

Burchett to present Knox County budget

This Thursday at 9 a.m. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will present his 2014- 2015 budget in the main assembly room of the City-County Building. The mayor has repeatedly said there's no money for employee pay increases, including teachers.

Following his budget address the mayor will host the first in a series of public meeting in each commission district to get public input.

The first public meeting is at the Knox County Health Department's Community Room on Thursday from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. The second is at the Halls Senior

Center Thursday from 1-2 p.m. and then he moves to the Carter Senior Center from 2:30-3:30. The final Thursday public meeting is at the Burlington Library from 4-5 p.m.

On Friday the public meetings on the budget are at the South Knox Senior Center, 9:30-10:30; the Bearden Library from 11 a.m. until noon, the Cedar Bluff Library from 2-3 p.m., the Farragut Library from 3:30-4:30 and the Karns Community Center from 5-6 p.m.

The 9 a.m. Budget announcement can also be viewed live, on line, at www.ctvknox.org.

Commission grills McIntyre

By Mike Steely
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Knox County School Superintendent James McIntyre's meeting with the Knox County Commission last Monday was anything but warm and friendly.

Speaking before the governing body that allocates funds for the school system, McIntyre said his request for an increase of \$12.5 million, or 2.9% above last year, was justified. He said the increase would "require our community to stretch a little bit."

Commissioner Mike Hammond asked McIntyre if the proposed study of middle school needs was aimed at getting schools in Gibbs and Hardin Valley and the superintendent said that if an independent study showed schools were needed there then new schools would be considered.

Hammond then asked if teachers would be receiving a pay increase if the increase in school budget is not authorized and McIntyre said that "step" increase would be included. He went on to say that the system received \$2.6 million less from the state than expected.

"Why is the teacher raises always at the bottom of the list of requests," Brown asked and McIntyre responded that the pay raises are part of the budget request.

"All I hear is 'give me more, give me more.'"

— **Mike Brown**
County Commission

"All I hear is 'give me more, give me more,'" Brown said, adding an unanswered question, "How about the 65 new (teacher) coaches hired on one-time money? How about the Parthenon Study?" Brown then said the county had given more than \$300,000 to fund the study which recommended cutting back libraries, increasing class rooms, and cutting custodial staff.

"Your PR (Public Relations) budget is more than the central office budget of Blount County," Brown said. Brown added that he doesn't think the commissioners will vote for the increase.

Commissioner Jeff Ownby said he is upset that the Capital Budget allocated for improvements at the Pond Gap School was allocated by the school system to another project. He said the superintendent told the commission in September that it was in the current plan and in the proposed budget it is delayed until 2016.

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School Board Incumbents Get a Failing Grade

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We constantly hear from the school administration just how good our schools are. We are constantly inundated with self-promoting press releases bragging about graduation rates and the like. Yet there's been dead silence about the most important data to be released about our schools. I am referring to the 2013 ACT Benchmarks.

This information scored Tennessee students on preparation rates in every category and accumulatively, meaning just how many of our students are prepared to go on to an institution of higher learning or join the workforce. Those numbers are positively frightening.

There are five seats on the Knox County Board of

Education up for election this year: the First, Fourth, Six, Seventh and Ninth Districts.

First District incumbent Gloria Deathridge is facing challengers Robert Boyd and Marshall Walker. Fourth District incumbent Lynn Fugate is facing Sally Absher and Scott Clark. Sixth District board member Thomas Deakins is not seeking reelection. The candidates in the Sixth District are Brad Buchanan, Terry Hill, Sandra Rowcliffe and Tamara Shepherd. Patty Bounds is the only candidate running in the Seventh District as Kim Severance decided not to seek reelection. Ninth District incumbent Pam Trainor is being challenged by Amber Rountree,

While Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre and his minions on the Board

brag about graduation rates, they are silent about preparation rates and for good reason.

In the First District only 3% of graduating students are prepared to go on to college or join the workforce.

Inside the Fourth District, only 23% of graduating students are prepared to go on to college or join the workforce.

Inside the Sixth District, 31% of Hardin Valley Academy students are prepared to go onto to college or join the workforce. 19% of graduating students at Karns High School are prepared to go onto college or join the workforce.

Inside the Seventh District, only 12% of graduating students at Powell are prepared to go on to college or join the workforce while only 19% of students at Halls High School are

prepared to go onto college or join the workforce.

Inside the Ninth District, only 12% of South-Doyle students are prepared to go on to the college or join the workforce.

Overall in Knox County, only 21% of graduating students are prepared to go on to college or join the workforce. That means 79% are NOT prepared.

Superintendent McIntyre loves to brag about the graduation rate, yet what difference does it make if we graduate 100% of students while so few are prepared to go on and further their education or get a job? Frankly, the entire point of educating our children isn't merely to get a high school diploma, but rather to go on and become a productive citizen. The school system

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ACT Benchmarks 2013					
	English Benchmark	Math Benchmark	Reading Benchmark	Science Benchmark	All 4 Benchmarks
Knox County	63%	34%	40%	31%	21%
Tennessee	58%	29%	36%	27%	18%
Nation	64%	44%	44%	36%	26%
Austin-East High	25%	6%	7%	5%	3%
Bearden High	79%	50%	54%	45%	32%
Carter High	62%	28%	37%	29%	17%
Central High	60%	27%	35%	25%	11%
Farragut High	84%	57%	63%	52%	40%
Fulton High	38%	11%	18%	11%	7%
Gibbs High	54%	19%	25%	17%	9%
Halls High	58%	34%	35%	30%	19%
Hardin Valley Academy	81%	45%	55%	44%	31%
Karns High	56%	34%	37%	29%	19%
Kelley Volunteer Academy	17%	2%	12%	5%	0%
Powell High	54%	23%	33%	19%	12%
South-Doyle High	48%	20%	27%	21%	12%
West High	62%	34%	41%	34%	23%

Chart from Knox County Schools

Mayor Rogero presents budget

By Mike Steely
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Your city property taxes will probably go up about \$84 a year next year if the Knoxville City Council approves the budget that Mayor Madeline Rogero is proposing. Rogero announced her budget Thursday in a huge gathering of public officials and the general public at Christenberry Elementary School. The city property tax rate has not been raised since 2006.

"We're on the right track in Knoxville," she said. "Don't you hear the buzz?"



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

The tent outside Christenberry Elementary was filled to capacity with those ready to hear Rogero's budget for Knoxville.

Hundreds of people attended the Mayor's luncheon in a large tent next to the school to hear

her talk about current and planned projects in the city. She said the unfunded pension plan

for city employees was a "legal obligation" that went through under a previous administration and was approved by city voters. The plans are to put \$7.4 million more into the fund, or \$23.4 overall next year.

The city is also obligated to give a 2.5% raise to city employees and she will ask the council for \$1.7 million to cover it.

The budget talks begin Tuesday as the City Council is asked to fix the annual appropriations and, in another ordinance, asked to raise the taxes on real

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Burchett said recently that the school board is “playing politics” with their budget request in a time of limited revenue.

Dave Wright said that the two bodies work differently. He said the commission "is politics" and said, "It's outside my realm to go to a fellow commissioner saying


Wright said that if the group meets again that McKenzie should be a member.

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Appointed Superintendent Playing Politics



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An appointed School Superintendent has a constituency of exactly five, a majority of the nine member Board of Education. So long as the superintendent can keep five members of the Board happy, he can hang on to the best paying job in local government. In fact, McIntyre makes more than the vice-president of the United States.

Of course all the elitists have always assured us the entire point of appointing a superintendent of schools is to eliminate politics in the school system. Ha! Five seats on the Knox County Board of Education are being hotly contested in the current election and many of the incumbents are under fire for their rubber stamp support of McIntyre and their lackluster records.

Not coincidentally, the school system has been churning out a steady stream of press releases lately and the superintendent has been making appearances at ribbon cuttings and the like as the elections approach. For instance, the timing of the ribbon cutting for

stadium improvements at South-Doyle Middle School is hardly a coincidence and is clearly timed to try and give floundering South Knox Board member Pam Trainor a much-needed boost in her anemic reelection campaign. And if anyone ever doubted the connection between the Chamber of Commerce and the school administration, one has but to follow the money trail. According to her financial disclosure, Trainor has received virtually no contributions from her district. Most contributions have come from the Chamber elite. In recent years and continuing into this election, there has been a political trifecta consisting of the school system administration, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Knoxville News-Sentinel to make sure control of the school system stays where they want it to stay. Even the PTA has become a political instrument; so much so, it causes one to question the PTA's existence as a tax-exempt organization.

The current president of the Knox County PTA, Sandra Rowcliffe, is a candidate for the Knox County Board of Education in the Sixth District and did not resign her position in order to run. Lynne Fugate also emerged from the PTA. Pam Trainor, too, came from the PTA ranks. The Knox County PTA has recently been handing out lifetime achievement awards to some of these folks including Trainor like candy on Halloween. I just recently found out that

anyone can buy a lifetime achievement award from the PTA for a mere \$125 contribution. **In fact, I'm beginning to think PTA is actually an acronym for Political Training Academy.** Rowcliffe should have resigned as president of the Knox County PTA the minute she announced that she was a candidate for the Knox County Board of Education.

In a rare exception, the News-Sentinel, while not actually endorsing Rowcliffe, said that she was a good second choice, which should be astonishing. Just how any publication could promote a candidate who, in the recent past, engaged in a public brawl and maintain its credibility is beyond me. Does anyone really believe such a candidate is fit to rule on a zero tolerance policy with a straight face?

All of the incumbents running this year have been McIntyre rubber stamps, approving everything the superintendent has wanted passed. My guess is all of them will approve the budget submitted by McIntyre, which would require a tax increase. That will be a heavy political burden for those incumbents to carry into a general election.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has made it plain he will not support any budget necessitating a tax increase. The superintendent, as well as every member of the Board except for Mike McMillan, has endorsed budgets that require tax increases. In fact, one such budget two years ago would have

necessitated the biggest tax increase in Knox County's history. That proposed increase didn't even get the support of a single County Commissioner when push came to shove. Outraged citizens deluged Commissioners with objections despite the fact the Sentinel editorialized almost daily on behalf of the tax increase and a handful of Chamber millionaires bought \$50,000 worth of TV commercials to help sell the tax increase. The superintendent went home empty handed and the Chamber types and the Sentinel muttered darkly about replacing Mayor Burchett, who, incidentally, is running without opposition this year.

Now McIntyre is claiming he wants to give the teachers a raise and thinks he's being pretty clever. If the Commission caves and gives the school system the extra money it wants and the teachers get a raise, McIntyre will claim all the credit. If the Commission refuses to give them the extra money, McIntyre can point to the Commissioners and blame them for being stingy and that he did his best. McIntyre and his rubber stamp Board are fooling nobody.

Neither McIntyre nor the Board gave a hoot about teachers until educators were so fed up they began publicly criticizing the superintendent and his administration. The absence of teachers at the Commission meeting to discuss the proposed biggest tax increase in county history was notable

for the conspicuous absence of teachers in the audience. It was a stinging defeat for McIntyre, the Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Sentinel.

McIntyre disingenuously claims he is not seeking a tax increase; he's merely asking for the money to run the school system. Mayor Burchett retorts that his job is to give the school system what he can and the Board and superintendent have to decide what their priorities are and spend it accordingly. This is the same superintendent and Board who wasted \$1.2 million on an outside survey by the Parthenon Group that was utterly embarrassing and ultimately useless. That money would have gone a long way to providing raises for teachers.

Hollering "It's for the children!" doesn't work anymore; voters have caught on to that old trick. People saw just how much these folks love children when Board Chair Lynne Fugate wouldn't even give a student addressing the Board an extra minute to speak. But then, the young man was being critical of McIntyre and we can't have that. When the young man asked for an additional minute, Fugate coldly snapped, "No!" Apparently Fugate and her cohorts admire young people taking an interest in our system and schools (and after all, schools are supposedly for our children) only if they are supportive of McIntyre.

McIntyre and his Board seem to think they should have more and more taxes

to spend each and every year. Some, like Doug Harris, whine we need to make a "commitment" to education. They are already spending over half a billion dollars a year and the fact is were we spending a billion dollars a year, we'd still be hearing the very same thing.

For McIntyre and his cronies, this election is about one thing: maintaining a Board that will support the superintendent and let him do as he pleases. The opposition to the incumbent Board members are from candidates who believe the superintendent should work for the Board and not the other way around.

Pam Trainor has made the comment recently that Board members who ask too many questions haven't studied the agenda. Were that actually true, she must be the best informed member of the Board and Indya Kincannon has never read an agenda in her life. Ha!

The Board has followed McIntyre like a blind puppy. They neither follow their own rules or simply apply them to their opponents. They have tried to punish Mike McMillan for actually obeying state law. Most of the Board members, and McIntyre himself, are nothing but a disgrace to this community and it is high time we stopped pretending.

Early voting is underway and Election Day is on May 6.

Bearden Middle to compete in National Science Championships

By Ken Lay

Bearden Middle School's Science Olympiad team is headed to the National Championships next month.

Bearden, which recently won the State Tournament at the University of Tennessee, advanced to the National Championships at the University of Central Florida in Orlando May 16-17.

Bearden Middle is the only team to qualify from Tennessee.

Success in the Science Olympiad competition isn't new for Bearden, which won the State Tournament in 2013, has competed in the Science Olympiad for

27 years. The school has top honors in Tennessee 23 times.

The Science Olympiad competition consists of 23 events in all areas of science. Bearden's team, coached by Bill Kenny, has competitors in each event.

"These kids love science," said Janine Poole, the team's faculty sponsor who teaches Language Arts at the school. "Our coaches are college professors and some of the concepts that the students learn are taught in 200 or 300-level college classes."

"Our team has 26 members and each student

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Mayor Rogero presented her budget to the public last Thursday. At the conclusion of her speech, she said, "Today I ask you to support this budget and to continue with us on this journey. It is a journey that stems from the better angels of our nature, the best of who we are. It is a journey that recognizes and celebrates our diversity as it draws us together."

Mayor Rogero presents budget

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estate. Both come up as "first readings" meaning the final decision may come in May.

"Seventy percent of the budget is allocated for city employees and services," she said. She also said that she is limiting her own staff's increases to \$2,500 each for those making top salaries.

She said there is \$350,000 in the budget for the Fountain City Lake's water quality, \$ 2.5 million

allocated for sidewalks at Old Broadway and I-640, and \$ 185,000 for bicycle transit projects.

Under her proposal, Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) will get \$10.3 million; \$5.8 million will go to street and bridge repairs; and \$1.44 to rework the Merchant Drive and Clinton Pike intersection.

Mayor Rogero said she wants to add two new engineering positions and will continue to fund the Office of Neighborhoods and to hire the director

an assistant. She's also proposing \$500,000 to manage traffic flow and \$250,000 to the Knoxville Botanical Gardens.

Her proposal to take \$250,000 to a public bathroom at Market Square received a large applause and she wants \$850,000 for improvements to the Marble Alley area downtown. \$300,000 is being asked to fund the improvements in the Magnolia Warehouse District and Corridor, \$500,000 in historic preservation projects, and

\$1 million for Greenway projects.

Rogero is proposing \$374,000 to various arts and cultural groups, \$250,000 to the public arts foundation, and an overall investment in the arts of \$965,370.

"We need to stay on track. We need to keep the momentum building. We need to continue to invest in building a great city," Mayor Rogero said.

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The Bearden Middle School Science Olympiad team placed first in state competition April 12, 2014, at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

Bearden Middle to compete in National Science Championships

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competes in four or five events. For each event, the students study or practice four hours a week. The kids are extremely dedicated and our coaches are volunteers. Many are college professors."

Throughout the school year, Bearden's Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens. The team also competed in tournaments at Wright State University, in Georgia and in Ohio.

The team also competed in a virtual tournament that featured schools from

California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Poole has been involved with the Science Olympiad team since arriving at Bearden Middle School four years ago. She was involved as a parent when her daughter, now in high school, competed on the middle school team.

She noted that she was impressed with the drive of this year's team. The eighth graders were sixth graders when Bearden failed to win the State Tournament.

"The thing that impresses me about these kids is their competitive drive and their dedication," she said.



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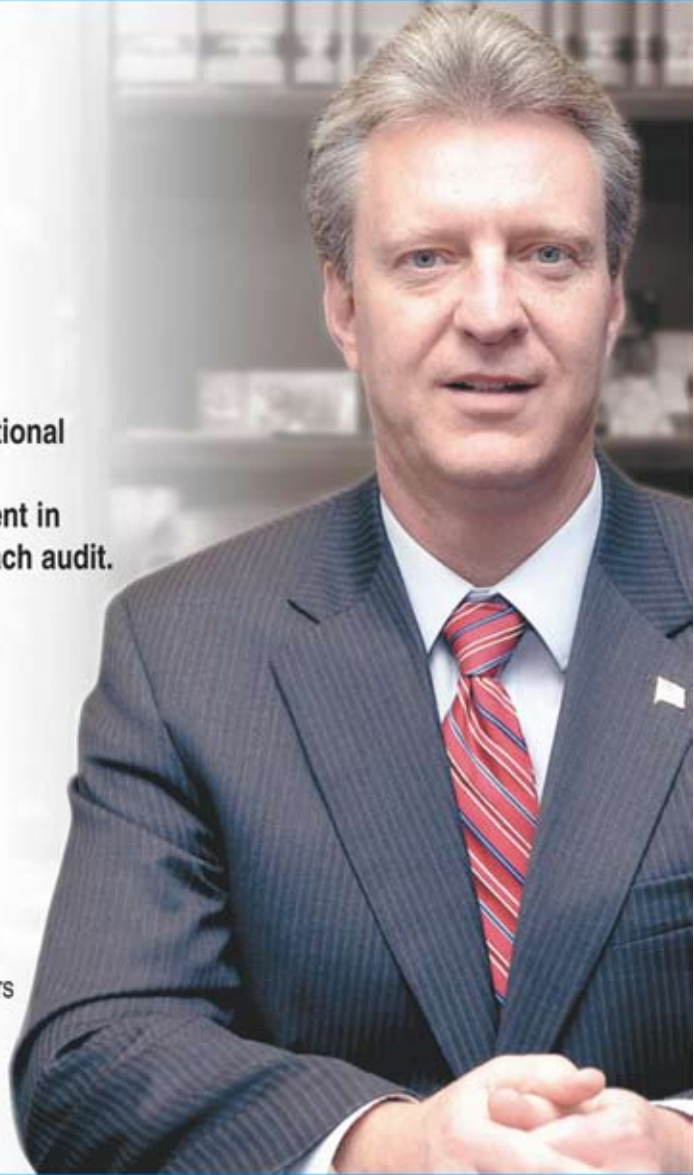
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Our Neighborhoods

DOWNTOWN KNOXVILLE

By Mike Steely
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Each week the Focus looks at Our Neighborhoods and this week we focus on Downtown Knoxville. You might not think of downtown being a “neighborhood” but it certainly is, with more than 2,000 people living there now and more moving into the renovated buildings each month. Each neighborhood in Knox County has its own unique features and there’s none more historic, urban, and historic than Downtown Knoxville.

In recent years much effort has been placed on revitalizing the downtown. Nowadays, the effort is spearheaded by Mayor Madeline Rogero with the intent of bringing new business and residents into the heart of the city. She’s been working with the various city agencies, private investors and developers to restore some of the historic buildings. The loss of the McClung warehouse by fire set the efforts back a bit but the city has worked its way through that loss.

Much of the downtown revitalization has happened through

the efforts of several developers, including Kristopher Kendrick and David Dewhirst. In fact, Dewhirst was honored last Tuesday for extended construction and contracting opportunities by the city’s Community Development Department at the Equity Awards Breakfast. Eight other entities were also honored, including Knoxville Drywall, which renovated the former Chariots of Hire building and created 25 new jobs.

Downtown Knoxville is alive and well. Historic buildings have, and are being, renovated for retail businesses and apartments. There are so many ongoing and future projects that it is impossible to cover all of them in one story. Here are just a few:

THE AJ BUILDING

The Andrew Johnson or “AJ” Building has a long history. In its heyday it was a premier hotel that saw many noted visitors and guests. One of those was



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Burwell Building (right) is becoming the home of Clancy’s Tavern and the new business hopes to open any day now. The building is actually older than the Tennessee Theater, which is just out of the photo on the right. To the left is the Farragut Hotel.

THE BURWELL BUILDING

The Burwell Building, located next to the Tennessee Theater on Gay Street, actually outdates the theater. Built in 1907, it was the Knoxville Building and Trust Building, and was the tallest building in town at the time.

When the bank closed the Southern Railway Company moved its main ticket office there. Then the building was bought by the C.B. Atkins Company and named “Burwell” after the family name of the owner’s wife.

Today the building houses upscale apartments and is ideal for anyone wanting to be right down town and who wouldn’t want to be next to the Tennessee Theater?

Art Clancy has developed the first floor corner of the Burwell Building into an Irish-theme pub and hopes to open in early May. Clancy’s Tavern and Whiskey House features woodwork by Art Clancy and women will appreciate the purse hooks on the sides of the bar so they never have to put their purse on the top of the counter. There are lots of other special amenities there and, even before it opens, you can buy Clancy tee shirts and other items.

Many people are anxious to see the tavern open, but not as anxious as Art Clancy. The application process, the renovation, and a battle with the city to get the sign he wants has held up opening. You can follow Clancy’s progress on Facebook or at www.clancystavernknoxville.com. You can also call the tavern at 384-6861.

THE FARRAGUT HOTEL

Located at 530 Gay Street the Farragut Hotel developers recently received approval from the city council for a 25 year agreement in lieu of taxes. The idea is to renovate and create a hotel with 190 rooms and \$ 40 million is the anticipated investment by the Farragut Group, LLC.

The renovated hotel will also have a restaurant and ballroom. At one time the Farragut and the

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Andrew Johnson Building houses the Knox County Board of Education but, before that, was a noted hotel with guests like Hank Williams and Amelia Earhart.

the late Hank Williams, who it is said became ill and was taken by his driver in the middle of the night from the hotel and driven out of state, where he died in the car. Some people believe that the famous country singer and composer died at the hotel.

At one time the AJ Building was the tallest in Knoxville, the home of WNOX, and Amelia Earhart lodged there the year before she famously disappeared. Today the Knox County Board of Education resides there with other services and offices.

THE MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

Dr. M. M. Copenhagen was a renowned Knoxville physician who had a vision. Despite being in the middle of the Great Depression, Copenhagen decided he wanted something much larger than his at-the-time office in the Burwell Building. He knew medical professionals and others would come to a new building and they did. He and Dr. Herbert

Acuff found financing and built at 603 Main Street. The Medical Arts Building planned was to be 13-stories tall, but the economy limited it to only 10 stories. Even so, the building can boast of “upscale” marble and terrazzo floors, mahogany doors, vaulted ceilings, and brass elevator doors. A multi-story parking garage was planned to be built next to the building but the economy limited it to four floors.

The building project was completed about 1930 but the economy caught up with the project, just as it had limited the number of floors, and in that decade the building was acquired by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that, in turn, sold it an out-of-state owner.

Today the Medical Arts Building is the location of luxury apartments and leasing is underway. The apartments include security, wireless internet, designer kitchens, new appliances, and one, two or three bedrooms. You can stop by as the building renovations are still taking place or call the Medical Arts Property Management at 766-2099.

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Our Neighborhoods

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Andrew Johnson were the premier hotels in Knoxville. The Farragut closed in 1977 as a hotel.

The Farragut was the place the Southeastern Conference (SEC) was formed and had guests like Babe Ruth and many others over its long years of operation. Today the only tenant in the hotel is the French Market.

MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Bet you haven't noticed the special parking areas downtown for mobile food vendors.

After months of meetings with restaurant owners, the public, and those food-truck vendors that want to expand their downtown business, the city has issued new regulations. While it opens up some sections of town to the vendors it also restricts some areas.

Applications for operating permits are being accepted by the city from the mobile vendors and parking for vendors have been set up in five downtown zones. Vendors can apply for one of two permits. For an annual fee of \$ 200 a permit will allow a food truck to operate on "appropriately zoned private property" with the property owner's



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Mobile Food Vendors can park at five different zones downtown Knoxville now and new signs are up along those streets.

permission. For \$400 annually the vendors will be permitted to operate on private property and in designated zones and hours on city streets.

Patricia Robledo, Knoxville's Business Liaison, said the second permit was created as some food truck vendors were not interested in operating on the public right of ways and so a second tier was established for operation on private property.

The designated public zones and hours have been established based on feedback from the Knoxville Mobile Restaurant Association and two

zones, Locust Street and Cumberland Avenue and along Depot Street, have been "put on hold" and may be added later.

The hours of operation have been expanded and vendors will be allowed on the 200 block of South Gay Street and on the 300 block of South Gay Street.

A complete list of zones and hours, along with the pilot program rules can be found at www.cityofknoxville.org/business/mobile-food.asp.

THE L&N DEPOT

The L&N STEM Academy resides now in one of the most recognized buildings in Knoxville. The L&N Station, on the corner of Western, Broadway, Henley and Summit Hill Drive, was built in 1905. Renovated for the 1982 World's Fair it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, and although it stopped operation as a

station in 1968, the L&N offices remained there until 1975.

In 1985 the building was renovated by Alex Harkness and was used for special events. When Ye Olde Steakhouse burned the historic restaurant operated out of the station for two years until moving back to its location on Chapman Highway.

The L&N Station was one of the most elaborate of railroad stations, featuring decorated dormers and a castle like appearance.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Rick Emmett, the city's Downtown Coordinator, told The Focus there's much more going on than most people realize, things like renovation of the Old Southern Railroad Depot into apartments, wine tasting and possible railroad museum. He said the former White Lilly building is becoming apartments, the Magnolia Urban Village will be built near the bus station, and the J.C. Penny Building will be also turned into retail stores and apartments.

The Walnut Street Garage will increase parking there to 1,000 cars plus offer retail store space. The city-owned property is next to Market Square.

The old Arby's Building on Gay Street is becoming the "Tailor Lofts" apartments, named in honor of a tailor who once did business on the third floor. The ground floor might contain a restaurant.

The loopholes that developers must go through between plans and final construction can be discouraging and bureaucratic, but Emmett said that's one of the things his department tries to help with.

Living Downtown

What's it like living downtown? Lots of people do and more are moving there each year, buying or leasing apartments in the renovated buildings.

One of those Downtowners is Knoxville City Councilman Marshall W. Stair, who lives on Market Street.

"There are many benefits to living downtown, but I would say what I love the most is being able to walk to so many destinations," Stair told *The Focus*.

"I walk a block to work, two blocks to City Council meetings and the Tennessee Theatre and Bijou within a couple blocks. There are dozens of drinking and eating establishments within walking distance, the farmers market, more events than I can count, not to mention Neyland Stadium and a number of parks and greenways, all just a short walk away," he said.

"In addition to convenience I find the streets and architecture incredibly stimulating and beautiful and value the strong sense of community downtown. Over the last 15 years everyone agrees downtown has been revitalized and it feels good to be part of that process," Stair said.

"The challenge for the city is to build on the success downtown and replicate it in other areas which need some influx of investment, energy, and vision," he concluded.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Gay Street's 700 block next year, if plans go as schedule.

Gay Street's 700 Block Streetscape

By Mike Steely
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will consider.

It won't be until next May, but major changes are coming for the 700 block of Gay Street downtown. Rick Emmett, Jr., the city's Downtown Director, spoke of the plans Tuesday night at the East Tennessee History Center and introduced the tentative plans for new sidewalks, concrete streets, trees and new intersections.

"It's been a long time coming, we were waiting for the Henley Street Bridge to be completed," he said. He said the improvements should begin May 15th of next year and will take about six months to complete.

Already budgeted in city plans is \$800,000 and the planning has involved extensive surveying.

David Harold, of Vaughn and Melton, described how the sidewalks will be reworked, a wall built along the west side of the street to separate the walks from a parking lot, and that there are a few basements and old coal shoots that extend under the sidewalks they

The intersections on Gay at Church Street, Clinch, and Cumberland will all be reworked and the sidewalks will use permeable pavers that allow rainwater to seep into the ground. The pavers, similar to bricks in appearance, will also allow water to flow to trees that will line both sides of the street.

The trees on the west side will be broader trees, like Chinese Elm, and those on the east side will be smaller trees.

"We hope to have a lane open," Emmett said of the six month construction. The storm drains present there will remain in place but the utilities, including cable and electric, will be underground. The street lights along Gay now will remain.

The intersections will have bricks similar to those now in place and stamped concrete.

Why not start the project now?

Emmett said the plans are only a concept, that more study and possibly another public comment meeting held before bids are let out for the work.

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Governor Albert H. Roberts

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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There is likely no more fickle mistress than that of politics. Political success for any person is always a combination of many things, not the least of which are timing and good fortune. Momentary popularity can be washed away in a tide of ill fortune, bad timing, misreading the public mood or just down right ineptitude.

Albert Houston Roberts was an example of a politician who suffered from a series of events that drained his popularity. Roberts was governor of Tennessee from 1919-21 and served only one two-year term.

Born July 4, 1868, just three years after the Civil War ended, in Overton County, Tennessee. The Roberts family left Tennessee to move to the hamlet of Columbus, Kansas, but Albert Roberts returned to the Volunteer State to attend Hiwassee College in Madisonville. After earning his degree, Roberts, like many others of his generation, taught school and became the principal of the Alpine Academy in his old home of Overton County.

Ambitious to do better, A. H. Roberts studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1894 and opened a practice in Livingston, Tennessee. Roberts was well regarded by his fellow attorneys, as well as his neighbors and was elected to serve as Chancellor of the Fourth Judicial District, which comprised fifteen counties in Middle Tennessee. While representing so many counties made it an arduous task to campaign for local office, Roberts realized it also provided a good base from which to campaign for higher office. Roberts became more and more interested in politics and was especially close to former governor Benton McMillin, who was attempting yet another of his comeback bids in 1912. Republican Ben W. Hooper had been elected governor in 1910 and defeated McMillin to win a second term in 1912.

Roberts made his first campaign for statewide office in 1914, competing for the Democratic nomination for governor, but he lost to Tom C. Rye, who managed to oust Republican Governor Ben W. Hooper.

Rye served two terms as governor and did not seek a third two-year term in 1918, as he was a candidate for the United States Senate against incumbent John Knight Shields. A. H. Roberts made his second gubernatorial bid that same year and faced a Clarksville lawyer and farmer in the Democratic primary, Austin Peay.

Peay, later elected governor of Tennessee and remembered as a reformer, enjoyed the support of the two most powerful urban political leaders in the state: E. H. Crump of Memphis and Nashville Mayor Hillary Howse.

Roberts and Peay were well matched and it was a relative close race; Roberts carried Knox and Hamilton counties, while Peay carried Davidson and Shelby counties. Both men were from Middle Tennessee and Roberts managed to eke out a majority of some 12,000 votes, winning with 64,000 to Peay's roughly 52,000 votes.

Albert H. Roberts defeated the Republican candidate, Judge Hugh B. Lindsay of Knoxville, by a greater margin in the general election. The country was afflicted that year with a significant outbreak of the flu, a pandemic which infected perhaps as many as 500 million people in 1918. Some 50 - 100 million people died from the flu worldwide. It was not an auspicious beginning to A. H. Roberts's term as governor.

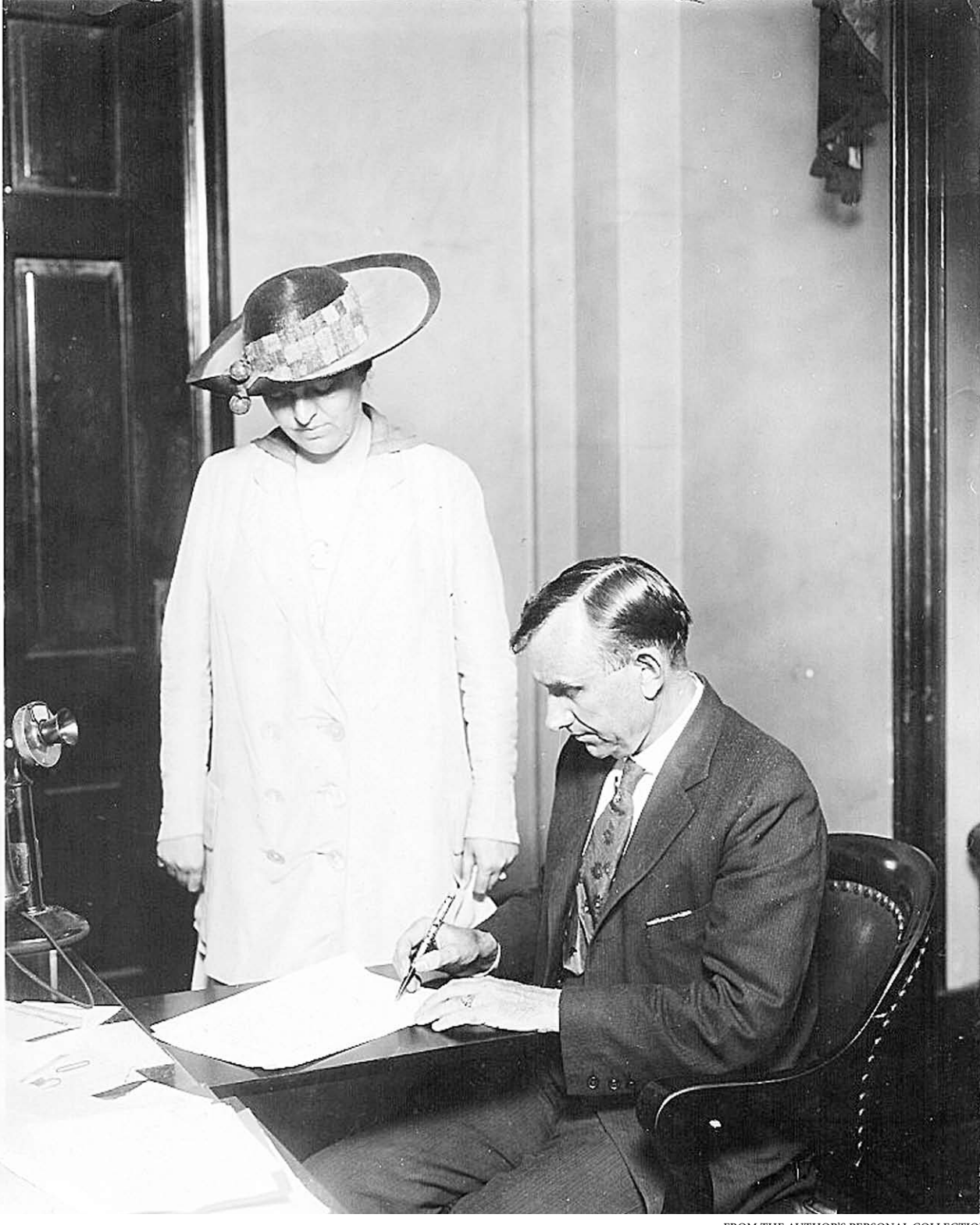
Upon taking office, A. H. Roberts found Tennessee's debt was rising at an alarming rate.

Tennessee's antiquated tax code was a vexation, favoring the rural areas of the state at the expense of the more urban areas. Rural legislators frequently boasted they raised the money where it was - - - in the cities - - - and spent it where it was needed, the farms and rural areas of the state. Governor Roberts quickly set about restructuring some of the outdated laws and was delighted to sign a bill which allowed the Tennessee Railroad and Utilities Commission to actually collect taxes on railroads and utilities. The legislation also allowed the State of Tennessee to update the assessment of property owned by both railroads and utility companies.

Unfortunately for Governor Roberts, another innovation was less popular with much of the public. Roberts signed a bill which provided for a "sliding scale" of taxation on personal property and overall the tax burden on individuals was reduced, while still producing more revenue for the state. The sliding scale was especially unpopular with farmers, a significant voting bloc inside Tennessee's Democratic Party. Not surprisingly, it was also unpopular with many business leaders.

Governor Roberts performed a happier duty in 1919 when he performed the wedding ceremony for Sergeant Alvin C. York, perhaps the most famous living resident of Tennessee at the time. Sergeant York was a genuine hero and his exploits in the recent World War were well documented. The union between Alvin York and his wife Gracie would last decades, unlike A. H. Roberts' political career.

The governor's political woes continued in the form of strikes, which broke out in Knoxville and Nashville, at the Knoxville Railway



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Governor A. H. Roberts signs the certificate of ratification of the Constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote, 1920.

and Light Company and the Carter Shoe Company, respectively. Governor Roberts immediately sent the Tennessee State Guards to stop the strikes, which naturally infuriated labor.

Roberts also was caught in a quandary over ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. All attention was focused upon Tennessee when it became apparent should the Volunteer State ratify the amendment, it would become part of the Constitution. A bitter battle erupted in the state legislature, with both sides mobilizing support and opposition to ratification. Tennessee's junior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was an outspoken advocate of giving women the right to vote. E. H. Crump, leader of the potent Shelby County political machine was also a leading proponent of women's suffrage.

Governor Roberts had campaigned in 1918 on a platform, which opposed giving women the right to vote. Roberts rightly feared if women were enfranchised, they would retaliate against him in the 1920 election. The governor finally capitulated and the battle was hard fought and despite attempts by the House Speaker to maneuver ratification to death, Tennessee became the state that added the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Roberts had delayed calling the legislature into special session until after he had successfully won renomination inside the Democratic primary. Governor Roberts signed Tennessee's certification of the ratification on August 24, 1920.

Considering the many

divisive issues that had beset Governor A. H. Roberts, it is hardly surprising he drew an opponent in the Democratic primary in 1920. Chattanooga Mayor William R. Crabtree announced he would challenge Roberts for renomination and ran a campaign blistering the governor. Many farmers and elements of organized labor, albeit not much of a force in Tennessee politics, opposed the governor's renomination.

Crabtree did not prove to be an especially strong candidate and Roberts won the nomination with almost 68,000 votes to Crabtree's almost 45,000 votes.

Governor Roberts faced a serious Republican opponent in the general election in the form of Alf A. Taylor, a former Congressman and a veteran of Tennessee's political wars. Brother of the late governor and United States senator Robert Love Taylor, Alf had once contested his sibling for the governorship in what came to be known as the "War of the Roses", with each candidate's supporters sporting either a red or white rose in his lapel to indicate support for his favorite.

Seventy-two years old in 1920, Alf A. Taylor still had the energy to run an effective campaign, putting on quite a show for the voters, accompanied by a hillbilly band and his hunting dog, "Ol' Limber." Taylor,

an excellent speaker, bitterly assailed the governor's tax reforms, reigniting the anger of many voters whose resentment still burned brightly. Tennessee Democrats, sensing they might be in trouble, revived charges of Taylor's support for a bill sponsored by Massachusetts Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, which would have afforded some measure of protection to black voters. The attempt to fan the flames of racial hatred did not succeed.

Alf A. Taylor was elected governor of Tennessee, winning 229,000 votes to Roberts's nearly 186,000 votes. Taylor's roughly 43,000 vote margin stunned both Governor Roberts and Tennessee Democrats. Taylor would be the last Republican governor elected by Tennesseans until Winfield Dunn fifty years later.

Governor Roberts had managed to alienate virtually every important constituency inside the Democratic Party. Having been on both sides of the question of women's suffrage did him no political good either.

Albert H. Roberts, ousted from office, contented himself by establishing a law practice in Nashville. Originally, Roberts partnered with fellow attorney James W. Cooper, but later formed the firm of Roberts and Roberts with his son and namesake, Albert H. Roberts, Jr.

Roberts did not entirely

give up the idea of returning to office some day and when Senator Nathan L. Bachman died unexpectedly in 1937, Roberts formally petitioned Governor Gordon Browning to appoint him to succeed Bachman, despite the fact the former governor was then sixty-nine years old. Browning ignored Roberts' petition, choosing to appoint labor leader George L. Berry to the Senate instead.

The former governor still had enough personal and political prestige to have been appointed as a member of a special committee formed to investigate Governor Henry Horton's ties to Caldwell and Company after the State of Tennessee had lost a considerable sum with the collapse of the that financial institution.

Roberts contented himself to remain an elder statesman and enjoyed a very successful law practice. The former governor and his wife, Nora, enjoyed their family and friends as they aged.

Governor A. H. Roberts died June 26, 1946 at age seventy-seven, just days before his birthday.

Buffeted by the winds of political adversity, Governor Roberts did not prove to be especially effective in finessing the many hurdles facing Tennessee during his administration and his political ambitions suffered for it. Politics is indeed a fickle mistress.

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Charging for Boomsday gets objections

By Mike Steely
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Tuesday's work session of the Knox County Commission saw some critical comments about charging \$20 to view Boomsday from the best vantage point.

Kim Bumpass, President of Visit Knoxville, addressed the commission and said they were taking the annual event to the next level and wants to see Knoxville's Labor Day weekend celebration elevated to the level of other cities like Chattanooga with the idea of drawing in more visitors.

Three commissioners objected to the charge for admission, led by Amy Broyles who said flatly, "I oppose this. It will price our family out of participating." Broyles said the event has been "for all Knoxvilleans" and should be free.

Bumpass countered, "We're giving more, providing more for the money."

Commissioner Sam McKenzie said that Visit Knoxville should monitor the attendance this year very closely to see if attendance is down.

Bumpass said the Saturday, August 30 event can be viewed from other places along the river and that those paying to attend would have special events like bands, concessions, etc.

Commissioner Jeff Ownby sided with Broyles.

"It's going to draw less people," he remarked, adding that he had already received several calls and emails about charging admission and that the food vendors would "be in the pay wall."

"I think it's really going to hurt attendance," Ownby said.

Commissioner Mike Brown said there were still many places on both sides of the river to view the event for free, outside the pay area.

Commissioner R. Larry Smith asked Bumpass to send over a map with the pay section designated clearly.

In other actions, the commission passed the following items for consideration at next week's regular meeting:

- To approve a contract between Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp for upgrades to the jail security system for \$299,998 the first year and \$16,100 for each year thereafter.
- To approve the sale of the Historic Katie Miller House to Dan and Albert Harp for \$30,000.
- To approve changes to the Knox County Commission Rules about selection of committees and committee chair persons.
- To wait on a pay increase proposal for primary election day workers until after hearing Finance Director Chris Caldwell verify the Election Commission has enough money to do a pay increase.

The commission agreed to postpone discussions on:

- Hiring a Nashville lobbyist. Broyles recently had surgery and told the other commissioners she didn't have the time to work on the idea.
- Continuing the Joint Education Committee, at the request of McKenzie, who said the group will meet soon and he'll report after the meeting.

At Tuesday's workshop, commission also passed a resolution honoring the Men's and Women's UT Basketball team, with recently departed men's coach Cuonzo Martin included in the wording. Commissioner Tony Norman said he was "so disappointed" with Martin leaving as coach and so sad that Martin's efforts with the team were not recognized.

Senior Pranks

In the next couple of weeks, high school seniors will graduate and turn their sights on future pursuits. However, before they leave their schools, many will attempt to make a mark by pulling stunts that they think are funny.

A few years ago, dress codes weren't nearly so lenient. School administrators demanded that students dress in clothing that covered body parts, didn't have inappropriate slogans or pictures, and fit properly. I even remember the requirements for dress during my high school years. Boys wore slacks, shirts with collars, and socks with shoes. Girls wore dresses, blouses, and skirts.

Seniors decided to challenge the dressing restrictions and came to school in "togas." In truth, they simply grabbed a bed sheet, pinned it in a couple of places, and walked into the school. The principals chastised the seniors, but they only sent home students, mostly females, who failed to wear enough under the togas to keep them from being indecent. The kids felt they'd succeeded, and the administration prepared for the next year.

Another year, seniors planned a tractor day. They borrowed tractors from family and friends, and a couple of students drove riding lawn mowers to school. The procession snarled traffic around the school and community and brought the ire of drivers trying to deliver children to school or to get to work on time. Seniors thought their stunt was hilarious, at least until the principal announced that they had a time limit to get the machines off campus or otherwise be suspended, an act which would have kept them from taking finals and, thereby, kept them from graduating.

One senior class decided to pull a prank inside the building. They bought several cartons of chocolate milk in the cafeteria. Then the students sneaked down the hall and placed them into lockers in the junior class hall. Before long, a smell wafted through the section, and before long, principals and custodians were searching for the reeking source. After it was discovered, the principal warned all students that another such action would result in immediate suspension from school, but by then, the prank had been pulled and the students had enjoyed a good laugh.

Before long, school administrators were assembling senior classes to discuss the last few weeks of the school year. Along with a schedule for such activities as prom, baccalaureate, and graduation, the principals warned students that any who attempted to pull a class prank would be disciplined and denied the right to participate in graduation exercises.

Such goofy acts aren't intended to be destructive, nor are students trying to harm anyone. They simply want to "make a mark" before leaving the easy life of high school. Before long, these young people will face real life with adult responsibilities. Farther down the line, these individuals will see just how ridiculous their stunts were.

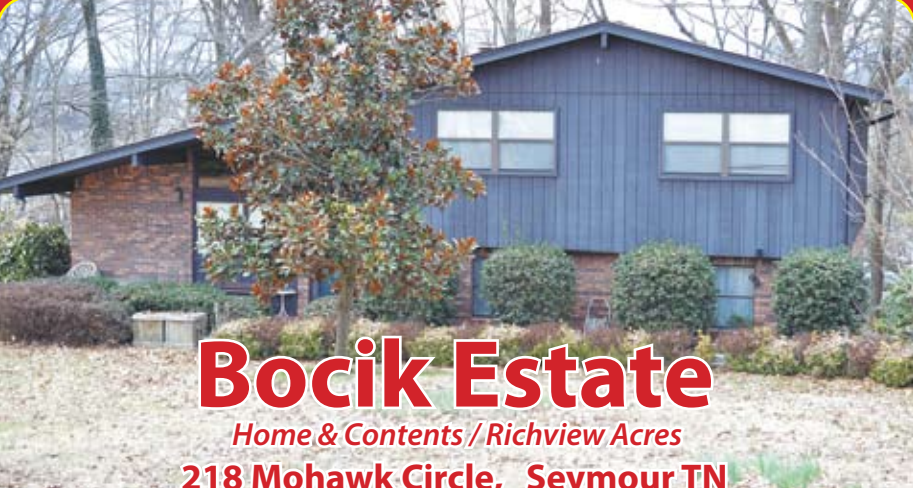
My friends and I pulled a senior prank during our senior year. Someone had access to a blue toilet, and we retrieved it and took it to the high school. All of us climbed upon the roof of the covered walkway in the front of the school. There we placed the toilet and filled it with rocks. Oh, we couldn't wait for the next morning to see the reaction of students and staff as they spied that throne atop the walkway.

Our excitement faded when we arrived to find the toilet missing. The custodian had removed the joke, and not a single word was mentioned about it from the principal. Mr. Nicely was savvy enough to know that the best action was none at all.

Seniors are going to try something so that their class is remembered for years to come. I hope these kids have enough sense not to do something that will cause damage or injury. I'd hate to think they had a few minutes of fun that led to their missing such an important event as graduation. At the same time, maybe principals can do the same thing that Mr. Nicely did...NOTHING. That had more impact on us than anything else because we didn't get the notoriety.

In the end, seniors should enjoy the prom, graduation, family, and friends and leave pranks for others.

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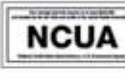




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CAK Rallies To Beat Chargers

By David Klein

Shaking off struggles on offense, the Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors rallied to defeat the McMinn Central Chargers 3-2 Thursday night in a non-district baseball game. CAK's Zach Osborne provided the decisive go-ahead 2 RBI single for the Warriors in the fifth inning.

The game was the second of three in the Throwback Night at Farragut High School. The games were played to benefit Project 20/20 which aims to find a cure for Young-onset Parkinson's Disease.

"It's always fun to come back here," CAK Head Coach and former Farragut High School Coach Tommy Pharr said. "I've got a lot of

memories, a lot of fun times. It's a good thing and just kinda fun, I think, for the teams and the community."

Both teams struggled with offense in the early going till CAK was up to bat in the second. CAK's Parker Cochran got on base with a walk, and then benefitted from two Chargers' errors to get to third base.

First baseman Conner Love hit an RBI single to score Cochran for a 1-0 Warrior lead.

Neither team contributed anything in the third inning. In the fourth, the Chargers got their offense going. Center-fielder Ryann Dahle hit a leadoff double. Eric Hart then smashed an RBI

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Emerald Youth Foundation, Knoxville Soccer LLC Join Forces

Knoxville Soccer LLC and Emerald Youth Foundation are merging their soccer initiatives to have a greater community impact. The Knoxville Force and Knoxville Lady Force, semi-professional teams owned and operated by Knoxville Soccer LLC, will become one entity and club during 2014 with the Emerald Force Soccer Club.

The new alliance will enhance the missions of Emerald Youth and Knoxville Soccer, said Steve Diggs, Emerald Youth executive director and Dr. Barry Goss, president of Knoxville Soccer LLC. The Emerald Force Soccer Club is a recreational and club program of Emerald Youth Foundation and currently has more than 300, primarily urban, soccer players. Knoxville Soccer founded the men's Knoxville Force team in 2011 and the Knoxville Lady Force in 2012 within the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) and the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL).

"We were approached by Knoxville Soccer in 2013 about this partnership and are pleased to see it come to fruition. We are very thrilled to have these talented athletes as role models for Knoxville's urban youth," Diggs said. Emerald Youth is a nonprofit ministry that serves more than 1,400 inner city young people yearly with faith, education and sports programs.

Since its inception, the Knoxville Force and Knoxville Lady Force have embraced the mission "to serve as a focal point for social change by offering soccer programs

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Farragut public address announcer Ralph Skinner honors Scott Dean at a recent ceremony where Dean's number was retired and the baseball field house was named in his honor. Pictured are Dean's family and members of the Admirals baseball team. Dean, who played and served as an assistant coach at FHS, died suddenly in January.

Farragut names baseball field house for fallen coach

By Ken Lay

Scott Dean's name will live forever in Farragut High School baseball.

Dean, who died in January after suffering a heart attack at age 28, had his number (5) retired in a ceremony following the Admirals' 10-2 victory over William Blount on Friday, April 18.

The school also dedicated its field house, which is home to its indoor batting cages, in his honor. The facility is now called the Scott Dean Field House.

"We used to say that we were going to hit at the cages. Now, we say that we're going

to hit at the Dean," said Farragut senior first baseman Chase Chambers. "Scotty was that players' coach who helped me through the hard times.

"He always knew what to say and he knew how to say it. He played on [State] Championship teams in 2003 and 2004 and he coached on championship teams in 2010 and 2011. He was like that big brother that I never had."

Dean, a catcher for the Admirals, went on to play collegiately at Lincoln Memorial University in 2005. He later transferred to the University of Tennessee where he served as the baseball team's bullpen catcher in 2007

and 2008.

He returned to his alma mater to coach in 2010.

"Scott was one of our first former players to come back and coach," said Ralph Skinner, the public address voice for Farragut High School baseball. "I knew Scott since he was eight or nine. He was like family to me.

"This [retirement and dedication ceremony] was really tough but I was terrifically honored to be a part of it. We had Scott's family standing at the plate and his mom told me that was the first time that she'd ever been at the plate. The Deans are like family to me."



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Halls sees streak continue with thrilling win

By Ken Lay

The Halls High School softball team notched another victory Tuesday night and this one came in dramatic fashion.

Lady Devils' senior catcher Kelsey Whited's single, with one out and the bases loaded, plated freshman Paige Calloway with the game-winning run of the Lady Devils' 6-5 win over Gibbs in a District 3-AAA game before a packed house at the Halls High School softball field.

The win was the 28th consecutive victory for the Lady Devils (34-1 overall, 14-0 in the district. The win was Halls High's third of the season against the Lady Eagles (38-4, 13-2) and it propelled the Lady Devils into the No. 10 spot in the Max Preps National Poll.

The win was undeniably big for Halls but it didn't come easily as the Lady Devils surrendered the first four runs of the game in the top of the third inning.

Gibbs, which is in its first season in District 3-AAA, put together a big inning and took a 4-0 lead on the strength of five consecutive two-out hits. Cheyenne Boles had a two-run double in the frame and Lexie Needham and Kaitlyn Trent had RBI singles to Gibbs a seemingly big cushion.

The deficit was big but far from insurmountable for the Lady Devils.

"We just don't panic," Halls coach Bryan Gordon said. "That's the difference in this year's team and last year's team.

"Even if we get down three or four runs, we shouldn't panic. We're good for about five or six

runs every time out."

Halls began to chip away at its deficit in the bottom of the third. There, the Lady Devils scored a pair and pulled to within 4-2.

Katie Scott had an RBI single that plated Kaleigh Gallo way with Halls' first run. Katie Corum's sacrifice fly scored McKenna Helton, who singled earlier in the inning.

The Lady Devils knotted the game in the fourth when Helton's two-run triple scored Samantha Warwick and Gallo way with the tying runs.

Halls took a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the sixth. Warwick singled to lead off the frame. She advanced to second on a sacrifice by Whited. Warwick took third when Abby Hicks uncorked a wild pitch. Warwick came home with the go-ahead run on a single by McKenzie Snyder.

The Lady Eagles came back to tie the game in the top of the seventh. Gibbs shortstop Leah Sohm singled to lead off the frame. She stole second and advanced to third when Faith Lowry grounded to third.

Sohm then scored on a bunt single by Trent to make it 5-5 and setting the stage for the Lady Devils' walk-off win.

Calloway singled to open the game-winning rally. Corum was then hit by a pitch before Alyssa Mabe singled to load the bases. Then, Whited delivered the knockout punch.

"I saw where they were playing, so I set up for an inside pitch," Whited said. "I knew what was coming. I watch just trying to put it in play.

"We can trust everybody in our lineup. You trust everybody who's coming up behind you."

Chambers sparks Senior Night win for Admirals

By Ken Lay

Throughout his illustrious baseball career at Farragut High School, Chase Chambers has seen some great players come and go.

Chambers, the Admirals' senior first baseman, was honored on Senior Night before Farragut notched a 13-3 victory over West High on Wednesday, had a big day.

He went 3-for-3, with a double, a triple, two runs and two RBI's to lead the Admirals' to a victory in their District 4-AAA finale.

"I feel pretty good," Chambers said. "This is kind of a bitter-sweet

night, knowing that this is one of my last games on this field. I grew up playing here and I've played on this field since I was a kid.

"I've enjoyed my time here and I've enjoyed playing with these players and I've enjoyed playing for these great coaches. This team is like my second family."

Chambers and the Admirals (29-10 overall, 13-3 in the district) certainly enjoyed the bottom of the third inning when Farragut broke a 1-1 tie and went on to score 11 runs on seven hits. The Admirals sent 15 batters to the plate.

Chambers had a

pair of extra base hits, scored twice and drove in two runs in the third. Chase Fullington also had two hits, knocked in two runs and scored twice in the frame. Catcher Nico Masicia had an RBI double and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly.

Before the inning ended, Farragut took advantage of two errors by the Rebels (7-17, 1-10) and drew two bases-loaded walks to open a 12-1 lead.

Meanwhile, Bo Baker, the Admirals' senior left-hander, scattered one run on four hits in four innings. He got out of a jam in the second

after giving up a game-tying solo home run to West first baseman Sam Springer.

Baker, who pitched four innings of the five-inning victory, surrendered four hits in the first two innings before settling in. He surrendered three walks in the game.

The Rebels got their other two runs in the fifth off of the Farragut bullpen as Cooper Thomas drew a bases-loaded walk that plated Grayson Goble. Pinch-hitter Christian Millwood started the rally with a two-out single. He would score on an errant pick-off throw.

Carter sophomore has been 'dominant' in long jump

By Steve Williams

Shelby Reynolds has been soaring on the Knoxville Interscholastic League track and field scene this spring.

The Carter High School sophomore owns the best mark – 17 feet, 7½ inches – in the long jump event for KIL girls and will be one of the many individuals to watch in the annual KIL Track and Field meet, which begins this afternoon (April 28) at 5 at Hardin Valley Academy.

Field event finals will highlight opening day action, which also includes track event

preliminaries.

The Knox County prep event for boys and girls will continue Wednesday with track event finals starting at 5.

"Shelby has been dominant in the long jump this season, winning every meet in which she's competed, including the Hardin Valley Invitational and the Tennessee Relays," said Nick Walsh, Carter girls track coach. "She is also an excellent sprinter, having notched wins in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and 400 meters. She's a threat to win anything she enters."

Walsh said Reynolds will compete in the long jump, high jump, 100 and 200 at this week's KIL meet. She also plays volleyball for the Hornets.

Three KIL girls – Tamia Crockett and Emma Mashburn of Hardin Valley and Kelsey DeLapp of Gibbs – currently own top marks/times in the state, according to Tennessee Runner, a MileSplit.us affiliate.

Crockett leads the state with a mark of 128 feet, 5 inches in the discus event and also leads the KIL in the shot put with a 41-1¼.

Mashburn's time of 10 minutes, 51.80 seconds

is the state's best in the 3200-meter run. She also has a KIL-best 5:07.20 in the 1600.

DeLapp leads the state in the pole vault, clearing a height of 12 feet, 2 inches.

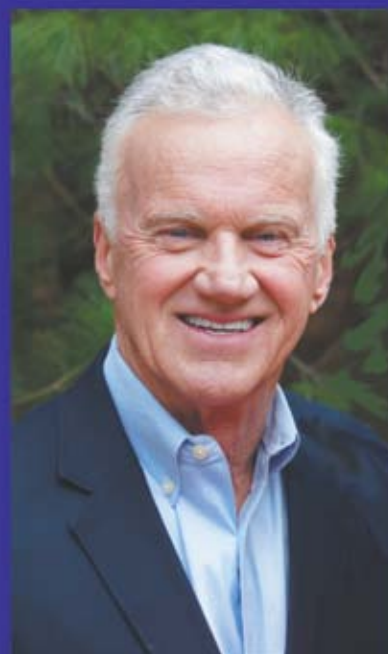
West High is strong in the girls' sprints and relays. Alexis Partin' has posted the KIL's top time in the 100-meter dash with a wind-aided 12.34. Teammate Precious Johnson recently was clocked at 58.80 for the KIL's top time in the 400.

West's Maya Barroso stands out in the 300-meter hurdles with a 45.27.

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Vols Hire Donnie Tyndall as New Men’s Basketball Coach

By Alex Norman

A week after Cuonzo Martin resigned, Tennessee hired Donnie Tyndall as the 19th men’s basketball coach in program history. “I’m humbled to be your coach,” said Tyndall in his introductory press conference on Tuesday, April 22nd in front of media, boosters, and players at Pratt Pavilion. “I think Tennessee is a special place. Many people would ask ‘why do you think that coach?’ I say this, the tradition starting with Coach Ray Mears and all the great coaches that have coached at this university. The success that has been passed on from year to year, so many great coaches and I’m proud to be one of them, or at least be a head coach grouped in with those guys at this point... The tradition in athletics and then the basketball program is second to none.” “We are excited to add Donnie Tyndall to the Tennessee family,” said Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart. “He has a proven track record of success and has won at every level at which he has coached. Donnie brings tremendous positive energy and a strong work ethic

to this important leadership role, and we look forward to his impact on our men’s basketball program.” Tyndall has compiled a 200-107 record in his 9 seasons as a head coach, with a 170-102 mark in Division 1. He spent six seasons at Morehead State and the past two years he was running the show at Southern Miss. In 2013-2014, the Golden Eagles finished with a 29-7 record and a share of the Conference USA title. He plans on bringing his aggressive style of play to the Vols, a style which should appeal to Tennessee fans. “We full court press on every made basket and dead ball,” said Tyndall. “We get after people from end line to end line. We fall back to an aggressive matchup zone. Offensively, we are going to push the basketball on misses and long rebounds. In the half-court we are going to run a high-low motion with a ton of ball screening trying to give our guards the freedom to create and make plays.” Martin’s departure to take the California job caught many off guard, especially when you consider that only a couple

of weeks before he said that he would return to Tennessee for the 2014-2015 season. “I think every coach has their own reasons to make a move,” said Tyndall. “What is important to them and their family. Obviously, Coach Martin did a fantastic job and he made a decision that he felt was best for him and his family. Just like I had to make a tough decision to leave Southern Miss because I think this is the right opportunity for my family... I really can’t answer as to why, I am sure he has his reasons. But I am certainly glad he made that decision.” Tennessee men’s basketball hasn’t exactly been the model of stability over the past couple of decades. Since 1989, the average length of a coach’s tenure has been a little over four years. But Tyndall says that he doesn’t see his move to Knoxville as a temporary one. “Tennessee to me is a destination job,” said Tyndall. “I know that is going to vary year-to-year, but arguably it is in one of the better conferences in the country (SEC) year in and year out. I think it is a place that is my network of recruiting-

wise in the southeast, the states I have recruited for 15 years. I have the network and the relationships to be able to get quality players each and every year. I just think, again, the fan base, the passion that our fans have, when you can get 18,000 to 20,000 fans in the gym every night... that is appealing.” Tyndall will have his work cut out for him next season. Seniors Jordan McRae and Jeronne Maymon have used up their eligibility and junior Jarrell Stokes is going pro. “When you look at the roster we lost 72% of our scoring and 69% of our rebounding, so when I meet with these guys individually I’ll tell them that somebody needs to step up,” said Tyndall. “I could see it in their eyes in my meeting with them that we have a young, eager group... guys that are ready to work.... My message was very short and simple, I’m a very short, no nonsense guy, my MO everywhere has been that we are going to outwork and out tough people... but everybody’s got to buy in and I anticipate all these guys and the four signees to do just that.”

CAK Rallies To Beat Chargers

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double, scoring Dahle and tying the game at 1. Three batters later, CAK pitcher Reid Cantrell gave up his third double of the inning, an RBI double that put the Chargers up 2-1. Cantrell was pulled and in came Warrior middle reliever Justin Feist. Feist struck out the next batter, then grounded out the next Charger batter as the Warriors escaped the inning with no further damage. “They swing it, they got some hits there. The way it was going, it looked like we weren’t going to score anymore,” Pharr said. But score more, they did. Overcoming a 2-1 deficit, the CAK Warriors rallied in the bottom of the fifth inning on Zach Osborne’s two RBI single to take a 3-2 lead over the McMinn Central Chargers it would keep for the rest of the game. “I just took a cut, hit back up the middle. They did their job perfectly; they

made it real easy for me to do my job,” Osborne said. CAK’s defense in the sixth and seventh innings was flawless, as the Warriors thwarted any rally by the Chargers as Feist struck out three batters. “Feist is solid on the mound, locked in on every pitch, he’s a contender, he’s up there to adjust and compete,” Osborne said. The Warriors improved to 25-5-1 overall with the win and faced Farragut on Friday and play the McMinn Central Chargers team again on Monday in the last regular season game. Osborne said what it would take for the Warriors to finish the season well. “We really got to be locked in 100 percent throughout the order. We got maybe four hitting consistently, we need to have all nine through the order, everybody hitting well, everybody pitching well, everybody locked in every pitch.”

And now, it’s basketball time in Tyndallsee

It’s so interesting how fast the dominoes can fall. Auburn snatched up Bruce Pearl before Tennessee could have if it wanted. Cuonzo Martin left for the calmer pastures of California. Eleven-year-old Grace Tyndall sent her dad a text message: THE TENNESSEE JOB IS OPEN: HINT! HINT! Donnie Tyndall said, “When do I start?” And now, it’s basketball time in Tyndallsee. Hired as the new UT basketball coach last week, Tyndall appears to be an appropriate choice to replace the guy who replaced the guy. Tyndall (pronounced Tindull) may not be the real McCoy, but some 36,000 Vol fans should be pleased to know his coaching style is similar in many ways to that of Pearl, who directed UT to elite status on the national scene before being fired and given a three-year NCAA show cause in 2011. The best of the Pearl era was so popular it turned out to be too tough of an act to follow any longer for Martin, who left for a new job on the West Coast after guiding Tennessee to the Sweet Sixteen this past season, his third campaign at UT. Like Pearl, Tyndall had been a success at the mid-major level, directing Morehead (Ky.) State to the NCAA dance in 2009 and 2011 and following that up with 27-10 and 29-7 records and NIT tourney berths the past two seasons at Southern Mississippi. His overall head coaching record is 200-106. Also like Bruce, Tyndall, 43, coaches with passion on the sideline, uses an aggressive attacking defense, gets out and about to promote his program and appreciates a passionate fan base. Why, he’s even been in some trouble with the NCAA, although he didn’t look investigators straight in the eye and lie about it or try to get others to cover up for him. Bonus: Tyndall has a “lot of similarities” to Tennessee football coach Butch Jones, said Athletic Director Dave Hart as he introduced UT’s 19th head coach last Tuesday. Both are from Michigan and both have pulled themselves up in the coaching ranks by the “bootstraps.” “Donnie has boundless energy,” said Hart, and “he’s everywhere” as a recruiter. Those qualities are already being put to the test as Tyndall has to rebuild the Vols’ roster. Three of Martin’s four incoming signees have already decided not to play at Tennessee and have been granted their release from their letters of intent, and the fourth, Philip Cofer, a 6-8 power forward from Fayetteville, Ga., has asked for his release so he can go about testing the recruiting waters once again. Cofer, by the way, is a legacy guy. His dad, Mike Cofer, played at Rule High and was a football standout at UT and in the NFL with the Detroit Lions. With his ties to Knoxville and UT, there’s still a good chance Cofer could end up at Tennessee. Tyndall realizes another one of his first challenges is to unite the fan base. He said he was “a big fan” of Pearl and he said Martin “did an outstanding job.” But now, he says, it’s time to come together. “We all have to rally and get on the same bus, if you will. We’re all Tennessee Vol fans. We all bleed orange. We all want our team, our young guys to do well. So let’s start today. Let’s pull this thing together, put all that stuff behind us and go to work.” Sporting an Orange and White candy cane striped tie, Tyndall won the press conference/show in impressive fashion. The only flaw I could detect was his pronunciation of Vol, which came out sounding more like “vowel.” Butch has probably already helped him with that. After expressing gratitude for those who have helped him in his career, Tyndall’s first order of business was to acknowledge the returning players from Tennessee’s 2013-14 team and congratulate them on the season they had. We learned he and his fiancée, Nikki, will be getting married in August, and his two daughters, Taylor and Grace, will be sitting on the end of the bench at Vol games. I believe Tennessee fans are going to like him. He’s down-to-earth. He’s funny. He can tell a good story. Most importantly, it appears he really wants to be here. Historically, UT has enjoyed its best seasons in basketball under two coaches – Ray Mears and Pearl – who were great promoters. It’s early, but Tyndall appears to have the makings of being the third. At Southern Miss, Donnie once went around campus with a bullhorn, encouraging students to come and see the Eagles beat Texas El Paso. For a home game in the NIT, the first 1,000 students got free tickets, thanks to Coach Tyndall, who picked up the tab. Tyndall planned to see his team for the first time in individual workouts the following morning after the announcement of his hiring. Like Coach Norman Dale in the movie “Hoosiers,” I can just imagine Tyndall standing there, with a whistle around his neck and a ball under his arm, and saying to himself, “OK, let’s see what kind of hand I’ve been dealt.”

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Kearney lifts Irish to baseball win

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School pitcher Austin Kearney ended a tough game on a high note Thursday night.

Kearney, a senior, labored on the mound early but came through with his bat in the bottom of the seventh inning. His two-run double gave the Irish baseball team a 7-6 victory over South-Doyle at Catholic's Gaylor Field.

Kearney might've delivered a clutch game-winning two-out hit but Cherokees' third baseman Blake Stansberry made his life miserable in the early stages of the contest.

Ironically, it was Stansberry who came in to pitch the seventh who served up Kearney's walk-off hit.

"It's been a good year and we always seem to come back late," Kearney said. "It feels good to get that hit to win the game."

"He [Stansberry] is a good hitter. He's one of the best hitters that I've seen and he got a good piece."

Stansberry, who went 3-for-4 with two home runs, four RBIs and three runs, gave the Cherokees (19-11) a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when he parked a pitch over the right-center



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Catholic's Adam Reed crosses the plate behind South-Doyle catcher Cody Ott with the winning run in the Irish's 7-6 victory over the Cherokees Thursday night.

field fence.

He extended South-Doyle's advantage to 4-0 when he hit another two-run homer in the same spot. The Cherokees took a 5-0 lead later in the inning as Hunter Ross scored when Cody Ott rapped into a double play.

South-Doyle starting pitcher Jon Murrell surrendered hits in the first and second innings but got some big outs to avoid damage.

But Catholic (19-6) scored four runs in the third. Irish designated hitter Blaine Harrison started the rally with a one-out walk. John Mark Broussard then doubled

and Harrison advanced to third before Adam Reed blasted a three-run shot out of the park to pull the home team to within 5-3.

And Catholic wasn't finished.

Irish first baseman Dom Souder drew a walk with two out. He promptly stole second. He advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored when Murrell uncorked another wild one to make the score 5-4.

"That inning when we scored four runs was big for us," Catholic coach Adam Sullivan said.

"It changed the game.

"We were lethargic up until that point and both of their pitchers were stinking good today. They both did a good job."

The Cherokees picked up an insurance run in the top of the fifth as Murrell, who had three hits, had an RBI double that plated Stansberry to give SDHS a 6-4 lead.

The Cherokees had a chance to extend their lead but they stranded a pair of

runners in the sixth. That gave the Irish a chance to win.

Stansberry relieved Murrell in the seventh and retired the first two Irish hitters before Catholic mounted a fierce two-out rally when Harrison drew a walk. He reached second on a passed ball and scored when Broussard reached on an error to pull the Irish to within 6-5. Reed then walked before Kearney ended things.

South-Doyle coach Jeff Browning was disappointed after seeing his team let one get away.

"We had some base running mistakes and then we couldn't make a routine play [in the seventh]," Browning said. "They [the Irish] swing the bat well and we knew that."

"At this point of the season, you want to be playing solid fundamental baseball."

Carter sophomore has been 'dominant' in long jump

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The Georgia Tech signee has had quite a comeback story as she suffered a season-ending knee injury competing in the pentathlon state sectionals last April.

The Lady Rebels also have the KIL's top times in the 4x100 (49.92), 4x200 (1:45.75) and 4x400 (4:02.62) relays.

Austin-East's Lexus Hall will be among the favorites in the 200 as she has a 26.00w this season.

Rebecca Story of Christian Academy of Knoxville leads KIL girls in the 800 with a 2:25.78.

CAK's Camille Baker has a KIL-best 5-0 in the high jump and also is one of the top performers in the 100-meter hurdles (15.59).

Hardin Valley owns the KIL's top time in the 4x800 relay (9:47.30).



Carter High sophomore Shelby Reynolds has posted the top mark in the long jump event among KIL girls this season.

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The Watchman

Some days it’s easier to write than others. Today it’s tough because I have lots of things to do on this gorgeous spring afternoon. Murphy’s Law states that the job at hand expands to fill the time allotted. My corollary to this law is that a job not only fills, but overruns the time available. As I look back, I don’t know how I got anything else done while I was managing a large medical practice!

I love the “new” green colors of spring as new life emerges after the dormancy of winter. I’ve begun to see butterflies, and last week I was surprised to see lightning bugs on “tax day.” I don’t think these early signs of spring have anything to do with global warming or the hyping of the recent “blood moon.”

Today I found ants on my peonies. We sometimes think of ants as pests, but they are necessary for these beautiful southern flowers to open. Did you know there are three pronunciations of peonies? There is the sophisticated French-like pee-oh-knees. The southern pee-oh’-knees. And the countrified pie-knees.

My garden is already plowed and planting has begun there and in the pastures of our small farm. Even the horses have a spring in their step with the changing weather and perhaps as their diet shifts from hay to the tender new grass. My grandson, Oakley may be getting this “spring fever” because he constantly wants to “go outside.” There’s a lot to entertain a little boy on a farm, “outside.”

Some years ago I wrote an essay describing winter as especially tough on the frail. This is certainly true in nature where there is no medical care for injured animals. However, winter is also tough for humans despite our support systems. We live in a dangerous world, but due to the wondrous design of our bodies we are able to grub in the dirt of a garden, muck horse stalls, and rarely suffer serious harm even as we endure the pollen of spring. This is possible as long as the defense systems of our skin and our immune system function properly. These systems do age along with the rest of the body, and even young bodies or robust souls can be overwhelmed.

I’ve been thinking about viruses lately with the resurgence of the dreaded Ebola virus epidemic in Africa. Viruses are very primitive entities that we don’t even classify as life forms, principally because they cannot reproduce without a plant or animal host. These invaders cause harm when our defense are overcome and our cell walls are breached. The Trojan Horse was similarly a lifeless

structure, but was deadly to ancient Troy because it was filled with lurking Greek warriors who emerged to wreak havoc.

Apparently computers are subject to “viruses” of a different type, referred to by my computer guy as malware. In medicine “mal” refers to disease or sickness, as in malformation or malnourishment. There is also malpractice that connotes injury to a patient when a doctor violates the standards of medical care. Recently my computer’s defenses were overwhelmed. Computer-Doc’s diagnosis was infestation by no less than six “Trojan viruses” – and the treatment to eliminate this infestation has been rough on us all.

I’m not alone in this post-modern world of high tech and “Trojan malware.” According to security experts even the Obama-care web site is vulnerable to viruses like the “heartbleed” malware currently making the rounds. Last week a friend of mine reported that her computer suddenly flashed a message from Homeland Security which said her computer had been flagged for surfing pornography! She was told to go to Walmart and purchase software

to fix the problem. My friend is too sharp to fall for this ruse and far too fine a lady to have been “surfing porn,” so instead she took her machine to the computer hospital ER. After a \$300 resuscitation a cure was pronounced and the patient was discharged home. Unfortunately, the treatment was incomplete because on her next visit to the internet, my virtuous friend was contacted by Interpol, the International Criminal Police Organization, again with the charge of driving her computer into a “bad neighborhood.”

I’ve learned through all these misadventures to appreciate the security guardians who protect us. I’ve also come to understand that to survive in the 21st century you need not only a good doctor and a reliable car mechanic, but also an available plumber and a first rate computer geek! I’ve also learned to regularly check my computer’s security program which I envision as analogous to a sentry in the army or a watchman on the wall made famous in modern times by the soliloquy of Jack Nicholson’s character in the movie A Few Good Men.

In ancient times people often lived near walled cities for protection and a watchman’s duty was to stand guard on those walls and look for approaching danger. When the exiled Hebrews returned to Jerusalem, Nehemiah led his people to rebuild the protecting wall around the city. Tradition holds that he worked with a trowel in one hand and a spear in the other as he kept watch for enemies.

Some years ago a friend of mine awarded me the honorific title of “watchman.” There are many references to watchmen in the Bible ranging from ordinary men to prophets. I certainly don’t count myself with the latter group. Some might just aver that I’ve got a big mouth. Actually, I don’t have a bully pulpit like the President. All I have is *The Focus* to continue to sound the alarm as I have done for the last five years. However, what good is a watchman if no one listens or heeds his warnings?

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

‘Spring Fling’ Event to Support Relay For Life

Adaptive Fitness Warehouse, 4702 Western Avenue, Knoxville’s premier workout facility for every body, will host a ‘Spring Fling’ workout event on Saturday, May 3, in support of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Metro Knoxville.

The event will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and will feature a boot camp-style workout as well as a Zumba class. Both the workout and Zumba are open to everyone. A \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society is requested. Door prizes drawings will be held.

“Since we opened our doors in October, we have looked for ways to have fun while working out that can

help our community at the same time,” said Michael Holtz, CEO of Adaptive Fitness Warehouse (AFW). “As a cancer survivor, I’m thrilled at the opportunity we have to join in the fight.”

Before he was diagnosed with stage 3 rectal cancer at age 43 in March 2012, Holtz was a runner who completed five marathons, 10 half marathons and a number of regional 5K and 10K events. Because of permanent physical changes caused by cancer treatment and surgery, being able to stay active was important to Holtz. Brittny Cole, an AFW owner and lead trainer, adapts workouts to meet the needs of Holtz and all members

who may have physical limitations because of injury, surgery or other health conditions.

“I have a permanent colostomy from surgery and neuropathy in my hands and feet from chemotherapy. I could feel sorry for myself and sit on the couch watching the world go by, but I’m not going to allow that to happen,” Holtz said. “No one should. Life is too short to sit on the sidelines.”

Adaptive Fitness Warehouse is located at 4702 Western Avenue, two doors down from Tennessee School of Beauty. For more information about Adaptive Fitness Warehouse, visit www.adaptivefitnesswarehouse.com.

Alzheimer’s Association to host Reason to Hope Breakfast

The Alzheimer’s Association Eastern Tennessee Chapter will host its first Reason to Hope breakfast on Friday, May 9, at Calhoun’s on the River at 7:30 a.m. Event speakers will share their personal experiences with Alzheimer’s disease to help promote Alzheimer’s awareness and how this devastating disease impacts those diagnosed and their families. The event will also raise critically needed funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research.

“We are excited about hosting this new event to help spread awareness about Alzheimer’s and offer an opportunity for our supporters to partner with us,”

said Angelia Jones, executive director of the Alzheimer’s Association Eastern Tennessee Chapter.

Funds raised by the Reason to Hope breakfast will benefit the Alzheimer’s Association Eastern Tennessee Chapter, helping provide care and support services to Eastern Tennessee residents, fund Alzheimer’s research and advocate for Alzheimer’s-related legislative issues.

For more information about ways to get involved in the Reason to Hope breakfast, contact executive director Angelia Jones at (865)200-6668 or amjones@alz.org.

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Most music lyrics center on the topic of romantic love. One of the numerous songs that come to my mind is "Lookin' for Love."

It is the title of a song written by Wanda Mallette, Bob Morrison, and Patti Ryan, and recorded by American country music singer Johnny Lee. It released in June 1980 as part of the soundtrack to the film Urban Cowboy, released that year. "Lookin' for Love" rose to No. 1 (for a three-week stay) on the Billboard magazine Hot Country Singles chart, and became a No. 5 Billboard Hot 100 hit as well. It was certified gold for sales of one million units by the Recording Industry Association of America.

Note the lyrics: Well, I spent a lifetime lookin' for you. Single bars and good time lovers were never true. Playin' a fools game, hopin' to win. Tellin' those sweet lies and losin' again.



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

I was lookin' for love in all the wrong places. Lookin' for love in too many faces.

Searchin' their eyes, lookin' for traces. Of what I'm dreamin' of. Hopin' to find a friend and a lover. I'll bless the day I discover. Another heart lookin' for love.

And I was alone then, no love in site. I did everything I could to get me through the night. I don't know where it started or where it might end. I'd turn to a stranger just like a friend.

And you came a knockin' at my heart's door. You're everything I've been lookin' for. There's no more lookin' for love in all the wrong places. Lookin' for love in too many faces. Searchin' their eyes, lookin' for traces. Of what I'm dreamin' of.

Now that I found a friend and a lover. God bless the day I discovered you, Oh you, lookin' for love.

Now these lyrics would have us believe that a

person (the god of romance) could come into our heart and fill everything we need. But the answer to a lonely heart cannot be filled by romantic love. There may have been a season of giddiness, of intimacy, of finishing each other's sentences and the feeling that we have found our soul mate. We are in love with love. But something happened. Westopped laughing at each other's jokes and westopped staring into each other's eyes. The actions we thought was cute are now annoying. This person we fell in love with is actually quite normal, not extraordinary.

There is only one person that can meet all of our needs, and it is not a human being. Human beings are just that - human beings. They fall way short of being God. So when we put a relationship on the throne of our heart, we will be miserably disappointed. Jesus is who we should choose. Let Jesus be your identity, not someone or something else.

Pat Conroy Calls for Action at VMC Carry the Torch Luncheon



Pat Conroy signed books for those who stood in a long line.

By Joe Rector

"There was no place for my brother to go!"

That line echoed through the Knoxville Convention Center during the Volunteer Ministry Center's Carry the Torch Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23. The line was delivered by best-selling author Pat Conroy to the large group that gathered.

Conroy's books include Prince of Tides, The Great Santini, My Losing Season, and his latest release, "The Death of Santini." He came to Knoxville only after researching the Volunteer Ministry Center.

"I try to keep away from doing these things, but the Volunteer Ministry Center met every requirement I have for a non-profit organization, he said.

Conroy stated that the VMC does good, produces work that is valuable, and works for the community.

Conroy began his speech by telling them that he was disappointed that no one had brought him what he'd requested: the head of Lane Kiffin.

The acclaimed author kept those in attendance spell-bound as he discussed the south, southern families, and the dysfunction that many of them exhibit.

Conroy talked about his family and the struggles they encountered. He told of his father's abusive treatment of the seven children and mother. Then he added,

"Five of the seven children in my family have attempted suicide at least once. My brother Tom was successful in his try."

Conroy said that the last few years of his brother's life were ones filled with the terrible manifestations of paranoid schizophrenia. He added that had his brother have found a place like VMC, he might have received the treatment and help he needed to survive.

Conroy left Knoxville a message.

"The Volunteer Ministry Center does not live on air. It needs donations from the citizens of Knoxville to reach those who struggle. This organization doesn't give a hand out. Instead, its services allow individuals to take control of their lives so that they can become independent persons with hope."

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fortunate. You have until early June to buy the food items, pack and return your pails before annual conference time. A separate \$5 each is needed for shipping.

Don't forget to pray about and fulfill your own personal financial pledges and commitments for 2014 to help support God's Kingdom and all of SUMC's many ministries.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

Colonial Heights United Methodist Church is having a Church Wide Rummage Sale from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at the church located at 6321 Chapman Highway in South Knoxville.

The money raised will go to support the Outreach Ministry programs in the South Knoxville and surrounding area along with projects the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will be participating throughout 2014. For more information please call the church office M-F 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 865-577-2727



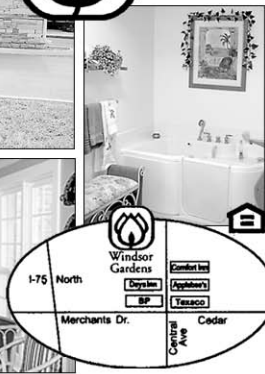
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The Knoxville Region UT Chattanooga Alumni Chapter will be hosting a dinner and presentation featuring Bill Landry, best known for his work in the four-time Emmy award winning Heartland Series. This event will be held at the University of Tennessee Visitor's Center on Thursday, May 22nd from 6 pm to 8pm. The tickets for this event are \$25 per person. The ticket price includes salad, your choice of turkey or London broil, and dessert.

Landry will be sharing stories from his latest book, Tellin' It for the Truth, as well as how his experience at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga laid the foundation for his career and life success. Books will be available for purchase at the event and Landry will host a question and answer session after his presentation. Landry will also be available for book signing after the event. Tickets will go on sale for the event on April 17th

and seating is limited. Registration will close on May 15th. The UT Visitor's Center is located at 2712 Neyland Drive Knoxville, TN 37996. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.mocsconnect.com/2014landry>. For more information, please email knoxutcalumni@gmail.com or contact Natalie Mohr, Chapter President at 865-470-3790. Or visit, www.mocsconnect.com/knoxville.

'Tennessee Women' book in this Tuesday

By Mike Steely
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In a new book, "Tennessee Women of Vision and Courage" the Tennessee Women Project highlights contributions by women in our state from frontier days through today. It features profiles of 22 historic women. Women's organizations from across the state submitted nominations of those who made important contributions. Over 100 nominees were submitted. Those chosen for inclusion in

the book are highlighted for their part in history, their influence on life in Tennessee, the year in which they lived, and their location, ethnicity, and vocation. The book will be introduced Tuesday, April 29th, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Bearden Branch of the Knox County Library's community room on 100 Golf Club Road. Several Knoxville writers contributed to the book. County Commissioner Amy Broyles funded the purchase of the book for

each middle and high school in the county, plus 20 copies for the library system. Charlotte Crawford of Farragut and Ruth Johnson Smiley of Oak Ridge will be present and will discuss the origins of the book and the collaboration with women's groups that made it possible. The books will be available for purchase for \$16.99 and some of the contributing authors will be available to sign copies.

A God-called leader must learn before he can lead' (Part 3)

The Memphis native who is an avid Elvis fan, once wore long hair, and still plays the guitar does not seem like a description of someone who has authored a Bible-based book. But, he has--though the long hair is gone. Mike Boyd, once a rising, young businessman never set

out to become a preacher. God called him to the ministry, and he answered. Forty years later, Dr. Miles "Mike" F. Boyd is helping a new generation of teachers and preachers answer their call to the ministry.



By Ralphine Major
ralphine3@yahoo.com

While teaching at the J. Harold Smith Pastor Training Center, Boyd compiled his notes into a book called, "Principles of Preaching, A Guidebook on Biblical Communication." The easy-to-read format of the book can be a source of help to anyone--not only preachers and teachers--in their walk with God. One of my favorite parts in the book is "The Nature of Jesus' Working: He came. He saw. He touched. He healed. She served." This references when Jesus went to Peter's house and healed his mother-in-

law, who then was able to serve Him. "Jesus went where the people were." Toward the end of the book is a prayer Boyd developed in 1977 to use in inviting people to come to Christ: "Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I believe you died on a cross for me and shed your blood. Right now, I turn from my sin. I give you my heart. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Thank you for saving me. In your name, I pray. Amen!" The recent celebration of Easter reminds us of the hope we have in Christ Jesus. Boyd often reminds his congregation that "life is a vapor." It is his desire that those who have never prayed this prayer of salvation, pray it; and for those

who have, invite someone else to accept Christ as their Saviour. This beloved pastor and his wife, Sandy, have called East Tennessee home for the past 17 years. Sandy is a former elementary school teacher and is a huge help in his ministry. They have two sons who are businessmen, Trey and Matt. "Principles of Preaching" may be purchased locally at Cedar Springs Christian Stores on Clinton Highway and North Peters Road or Lifeway Christian Store on Washington Pike or ordered online from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Kindle. Autographed copies for \$10 each may be ordered from Mike Boyd Ministries at Wallace

Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Merchant Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912; www.wmbc.net. Mike Boyd Ministries currently pays no salaries. "Every penny goes to either missions or ministry," Boyd says. "Any proceeds goes right back in to helping people know God and grow in Him." Surely, there are two proud grandmothers smiling down from heaven. Boyd often closes the service by saying "God is good . . ." and it prompts the congregation's reply, "all the time." He responds with "All the time . . ." and they answer "God is good." Indeed, He is.



Rosie's World

I can tell I'm really "getting up there" when I can't remember my great-grandchildren's ages. In a column a few weeks ago, I said one of them became five. I was wrong--he was four. Then I got to thinking where does the phrase "great" before any relative come from? I looked it up on Google but got no satisfaction there. I will enlarge on this topic later. Have you ever noticed that when something tragic happens, people tend to blame God. "Why did God let that happen?" they ask. "Didn't He care?" A van full of church goers is demolished and everyone is killed. Why didn't God prevent that? Didn't He care about His people? I have never heard anyone say, "The Devil did that. It was the Devil's doing". Remember, the Devil is God's adversary. You know how the Devil is. He loves to

Odds and ends

commit crimes, punish the innocent. The day is coming when the Devil will be defeated by God's greatness and goodness. Until then, don't blame God. I am still moving. I think by Christmas time I will be settled in. LOL Every once in a while something extraordinary happens in one's life that makes one feel all warm and fuzzy. Thank you Rose and Marianne for the lovely Easter basket. My grandmother wrote a lot of lovely poems which were published. I want to include one here that she wrote after her first child died at childbirth. "He Careth For You

Oh, be not dismayed, since Jesus doth share. The perplexing questions, the harassing care. He sees every footstep, 'twas all by Him planned, All thou hast to do is to give Him thy hand. He leadeth thee safely, 'mid sunshine and shade All power is His so be not afraid. Thy Father hath always been patient and true, The compassionate Jesus careth for you. He careth for you when all others fail, When mighty temptations thy pathway assail. In all points was He tempted, He knoweth thy frame. There is perfect

deliverance in His precious name. A little while for loving service, then cometh the day of recompense, When He, the Bright and

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sing." Send comments to: rosiemerrie@att.net or call (865)748-4717. Thank you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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May 1, 2, 9 to 1p.m.: First Baptist Church of Seymour, 11621 Chapman Highway, Seymour. Diane Lewis, Instructor 982-1807

May 6, 7, 9 to 1p.m.: Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, 3700 Keowee Ave., Knoxville. Carolyn Rambo, Instructor 584-9964

May 9 (1 day), 9 to 5 p.m.: American Red Cross, 6921 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville. Lynn Carmichael, Instructor 603-3619

May 15, 16, 12 to 4p.m.; Halls Senior Center, 4410 Crippen Road, Knoxville 922-0416. Larry Dunkel, Instructor

May 21, 22, 12 to 4 p.m.: O'Conner Senior Center, 611 Winona Street, Knoxville 584-9964. Barbara Manis, Instructor

June 2 (1 day), 8 to 4 p.m.: South Knoxville Senior Center, 6729 Martel Lane, Knoxville. Carolyn Rambo, Instructor 584-9964

June 11 (1 day), 9 to 5p.m.: Buckingham Retirement Clubhouse, 7103 Manderly Way, Knoxville. Paul Johnson, Instructor 766-9696

Baccalaureate Service Planned for Central High School Class of 2014

Family, friends and members of the community are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service to honor Central High School seniors. The service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4, at Central Baptist Church in Fountain City. Former principal, Danny Trent will be the guest speaker.

Healthy Choices

Healthy Choices, a plant-based Free Cooking Class, to help prevent/reverse some cancers, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity, will conduct its final session for this year at the North Knoxville 7th-Day Adventist Church, 6530 Fountain City Road, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, in the church fellowship hall. Call (865)314-8204 or visit www.KnoxvilleInstep.com. Please pre-register to attend the dinner by Friday, May 9, to be assured of samples, meal service, and handouts.

Sevier County Lincoln Day Dinner

The Sevier County Republican Party will hold its Lincoln Day Dinner Thursday, May 1, with a reception beginning at 4 p.m. and a program at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Michael Reagan, the eldest son of President Ronald Reagan. Call (865) 406-0165 to reserve your tickets. General admission tickets are \$60. The event will be held at the Music Road Hotel, 303 Henderson Chapel Road, Pigeon Forge.

TLC Tuesday

Family Medical Center located at 7331 Tazwell Pike in Corryton will host TLC Tuesday on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Special guest speaker, Dr. Roseanne Barker of Barker Sleep Institute will give a presentation on sleep disorders and how they affect health. For more information, call Family Medical Center 687-3622

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