of fast breaks and getting to the foul line."

Tennessee (23-12) has now won at least two games in an NCAA tournament for only the fifth time in program history.

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Knoxville Sports and Social Club provides outlet for adult athletes

By Ken Lay

A new career started simply for Tyler Pavlis. “I was getting ready to play kickball and I was setting up because I was a field manager,” said Pavlis, who after a night of recreation, became the executive director of the Knoxville Sports and Social Club. “I had so much fun kicking home runs and giving high fives that I decided that I was going to make this the biggest thing for adults in Knoxville.” Well, he’s on his way to doing just that. The Knoxville Sports and Social Club, which is primarily

sponsored by Cherokee Distributing Company, is open to weekend warriors, ages 21 and over. It all started with kickball at John Tarleton Park, which drew 250 participants in 2012, a shocking turnout for a first-time event. “I’m not easily overwhelmed and I’m passionate but I was shocked,” Pavlis said. On my first night, for the first hour, I was shocked.” He didn’t stay startled for long. Participation is kickball has reached 650 players and now the club has 1,400 players in five sports including kickball, dodgeball, flag

football, softball and volleyball. The Knoxville Sports and Social Club is looking to add bowling and wiffle ball soon. The club has games and events at John Tarleton Park, Nicholas Ball Park in Hardin Valley and at the Rocky Hill Ball Fields. Most recreation leagues require a full team to participate but Knoxville Sports and Social Club does things a bit differently. “You do not have to have a team to play,” Pavlis said. “Anyone is welcome and if you don’t have a team, we’ll put you on a team.

“This is an opportunity to play but the big thing we want people to do is meet other people. We let people sign up individually.” Registration for summer leagues begins this week and fees will be \$49 per player and interested athletes can sign up by visiting the club’s web site knoxssc.com. The club also actively recruits referees and field managers. Many of the athletes are from West Knoxville and downtown but players from all Knox County areas are welcome regardless of age or physical ability.

Athletes, however, must be of legal drinking age due to Cherokee Distributing, which bottles Coors and Miller Brewing Company products locally, is a title sponsor. “We probably have some players with physical disabilities because we have 1,400 players,” Pavlis said. “Our motto is ‘All skill levels are welcome,’ and anyone who wants to play can play. “We have players who are 21, 23 or 25 but we also have players who are 35, 45 or 55 and I’ going to make this thing explode.” Pavlis, who ran track and played freshman football at

Central High School, is passionate and actively promotes the club. “I run and I wear my [club] shirt and I hear people talking and I’ll jump in and say ‘Hey, I’m Tyler, have you heard about Knoxville Sports and Social Club?’” he said. “I don’t have a problem talking to people. “One time, I was at an Applebee’s and I heard a lady complaining that there was nothing to do and I told her about us. I came home and I found out that she’d already signed up for two of our leagues.”

New Bearden football coach will use Quarles’ ‘teaching’ method

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and they understood better the whole scheme. “He’s a very good teacher of the game.” Shinlever, now 33, played at Maryville at the beginning of the Red Rebels’ incredible run of success. He was a junior in 1997 when Maryville was Class 4A state runner-up and a senior in 1998 when former head coach Tim Hammon-tree directed the Rebels to the state title. Quarles was offensive coordinator for those two teams before taking over as head coach in 1999. Shinlever said he “bounced around” on the offensive side of the ball in high school, being used as a running back and tight end in special formations and packages. “I was primarily a linebacker.” Shinlever shares Quarles’ philosophy. “I believe, as a football coach, you’re an educator first,” he said. “We’re wanting to create smart football players. By doing that, they play faster and spend less time trying to figure things out.” It’ll be an interesting matchup when Shinlever and his Bulldogs go against Maryville and Quarles in District 4-AAA this coming fall. Shinlever, who lettered four years as a linebacker at Maryville College, first got into coaching as an assistant under veteran coach Bill Satterfield at Green-back High. He joined the Bearden staff when the late Bill Wilson was head coach. Shinlever’s career took a turn when he was offered and accepted Bearden’s athletic director post. Going from AD to head football coach is usually the other way around.

“I have enjoyed being an administrator and I am grateful for that opportunity, but in my heart I have always had a desire to be a head coach,” said Shinlever, after being named to replace Brad Taylor, who stepped down after the 2013 season. “I wanted to take advantage of this opportunity, because I felt like my window to be a head coach was getting smaller.” Bearden fans can expect to see a more wide open attack this coming season. “We will use a spread style offense,” said Shinlever. “Defensively, we’ll play out of a 4-3, cover 2 base, which will allow us to play fast and aggressive.” The 2014 Bulldogs could be nasty in the trenches. “I definitely think the line-men will be the strength of the team,” said Shinlever. “We have good size and strength.” Alex Rouse will be Bearden’s new offensive coordinator. He worked with defensive backs and safeties the past two years. “He’s definitely offensive minded,” said Shinlever. Rouse was a standout quarterback at Maryville High and Carson-Newman College. He also played for the Finland Crocodiles in NFL Europe and for the Wichita Wild in Arena League football. Chuck Rouse, Alex’s uncle and a longtime member of the Bearden staff, is switching from linebacker to running backs coach, Shinlever noted. Brian Tanner will continue as defensive coordinator, the post he has held since 2007. Hunter Fendley will be offensive line coach and associate head coach. Randall Scott also will be an offensive line coach. Other staff positions will be filled later, said Shinlever.

Rebels build, Cherokees sweep and Irishmen split in Florida

By Steve Williams

There’s more to spring break baseball trips than runs, hits and errors. “It’s a good team-building opportunity,” said Buzz McNish, West High head coach, before sending his Rebels out to play last Thursday afternoon against Shorecrest Prep School, one of the local teams in St. Petersburg, Fla., where West spent its spring break week. “We’re traveling on a charter bus. That really helps with the team-building part of it.” It’s a 700-mile trip from the Rebels’ home field on Sutherland Avenue to St. Pete. “We got rained out Monday, lost Tuesday (to Northside Christian) 6-5 in the bottom of the seventh and Wednesday one of the best teams in this part of the state (Out-of-Door Academy) beat us 12-4,” summarized McNish, who is in his third season as the Rebels’ skipper, after coaching many years at Lenoir City. The Rebels lost at Shorecrest 6-5 Thursday and were scheduled to return home Friday. Except for Monday’s rain-out, the weather was “in the mid to upper 70s and sunny,” said McNish. “You get five or six days of nothing but baseball, and it’s beneficial to be getting to play in good weather early in the season. “All the schools and coaches down here have been very accommodating.” The West team was planning on taking in a major league spring training game between the Twins and Orioles in nearby Sarasota Monday night, but about the time the team was preparing to leave for the game, they found out it had been canceled. “Instead we ate dinner

on the beach, at The Beach House in Bradenton,” said McNish. “That was pretty cool.” West was 1-2 in the opening week of regular season play before making the trip to the Sunshine State. The Rebels are now 1-5. Four of their five losses have been by a total of six runs. A few other local teams also went South for spring break. South-Doyle made a strong showing in the Aggie Classic in Pensacola, Fla. Head Coach Jeff Browning’s ball club went 3-0 to earn a fourth game. “We gave up eight runs in three games and ended up being the No. 3 seed out of 24 teams,” reported Nick Jacobs, S-D assistant coach. “We’re basically playing a championship game in our side of the bracket.. We were the only out-of-state team left.” The Cherokees capped a perfect week with a 3-2 win over the West Florida High Jaguars Thursday at West Florida University, pulling out the victory on a walk off hit to left by junior Brett Browning, the head coach’s son, with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. “We scored 17 runs with two outs in the four games combined,” said Jacobs. “Overall, our pitchers did well.” Senior Riley Dyer started and pitched into the fifth inning against West Florida before senior Connor Gregory finished to log the win. Brody Rollins, a junior left-hander, and Blake Stansberry, South-Doyle’s No. 1 pitcher and a MTSU signee, hurled complete-game wins earlier in the week. Rollins beat Ponte Vedra High of Jacksonville, the 2013 Florida Class 5A state champion. Stansberry finished strong in a 6-2 win over



Catholic High baseball players have fun at the beach during their spring break trip to Pensacola, Fla., last week.

Escambia High of Pensacola. John Murrel and Dyer combined in South-Doyle’s opening win against Claremore, Okla. Catholic also played in the Pensacola tourney. “It was a great chance to get away and enjoy some warm weather and time out of Knoxville,” e-mailed Catholic Coach Adam Sullivan. “Goals for the week were to get some guys healthy and see some guys in different spots in the lineup. We went 2-2 on the trip, but felt we learned a lot and played some good teams. “Beating Union, Okla. at University of West Florida was definitely one of the highlights. We came back from being down 5-0 in the first and won 9-5. Sammy Nelson did a great job and moved up into the front end of our pitching staff with that performance. Junior outfielder Mike Fitzgerald had three hits in the comeback win.” The Irishmen lost an 8-7 “heartbreaker” to perennial power and tournament host Tate High School, added Sullivan. “All in all, it was a successful week for the Irish. We learned a lot about ourselves and what it will take to be successful. “The players stayed with their families in the same condo complex, so it also was a really good time of fellowship.” Farragut’s baseball team was scheduled to play at Panama City, Fla. Christian Academy of Knoxville’s baseball and softball teams played in the Cal Ripken Experience at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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The Sixth Starter

By **Ralphine Major**

"Before someone says, 'you can't have six starters in basketball,' I want to emphasize that you can have as many starters as you want to," Bob Dagley said. "But, only five can play at the same time." Dagley is the former coach of the Gibbs Eagles. The player he is referring to is Stanley Butler, another senior who played for Dagley's Eagles. Butler did start several games for Gibbs in 1964-65, mainly as a guard. "Stanley was a competitor and wanted to play," Dagley remembers. "I can understand his frustration when he did not get to play as much as he wanted to. It did not take me long that year to see the value he could contribute to the team."

I had no idea the coach used so much strategy in racking up the 31-2 record for the Eagles. "Stanley was the only player I trusted to play either guard or forward position, and I used him at both positions," the coach added. "When he entered the lineup, we didn't miss a beat. The results were the same; only the way getting there may have been different." Butler did not have the height advantage of some of the other players, but he was quick. According to Dagley, the sixth starter could jump and slip around a defensive player and get the inside rebounding position on him. Usually,

Smith comes home to enjoy the twilight of his career

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"I've been blessed because I've gotten to do exactly what I've wanted to do and it's been a great ride for me."

Smith has also coached at Powell, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Grace Christian Academy. While at Grace, Smith was an assistant to Brian Hochevar. There, the duo guided the Rams to four consecutive District 3-A Championships and three straight Class A State Tournament appearances.

"I had a blast with Brian and those kids were great kids," Smith said.

Hochevar and Smith left Grace after the 2013 season when the school dismissed athletic director Johnny Cox.

"Matt asked me if I would like to help him and I wanted to see what Brian was going to do," Smith recalled. "Brian had some offers and he's not coaching [high school baseball]. He's coaching in the summer and he's giving lessons at [the] Diamond [Baseball Academy]."

Hochevar's decision not to coach this spring gave Smith the opportunity to return home to finish an illustrious coaching career that has been full of blessings.

"I've had great players and I've worked with some great coaches," said Smith, who has been in baseball as a player or coach for nearly six decades. "I loved working with Brian and I love Matt."

"I've been coaching baseball for 36 years and I'm a baseball guy. It's a way of life for me. It's been a great ride."

During his first tenure at Karns, he was assisted by Geff Davis, who later succeeded him as head coach before landing at Gibbs where he led the Eagles to the 2010 Class AA State Championship.

"Geff and I are still really close," Smith said. "He was my assistant and then he took over at Karns when I retired in 1993 to watch my son at Tennessee Tech."

Smith said that Davis and Hurley, who served as pitching coach at Bearden in 2012 when the Bulldogs reached the Class AAA State Championship Game, are two of the top coaches in a talented pool of KIL coaches.

"There are more good coaches in Knox County who are baseball guys and they work hard at their jobs," Smith said. "Matt is a disciplinarian and he knows the game."

Smith's true athletic passion is on the baseball diamond, but he also has ties to the hardwood. His first coaching job was at Halls Middle School, where he coached the boys basketball team.

"When I got out of college, I coached basketball at

Butler came down with the rebound. "Stanley did not copy any other player's style of shooting," the coach said. "He had his own. He was so quick, he could drive to the basket as good as anyone. He could shoot the ball on the run or shoot from a set position. His shots were not spectacular, but they were accurate. It was always surprising at the end of the game to see how many points Stanley had actually made. He had quietly got the job done."

Dagley is quick to give credit to his sixth starter. "Some schools we played thought the best way to stop us was to press us full court," he said. "This was a time I usually called on Stanley to help get the ball up court. I would take one of the taller forwards out and use Butler to join the other two guards in bringing the ball up court. When I look back, I cannot think of a time when he lost the ball against the press. With his quick feet and driving ability, he usually had the defensive player behind him quickly. We actually had three guards bring the ball up court and then Stanley would move back to a forward position when we crossed the half line."

It is no wonder Dagley held No. 10 in reserve. He could always depend on him and his ball-handling skill to help the Eagles secure another win.

Halls Middle School," Smith said.

From there, he went to Karns where he began his baseball coaching career and served as the Beavers' JV basketball coach.

He later gave up basketball and led the Beavers baseball program before leaving to watch his son Shane play baseball.

"I retired to watch Shane play at Tennessee Tech," Smith said. I've told these kids at Karns that my priorities are God, family and baseball."

Smith's retirement from coaching didn't last long. He returned to coaching as an assistant at Powell High School where he worked as an assistant in both the basketball and baseball program for five years,

With the Panthers, he coached hoops under the legendary Mike Ogan, who retired in 2014 after guiding Powell to a Region 2-AAA Championship.

"I've worked for some great coaches but Mike's my favorite," Smith said. "If a coach tells you that he doesn't have an ego, he's lying but coach Ogan doesn't have an ego and he's really a great and funny guy."

In 1999, Smith went to CAK to assist Kent Matthews and it was there that he met Hochevar.

After a stint there, the duo went to the Rams where they built a competitive program.

Smith played his high school baseball at East High under the late Bob Polston.

"I loved coach Polston like a second father," Smith said.

Smith was a four-year starter at Austin Peay before becoming a coach. Polston remains a big influence for the veteran coach, who learned to love baseball while his father Gib ran the summer program at Bill Meyer Stadium.

Smith is a family man and is grateful for his wife Joan who let him pursue a coaching career.

"Joan is a great woman and she's put up with a lot," Smith said. "She taught in Knox County Schools and she's retired now."

Away from the game, Smith and his wife spend time in Chicago with Shane and his family.

By **Alex Norman**

Pearl heads to The Plains, Knoxville loses its mind

Bruce Pearl loves Knoxville so much he chose to stay here, despite his firing in March 2011.

Knoxville loves Bruce Pearl so much tens of thousands of Tennessee fans signed a petition demanding his return as Vols basketball coach.

Today Pearl has a new team, and a new home...

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As the news broke last Tuesday morning that Pearl had accepted the head coaching job at Auburn, I observed social media and listened to local sports talk radio.

You would have thought everyone simultaneously learned their puppy was eaten by a coyote.

Pearl, arguably the most popular figure associated with the modern era of Tennessee athletics (this side of Peyton Manning and Pat Summitt of course), will be back coaching in the SEC next season, and will bring his Tigers to Thompson-Boling Arena in 2015.

"I'm humbled and blessed to be back in the game that I love," Pearl said in a statement released by the Auburn Sports Information Department. "I don't know how long it will take, but it's time to rebuild the Auburn basketball program, and bring it to a level of excellence so many of the other teams on campus enjoy."

"Coach Pearl is a proven winner who will bring energy and excitement to our program," said Auburn Athletics Director

Jay Jacobs. "We have raised the bar for Auburn basketball, and I could not be more excited for our student-athletes and our future under Coach Pearl's leadership. I know he agrees with me -- it's time to win."

Jacobs added, "From the moment I met Coach Pearl and heard his vision for our basketball program, it was clear he's the right man at the right time for Auburn."

That basketball program certainly needed something. Over the past four years Auburn posted a 48-75 record under Tony Barbee, including an 18-50 record in the SEC.

By contrast, in Pearl's six seasons at Tennessee (2005-2011), the Vols went 145-61 overall with a 65-31 mark in the Southeastern Conference.

Pearl has won everywhere he's been a head coach. Southern Indiana and Milwaukee-Wisconsin and Tennessee each got better immediately, and the expectation is for the same to occur at Auburn. Granted, the Tigers roster does not have as much talent as the C.J. Watson/Chris Lofton/Dane Bradshaw team that awaited Pearl at Tennessee in 2005, but at the very least they will be more entertaining. And if the past is any indication, Pearl will have them in the NCAA tournament soon.

Pearl still must finish the remaining few months of his NCAA "show-cause" penalty,

but after late August he will be free and clear to recruit and run the Auburn program (there will be limitations on what he can do until then). The SEC, which was a dreadful basketball conference this season, has one of college basketball's great showmen back on the sidelines. The college game and the SEC are better off with Pearl than without him.

As for Tennessee, and the fan base that simply can't come to terms with the fact that Pearl is gone, where do they go from here?

Barring something unforeseen Cuonzo Martin will return for his fourth season as the Vols head coach, but with a roster that loses a ton of talent. Tennessee barely made the NCAA tournament this year, and getting back to the Field of 68 is going to be very difficult.

And if Pearl brings his Tigers into Thompson-Boling Arena and leaves with a victory next season? Lord help us. Knoxville will be declared a national disaster area... Couple that development with a loss to Alabama (and Crimson Tide offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin) in October and Knoxville will start to resemble the scenes in NBC's "Revolution."

This, of course, is a lot of exaggeration. Bruce Pearl to Auburn will not force Knoxville to inevitably become a post-apocalyptic wasteland.

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Choice

The notion of choice is a fundamental principle with me. It stems from the doctrine of “free will.” Ancient philosophers stated that freedom of conscience is really the only thing that cannot be controlled or taken from someone. The central lesson in the Greek tragedy “Antigone” by Sophocles is affirmed by the protagonist who obeys her conscience instead of the King.

I certainly don’t know everything, but I’ve come to a time and place where I understand the fundamental principles of life. This is not hubris, but a statement of where I am. I’ve just finished a book by Lee Strobel called ‘The Case for Faith.’ He’s a journalist by training, and after his conversion to Christianity he’s become an apologist

for The Way. In his book, Strobel interviews experts on the tough questions of faith and, in particular, Christianity; fundamental is the “decision to believe.”

I recently heard the atheist Bill Maher lampoon the movie Noah and rail against God. Maher said that if the Noachian Flood is true, then “God is a baby killer.” Like most shock-jocks, this vile and disrespectful person’s goal is to titillate. He’s certainly free to shake his fist at God; many have done so throughout history. Actually, I think Maher is a coward because he would never speak vilely against Mohammed. A fatwa would assuredly curtail his earthly life. Fortunately for Maher, God hasn’t been into fire and brimstone since Sodom and

Gomorrah, and is more forgiving than me.

I’ve been rereading the Bible during my sabbatical. I have to admit that the horrific stories of the Old Testament are troublesome to a “post-modern” philosopher. The best I can come up with is that those stories were from a different time and place. Scholars have described the conquest of Canaan in the book of Joshua as God’s “Holy War.” I’m not making excuses or justifying the slaughter; I wasn’t there and my opinion wasn’t sought. I do believe the Bible is a foundational collection of wisdom in stories and observations that transcend space and time. And through the prophet Isaiah, God will say that His ways and thoughts are not ours. That is certainly true.

So, where does this leave us? Are there standards by which we measure ourselves or determine what is right? The great twelfth century Scholastic philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas posited four levels of laws. The highest is God’s Universal Law within which all Creation exists. This presupposes a Creator of the Creation

instead of a random universe. Subsequent laws can be imagined as ever smaller spheres within the Universal. The next level is Divine Law such as the Ten Commandments. Smaller still is the sphere of natural law which governs our physical universe. In other words, my dog, Jack, acts like a dog because of nature’s law. The lowest sphere of function is positive law or the laws made by man, from speed limits to Obama-care. Obviously, the most important laws are based on the higher planes of reference.

From my perspective it’s wrong for my well fed dog to senselessly kill a rabbit, but it’s his nature, and he is therefore not judged against God’s standard as we are. Bill Maher should be glad that he lives within a culture that allows his indecency and gives him choice. God has provided us not only with choice but a conscience that

C. S. Lewis identified as moral law. In other words some of us recognize this sense of right that is transcultural.

My friend tells a story about faith and knowledge. He says, “I have a quarter in my hand,” and because I know and trust him, I

say, “OK, I believe you.” He then opens his hand to show me the quarter. “I’ve just destroyed your faith,” he says, because “faith has been replaced by observational knowledge.” Some people hold that faith is the absence of doubt. I disagree. My friend proved to me that faith transcends knowledge.

I believe faith is more a choice than just acceptance. In the 9th chapter of Mark’s Gospel, a boy with terrible epilepsy was brought to Jesus. The father asked Jesus if he could help his son, and Jesus responded that “everything is possible for him who believes.” The desperate father then says, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.”

So it is with a faith perspective. Basically, it is a choice. Do you trust solely in the observations of man or do you trust in the Wisdom of the ages? Recall that at one time we believed that Newton’s Law of Gravity was the explanation of planetary movement. Einstein in his General Theory of Relativity proved him wrong. What other Holy Grails will fall with time?

I remain a scientist and use my senses to observe the world around me. But, I also use my mind and intuition which is an amalgam of my senses and my mind. Why would I choose to blunt my vision and not use all avenues of exploration?

The American philosopher William James once said that if there are two equally plausible explanations and there is no incontrovertible evidence that either is correct, the rational man is free to choose the explanation that works best for him. James was given the moniker of pragmatism, which he hated.

Perhaps Robert Frost said it best, “I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.”

I choose the path of belief. It is not blind acceptance, but I trust in the Master. It makes life better now, and there is the hope of then.

*Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson?
Please e-mail him at
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Center for Advanced Orthopedics Joins Joint Replacement Registry

Registry Affiliation Helps Ensure Best Possible Patient Experience

In its continuing mission to provide the best patient care possible, the Center for Advanced Orthopedics at Physicians Regional Medical Center has joined the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR), an independent, not-for-profit database designed to store comprehensive data about joint replacement procedures and to help physicians and artificial joint manufacturers improve the experiences and outcomes of patients who undergo joint replacement surgery.

More than one million hip and knee replacements are performed each year in the U.S., a number that is expected to increase as more and more men and

women remain active as they get older. In 2013, physicians at the Center for Advanced Orthopedics at Physicians Regional performed close to 1,000 hip and knee replacement surgeries.

“By participating with other hospitals in sharing information about artificial joint performance and our physician and patient experiences, we can help joint replacement procedures become safer nationwide, and at the same time, optimize our own patients’ experiences here at the Center for Advanced Orthopedics,” said Dr. Matthew Nadaud, orthopedic surgeon and medical director of the Center.

“The Center for

Advanced Orthopedics at Physicians Regional Medical Center has a long and proud history of providing excellent orthopedic care to our patients. Our team is very pleased to join the AJRR to help ensure that we can continue to provide patients with the best care possible,” said Karen Metz, CEO, Physicians Regional.

The AJRR serves as a central clearinghouse for information about joint replacements performed at Physicians Regional and other member hospitals and medical centers throughout the country that participate in the registry. The AJRR aims to carefully monitor the artificial joint throughout a recipient’s lifetime in a database containing information about the patient, the surgeon who performed the procedure and the hospital

or medical center where the procedure took place. The data collected will help doctors more quickly identify joints that are performing poorly, and will help them match patients, procedures and devices to ensure that every patient has the best experience possible.

By offering a single source of data, doctors and other healthcare professionals who use the registry can easily access data from medical centers around the country and use that information to help them make more informed recommendations to their patients, ultimately improving patient care. Registry information about patient outcomes and experiences will also help artificial joint manufacturers improve their products and identify potentially faulty products,

and can help reduce healthcare costs associated with replacement procedures and follow-up care. All data collected by the AJRR remains confidential to protect patient privacy.

“Registries for joint replacement procedures and other medical procedures and conditions have proven to be effective tools in improving patient outcomes and reducing complications that can occur both during and following surgical procedures,” said William J. Maloney, M.D., chairman of the AJRR Board of Directors. “In fact, in countries where registries have been created and used, revision rates have decreased significantly, resulting in substantial cost savings and a better overall patient experience.”

The American Joint Replacement Registry

was founded in 2009 by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and other orthopaedic industry leaders and stakeholders, and began collecting data in 2011. The AJRR’s goal is to optimize patient outcomes through collection of data on all primary and revision total joint replacement procedures in the U.S. The mission of the registry is to enhance patient safety, improve quality of care and reduce the cost of care. For more information about the registry and its objectives, visit www.ajrr.net.

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We live in an entertainment saturated culture. People live to game, to social network, to watch their favorite sit-com or soap. It is not that entertainment is evil. Like food and sex, entertainment can be a gift from God. Unfortunately, we often turn good things into



By Mark Brackney,
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gods. God wants us to have fun. Paul tells Timothy, "[God] richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Tim. 6:17). God wants us to enjoy life and this should cause us to thank and worship Him. But when you start looking for pleasure to fill your life instead of God, there will be serious problems.

Solomon was the wealthiest king of Israel. Solomon used his money to find pleasure. Assuming that Ecclesiastes was Solomon's journal he kept while he pursued pleasure, we read: "I said to myself, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good'" (Ecclesiastes 2:1).

As recorded (2:2-10), Solomon spared no wealth in trying to entertain himself. He had servants, women from every nation, rich wine, gardens, buildings, abundance of choice foods, books of wisdom, and live entertainment. At the

end of the day, Solomon said all these pursuits were meaningless, like a chasing after the wind (2:11).

This is what bowing down to false gods will do. The god of food leads to insatiable hunger. The god of sex leads to shame and guilt. The god of entertainment leads to restless boredom. The word amusement actually comes from the world of worship. The Muses were the female Greek gods who inspired science and the arts. They were the gods of thinking and reflection. When you put the a as a prefix, it brings the idea of "lacking" or "not." Amusement, then, means to turn the mind off and not think.

Ask yourself, "If you were marooned on a desert island, what forms of entertainment would you miss the most?" If there is one you couldn't stand to do without, this might be an idol. Let your passion be in Christ, who has come that you might have life, and life to the full (John 10:10). Power down your media for a season to eliminate God's competition and see what happens.

Inskip United Methodist Church presents The Wordplayers in 'That Wondrous Week'

On Sunday, April 6, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Inskip United Methodist Church presents The Wordplayers of Knoxville in a pre-Easter drama titled "That Wondrous Week." The event will feature Scripture, music and drama focusing on the last week of the Life of Jesus Christ. The program is part of Inskip United Methodist Church's Christian Hospitality Sunday which is observed each first Sunday of the month. The programs are designed this year primarily with an emphasis on Gospel and Sacred Music. The public is invited for a musical or dramatic presentation based on the Scriptures.

Inskip UMC is located at 714 Cedar Lane in North Knoxville. For information call (865)607-0903. The church also invites all persons present to a complimentary luncheon to follow the program. The luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The Rev. W. David Lewis is pastor of the church.

The Wordplayers, based on Christian principles and values, was formed in Knoxville in 1995. The group is well known for uplifted Christian drama and music and the actors use their God-given talents in a positive way to convey



Jeni Lamm is shown in the sketch "Woman in White."

the messages of Christian faith and the Gospel.

The Wordplayers is given oversight by a Board of Directors comprised of community volunteers who have expertise in the areas of law, business, ministry and management. Jeni Lamm is the Managing Director and Terry Weber is the Artistic Director.

UT Outreach Seminar Explores Ancient Biblical Marriage, Family Law

"Divorce, Incest and Adultery in the Bible and the Ancient Near East" will be discussed in a March 27 seminar sponsored by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

The seminar begins at 7 p.m. at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

Erin Darby, assistant professor of religious studies, and Raphe Panitz, adult education coordinator at Heska Amuna Synagogue and Knoxville Jewish Alliance board member, will lead the seminar, which will explore divorce, incest and adultery in the laws of ancient Israel and its neighbors and will compare these

ancient laws to modern law in Tennessee.

The seminar is the second in a three-part series about marriage and family law in the ancient Near East, in the Hebrew Bible and in the Talmud. The goal of the series is to create a better understanding of how law functioned in these time periods and how it compares to modern practices. The final seminar of the series will be April 24.

The series is made possible through a 2013 UT Knoxville Outreach and Incentive grant. UT provides special project funding for proposals that specifically enhance the engagement mission of the university.

For more information, contact edarby1@utk.edu or call (865)690-6343.

Church Happenings

Seymour United Methodist Church

The regularly scheduled fellowship meals continue this Wednesday evening, March 26 at 5:15 p.m. Following, there will be various small group studies beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner reservations required by noon on Tuesdays.

On Friday, March 28, the "Scrapbooking" fellowship group will meet at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Contact is Janelle McBride.

The youth's annual

"Amazing Race" will be held on Saturday, April 5th. Volunteers for drivers and coordinators are needed. Next Sunday, March 23rd, is the 3rd Sunday of Lent, and has an Administrative Council meeting scheduled for 12:15 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church is inviting the athletes participating in the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon to a Blessing of the Runners Service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday,

March 29.

St. John's is located at 544 N. Broadway, in the heart of Knoxville's mission district.

"This year, we are embracing the fact that we're located in the middle of the marathon course," said Rev. Amy Figg, the church's pastor of family ministry and care giving. "We hope some of the participating athletes will find rest, inspiration and community before the big race."

The Blessing of the Runners service will include worship music, prayer, a brief sermon and communion. In addition to the service, church members will cheer marathon runners as they pass the church Sunday morning. Athletes can expect to see church members wearing costumes, waving signs and ringing cowbells. Runners can also be refreshed with water and orange slices.

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House to Home

Warm Springs, Georgia

It's not what you would expect.

The complex is large, the museum extensive, and the grounds well kept, but the house is much smaller than even I imagined it

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

would be. I'm talking about the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia, the retreat of our longest serving president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Given his wealth, stature in society and his physical disability, you'd think the house would be larger. But it's basically a little two bedroom house on a hillside. It was all that he needed, however.

FDR didn't stay at the house excepting every now and then when he wanted to get away for some privacy and his health. When he

heard of the warm springs there he went to see for himself. The waters helped him with two different disabilities and he eventually bought the springs and created pools

that he and others could use. From 1920 until his death there in 1945 he'd return to Warm Springs.

The little hilltop town is southeast of LaGrange and survives on tourism and those who come for the warm water, even nowadays. Today the pools that he used are open to the public but when my wife and I were there recently the old pools were closed because of leaks and are being repaired.

The pools are below the hill behind the Little White House. There's also a large

spa called the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute, ran by the state, with 89 degree waters that are used for post-polio suffering, spinal cord injuries, strokes and other disabilities.

The Little White House is furnished much as it was when FDR stayed there. There's a small kitchen, two bedrooms, a small entry room, and a room in the back for his secretary. He began staying there before being governor of New York and President. When he became president, Marine Guard Houses were added in the front lawn and a guest and servant's quarters to the property nearby.

The museum has many items that belonged to FDR and his family, including two cars that were specially equipped so that he could drive them. He designed the special controls. The entire complex is rightfully handicapped accessible and very interesting. The museum makes no



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs, Ga. is just that: Little.

secret that FDR had companions and lovers and that his wife, Eleanor, visited there very little. His children, however, stayed there often. There's also a jam-packed gift shop.

The last thing you'll see coming back from the house and on your way to

the exit is a portrait that was being painted the day he died. It is incomplete and exhibited in a small building along with a finished portrait the artist painted from memory.

Operated by the state of Georgia, the Little White House complex is only an

hour southwest of Atlanta. The easiest way to get there is by way of LaGrange if you're headed south. That puts FDR's final day just about five hours from Knoxville.

That's only a Day Away and well worth a stop.



Rosie's World

I hate DST!

No- not DDT, the bug killer, but DST, the time killer. Why do the "powers that be" have to mess with our time? Now I've read that they want to instigate DST all year. Oh, no! Way back in 1895 Mr. George Vernon Hudson, lay in his bed one night and devised a plan of turning the time forward and backward because he was disgusted he had to quit playing golf because it got dark out. I was surprised that it went that far back, but it was not implemented till April 30, 1916 by Germany and Austria-Hungary during World War 1 to as a way to conserve coal in wartime.

The practice has been both advocated and criticized. It benefits sports, retailing, and other activities that exploit sunlight after working hours. It can

also cause problems for evening entertainment and other activities tied to the sun, such as farming, or to darkness, such as firework shows. Other problems caused by DST are complications with time-keeping. It can disrupt meetings, travel, billing, record keeping, medical devices, heavy equipment, and sleep patterns. The practice was abandoned after the war by various countries but was put to use by the United States during the 1970's as a result of the energy crisis then. It has caused controversy since it began. Winston Churchill argued that it "enlarges the opportunities for the pursuit of health and happiness among the millions of people who live in this country." I agree with that 100%. Perhaps the "powers that be" will

reconsider messing with our time.

When I was lying in bed one night I got a brilliant idea (like Mr. Hudson!) how to make time seem to go slower. Let's make our days three days long instead of one day. We could have three days of Thanksgiving and Christmas, (but no extra gifts). Three Mondays, three Tuesdays, etc. Would that make time seem to go slower? Probably not. It's not only us older folks that think time goes fast.

My granddaughter told me her son is going to be five this month. My mouth flew open, I could hardly believe it. I said, "But he was just born a few weeks ago!"

She said, "Yes, I know. It's so sad."

So, not everyone can seem to keep up with

time, it goes fast for everyone. But, remember when you were young, how time seemed to go so slowly, especially when you were waiting for a particular event, like Christmas or your birthday? Ah, but those times are long gone. Time marches on regardless how fast or slow we think it is.

An added note: I didn't mean to imply in my column about Saint Patrick's Day, that all Irish people are red-headed or hot-tempered. My apologies to my Irish readers.

Thought for the day: Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Mark Twain

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Getting to Know the Walker Sisters A Brown Bag Lecture by Merikay Waldvogel

The Walker Sisters are well known for their fight to remain in their Little Greenbriar home long after the Great Smoky Mountains National Park opened. Continuing their mountain traditions, the five unmarried sisters lived much as their great-grandparents had done, growing food and sewing their clothes. As their fame spread, their home became a favorite stop for tourists willing to make the long walk to the cabin. After the death of the last sister in 1952, the national park packed and inventoried the items in the cabin. Merikay Waldvogel was invited to view their textiles, coverlets, and quilts for a magazine article.

Merikay Waldvogel was born in St. Louis, MO. She studied languages in

college and taught ESL in Chicago before moving to Knoxville, in the late 1970s. Her first book "Quilts of Tennessee" resulted from the state quilt survey she and Bets Ramsey conducted in the 1980s. Her next books, "Soft Covers for Hard Times and Patchwork Souvenirs of the 1933 Chicago World's Fair," focused on quilting during the Great Depression. "Childhood Treasures: Quilts Made By and For Children" is her latest. She wrote an article in Smokies Life (Vol 1 #1) called "A Quilt Historian Gets Her Wish: A Day with the Walker Sisters' Collection." In 2009, she was inducted into the Quilters Hall of Fame.

The lecture is in conjunction with the new feature exhibit, Woven of Wood:



The Walker Sisters, Courtesy of Great Smoky Mountains National Park Archives

East Tennessee Baskets, 1880-1940, on display at the Museum of East Tennessee History until June 1, 2014. The exhibit features a selection of baskets from the Walker family.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial Fund 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 purchase. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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Carter High School Class of 1984 reunion

The Carter High School Class of 1984's 30 year reunion will be held Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 7-11 p.m. at the Remedy Backroom, 125 W. Jackson Ave., Knoxville. Cost is \$25/single \$50/couple. Email chs1984classreunion@gmail.com for more information.

Diabetes Nutrition Education Program

There will be an informative Diabetes Nutrition Program at Associated Therapeutics, Inc., 2704 Mineral Springs Ave., Wednesday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Melissa Prichard, Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, will lead the program. The class is free to the public, but please pre-register and receive important details by calling (865) 687-4537 ext. 212.

Healthy Choices

Healthy Choices, a plant-based Free Cooking Class to help prevent/reverse some cancers, diabetes, heart disease and obesity, will conduct its next session, "Delectable Desserts," at the North Knoxville 7th-Day Adventist Church, 6530 Fountain City Road, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, in the church fellowship hall. Please pre-register by April 4 to be assured of samples, meal service, and handouts. Call (865)314-8204 or go online (www.KnoxvilleIn-step.com) to register.

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The WordPlayers presents a free, staged reading of Neil Simon's comedy, "God's Favorite", on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Square Room, 4 Market Square. The jokes and tests of faith fly fast and furious in this hilarious, morality tale loosely based on the Bible book of Job. Rated PG-13. Free admission. Donations welcome. Food and drinks available for purchase from Cafe' 4. For more information, please call (865)539-2490 or visit www.wordplayers.org.

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1 C Onion, Chopped
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7 TBSP All Purpose Flour
3 Cans Chicken or Beef Broth
(Beef makes heartier soup)
1 Cup Milk
Salt & Pepper to taste
Sour Cream and Chives for garnish (optional)

In 2Qt. Pot, combine first four ingredients and sauté vegetables until golden brown. Remove from heat and stir in flour, blending thoroughly. Add broth. Return to heat and bring to boil, stirring frequently. Add milk, stirring continually until thickened. Add salt and pepper, and garnish with sour cream and chives. Great served with crusty sourdough bread.

Marinated Mushrooms

1LB Small Button Mushrooms
(quarter larger ones)
16 OZ Italian Dressing
1Tsp minced garlic
1TBSP Fresh Herbs (parsley or Cilantro work well)
1Tsp Salt
1TBSP Lemon Juice
1/3 Cup Pickled Banana Peppers
(more or less to taste)
1 Small Can sliced Black Olives (drained)

Clean mushrooms and trim stems. Toss mushrooms, banana peppers and olives in non-metal container. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over mushrooms. Cover and marinate over night, stirring occasionally. Serve with toothpicks.

Healthy Fruit Salad

2 Medium Bananas (sliced or diced as preferred)
2 Medium Apples (diced)
Juice of 1 Lemon
1-15OZ Can Pineapple Tidbits -reserve juice
2 Cups Strawberries sliced
2 Cups Grapes
1 1.5 OZ Box Instant Vanilla Pudding
Mix (can use sugar free)
¾ Cup Water

In Large Bowl, Combine Apples, Bananas and Lemon Juice. Toss to coat. Add pineapple, strawberries and grapes. In small bowl, combine pudding mix, water and reserved pineapple juice. Add to fruit and mix gently until fruit is well coated. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.