



Council postpones Gibbs Drive rezoning

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The most contested of the various agenda items at Tuesday's meeting of the Knoxville City Council has been postponed until September 1. Smith-Lindsy Development, LLC., wants to build an office on the south side of Gibbs Drive and Broadway in Fountain City. To do so requires a change in the North City Sector Plan and a rezoning from R-1,

Low Density Residential to O-1 that would permit offices, medical and related services.

A large crowd of Fountain City residents appeared at the meeting but Councilman George Wallace moved to put the decision off until September. Councilman Nick Della Volpe said the time might offer both sides "some interest to discuss" the request.

In another zoning matter, council members Daniel Brown and

Brenda Palmer voiced their objections to rezoning on a request from Lynn E. Keck for a property on Tillery Drive and Bounds Road. Keck was asking to change the zone to R-2 Residential from C-3 Commercial and told the council that he wants to build a house on the 1/3 acre lot.

Palmer asked Keck why he was seeking an R-2 zone rather than R-1 as that particular zoning would allow apartments

or condos. She said she was concerned about adding children to the Norwood school which is already overcrowded. Keck said all the surrounding properties are zoned R-2.

"The rezoning goes with the land and will follow long after you're gone," Palmer said.

The planning commission recommended the changes and the new MPC director, Gerald Green, told the council that zoning the

small lot R-1 would constitute "spot zoning."

Palmer and Brown voted NO but the rezoning, on first reading, passed, 6-2.

Palmer also objected to another motion dealing with a city ordinance about the 3-foot distance a car must allow when passing a bicycle. She said that the state law already exists and added, "We don't need it on the books."

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School Board Defers Non-Renewal Policy, Adopts New Superintendent Evaluation Tool

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The Knox County Board of Education decided last week to postpone further discussion and action on changes to Board Policy GBG, which would give the board the final say on non-renewals and allow non-tenured teachers to appeal a non-renewal decision and request a hearing with the Board.

Last spring a number of teachers with good evaluation and professionalism scores (and no prior indication that there were any issues with their performance) received non-renewal notices. Copper Ridge Kindergarten teacher Christina Graham's story went viral last May, reported on TheBlaze.com and news outlets across the country.

During the July Board meeting, Terry Hill suggested several improvements to Policy GBG, including adding a requirement to protect both teacher and principal to document or keep a written log of all discussions pertaining to the teachers' performance; and adding the right for teachers with two or more years

and satisfactory evaluations who are non-renewed to appeal to the Superintendent or the Board.

Patti Bounds, concerned by the number of non-renewed and rified (reduction in staff) teachers who were still looking for positions at the end of July, asked Knox County Law Director to draft revisions to Policy GBG to bring it in line with TCA statute.

The Board discussed the revised policy at Monday's work meeting, and seemed to agree that non-tenured teachers who have their contract non-renewed at the end of a school year should be given a reason why, and that principals need to thoroughly document any issues and discussions with the teacher.

But some board members thought the proposed revisions went too far. Doug Harris said, "It just seems that we'd be devaluing the authority of our school principals...I just think this is micromanaging to the nth degree and the best way to rectify if we have a problem is to make sure our principals are trained properly

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Norwood School gets \$5,000 donation



The Graham Corporation's Tim Graham and Jana Neely presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Greater Schools Partnership for Norwood Elementary Community School Tuesday. Karen Walker, Greater School's coordinator at Norwood, accepted the check. Walker is replacing Liz Thacker who is moving on to Northwest Middle School, a new Community School. The Graham Corporation operates The Expo Center near the Norwood School. On hand for the presentation were Oliver (Buzz) Thomas, President of Greater Schools Partnership; Mark Benson, Field Coordinator for Greater Schools; Casey Cutter, Assistant Principal; and City Councilwoman Brenda Palmer. The Norwood school will host a "meet and greet" Monday at 8 a.m. and School Board member Terry Hill will be there. Parents of students are invited to attend and learn about the Community School there.

Ninth District Commissioner not running again

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"I have served 8 years on the Commission as part of 44 years of community service. It's time for me to step back and let someone else go at it," Mike Brown told *The Focus* recently.

Brown represents the Ninth Commission District, an area that encompasses the area of Knox County that stretches south of the Tennessee and French Broad Rivers down to Blount County.

Brown prides himself as the "bulldog" on the

commission. A former planning commission member, he has also served on the Charter Commission, the Beautification Board, and the Seymour/South Doyle Chamber of Commerce. As the 9th District commissioner he has been a staunch critic of the policies of the Knox County School Board and Superintendent James McIntyre, Jr.

He was appointed to the commission in 2008 and then elected for a full term. His folksy humor and to-the-point comments will be greatly missed. While he could serve another term, Brown

is choosing not to run.

"I have a lot of things I have neglected that I want to do with my family but have not had the time. I also have a lot of work I need to do on the farm before I lose my health," Brown told *The Focus*, adding, "I have absolutely enjoyed every part of the service of being a commissioner and met many people who have helped to get good things done for our community and the county as a whole."

"I know I will miss it but it is time. I have had some great fun and good debates

on issues and tried to be a good watchdog of Knox County taxpayer's money. I just hope that it can be said when I am gone that I did some good along the way," the commissioner said.

Asked by *The Focus* about who might replace him on the commission, Brown said that Carson Dailey has expressed an interest.

"He has been active and a leader in our homeowners association for many years and has the best interest of our community at heart. He will be another bulldog like me, every group needs one!"

Brown said.

Last month Dailey named Bob Thompson as treasurer for his campaign.

"I love South Knoxville. Being raised in the Bonny Kate community is one of the highlights of my life. Memories of Doyle High and the family atmosphere is something I want to repay to South Knoxville," Dailey told *The Focus*.

"The biggest problem I see going forward is revenue income. Knox County is 700 million dollars in debt. Knox County schools are \$300 million of the \$700 million.

Mayor Burchett and Commissioner Brown both understand, as I do, that Knox County must improve its debt ratio so we can afford to have better schools and services," Dailey said.

"Mike is correct in saying I will be a bulldog for South Knoxville," he said.

So far no one else has announced intent or named a treasurer for the 9th District seat but potential candidates can pick up nominating petitions beginning September 11 and must qualify by December 10. December 17 is the last day to withdraw.

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The Knoxville community is invited to attend a FREE screening of the brand new documentary, Education, Inc., at 6 p.m. on Friday August 14. The screening will be held at the United Campus Workers building, 1415 Elm Street. Refreshments and Pizza will be provided (while it lasts). You can watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/112351841>.

Why should you attend? Because Public Education is up for sale and based on post-Katrina New Orleans, where public schools have been completely replaced by charter schools, the results are disastrous.

This is not some conspiracy theory – corporations and the financial industry are buying school boards, state legislators, congress, and regulatory agencies. They are selling privatization via charters, vouchers, and the “choice” movement. Education reformers are spreading myths and lies about teachers, and public schools.

Dr. Amos Hatch of UT’s Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education exposes the massive effort to dismantle public education in his recently published book, “Reclaiming the Teaching Profession: Transforming the Dialogue on Public Education” (2015).

Hatch describes 10 myths and lies about public education. How many of these have you heard? How many do you believe?

1. Public schools are failing
2. Teachers are inept
3. Teachers will only work hard to avoid punishment or earn external rewards
4. Standards based testing for accountability is the best way to reform schools
5. Test scores accurately reflect what students are learning and what teachers are teaching
6. Public schools need to be privatized
7. Business models have a direct application to education
8. Teachers’ unions are the reason public schools are so bad
9. Alternative teacher licensure programs are better than traditional teacher education
10. Wealthy individuals, entrepreneurs, and politicians know more about education than school professionals.

These myths and lies have their origin in a 1983 report by the Reagan Administration – “A Nation at Risk.” This report came at a time when America’s education policymakers embraced the idea of tying school reform to “scientifically based research.”

But much of the “research” and reports redefining education today are little more than junk science. Education initiatives such as Value-added measurement (VAM) including Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS), TEAM/TAP evaluation models, and charter school research were presented in white papers with little educator input or peer review.

Private “think tanks” at both the state and national level have significant influence in education policy discussions by producing an array of well-funded and slickly produced “research” and news releases. The myths and lies permeate the media. According to P.L. Thomas of Furman University, we are left with two truisms about education publications and education reform: (1) If “Education” is in the publication title, you better do your homework, and (2) if education reform is touted to achieve outcomes that seem too good to be true, then they likely aren’t true.

At the state level, pseudo news outlets include The Beacon Center, State Policy Network, Professional Educators of TN, StudentsFirst, and the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE). Not-for Profits/Charities include Great Schools Partnership, Jeb Bush’s Foundation for Excellence in Education (FEE), the New Teacher Project (TNT), and Teach for America (TFA).

At the national level, players include multinational corporations, ALEC (responsible for writing much of TN legislation), U.S. Chamber of Commerce/Business Roundtable, National PTA, Wall Street, Hedge Funds, and Democrats for Education Reform and Foundations including Gates, Walton, Broad, Friedman Center, Dell, and many others, including Carnegie Corporation. These organizations and foundations launder donations through other foundations and media outlets to spread education reform propaganda and/or fund lobbying groups.

TV/news media including Fox News and all major networks, Netflix (via CEO Reed Hastings), and others also contribute to the myths, lies, and propaganda. Hollywood has joined in with movies including Waiting for Superman, Won’t Back Down, and The Cartel.

Is it any wonder that so many people have “bought the lies” about failing schools, failing teachers, and the need to privatize education?

But there are pro-public school allies at both the national and state level. Diane Ravitch is perhaps the best known, having served as Assistant Secretary of Education under Lamar Alexander; she is a historian, author, public education advocate and whistleblower. The author of the 2013 book “Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America’s Public Schools,” she is the founder of the Network for Public Education (networkforpubliceducation.org) and blogs at dianeravitch.net.

Another whistleblower with ties to the US Department of Education, Charlotte Iserbyt served as Senior Policy Advisor during the first Reagan administration. She wrote the landmark 1999 (2011) book “The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America,” and blogs at abcsofdumbdown.blogspot.com.

Other pro-public education allies include Julian Vasquez-Helig, (cloakinequity.com); Elaine Weiss, (epi.org/people/elaine-weiss); Mark Weber, (jerseyjazzman.blogspot.com); Parents Across America (parentsacrossamerica.org); Jennifer Berkshire (edushyster.com), and many more.

In Tennessee, public education advocates/allies include: Andy Spears (tnedreport.com); Momma Bears (Memphis - momma-bears.org); TREE (Nashville - treetn.org/about/); Dad Gone Wild (Nashville - norinrad10.wordpress.com); and SPEAK (Knox County – find them on Facebook)

The bottom line is that education reform is not about improving education for your children. Education reform is about lining the pockets of corporations and the financial industry. Please plan to attend the FREE screening of EDUCATION INC. to learn more.

The screening is sponsored by Students, Parents, Teachers Across Knox County (SPEAK), United Campus Workers, Statewide Organizing for Community Empowerment (SOCM), and Jobs w/Justice of East TN.

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on having counseling with our teachers through the school year.”

Amber Rountree asked why non-renewed teachers are no longer given the option to transfer to a different school, since under the previous MOU this was an option if the principal and teacher felt that particular school was not a good fit.

Rountree and Bounds also complained that they had repeatedly requested specific information from Central Office regarding the number of non-renewals for teachers with satisfactory evaluations, but had yet to receive that information.

Lynne Fugate said, “I’d rather have a discussion about transfers or other HR stuff, because I can never support the Board micro-managing the schools.”

Law Director Armstrong clarified that state statutes give the Board due process for non-renewals, and that the board has the power to do whatever they want to under the statute as far as allowing or not allowing hearings for non-renewed teachers. “But,” he said, “these terminations should not be a surprise under our current policy.”

Mike McMillan asked if the Board could put some restrictions on the teachers ability to appeal a non-renewal, for example, restricting hearings to teachers who had an evaluation of three or higher.

Armstrong concurred, saying the board can write the policy however they desire. He also clarified that the Board has the right to obtain any information including teacher evaluation scores to help them make the best decisions on managing state schools.

When it became clear that the concerns were not going to be resolved on Monday night, the Board agreed to continue the discussion on the policy changes at their September Board Retreat. Hill said she felt the policy needed revision because teachers who are being non-renewed want to know why, and if they have any due process. She said, “I don’t want to see the whole thing go away.”

The Board also discussed the proposed Superintendent Evaluation Process. A committee comprised of Patti Bounds (chair), Terry Hill, and Karen Carson, along with the student representative, have met several times over the past several months to revise the way the Superintendent is evaluated.

The new evaluation model is based heavily on the 2020 Strategic Plan and includes an evaluation rubric consisting of 2 domains, 49 indicators, and 5 levels of performance. There is also space for Board members to write additional comments.

The committee felt this was an improvement over the current narrative evaluation used, and that it is more in line with the evaluations teachers are subject to. The committee agreed to a minor revision that would require a written explanation for Level 1 (significantly below expectation) or Level 5 (significantly above expectation) scores on any indicator.

Fugate, Harris, and Sanger were very concerned whether Dr. McIntyre agreed with the new evaluation process, and if all his concerns had been adequately addressed. On Monday, McIntyre said, “You all are my boss so however you want to evaluate me based on the work we are doing in Knox County schools and how we are achieving our goals with regard to our children is going to be something I will support.”

After a long discussion and a confusion over which of the three documents attached to the agenda the Board was actually voting on, the Proposed Evaluation Instrument was approved unanimously by the eight BOE members present on Wednesday. Gloria Deathridge was out of town.

The new evaluation instrument will not be used until the 2016-2017 evaluation cycle. McIntyre’s next evaluation is scheduled to begin this November under the current narrative evaluation model.



Board of Education member Patti Bounds explains non-renewal policy at last Monday’s school board meeting.

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Publisher's Position

Thunder On the Right AND Left

The Rise of Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders



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Like it or not, the 2016 presidential contest is underway. The Republicans almost have more candidates than the Dug-gers have children and have already clashed in the first debate of the political season. Hillary Clinton has been the presumptive nominee for the Democrats for ages, yet her campaign already seems to be faltering and some believe Vice President Joe Biden may take the plunge and challenge her in the primaries.

Politics in America seems more polarized than at any-time since the Civil War and political discourse in our country has become anything but civil. Republicans seemed to have taken a hard turn to the right while mainstream Democrats seem to be rushing towards a brand of European socialism. The middle of the spectrum has all but vanished.

Some of the candidates have already been receiving intense scrutiny from the news media and former Florida governor Jeb Bush is disdained by some as being part of an American dynasty. Quite frequently, many of those who point to Jeb Bush as being a dynastic candidate fail to note the same thing about Hillary Clinton. Would Hillary Clinton have been elected to the U. S. Senate from New York had she not been married to Bill? Almost certainly not. Would Hillary Clinton have been a viable

candidate for president had she not been married to Bill? Almost certainly not. Would Hillary Clinton have been appointed Secretary of State had she not been married to Bill? Almost certainly not. Political dynasties are hardly confined to one political party. For that matter, both George W. Bush and Al Gore were both beneficiaries of political dynasties.

Jeb Bush has yet to pull out of the pack of Republican candidates and Hillary Clinton has become the first candidate to make a major media buy to run television commercials to prop up her candidacy in Iowa and New Hampshire. Clinton's favorability ratings have continued to drop and her campaign obviously feels the need to try and humanize her with some warm and fuzzy ads.

The rise of Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders has puzzled more than a few observers and shocked

some. Both were thought to be unlikely for a presidential nomination, yet according to a new poll conducted by Monmouth University, the Donald has not only widened his lead in the Republican contest, but beats his nearest rival by two-to-one. Trump is obviously resonating with someone, just as Vermont senator Bernie Sanders is resonating with much of the far left of the Democratic party.

Sanders is seventy-three and an avowed socialist, yet a campaign appearance in Arizona drew around 11,000 people. As Hillary Clinton's favorability ratings have plummeted, Bernie Sanders has risen in the polls to the point where Joe Biden has reassessed his own political plans. In the last poll I saw, Sanders was only behind Clinton by six percentage points.

The director of the Monmouth University poll, Patrick Murray, issued a

statement with the new poll numbers. Murray said, "Republican support for Donald Trump just continues to grow with no clear sense of who his constituency really is."

Even more astonishing is that Trump is managing to reverse the way Republican voters see him. Currently, 52% of Republicans polled had a favorable view of Donald Trump compared with 35% who viewed him unfavorably. Just before his announcement in June, Donald Trump's favorability rating was a mere 20% compared to 55% who saw him unfavorably.

Trump is a businessman and a showman and I suspect the Donald knows what he is doing. Both Trump and Sanders are channeling frustration and anger and people are responding. Millions of people in America don't even bother to vote; millions of others are disgusted with the direction of the country. There

are those who are frustrated with Barack Obama who they feel has not moved fast or far enough to the left; Trump's frequently audacious and shocking comments have had the effect of moving his candidacy toward the front of the pack. There are a lot of people who like the fact Trump says what others would not dare say.

Both Trump and Bernie Sanders have likely hit upon something. With the polarization of America, there are many people who see little difference in inflexibility of Republican reactionaries and the patronizing mentality of the far left.

Clearly, there are those who are hungering for change in America. Evidently, millions of Americans didn't like the change Barack Obama delivered and there are millions more who believe he did not change enough.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, KNOX COUNTY STUDENTS!

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KCS Named Exemplary School District

Last week, Knox County Schools held a "Celebration of Academic Achievement" at the Carter Middle School Gymnasium.

According to the press release, "This special celebration commemorates exemplary academic achievement in the Knox County Schools, achievements that are testament to the hard work and dedication of our extraordinary principals and teachers as well as our students, parents, and community."

Few teachers were present at the celebration – most

watched online from their classrooms, as the celebration took place on the first day of school for teachers, staff, and principals.

Knox County was one of 12 districts named "Exemplary" for significantly improving student performance and narrowing achievement gaps. It was the first of Tennessee's large districts to achieve this status since Tennessee adopted the new accountability system in 2012 under Race to the Top.

In addition to Knox County being the first large urban district to be named "Exemplary," the district also celebrated six schools that made the "Reward Schools" list – the top 5% of schools in the state for achievement, and for growth. Across the state, 76 schools were recognized for overall academic achievement, and 85 schools for annual value-added growth. Nine schools were recognized for being in the top 5% for both achievement and growth.

2015 Knox County Reward Schools for achievement include Farragut High, Gap Creek Elementary, and Sequoyah Elementary. Reward Schools for growth include Carter Middle, Carter High, and Copper Ridge Elementary.

But having schools on the reward list is not new to Knox County, and being on the list is not new to several of the schools recognized. Last year Farragut High was recognized for both achievement and growth; L&N Stem, Rocky Hill and Sequoyah Elementary were recognized for achievement, and Powell Middle was recognized for growth.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year that Sequoyah Elementary has been named a Reward School for achievement, and the third consecutive year that Farragut made the list.

But KCS still has not repeated the success shown in 2012, when in addition to Sequoyah Elementary,

Corryton, Gap Creek, and Shannondale Elementary schools were recognized for Achievement; and Bearden, Carter, and Ritta Elementary schools, South Doyle and Whittle Springs Middle schools, and Powell High school were recognized for growth.

Check *The Focus* in coming weeks as we look at Focus and Priority schools in Knox County.

Former HVE Safety Patrol celebrates Back to School

During the last week of July, the Safety Patrol from Hardin Valley Elementary celebrated with a Back to School Picnic at McFee Park. Coordinated by 5th grade teacher, Shelly Weiss, who is also one of the safety patrol's team leader, nearly 50 former 5th graders and parents came together to celebrate the start of a new journey as they transition to MIDDLE SCHOOL!

It was a time to reflect and to also reconnect students before school starts.



From left to right: Hayden Farrell (11), Jackson Frazier (11), Shelly Weiss (5th grade teacher) Jacob Greene (11)

Superintendent School Visits

This week, Dr. McIntyre will be at the following schools during the morning hours:

Monday Aug. 10 – Green Magnet, Bearden Middle, West High

Tuesday Aug. 11 – Sterchi Elementary, Inskip Elementary, Whittle Springs Middle

Wednesday Aug. 12

– Pleasant Ridge Elementary, Karns Elementary, Karns High

Friday Aug. 14 – Sequoyah Elementary, West Hills Elementary, Bearden High

Next week, Dr. McIntyre will be visiting these schools during the morning hours:

Monday Aug. 17 – Gibbs Elementary, Ritta Elementary, Carter High

Tuesday Aug. 18 – Cedar Bluff Elementary, West View Elementary, Vine Middle Magnet

Thursday Aug. 20 – Farragut Primary, Farragut Intermediate, Farragut High

Dr. McIntyre will wrap up his school visits during the week of August 24 as follows:

Monday Aug. 24 – Brickey-McCloud Elementary, Halls Elementary, Halls High

Friday Aug. 28 – New Hopewell Elementary, Bonny Kate Elementary, South-Doyle Middle

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Civil Rights Leader Joanne Bland speaks at voting rights celebration

Joanne Bland was just 11 years old when she joined the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma., Ala., in 1965. She was the youngest marcher on the day that came to be known as "Bloody Sunday," and she witnessed firsthand the beatings and abuse of her fellow marchers, including her older sister.

Bland shared her experiences and civil rights advocacy to Knoxville last Thursday at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center as part of the City of Knoxville's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on

Aug. 6, 1965.

"Miss Joanne Bland was dynamic," City Councilman Daniel Brown told *The Focus*. "I could have listened to her for many more hours."

Bland is the co-founder and former director of the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma. She is owner and operator of Journeys For The Soul, a touring agency that specializes in educational tour on the Civil Rights tours with a major focus on Selma.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 outlawed discriminatory voting practices that had been widely used since the Civil War to limit



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Noted civil rights activist Joanne Bland shared her experiences to a captive audience at the Beck Center last week.

African-Americans' right to vote. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Voting Rights Act has been

called "the single most effective piece of civil rights legislation ever passed by Congress."

Commission to appoint winner of 14th House Seat

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission isn't waiting for the general election to appoint the winner of the 14th State House Seat for a simple reason: there are only two candidates, both Republican, and one of them will win the primary on August 12. The winner cannot take the position until after the General Election. The election commission then certifies the general election results and the candidate becomes the state representative to complete the term of the former.

The only catch is that a write in during the primary could appear on the general election ballot, but that's very unlikely. If not, then only one

name, the winning Republican candidate, will appear for the 14th House Seat in the September 29 General Election.

Plans now are for the commission to name the primary winner to the seat to serve until the General Election results are certified in early October. That person will either be Karen Carson or Jason Zachary.

The public hearing on the appointment is set for Monday, August 17 at 6 p.m. or following the 5 p.m. commission work session. The actual appointment would take place during the commission's regular session on Monday, August 24.

As of Thursday fewer than 2,000 people had voted early in the state

house race at all of the three poll locations: the City-County Building, Farragut High School and Downtown West. Polls closed for early voting Friday.

So, an appointee by the County Commission would serve until the October certification and then the same person would serve until next year's November state-wide general election, assuming they survive another primary.

The special election, which has been estimated to cost more than \$175,000, is to replace former 14th District State Representative Ryan Haynes, who resigned to become Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party.

Council postpones Gibbs Drive rezoning

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Mayor Madeline Rogero said the ordinance, sponsored by the other council members, would prompt the city police to enforce the law. The motion passed with only Palmer voting against it.

The mayor was authorized to apply to the state for a grant of more than \$3 million to provide funding for Knoxville Area Transit for 2016. She was also granted permission to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Knox County, Blount County, and the Metropolitan Airport Authority and Tennessee Air National Guard regarding participation in and support of the 2016 Smoky Mountain Air Show at McGhee-Tyson Airport.

What is now E. Summit Hill Drive will become "Lula Powell Drive" if it passes second reading next month. Dr. Lula Powell thanked the council for the honor and

noted that she has been a resident in the same house in that neighborhood for more than 50 years. She spent 27 years at Green Magnet School as principal and said she couldn't wait to get home and call her family to tell them of the honor.

The Gay Street Streetscapes Project for the 700 Block got an additional \$77,240, bringing the total amount of the contract with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers to \$174,510.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe questioned the increase, which he said started at \$77,000. City Engineering Director Jim Hagerman replied that the project has encountered some problems, like old clay drainage pipes beneath the street. He said he has added some pedestrian features and signal modification.

Mayor Rogero said the project is still within the

original budget although the additional funding is above the original contract price.

Hagerman said it is better to go ahead with the additional repairs.

"If you have a hole open (on the street) you can lay some communications cable. It's better than going back afterward," Hagerman said.

The council also voted to proceed with the purchase of the Old State Supreme Court building at 719 Locust Street. With the approval the city, through the Industrial Development Board, might close the purchase within 90 days. There are two buildings there, the old Courthouse and an office building. Councilman George Wallace had some questions but said the former court building is a "real important piece of downtown."

The Magnolia Warehouse District Redevelopment and

Renewal Plan, prepared by Knoxville's Community Development Corporation, received a tax increment financing amendment (TIF) to help support redevelopment of 120 and 122 South Central Street.

Della Volpe questioned a 15-year TIF rather than a 10-year. Wallace asked Daniel Smith and T.C. Whitaker, partners in the development firm, to speak. Smith said they are planning 15 new units there which will be for sale, adding possibly 30 new people downtown. The council was informed that if the units sell, or don't sell, new buyers or the corporation will be responsible for repaying the TIF.

Councilman Brown asked what the new residential units might sell for and Smith estimated the cost starting at about \$250,000. Brown then said he'd like to see greater diversity in the population of downtown.

Health officials speak at East Knoxville Community

By Mike Steely
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Two Knox County Health Department officials spoke last Monday at the East Knoxville Community meeting at the Burlington Library and explained many of the programs. Quannah Washington, Outreach Coordinator, and Sarah Bounce, Public Health Educator, talked about the overall programs provided as well as efforts in the Five Points neighborhood.

Washington said the health department helps oversee TennCare for children from birth to age 21.

"There are 43,000 in Knox County on TennCare," Washington said. TennCare Kids provides free medical and dental services and behavioral health services. She said that Knox County children have "sad dental health" and added that children need to start dental care as early as one year of age.

Washington also said that a child's health check-up examination should take longer than 30 minutes and that for the program there are two recognized providers: a physician who takes TennCare and the Health Department's Cherokee Pediatrics. She also spoke of the many immunizations that are required of children for public school and noted that students entering the 7th grade or college also require certain immunizations.

"You are your child's first and best advocate, you have the right to a second opinion, to ask questions, and to select another doctor," she said of parents with children on TennCare.

"We are working with other agencies that have anything to do with children," Washington said.

Bounce said the Health Department's motto is "Every person a healthy person."

She briefly went over many of the services and focuses of the department: Air quality, HIV, AIDS and STDs, Communicable Diseases, Food Quality, Immunization Programs, Pediatrics, Social Services to Indigent People, Vital Records, WIC nutrition, Emergency Preparedness and the Women's Health Clinic.

She said the Health Department will take part in a Family Safety and Preparedness Fair September 26 at the World's Fair Park. The event, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., will also involve the Red Cross, the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management, KUB, and the University of Tennessee.

Bounce also spoke of the Health Department's efforts to stop tobacco use, especially among women while pregnant. She advised smokers to get involved with a Tennessee program and call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

"Don't have a heart attack to make you quit," she warned.

Bounce is working with the Five Points community, which she said has a history of poor health, and the department is "forming relationships" there with organizations and residents.

"People who are healthy feel empowered," she said.

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Our Neighborhoods

Lindbergh Forest is coming back!

By Mike Steely
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It has taken a while for the Lindbergh Forest neighborhood to get organized, but, now under new officers they are ready to kick-start their efforts and revitalize their territory.

"It's been several years," the new President of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association, Kelley DeLuca, told The Focus. She explained that the new group initially began last January and initially decided to include people living on both sides of Woodlawn Avenue and in the vicinity of Dogwood School.

Other officers include Amanda Morris as Vice President, Heather Ream as Secretary, Stephanie Greene as Treasurer, and Jewell Minnich as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

The historic neighborhood includes that portion east of Chapman Highway, enclosed by Moody Avenue, Woodlawn Pike and Chapman and including the streets of Chamberlain, Southwood, Glenhurst, Druid, Tall Oaks, Ellis, Tipton and Tiliwa. It includes a portion within the Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Developed in the 1920s Lindbergh Forest was one of Knoxville's first "automobile" suburbs and is noted for the use of East Tennessee Marble on many homes. Several dozen homes there were added to



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Want a historic home in Lindbergh Forest? This home, at 229 Chamberlain Boulevard, is a 2-story Tudor Revival built in the 1930s using East Tennessee Marble and is for sale.

the National Register in 1998. Although the neighborhood is just off Chapman Highway it has lots of trees, nice streets, and is quiet and peaceful.

Named in honor of aviator Charles Lindbergh the initial neighborhood residents were Knoxville business owners, politicians, professors, TVA employees and at least one wealthy bootlegger.

It was the completion of the Henley Street Bridge and the creation of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park that

really boosted the neighborhood. Residents there have since fought off commercial development.

The historic district has 38 houses and 10 garages so recognized. Streetscapes there and lamp posts have added to the historic designation. Many homes are Tudor Style along with Colonial Revival, Bungalow, and Modern. Two of the homes are "Lustrom" houses that were prefabricated and built to meet the growing housing shortage after World War II.

Among the homes recognized for their historic importance are 214, 240 and 244 Druid Drive, 229, 254, 301, 306 Chamberlain, 3419 and 3514 Southwood, 327 Winslow and 3510 Glenhurst Drive.

DeLuca said the neighborhood doesn't have a direct connection to a greenway or a community park, although Stanley Lippincott Ridge Park is nearby. She said the neighborhood often uses the fields and playgrounds at Dogwood Elementary for recreation.

She said the association has named a committee to look at an entrance sign and funds from the former association, raised from Christmas Home Tours there, are earmarked for a sign. Another project involved "Painting the Pavement" there to identify the special neighborhood. Holiday socials are being discussed for Halloween and Christmas as well as getting some connection to nearby greenways and parks.

"We've expanded the former neighborhood boundary in order to get more people involved, including renters, landlords, the school or anybody who is interested," DeLuca said.

The Lindbergh Forest group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Graystone Presbyterian Church at 139 Woodlawn Pike. You can reach Kelley DeLuca at (865)660-4728 or email her at kellydeluca@gmail.com.

The neighborhood watch meets in conjunction with the new association and shares members.

"We have open meetings and everyone is invited. We have a policeman there who keeps us informed about any crime, but there's very little crime here," she said.

The effort of the new association is recognized by the Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods and the historic region South of the River is once again vital and moving forward.

Green Mountain Coffee is growing

By Mike Steely
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"The only person who likes change is a baby with a dirty diaper," said Ron Flammang, Production Manager for Keurig's Green Mountain Coffee. Flammang was addressing the East Towne Business Alliance Wednesday morning at New Harvest Market and introducing a change, or new product, being developed at the Forks of the River plant. He came to speak briefly about the demands of leadership

but much of his talk, given the interest in his company, was about coffee and Green Mountain.

"Coming in the fall is a cold system for soft drinks," he said. Keurig manufactures a popular coffee maker that brews individual packets of various coffee beans. The new machine and product will feature packets of cola and various flavors that have two parts within the packets, one with an effervescent chamber and one with soft drink syrup.

Asked if the packets were recyclable, Flammang replied, "No, that's one of the things we're working on because we are environmentally conscious."

"Eighty-five percent of our waste is reused, recycled or composted," he said. One woman in the audience suggested that the empty packets, or cups, make great seed starter containers.

Flammang hinted that with the addition of the cold soft drink maker and packets, the size of the

Knoxville area plant might double over the next few years. He said that Keurig Green Mountain went public in 1993 and the word "Keurig" is Dutch for "excellence."

After being in the industrial and office coffee business for years, Keurig introduced the first home brewer in 2004 and, in 2008, opened its Knox County location.

"We have 6 plants and employ some 800 people," he said. The plant manager explained that coffee

is grown in 180 countries and Green Mountain buys coffee from 60 countries. He explained the difference in coffee beans and added, "We only use the Arabica coffee."

The difference between a light or dark coffee is the amount of time the bean is roasted.

"Coffee sales are somewhat seasonal with fall and winter (being) the best time," he said.

Leadership, he said, involves multi-level understanding of a product or

process and in the final step seeks acceptance of the stake holders. He emphasized that rather than to come to the leader with a problem, an employee should come with a solution.

Flammang is originally from Minnesota and studied industrial engineering. He came to Clinton on a project and then worked for Master Craft Boats and Skier's Choice until he joined Green Mountain Coffee.

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Each day that I sit down at the table to eat, I am thankful for the bounty which God has provided. I realize that too many in this country, the place supposedly where abundant food is available, go hungry every day. Though we never went without food, Mother and Daddy had to make some adjustments as we three boys and our appetites grew.



By Joe Rector
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Mother made our lunches for school. She'd spread potted meat or egg salad on slices of white bread, and the only way to tell that anything was on them was by the pink or yellow tint. She'd also include crackers smeared with peanut butter. The lunches were meant to fill us without breaking the bank; they were much cheaper to serve than school lunches, which we ate only on special days when turkey and dressing were served.

Like most every family in Ball Camp, we had a garden. The darn thing took up most of our back yard, and it was filled with standard vegetables: corn, potatoes, green beans, and onions. We boys pitched in to break beans under a shade tree in the back yard or around the kitchen table. My fingertips sometimes would be sore from the task. Mother cut corn from the cob and froze packages, and she canned dozens of jars of beans. She also canned tomatoes to use for soups in the cold weather months.

Daddy bought two calves one year. He installed an electric fence around a section of the back yard and put the animals there to graze. We boys named them Blackie and Brownie, not necessarily creative names, but accurate enough to identify them. For some time, the calves grew and would come to us at the border of the fence. We'd give them clumps of hay and pats on their heads.

One day, we arrived home from school to discover that Blackie and Brownie were gone. We ran to Daddy to find out where they were. He knew how fond we were of the two animals, so he let us down easy. He told us that he took them somewhere to trade them for an equal amount of frozen meat. The freezer was filled with packages of hamburger, roasts, and a few steaks. Over the months we feasted on the meat, never once realizing that what we consumed were our two former pets.

Every month, Daddy made a trip to the Merita Bread Store. He stocked up on "day-old bread." The store's stock consisted of the loaves that had been returned from grocery store shelves. It was a nicer name for the items than "stale bread." He'd bring home 10-12 big loaves of white bread and place them in the freezer. One by one, they were removed, thawed, and turned into sandwiches or ingredients

for such things as dressing. Sometimes the stuff was dry and coarse, and I still can recall the taste of freezer-burned bread.

Daddy also stocked up on other items from the Merita Store. He'd buy fruit pies, usually apple or cherry. We boys sometimes would sneak some out and try to eat them. They were harder than a brick and impossible to bite until they'd thawed just a bit. We also had raisin-cream cakes and devil's food cream cakes. Mother would toss them into our lunch bags still frozen. We'd try to remove the wrappers at noon, only to watch the top layers of the cakes stick to the cellophane. Still, we were grateful for a treat like that.

On occasion, I still like to drop by bread stores, and yes, I purchase cakes and pies. However, buying a loaf of that bread is a different matter. Besides, these days, nutritionists tell us that white bread isn't healthy for us. So, I pay a king's ransom for a loaf of whole wheat bread at the grocery store.

I am thankful that my children have always had food to eat. Maybe we didn't serve steak every night (unless hotdogs are known as tube steaks), but Amy managed to serve good things that we all ate. I also am thankful that my parents loved us enough to make sure we had food on the table, even if it came from the garden out back or from the day-old bread store.



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That's all folks, have a Bouncy day!

Thought for the day: Ability is what you're capable of doing.

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Green Mountain Coffee is growing

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He told the audience that Green Mountain was formed by the founder of EZ Wider rolling papers. Bob Stiller, founder, sold EZ Wider about the time Ronald Reagan became president and took a year off. That's when he found the idea for coffee and formed Green Mountain using part of his share of the \$6.2 million from the sale of the other company, according to an interview Stiller gave several years

ago.

Justin Sterling, President of the East Towne Business Alliance, closed the meeting by announcing that next month's meeting will be for networking, with no speaker. He also mentioned the Washington Pike future improvements and said there would be a meeting of the Alice Bell neighborhood on September 21 at the Alice Bell Church at 7 p.m. for the public to speak to possible changes on that road.

The logo signs for Knoxville Center Mall at Washington Pike and along

I-640 have been delayed and it looks like the sign bids will not be taken until mid-September. That means that signs directing traffic to the mall and stores probably won't be in place before the first of the year.

Sterling hopes everyone will visit "easttowne-businessalliance" on the internet and Facebook and "like" the site. He said the alliance is trying to "be a better version of ourselves" and that that East Knoxville contributes some \$36 million in taxes each year.

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The Colonel: Luke Lea

Part I

Pages from the Past



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The pages of Tennessee's history is littered with colorful characters, but the life of Luke Lea is one right out of a novel; handsome, urbane, highly intelligent and successful, Lea climbed to the heights of financial and political accomplishment. Lea would become one of the first publishing magnates and would be elected to the United States Senate. Luke Lea would also feel the sting of failure; his publishing empire would slip through his fingers, he would be defeated for reelection to the United States Senate, lose his fortune and go to prison.

Named for a great grandfather of the same name who had been a contemporary and supporter of Andrew Jackson, Luke Lea was born April 12, 1879. Young Luke attended local public schools and went to college at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Not done with his education, Lea enrolled at Columbia University's law school and graduated with a degree in 1903. While Luke Lea would practice law for a while, the law was never as interesting to him as the realm of newspaper publishing and politics. By 1907, Lea had founded the Nashville Tennessean with the first edition appearing on the streets on May 12 of that year, which was a Sunday. Lea was not only the publisher of the Tennessean, but its first editor as well. The Tennessean would remain one of Luke Lea's passions for the remainder of his life.

The young publisher was deeply immersed in Tennessee's politics while running the Tennessean. In 1908 Tennessee Democrats were sharply divided, largely over the issue of prohibition. Governor Malcolm Rice Patterson was perceived to be willing to allow localities to determine their choices to spirits and alcoholic beverages by local option. A challenger to Governor Patterson emerged in former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack. Carmack, a former newspaperman himself, had been a Congressman and senator, before losing his Senate seat in 1906. The rivalry between Governor Patterson and Senator Carmack was quite personal; Carmack had defeated Patterson's father, Colonel Josiah Patterson, to get to Congress in the first place.

E. W. Carmack, despite his facility with a pen, was also a good speaker, which was helpful in any campaign long before television made courthouse speeches obsolete. With a busy head of fiery red hair to match his temperament, Carmack was popular and able and represented a genuine threat to Patterson's continued tenure. Both Patterson and Carmack disliked one another intensely.

Lea backed Carmack in the 1908 gubernatorial campaign, which was hard fought. Carmack charged Patterson with being a tool of the liquor interests and despite an intense campaign, lost narrowly to the incumbent who carried the more urban areas of the state, while Carmack did well in the more rural areas. Following his defeat, E. W. Carmack received an offer from Luke Lea to become editor of the Nashville Tennessean. Carmack accepted Lea's offer and it was not long before he gleefully dipped his pen in vitriol and wrote scathing editorials bathing Governor Patterson and his friends in verbal acid.

Naturally, Governor Patterson disliked Carmack's editorials, but some of his friends resented the same editorials even more bitterly. Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, once one of E. W. Carmack's patrons at the Nashville American newspaper (which eventually had been acquired by Luke Lea), had insisted the editor stop maligning him in print. Carmack ignored Cooper's demand and some of the former senator's friends were so worried, they begged him to carry a pistol whenever he went out. Carmack heeded the advice of his friends, although that same advice may well have cost him his life.

According to an account printed in the New York Times just days following Carmack's death, the editor had been warned that Colonel Cooper was profoundly angry and had demanded in no uncertain terms Carmack never use his name in print again. Carmack loftily dismissed Colonel Cooper's complaint, saying, "You go tell Colonel Cooper for me that I have heard of his boasts and threats before, but neither of them affects me; I shall use his name whenever I think the occasion demands and as I think proper."



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Senator Luke Lea with William Jennings Bryan (sitting) 1911.

On November 8, 1908, Carmack encountered an irate Colonel Cooper on a Nashville street, along with Cooper's son, Robin. Both Carmack and the younger Cooper were armed and evidently Carmack, fearing for his life, opened fire, slightly wounding Robin Cooper. The younger Cooper fired back and proved to be the better marksman, hitting Carmack several times and killing him. The former senator lay dead in a Nashville gutter.

The Coopers were tried for Carmack's murder and Colonel Cooper was convicted, while Robin Cooper was acquitted on a technicality. Governor Patterson enraged many Tennesseans when he pardoned the elder Cooper. Patterson's single act in pardoning Colonel Cooper was the lit match that ignited open warfare inside Tennessee's Democratic Party. The fight would become so bitter that it would cost the regular Democrats the governorship and both seats in the United States Senate. One of the prime beneficiaries of the discord inside Tennessee's Democratic Party would be none other than Luke Lea.

The public outcry following Carmack's assassination was fanned by Luke Lea's Tennessean, as well as other newspapers across the state. The outrage crippled Malcolm Patterson's administration and derailed his bid for a third term in 1910. The disarray inside the Democrat Party was such that not even Senator Robert Love Taylor could hold the governorship for the party of Andrew Jackson. The party split into two factions; one was "regular" Democrats and the other were "Independent" Democrats. The Independent Democrats were those opposed to Governor Patterson and his administration. When the Governor was still intent upon seeking yet another term, he fielded a slate of candidates for the Tennessee State Supreme Court. Many of the incumbent

justices were seeking reelection and offended, they announced they would run again as "Independent Democrats." Patterson, seeing the handwriting on the wall, withdrew as a candidate, but his allies running for the Supreme Court lost as the Independent Democrats had allied themselves with Tennessee Republicans. Thus was born the "Fusionist" movement in Tennessee politics. The Fusionists swept the elections in 1910 and a little known Republican from Newport, Tennessee, Ben W. Hooper, was elected governor over Bob Taylor. The Fusionists also won the Tennessee House of Representatives. The regular Democrats still dominated the State Senate, largely because not all of the seats were up for election that year.

At the time, United States senators were not elected by the people, but rather by the members of the General Assembly. Both of Tennessee's U.S. senators were to feel the bite of the Fusionist's wrath. Bob Taylor, long immensely popular in Tennessee, had lost his bid for a fourth term as governor. Taylor had not wanted to make the race in the first place, as he had worked hard for years to serve in the United States Senate. Still, he had been crushed by his defeat, hardly able to believe the people of Tennessee would reject him.

Tennessee's other United States senator was James Beriah Frazier, also a former governor. A tall, stately looking man who looked every inch the part of a senator, was up for reelection in 1911 and very much wanted to succeed himself. As the legislature convened and a Republican presided over the state government, Frazier's reelection prospects plummeted. Free for all commenced and when it became readily apparent to Senator Frazier that he could not be reelected, he withdrew. The Independent Democrats and Republicans then

combined to elect a dark horse, Luke Lea. Just over thirty-one years old, Luke Lea was the youngest member of the United States Senate.

Lea was soon joined in the U. S. Senate by a Republican. Newell Sanders, a patron of Governor Ben W. Hooper and wealthy manufacturer from Chattanooga, was appointed to the Senate when Senator Robert L. Taylor died unexpectedly following a surgical procedure. Sanders remained in the Senate for only a brief time and educator William "Old Sawney" Webb was elected by the legislature to serve the few remaining months of Senator Taylor's term, but it was a disturbing reminder to regular Democrats they were becoming increasingly irrelevant.

In 1913, the legislature was faced with filling Taylor's Senate seat for the full six-year term and once again the Fusionists were successful in electing their candidate. John Knight Shields, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and a leader of the Independent Democrats, was elected to the United States Senate. Governor Hooper had been reelected in 1912, defeating former governor Benton McMillin and the Fusionists yet again held the governor's office and both seats in the United States Senate. The domination of the Independent Democrats and Republicans was complete.

The politics of the United States had changed that same year as well. The Republicans had ruled the country since the election of Abraham Lincoln. In fact, the only successful

Democrat to intrude upon the primacy of the Grand Old Party's power was Grover Cleveland, the only president in the history of the United States to serve two nonconsecutive terms in office. The Democrats had been successful in electing their candidate in the infamous election of 1876, but the Republicans were able to set aside the popular vote by manipulating the results from the Electoral College and install Rutherford B. Hayes as president.

The Republicans would quite likely have been successful in 1912 as well had it not been for a split inside the GOP. Incumbent President William Howard Taft was challenged for renomination by his predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt, who remained highly popular. When narrowly denied the Republican nomination, Roosevelt bolted the party and ran under the Progressive banner. Taft ran a poor third behind Roosevelt, who lost to New Jersey governor Woodrow Wilson.

Luke Lea was enthused about Wilson's election and anticipated great things.

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From the Dagley archives, a picture of Janet Harris Dagley and Bob Dagley on their wedding day in Madisonville, Tennessee.

Carson-Newman Couple Dedicated Years to Education

"Family---All because two people fell in love!" The beautiful wall art hangs just above the bay window in their home. There are traces of family everywhere I look: a piano, photos on the wall, a tree house in the backyard.

Bob and Janet Dagley met at Carson-Newman, both of them aspiring to become teachers. She became a science teacher; he taught physical education and coached. Much of their story has been told in earlier columns about the Gibbs Eagles' basketball team of 1964-65. That was when a young Dagley made his mark in the Knox County School system as he took a small, rural school's basketball team to a 31-2 season! "I went to 87 ballgames in one year," Janet told me. Even today, people talk about it everywhere I go. There are still many in the Gibbs Community



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and beyond who remember and witnessed those exciting times. The Dagleys spent years in education. Janet taught for 37 years, and Bob was a teacher and administrator for 38 years.

The Coach still remembers those games, the players, and the fans. He also remembers some other people who influenced his life as a young student and coach. Dagley pays tribute to three prominent men who once played vital roles in the Knox County School System and credits them in helping him become the person we know as a family man, coach, school administrator, and church leader. The next segment will feature Dagley's thoughts on those three men who influenced him so greatly: C. B. Chesney, W. E. Robertson, and R. E. Graham.

Homesick

When was the last time you were homesick? It may have been while you were at camp, away for college, or on an extended business trip or missionary journey. Being homesick can



By **Mark Brackney**,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

But being homesick can also be a great reminder that your current state is not permanent; it is only temporary and thus can be endured. With the condition of our world, I am becoming more and more homesick for my heavenly home.

The book of First Peter is a great reminder that the troubles and trials we experience in this life remind us of our true home. Peter calls his readers to hope, to courage, and to live faithful lives. This book was written not to combat false teaching, but to men and women who were in danger of losing their lives, reputations, jobs, and property.

Peter tells his readers that they are part of God's elect and exiles (I Peter 1:1-2).

As Christians, we are God's elect, God's chosen people. When hardships come, you might begin to question that. Many Christians have been taught that following Jesus means you will be exempt from difficulties. Not true.

Peter calls followers of Christ exiles or foreigners. This is someone passing through. You are in a land that is not your home. Heaven is your home. When you look at this world through the lens that this is not home, it makes a big difference.

Peter goes on to say that your inheritance can't perish (I Peter 1:3-4). It doesn't erode with time. You are God's sons and daughters with an inheritance that is kept for you in heaven. If we can understand our true home, then we are able to have strength and persevere. When things get tough, it is ok to feel homesick because this is not our home. We

have a heavenly reservation. We don't have to feel panic. Our reservation is good and kept in heaven – completely secure and it can't be lost.

Peter then goes on to share how trials are temporary (I Peter 3:6-7). He talks about gold being refined in fire and compares this to the suffering that at times Christians will experience. Fire gives Christians an opportunity to shine more brightly. Our joy, peace, and love are on display. A day is coming when Jesus will return. Our hope is not of this world but in heaven. Your hope is not in being popular or in our government. Where is your hope? Don't let your hope rise and fall with every election and law. Don't put more hope in the Supreme Court than in the Supreme Being that we claim to worship.

Put your hope in Jesus who changes hearts. Put your hope in the eternal reward kept for us. Don't get confused about what kingdom you are living in. This world is not our home but one day soon we will be home.

Farragut Citizens holding Town Hall Meeting

Very recently people in board positions of various Farragut Homeowner Associations joined together to form a new citizen's group named Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development, also known as FCRGD. The need for this new group was caused by the attempt to rezone the open land on Smith Road near Kingston Pike for apartments.

FCRGD will hold a town meeting at the Farragut Town Hall Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the

meeting room where early voting is held. The purpose of the meeting is to present the reasons for opposing the R6 rezoning for apartments as requested by Continental Properties, a Wisconsin company. Everyone is invited, especially the property owner Horne Properties, the rezoning applicant Continental Properties of Wisconsin, the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, the Farragut Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the Farragut Planning Division Staff. Most importantly, FCRGD wants

the people of Farragut to learn about this rezoning.

In December 2012, eight of the nine current Farragut MPC members voted in favor of the Farragut Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Policy 1 of the plan identifies the actions to be taken should rezoning and development be inconsistent with the plan. The open land on Smith Road proposed for apartments, Parcel 142 069, is NOT consistent with the Farragut Comprehensive Land Use Plan.



Harold's Tours visited New York City July 12 - 17 this year, where the group toured Manhattan and enjoyed lots of sight-seeing. Pictured are (kneeling, left to right) Glynn Duncan (Bus Driver), Harold Cox, (Front Row) Wally and Joyce Edwards, Fred and Marla Bersaglia, Cathy Norris, Lorena Welch, Mary Newsom, Linda Harless, Helen Hughett, Sharon and Ray Garrett, Wanda Henry, Tama Monroe, (second row) Jim and Diana Wilson, Eugene and Arlene Stern, Jim Norris, David Welch, Hugh Newsom, Loren Welch, Harry and Lilli Milton, George and Sheila Miller, and Brenda and Bart Monroe.

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GETTING READY



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Senior Cole Skavara goes through a linebacker drill on a hot August day last week at West High School. The start of 2015 high school football season is less than two weeks away. The annual Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic Kick-Off Classic gets underway Thursday night, Aug. 13, at Central High School and continues Friday night at West High, with games beginning each night at 7. The regular season for local teams begins August 20-22.

Clinton enters 2015 ‘more confident’

By Ken Lay

CLINTON --- When Josh Kerr took over as Clinton High School’s football coach he inherited a struggling program and for his first three years as head coach, the Dragons saw their problems continue.

But that all changed in 2014 as Clinton made the playoffs. Now, excitement prevails after the Dragons won seven games last season.

“We’re really excited because we came in and made the playoffs after we had all of those losing seasons,” Clinton senior wide receiver and defensive back Isaiah Vibbert said. “Our confidence is higher and coach Kerr has really come in here and turned this program around.”

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The Dragons went 7-4 last season and had their first winning season in quite some time and Kerr is hoping that he can restore Clinton back to the glory days it enjoyed on the football field in the 1980.s.

“We’ve had two winning seasons in the past 20 years and people have a short memory when it comes to Clinton football,” Kerr said. “We had two really good seasons. Those were in 1992 and 2009. “Other than that, we’ve had average to below

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Young Red Devils look to build on last year’s modest success

By Ken Lay

Halls High School football coach J.D. Overton is confident that he has his Red Devils headed in the right direction.

“We just have to continue to get better every day,” said Overton, who begins his fourth season at Halls in 2015. “We inherited some talented freshmen when we got here and those guys are seniors and they’ve really stuck it out.

“We had some success last year and these kids have bought in and they’re headed in the right direction. But this is a new season with new players and new expectations.”

The Red Devils, who have suffered through some lean years recently, went 3-7 last seasons. They had

two league wins and had a chance to make the playoffs late until a loss to Clinton derailed those plans.

Excitement prevails on the east side of Emory Road, according to senior quarterback Andrew Davis.

“I’m excited to be here because we really felt like we turned the corner last year,” Davis said. “I came in and threw with my receivers during the offseason. During the offseason, we came in on Saturdays and threw for about three hours every Saturday.

“Our skill players and offensive linemen have really bought into what our offensive coordinator Ron Gray is selling.”

Halls has a wealth of experienced backs and receivers back. The Red

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Devils had to play some youngsters last season and Overton is hoping that the game experience will be an asset this season.

“We’re still a very young team,” Overton said. “Last year, we were predominantly freshmen and sophomores. This year, we’re predominantly sophomores and juniors and we’re not going to take anybody by surprise.

“We played a lot of freshmen last year and hopefully that will pay off for us this year. We also have two juniors who have played 20 games.”

Top returners for the Red

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CAK Returns Experienced, Hungry

By David Klein

Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) enters the 2015 football season hungry and returns many key players from last season. The Warriors return nine starters on offense and six starters on defense. One of those returning starters, junior quarterback Cole Smith, is unquestionably the team’s vocal leader and has improved his fundamentals from last year.

Smith went to a couple of quarterback camps this summer to work on his throwing technique. He also has a firm grasp on the Warriors’ offense after two years. “I’ve been going to different college camps,” Smith said. “It’s

been a great experience and I’ve been trying to soak it all in,” he added. “The biggest thing is I get to compare myself and my talent to others across the country.”

“One thing I’ve been able to tell about Cole is he’s gotten a lot stronger,” inside linebacker Jake Newton said. “I’ve seen him throw the ball well and he’s gotten a lot smarter.”

CAK Head Coach Rusty Bradley also had praise for his quarterback and how he has developed. “I’ve been having him draw formations and coverages and plays,” Bradley said. “Just to see his understanding and knowledge of what we’re doing in our system and where

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we to go with the ball; I’m excited because now we’re already building on a guy that has such a strong foundation instead of having to start from ground zero, and that’s definitely huge,” Bradley stressed.

Besides Smith, The Warriors return all of their starting receivers along with all of their skill players. Senior wide receiver Phillip Nichols is one of those receivers and had 92 catches last year. “He’s gained about 10 pounds,”

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Season 119 gets underway on Rocky Top

By Ken Lay

The 119th season of Big Orange football is now underway. The Volunteers opened their training camp early last week and are now officially preparing for the 2015 campaign.

The Vols, who went 7-6 last year and posted their first winning season since 2009 and nabbed a bowl victory (their first since the Outback Bowl following the 2007 season), enter the 2015 campaign with Joshua Dobbs slated to be the starting quarterback. Dobbs took over starting duties midway through last season and led Tennessee to a 45-28 victory over Iowa in the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville on Jan. 2, 2015.

Dobbs is back and must stay healthy because UT head coach Butch Jones has yet to name a replacement should his talented junior field general go down.

"Finding a No. 2 quarterback is imperative," said Jones, who begins his third

season on Rocky Top. "It's imperative because you know that you'll need more than one or two quarterbacks to get through the season."

Freshmen Quentin Dormady and Jauan Jennings are being groomed as backups. But the versatile Jennings, a Murfreesboro native and Blackman High School graduate may also be expected to play some snaps at wide receiver because injuries and other maladies have left the Volunteers with a lack of depth at the receiver spots.

"Jauan Jennings will continue to get reps at wide receiver and he'll also get work at quarterback," Jones said. "I was really impressed with the work that Dormady did during the spring.

"Josh [Dobbs] has also grown and he will be a leader. The things that we're looking to work on with this team are our leadership, our maturity and our health. Leadership is nothing more than influence.

That's why you have good leaders and bad leaders. Josh's and [redshirt senior linebacker/defensive lineman] Curt [Maggitt's] leadership continues to be born."

For the first time in Jones' three-year tenure at Tennessee, he has a full complement of offensive linemen.

"We have two deep at all five offensive line positions and this is the first time that we've had that here as a staff," Jones said. "We'll have some guys moving around up there and it will be competitive."

Competition will be a major theme as the Vols prepare for the upcoming campaign. Jones must find a punter to replace the graduated Matt Darr, a full-time middle linebacker, as well as settle on a starting offensive front.

But Jones is excited about his third season.

"This is an exciting time because now, you're practicing and preparing for something that matters,"



Photo by Dan Andrews

Tennessee football coach Butch Jones addresses the media at last week's pre-camp press conference. Jones and the Volunteers have begun preparation for the 2015 season, which begins Sept. 5 against Bowling Green in Nashville.

he said. "It's football time in Tennessee.

"I just spoke to my staff about seeing things through fresh eyes. We're creatures of habit. We're very excited to get started."

The coach is also hoping that his squad, which is young again, learned a few

valuable lessons from last year.

"We can't merely be a year older," Jones said. "We've got to be a year better and a year smarter.

"We have to learn from our past. We have to be one percent better every time we leave the practice field

and we have to be one percent better every time that we leave the meeting room. We're still a young team because 64 percent of our team has played one year of college football or less."

Lady Spartans have eyes on State Tournament

By Ken Lay

As the 2015 high school soccer season looms Webb School of Knoxville coach Sonny Trotter has some lofty expectations.

"Our expectation is to get to state," said Trotter, who will soon begin his second season with the Lady Spartans. "We want to get to state but we're going to have to stay healthy."

Webb, which went 13-6-1 in 2014, was eliminated in the state sectional round before some key injuries spelled its demise.

The Lady Spartans have some key pieces back and are primed for a deep run.

Webb has eight returning starters and several other veterans who made significant contributions last season.

Returning starters include: Abby Bailey (junior, midfielder); Lexi Reeves (junior, forward); Evey Satterfield (senior, midfielder/goalkeeper); Kaitlin Ramsey (junior, midfielder); Kathryn Lee (senior, midfielder); Ellie Mamantov (junior, defender); Lauren Kentfield (junior, defender) and Kaitlin Ladha (sophomore, defender).

Other key returners include: Darby Bauman

(sophomore, forward); Apple Lee (sophomore, midfielder); Audrey Hall (junior, forward); Emily Wyrick (junior, midfielder); Cameron Beall (senior, midfielder); Emily Bruner (sophomore, defender) and Zubaidah Alizoti (sophomore, forward).

That group of battle-tested and savvy veterans will comprise a talented core according to Trotter.

"We have togetherness and unity and our effort and attitude have been tremendous," Trotter said. "We had a great camp and a great jamboree.

"Lexi won two skills competitions at the jamboree. She won the placement kick and the 40-yard dash. Evey won the throw-in competition and Darby scored all of our goals at the jamboree."

Satterfield will see time between the goalposts and she'll also play in the field and she'll be a leader for the Lady Spartans.

"Our midfield will be solid with Evey, Maya Reeves, Emily Wyrick, Kaitlin Ramsey, Apple and Kaitlin Lee," Trotter said. "Evey is great in so many ways, whether she's in the goal or in the midfield.

"If we stay healthy and

keep playing and working hard, we'll have a chance."

Trotter said his team is also strong and solid up front and on defense."

In addition to a talented group of veterans, Webb has a crop of newcomers looking to make an immediate impact.

Key newcomers are: Maya Reeves (junior, midfielder); Maya Scarbrough (sophomore, midfielder); Kendall Jung (sophomore, defender); London Hovis (sophomore, forward); Katherine Bullen (sophomore, defender); Avery Catlett (freshman, defender); Madalyn Mead (freshman, goalkeeper); Miela Hurst (freshman, midfielder); Virginia Saces (freshman, midfielder) and Reagan Taylor (freshman, midfielder).

Trotter noted that he has been pleased with the Lady Spartans thus far. He lauded the efforts of Mamantov, Hill and Catlett.

Webb opens the 2015 campaign with a pair of key non-league matches. The Lady Spartans host Central on Monday, Aug. 17. They then entertain Powell on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Kickoff for both games is slated for 6 p.m.

Q&A with Mike Keith Voice of the Tennessee Titans

By Alex Norman

From time to time we like to catch up with one of the movers and shakers in the world of sports. This week we had the chance to ask a few questions to Mike Keith, the "Voice of the Tennessee Titans."

Alex Norman: So far Marcus Mariota has brought a lot of excitement to Tennessee fans. How has he adjusted to life as a professional?

Mike Keith: For Marcus Mariota, there is no adjustment to life as a professional. Because of who he is and where he played college football (Oregon), he arrived in Nashville fully-prepared and polished to handle "the job" of being a professional quarterback. He has easily slid into the role of being "the face of the franchise" for that reason.

AN: How important was it to get the contract situation squared away before camp began? Or can that kind of thing be overblown...

MK: (Laughs) People were pretty torn up over it, wondering WHEN he was going to sign, IF he was going to sign, IF we might trade him to Philadelphia or somewhere else. I was shocked at how concerned people were about the contract. But I think that it shows how excited that our fans are about Marcus Mariota and how they just wanted to see him play as quickly as possible.

AN: Will Mariota's skill set require significant adjustments to what the Titans like to do on offense?

MK: While the Titans won't switch to Oregon's offense, the team will incorporate some things that he clearly does well from the Ducks' attack. For the most part, however, Mariota is learning Coach Ken Whisenhunt's offense--and learning it quickly. Bottom line is that an NFL quarterback must be able to throw from the pocket at some point to be successful and Mariota is already

showing in training camp that he can do that. Combine that skill with his athleticism and Mariota has the potential to be scary.

AN: Is Bishop Sankey ready to take that next step in the Titans backfield?

MK: I think so and believe that he will be the most pleasant surprise of 2015. Sankey took a lot of criticism last year because he was unspectacular, but in re-watching the 16 games, he didn't have lots of chances. He's stronger, smarter and has more experience, plus the Titans new run scheme fits him better, I believe. Don't be surprised if he breaks out this season.

AN: There is a lot of youth in terms of the Titans safety position heading into training camp. Does this make the health status of Michael Griffin even more crucial?

MK: Certainly having Griffin for all 16 games is important to our team, but our staff is very confident in our young safeties---not just Da'Norris Searcy, but also Marqueston Huff, Daimion Stafford and Khalid Wooten. This is a position where the Titans feel that they have a lot of young depth and talent.

AN: Lots of new faces in that wide receiver corps, via free agency and draft. Does this put the pressure on Kendall Wright to return to 2013 production levels?

MK: Kendall Wright is working like a man who believes that he has something to prove. He is in great condition, has been sharp in every practice so far and is becoming much more of a vocal leader among the wideouts. Wright has been one of the most exciting players to watch so far in training camp.

AN: Who are some of the key off season pickups for the Titans?

MK: Brian Orakpo at weakside (outside) linebacker is huge, as was resigning Derrick Morgan to

play strongside (outside) linebacker. I already mentioned Da'Norris Searcy at safety, but you cannot overlook Perrish Cox at cornerback. On offense, Anthony Fasano is a steady tight end, Byron Bell may start at right tackle and Harry Douglas and Hakeem Nicks are bolstering our receiving corps. But to me, the biggest free agent pickup was Dick LeBeau, the Hall of Famer who will run our defense. Coach LeBeau already has Titans defenders flying around, excited to play---even excited to practice! It is fantastic to have a coach like Dick LeBeau around a defense in its second year converting to the 3-4 defensive scheme.

AN: The Titans are now playing at "Nissan Stadium." Considering the number of Tennesseans employed by that company, does the partnership make for a really good fit?

MK: It truly does. Growing up in Middle Tennessee, I remember vividly the impact of Nissan opening their Smyrna plant in 1983. It was a huge step for this region, one of first big steps that propelled this area into "the boom" that it has experienced over the last 30+ years. Now Nissan has a plant in Decherd and their North American headquarters in Franklin, so this company with a worldwide name makes Tennessee a huge part of their business. For that company to choose to put its name on the Titans stadium, it is not only a great business deal, but a partnership between two well-known entities with Tennessee roots. Titans employees take it as such a compliment that Nissan would partner with us; it's about more than business. Nissan employees are our neighbors, we go to church together, our kids go to school and play ball together, etc. You get why I am very proud to say "Nissan Stadium".

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HVA ‘hungry’ for gridiron success

By Ken Lay

Throughout its seven-year varsity program’s history Hardin Valley Academy has enjoyed some modest success. The Hawks have made the playoffs in five of its first seven seasons.

But a postseason victory has eluded HVA and that doesn’t really sit well with coach Wes Jones.

“We’ve made the playoffs five times in our first seven seasons but we haven’t won a playoff game yet,” said Jones, who has coached at Hardin Valley since the school opened in 2008. “We want to win a playoff game.”

“That will be big for our program.” Expectations are high at HVA and that’s nothing new. What’s new for the Hawks, who went 6-5 last season, is that regional re-alignment has put them into a new league for the fourth time in school’s brief history.

The Hawks have been in District 3-AAA, District 4-AAA and they’ll play in Region 1-6A in 2015. They’ve had a six winning seasons but constant movement has prevented Hardin Valley from establishing a true rivalry game.

“We’ve been re-classified four times and that makes it hard when you’re a new school,” Jones said. “We haven’t been able to establish a rival. First, it was Karns, then it was Bearden and then it was Farragut. “We don’t play Karns or Farragut this year.”

Throughout the program’s history, West High has been HVA’s only constant opponent. The Hawks and Rebels will open the 2015 campaign on Thursday, Aug. 20 at HVA. The Hawks have never beaten West, the defending Class 5A State Champion. “We play West first,” said senior running back and defensive back Issiah Aguerro. “I don’t think Hardin Valley has ever beaten West.”

The Rebels are one of two defending State Champions on Hardin Valley’s schedule. They open against West and close out the regular season against Maryville at home on Oct. 30.

After hosting Knox County’s Rebels, the Hawks will have an open date. They will then host Bearden in the regional opener for both schools. Hardin Valley also plays South-Doyle, another team that made a deep postseason run in 2014,

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Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, Powell, Science Hill, Jefferson County, Bradley Central and William Blount. They then host Blount County’s Rebels in the regular-season finale.

Hardin Valley’s athletic program had unprecedented success in the spring. The Hawks won a state baseball title in 2015. The boys soccer team made the state semifinals and the softball team also made a State Tournament appearance. Now, the football team is looking to make a playoff run.

“It was good to see those teams have success,” said senior wide receiver and defensive lineman Joe DeFur. “We’re hungry to win.”

“It’s nice to see all of those teams do well in the spring but we want to build on the success that we had last year.”

Aguero makes no bones about HVA’s goals for 2015.

“We want to go 15-0 and win the State Championship,” he said. “We want a ring and to do that, we have to go 1-0 every week.”

Top players for the Hawks include: Tim Frizzell (a junior all-regional performer at running back and linebacker); Isaac Aguerro (senior, running back/defensive back); Issiah Aguerro (senior, running back/defensive back); Gavin Greene (junior, quarterback); Jason Love (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); DeFur; Tyler Lingerfelt (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Gabe Dew (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Joe Reed (senior, offensive lineman/middle linebacker); Elijah Jones (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Nick Buckles (senior, running back/defensive back); Hayden Brophy (senior, offensive lineman/noseguard); Thomas Clay (junior, wide receiver/defensive back) and Andrew Merritt (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Jones noted that his team’s strengths are speed and athleticism. He said that his major area concern is lack of depth on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Veteran Eagles face new challenges in 2015

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR --- Jerry Cooper will soon begin his second season as Seymour High School’s football coach. He’s seen several familiar faces in summer workouts.

But once the season begins, the Eagles will play a schedule of unfamiliar teams.

“We have one opponent on our [2015] schedule that was on our schedule last year and that’s Sequoyah. We played them late last season and they were one of the teams that we beat.

“They moved us down a division when we were realigned and those schools are more comparable to us. The only thing is that we don’t have a history with those teams and we don’t know what they offensively or defensively. Our kids haven’t played those teams at the lower levels and we don’t have any film on them.”

Playing a revamped schedule will provide a challenge for the Eagles, who went 2-8 in 2014, but a new start can’t be the worst thing that could

happen to a group of young players who took their share of lumps last season.

“We won two games last year and we felt like if things would’ve gone our way, we could’ve have won four,” Cooper said. “But we really didn’t play good football last year.

“I think that last season showed our young kids just how much work that they needed to do. We changed our approach in the weight room and we changed some things this spring. The kids bought in and we’re really proud of them.”

Seymour, which opens the 2015 campaign at home against The King’s Academy in a city rivalry game, returns its entire offensive line from last season.

“Nine or 10 players on our offensive are all back and we have experience in those spots,” Cooper said. “I’m proud of all of our kids but the players that we’re the most happy with are the players on the offensive and defensive line.”

Top returning linemen for Seymour include:

Jalen Minefield (a senior and three-year starter at tight end and linebacker); Zach Williams (senior, offensive tackle/defensive lineman); Harrison Coker (senior, offensive tackle/defensive end); Trey Greyson (junior, center/defensive lineman); Gavin Blythe (junior, offensive guard/defensive tackle); Ryan Louallen (senior, offensive guard/defensive end); J.C. Cogan (junior, offensive guard); Mataj Grycz (senior, offensive tackle/defensive tackle) and Alex Shields (junior, guard/center/defensive lineman).

“Those guys all played a lot for us last season and got some valuable experience,” Cooper said. “They all understand what we’re trying to do.

“Now, we have to work on fundamentals and technique.”

Seymour also has some veterans back at the skill positions including: Clayton Ogle (a senior who started all 10 games last year); Austin Brewster (junior, running back); Isaiah Johnson (junior, running back); Jeremy Bryant (senior, running back/wide

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receiver); Devante Farmer (junior, running back/wide receiver/free safety); Grant Wallen (senior, running back/wide receiver); Hunter McCleary (junior, split end); Jacob Pierce (junior, split end); Brandon Parrott (junior, middle linebacker); Reid Taylor (a senior who will play outside linebacker who started on the offensive line in 2014); Brandon Bentley (sophomore, defensive end) and Christian Ogle (sophomore, running back/wide receiver/outside linebacker).

Key newcomers include Tyler Brown (a senior split end and defensive back who is playing football for the first time. He’s been a starting point guard for the coach Tony Buell’s basketball team) and Jamaal Ashley (a senior running back, wide receiver and defensive back who transferred from Bearden).

Young Red Devils look to build on last year’s modest success

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Devils include: Davis; Brandon Manis (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Lane Smith (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Gavin Davis (senior, wide receiver/linebacker); J.T. Freels (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Matthew Runge-Gold (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Caden Harbin (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Hunter Huff (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back) and Hunter Woods (junior, running back/linebacker).

Overton said that his squad’s strengths are talent at the skill

positions and experience.

“We have some guys who have played a lot of football,” he said.

Overton said that his squad must stay healthy.

“Our biggest weakness is depth,” he said. “We have to stay lucky on the injury front.

“We have to continue to build depth on both the offensive and defensive lines.”

The Red Devils may be a bit thin up front but Overton is looking for big things from sophomore lineman Walt Elkins, who had a stellar freshman season on the wrestling mat for the Red Devils last season.

Other key returners are junior Nick

Gangloff and sophomore Jordan Biliter. Both will play tight end and defensive end.

Halls begins its season at home on Aug. 21 against Carter. Their first road test will be at Austin-East on Aug. 28.

Five of Halls High’s opponents; including the Hornets, defending Class 5A State Champion West High, South-Doyle, Gibbs and Central made the playoffs in 2015.

Powell, Karns, the Roadrunners, Union County and Heritage are all looking to make the postseason this year.

Halls will also look to end a lengthy postseason drought in 2015.



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Coaches say Kick-Off Classic is ‘fun’ and helps with ‘game jitters’

By Steve Williams

Over the years, the Knoxville high school football jamboree has been called “a glorified scrimmage” by some and a “dress rehearsal” by others.

For many years, it was played at Neyland Stadium on the University of Tennessee campus – a once in a lifetime opportunity for many high school players to experience the thrill of playing in a Division 1 college stadium.

The Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic Kick-Off Classic will be a two-night affair this year, with games being played Thursday night at Central High and Friday night at West High. Action starts each night at 7.

“We look at the jamboree as both a scrimmage and a fun event to be in,” said veteran Webb School Coach David Meske, adding it brings “excitement for the upcoming season. I think it does help with game jitters, as you are playing in front of a crowd.”

Bearden’s Morgan Shinlever said, “We treat the jamboree as a trial run for a game day. We practice before the jamboree and then move to a pre-game run-through.”

Among the benefits are getting “experience with travel and playing in front of a large crowd.”

Gibbs coach Brad Conley likes the benefits gained from the jamboree without the pressure of trying to win.

“The Jamboree is an opportunity to deal with first-game jitters without having too much on the line,” said Conley. “Generally, we want to play as many kids as possible

without giving too much concern to the outcome.

“Most importantly to us coaches, we want NO injuries. For many players, this is the largest crowd they will perform in front of; it is a good experience for our players.”

Karns Coach Tobi Kilgore said, “We treat the jamboree like any other scrimmage. Our starters will start and play a set number of reps and then we will rotate through our roster. It is good practice for our kids to get comfortable playing in front of a large crowd.”

What does a team gain the most from playing in the jamboree?

“I think it helps eliminate a lot of those first-game nerves that can happen,” answered Kilgore, listing that as the “biggest positive” from the jamboree experience.

“It gives kids who have never started the opportunity to get that out of their system and be ready to go Week 1. I also think it helps prepare us for the atmosphere of a Friday night crowd and the opportunity for us to compete against a defending state champion (Webb) this year.”

The Kick-Off Classic schedule:

Thursday at Central High: Austin-East vs. The King’s Academy, Halls vs. Anderson County, Central vs. Gibbs, Powell vs. Carter.

Friday at West: Karns vs. Webb, Hardin Valley Academy vs. Farragut, South-Doyle vs. Fulton, Lenoir City vs. Bearden, West vs. Campbell County.

CAK Returns Experienced, Hungry

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Bradley said. “He’s a guy that can be a very explosive player for us.” Bradley also said Nichols is getting interest from Ivy League schools.

Defensively, the Warriors return six starters this year, led by middle linebacker Jake Newton. “As a middle linebacker everyone looks up to you,” Newton said. “This year, on the defense, we’re going to be pretty stout,” he added. “I know we can hold a lot of teams down.”

“On defense, Jake is exactly what you want,” Bradley said. “His leadership, his passion, that’s what you want, you want a kid that loves the grinding of competing.”

Also returning is 6” 6” defensive end Bo Layton, the Warriors’ leading tackler from last year. “Air Force

has offered him,” Bradley said.

Bradley said the artificial turf CAK installed last season has paid dividends. “It’s been phenomenal. We always have a surface to go on. It’s been a huge difference maker for us because we’re on it anytime you can go in the offseason.”

Bradley emphasized that this year’s experienced team is ready to take the next step and advance. “I think with having guys back, having that experience, helps us. They’ve grown, gotten bigger and gotten faster. We’re back and we’re hungry and trying to move past losing in the quarterfinals.”

CAK plays another grueling schedule this year. The Warriors open with Livingston Academy on August 21 and play Grace Christian Academy the following week. “Livingston Academy

was 11-2 and made it to the 4A semifinals last year,” Bradley said. “Those first two games are going to be tough for us,” he stressed. A game with the Webb Spartans in the fourth week looms large as does the traditional end of season grudge match with perennial 4A champion Alcoa.

However, despite the tough schedule, Bradley says this year’s team has taken on the responsibility of leadership. He says this year’s team distinguishes itself from last year. “I think with the senior class, because they’re so big, there’s an ownership. There’s a family mentality. They’ve taken the ownership of setting the leadership and the tone and establishing the culture I want and I’m excited about that.”

Clinton enters 2015 ‘more confident’

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average teams with average to below average talent.

“People are nostalgic when it comes to Clinton football.”

The rebuilding process has begun for the Dragons. Kerr isn’t quite sure to expect in 2015 because Clinton still has a few depth issues.

“Our weakness is depth,” Kerr said. “We have some quality guys but we need to get more and we’ve got to stay healthy.”

“I think we’ll have a pretty good season.”

But staying healthy is a key for the Dragons, who open their 2015 campaign on Friday, Aug. 21 with a crucial early Region 3-5A tilt on the road against longtime Anderson County rival Oak Ridge.

“We could win eight games, we could win six games or we could win four,” Kerr said. “That all depends on whether or not

we can stay healthy. “We have good senior leadership.”

“Our biggest strength is experience, particularly at the skill positions. Our receivers and the players in our secondary have played a lot of football.”

Top returners for the Dragons include: Tyler Thackerson (senior, quarterback); J’Quan Thomas (junior, wide receiver); Christian Bailey (senior, wide receiver/linebacker); Beau Crisp (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Vibbert; Jason Good (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); John Reece (senior, offensive lineman); S.J. Powers (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Blake Sherwood (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Billy Long (junior, linebacker); Jamal Booker (junior, offensive lineman/linebacker) and Josh Burr (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Key newcomers are: Demerea Whitt (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Jayven Booker (sophomore, offensive lineman/linebacker) and Cameron Washington (sophomore, running back).

Expectations for the Dragons are higher than they have been in the past and Kerr wants his squad to outwork its opponents.

“We want to play fast,” he said. “We want to be faster and more physical than our competitors and we want to outwork our opponents.”

Bailey said he’s been through the ups and downs of high school football at Clinton, but noted that he’s looking forward to a big senior season.

“I think we’ve turned the corner,” Bailey said. “We have some good teams in our region but I feel good about [making the playoffs].”

“We’re confident and we expect to win games.”

Davenport brings some needed good news Powell’s way

By Steve Williams

Maybe it’s fitting Jaqwone Davenport will be wearing jersey No. 5 for Powell High’s football team in 2015. It can be a reminder that the school is starting a fifth straight season with a new head football coach.

Rodney Ellison is No. 5 in the line of coaches.

Davenport’s exciting running ability could help bring an end to the dubious distinction. Ellison said he has been a “pleasant surprise” this preseason. Powell has been needing good news like that.

“He’s a very explosive back and a very strong kid,” said Ellison, describing the 5-8, 185-pound senior. “He’s got break-away speed and he’s going to do some special things for us.”

Davenport, according to the coach, also will be running behind a tough offensive line.

“The offensive line has been a great surprise with how they’re blowing people off the ball in the preseason,” said Ellison. “They’re very physical.”

Will Hoyle, a 6-1, 245-pound junior, will start at left tackle, and has been called “strong as an ox.”

Terrance Melton will start at left guard, senior captain Cade Trusley (6-2, 245) at center, senior captain Blake Jenkins (5-10, 250) at right guard and Tanner Kesterson at right tackle.

Some of the offensive linemen also play on the defensive line, and Ellison calls both lines the team’s strength.

The Panthers have a huge hill to climb after finishing 1-9 last season. Five (there’s that number again) starters return on each side of the ball.

In addition to Jenkins and Trusley, senior Connor Sepesi returns at quarterback, Brandon Brown at wide receiver and Jamil Birden is battling Jake Henry at slotback.

Brown has been Sepesi’s favorite target in the preseason. “I think those two are going to hook up quite a few times this year,” said Ellison, who was offensive coordinator last season at Clinton.

The offensive system Ellison brings to Powell is a “spread, no huddle, up tempo ... We’ll throw the ball a lot. We broke passing and receiving records at both Wartburg and Clinton, but we also ran the ball well at both schools. That’s the thing people get fooled by. They think we’re just a pass-happy offense. That’s not always the case – we do just what it takes to win.

“In one game we might throw for 400 yards and the next game we might run for 400.”

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Ellison, who formerly was head coach at Wartburg, will be the play-caller.

Powell will play a 4-2-5 defense.

“We will attack with stunts and blitzes from different angles and disguise coverages, but the main thing on defense are to make sure they are aligned correctly to the formation and that we get 11 hats pursuing the football every play.”

With some of the top linemen playing both ways, Powell will try to rest the big guys by using a six-man rotation at defensive tackle, said Ellison.

Other potential starters include wide receivers Dalton Jett, Kamari Smith and Bryson Cowden.

Defensively, John Merritt and Kesterson are the ends. Trusley and Hoyle are co-starters at tackle. Hill is the nose-man. Linebackers are John Lewelling, Eric Ludwig and Austin Capps. The secondary includes cornerbacks Brandon Smith and Birden, Jett at strong safety and Henry at free safety. Jett and Henry also are senior captains.

Sepesi and Matthew Tucker are the punters. Sophomore Logan Bowers will handle the place-kicking duties. Birden is the return specialist and will be joined by Brown on kickoff returns.

Keys to a successful season?

“We have to stay healthy,” answered the coach. “We only have a little depth. We have to do the little things right and that includes taking care of the football. We had five turnovers in our first scrimmage at Austin-East. That’ll usually get you beat.

“If we’re a good tackling team and take care of the football, I think we’re going to score some points and make enough stops to have a successful season and get back to the playoffs.”

Despite all the coaching changes and only one win in 2014, the Panthers are in a good frame of mind.

“They’re very positive,” said Ellison. “We’re still trying to instill a good work ethic in them, but they have worked hard all season. Starting in January, they’ve come to work hard every day.

“They’re teenagers, so we’ve got to help drive them sometimes and point them in the right direction, but they take coaching well. They bought into this system pretty fast. I couldn’t have asked for more. I’ve got a great bunch of seniors that are leading the way and doing a tremendous job for us. I’m very proud to be their coach.”

The Panthers will host Farragut in the season opener Aug. 21.

Vols have been in and out of college football’s national spotlight

Tennessee football has received plenty of positive recognition on the national scene since the Vols capped off the 2014 season by blasting Iowa in the Tax Slayer Bowl.



By Steve Williams

When preseason chatter first started, Tennessee was even mentioned as a “darkhorse” to make the College Playoff field this year. That certainly got the attention of the UT fans.

More recently, the Vols were picked to finish second in the SEC Eastern Division at SEC Media Days and just the other day were tabbed No. 25 in the Coaches’ preseason Top 25 poll.

On the other hand, a few of UT’s top players have found themselves left out of the national spotlight as far as preseason honors and watchlists – enough to make them enter the 2015 campaign with a point to prove, if not a chip on their shoulder.

The snubbing started

with sophomore defensive end Derek Barnett, who had a super freshmen season as one of the nation’s top pass rushers, not being honored as a first or second-team All-SEC preseason selection in Phil Steele’s popular national publication.

Steele admitted it was an oversight on his part. Then highly regarded junior Cameron Sutton was left off the Watchlist for the Jim Thorpe Award, which goes to the nation’s top defensive back. Sutton didn’t fuss. He just said it would make him play harder for the team.

Jalen Hurd, who rushed for almost 900 yards as a freshman, inexplicably was left off the Doak Walker Watchlist of the nation’s top running backs.

Opposing defensive players can’t be too happy about Hurd’s snubbing as they’ll soon have to try to bring down the big back, who reported to preseason camp as a 6-3,

242-pounder.

Only one offensive player was named to the preseason All-SEC team at the conference’s Media Days. If it weren’t for quarterback Joshua Dobbs being named to the third team, the Vols would have been shut out.

Tennessee head coach Butch Jones even got somewhat of a backhanded compliment recently from Athlon when the national publication ranked him as the 25th best coach in the nation ... but eight fellow SEC coaches are ranked ahead of him on the list.

Nick Saban of Alabama is No. 1 on the list. Auburn’s Gus Malzahn is No. 9, South Carolina’s Steve Spurrier No. 11, Georgia’s Mark Richt No. 16, Missouri’s Gary Pinkel No. 17, Mississippi State’s Dan Mullen No. 19, Ole Miss’ Hugh Freeze No. 20 and LSU’s Les Miles No. 24.

It’s no wonder Butch always seems to have on his game face.



Weddings and Rituals

Rituals give structure to life, and while we should not become slaves to our customs, we shouldn't needlessly discard them. Just as children need boundaries, patterns of living make us feel comfortable. And while rebels are sometimes lauded - from a safe distance - a civil society is made possible by a measure of conformity. Some might argue that those we see living on the street are rebellious non-conformists - modern day James Deans. Unfortunately, most of these poor souls are actually

driven by their demons of mental illness and drugs. I remain fascinated by the Exodus story in the Bible, where more than 1.5 million Hebrews were suddenly liberated from Egyptian slavery, and found themselves wandering in the desert without water, provisions or much in the way of even basic laws. The "back to Egypt" cabal quickly challenged Moses and God's leadership, stating they would be better off living as slaves in Egypt rather than dying in the desert. Well, most know the rest of the story how God

provided food and water for his throng of exiles. He even gave them "speed limits" for living together, the Ten Commandments and other rules to supplant the laws of Egypt. A wedding is a ritual which I believe remains very important. In some cultures women have few rights even when married, but in post-modern western culture this is not the case. Though I'm no legal beagle, our culture even recognizes common-law marriages. These "marriages" were especially important on the American frontier. My point is that marriage is more in the minds and hearts of two people rather than any piece of paper sanctioned by the institutions of man. (I'll not rehash the odious redefinition of marriage by SCOTUS.) Arguably, the wedding day belongs to the bride, even though the wedding ritual imparts a foundation of lifetime commitment to both. There is something about standing

in the presence of friends and God, and reciting the traditional wedding vows, established by nature and convention, that is meaningful to the couple and the witnesses. Many times I've contemplated my own wedding vows as I've watched others swear faithfulness and steadfastness to each other. Sure, you can run down to City Hall and get married or use a "wedding chapel" in Vegas or Gatlinburg, but anticipation and planning, and finally "standing in the Presence," adds solemnity, foundation and gravitas to life-long commitment. Becky and I have resisted offering advice to our daughter, Emily, and future son-in-law, Matt. The witness of our marriage of forty years means far more than any platitudes we might voice. However, while waiting for our women one day I did share with Matt "Ferguson's rule #9": Never leave the building

before your wife. If you do so you'll find yourself waiting in the car, getting frustrated and wondering what's she's doing. Women are the glue of our society, and they never leave before everything and everyone are taken care of. I don't remember much about the planning of my own wedding four decades ago. Perhaps I deferred to Becky who worked for years as a wedding coordinator. Perhaps I was focused on finishing medical school. And it was different then. I've observed that Matt and Emily are equally participating in their wedding plans and responsibilities. Lots of details go into a formal wedding, and if Emily and Matt approach the rest of their lives with this degree of sharing their marriage will be successful. As Mother of the Bride, Becky has a big part in the "wedding of the century." I play a supportive role, though I do have

three principle responsibilities: write a lot of checks, don't say anything stupid and don't stumble during the father-daughter dance. By the time you read this essay Emily will be married and the last stage of my daughter's "launch sequence" will have occurred - and hopefully my three responsibilities accomplished. As the new couple soared into their future amidst toasts, the father-writer-philosopher couldn't resist one piece of advice for a successful marriage. It was based on Ecclesiastes 4:12 and braiding the hair of little girls. My toast was short and poignant. It needed to be short as tears filled my eyes, and ended on a light hearted note, "So, here's to love and laughter, and happy ever afters!" And I didn't stumble at the father's final hurdle.

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City, NFPA Offer Safety Tips For Lightning Storms

You're grilling hamburgers on the backyard patio. As you flip them over, you notice that the sky is getting dark. Next, you see a flash of lightning. Then you hear a clap of thunder. What should you do? What precautions should you take? In late summer, thunder and lightning storms are fairly common occurrences. But it's important to realize just how dangerous lightning can be and the damage it can do. Lightning strikes can kill people caught outside and exposed, and they also can cause fires. While deaths and injuries from lightning-started fires are infrequent, the dollar loss totals more than \$400 million per year. "There are simple precautions that we urge people to take during a lightning storm that can save lives and decrease the chances of injury and damage," says Greg Taylor, the City's Electrical

Inspections Chief. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the City of Knoxville Electrical Inspections Unit recommend these safety steps:

- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers, and turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off.
- Follow the 30-30 rule: When you see lightning, count 30 seconds until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. The threat of lightning continues longer than most people realize. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Seek shelter immediately.
- Stop outdoor activities

at the first clap of thunder and get inside a house, a large building or a hard-topped vehicle.

- When inside, stay off corded phones, computers and other electronic equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity. Also, avoid washing your hands, showering, bathing, doing laundry or washing dishes, which put you in contact with plumbing.
- If you are in open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-

topped vehicle is not available.

- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and

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to them immediately. Check the person's breathing, heartbeat and pulse.

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UT Arboretum Society Presents Urban Forestry Program August 25

The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society is sponsoring a lecture on the "Knoxville Urban Forestry Program" on August 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the UT Arboretum's Program Shelter, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge.

The program will be presented by Kasey Krouse, City of Knoxville Urban Forester who will discuss the City of Knoxville Urban Forestry program and its attempt to move from a reactive to a proactive urban forestry program. He will also discuss proper pruning, planting, mulching, tree selection and other arboriculture practices that are pertinent to an urban forestry program. The presentation will conclude by touring the arboretum and discussing some of the issues they face in an urban forest.

As the Urban Forester for the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, Krouse is responsible for the expansion, protection and maintenance of the City's urban forest and implementing the City's Urban Forest Management Plan. Prior to joining the City of Knoxville in 2014, Krouse worked as a project manager for Davey Resource Group. A Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture, Krouse has a BS in Forestry from Purdue University.

Participants will drive through the Arboretum parking lot and follow the arrows to the Program Shelter, approximately 0.8 miles.

To learn more about this lecture or the UT Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on the program, call 483-3571.

A Brown Bag Lecture by Dr. Aaron Astor

In a Brown Bag Lecture on August 20, Dr. Aaron Astor will discuss his new book, "The Civil War Along Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau." The Cumberland Plateau played host to some of the most dramatic military maneuvering of the Civil War. Straddling the entire state of Tennessee, the formidable tableland proved to be a maze of topographical pitfalls and a morass of divided loyalties. As Federal forces sought to capitalize on the early capture of Nashville, they moved into a region split by the most vicious guerrilla warfare outside Missouri, including the colorful and intensely violent rivalry between Confederate Champ Ferguson and Unionist Tinker Dave Beaty. The bitter conflict affected thousands of ordinary men and women struggling to survive in the face of a remorseless war

of attrition, and its legacy continues to be felt today. Aaron Astor is an associate professor of history at Maryville College and has written numerous articles, conference papers, and books on the Civil War era, focusing especially on the Upper and Border South. Books will be available for Dr. Astor to sign following the lecture.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halls Business & Professional Association August Meeting

The regular meeting of the Halls Business & Professional Association will be on Tuesday, August 18, at noon, at the Beaver Brook Golf and Country Club. Rachel Cordova, a Field Representative for Woodman, will present an informative program on the history of the American Flag.

Heiskell Seniors Meeting

The Heiskell Community Center, located at 9420 Heiskell Road in Heiskell, TN, will hold its monthly Seniors Meeting on Thursday, August 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The speaker this month will be Susan Long from CAC. Lunch served at noon, bingo at 1 p.m. No charge, donations appreciated. For more information call Janice White at (865) 548-0326.

Master Garden Class: So You Want to Start Anew... Perennial Garden

Fall is the perfect time of year to prepare your site for a new or renovated perennial garden. Extension Master Gardeners Carolyn Kiser and Barbara Emery both have created many successful new gardens. You will learn how

to identify and assess your space, prepare the soil, and select your new plants. The garden of your dreams will take shape before you know it.

This free public event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, from 10:30 to noon at the Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golfclub Rd, Knoxville, TN 37919. For more information phone 865-588-8813 or visit web URL knoxlib.org.

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Meeting

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee will meet on Tuesday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Kern United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN.

Two prominent doctors from Nashville Vanderbilt Hospital will be the speakers. Dr. Fenna Phipps, Neurologist, and Dr. Hong Yu, Surgeon, will discuss "DBS Update." Ken Stone from Medtronic will also be available for questions.

For more information see www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Karen Sampsell (865) 482-4867 or pkhopeisalive@bellsouth.net.

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