

Rountree Defeats Trainor in School Board Race



Amber Rountree, always smiling, had lots to smile about after last Tuesday's Primary Election.

By Focus Staff

The first round of voting in the races for the Knox County Board of Education is over and there will be at least one new fresh face sitting on the Board come September.

"I'm still in shock," Amber Rountree said, following her victory last Tuesday. "I can still barely believe it, but I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve the people of South Knoxville."

Amber Rountree defeated incumbent Pam Trainor in the Ninth District, which is South Knoxville. It was Rountree's first bid for public office and she ran a near perfect race. Moving through South Knoxville neighborhood methodically, knocking on doors and visiting with voters personally, Rountree's message

was being a strong voice for South Knoxville and refusing to be a rubber stamp for Superintendent Jim McIntyre.

Trainor, first entered politics six years ago after a failed bid to unseat then County Commissioner Paul Pinkston. Two years later, Trainor came back and ran for the school board when incumbent Robert Bratton was surrounded by controversy. Bratton failed to make the run off and Trainor faced businesswoman Tammy Summers in the general election, which she won.

During her four years on the Board of Education, Trainor faithfully followed the lead of McIntyre on virtually every issue.

Trainor's campaign, like most every Board incumbent, was well funded by the Chamber of

Commerce elite and she received the endorsement of the Knoxville News Sentinel. At least one elementary school principal made robocalls on Trainor's behalf and Superintendent McIntyre tried to help by releasing news of improvements at Mooreland Heights Elementary School and having a big media event for the revitalization of the old South-Doyle Middle School stadium.

None of it mattered, as Trainor failed to carry a single precinct in South Knoxville.

McIntyre's personal popularity is almost nonexistent in South Knoxville and Trainor waged her reelection campaign almost solely on claiming that our schools are fine and dandy. Clearly, the people of South Knoxville

did not agree.

Amber Rountree's vibrant personality, openness, and forthright stands obviously appealed to South Knoxville's. Rountree's background in education was in sharp contrast to Trainor's lack of experience, which consisted of volunteering with the PTA.

"People have no greater investment than their children," Rountree said. "South Knoxville deserves to have a Board member who is actively engaged and who will work hard for South Knoxville."

"One of my good friends made a comment that I really liked," Rountree grinned. "It's not enough to be from South Knoxville; one needs to be for South Knoxville. And I intend to be FOR South Knoxville."

County Budget hearings begin

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The Knox County Commission will meet today in public session at 5 p.m. to start discussion on the 2015 Budget as presented by Mayor Tim Burchett.

The proposal, for almost \$800 million, is about 2% more than the current budget with a promise by the mayor not to raise taxes. It includes \$427,785,000 for the school system, less than requested by the superintendent.

Included in the proposal is money for 30 new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, money to upgrade the Carter Convenience Center, etc.

The school funding may come under much discussion as several of the commissioners have been critical of the superintendent and the central office. While the commission cannot tell the school board how to spend money allotted it can cut back or increase the amount requested by the county mayor.

McIntyre hosts Town Hall

By Focus Staff

On last Thursday night, Dr. James P. McIntyre, Jr., director of Knox County Schools, hosted a town hall meeting at Sterchi Elementary School in North Knoxville. It was billed as "Strategic Plan 'Town Hall' Meeting," to give stakeholders an opportunity to see how the information gathered from the community over the past several months is reflected in planning for the next five-year strategic plan, titled as "Toward 2020."

The Focus counted in attendance: six employees from the administration school staff, one school board member (Indya Kincannon), one board member-elect (Patti Bounds), eight teachers, two principals, four reporters, eight private citizens,

and five school security officers. However, the meeting was broadcast on the school's community television channel and streamed live on its website.

Despite the small number in attendance at Sterchi Elementary, McIntyre presented what was called, "A Collective Effort – A Collective Vision." He claimed there have been over 5,000 survey responses from a variety of ways, including meetings, and online responses including chatterboxes.

The scripted presentation by Dr. McIntyre was a combination of slides and panels and ended with a question and answer session.

McIntyre began by announcing that

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Burchett Talks Schools

By Focus Staff

If the recent election is any indicator, Mayor Tim Burchett is the most popular Republican in the county. Burchett was the top vote-getter in the recent primary, followed by Juvenile Court Judge Tim Irwin. Neither Burchett nor Irwin had opposition in the primary election, which is an indicator of political strength and popularity as well.

Burchett was interviewed by WATE-TV news anchor Gene Patterson on

election night on a live web broadcast as part of WATE-TV's live coverage of the election.

The Mayor was asked about his working relationship with Knox County school Superintendent Jim McIntyre and Burchett replied candidly their working relationship was strained. Burchett took pains to explain the differences between the two, joking that the school system wanted a "tax increase every six weeks."

Burchett said he favors an elected superintendent of schools, as well as partisan races for the Board of Education. The Mayor said he believes the current system doesn't work well on behalf of the people and stated he thinks there would be more "accountability" to the people and taxpayers were the superintendent elected.

Burchett pointed out just how important school board races are, reminding the audience that "62 cents out of every tax dollar is

spent by the schools".

Mayor Burchett pointed out we currently have an appointed superintendent telling the elected Board members what to do, when it should be the other way around.

The Mayor has submitted his new budget to the Knox County Commission and McIntyre, yet again, is pushing for a tax increase from the Commissioners to fund the school budget.



Mayor Tim Burchett outlined his budget to County Commission earlier this month.

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By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

employment for a period of no more than 4 months for adoption, pregnancy, childbirth and nursing an infant, where applicable. This applies to both mothers and fathers. The four months of leave is not required to be paid leave. The employee must provide three months advance notice of his or her departure date, the length of the leave requested and his or her intent to return to work at the conclusion of the leave. The three month advance notice requirement

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position temporarily. Nor is the employer required to reinstate the employee if the employer finds that the employee utilized the period of leave to actively pursue other employment opportunities or to work part time or full time for another employer. Under federal law, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) applies to employers who employ a total of 50 or more employees within a 75-mile radius of the covered employee's worksite. The employee is only eligible if he or she has worked at least 12 months (does not have to be consecutive months) and must have worked 1,250 hours

for the employer during the 12 months immediately preceding the leave. Under FMLA, eligible employees are entitled to up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth and care of the employee's child; placement of a child for adoption or foster care with an employee; care of an immediate family member with a serious health condition; or treatment of the employee's own serious health condition. Immediate family members are spouses, children and parents of the employee. The employee must be allowed to return to his or her same or equivalent job after the leave. The employee should

expect to be required to provide medical certification of the health condition, give status reports and provide certification that he or she is fit to return to work. FMLA also requires that the employee notify the employer of his or her intent to take leave as early as is practicable, with three days being a good rule of thumb. If you believe your employer has improperly denied you family medical leave coverage, you should contact an attorney to get advice regarding your specific circumstances and to ensure that your rights to compensation are protected.

McIntyre hosts Town Hall

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Tennessee schools had the largest growth of academic progress in the nation, according to National Assessment of Educational Progress also known as "The Nation's Report Card" with a 21.8% improvement in four subject areas: English; Mathematics; Social Studies; and Science.

He began his slide-show by showing Knox County Schools' achievements in the aforementioned subject areas: Earning A's in all of those subjects from results supplied from "The Report Card on Tennessee Schools" from the state of Tennessee. The annual Report Card is a comprehensive showcase of state, district and school-level data for each school year. The Report Card includes demographics, achievement results, accountability progress, value-added data, attendance figures,

graduation rate and more. McIntyre emphasized, "There's still lots of room to grow in these areas."

There were four primary goals introduced as part of "Toward 2020."

- 1) Focus on Every Student
- 2) Invest in Our People
- 3) Partner with Our Stakeholders
- 4) Embrace a Culture of Excellence

Dr. McIntyre headlined the strategic plan presentation as "Excellence for All Children," the district's roadmap, resource allocation guide, and the system's to-do-list.

Each goal has its own features that were highlighted. Under "Focus on Every Student" he stressed, "We focus on children to ensure they excel academically and are prepared for life beyond the classroom."

He spent a considerable

amount of time talking about "Invest in Our People" under Goal 2. He recognized the system's 8,000 employees and how all employees should "be engaged and help create a culture of continuous improvement." He also talked extensively about securing "competitive wages" for teachers and asked for the public's help in convincing the funding body (Knox County Commission) to help.

Under Goal 3 he stressed the importance that "all school employees speak with one voice." Beneath this goal also is the creation of a Knox County School system call/customer service center and a Parent Resource Center.

McIntyre said he hopes to take these ideas before the Knox County Board of Education in July 2014 and hopefully get an adoption.

School Budget Cuts challenged

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"It's been a challenging year for all of us," said Board of Education (BOE) chairperson Lynne Fugate at last Monday's work session. Fugate will be returning to the school board after her win in the 4th District Tuesday.

The outgoing board would meet again Wednesday (see related story) but heard from one citizen in their public forum who asked several question of the proposed 2015 school budget. With at least three new board members taking their seats on the new board and the embattled current BOE could face some changes. It's also possible there will be four new members, given that incumbent Gloria Deathridge didn't receive 51% of the vote and faces Marshall Walker in the general election.

Mayor Tim Burchett's proposed county budget, now before the County Commission, did not give

as much as Superintendent James McIntyre and the board requested, but in McIntyre's budget request were several expenditures and cuts to which Lance McCold, of 130 Cogdill Avenue, voiced objection.

McCold said the school budget "has some disturbing cuts" and pointed to reductions in honor classes and guidance counselors.

"The Guidance Counselors are overloaded. Most teachers and parents would forgo raises than see these cuts to staffing in high schools," he said, adding that the counselors are so busy they "are not available to college bound students."

He also spoke of cuts in the central office and Project Grad.

"Are we impairing our ability to make these students ready?" he asked.

"Are we spending money on programs rather than the people who actually do the work?"

21st Emerald Breakfast Brings Joyful News

Nearly 1,000 people who attended the 21st annual Emerald Youth Foundation breakfast May 2 at the Knoxville Expo Center got exciting news along with bacon and eggs.

At the longstanding EYF benefit, audience members listened to rousing worship music by the 75-member Emerald Youth Choir led by John Jackson and stirring testimonials from young people. They also learned about a new partner in EYF's neighborhood ministry, JustLead.

Steve Diggs, EYF executive director, told the audience that Laurel Church of Christ, 3457 Kingston Pike, has joined Emerald Youth as a JustLead partner. That means that as soon as this summer, Laurel Church of Christ will begin serving children in the nearby Pond Gap and Marble Springs

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Evolution course discussed, parents speak up

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The Knox County Board of Education (BOE) whizzed through its agenda Wednesday during the regular monthly meeting, with most items on the consent (pre-approved) list, until it came to the last item, approval of courses for county high schools. Four courses dealt with theoretical design and thinking but the last one was a course in Variation Inheritance Selection Time for year three high school students.

Board member Mike McMillan asked that Darwin and evolutionary adaption be voted on separately in an earlier meeting. He brought up the same subject in the Monday work session last week.

"I still have some reservations," he said, "with the people I represent."

McMillan got a second on his motion but the other board members voted NO and then approved the entire list of courses including the "Variation Inheritance" course.

Tonya Coats, President of the Knox County Education Association, spoke briefly, asking the

board members to visit a school each week "rather than 2 or 3 times a year" and asked them to put people first and "continue to strive to give us a raise."

Following the brief course discussion the board opened the floor for public forum and heard from every members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson. The parents and children each spoke, one after each other, about encountering rudeness and disrespect given their parents in the schools.

They also spoke about bullying, school lunches, the lack of response to letters and calls to the schools and the central office, and teachers placing themselves above a child's parents. One child said his father wrote to McIntyre and "we didn't hear a thing."

Another child said, "You people are too mean and rude" and another said they were asked to "speak for themselves" instead of the teacher talking with the parents. The children attend several different schools in Knox County.

One child said, "Our parents are our first and last teachers."

"There are a lot of us wondering

why we have to fill out forms to eat lunch with our kids or do a background check that includes our social security number go to on a field trip them," said Mrs (Rebecca) Johnson. She said that there should be a county-wide policy to deal courteously with parents when visiting school.

"There are things going on in our schools that are done without parents knowledge," she said, adding, "There is a divorce class going on for years that children have been put into without parents knowledge."

"The schools are overstepping boundaries and need to be reined in," she said.

Mr. Johnson followed his wife and children in speaking to the board, saying that he talks with other parents and asks them, "When you have a communication from Knox County Schools, do you believe they are speaking at you or with you?"

"They say of course it's "at," he said.

He also added that parents are not "stakeholders" as they are often referred to by Superintendent McIntyre.

"The question is, do we work

for you or do you work for us," Mr. Johnson said.

Loriane Hobson said that six months ago she spoke before the board and didn't expect much to come of it. I hoped to see the board push for changes. She praised the Teachers Advisory Board but said no changes were made and few board members attend the meetings.

She said she is a representative to the Tennessee Education Assembly at the end of this month and "helped get a new school board member elected." She said that on the leadership rubric she will receive no bonus.

"Good thing I'm not doing any of this for the money," she concluded.

Kristin Wampler raised questions about the K-2 testing going on last week. She said the testing was not appropriate for those grades and asked if the testing was "developmentally appropriate."

The school board doesn't respond publicly to questions and comments raised in the public forum.



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Board of Education To Change PTA In Politics



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With the election of Amber Rountree, one thing is certain: the Knox County Board of Education absolutely will change. No longer will East Knox County

Board member Mike McMillan be kicked into a corner without getting a second to discuss those issues neither Superintendent Jim McIntyre and the majority don't want to talk about. Amber Rountree is a very impressive young woman. She is highly intelligent, personable, extremely well educated and plain spoken. Rountree is, in short, everything Pam Trainor is not. Rountree is not the kind of person to be pushed to the side or bullied by Indya Kincannon or Karen Carson. In fact, Carson was touring the polling

places in South Knoxville with Trainor on election day and that proved to be no help at all. The people of South Knoxville are, by in large, fiercely independent and opinionated. Amber Rountree is an example of just the sort of people who can help to revive the South Knoxville community and make it an attractive place for young people to live. I congratulate the people of South Knoxville on their wisdom in electing Amber Rountree to the Knox County Board of Education. The people of South

Knoxville have a very real opportunity to enjoy a powerful trifecta of elected officials - - - Amber Rountree on the Board of Education, County Commissioner Mike Brown, and City Councilman Nick Pavlis, who is also the Vice Mayor. Working together, these folks can get a lot done for South Knoxville. Lastly, Amber and her husband, Bart, have just announced they are expecting their first child this September. That little boy or girl will be a wonderful addition to South Knoxville!

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The Board of Education does not receive the same kind of scrutiny as does the County Commission or Knoxville City Council. The local media has never given the same kind of scrutiny to the school system as it has to local county and city governments. Years ago, someone described the Board of Education as where old administrators went when they died. In recent years, the Board has been populated by those who have risen through the ranks of the PTA. Currently Sandra Rowcliff is seeking election to the Knox County Board of Education in the Sixth District. Ms. Rowcliff is also the President of the PTA and has not shown the first sign of surrendering that position while she campaigns for the Board. The PTA is ostensibly a tax exempt organization, yet one must question that status if members are going to be collecting money and running for public office.

Clearly there is a conflict of interest in someone simultaneously being a candidate for public office and serving as President of the PTA Council. Ms. Rowcliff issued her own endorsements during the recent primary election; were those endorsements that of merely another candidate seeking office or as President of the PTA? The PTA should be what it was intended to be: a group of parents who provide support for the individual schools, children and teachers. The PTA has no business being in politics, supporting or opposing the superintendent, or being involved in campaigns. Of course any individual, whether public or private employee or PTA member has the right to participate in elections, but they do not have the right to do so in any official capacity. Ms. Rowcliff should divest herself of the presidency of the PTA Council and devote herself to her own campaign for the Board of Education. She should not and cannot wear two hats in this instance.



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The Focus welcomes Sally Absher, pictured above in foreground to the right of Amber Rountree at a Market Square rally for education, as a Board of Education columnist.

Public Forum Dominates School Board Meeting

By Sally Absher

My goal in running for the Board of Education was to be a voice for the students, teachers, parents, and tax payers of the 4th District. I wanted to be able to independently research issues and communicate effectively with the people in Knox County. But as with many things in life, there are several paths by which one can achieve these goals. After Tuesday's elections, I received many emails and messages along the lines of, "Thanks for fighting the good fight on KCS issues. You've helped change the terms of debate, which is a big step forward in this continuing work," and, "Sally, thanks so much for your voice & hard work. Your astute narrative really helped change the conversation about the direction of Knox Co School board. Please keep yourself visible because our work has just started! Thanks again." Perhaps I can have a greater impact by following, investigating and reporting on the board than actually serving on the board. I'm not the kind of person who accepts defeat by taking my ball and going home. I fully intend to stay involved in this debate by attending BOE meetings, and honestly and factually reporting on critical issues facing public education in Knox County. I thank The Knoxville Focus for now giving me the opportunity to stay involved by covering School Board meetings. I am very excited that Publisher Steve Hunley and Editor Marianne Dedmon accepted my offer to write for The Focus. At the May 7 Regular Session meeting, the

KCS Board of Education breezed through the three pages of announcements, special recognitions, consent agenda, board policies, grants, contracts, and regular agenda items in under 30 minutes. (Note that all discussion on the regular meeting agenda items typically occurs during the Work Session meeting held two days prior). The last item on the agenda is Public Forum. The public forum grants ordinary citizens including students, parents, and teachers, an opportunity to address the board for up to five minutes on a topic of their choosing. These forums have been a lively source of information (and sometimes entertainment) since last October, when Halls Elementary teacher Lauren Hopson grabbed the attention of Knox County - and the rest of the country - with her epic "I'm Tired" speech (currently registering nearly 105,000 views on YouTube). Search on the YouTube Channel SaveOursShoolSystem (all one word) for a collection of some of the best KCS BOE public forum speeches. If there was an underlying theme to the forum speeches, it was respect. This was fitting, since during the public forum, BOE members were observed rolling their eyes, smirking, slouching in their chairs, and otherwise being disrespectful to the speakers. Respect? Tanya Coats, KCEA President, asked the board to come and visit the schools in their district on a weekly basis, not just twice a year, so that they could see what teachers are going thorough in their classrooms every day. She asked that instead

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communities around Sutherland Avenue as a ministry site.

"To close the faith gaps with you in our city, we will need more churches serving in more urban neighborhoods," Diggs said. "Laurel Church of Christ has answered the call to go out their back door to the Marble City and Pond Gap communities to care deeply for children and their families. What a witness!"

"For some years we have felt a desire to reach out to the Marble City Pond Gap community," said the Rev. Mark Smith senior pastor of Laurel Church of Christ. "There is a growing immigrant community and refugee community in that area.

In the last year or so, we felt God had brought us the

right person to lead this in Matt Deen."

Smith said the ministry, with Deen as director, will be called "JustLead at Laurel" and will begin with an all-day, summer-long day camp for about 48 children who live along Sutherland Avenue, many from immigrant and refugee families. JustLead at Laurel will offer an after school program in the fall. It will work alongside the church's large Wednesday night ESL program that will minister to the children's families.

The Laurel Church of Christ congregation of about 600 both volunteered to start the neighborhood ministry and then raised the money to pay for it. "We think this is a wonderful partnership and we really believe in the approach that Emerald

Youth takes," Smith said. "We'd like to see a group of children we can invest in and be connected with over several years."

The announcement dovetails with EYF's longstanding desire to close the gaps in services that exist among the about 12,000 economically disadvantaged youth of inner city Knoxville. A recent study conducted by Emerald Youth found that the children and teens in urban Knoxville neighborhoods are notably lacking in many areas of basic support. These include engagement in faith, learning, relationships and health.

Marble City and Pond Gap are among the urban neighborhoods targeted by the study for help.

At the breakfast, Diggs held up a towel to symbolize both the dilemma of

hurting children and the ability of caring citizens to help. "Hearing such news about the significant gaps in urban youth services and outcomes might cause some to want to throw in the towel. But we have been taught as disciples, the towel is not a signal for surrender. The towel is symbolic to our call and commitment to faithful service," he said.

Diggs cited Emerald's established programs to serve urban youth – JustLead, Emerald Youth Sports and Emerald Youth Fellows – and touched on its plans for the future. These include an expanded urban soccer program, which already serves 300 youth, the new Sansom Sports Complex to be open in the fall, and the launch of Emerald Charter Schools, the new nonprofit



John Jackson sang and directed the 75-member Emerald Youth Choir in its performance at the breakfast May 2.

formed to manage the proposed Emerald Academy, a public charter school under consideration by the Knox County Board of Education.

In other breakfast highlights, three young people served by the ministries – Taylor Bennett, 11, James Nelson, 18, and Auggie Moultry, 19, described the

positive impact EYF had had on their lives. Malik Baines, a senior at Austin-East High School, delivered a dramatic monologue.

Graham Corporation, Home Federal Bank and Tennova Healthcare sponsored the event, with breakfast provided by All Occasion Catering.

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of tangible items, like food, which just "adds pounds," that the board members take time to say thank you, make a phone call, or send a note for Teacher Appreciation Week. Respect.

The Johnson family, including Mom, Dad, and all six of their children each approached the board and asked, in their own words, that the school administration treat teachers, and especially parents and students, with respect. The speeches were concise, articulated clearly, and pointedly critical of many KCS policies and the overreach of the school administration. It was painful

to listen to Gloria Deathridge mispronounce each and every name as they were called to the podium. Respect?

Next up, Xavier Presley also asked that the board members treat the teachers with respect, and gave the board a failing grade for accepting the teacher evaluation process. He gave the superintendent a "double F." He asked for a report next fall to address "How many teachers were forced out, or are not returning, because of the teacher evaluation system?" Good question. I'd like the answer to that, also.

Presley's daughter, a fifth grader at West Hills, spoke

about the "nasty" lunches at KCS and also addressed respect. Adding that she had been studying Martin Luther King Jr., "I have a dream that teachers will be treated fairly, the school lunch will not be nasty, and school will be a fun place to learn. Let the teachers teach."

When teacher Lauren Hopson was called to the podium to speak, 9th District BOE member Pam Trainor (recently defeated by Halls Elementary librarian Amber Rountree) got up from her chair and left the room. Really. You can watch it on the video, posted on the KCS website, at minute 65.40. Respect?

Lauren said that when she first addressed the board six months ago, she was hoping for some changes to address the issues and concerns she raised. She said the biggest change the teachers saw was the formation of a Teacher Advisory Group. "This group is comprised of fabulous teachers and administrators who have spoken frankly and honestly about concerns and issues, and given many good ideas and solutions – but have you seen any of these solutions implemented since January?" Respect?

She also thanked the board for allowing her to teach her students about

the democratic process. "It is obvious that people who have no money, or financial backing, or political clout can make a difference in our community. Maybe there are only 10 of us, or 22 of us... but we represent thousands, and we have started to enact change here and in Nashville."

Kristin Wampler spoke to "raise specific concerns about the K-2 assessment, also known as the SAT-10." After describing many of the problems associated with using standardized testing on children as young as five, she asked the board, "Is the K-2 assessment developmentally appropriate in measuring excellence

for every child, which is our mission?...What can we do better to achieve excellence for every child?"

Good questions, but don't expect an answer anytime soon. Although standardized tests and assessments for grades K-2 are not required by the state or federal government, KCS has made these and other developmentally inappropriate tests mandatory for our children.

At the conclusion of the meeting, 9th District BOE member Pam Trainor was still absent from her seat.



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It's one of those neighborhoods that, at first, appears to a small village, with clusters of businesses, older large and small homes, and people outside on porches, tending flower gardens, or chatting with neighbors.

Originally known as McGhee's Addition, Mechanicsville was so named because of all of the mechanics and workers that moved to the area after 1850. They were employees of an iron company, the various mills, and later the railroad. Because of their trade the community took on the name.

Many of the homes in the older section of the neighborhood still have the iron fences made at the iron works. Many of the new residences before and after the Civil War were Welch and some claim that Mechanicsville is the only successful Welch Colony in Tennessee.

In 1883 the neighborhood petitioned Knoxville for annexation and, reluctantly, the city took them inside city limits. By 1883 there were several stores there along with a greenhouse, high school, and several churches.

After 1900 many residents began moving further into Knox County, and later into subdivisions. The African-American population increased, drawn to jobs and less expensive houses. The neighborhood today has a mixed population and is proud of its past. Several homes and buildings there are on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Fire Station No. 5 is the oldest remaining fire station in Knoxville. Across the street is the Old Mechanicsville Park, dedicated to Betty Quirk, the first president of the Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood Interest group (OMNI).



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Shotgun houses sit next to each other and are so named because folklore says you can stand at the front door and fire a shotgun at the back door without hitting the inside of the house. The houses sit along streets with Victorian, Queen Anne, and other historic houses.

The former Moses School, currently housing the Boys & Girls Club, has been approved for senior apartments. The huge brick building also is currently housing the Knoxville Police Department Training Academy.

The former Bradley's Food Market, at 501 Arthur, was built in 1910 and more recently used as a restaurant, still stands among some of the nicer old homes in the neighborhood. It now houses the Britton Art Gallery, where artist Ken Britton displays his assortment of paintings.

Several homes built just after the turn of last century exist on Western, Keaderick, Clark, McGhee and Boyd Street. Some houses in Mechanicsville are two story Queen Anne style, some Gothic, some Victorian, and many are small "shotgun" houses.

Mechanicsville is just across Interstate 40 from downtown. A large Food City serves the area and from the neighborhood it's an easy drive just about anywhere in Knoxville.

A walking tour of Historic Mechanicsville hosted by Adrian Gonzalez, husband of OMNI's president Cathy Gonzalez, took *The Focus* around the neighborhood last Thursday. Within that part of Mechanicsville, protected by a Historic Zoning Overlay, were many houses dating from 1880 through about 1910 and some surprises. Several of the houses, built to match the neighborhood, were relatively new but you'd never know it by the carefully built exteriors.

OMNI has about 25 active members. Within the Old section are a few homes occupied by

long-time residents, some homes that are rentals, and many homes that were bought and restored by more recent home owners. The Gonzalez family came from a large city and was looking for something similar in feel and chose Mechanicsville.

Here and there the walk found several of the original old iron fences. Many of the homes are painted similar to coastal homes, with different colors and trim. Some of the business buildings between the neighborhood and Western Avenue have also been restored and are in use.

Knoxville Heritage, Inc. has bestowed at least 10 awards on these restoration efforts in the historic section. In 2004 OMNI, Rohm and Haas, East TN Foundation and many other community businesses and

organizations developed green space in Old Mechanicsville, from the City of Knoxville in 1995, into a beautiful garden oasis called Olde Mechanicsville Park.

The walking tour passed by only a couple vacant lots where new, but traditional looking homes, could be built. There were two historic homes for sale. Most properties were well kept and maintained.

OMNI meets the second Thursday of each month in the Odle & Young Architects Office building on Western Avenue between Carrick and College Streets, one of the restored business buildings in Mechanicsville.

You can reach OMNI by calling Cathy Gonzalez at 673-4820 or Google "Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood Interest."

There are two neighborhood associations in Mechanicsville, both working to preserve and protect their unique Knoxville section.

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Charles H. Wright, President of the Mechanicsville Community Association (MCA), told *The Focus* that the group was formed in 1998 in order to rally community support in saving Maynard Elementary. He said so far they have done just that and saved local children from being bused across town to East Knoxville.

The group has been involved with traffic calming and beautification projects as well as boosting community pride.

The MCA has about 25 active members representing the African-American residents in Mechanicsville and more members who attend meetings and special events. Normally

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MECHANICSVILLE

Growing up in Mechanicsville

By Hubert Smith

I grew up living at 237 Deaderick Avenue, on the corner of Deaderick and Dora Street. Across the street from me on the Dora Street side was Mrs. Carol Cross, an English teacher at Beardsley Junior High School, and around me was a mix of all types including Mr. Alfred Nance and his family. Mr. Nance owned a hotel on Dunbar Street just a few blocks from my house. This was mid-fifties and early sixties.

I was raised by my great-aunt and uncle, Lloyd and Marie Frazier. He worked for the city schools for a long while and retired as security chief for Knoxville College and she was a private duty nurse for Mrs. Reeder, the wife of Ross Reeder of Reeder Chevrolet.

During that time Mechanicsville was a self-sustaining neighborhood, mostly black because segregation was the law of the land. We had a movie theatre on the corner of Deaderick and College Street and at least four funeral parlors scattered about, a thriving corner drug store, two black-owned cab companies, physicians offices and many other types of businesses, and during that time Knoxville College was a premier institution.

Moses School was open and the field beside it provided recreation for all of us in the neighborhood for endless baseball play, although there were often only two or three gloves to use. We loved it and during the summer after we finished our chores as children we would play ball until near dark.

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the Association meets at the Fairview Recreation Center on Dora Street, but last week they met at the Clinton Chapel to accommodate the larger crowd to hear Knoxville College's President speak. He said the Fairview Center was once a one-room school house.

He said many people who were born in Mechanicsville return to their the area for special events and each year in September the group sponsors a Home Coming. "We haven't forgotten them, they are still a part of our community," he added. He said the destruction of public housing, the creation of I-40 and I-75, and other factors displaced many long time residents.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knoxville College President Dr. Evelyn Hallman came "down from the hill" last week to speak to the Mechanicsville Community Association.

Wedged in between the two interstates and Western Avenue Wright said there's little room in Mechanicsville for new homes.

The MCA meets every first Tuesday of each month and the public is invited. You can contact the association at 637-1802 or Google them.

HISTORIC KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

The new president of Knoxville College came "down from the hill" Tuesday to talk to the Mechanicville Community Association and seek their help in getting enrollment up and rebuilding the reputation and physical plant of the historic African-American institution.

"With the University of Tennessee why would you need Knoxville College?" President Dr. Evelyn Hallman asked the audience at Clinton Chapel Church.

She went over several points, adding that right now the teacher-student ratio is 8 students for each facility and low tuition. She said Knoxville College is changing its focus from a liberal arts college to become more career focused. Each student is on a "work program" and required to work in their first year at the college, like grounds keeping, and in their second year as community non-paid volunteers.

Juniors and seniors work outside in internships or externships. The college owns 51% of the nearby Pilot station and the filling station serves as a training ground for the upper classes.

The historic college, founded in 1875 and overlooking



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knoxville's oldest Fire Station and the former Bradley's Food Market are just two of the historic buildings in Mechanicsville. Ken Britton now operates Britton Gallery in the former market and displays his many paintings there.

Mechanicsville and Knoxville, is struggling with many things, including funding and accreditation.

Dr. Hallman said that the college received a \$25,000 "Retool Your School" grant last year from Home Depot and, this last week, learned it won first place and will receive \$50,000.

Dr. Hallman said she realizes that the campus buildings are in bad shape and "We're addressing that." She said that James Chesney has been hired as director of the physical plant.

"We realize that for too long we've been isolated up on the hill and want to get involved with the community," she said.

Despite the poor building conditions she said that no one ever complains about the education students receive there.

"We're in the process (of accreditation) and making steps. It will open up federal funds and student loans," she said.

Several of those present were Knoxville College graduates and asked Dr. Hallman several questions and made suggestions, including the idea of devoting a day or weekend to repairing buildings one floor at a time. Many said there is a need for the smaller African-American colleges.

Another suggestion by the Mechanicsville Association included hosting a telethon and holding a Blitz event to begin repairing the college. Another suggestion was approaching the inner-city churches to get involved in helping the college.

"We hope to have 100 students this fall," she said, "and next year 150 students."

You can donate money or services to Knoxville College by calling 524-6525 and Master Card and Visa are accepted. You can also mail a donation to: Knoxville College, c/o President's Office, 901 Knoxville College Drive, Knoxville, Tn. 37921.

Planners look at density in proposals

By Mike Steely
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The Metropolitan Planning Commission saw several zoning change requests Thursday afternoon: one involving a narrow driveway, one requesting to authorize 8.5 apartment units per acre, and another to develop 62 acres with 5.6 units per acre.

The county has seen an increase in requests for multi-family housing developments recently and has seen growing opposition to such developments that take up agricultural land or are planned near subdivisions.

Greystone Properties was requesting initial approval to rezone 62 acres adjoining Lovell Road but faced opposition from homeowners in Bishop's Court, led by Richard Hughes.

"We are concerned about property values and the quality of life," he said, adding that

the access route, Snyder Road, is a "minor connector" that would serve some additional 3,000 cars per day if the apartments are permitted. He said the project would cause noise, unwanted lighting, drainage and water runoff problems.

Wayne Carlton, who said he lives across the road from the proposed development, said he had not seen plans until last Monday and unsuccessfully asked for a 30 day delay on considering the proposal. He called on people in the audience who want the delay to stand and about 30 people did so.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, representing the developer, responded that most of the objections "will have to be dealt with" and said the developer would be happy to meet with Mr. Carlton and the citizens.

The MPC members voted to allow the

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Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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While it might be difficult for readers to believe, once upon a time, Massachusetts was largely a Republican state. The first political dynasty was not the Kennedys, but rather the Lodges. There is the old bit of doggerel, "And this is good old Boston, the home of the bean and the cod, where the Lowells talk to the Cabots, and the Cabots talk only to God."

Henry Cabot Lodge served as both a Congressman and senator from Massachusetts and helped to derail President Woodrow Wilson's drive to bring America into the League of Nations. Lodge was a warm personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt and was an intellectual. Despite his icy demeanor, Lodge was devoted to his family. Devastated by the loss of his son, George "Bay" Lodge, the old senator was left to help raise his grandchildren, one of whom was named for him.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. was the old senator's grandson, despite the "Jr." Born at the Lodge summer home in Nahant, Massachusetts on July 5, 1902, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. enjoyed all the advantages of wealth and privilege. Lodge's father, Bay, was a poet, soldier and sometime clerk to Senator Lodge. The three Lodge children, Henry Cabot, John Davis, and Helena lost their father when George died at age thirty-five. Their mother Mathilda, was related to the Frelinghuysen family of New Jersey, which has steadily produced members of Congress and the United States Senate. In fact, there is still a Frelinghuysen in Congress to this day. A Frelinghuysen was Henry Clay's vice presidential running mate in 1844.

Both Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and his brother, John Davis Lodge, entered politics; Henry served as a senator from Massachusetts, while John, after a reasonably successful career as an actor, was elected governor of Connecticut.

Well educated (young Henry graduated from Harvard cum laude), raised with impeccable manners, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. worked as a reporter before entering politics. His first foray into politics was in 1932, when he was elected to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives.

Lodge married Emily Sears, the daughter of a doctor who was apparently quite wealthy. They had two sons, George Cabot and Henry Sears.

Tall, strikingly handsome, impeccably dressed and highly intelligent, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. was encouraged to seek higher office and he ran for the United States Senate in 1936. It

was a daunting year to be a Republican. The GOP majorities in Congress had been wiped out with the advent of the Great Depression. President Herbert Hoover had been decisively defeated by New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932 and Republicans continued to lose elections in 1934. President Roosevelt was seeking reelection in 1936 and Republicans had little hope of beating him. There appeared to be good reason to think the Democrats would once again see their numbers in Congress increase.

Yet Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. campaigned hard and had the advantage of drawing Governor James Michael Curley as his opponent in the general election. Curley, the notorious "Rascal King", frequently Mayor of Boston, was overconfident, dismissing Lodge as "Little Boy Blue". Curley was stunned when he lost to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

Lodge was the only Republican in the country to beat a Democrat for a seat in the United States Senate that had been held by the Democrats that year.

The new Senator-elect was escorted down the aisle to take the oath of office by the senior senator from Massachusetts, David I. Walsh. A former governor, Walsh was the most successful Irish Catholic politician in the state. Many Yankee Republicans routinely abandoned their own nominee whenever David I. Walsh was on the ballot. Walsh beamed as he escorted his young new colleague, as he disliked James Michael Curley intensely.

Lodge performed the usual duties of a senator, but as World War II loomed, he became increasingly interested in foreign affairs. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Empire and America's entry into the war, Lodge had little interest in the Senate. Lodge actually served a tour of duty in the armed services while still a member of Congress. Lodge had been reelected to the Senate in 1942, but when President Roosevelt insisted all Congressmen return to Washington, Lodge resigned his seat in 1944 to remain in the Army. It was the first time since the Civil War a senator had resigned his seat to serve in the military.

Lodge was a Lieutenant Colonel by the end of the war and returned to Massachusetts. He seemed the logical candidate to run once again for the United States Senate against veteran Senator David I. Walsh. The seventy-three year old Walsh was aging and insisted upon running yet again, despite entreaties from



(From left to right) Senators Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Leverett Saltonstall, and Edward Brooke in 1970

friends and family that he retire gracefully. Walsh had been enormously popular in Massachusetts, running ahead of Franklin Roosevelt in the state, but his appeal had been diminished when he was embroiled in a scandal. Walsh was named as the senator who frequented a male brothel in New York and worse still, apparently the house of ill repute was a gathering place for German spies. It was a lurid and seamy tale and while Senator Walsh was cleared by the FBI, his reputation never recovered.

To his credit, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. waged a positive campaign and he respected Senator Walsh's service. 1946 was a big Republican year and Massachusetts was no exception. Lodge defeated David I. Walsh with a tremendous majority.

Lodge returned to the United States Senate and although he had lost his seniority when he had resigned, was a spokesman for the more moderate wing of the GOP. With his Senate seat up for election in 1952, Lodge was preoccupied with an intra party fight. Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft, known to many as "Mr. Republican", was making his third and final bid for the Republican presidential nomination. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. had worked assiduously to recruit Dwight D. Eisenhower for president. Many Democrats had tried to replace President Harry S. Truman with Eisenhower in 1948, but the general had refused to seek the nomination. Eisenhower proved to be more amenable in 1952 and won the New Hampshire primary. The contest between Eisenhower and Taft went down to the wire and no one was more responsible for Eisenhower's ultimate victory than Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

Eisenhower's victory was indirectly responsible for Lodge's defeat. Senator Lodge had largely ignored his own reelection campaign and he faced a formidable opponent in young Congressman John F. Kennedy. Kennedy was young, handsome, and charming. He was also the scion of one of America's wealthiest families, as well

as a political family. His maternal grandfather, John Francis Fitzgerald, had been Mayor of Boston and had once quite nearly beaten Henry Cabot Lodge for his Senate seat in 1916.

Lodge started with the advantage, but many conservative Republicans were highly irritated with Lodge's backing of General Eisenhower for the GOP nomination. Joseph P. Kennedy, father of JFK, "loaned" one influential newspaper owner \$500,000 during the campaign and it is not surprising the ordinarily strongly Republican paper came out for John F. Kennedy for the United States Senate. Lodge narrowly lost his reelection bid.

Lodge remained in public service due to his having been appointed by President Eisenhower as the representative from the United States to the United Nations. Eisenhower elevated the post to a Cabinet level position. Lodge remained at his post at the United Nations for seven years.

In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon was the Republican nominee for President of the United States. Nixon surprised a good many Republicans when he chose Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. as his pick for the vice presidential nomination. Senator John F. Kennedy was the Democratic presidential nominee and more than a few Republicans thought Lodge an odd choice for the GOP vice presidential nomination as it was clear he brought little electoral strength to the ticket. Nixon hoped his choice of Lodge might divert Kennedy to having to campaign in his own home state, but JFK easily won Massachusetts.

Lodge did cause a minor uproar when he announced, if elected, Nixon would select an African-American to serve in the Cabinet. This news was most unwelcome in the South and likely helped to blunt some Southern hostility towards Kennedy due to his Catholicism.

It was, however, one of the closest presidential elections in history.

Oddly, it was Lodge's old rival John F. Kennedy who helped revive Henry Cabot Lodge politically. Lodge was appointed Ambassador to South Vietnam in 1963. It was a precarious time, as the United States was committing more and more military resources to the region and the war was escalating.

Lodge was still serving as Ambassador when his name was entered into the New Hampshire presidential primary. Lodge was not an active candidate, but won the primary on a write-in vote. The Republican nomination was won by Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater, who lost badly to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. remained as Ambassador to South Vietnam and with the fall of the Diem government, Lodge warned the State Department the United States had few options. Lodge noted that if the U. S. did not make South Vietnam a protectorate of the United States, an increased military presence would be required, or the United States would have to leave the country altogether.

Lodge continued his diplomatic career and had been reappointed Ambassador to South Vietnam under Lyndon Johnson's administration. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. served as Ambassador At Large, as

well as Ambassador to West Germany. When Richard Nixon finally won the presidency in 1968, Nixon selected Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. to lead the peace negotiations with North Vietnam in Paris.

In 1970, Nixon appointed Lodge to serve as the envoy to the Vatican and Lodge served in that capacity until 1977.

There had been one final contest between political dynasties in Massachusetts in 1962 when Lodge's son, George Cabot Lodge, was the GOP nominee for the United States Senate against Edward Moore "Ted" Kennedy. While Lodge made a respectable showing, Ted Kennedy won that race handily and served in the U. S. Senate until his death.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. finally returned to his home in Beverly, Massachusetts where he assumed the role of elder statesman. Lodge began to have trouble with his legs and required the use of crutches to get around. Still, Lodge made occasional appearances at events in Massachusetts and was fondly remembered by many. Despite his infirmity and the ravages of time, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. retained his stately looks and impeccable wardrobe.

As he grew older, Lodge began suffering from congestive heart failure and he died February 27, 1985 at age eighty-two. Senator Ted Kennedy declared Lodge to be "one of the greatest statesmen".

Lodge was one of those rare politicians who continually rose in the esteem of many people after having left elective office. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. rests in the soil of his native Massachusetts near his family.

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City looks at Donation Boxes

By Mike Steely
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You've seen them, those donation boxes at convenience stations, in front of stores, and scattered across Knoxville.

Back in October the Knoxville City Council asked the Metropolitan Planning Commission to look into what could be done about the growing number of donation boxes and trailers appearing here and there across town.

Thursday the council heard from MPC Director Mark Donaldson who said the most prolific of the problem is the red and white and green boxes that are placed outside businesses by out-of-area organizations.

Donaldson also asked the council

if, in drafting an MPC suggested ordinance, if they wanted to include all the semi-trailers that are operated or placed by local organizations like the Good Will and Salvation Army. He said he checked with other cities for ordinances regulating donation boxes and found only a few.

"There aren't a lot of other cities that address this," he said, "in their zoning ordinances."

Several council members discussed the issue until Council member Brenda Palmer suggested that a possible ordinance should be sorted out within the law department and the planning commission.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe asked if an ordinance is adopted, who would

enforce it?

Another question about a future ordinance was whether or not to grandfather, or allow existing donation trailers and boxes, if a permit would be required, and if donation boxes should simply be banned inside the city.

Councilman Marshall Stair said the matter "is complicated"

Law Director Charles Swanson said that he thinks he understands and knows what the council wants.

"We can draft some regulations," he said, adding that some of the pre-existing donation trailers and boxes are "non-conforming and illegal." He told the council that he and the planning commission can work together and come up with something.

Catherine

By Joe Rector
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I'm taking this opportunity to write about someone special. Instead of telling a story from my past or writing a diatribe about politics or the younger generation, my goal is to honor to a person who has touched so many lives. By the time I finish, I hope you'll want to know her as well.

Catherine Nance arrived at Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church about 5 years ago. At the time I was section editor for another paper and interviewed her as a way of introducing her to the community. What struck me immediately about Catherine was her captivating smile. She was the kind of person who knew no strangers. Her open heart and open arms welcomed every person. After I'd completed my interview, I knew then that I'd found someone whom I would hold dear for the rest of my days.

Catherine is a doer. No

job is too difficult or menial for her. She jumps in to cook Wednesday evening meals at the church, serves the members who are present for supper, and even washes dishes. On more than one occasion, she's been found setting up dozens of tables and a hundred chairs for the weekly get together. At other times, Catherine has rolled up her sleeves and spread mulch in flower beds around the church. All of these tasks aren't included in her job description; they are additional to the services she provides as a minister, administrator, and counselor.

Those who have heard her speak can attest to the fact that she is a dynamic person in the pulpit. Catherine combines biblical readings with personal experiences and thought-provoking comments. Those of us in her church leave each Sunday service awestruck at the impact her sermon makes on our thinking and our daily

lives.

Most of all Catherine Nance is a friend. We've laughed and joked; we've ached and cried; in short, she has opened herself so that I have felt comfortable doing the same. I respect and love her as a person, and I appreciate her help with my struggling and emerging faith.

This year, the Methodist powers-that-be decided to move Catherine. The congregation did not want her to leave us, and I suspect that she felt more time was needed to complete her work at BRUMC. However, she is to become the minister of First Methodist Church in Maryville.

The moving of ministers in the Methodist church made good sense in the 1940-1960s. Then, mainline denominations were increasing in membership, and ministers with certain skills were assigned where they could be of most benefit. However, these days, mainline churches are bleeding membership.

It simply makes no sense to move a minister when the congregation is happy and so is the minister. A pastor serves as the stabilizing force in a church. Her presence helps the congregation to remain strong, dedicated, and focused. Moving her causes much more harm than good. Put another way, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

My emotions are more than a bit raw. I dread the departure of Catherine Nance. Yes, it's selfish on my part, but she has become a friend, minister, and pastor to me and the other BRUMC members. We will miss her and hope that we remain in her thoughts and prayers.

Thank you Catherine Nance, for giving so much to the congregation at BRUMC. Our hearts are heavy with your leaving but joyful for the lessons you've helped us understand and the love and kindness you've showered on us.

Planners look at density in proposals

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zoning change which would now go to county commission for two readings. Chair Rebecca Longmire told the opposition that the proposed development will have to come back before the planners during a "use on review" hearing before final approval is given.

The Historic Ramsey House got approval to lift the historic zoning on 3.4 acres on John Sevier Highway to allow a convenient store to build there. Association President Owen Decker said the sale of the property, rezoned as commercial, would help fund the Ramsey House and activities there.

"We still have 100 acres," he told the planners.

Volunteer Development asked the MPC to rezone 18.26 acres on Westland Drive from Agricultural to Planned Residential and allow the building of five units per acre. The development was represented by Attorney John King and opposed by Attorney Wayne Kline for the nearby property owners.

Kline spoke first, saying the proposed development, near Getty's View and another subdivision, should have only two units per acre because of traffic safety and density in the nearby neighborhoods.

King said the developer was requesting 62 units total and that restricting it to "two or three per acre kills the project."

The planners learned that four acres and a

\$800,000 home there, included in the total acreage, would eventually be sold when they heard Kline say that the development would actually be built on 12 acres they also learned the planning staff was recommending three units per acre.

"Three per acre will kill the project," King said again.

The planners split on the vote but the three per acre passed in an 8-6 vote.

The planners also split, 8-6, in approving an apartment development on Hardin Valley Road by Phillip Garrett at Schaeffer Road. The request was to change the zoning from Business to Planned Residential. An approval must also be granted by the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority. The developer agreed to a 100 foot setback from the road and promised to include a 25 foot non-disturbance clause in its final proposal which will come back for approval.

The commission also heard from Aaron Lett who lives next to a 1.1 acre site being proposed for a Dollar General Store on Tazewell Pike. He said he's concerned that the store will infringe on his privacy. The project, a proposal by Angela Elizabeth Willis and Allison P. Cornell, had asked that the current Office Zoning be changed to Commercial. The MPC voted to change the zoning to CA (Commercial).



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Rockwood downs Falcons for first soccer title

By Ken Lay

Fulton High School is in the midst of its best soccer season in school history but even historic seasons have a few bumps in the road.

The third-seeded Falcons came up short of winning a District 3-A/AA Championship Thursday night at Bob Black Field.

"It was just a bad night for us," Fulton coach Larry Johnston said after his Falcons dropped a 3-0 decision to fourth-seeded Rockwood in the title match. "I'm proud of our guys but they're a little dejected right now and they should be."

"But we've lost [two games] this year and I remember when I first took over the program and we played our first game at Pigeon Forge and that was the first time that I'd ever seen 11 players together. I'm really proud of these guys."

They might've lost Thursday but the good news for the Falcons (10-2-1) is that their 2014 campaign is not over. Fulton will travel to face two-time defending State Champion Christian Academy of Knoxville Tuesday night.

Kickoff time wasn't set at press time.

While Fulton, which was without the services of starting goalkeeper Jose Galan (who suffered a broken finger in the semifinal match at Pigeon Forge), missed the chance to claim its first district title; the Tigers (12-3-4) made history of their own.

Rockwood, the tournament's fourth seed, won its first district title in the third year of the soccer program's existence. The Tigers host Catholic on Tuesday.

Rockwood scored the match's first goal when Caleb Splawn converted a penalty kick in the 18th minute.

The Tigers, who led 1-0 at halftime, added a pair of late goals on set pieces. Jose Coronilla tallied in the 74th minute and Cameron Hashmi had the game's final goal in the 78th minute.

Both markers were set.

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Gibbs routs Powell to prove its point in district tournament

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School set out on the softball diamond to prove a point Wednesday night.

The Lady Eagles, who ruled the roost in District 3-AA in the past, moved into Class AAA in 2014 and they responded by winning another district championship.

Gibbs claimed its first-ever District 3-AAA Tournament title with an 11-1 five-inning victory over third-seeded Powell before a packed house at the Gibbs High School Softball Field.

"This feels really good," said longtime Lady Eagles' coach Carol Mitchell, who recently won her 700th career game to open the tournament. "With us moving up, we had some naysayers who said we would struggle."

"One of our underlying goals was to make the region. We won the district and now we have a top seed."

The Lady Eagles (43-4) will host District

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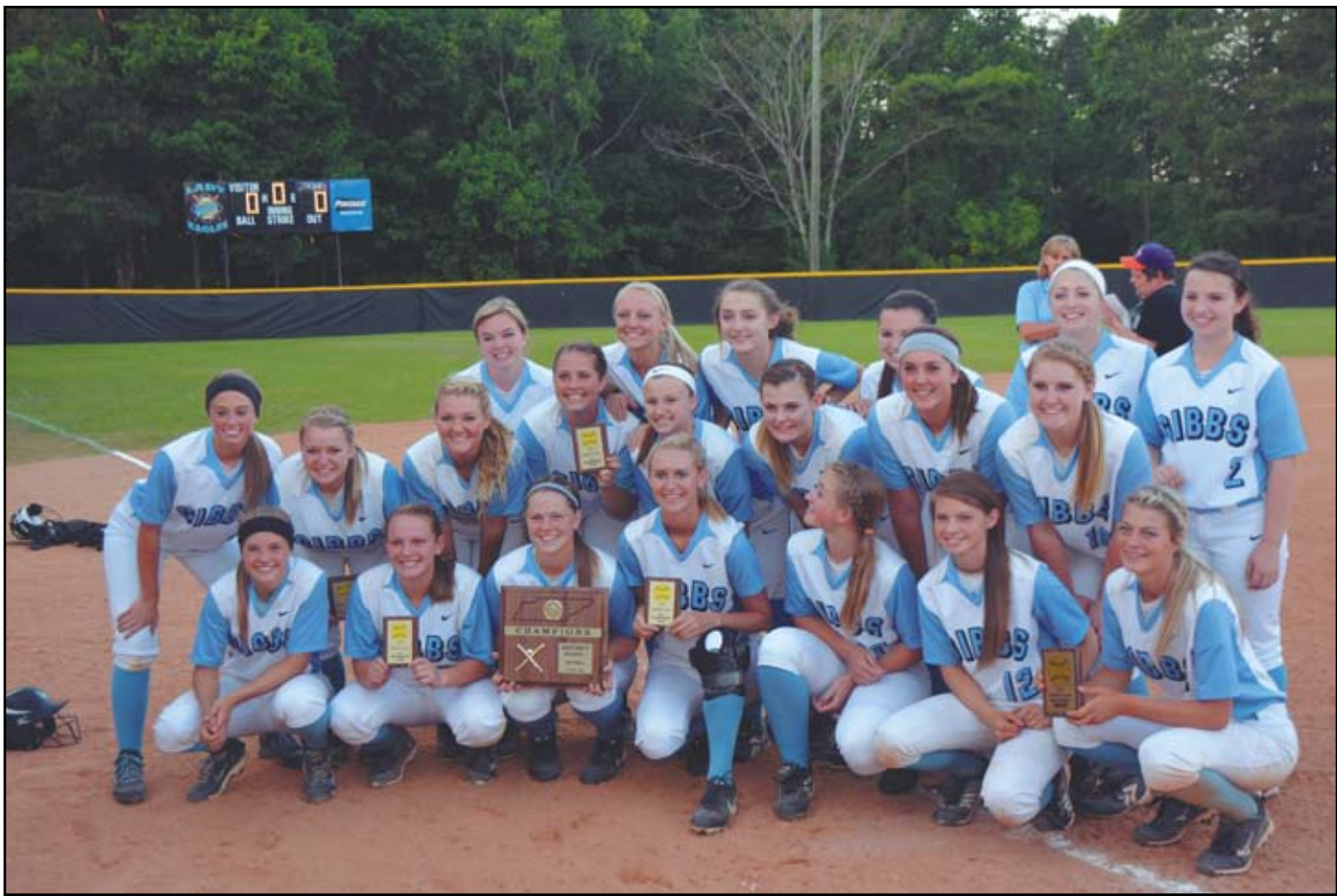


PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.
The Gibbs Lady Eagles celebrate their District 3-AAA softball championship Wednesday night. Gibbs beat Powell 11-1 to win the title.

TSSAA honors Seymour's Gary Householder

By Steve Williams

When Gary Householder looks back on his career as a teacher, coach and administrator at Seymour High School, his greatest pride comes from the part he's played in the victories of others in the game of life.

"I am proud of the 280 wins as a football coach and of the state runner-up in golf, but I am more proud of the boys and girls who became good citizens, good fathers and mothers and good family people and good contributors to society," stated Householder via e-mail recently.

Householder, currently the athletic director and academic testing coordinator in his 41st year on the Seymour staff, was one of eight inducted into the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association's Hall of Fame last month.

"I am totally humbled and 'blown away' by the honor," noted Householder. "I am sure there are many others more deserving."

Householder was named to the TSSAA Hall of Fame in the "administrator" category. A luncheon and induction ceremonies were held April 5 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro.

"I am also proud to have worked with loyal hard working assistant coaches and very supportive administrators," stated Householder, the Eagles' head football coach for 34 years, from 1975 through 2008.

With a won-loss record of 280-106, he is the only Seymour head football coach who has compiled a winning percentage over .500 in school history. The school's stadium and field house are both named in his honor.

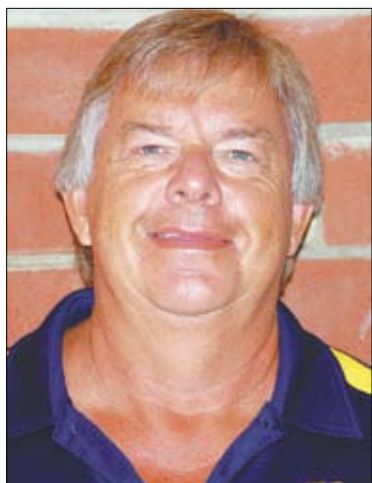
Householder, who also coached the school's boys golf team to runner-up honors in the 2005 Class A-AA state tournament, has been Seymour's athletic director since 1984.

"I have tried to follow the advice of the late Larry Huskey as an athletic director," he pointed out. "When he asked me to be the AD he told me to treat each sport as the most important in the athletic department when dealing with parents and athletes, and that has been very sound advice."

Under Householder's leadership, Seymour started programs in track, cross country, boys and girls soccer, volleyball and bowling.

In the 1990s, at the request of Ronnie Carter, former Executive Director of the governing body of state high school athletics, Householder also became a TSSAA District Coordinator. He has served in

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TSSAA Hall of Famer Gary Householder has excelled as an athletic director and coach at Seymour High School.

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Powell claims title with 12-2 win over Karns

By Ken Lay

Powell High School's baseball team scored early and often en route to a District 3-AAA Championship Tuesday night. The Panthers, who won the regular-season title, tallied three runs in the first inning on their way to a 12-2 victory over Karns in the tournament championship game at Danny T. Maples Field. Powell (29-8) started with a bang when leadoff hitter and senior right fielder Sam Braden blasted a solo home run over the left-field fence. And the Panthers were far from finished as they scored two more runs before the Beavers (21-15) even recorded an out. Powell picked up its second run

when it took advantage of a pair of Karns errors. Powell plated its third run when Marcus Weaver legged out a bunt single that scored Chase Parker.

The Panthers, who scored in all five innings, added two more in the second on RBI singles from Hagen Owenby and pitcher Dalton Long, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Long, Powell's senior right-hander, may have provided an offensive punch but he was dominant on the mound.

He retired the first 10 hitters he faced before Caleb Cross reached on a one-out single. Cross was erased when Matt Oster rapped into an inning-ending double play.

"When Sam hit that home run, he really set the tone," Long said. "That was big for us and it was the first time he led off the game with a home run all year."

"It was a big momentum shift and it helped me because I was able to just keep pounding the strike zone. I had pretty good command of my fast ball and my curveball was as good as it's been all year."

The victory netted the Panthers a home game today against Bearden, which lost to rival Farragut 25-10 in the District 4-AAA Championship Game on Wednesday at Hardin Valley Academy. Game time wasn't set at press time.

The Beavers, who travel to face the Admirals today,

scored two runs in the fifth on RBI singles by Chase McAllister and Nick Beuchat. Those hits came with one out in the frame after Long hit Chris Reddick and Hagan Kennedy after Tucker Pate grounded out.

Those runs pulled the Beavers to within 9-2.

The Panthers took a 9-0 lead in the fourth on a two-run single by Peyton Alford.

Powell, which scored two more in the fifth, clinched the title and sent the crowd home early on an RBI single by Keegan Judd, the Panthers' No. 9 hitter and center fielder.

Even in defeat, Karns coach Matt Hurley was pleased with his team's effort.

"We've had some tough

losses including one [late in the regular season] to Central," Hurley said. "But these boys responded."

"I tip my hat to Powell."

[Coach] Jay [Scarbro] does a great job and that just came out and flat swung the bats."

The Panthers finished the game with 15 hits as Owenby and Braden each had four.

"Hagen was 4-for-4 and Sam was 4-for-4 and I was a little surprised that we came out and jumped on them like we did," Scarbro said. "But we have 12 seniors and they all know that this is their opportunity to do something."

Area hoopsters honored by coaches

By Ken Lay

Area high school basketball players were recently honored for their accomplishments by being named to the Knox County Coaches Association all-Knoxville Interscholastic League basketball team.

The awards culminated one of the most exciting high schools seasons in Knoxville in recent memory.

Karns High School guard Devin Sibley was named boys Player of the Year. He was also named District 3-AAA Most Valuable Player after leading the Beavers to an appearance in the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

Sibley was joined on the first team by Hardin Valley Academy's Zak Carter, Christian Academy of Knoxville Oteriah Lee, Dallas Fields (Powell) and Andre Wilson of Austin-East.

Carter led the Hawks to their first-ever Region 2-AAA Tournament. Lee averaged 22 points for the Warriors. Fields helped the Panthers win the Region 2-AAA Tournament title and Wilson led the Roadrunners to a regional tournament appearance.

Second-team honors went to Fulton's Kentel Williams (who was also named Sophomore of the Year),

Austin Cox (Webb), Jordan Bowden (Carter), Kelvin Williams (Fulton) and Charles Mitchell (Carter),

Third-team selections included: Billy Williams (Farragut); Justin Jenkins (Webb); Troy Whiteside (Webb); Chris Cook (West) and Ales Hill (Powell).

Carter coach Joby Boydstone was named Coach of the Year after leading the Hornets to a Region 2-AA Tournament Championship in his first season in Strawberry Plains.

Meanwhile, several girls teams had magical seasons.

Bearden's Erin Walsh was named KIL Player of the Year. She led the Lady Bulldogs to the Region 2-AAA semifinals while averaging 17.5 points per game and burying 70 shots from beyond the 3-point arc.

Walsh, who had a stellar career at Bearden, was joined on the first team by CAK's Anna Hammaker; Rebecca Jameson (Farragut); Keke McKinney (Fulton) and Webb's Micah Sheetz.

Hammaker, a junior led the Lady Warriors to the sectionals. She was also District 4-AA's Most Valuable Player. Jameson helped the Lady Admirals win a Region 2-AAA Tournament Championship. McKinney, a freshman, helped the Lady Falcons reach the Class AA State Championship Game where they fell to Elizabethton.

Sheetz was also named Sophomore of the Year after leading the Lady Spartans to a Division II-A State Championship. She was the tournament MVP and was also named Miss Basketball.

Second-team honors went to Fulton's Quay Hines, Powell's Shea Coker and Damiyah Moore, Webb's Katie Collier and Farragut senior Madison Maples.

Third-team selections included Kaycee Heitzman and Brianna Bryant of CAK. They were joined on the squad by Bearden's Lexus Norwood, Farragut's Madyson Newby and Hardin Valley junior Lacy Cantrell.

Lady Falcons' coach John Fisher was named Coach of the Year. He led Fulton to the State Championship game.

NFL Dream Comes True For Ja'Wuan James

By Alex Norman

Ja'Wuan James was a part of perhaps the worst four year stretch in Tennessee football history.

But his future looks a lot brighter than his recent past.

On Thursday, May 8, James heard his name called by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, as he was selected 19th overall by the Miami Dolphins.

James, an offensive tackle, is the 45th player in Volunteers program history to be picked in the first round of the NFL Draft.

Shortly after big moment, James posted the following messages on twitter.

"I am so blessed and appreciate the Dolphins so much for this opportunity! Ready to go to work with my new team! #FinsUp"

"Thank you to everyone @ UT!! I appreciate everyone who's helped me along the way. Love y'all #OLP #VFL"

James started 49 games in his Tennessee career from 2010-2013, which is a Vols record for starts by an offensive lineman. He is listed at 6'6" and 311 pounds, and will be called on to protect quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

"We got to keep him up," said James in a teleconference later that night. "I'm part of the O-line now, and I'm just going to do my job to help keep him up. And like I keep saying, I really appreciate this opportunity... just going to come in and grind."

"He's been a targeted player... a guy we spent a lot of time on in the process leading up to the draft," said Dolphins General Manager Dennis Hickey. "We are excited about the skill set that he brings, the person that he is... we are excited to add him to our roster. He was the best player for us, that's how we valued him, that's how we saw him."

"I think the one thing that we all felt after watching the tape, and it is the number one job an offensive tackle has to get done on a consistent basis in the National Football

League, we feel like he has the ability to pass block, one on one, against defensive ends," said Dolphins head coach Joe Philbin. "We all felt good about his ability to fit in here, to fit within the scheme, we thought he would be a good fit culturally, he's a good person, a good kid. The more we knew the more we liked."

"When you line him up in Miami, you can play him at right tackle, and they have a big need there, you can play him at right guard," said NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock. "Either way, day one he is gonna be a starter."

"I was impressed with the way he played all year," said ESPN draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. "His consistency from game to game was excellent."

For James, Miami is a fresh start after four collegiate seasons that were certainly a challenge. James committed to

Lane Kiffin and the Vols in November of 2009, and was an early enrollee at Tennessee when Kiffin abruptly left for Southern California in January of 2010. James and the Vols went 21-28 with Derek Dooley and Butch Jones as head coach during James's time in Knoxville.

But those experiences made him stronger, and he will get the chance to show his strengths in the AFC East.

"It's just another opportunity, another challenge. In the SEC, I faced a lot of good pass rushers," said James. "I know at this next level, there's a lot of great ones. So as a tackle you have to be able to pass block and run block, that's our job. I just want to come in and show I can do those two things, and can compete."

James added, "I'm a tough, smart offensive lineman. I pride myself on being smart and not making many mistakes. I bring athleticism to the table, strength, and a lot of experience too, being able to play that many games at the position and the conference that I did."

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that role for District 2-AA, District 3-AA and now District 2-AAA.

The position entails "setting up play for the district's post-season events and securing awards and plaques," said Householder.

Seymour High's first

football season was 1961. Householder played four years for the Eagles (1963-66) under the late Jimmy Harris. He graduated from Seymour in 1967 and from the University of Tennessee in 1972. That fall he became a chemistry and physics teacher at SHS.

"I think athletes of today have more distractions,"

summed up Householder, "but they still want to have some discipline and know that you care about them as a person and an athlete, and that you want to help them to make good decisions."

Householder, by TSSAA standards, has succeeded honorably in that regard.

Gibbs routs Powell to prove its point in district tournament

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4 runner-up Farragut today (May 12) at 6 p.m.

Gibbs, which won the district tourney as the No. 2 seed, found itself behind the Lady Panthers (who eliminated top-seeded Halls 14-13 earlier in the day) early.

Powell (32-18) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when first baseman McKenzie Bedwell hit a solo home run.

After that, however, Gibbs scored 11 unanswered runs. The Lady Eagles pulled even in the bottom of the frame when catcher Sarah McFarland had an RBI single that plated Cheyenne Boles with the tying run.

The Lady Eagles took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. Tournament MVP Faith Lowry led off with a single and stole second. She stole second before advancing to

third on a bunt by Kaitlyn Trent. Some heads-up base running landed Trent at second base on the play.

Lowry, who went 4-for-4 with four stolen bases and three runs, scored when Karri Byrd lifted a sacrifice fly to left field to make the score 2-1. Trent later scored on a single by Boles, the Gibbs third baseman.

The Lady Eagles blew things open when they scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth. Byrd had a two-run single. Kaitlyn Beeler walked and was lifted for pinch runner Chloe Martin, who would score on a wild pitch. Boles had a two-run double and Beeler had an RBI double. When the dust had settled, the Lady Eagles had a 9-1 lead.

Gibbs ended things in the bottom of the fifth when Trent hit a two-run homer over the left-field fence.

The win left Lowry vindicated.

"Everybody said that we only went to state every year because we didn't play anybody but these girls have all worked hard," she said. "We just came in and worked hard every day and put our hearts into it."

While Gibbs proved its point, the loss was far from devastating for the Lady Panthers, who travel to Maryville for a Region 2-AAA Tournament game Tuesday at 5 p.m.

"I can't say enough good things about our girls," Powell coach Jeff Inman said. "We're a young team and we played well."

"Gibbs just came out and really swung the bats against us. We had an emotional roller-coaster ride against Halls [in the loser's bracket final] where we executed and got a big out."



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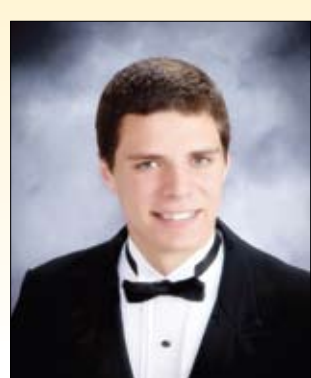
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Rams end long road with baseball title

By Ken Lay

HARRIMAN---Grace Christian Academy's baseball took a long road to win the District 3-A Championship.

The Rams, who had to come through the loser's bracket, clinched the title with a 4-0 win over Midway Thursday night at Harriman High School.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys," said Mitch Turner, GCA's first-year coach. "We had to come from the loser's bracket and I told the guys that if anybody could do it, we could because we had the pitching."

It was the Rams' pitching that took center stage Thursday night as Tanner Fee hurled a four-hit

shutout. He needed just 62 pitches (including 52 strikes) to nab a complete-game victory. He walked one and struck out six in seven innings.

Grace (21-12) also played errorless defense.

The Rams scored three runs in the second inning. Caleb Savage opened the frame with a double. First baseman Josh Liford followed with a walk before Luke Shepherd singled to load the bases.

Courtesy runner Nathan Atkinson scored the game's first run on a passed ball to give the Rams, who host Oakdale in a Region 2-A game today at 6 p.m., a 1-0 lead.

Grace Christian senior right fielder Caleb Walker then successfully

executed a safety squeeze and drove in Liford. A Midway error on the play allowed Shepherd to score and give the Rams a 3-0 lead.

Grace added a run in the fourth Liford's sacrifice fly that scored Taylor Lawson.

The Rams had to win three games in two days to claim the district championship. Grace opened the tournament with a 6-1 win over host Harriman. The Rams then dropped a 7-4 decision to Midway. In that game, Liford struggled on the mound.

He would, however, respond. In Grace's first loser's bracket game, Turner had his senior slated to play designated hitter. After a

chat, Turner put the senior in the field.

"Josh didn't throw his best game in the loss to Midway and I told him that he was going to play DH," Turner said. "He told me that I needed some senior leadership," Turner said. "He told me that he couldn't be a leader if he only got three at-bats."

"I told him, 'we have another guy on the team who's playing better than you right now.'"

Liford then told his coach that he wouldn't regret letting him play in the field. He then delivered and took the Rams to the championship round.

"The kid just went off," Turner said. "He had five or six hits and

drove in five or six runs."


Grace beat Meigs County 14-2 before sweeping Midway in the championship series. The Rams prevailed in a 12-7 slugfest to force Thursday's game."

Last week was a busy one for the Rams in Harriman. When they weren't on the field, they were cheerleaders for the Lady Rams softball team, which also won a district title Thursday night.


"It was big for our teams to both be playing at the same location," Turner said. "We were doing laps between the baseball and softball fields."

"Our athletic department is one big family."

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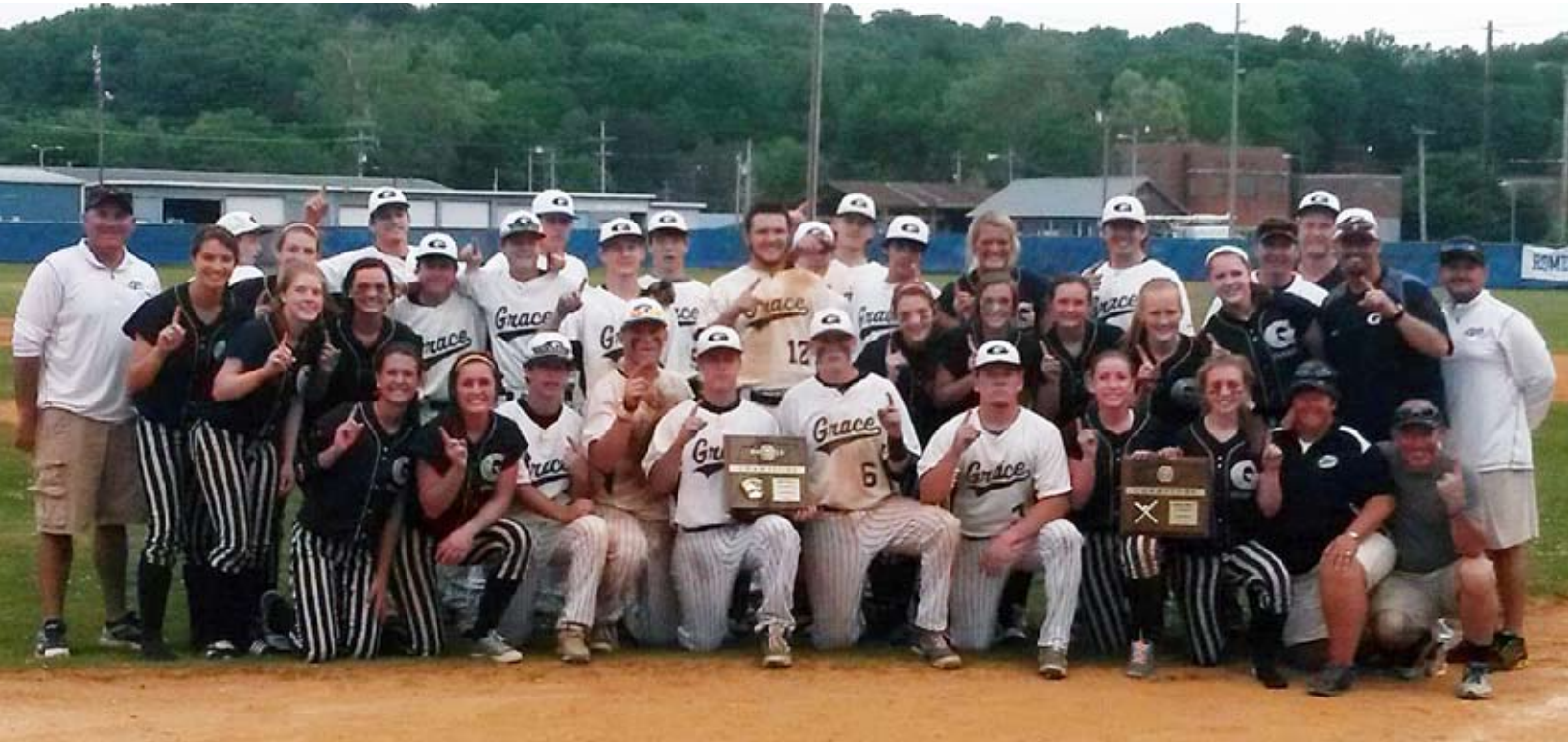
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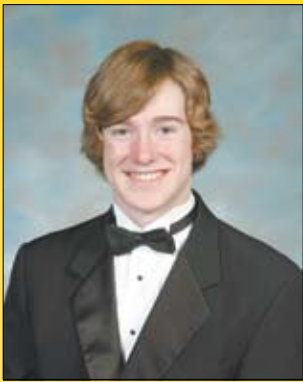
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Lady Rams down Meigs to claim championship

By Ken Lay

HARRIMAN---It's a three-peat for the Grace Christian Academy softball team.

The Lady Rams completed a perfect run in the District 3-A Tournament run to claim their third consecutive tournament title. Grace clinched the championship with a 3-2 victory over Meigs County Thursday night at Harriman High School.

"This is our fourth year as a [coaching] staff and this is our third straight district title," GCA coach Dewayne Hunt said. "Our first year, we finished runner-up to Midway in the district tournament."

"I'm extremely proud of our girls. In the five years before we got here, Grace won one game and now, we've had for seasons in a row where we've won 20 or more games."

Grace (26-15) took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Pitcher Jessica Webb reached on an error to lead things off. Madison McMullen and Callie Kirkwood then had consecutive singles to load the bases before a two-run single by catcher Marissa Infield plated Webb and McMullen.

The Lady Rams extended their advantage to 3-0 in the top of the third inning.

Freshman Ashley Ellison opened the frame with a hit and advanced to third when Webb and Hunt successfully executed back-to-back sacrifice bunts.

A double by senior Leanne Graves plated Ellison with the game's third run.

Meigs County scored a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the third to pull to within 3-2.

After a few anxious moments, Grace held on.

Webb, Grace's junior pitcher had a stellar outing as she threw a two-hitter and finished with seven strikeouts en route capturing her 20th win of the season.

The Lady Rams return to the diamond tonight (May 12) when they host Oneida in the opening round of the Region 2-A Tournament.

First pitch is slated for 6:30.

It will be the fourth consecutive regional appearance for Grace, which is still seeking its first State Tournament berth in school history.

The Lady Rams, who sustained some injuries along the way in 2014, might've cruised to a district title but coach Hunt put together a tough schedule which included games against District 4-AAA Champion Maryville, District 4-AAA runner-up Farragut, District 3-AAA Champion Gibbs and District 2-AAA Champion South-Doyle.

Grace also played Halls. The Lady Devils went 39-4 and spent much of the season ranked atop the state polls before being eliminated by Powell in the District 3-AAA semifinals.

"We played a tough schedule and that can only make us better," coach Hunt said. "We are very blessed at Grace and our players are a blessing and a delight to coach and be around."



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Fulton's Julius Habiymremye (6) leaps after making a kick in Thursday's District 3-A/AA Championship Match at Bob Black Field. The Falcons came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision against Rockwood.

Rockwood downs Falcons for first soccer title

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up on throw-ins by Jack Lowe.

"Most of our goals have been scored on set plays, free kicks, corner kicks or throw-ins," Rockwood coach Wes Ford said. "Those throw-ins are like corner kicks for us."

Fulton's Haider Mohammed played in goal and Johnston applauded his

effort.

"I thought Haider did a good job," Johnston said. "We were in this thing until the bitter end."

Mohammed made seven saves in the match. Rockwood's Malcom Springs stopped all five shots he faced and the Tigers' defense held the Falcons to just one quality scoring chance in the second half.

Have you heard the latest marketing promo for University of Tennessee football? Behind the iron gates and statue of the General lies "the hallowed grounds" of Neyland Stadium.



By Steve Williams

The message is well done and might help get you in the mood for the upcoming season. But after UT's announcement a couple of weeks ago that it would not be hosting the annual high school jamboree in August, I wonder if a "Keep off the Grass" sign has been put out in front of the stadium.

This is the first public relations fumble of the Butch Jones era. Call it a "dooley."

Definition of dooley: Doing something, for no apparent good reason, that upsets a lot of people.

It's not a real word. It's not in Webster's and you won't get anything by googling it. But most Vol fans already know what it means. It originated when former UT Coach Derek Dooley adversely affected relations with many former

Hood tapped to coach defensive line at Carter

By Ken Lay

Daniel Hood recently finished his career as a starting defensive lineman at the University of Tennessee.

But he wasn't out of football long. He graduated in December, 2013 and went to work as the head strength coach for the Carter High School football program when the calendar switched to 2014.

Hood, a tight end and defensive end at Catholic High School where he helped lead the Irish to a Class 3A State Championship and an undefeated record in 2008, recently saw his role with the Hornets change and increase.

New Carter head coach Jeff McMillan, a longtime defensive coordinator at Fulton and Central, named Hood to coach the defensive line in Strawberry Plains.

"I always wanted to be a coach," said Hood, who got his first college interception in the Volunteers' season-opening victory over Austin Peay last season. "My dad was a coach when he taught school."

"This is a way to stay involved in the game and I know I have experience and wisdom with all that I've been

through at UT and at Catholic. I had the honor of playing for my hometown college team and I want to help these kids achieve and get the chance to play college football, wherever that may be."

Hood has interests outside of football and he plans to stress education along with success on the gridiron.

"Education is the key and I love the opportunity to share my experience with someone," said Hood, who opened a handyman business following his graduation from Tennessee. "I love football and I have my handyman business and that's a full-time job as well."

Hood, who worked as the strength coach at Carter since January, said he and McMillan became friends. He also noted that he enjoys working for the Hornets and in the Strawberry Plains community.

"Carter has a good program and they've won a lot of games," Hood said. "I know these kids because I've worked with them all through the spring."

Away from the football field, Hood is interested in politics and an avid NBA fan.

Butch needs to let high school players experience Neyland

Tennessee players by requiring them to make a reservation instead of just showing up to support the program and current team.

Give Butch credit for correcting that dooley and others since he's been here, which makes the recent announcement to not open the gates to Shields-Watkins Field for the high school kickoff event even more surprising.

"We place great priority on having the field at Neyland Stadium in the best possible condition when the Tennessee football season begins, which we believe is in the best interests of our football program," announced Tennessee senior associate athletic director Jimmy Stanton. "As such, we will not be hosting the Jamboree or any other on-field events in August at the stadium moving forward."

The jamboree has been held at Neyland Stadium many, many times before and I have never heard of it causing a problem to the field. Never.

I thought playing football on a football field was natural. It should not be an

issue.

Last year's jamboree consisted of 11 "quarters" and took about five hours. With all the breaks between "games" to get in the action, actual playing time didn't take much longer than a regular college game played on the field. And there's usually more than two weeks of recovery time between the jamboree and UT home opener.

There were probably around a thousand players on the 22 teams who experienced the thrill of playing in Neyland Stadium last summer. A once in a lifetime memory.

Even high school coaches and referees have been fortunate enough to get that unique view inside Neyland.

"We greatly value our relationships with all of our local high schools, and we understand the unique experience of playing in Neyland Stadium," Stanton added. "We will have discussions regarding the potential of hosting the Jamboree in the Spring moving forward, as we are certainly open to this event taking place in the weeks after the Orange and White game each year."

Such an alternative date is ridiculous. The jamboree is a preseason event, a "dress rehearsal" for the start of the prep season which usually begins the following week.

In May of 2009, prior to the brief Lane Kiffin era at UT, I wrote a column showing how, with a rotation system, high school players from not only Knox County but from all counties within close driving range would be able to play in a preseason jamboree at Neyland Stadium at least once in their prep careers.

That figured out to about 2,700 players in the East Tennessee area getting to block and tackle or maybe even score a touchdown in Neyland Stadium over a 3-year period.

My research at that time also pointed out the fact that only 1 out of every 17 high school seniors who play football go on to play on the NCAA Division 1 level, or in a stadium like Neyland.

I doubt Kiffin ever read that column.

I think I'll send Butch a copy of it. Maybe he'll fix this dooley, and let the high school players on the "hallowed grounds."

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a weekly column by Dr. Jim Ferguson

Let My People Go

I'm reading the Bible again this year, but this time as part of a group. The last time I read this compendium of wisdom by myself. I much prefer reading the Bible with other pilgrims, and then discussing our weekly reading assignments. Last fall I found a schedule that organized the readings into categories: historical books, wisdom writings, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the epistles. I can testify that Isaiah and Job are more tolerable in small segments. I've also gleaned new insights as Becky and I read aloud to each other, and as we discuss various translations with fellow travelers of the Way.

As you know I love finding the perfect word to express a thought, and you've heard me say, "Words are tools to express our thoughts."

This is evident with my two year old grandson, Oakley, whose language tools are increasing, but remain limited. Oakley is a good natured little soul, but his recent illness has brought out his frustrations and his grandparents' as we try to understand and meet his needs.

I have two websites that send me their *word of the day*. One website is run by a linguist of Indian ancestry. He says he was raised in the Hindu philosophy, but describes himself as an apostate to the Hindu faith and to all other spiritual perspectives. I once had an email dialogue with him on matters of faith, but it went nowhere, and as The Master once advised, I walked away from the discourse. I told this story in my Bible study group and was asked how I felt about this interaction.

My conclusion, borne of reflection, was one of sadness. I thought it sad that this learned man has a blighted view of the universe and continues to utter snide remarks about the Bible, siting areas of savagery and inhumanity. However, is savagery not true of life? Are we not witnessing evil in the actions of the Islamist terrorist kidnappers in Nigeria? The "man-of-words" seems unable to see the beauty and truth of the Psalms which express the spectrum of human emotions. He seems unable to comprehend the wisdom of Solomon – purportedly the smartest man who ever lived – or the revelations of Job, who got his day in court and was humbled by the great I Am.

There is an old 19th century hymn sung by Methodists and I suspect others that goes, "I love to tell the story of unseen things above..." I've found that this perspective applies to me. I've found that I experience God as I study scripture and the old stories. There is an especially poignant story in the Gospel of Luke where the "risen" Jesus meets two of his followers traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus. I've often wondered why these pilgrims did not recognize Jesus, the man whom they had followed for some time. Jesus even reiterated the old stories of scripture as they walked. Later, they did recognize the Master through the ritual of the Eucharist. But more poignant for me is their reflection and realization that their "hearts burned" as He told them the old stories in scripture.

I didn't sit down this afternoon to pen a sermonette; it's just what happened. Perhaps my Wednesday Group's reading of Exodus made me think of my meeting with my former medical group that will occur this week. Most of us of western culture know the old story of Moses who petitioned Pharaoh to free the Hebrew slaves, bound in servitude for four hundred years. The story of the plagues are ingrained in us as a part of our culture which we often take for granted. My Judeo-Christian heritage was once challenged by a former medical partner. In an offhand remark I used the metaphor of the Prodigal Son. This otherwise very *Americanized* woman and physician had no knowledge of this story or its meaning.

This week I will meet with "Pharaoh" and ask to be freed from bondage.

As most of you know I left my large medical practice at the end of 2013. Leaving my practice and my patients was the hardest decision I've ever made, but, after a year's reflection, this was absolutely necessary for me to do. Ultimately, I had to choose between my patients and my principles. I chronicled this journey of conscience in an essay I wrote for the April issue of the Tennessee Medical Journal. I will soon learn whether my former group and I can settle our debts and differences amicably and part in respectful philosophical disagreement. The alternative is spending the next several years in court among lawyers. I pray for peace and I ask for your prayers as well.

I have to admit that my prayers more often focus on general issues rather than specific ones. It seems easier for me to pray for strength and courage or for wisdom rather than for healing of a colleague's paralyzed son. Perhaps I'm allowing my limited vision to hinder the Creator's work. I'm working to love more rather than trusting my own understanding (Proverbs 3:5).

After leaving my medical group I thought my career was over, but apparently I was wrong. I now have a small concierge medical practice that is, in some respects, non-traditional. Concierge medicine is best described as having your physician on call 24/7 for advice, advocacy and treatment when necessary. In 2005 there were about 500 concierge medical practices in America. A recent survey revealed there are now more than 5000 such practices. These continue to grow in number as people increasingly sense the need of an advocate in a bureaucratic and impersonal medical care system.

There are many variations of concierge medicine including a TV show of such a practice in the Hamptons; I have never watched the show. In my version you keep your medical insurance that covers hospitalization, lab testing and specialist referral. You pay me for my advice, advocacy, and care, which includes house calls.

I don't know what the future holds, but my blood pressure has gone down with this new medical direction, and I'm happier now. Perhaps I've already been set free.

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

May is National Foster Care Month

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month and Florence Crittenton and communities throughout the United States will take the opportunity to focus on foster care. This May, Florence Crittenton encourages individuals and local organizations to raise awareness for the thousands of Tennessee youth in foster care.

Foster Parents open their homes and provide a temporary safe haven for these children. No matter their age, all youth in foster care need a meaningful connection to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused children and teens will end up facing life's challenges all alone.

Florence Crittenton's Foster Families seek to provide a loving and nurturing environment for youth in need. When possible, the goal is to reunite these children with their birth families. Crittenton Foster Care seeks to not only impact the life of a child, but also the family and community in which they belong. Crittenton Foster Care is always searching for more families who will open their hearts and homes to children in need.

On Friday, May 16th Crittenton Foster Care will be celebrating National Foster Care Month by asking individuals and local organizations and businesses to wear blue. Crittenton Foster Care is asking individuals, businesses, groups and schools to post photos of themselves wearing blue to the Crittenton Foster Care Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CrittentonFosterCare.

If you have a little time: Make a connection with a local Foster Care agency or DCS. Share that connection with others. Spread the word about the needs of thousands of children in Tennessee Foster Care.

Get inspired by real-life stories about children, youth, and families involved with child welfare. Share the narratives and videos with your friends, family, church, and coworkers: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/reallifestories/>

Wear blue on Friday, May 16th in support of National Foster Care Month. Blue Ribbons are available free of charge.

If you have more time: Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent. Caring families are especially needed for older youth, siblings, and children with special needs.

Please contact Crittenton Foster Care at 865-602-2974 or at Foster.care@fcaknox.org for more information regarding Foster Care or for information about becoming a foster parent.



Windsor Gardens Assisted Living held its annual Easter egg hunt with children from The Wesley House last month. Above, Annette Long and Ann Wright assemble Easter baskets for each of the 81 children at The Wesley House. Left, Edna Weiland and Sierra Brawner show off the eggs that they found together.

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A Mom's Legacy

I hope you got to honor your mom on Mother's Day, whether she is still living or not. Moms have such a special role in the family. I don't have enough words to communicate how special my mom is to me, or my wife, the mother of my children. Their role



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

is irreplaceable and God given. Moms, we love you.

Moms have the potential to pass on a legacy that endures for generations to come. Consider the mother of one of the most famous men in the Bible, Moses. Moses' mother, Jochebed, not only influenced Moses, but also her two other children, Aaron and Miriam. Aaron became the first High Priest of Israel and Miriam a servant leader who wrote a worship song after Israel crossed the Red Sea in their escape from Egypt. This mother invested in her children and God used them mightily for His glory.

I want to mention a couple of qualities that moms can demonstrate. First, mom is to be an encourager. Jochebed noticed something that

was unusual in her son (Exodus 2:2). In some ways, every mom can and should say this about their child. Every child is unique and special, for they are made in the image of God. Moms need to be positive encouragers to their kids. They need to see and know in tangible ways that children are important. A real danger in homes today is to have an overly critical or negative mother. Reject a spirit of criticism and negativity. Let your words build up the home (1 Thess. 5:11). "The tongue has the power of life and death" (Prov. 8:21). Breathe life into your home.

Another important quality for moms to have is to be intentional in parenting. Be purposeful in bringing your children to Jesus, be it through worship with your spiritual family or times of daily worship at home. When it comes to parenting, keep the end in mind.

Be intentional as you are preparing your children to leave home. Give them tools and training that will last a lifetime. Pass on the spiritual baton as they head out after some eighteen years with your daily influence and training (Deut. 6:6-9). Your sincere faith will be passed on to the next generation (2 Tim. 1:5).

The third quality moms get to demonstrate is the importance of being faithful followers of God. Jochebed did this and is mentioned in the great hall of fame chapter in the Bible (Hebrews 11:23). When you raise your children to love the Lord, you are in God's hall of fame. "A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother" (Proverbs 10:1). A mom's legacy is defined by her children. Jochebed's children grew into who they were because they had a mother who was more committed to God than she was to them. They saw God being lived out in her life. She was not perfect, no mom is. Each person is broken and in need of God's redemption and grace. God specializes in putting broken pieces back together. Let God's Spirit guide your journey, moms, as you pour your lives into your children.

May: A Time for Celebrating our Mothers



By Ralphine Major
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Like the beautiful Iris, they stand tall and proud. They are our mothers.

They care for their children and families, offer encouragement and praise, and often read stories to a child sitting on their lap. They prepare a child's favorite dish, bake a birthday cake, or make an award-winning banana pudding.

They pick up their children after school, ball practice, or band rehearsals. They drop their children off for piano lessons, dental appointments, or Bible School. They help make a science project, mend a cheerleading uniform, and make cookies for a school party. A mother's touch and kiss can almost instantly heal a hurt.

They attend PTA meetings; deliver Girl Scout cookies; keep the laundry baskets emptied; and keep closets full of clean, neatly pressed clothes. Their dedication keeps our country strong by helping build character, self-esteem, and confidence in America's greatest resource---her children.

In the week leading up to Mother's Day, I thought of mothers in their eighties and nineties who now bless their children in other ways. I was touched to learn of a brave, young mother battling cancer and another who has adopted an infant addicted to drugs. The paths that mothers walk may differ, but the work they do is unmatched. In future columns, Focus readers will meet some wonderful mothers in our neighborhoods.

With its quiet beauty reflecting elegance and grace, Tennessee's state flower--the Iris--blooms just in time to celebrate Mother's Day. May we celebrate mothers who are living and those who have passed on. Mothers are truly special, and the Bible commands us to respect them: "Honor thy father and thy mother. . ." Exodus 20:12 KJV.



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Church Happenings

Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Phone 938-2611 or leave a message.

Seymour United Methodist Church

The weekly fellowship meals continue this Wednesday evening, May 14th at 5:15 p.m. Following, there will be various small group studies beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner reservations required by Tues. noon.

Thursday evening, May 15th, PDO (Parents Day Out) program will hold its annual graduation ceremony.

The "Scrapbooking" fellowship gathering is Friday, May 16th, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Janelle McBride for details.

The "Groundskeepers" fellowship and ministry group will gather at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 17th, for some cleanup and planting efforts. Contact is Dave Manners.

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for the annual "hands on" ministry to help those less fortunate. You have until early June to buy the food items, pack and return your pays before annual conference time. A separate \$5 each (not in the bucket) is required for shipping costs.

Volunteers are needed for the 1st ever SpringFest to be held on our church grounds on May 31st, beginning at 10 a.m. The general public is welcome and invited to participate and enjoy the various activities.

For further information on any of the above items, or other church-related matters, please call our church office at 573-9711. Our website is: www.seymourumc.org.

Shannondale Presbyterian Church

An Upscale Yard Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items will include household pieces, linens, furniture, jewelry, plants, books and plenty of food! Shannondale Presbyterian is located at 4600 Tazewell Pike. The Sale will be held in the parking lot and Fellowship Hall.

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UT Gardens Plant of the Month for May:

Emily Bruner Holly

Submitted by Ben Cordes, Horticulturist, the University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville

The UT Gardens' selection for plant of month for May is the Emily Bruner Holly, or the Ilex x 'Emily Bruner' as it's known botanically. The Emily Bruner is one of many hybrid hollies stemming from crosses of American, European and Asian cultivars, and it is truly a home-grown selection.

The Emily Bruner Holly was patented by Tennessee nursery owner Don Shadow, a world recognized plantsman and horticulturist. Shadow came across this selection as a student at the University of Tennessee. He named his find after fellow Tennessean Emily Bruner possibly because of her influential status and publication Ask Emily about Gardening in East Tennessee: A Collection of Emily Bruner's Horticulture Class Notes from 1970 to 1988.

This large holly has been a fundamental plant of Tennessee landscapes for many years. Its durability in various climates, evergreen foliage and fall/winter red berry display makes it appealing for almost any design. The Emily Bruner grows 20 to 30 feet tall and 15 to 20 feet wide. It has a slow to moderate growth rate, making it desired for its lower maintenance. Its evergreen leaves are finely serrated around the entire circumference of the leaf.

Leaf color is what I consider as glowing emerald, very glossy and vibrant. A healthy, groomed specimen can almost have an artificial look. Like most other hollies it can be pruned or maintained in several ways. Beginning early it can be staked and pruned to "standard" or "tree form", revealing a lower portion of its trunk. It can be sheared, keeping a specific shape or height with foliage starting from ground level, or it can be left alone to grow its natural pyramidal growth habit.

Emily Bruner thrives in full-sun to partial shade and is tolerant of a variety of soils. It is a female holly and the cultivar 'James Swan' is its male pollinator. For landscape use, it makes a great specimen or focal point plant in large lawn areas and is great for use as a privacy screen. It also can be a nice foundation plant for large-scale homes and buildings. Its colorful red berries provide good winter interest in the landscape and a good food source for birds. Emily Bruner is deer resistant which is appreciated greatly by gardeners in Tennessee. It is also heat, drought and disease resistant. It is hardy to Zones 7-9.



The Emily Bruner Holly was patented by Tennessee nursery owner Don Shadow and is truly a fundamental landscape plant all across the state. The specimen shown is planted in the UT Gardens, Knoxville. Photo by B. Cordes, courtesy UTIA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2014 Knoxville Association of Women Executives Seeks Notable Woman Nominations

The Knoxville Association of Women Executives (KAWE) is seeking nominations to recognize a Notable Woman, someone who has distinguished herself by achieving a position in which she can affect the strategic direction of an organization, contribute to her community, and maintain a life balance in a profession, business, charity, creative art, or sport. She will have demonstrated exceptional ability and courage in overcoming obstacles and in creating value in her spheres of influence. A \$500 cash award will be contributed to a charity of the winning nominee's choice. Eligibility is limited to women living in or contributing to the greater Knoxville area which includes Knox and surrounding counties. Nominations must be submitted by May 30, 2014, and to obtain a nomination form, please e-mail susan.fowlkes@knoxcounty.org or call (865)215-5172. KAWE is a women's organization designed to provide business women with opportunities for professional networking, development, and leadership.

Carter High School Class of 1984

The 30 Year Reunion will be held on August 16, 2014 at Remedy Backroom, located at 125 W. Jackson Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902, from 7-11 p.m. BYOB. For reservations or information, email: chs1984classreunion@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Carter High School, Strawberry Plains Class of 1984. Cost is \$25/single \$50/Couple. Mail payment to:

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Cooking Class to Focus on Plant-based Pizza

A cooking class on May 18, 5 - 7 p.m., will focus on teaching attendees how to prepare quick and easy plant-based (vegan) pizzas. Attendees will learn how to make pizza crust and plant-based cheeses. Gluten-free options will also be taught. Attendees will also enjoy a plant-based dinner and receive free recipes. The class will take place at the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. The cooking class is free but donations will be accepted on site (suggested \$10 per person). Pre-registration is required by May 16, 2014, and will be limited to 50 attendees. To register, visit knoxvilleinstep.com or call (865)264-3894.

Fountain City/North Knox Republican Club Meeting

Fountain City/North Knox Republican Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at Shoney's, 4032 N. Broadway. Dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m., meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker for Tuesday, May 13 will be Sgt. Glenwood White from the Special Services Unit with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. White has been with the department for twenty years. His presentation will



Rosie's World

Food For Thought

I wonder when the first diet book was written and by whom? Actually, I should have looked that up but I didn't have the time. I really don't think there's a record of either statement because there has to be thousands of books written telling people how to eat, what to eat, what not to eat, etc. It would be a challenge if someone would have the presence of mind to chronicle all these books about dieting. So many of them were actually unscrupulous and didn't do anyone any good, but people are so determined to find the easiest way to lose their weight, they'll try anything. If only they would realize there's only one way to lose weight. It's so simple yet it's the hardest thing for us to do. Eat less and do more.

The earliest settlers of this country had no weight problem, none that we know of. Why? Because

they were busy, busy, busy. They were farmers, loggers, builders, and they were WALKERS! They didn't have cars to transport them everywhere. Thus we are getting flabbier and flabbier. Even the children are not exempt from this extra poundage now-a-days.

When I moved to Tennessee, we were in the midst of a "gas war". Each gas station was trying to outdo the other with lower prices before OPEC raised the oil prices. Lines of cars and trucks abounded wherever you looked.

Now-a-days we have "fast food" wars. Each one vying for the consumer's palate by denoting the foods which have fewer calories. Everything is low-carb this, low-carb that or "lite" this, "lite" that. We have low-carb toasty flatbreads, carb solutions (a liquid diet drink) carb-wise bars, low-carb lasagna, a

four-carb breakfast meal lite dressings for our salads, lite lemonade, lite cheeses, yogurts, and breads. What is a carbohydrate? Daniel Webster says it's a compound composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, and sugars and starches. Aha, these are the guilty culprits, so they would have us believe, and they are my two favorites.

I find it slightly amusing that fast food eateries are lowering the amounts of their servings. For instance, some places have done away with super fries. But if a hungry guy comes in and wants a lot of fries, all he has to do is get two medium sizes. Also with the drinks. No more extra-large drinks. However, you can get free refills, so one can fill up their small or medium cups and get more than an extra-large drink. I must admit that fast food places have the consumer's best interests

at heart.

I love Krystal cheeseburgers, Sonic's hot dogs, and McDonald's grilled chicken sandwiches, but the secret is, only occasionally. These are not things to partake in on a daily basis. Once in a while should do it. For the person who eats that kind of food constantly, it is harmful to your health. They can lower the amounts but it's up to the consumer to be careful how much they put into their mouths.

Thought for the day: When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies with yourself. Tecumsah, Shawnee Chief

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Deviled Crab Casserole

1 can (6 ounces) crabmeat, drained, flaked, and cartilage removed
 1 cup dry breadcrumbs, divided
 ¾ cup milk
 ¼ cup chopped green onions
 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 6 tablespoons butter, melted, divided
 Paprika

In a bowl, combine crab, ¾ cup of bread crumbs, mild, onions, eggs, salt, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and pepper. Add 4 tablespoons of butter; mix well. Spoon into a greased 1-qt. Baking dish.

Combine the remaining breadcrumbs and butter; sprinkle with paprika. Bake, uncovered, at 425 degrees for 16-18 minutes or until golden brown and the edges are bubbly. Yield: 2 servings.

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cover the SCAN Program and Project Lifesaver. The SCAN Program is aimed at senior citizens and Project Lifesaver is a radio technology for people suffering from dementia, autism and other related issues.

Harvey Broome Group - Sierra Club presentation

The Harvey Broome Group - Sierra Club is sponsoring a presentation entitled "The Next Generation Ecosystem Experiment in the Arctic" by Dr. San Wullschleger, the Project Lead Scientist, from the ORNL Climate Change Science Institute. This presentation is free and open to the public. It will take place Tuesday May 13, 7 p.m. at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

Dr. Wullschleger, recently returning from fieldwork in Alaska, will provide insight on the adventures of working on a large-scale experiment in the tundra and information on the results from NGEE Arctic research. The goal of NGEE Arctic is to reduce uncertainty in climate predictions through improved representation of critical tundra processes. Research on the North Slope of Alaska focuses on permafrost degradation in a warming Arctic and how the associated changes in landscape evolution, hydrology, soil biogeochemical processes, and plant community succession, will affect feedbacks to the climate system.

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