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McMillan Questions State Officials Over Failed Test

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Knox County Board of Education, has queried state officials about the failed TN-Ready testing. State education officials had to advise superintendents across Tennessee that students would have to go back to using paper and pencils to take the test. "Evidently, everything was ready, but the test," McMillan said.

The test was halted when technical difficulties with the software prevented students in Tennessee's ninety-five counties from taking the standardized assessment. TN-Ready was passed with

the idea the test would somehow "better align" students with what is being taught in the classroom. McMillan has written Representative Harry Brooks, Chairman of the Tennessee House of Representatives' Education Committee, as well as Dr. Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education for Tennessee.

"From all I can tell, there's a lot of finger pointing going on," McMillan said, shaking his head. "The software people say something crashed because so many users were attempting to access the test at one time.

"Frankly, it reminds me of what happened when Obamacare was

first rolled out. A lot of money was spent on software, but the system crashed first thing. The state folks are blaming the software folks and vice versa.

"It seems to me both the software folks and state officials had to know when the test was to be administered as well as how many students would be taking it at one time," McMillan stated. "Obviously, both the software people and state officials should have been prepared for that. Furthermore, I would think the state and the vendor would have tried it out before the test was to take place."

"We spend a lot of money in

this country on education and I've been told that nationally something like \$600 billion is spent on educational testing, information, data and the like. What we have to keep in mind is this money, every dollar of it, is the taxpayers' money. If the program doesn't work, is the state going to get its money back?" McMillan wondered.

"I believe Harry Brooks will be asking the state people some hard questions and I know he is as concerned about this as I am."

McMillan said he wrote Commissioner McQueen as she needed to know local officials

pay attention to what is going on at the state level. "There has to be accountability on every level of government," McMillan insisted. "This was supposed to be a big deal. It sure does seem like an awful lot of money is flying out the door in Nashville because of computer glitches."

"You know, I get teased by some of my friends about my technological limitations," McMillan confessed with a chuckle. "They accuse me of being a 'paper and pencil' sort of fellow. It sure does look like that may still be most reliable way of doing things after all."

Early Voting Underway

By Mike Steely
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Knox County voters began going to the polls Wednesday as the early voting period began. The turnout for the two Presidential Primaries may draw additional voters who will also vote in the local contests. Much of the local attention focuses on Board of Education, Law Director, Property Assessor and County Commission races.

Since everyone will be voting in either the Republican or Democratic Primary, except for the nonpartisan Board of Education races, here're the candidates by party:

Republican Primary Candidates

Michael Covington is the only Republican candidate in the 1st District Commission Race.

Michelle Carrington and John Fugate face each other in the 2nd District Commission race.

Three Republicans face each other in the 4th District Commission race. Jeff Ownby is being challenged by Janet Testerman and Hugh Nystrom.

John Schoonmaker has no opposition in the Republican 5th District Race.

In the 6th District, incumbent Brad Anders is opposed by John Ashley.

Commission Chairman Dave Wright is unopposed in the 8th District Commission race.

Carson Dailey is unopposed in his party in the 9th District Commission seat. Commissioner Mike Brown has chosen not to

seek re-election.

Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong is opposed by Nathan Rowell

The race for Property Assessor has three Republican candidates: Jim Weaver, Andrew E. Graybeal and John Whitehead.

Democratic Primary Candidates

Voters in the Democratic Primary will choose between Evelyn Gill and Rick Staples in the 1st District Commission Race. Democrat Sam McKenzie has chosen not to seek re-election.

Laura K. Kildare is the only Democrat on the ballot for the 2nd District Race. Cheri Siler's name will appear on the ballot in the primary but she has withdrawn from the contest. Democrat Amy Broyles is not running for re-election.

Marleen Kay Davis is unopposed in the 4th District Commission race.

Sheri Ridgeway is unopposed in the Democratic Primary for the 5th District Commission seat.

In the 6th District Commission race Donna G. Lucas is unopposed.

James "Brandon" Hamilton is the only Democrat on the primary ballot for the 9th District Commission Seat.

The Democratic and Republican Primary winners, along with Independent candidates, will face off in the August General Election.

Independent candidates

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Susan Horn with husband Brad and daughters Reagan (left) and Madeline (right).

Susan Horn: Profile of a Survivor

By Sally Absher
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Anyone who has ever done so knows that running for elected office can be stressful and demanding. We applaud all the candidates who have stepped up to run in the Knox County primary election March 1.

Currently seen as the Fifth District frontrunner, Board of Education candidate Susan Horn is a winner, regardless of the outcome of the election. She has already beaten one of life's most dreaded diagnoses - cancer.

Almost five years ago in April 2011, she visited the doctor and began a journey she never expected. She told us that although she suspected a serious problem, she didn't share her concern with anyone prior to visiting the doctor.

Women are encouraged to get annual mammograms beginning between age 40 and 50. Horn said,

"I was 39 years old and had never had a mammogram, but my doctor wasted no time in scheduling me for one, along with an ultrasound. After a MRI and a biopsy, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a very surreal experience."

During the two previous years, she had walked through breast cancer treatment with an aunt and two very close friends. "It seemed impossible that I too, could have breast cancer. One of the most difficult aspects of finding out you have cancer is not knowing how bad it is," she said, adding, "As a society, we like to be in control of our lives and know everything right away. When you have a serious health issue, you learn how quickly life can change and waiting becomes a part of life."

To decrease the odds of having her cancer return, Horn elected to have a bilateral mastectomy and reconstruction in June of 2011. In July, she

began four rounds of chemotherapy. She had treatments through the end of September, then more surgeries in October and January. Fortunately, her cancer was detected early, and was not an aggressive form of cancer.

It's hard to imagine looking at her now, but she confided, "Knowing I would lose my hair haunted me, since I worried about what it would look like when it came back in. When it began falling out, I decided to shave it and be done with it! It was a hard day, but once it was done, I never worried about it again."

Genetic testing revealed that her particular cancer was not genetically tied, which was a huge relief for her because of her daughters, who were eight and ten at the time. She said, "I missed so much that summer - driving them to swim practice, swim

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TN (NOT) Ready

Last week the State Department of Education acknowledged what many of us already knew - Tennessee is NOT ready for TNReady, the new online assessment. Despite numerous,



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this month, and the other in late April. That frees up considerably more time for classroom instruction than the current testing window for the online assessment, which allowed

two to three weeks for each part.

The state has a five-year, \$108M contract with Measurement Inc. for the online assessment program. They have currently paid out \$1.6M, and McQueen said they will only pay for services that are delivered. The contract stipulates that if the state has to move to a paper test due to a system error, the vendor will provide the paper tests at no additional cost to the state.

McQueen sent a letter of explanation to Directors of Schools across the state, in which she said, "Unfortunately issues have continued to arise with the online platform. The new nature of the issue this morning has highlighted the uncertainty around the stability of Measurement Inc.'s testing platform, MIST. Despite the many improvements the department has helped to make to the system in recent months and based on the events of this morning, we are not confident in the system's ability to perform consistently. In the best interest of our students and to protect instructional time, we cannot continue with Measurement Inc.'s online testing platform in

its current state."

Andy Spears at Tennessee Education Report notes that in response to the challenges presented by the TNReady tests administration, some legislators are now calling for a pause on test-based accountability for students, teachers, and schools. The tests would still be administered, and results reported, but they would not impact student grades, teacher evaluations, or the state's priority schools list.

Spears also notes this is the third consecutive year there were problems with the assessments. In 2014, quick scores were not ready in time to be factored into student grades, and last year there was a change in the quick score calculation that was not clearly communicated, resulting in much confusion.

The Hamilton County Principal's Association sent a letter to McQueen recommending that TNReady scores not be applied to accountability data (for student, teacher, administrator, school and district evaluative measures and ranking) until 2019-2019, because "to compare 2015-2016 scores (paper/pencil) to 2016-2017 scores (online) would not be an accurate measurement of growth because the two assessments will be taken using entirely different formats."

Last fall the state agreed that Districts would not be required to include scores in student grades. And in December, the Knox County BOE passed a resolution

in support of excluding the TNReady test scores from teacher evaluations this year.

Chattanooga Radio and TV's David Carroll published a letter from a Tennessee teacher, who speaks for many:

"... I cannot count the hours we spent practicing typing instead of doing science experiments, the minutes lost on learning how to navigate a worthless program instead of diving into books that will make children love reading, or the precious seconds I could have been showing your children the love and attention they deserve, but couldn't because we had to take a practice test that day. This is where I have failed you, but the department of education has failed us both. So, I am here to say what they won't say: I'm sorry."

Teachers and parents ("stakeholders") are increasingly critical of the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on "technology," much of which isn't up to the task of an interactive online assessment that requires 'drag and drop' or 'cut and paste' manipulations, when Districts can't afford textbooks and copy paper.

There is no evidence-based research that using technology increases educational outcomes; in fact, the best private schools in the country, such as those the children of Bill Gates and Steve Jobs attend, do not allow the use of technology until well into high school.

Fountain City B&P holds candidate forum

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Mid-day Wednesday three 2nd District County Commission candidates were invited to the Fountain City Business and Professional Association luncheon. Republican candidate John Fugate was there but Republican Michelle Carringer, his opponent in the March 1st Primary, notified the sponsors in advance that she would not be able to attend due to a previous commitment. Democrat Laura Kildare couldn't make the meeting either because she's a public school teacher so she sent her campaign manager, Paul Witt.

Witt read a statement from Kildare in which she said the best way to attract new business with good wages is to ensure that the students receive an excellent education.

"I care deeply about education and making sure it is adequately funded. This helps the students, but just as importantly, is a way to invest in the future of our county," Kildare said through her campaign manager.

Fugate spoke of the need for sidewalks and said he will always remain within the county budget as commissioner.

"We need to reallocate the central office funds to classrooms and teachers," he said, but noted that the commission only approves a school budget and does not direct how it is spent. Fugate served for three months as an appointed school board member after the resignation of Indya Kincannon.

He also said "there's a problem with the way our teachers are being paid" and said that central office employees "make two to three times" what teachers are paid. He said he thinks the school system should "ramp up" vocational education.

Fugate also spoke on the need for a Safety Center and said the county needs to grow its business base.

Asked if the school board and not the county commission should set the tax rate Fugate said, "I don't see that happening."

Asked about whether a superintendent should be elected or appointed Fugate said he can see both sides of the question but added, "The superintendent's role is to follow the direction of the school board."

Susan Horn: Profile of a Survivor

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meets, trips to the park. It was very difficult for me to let go and allow other people to take care of my girls, but I didn't have a choice."

Like many cancer survivors, she is blessed with a strong network of friends and family. She told us, "So many friends and family members stepped in to help and the kids had a great summer! My precious cousin, Holly secretly arranged for friends to leave anonymous gifts on my doorstep during those months. My friends and family were truly the hands

and feet of Christ and I've never felt more loved!"

She is also thankful for teachers and parents in Knox County Schools. She was PTA President at Faragut Intermediate School in the midst of chemotherapy treatments and surgeries. She was able to time her treatments so that she didn't miss anything and could carry on with all of her responsibilities. She adds, "Our Board was full of competent, responsible parents who carried on without missing a beat! The other parents, teachers, and the administration at FIS were a huge source

of encouragement to me! I still have a pair of pajamas my older daughter's teachers gave to me in a goody basket before one of my surgeries."

Horn also credits her strong faith with helping her through this difficult time, saying, "Even through all I endured, I would not trade this experience for anything! I've been a Christian all my life, but something amazing happens when you completely rely on God and relinquish control. I love to remember God's faithfulness to me during this time and the absolute peace He gave me."

She added, "I've been able to talk with so many women over the past four years who are just finding out they have cancer. It has been very healing to be able to help someone walk a road I have walked. I am a more compassionate person now and my perspective has forever changed."

City Council

Abandoned Houses, Streetscapes and Fire House Roof

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During Tuesday's meeting, the Knoxville City Council will consider several properties with vacant houses for condemnation or sale through the Homemakers Program. The city's Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee is asking the council to approve the actions.

The property at 5620 Sierra Road, believed to be owned by Robert J. Downey, may be condemned and purchased for \$55,000. Another property, at 2538 Davenport, thought to be owned by Wilma Jean Dunlap, may be condemned and priced at \$12,000.

Several properties will also be considered for sale to buyers as part of the Homemaker Project. The requests, from the Department of Community Development, include 1510 Iroquois Street for \$4,000; 327 Cansler Ave. for \$15,000; and 177 Chickamauga Avenue for \$20,300.

The city offers vacant lots and lots with substandard structures for sale to individuals, non-profit organizations and businesses. These properties have been identified for acquisition to further its mission

to remove blight, redevelop neighborhoods and provide affordable housing opportunities. The purchaser will be required, in almost all cases, to construct a new dwelling on the property or rehabilitate the existing structure.

The council will also consider a resolution in honor of Zaezion Dobson and express condolences to the family upon his passing.

The Cumberland Avenue Streetscapes Project Phase One may get an additional \$160,671, bringing the cost of the project to \$1,030,576.

A new roof and fascia repair of Fire Station No. 3 is on the agenda in an agreement with Sensible Roofing Solutions, Inc., for just over \$39,000.

The Office of Redevelopment is asking the council to approve tax increment financing in the Gay Street Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Plan for 620 and 626 South Gay Street.

The former Sanitary Laundry and Dry Cleaning facility may also get some attention and the council is being asked to authorize \$31,562 for structural engineering and assessment.



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Publisher's Position

Who will chose for you?



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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The Knoxville News Sentinel has dutifully endorsed Grant Standefer (2nd District) and Rueben "Buddy" Pelot (5th District) for the Knox County Board of Education. They have also endorsed Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong's

opponent in the coming primary elections. These endorsements were to be expected as the News Sentinel has been the mouthpiece for the Chamber of Commerce and business elite in this community for decades. The News Sentinel's publisher, in fact, is the current chairman of the board of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. Now you know which candidates the establishment is backing this election cycle in Knox County.

If you doubt it, look at the chart below or go to the Knox County Election Commission's website for more details. Look at the financial disclosures and

you will find many of the same contributors for each of those three candidates. Many of these same contributors are members of the Haslam family or they are close business and political allies. These are the very same folks who raised almost \$60,000 for Tracie Sanger in her campaign for the school board last year. For that matter, these are some of the same folks who raised \$50,000 for an advertising campaign in 2012 to increase your property taxes in Knox County to the tune of \$35 million at the behest of Knox County School Superintendent Jim McIntyre. Of course they are also some of the same people who handpicked

and brought Jim McIntyre here to be superintendent of schools and have supported him to the bitter end.

These wealthy business elites also don't much like elections if they can avoid them. They prefer appointments over elections because they feel they can control those who are appointed. It's also far cheaper for them in the long run; why raise and spend \$60-100 thousand to elect a Law Director that they want when they could appoint one instead? It's more cost effective for them that way. These same folks want to pick everyone from the superintendent of schools, to university presidents, to

football coaches.

Both political parties have their own wealthy, well-heeled super elite and they frankly think they are entitled to make all the decisions, but this year things have sort of gone off the rails for them. Jeb Bush, the candidate of the Republican establishment elite has fizzled like a flat Coca-Cola. Hillary Clinton just got clobbered by a 74-year-old socialist in the New Hampshire primary. It seems like a lot of folks are finally catching on and doing their own picking themselves.

You have a choice as early voting has begun and continues through February 23 for the Knox County primary election. Election

Day is on March 1. You can let these folks dictate your choice for you, or you can go out and make a choice on your own. Again, take a look at the chart below this article and notice how many of these same folks are funding select campaigns. Then look at the News Sentinel endorsements. You can easily conclude who the un-bought and un-bossed candidates in the election are. Will the wealthy business elite choose for you or will you get up and vote and choose for yourself?

My sincere hope is that you will vote and choose for yourself.

Follow the Money

Contributor	Occupation	District 2	District 5	Law Director	Totals
		School Board Grant Standefer	School Board Buddy Pelot	Nathan Rowell	
Bailey, Ann Haslam		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Bailey, Steve	Volunteer Lumber	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Boyd, Jenny		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Boyd, Randy	Gov Haslam/Com of Econ Dev	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Haslam II, Jim	Pilot Oil, Pilot Flying J	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Haslam, Natalie		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Jubran, Raja	Denark Construction	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00
Lawler, Dell		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$3,750.00
Lawler, F. Rodney	Lawler Wood	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$3,750.00
Lee, Sherri P.		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Schmid, David	R&S Distribution	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Stowers, Elizabeth		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Stowers, Harry	Stowers Machinery	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Totals		\$19,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$54,500.00

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Bits of News About Local Education

By Sally Absher
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Legislators Scramble to Address TNReady Test Problems

Senate Education Committee Chairman Dolores Gresham (R-Somerville) and Senate Government Operations Committee Chairman Mike Bell (R-Riceville) have announced a joint meeting to look at facts surrounding the implementation of the TNReady Test. Gresham said the purpose of the meeting is to assist the Department of Education with finding solutions to the problems faced with implementing the test.

The joint meeting will take place at 11:00 a.m.

on February 17 in Room 12 of the Legislative Plaza in Nashville.

Community Schools Celebration

The public is invited to celebrate Knox County's Community Schools Initiative with the League of Women Voters Thursday, February 25 at South Knoxville Elementary School. There will be a reception from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., with the program following from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Come see how the community school expansion is transforming communities and delivering results for more students. Knox County now has twelve community schools benefiting students,

neighborhoods and even downtown development. South Knoxville Elementary, a thriving school in the heart of the new South Knox Waterfront District, is co-hosting this community-wide event along with the League. The school overlooks downtown, just east of the Gay Street Bridge, and is an important model linking schools to community development.

The event will also be honoring Community School Visionaries: Superintendent Jim McIntyre, Dr. Bob Kronick and Buzz Thomas at the reception at 5:30. The following program will include a tour, a gallery walk of the 12 Community Schools and conversation with the leaders.

For more information or to RSVP please call Jamey

Dobbs at (865)548-0818 or visit www.lwvknoxville.org.

Knox County Political Action Committee for Education Endorses Four BOE Candidates

Four Knox County Board of Education candidates have received the endorsement of the KC-PACE, based on candidate interviews and questionnaires. The Committee endorsed Jennifer Owen in District 2 and Susan Horn in District 5. The Committee also endorsed Tony Norman (District 3) and Mike McMillan (District 8), who are both running unopposed in the upcoming March 1

Primary election.

Owen and Horn also received endorsement from SPEAK (Students, Parents, and Educators Across Knox County).

Voucher Bill Dies in the House

Last Thursday morning, Rep. Dunn tabled his controversial voucher bill, saying, "I'm not confident I have the votes to pass this bill... I'm not going to go forward with it." Proponents of HB 1049 claim it would provide public-funded scholarships to allow high-risk students attending schools scoring in the bottom 5%, to attend private schools. But opponents argue that vouchers would divert desperately needed funds from public schools

without showing proof that vouchers actually help student achievement. And few, if any private schools seemed interested in accepting public money with the strings attached.

Despite fierce lobbying and money from pro-voucher groups including Tennessee's Beacon Center, StudentsFirst Tennessee and groups outside the state, teachers, parents, students, school boards, and county commissions spoke out against the plan. Beacon Center's CEO Justin Owen blamed the defeat on democrats and teachers unions, but there were a number of republicans opposed as well, or Dunn would have had the votes in the House.

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Knox County Trustee Ed Shouse takes a moment to visit with Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong after Armstrong finished speaking to the Knox County Volunteer Republican Women's Club last week.

Rural/Metro donates AED to Knox County Veteran Services

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, Rural/Metro donated a new Automated External Defibrillator to the Knox County Veteran Services office, located at 1000 North Central Street.

Commissioner Brad Anders helped recognize the need and worked with Rural/Metro to secure the device that could be used to save a life in the event of a medical emergency at the Knox Central building, which houses the Veteran Services office, as well as Knox County Purchasing and other departments' and

agencies' offices.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and other members of the Knox County Commission joined Anders at the donation event which included a demonstration of the AED use and instruction in compression only CPR.

"Our military veterans have sacrificed so much for this country and our community, and Knox County's citizens and corporate partners do a great job of giving them the honor and respect they deserve on a daily basis," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "Senior veterans

come in and out of this office on a daily basis, and this AED will be available to help in case someone suffers a medical emergency. I want to thank Rural/Metro for this donation."

Knox County Veteran Services staff serve thousands of veterans each year, many of whom are elderly or suffering from various medical conditions. More information about Knox County's Veteran Services office is online at www.knox-county.org/veterans or at (865)215-5645.



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Commissioner Brad Anders at last Wednesday's donation event.

Enrichment Federal Credit Union Announces New CEO

Enrichment Federal Credit Union would like to announce that, effective April 1, 2016, Craig Peters, is being promoted from Executive Vice President to President/CEO of the \$425 M credit union.

He succeeds M. Wayne Hope, who is retiring after a 39-year career with Enrichment Federal Credit Union, formerly K-25 Federal Credit Union, including 22 years as its President/CEO. Under his leadership, the credit union has grown from \$190 M in assets to \$425 M in assets serving over 41,000 members from 9 locations.

Peters, a Certified Public Accountant who received his accounting degree from the University of Kentucky and MBA from Eastern Kentucky University, joined Enrichment Federal Credit Union

in 2013 as Executive Vice President. He joined the credit union after thirty years as a CPA in the financial services industry where he was involved extensively in credit union consulting and auditing. He is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Oak Ridge and has taught accounting and finance classes at Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

"We have a highly competent Management Team and staff; I am confident that the credit union will continue to prosper under Craig's guidance and their leadership. I know our membership will continue to receive the same level of exceptional financial products and member service that they have been given for over 65 years at EFCU," said Patsy Hamby, EFCU Board Chair.

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on the ballot include Tyrone LaMar Fine in the 1st District, Donald M. Wisner in the 8th District and Tom Pierce in the 9th District Commission races.

In the 5th District School Board race are Susan Horn, Lori Boudreaux, and Reuben "Buddy" Pelot. Tony Norman in the 3rd District and Michael M. (Mike) McMillan in the 8th District are running unopposed.

Early voting will end February 23rd with the Primary Election set for March 1st.

Winners will be asking for your vote again in the Knox County General Election on August 4th.

Board of Education

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Our Neighborhoods

Our Hidden History

By Mike Steely
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All around Knoxville and Knox County are some well-known or locally known places that many of us frequent. There are also some places that we don't know about or don't realize why or what they are. This is just a small part of our hidden history.

The Williams Creek Clubhouse

Did you know that the clubhouse at Williams Creek Golf Course was once a school for African-American deaf students? If you look online, the internet tells you it was a school house but it doesn't say more than that.

In 1815 the home was built by Melinda White Williams, the daughter of Knoxville founder Col. James White, and wife of Col. John Williams. Col. Williams was away in Guatemala serving as an aide to President John Quincy Adams as the home was constructed. After many years of service as a soldier, U.S. Senator, and trustee of the college that became the University of Tennessee, Williams died in 1837.

The stately home sold out of the family to A. G. Jackson, owner of a dry goods store, and the new owner lived there until he died in 1869. In 1883 the home was leased to the State of Tennessee and became the "Colored Deaf and Dumb School."

Two years later the state bought the home and added to it. It wasn't until the 1960s until the African-American students



The Williams Creek Golf Course Club House has an unusual and interesting history.

were welcomed into the main Tennessee School for the Deaf. For many years after, the Sertoma Learning Center used buildings on the property.

Today the house is used as the clubhouse for the golf course. Nearby is an 1842 home built by Col. William's son, known as the Williams-Richardson House at 2225 Riverside Drive.

Old City Hall

Another historic building associated with the School for the Deaf is what is now called the Old City Hall, which sits at 601 West Summit Hill Drive. Built in the 1840s for the Tennessee School for the Deaf and Dumb the building complex served as the city hall from 1925 until 1980.

Knoxville merchant Calvin Morgan donated the property to

the school and it closed only during the Civil War. The Confederates set up an artillery battery behind the school and both sides used the building as a field hospital.

Today the Old City Hall complex is used by Lincoln Memorial University as the Duncan School of Law.

James Agee Park

Probably one of the smallest and most overlooked parks in Knoxville, the James Agee Park sits on the corner of Laurel Avenue and James Agee Street. The little park has a brief walking trail, a few benches, an ornate entry gate, bike racks and an arbor.

It is a hub for nearby college students who live along the street but the little park was apparently not the location of the Agee

family home in the Fort Sanders area. Last year the city celebrated James Agee, who was an author, playwright, film critic and film writer, but the little park isn't much of a monument to the man save for its name.

Grave of Elizabeth Currick

At the Forks of the River, where the Holston meets the French Broad east of Knoxville, are several graves of early settlers including that of Tennessee Historian J.G.M. Ramsey, son of the founder of the Ramsey House. Many other graves are there at the old Presbyterian Church site as well and the church's large bell marks the location of the former building.

Up in the northeast corner of the old burial ground is a tombstone marking the grave of the wife of the church's founder, Rev. Samuel Currick. You'd never know how unusual the grave of Elizabeth Currick is by the simple marker if Ramsey had not recorded the burial.

Apparently Rev. Currick joined other men from the Knoxville area and chased after the Chickamauga Cherokee following the Cavitt Massacre. While the men were away Elizabeth Currick died. Her body was taken down river by canoe in the company of the women settlers and they buried her in the knoll overlooking the river, possibly one of the "first Christian burials" in our area.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

The week of February 8th-12th was one characterized by a busy schedule and cold weather. Like back home, Nashville was accompanied with snow and below freezing temperatures all week long, but Mary and I managed to stay warm in the motorhome. This week I would like to talk about two pieces of legislation that don't appear to be mainstream news.

The first proposed legislation deals with civil asset forfeitures, HB 2265/SB1791, by Senator Brian Kelsey and Representative David Alexander. Civil asset forfeitures refers to property that is seized by law enforcement upon criminal activity like cars, houses, and money. On its surface, the bill requires that seized property be ordered returned to the defendant if the seizing agency does not meet the burden of proof. As Tennessee law stands now, the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant; this bill would make the seizing agency prove that they acted in good faith. There have been many accusations that the current process is corrupt and a form of police profit, which has lead Tennessee to push for reform. However, law enforcement sees this as negatively impacting their job and their ability to be hard on crime. I firmly believe that if the forfeiture process is done correctly, appropriate due process can be achieved, without any problems. In conversation with local law enforcement leaders, this bill would hurt our efforts with illegal drug enforcement, and could make Tennessee a haven for criminal activity. I am aware of some incidents of this, but many incidents you hear about have not occurred in Knox County due to law

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Project Grad meets with Neighborhood Council

By Mike Steely
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When the Neighborhood Advisory Council met Wednesday afternoon the members were not expecting what they heard from Austin-East Project Grad students.

Anna Compton of the Boys & Girls Club introduced Antonio Mayes, the College and Career Access Coach for Project Grad at the school, who in turn introduced four students in the program.

Project Grad began in

2001 to increase opportunities for students in the centercityschools, working with students in elementary through high school in 14 schools. It is partnered with Knox County Schools and Greater Schools Partnership. The idea is to prepare and help students through school and beyond, provide social services support, engage family and neighborhoods, and support disadvantaged students.

Mayes said that while only 10% of Austin-East

high school graduates go on to higher education, students in the Project Grad program have a 47% average in beyond-high school education.

Each of the students spoke briefly with the neighborhood council and answered questions.

Max Davenport, who described himself as "Mr. Austin-East," said he was involved in mentorship and developing a network at the school.

Councilman Daniel Brown asked the students

if the school was holding events celebrating "African American Month." The students said there was little African-American history taught at the mostly African-American school and also spoke about the lack of Sex Education there. They also spoke of the lack of social skills education, how to approach certain conversations, and the need for special events for the students.

Danielle Pierce, Miss Austin-East, said there needs to be programs in

the school to teach students how to prepare tax returns, resumes, etc.

A 1983 Austin-East graduate in the audience spoke up and said that the school has suffered because the vocational program has been taken out of the school and said former students in that program went on to work and form their own local businesses.

The Neighborhood Council also heard an update on the city's

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Ethical complaint goes forward

By Mike Steely
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A complaint submitted to the Knox County Ethics Committee was heard again Wednesday and, after much discussion, was set to be revisited during their April 13 meeting. The postponement came after Carlton Bryant, attorney for the Knox County Sheriff's Department, said that Animal Control Officers could not testify before the committee because a criminal case has not been resolved.

He said the criminal charge, cruelty to animals against Mike Sullivan, is set for a hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, and not appearing to testify by control officers, Corporal Frankie Byrne and Captain Bobby Hubbs, is a routine procedure.

Commissioner Mike Brown, a non-voting member of the Ethics Committee, said he felt the criminal case needs to be completed before proceeding with the Ethics investigation and hearing.

Asked about the Wednesday hearing in Session Court Bryant said unless the case is

settled before then the hearing is only a procedure and a trial date would be set then.

The complaint by Sullivan says that he has been harassed by Byrne on various occasions, his horses seized, and that Byrne is a member of Horse Haven, where the animals were taken.

The Ethics Committee doesn't have the power to subpoena witnesses.

Committee member Garrett Swartwood, an attorney, said, "I think we need to plow forward" and suggested setting the April 13th date to hear both sides.

The committee then discussed the procedure about the future hearing and decided to notify all the parties involved to appear, including the Law Director's investigator who would answer questions after submitting a written finding to the members.

The procedure will probably include opening statements, presentation of witnesses that could not be cross-examined but could be questioned by Ethics members, and closing statements.



By Ralphine Major
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When I look at them, I see compassion. Dedication. Respect. I see comfort. Contentment. Devotion. I see smiles. Laughter. And love.

Larry Bohanan snapped this picture of Jim and Lib McCluskey at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church last December. As Pastor Emeritus, Jim had given the opening remarks for The Living Christmas Tree. The McCluskeys' thirty-seven years in the ministry at Wallace Memorial touched thousands of lives. Someone told me that one Sunday School teacher who taught a class of young boys said had it not been for Lib encouraging him, he would never have accepted the responsibility.

Last year Lib suffered



"That is Love," courtesy of Larry Bohanan

a stroke, but through prayer, rehab, and lots of loving care from her family, the McCluskeys have hardly missed a beat from their routine. They can be seen regularly at church and still do some traveling. Even in their sickness, they continue to be role models for all ages by their show of strength, inspiration, and above all--love! I wondered what

the McCluskeys' favorite Bible verse is. So, I asked them. Not surprising, this is what they shared. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)

When I look at this picture of Lib and Jim McCluskey, I see peace. I see joy. I see love!

Project Grad meets with Neighborhood Council

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Food Truck Policy which has altered following suggestions from the public and the Council. Patricia Robledo, the mayor's Business Liaison and Crista Cuccaro of the city attorney's office said that food trucks can operate in Office Districts but are limited to sites of 2 acres or larger and are not permitted there from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Cuccaro said that the food vendors can operate in certain city parks but must sign up with the Parks and Recreation Office and can only locate in certain places in a park.

The city ordinance will permit pull-behind smokers on food trucks because the county and state ordinances exempt smokers from the air quality regulations.

Food trucks can also operate in residential districts but only as a part of an event hosted by a neighborhood or homeowners association or a non-profit group. Trucks that operate within any district must be at least 100 feet from the boundary of a residentially zoned property.

2nd District BoE Forum

Sterchi Elementary PTA is hosting a candidate forum for the two candidates vying to represent District 2 on the school board, Mr. Grant Standefor and Mrs. Jennifer Owen. The forum will be held on Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. This is an opportunity for both Mrs. Owen

and Mr. Standefor to introduce themselves to the community, explain what they're hoping to achieve as a school board member, and take questions from attendees. Parents and teachers will be able to engage these candidates before he or she goes on to become our elected representative.

Harry Brooks

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enforcement agencies' compliance with the rules. I stand with Chief Rausch's comment that "to take away this ability to impact crime in our state because of a few bad apples would be a travesty." The bill has not reached a committee floor just yet, but has been assigned to the Civil Justice Subcommittee in the House and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Another issue I would like to look at is casino gambling, which has been flying under the radar. The bill is HB1236/SB1139 by Representative Miller and Senator Tate. It could potentially create a special joint committee to study casino gambling. Right now there are only ten states that do not have some type of casino gaming, commercial or Native American gambling that is- Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Tennessee. Some of the possible cons of allowing casino gambling in Tennessee could be an increase in crime, and increase in problem gambling, and lower property values. On the other side, positive issues include a new form of entertainment, an increase in tax revenue, more jobs, and an influx of tourists and new money in the state. All of the benefits sound good on their surface, but I am not interested in adding casino gambling in Tennessee for many reasons. The main reason is the potential competition with the state lottery and scholarship program and their funding.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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There are likely more pedigrees in politics than the American Kennel Club and if anyone ever possessed a pedigree, it would be Robert Alphonso Taft of Ohio. For decades, Robert A. Taft was one of the most prominent members of the United States Senate. The power of his intellect was acknowledged by friend and foe, but he was also socially awkward and many people viewed him as being rather cold. The son of a president and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Robert A. Taft sought his party's nomination for the presidency three times and lost each time. An isolationist and conservative, Robert A. Taft had the ability to surprise his foes pleasantly and his friends equally unpleasantly. Taft was no doctrinaire conservative and sponsored legislation for federal aid to education, health, and housing.

The Tafts became a dynasty in Ohio; Uncle Charlie owned one of the largest newspapers in the country; Bob's father, William Howard Taft, was Secretary of War under Theodore Roosevelt and TR's hand-picked successor as president. The elder Taft, unlike his son, never wished to be president and his ambitions were finally fulfilled when he was appointed Chief Justice under President Warren G. Harding. Bob Taft's son, Robert Taft, Jr., would serve as a congressman from Ohio and U.S. senator. His grandson, Robert A. Taft, III, would serve as governor of Ohio for two terms.

Few men have been as ill-suited for a political career as Robert A. Taft. He was not at all dynamic, nor was he charismatic; quite the opposite. Bob Taft achieved his goals due to very hard work, persistence, and the power of his intellect. Balding, paunchy, and wearing glasses, Bob Taft looked more like a prosperous Midwestern banker than a senator.

Born September 8, 1889 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was quite well educated and got to see much more of the world than most youngsters. When his father was appointed governor-general of the Philippines, then a protectorate of the United States, the Taft family left to live in the governor's palace. Young Bob attended the Taft School, which was operated by his uncle, Horace, and then went on to Yale and Harvard Law School. When it came time to take the Bar exam, Bob Taft had the highest score in the entire State of Ohio.

Bob Taft practiced law for several years before

accepting a job with the federal government, but decided to return home to Ohio, where he opened his own law office. The law firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister still exists today.

Despite being essentially a shy man, Bob Taft found love in Martha Bowers, a woman as vivacious as he was taciturn. Martha's father, Lloyd W. Bowers, was a very close friend of William Howard Taft. President Taft appointed Lloyd Bowers to serve as Solicitor General of the United States.

Bob and Martha Taft purchased a forty-six acre farm at Indian Hill, approximately fifteen miles northeast of Cincinnati. The farmhouse was a sprawling affair, built in the federalist style with seven bedrooms.

The Taft family quickly expanded to produce four sons: William Howard, III, Robert A. Taft, Jr., Lloyd Bowers Taft, and Horace Dwight Taft. Bob Taft's son and namesake would follow him into politics; Horace, like the uncle he was named for, became an educator. William Howard Taft, III would eventually serve as the American Ambassador to Ireland. Lloyd Taft would spend his life as a successful businessman.

Despite the isolationist reputation he would earn during his first three years in the United States Senate, Bob Taft tried to join the Army in 1917 when America entered the World War. Taft was rejected for service because of his exceedingly poor eyesight. It was then Robert A. Taft took a job with the Food and Drug Administration; it was the only way Taft felt he could contribute to the war effort. While working for the Food and Drug Administration, Bob Taft met Herbert Hoover, who became something of a mentor to the younger man. Bob Taft worked with Hoover while the future president was the director of the American Relief Administration, without which tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of Europeans would have starved to death following the war.

Like his father, Taft urged American participation in the League of Nations, a notion generally rejected by most Republicans without the famous reservations proposed by Massachusetts Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

After returning to Ohio, Bob Taft turned to politics and was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1920. By 1926, Robert A. Taft was Speaker of the House. He ran for and won a seat in the Ohio State Senate in 1930, but was



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Autographed photo of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio

defeated in 1932 when he sought reelection. As a member of the legislature, Taft helped to modernize Ohio's outdated tax laws and he emerged as an opponent of the Ku Klux Klan.

By 1938, Bob Taft was running for the U.S. Senate. The incumbent was Robert J. Bulkley, a stalwart of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Bulkley had first been elected to fill a vacancy in 1930 and won a full six-year term in 1932. Still, Bob Taft faced a serious opponent in the GOP primary, Arthur Day. Taft won the primary, but was believed to be lagging behind Senator Bulkley. Taft challenged Bulkley to a series of debates and the senator accepted. Initially, Taft did not do as well as anticipated, but over time he performed exceptionally well, which bolstered his campaign when he needed it most.

Taft won the general election by 169,622 votes out of more than 2.3 million cast. Although a freshman senator, Bob Taft helped to craft a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats opposed to the New Deal. The coalition prevented expansion of the New Deal for the remainder of FDR's second term. Senator Taft was highly critical of much of the New Deal and castigated what he deemed to be wasteful expenditures, but he supported the Social Security program. Bob Taft believed in the rights of individuals and was highly suspicious of government interference in the personal lives of citizens, as well as business.

In 1940, Bob Taft, after less than two years in the United States Senate, was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. Both Taft and Thomas E. Dewey, a crusading district attorney in New York, were upset by the dark horse candidacy of Wendell Willkie. Up for

reelection to the Senate in 1944, Taft opted to concentrate on his own campaign and supported Ohio Governor John W. Bricker for the GOP nomination. Bricker was at least as conservative as Taft, but more personally popular with both rank and file Republicans and Ohioans in general. Bricker lost, but was chosen by Governor Thomas E. Dewey as his running mate. Bob Taft barely won reelection, scraping by William Pickrel, who had the all-out support of organized labor. Quite nearly three million votes were cast in the Senate race and Bob Taft won by fewer than 18,000 votes.

Unlike most politicians, Bob Taft was rarely ever deterred by popular public opinion, especially when it came to condemning something he viewed as either unconstitutional or un-American. One such instance was his criticism of the Nuremberg Trials. John F. Kennedy devoted a chapter to Senator Robert A. Taft in his book, Profiles In Courage precisely because of Taft's view of the Nuremberg Trials. Taft believed the trial of the Nazi war criminals was less an exercise in jurisprudence than politics.

"The trial of the vanquished by the victors cannot be impartial no matter how it is hedged about with the forms of justice," Taft said matter-of-factly.

Taft thought the trials not only set a precedent fraught with danger for the future, but stretched the limits of our own Constitution.

Taft tartly questioned the hanging of the Nazis and observed that he did not believe the hangings would "ever discourage the making of aggressive war, for no one makes aggressive war unless he expects to win."

Senator Taft concluded in his plain spoken way, "About this judgment there is the spirit of vengeance,

and vengeance is seldom justice. The hanging of the eleven men convicted will be a blot on the American record, which we shall long regret."

Taft's convictions did not endear him to many people, as the vast majority felt the Nazis had gotten exactly what they deserved.

1948 seemed to be a promising year for Republicans; the GOP had swept both houses of Congress in the 1946 midterm elections for the first time since Franklin Roosevelt had been elected in 1932. There were few Republicans in Congress as influential as Robert A. Taft. Bob Taft became a candidate for the Republican nomination for president and most everybody presumed whomever the Republicans nominated would defeat Harry S. Truman. Taft was the candidate of the conservative wing of the party while New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the 1944 GOP nominee, was the candidate of the establishment. Dewey had run the best race against FDR of any Republican candidate and started out as the frontrunner. A wild card in the race was Harold Stassen, who is little remembered today save as a perennial candidate. At the time, Stassen was a former governor of Minnesota and a respectable candidate. If anything, Stassen was more liberal than Tom Dewey.

Primary elections did not then play the role in the nominating process they do today, but Stassen dealt Dewey two shocking defeats in the Wisconsin and Nebraska primaries. The momentum shifted to Stassen and Dewey scrambled to recover. Stassen proceeded to overreach and challenged Bob Taft in his home state of Ohio. Taft beat Stassen handily, but the former governor still loomed large

in Oregon where he faced Tom Dewey. The shrewd former prosecutor realized should Stassen defeat him in Oregon, he was almost surely not going to be the nominee of his party. Dewey challenged Stassen to a debate, which was to be aired nationally over the radio. Oddly, the two were not to debate the pressing issues of the day, but rather one question alone: should the Communist Party be outlawed in the United States. Stassen's overconfidence may have led him to make the mistake of debating Dewey, who was an accomplished courtroom performer. Stassen took the position that the Communist Party should indeed be outlawed, while Dewey argued forcefully against making the party illegal. Most objective observers felt Dewey had not only handled himself well, but had won the debate. Tom Dewey won the Oregon primary.

Bob Taft's support was largely confined to the South and Midwest. Even some of those who had been his most loyal supporters retained doubts about his ability to win a national election. Tom Dewey led on the first ballot with 434 votes and Bob Taft ran a distant second with 224 votes. Stassen was third with 157 votes. The rest of the votes were scattered amongst various favorite sons. A second ballot saw both Dewey and Taft climb in the vote totals, but the New York governor proved to be impossible to beat. A third ballot made the vote unanimous for Tom Dewey.

It was a bitter loss for Bob Taft and the only person in America who seemed to think Harry Truman could win the general election was the man from Missouri himself. Tom Dewey proceeded to run one of the strangest presidential campaigns in American history. The roles of challenger and incumbent were reversed; Truman traveled by train across the country in a whistle-stop tour, speaking in big cities, hamlets, villages and some places that were little more than holes in the road. Truman campaigned harder than Dewey and drew enormous crowds. After the election, reporters conceded they had been astonished by the number of people who came to hear and see Harry Truman, but discounted it as merely folks wanting to catch a glimpse of a President of the United States. It had never occurred to them the people would actually vote for him.

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The Hot Southern Mess Boutique is **HOT!**

By Mike Steely
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The latest in women's fashion with a flair opened last month and is already drawing customers and praise.

The Hot Southern Mess Boutique is located at 3501 Tazewell Pike in the same building as Symmetry Salon and Spa and is the creation of Amanda Love. The boutique has the latest styles and has something for just about every age. The store has a friendly staff of three that are there to help with any questions.

What's with the name?

"I saw it on a girl's tee shirt in Gatlinburg and told my husband (Dallas Love) that would be a cute name for a boutique," said Amanda.

Before the shop opened, she began an Instagram online boutique with photos of the styles she was offering. Due to growing popularity, the next step was to open a store.

The store owner wanted somewhere her customers could come and get a hands on experience!

Amanda is a Corryton native who is seeking

her doctorate in psychology and has had a passion for fashion since a very young age. She gets it from her mother who had a strong fashion sense and loved everything to do with the industry. The Instagram lookbook Amanda started and maintains continues to draw shoppers to the store where they can find unique clothes in limited quantities. "It's awesome to have something that not every person has," she told The Focus.

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"A lot of our customers found me on Instagram and wanted to try on fashion," she said. The store and the Instagram page are popular with women looking for something different, fashionable, and affordable. They hope to see you soon at The Hot Southern Mess Boutique!



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Amanda Love and her staff, Jordyn McKinney (left) and McKenzie Cruze (right) and they are ready to see you at the new Hot Southern Mess Boutique on Tazewell Pike. Skylar King, an employee out that day, is also happy to help you.

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Despite not getting the Heisman, Peyton Manning can go out on top

Football owed him one. The celebration he was wrongfully denied when his name wasn't called as the winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1997 was replaced with an unexpected championship in Super Bowl 50. After 19 years, justice has been served for Peyton Manning. He can retire as a champion now, if he chooses. And have the last laugh, if that were his style. Manning, however, didn't dance or dab when he won 24-10 on Super Sunday, and he didn't rant or rave when he was undercut 19 years ago.

He's been classy throughout his NFL career. Maybe not perfect, but 99.44 percent pure. We can't say the same about ESPN, which orchestrated a campaign to influence voters to pick Michigan junior Charles Woodson, who was primarily a defensive back, instead of the heavily favored Manning in '97. The announcement of the final results was so shocking, I can still remember exactly where I was when I heard the news. How about you? But ESPN couldn't deny Manning this time, even if it tried. Denver defensive terror Von Miller would have sacked Jon Gruden if he even thought about it. Denver/Manning fans, and there are thousands of them in these parts, including myself, couldn't be happier. To see Peyton finish the season with a Super Bowl title was quite remarkable considering he had been benched late in the third quarter of Game 10 against Kansas City on Nov. 15. With several key Broncos already injured, Manning tried to play even though he wasn't 100 percent. He surpassed Brett Favre's all-time NFL record for passing yards early in the game, but his performance ended up being his worst ever as a pro. He completed only 5 of 20 passes for 35 yards, zero touchdowns and four interceptions. His quarterback rating was 0.0. Long-time backup Brock Osweiler took his place. Was this going to be our **Cont. on page 3**



By Steve Williams

Richey becomes first Knight to ink athletic scholarship

When Brent Richey signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Chattanooga State Community College, he became the first student-athlete from Knoxville Christian School to receive an athletic scholarship. "This is just absolutely amazing," said Richey, who plays both basketball and baseball for the Knights. "It's awesome to be a part of a milestone like this and prepare the younger kids for the future. It was certainly a big day for Richey and his family but KCS athletic director Randy Evans said that Richey's signing ceremony was a monumental for the entire school and its student body. "This is a big day for our school," Evans told the students and faculty who witnessed Richey's ceremony Thursday afternoon in the Knoxville Christian Gymnasium. "This shows you that somebody from little Knoxville Christian School can go somewhere. "I wanted all of you [students] to see this." Richey plays for KCS's boys basketball team, which is in the midst of a successful season and Evans was pleased to see his player get a chance to continue an athletic career on the diamond. "We're excited today and we hope that Brent will be the first of many [Knights to receive an athletic scholarship.]," Evans said. "We know that he will be the first of many." While in Chattanooga, Richey will not only look to excel in baseball, he'll also carry a heavy academic load as he'll major in civil engineering. "I liked the campus and I liked the coaching staff," Richey said. "But the biggest thing that appealed to me was that the school had a civil engineering program. "Other schools just had a general engineering program. They didn't have a civil engineering program." Knoxville Christian baseball coach Patrick Wade said that the Tigers are getting a top baseball player. "They're getting a good baseball player and a great kid," Wade said. "He's using baseball as a life lesson and he'll be an asset to the community."



Knoxville Christian School's Brent Richey signs a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Chattanooga State Community College. Pictured with Richey are his mother Cheryl, his father John and his brother Alec.

Farragut helps 14 celebrate National Signing Day

It's the time of year for high school athletes to finalize their plans to pursue athletic endeavors in college and many have announced their decisions recently. Farragut High School had 14 athletes make their decisions official recently. The Admirals had 13 sign National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, February 3. Farragut had yet another football player; quarterback Jacob Naumoff, signed the following day. Football players who announced their plans for college included Naumoff (Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee), Tanner Thomas (Columbia University), Hunter Fox (Lindsey Wilson College), Carter Phillip (Austin Peay) and Ben Hoffman (Eastern Kentucky). Destiny Carey (track and field) signed with Murray State and distance runner Louis Morris signed to compete in cross country at East Tennessee State. Volleyball player Tia Madden, who helped the Lady Admirals win the state title, signed with the University of Tennessee. **Continue on page 2**



Farragut High School athletes finalize their college plans on National Signing Day at a recent ceremony in the FHS Auditorium.

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BY DAN ANDREWS.

Reaching the century mark: Oak Ridge's Cotton Wade (22) shoots over Halls High's Evan Roberts in Wednesday night's game. Wade's basket helped the Wildcats eclipse 100 points for the first time since 2004. Oak Ridge routed the host Red Devils 101-43.

Wildcats run past Red Devils 101-43

By Ken Lay

Oak Ridge High School's boys basketball continued its dominance in District 3-AAA Wednesday night.

The Wildcats had little trouble with Halls as they kept their perfect record intact with a 101-43 victory over the host Red Devils on Senior Night in Halls.

Oak Ridge (27-2 overall, 15-0 in District 3-AAA) traced to a 29-7 lead by the end of the first quarter and never looked back.

The Wildcats were completely dominant on this night. They extended their advantage to 47-16 by

halftime before outscoring the Red Devils 59-27 after the break.

Wednesday night marked the fourth time that the Wildcats have eclipsed the 90-point mark and Cotton Wade's late bucket pushed Oak Ridge to the century mark for the first time since 2004.

The Wildcats boasted a balanced scoring attack. Tajjon Jones led the way with 17 points. He buried four shots from beyond the 3-point arc and was one of four Wildcats to post double figures in the scoring column. Caleb

Martin and Javien Johnson scored 12 points each. Martin scored all of his points after halftime while Johnson scored his points before the break. Tee Higgins finished with 10 points.

Higgins and Johnson each had six rebounds for Oak Ridge.

Anthony Gibson and Levert Smith scored nine points each for the Wildcats, who scored the first eight points of the contest.

Caden Harbin led the Red Devils (6-20, 2-13) with nine points. He had seven points over

the first 16 minutes and scored Halls High's first two baskets of the game. His 3-pointer got the Red Devils on the board with 6 minutes, 44 seconds remaining in the first quarter and pulled Halls to within 8-3. He scored a short time later to make the score 14-5.

Halls got its other two points of the opening frame with a field goal by Jordan Corvette, who finished the contest with four points.

Bryson Newman and Cooper Sparks each scored six points for the Red Devils.

Halls plays 'hard' in Senior Night loss to Oak Ridge

By Ken Lay

Oak Ridge High School girls basketball Paige Green thought her Lady Wildcats might get a stiff test from Halls Wednesday night.

She was correct. "At halftime, we talked about how hard they play," Green said after Oak Ridge notched a 45-32 victory over the Lady Devils Wednesday night on Senior Night at Halls. "It was their senior night and they came in here with nothing to lose and

they played like it, especially in the third quarter."

The Lady Wildcats entered the game a bit short-handed and things got tougher when another player was lost to injury in last week's tilt.

"Our starting forward got hurt early and we already had one girl not playing because she was hurt," Green said.

Despite all that the Lady Wildcats (21-3 overall, 15-0) in the district took control early on. Oak

Ridge jumped out to a 14-7 lead before opening a 30-15 halftime advantage.

Then things got a bit tighter.

The Lady Devils (9-15, 8-7) scored the first 10 points of the second half and pulled to within 30-25 when senior guard Taylor Moon scored a bucket with 1 minute, 50 seconds remaining in the third stanza.

Moon, who led all scorers with 14 points, scored four points during Halls High's third-quarter surge. The Lady Devils also got long-range jumpers from Panda Riggs and Rachel Drumheller to begin their comeback attempt.

Oak Ridge, meanwhile, had to endure a scoring drought of

six-and-a-half minutes to open the second half. The Lady Wildcats finally scored when Desiree Bates converted a bucket with 1:30 to go in the third quarter.

"We had a really rough third quarter," Green said.

Oak Ridge scored first in the final period but Halls stayed within striking distance in the early moments of the final stanza. The Lady Wildcats were able to open a 36-28 advantage before Drumheller, who finished with eight points, buried a 3-pointer to pull the Lady Devils to within 36-31 before the Lady Wildcats closed the game on a 9-1 run.

Jada Guinn scored 12 points, including six over the final eight minutes, to lead Oak Ridge.

Cedar Bluff girls hold on for win over Farragut

By Steve Williams

Cedar Bluff got a measure of revenge against rival Farragut in the girls semifinals of the Knox County Middle Schools basketball tournament Thursday night at Karns.

But the No. 3 seeded Lady Giants had to hold their breath in the closing seconds before they could enjoy it.

A 3-point attempt by Farragut's Macy Barnes just before the final buzzer bounced off the rim and Cedar Bluff hung on for a 42-40 victory in a dramatic finish.

The 1-2 punch of Jah'nya Bussell (19 points) and Claire Wyatt (15) led the way for the Lady Giants, who had bowed to Farragut in the two teams' regular season battle.

Bri Tookes led No. 2 seeded Farragut's strong inside game with 16 points. Barnes finished with eight points, including two 3-pointers. Lauren White dropped in six points.

Maddie Norris scored only one basket in the contest, but it was a big one for Cedar Bluff. Her follow-up rebound shot with 59.3 seconds remaining gave the Lady Giants a lead (40-38) they would not relinquish.

"I thought our girls did really good on defense especially," said first-year Cedar Bluff head coach Chad Davis. "We had a few breakdowns on offense, boxing out and things like that.

"I told the girls we made

the plays down the stretch when we needed to win the game."

In the other semifinal game, Bailey Trumm was a scoring machine as she led regular season champion and top seed Halls to a 35-21 win over West Valley.

Trumm scored 21 of her 24 points in the first half, including four baskets from 3-point land. Her performance staked the Lady Red Devils to a 30-11 half-time command.

Macy Kirby chipped in five points to Halls' final total.

Emma Stone paced West Valley with seven points.

Halls was scheduled to play Cedar Bluff in Saturday's girls championship game, while Farragut and West Valley were slated to play in the consolation game.

JUST LIKE DAD: Former West High standout Marlon Bussell was on hand to see his daughter, Jah'nya, lead Cedar Bluff in scoring in its upset win over Farragut.

Marlon was a high-scoring guard for the Rebels in the late 1990s and once scored a career-high 44 points against Austin-East. The 1997 West grad played college ball at Hiwassee.

GIRLS QUARTERFINALS: Halls romped past Gresham 51-15, West Valley topped Carter 45-38, Farragut stopped Holston 25-13 and Cedar Bluff shot down Powell 49-31.

HVA's Johnson and Love sign scholarship offers

By Ken Lay

Two Hardin Valley Academy athletes signed National Letters of Intent recently.

Bowler Rachel Johnson and football player Jason Love finalized their college plans in a National Signing Day ceremony in the HVA Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Johnson will continue her bowling career at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens.

She recently helped the Lady Hawks complete an undefeated regular season. Hardin Valley (16-1) lost its first match of the season when it fell to three-time defending Division 1 State Champion Hardin County in the state semifinals.

Johnson becomes the first bowler in HVA's brief two-year history to receive a college scholarship.

While at Tennessee Wesleyan, Johnson will pursue a degree in physical therapy.

She said that the school appealed to her because of its size and location.

Farragut helps 14 celebrate National Signing Day

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Admirals reach three consecutive Class AAA State Tournaments and two straight championship games, will continue her career at Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens.

Farragut had a pair of softball players sign on National Signing Day. Hannah Stephenson will play at the University of the Columbians in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Niki Slone

"It's a nice little campus and they have a nice program," Johnson said. "You can get some one-on-one attention from the professors.

"When I was in high school, I thought I wanted to go away, but I decided that I wanted to stay close to home.

Love, meanwhile, will continue his football career at Maryville College. He's a two-sport athlete for the Hawks as he also plays basketball.

Like Johnson, he liked the small-college atmosphere. He also knows that he will be challenged in the classroom in Blount County.

"I love the academics there," said Love, who will be a Pre-med major. "I liked the small classes. I loved the coaches and Maryville just felt like home.

"I love the academics there and I'm ready for their rigorous academic system and I'm ready for all the challenges that are going to be thrown at me."

signed with Chattanooga State Community College.

Three soccer players also signed. Kortney Halliburton of the Lady Admirals committed to Berea College in Kentucky.

Farragut also had two players sign from the boys team. Dami Omitaumu will attend the University of Pennsylvania while Alex Schupp will play at Xavier University.



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Northwest boys knock off top-seeded Carter

By Steve Williams

Edward Lacey was too much for top-seeded Carter's boys in the Knox County Middle School basketball tournament.

Lacey fired in 25 points to lead No. 4 seeded Northwest to a 37-32 win over the Hornets in the semifinals Thursday at Karns.

Lacey tallied 10 of his points in the final period, including six of eight free throws, as the Rangers broke a tie score by outscoring Carter 11-6 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Carter had a balanced scoring attack with Tristen Blankenship and Ty Hurst tallying nine points each and Sam Vaulton scoring eight points.

The Hornets only scored two points in the second period but made up for it by outscoring Northwest 13-6 in the third frame.

No. 2 seed West Valley earned the other berth in the boys championship game, which was slated for this past Saturday (Feb. 13). The Wolves turned back No. 3 seed South-Doyle 44-32 with a strong finish.

Trailing 23-20 after three stops, West Valley scored 10 unanswered points to open the fourth period and take a 30-23 lead. The Cherokees never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

West Valley outscored South-Doyle 24-9 in the fourth period.

Hayden Candela and London Stephney scored 10 points apiece to lead the Wolves, while Collin Ironside and John Beam were close behind with nine

points each.

Stephney scored all of his points in the final period and made eight of 11 foul shots. Ironside also erupted in the final six minutes with seven points.

South-Doyle got nine points from Mason Brang, eight from Nate Berrier and five from Elijah Young.

The Cherokees led 14-12 at halftime and jumped out to a 19-12 advantage in the third period. Candela, however, swished in back-to-back 3-pointers to cut the deficit to one and a basket by Beam put the Wolves ahead 20-19.

"Hayden hit some big ones," said Chuck Comer, who is in his 17th season as West Valley's head coach. "He's our leader for us all year. He's our captain."

The Wolves connected on 12 of 16 free throws in the final period.

"I felt that was a real key for us," said Comer. "We changed up our offense a little bit - getting a little more movement, but I think the main thing was we hit some foul shots down the stretch. That's what helped us."

Northwest and West Valley also met in last season's finals with the Rangers rolling to a 70-49 victory to cap a second straight unbeaten campaign.

BOYS QUARTERFINALS: Carter defeated Farragut 33-30, Northwest got past Bearden 39-34, West Valley edged Gresham 38-37 and host Karns bowed to South-Doyle 40-39 in overtime.

Peyton Manning's Fairy Tale Ending

By Alex Norman

As of press time, Peyton Manning had yet to make a decision as far as retirement.

But it is hard to imagine that "The Sheriff" won't ride off into the sunset now...

Denver's 24-10 dismantling of Carolina in Super Bowl 50 wasn't Manning's best performance. But it goes into the history books as his second Super Bowl championship and his 200th career win.

The story seems too good to be true, doesn't it?

In his 18th NFL season, Manning played through injuries until he was benched in a Week 10 loss to Kansas City. For the next 6 weeks he watched as backup Brock Osweiler led Denver to a 4-2 record, including a victory over the rival New England Patriots.

But Osweiler struggled in a Week 17 game against San Diego that the Broncos had to have to gain home field advantage and a first round bye in the AFC playoffs. In the third quarter Manning returned and while he was rusty, Denver survived.

And now the story started to get good.

First there was a 222 yard passing performance in a close win over Pittsburgh in the Divisional Playoffs. In the AFC championship game, Manning would once again face his friendly nemesis, Tom Brady and the Patriots. Manning threw two touchdown passes and the Broncos defense (yet again) was lights out in knocking Brady to the turf time and time again. Denver hung on for a 20-18 upset,

and it was off to the Super Bowl. The win also gave Manning a 3-2 record all-time against Brady in the playoffs.

But still, the knock on Manning's career has been his post-season history. Entering these playoffs Manning's teams were one and done nine times. Overall he had a below .500 record (11-13), and was 1-2 in Super Bowls.

However, if we are only to use the NFL playoffs to decide who is better, what do we do with Dan Fouts (no Super Bowl appearances, Hall of Famer), Dan Marino (one Super Bowl appearance, no wins, Hall of Famer) and Trent Dilfer (one Super Bowl appearance, one win, mediocre career)?

Would Manning have made more Super Bowls if he had Bill Belichick as his coach instead of a revolving door of great coaches (Tony Dungy, future Hall of Famer), good coaches (Gary Kubiak) and awful coaches (Jim Caldwell), among others? In all Manning took two separate teams to the Super Bowl with four different head coaches, going 1-1 with Indianapolis and Denver. No quarterback has ever accomplished those feats.

The interesting thing about Manning's two Super Bowl wins is that the 2006 Colts and the 2015 Broncos were by no means Manning's best overall teams. The 2005 Colts started 13-0 and probably go to the Super Bowl if Nick Harper runs to the sideline after a late Jerome Bettis fumble instead of the middle of the field where he would be tackled by

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Heck, the 2009 Colts started 14-0 before Jim Caldwell screwed up his team's momentum by pulling starters for fear of injuries in Week 16. That Colts team lost to the Saints in the Super Bowl.

The point is that Manning played the hand he was dealt. He never will reach Bradshaw, Montana and Brady (4 Super Bowl wins a piece, and Brady might pick up a couple more before he is done), but the 5 league MVP awards, the most touchdown passes in a career (539) and most passing yards for a career (71,940) make it impossible to keep Manning out of that fraternity.

In Super Bowl 50 Manning threw for only 141 yards, with 13 completions in 23 attempts. He had an interception and a fumble. And it was more than enough this time. Years ago it would not have been, but this season it was. And going out with a Lombardi Trophy is the perfect ending to a storied career.

But the whole "ride off into the sunset" thing isn't really for Peyton though, is it? It's for us. We don't want to see Johnny Unitas limping around as a Charger or Willie Mays stumble with the Mets. So we want to see the 39 year old Manning end his Hall of Fame career in the best way possible.

And eventually become the head coach of the Tennessee Volunteers, obviously.

Jon Gruden rumors can't last forever, right?

Despite not getting the Heisman, Peyton Manning can go out on top

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last memory of Manning? Good grief.

The five-time MVP stayed back in Denver the following week, nursing injuries to his foot, ribs and shoulder, when the Broncos traveled to Chicago. Meanwhile, Osweiler led a 17-15 win over the Bears.

Manning ended up being sidelined for six straight games.

In the final regular season game against San Diego, the Broncos were struggling offensively, and after five turnovers, here came Manning riding into the game on a white horse in the third quarter. He guided this team to 20 points and a 27-20 victory.

"It wasn't like Osweiler was stinking it up out there," said Chargers QB

Phillip Rivers. "But I'm not surprised in the sense that you have a guy that hasn't been a backup in a game since '94 (freshman year at Tennessee) and is one of the best of all time."

I was relieved to see Manning have at least one more golden moment to be remembered by.

Another good thing about Week 17 was that New England lost at Miami and the day ended with the Broncos as the AFC's No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs.

Coach Gary Kubiak named Manning the starter during the bye week. But I had my doubts he could guide Denver far in the playoffs.

The Broncos were fortunate Antonio Brown, the Steelers' outstanding wide receiver, couldn't play in

the semifinals because of a concussion suffered in the Wild Card round.

After holding off Pittsburgh 23-16, I had my doubts about beating New England for the AFC title. But Peyton threw a pair of TD passes, the Broncos roughed up Tom Brady and Denver held on for a 20-18 win.

I gave Denver even less of a chance against once-beaten Carolina in the Super Bowl.

But the Broncos won it and the only way I thought they could - with a great defensive effort and the veteran Manning mustering up enough offense and minimizing mistakes in a low-scoring game.

No problem. Football had a debt to pay.

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Terence Scott: 'We've got to pull together as one for our kids and babies'

(This is the fourth and final part of a series on Terence Scott, former Central High football standout who went on to star at the University of Oregon in 2008. Scott crossed many hurdles growing up in Knoxville, and then chased his dream to play Division 1 football. He plans to return home soon and wants to help Knoxville pull together and put an end to recent gun violence and gang activity that has claimed innocent lives.)

By Steve Williams

Terence Scott was excited about a new chapter in his life in 2010. He was going to be a father.

Being with Pamela through the pregnancy and birth also meant more to him than continuing as a practice player with the B.C. Lions in the Canadian Football League.

"To me and how I took it was - football handed the baton to my daughter," recalled Scott while back home in Knoxville during the holidays.

Having been in football so long, including four years in college, adjusting to the "real world" for Scott wasn't easy at first.

"It was hard for me in the beginning to figure out where I would fit in and what I was going to do next," he said. "I figured it out slowly but surely."

Still, leaving football put some negative thoughts in Terence's mind.

"That's why it took me so long to come home, because I thought I was a failure," said Scott, who had always enjoyed success in football and finished what he started.

Over time, however, he realized he hadn't failed. He just took a different road.

"I'm using my mind a little bit more now," he said.

Scott, whose daughter is now 5 years old, continued

to reside in Eugene, Ore., where he ranked among the top wide receivers in the Pac 10 Conference at the University of Oregon as a senior in 2008.

He has directed non-profit youth football camps, "giving back" to kids unable to attend University of Oregon's camps, and worked in sales, starting off selling RVs.

"And I've went out and told my life story, and how I got from point A to point B," he added.

During his recent visit home, Scott heard about the shooting that claimed the life of Zaezion Dobson, a Fulton High sophomore, who was shot Dec. 17 as tried to shield two girls from gunfire in the Lonsdale community. His act of heroism drew recognition from President Barack Obama and was even told in a CBS television feature prior to Super Bowl 50.

The shooting involving Dobson happened just a couple days before Scott arrived in Knoxville.

"I've often wondered how his mother felt on Christmas morning," said Scott, "or any day. That's the tough part about it. Being a man now and having children, it's sad."

Scott said he plans to move back to Knoxville and wants to do what he can to help pull the community together and end gun violence and gang activity.

"I just want to come back and be a piece of the puzzle," said Scott. "I don't know where I fit in to help out, but I know I fit in somewhere."

One thing in particular, "I want to get out to the high school games and support the youth," he added.

"We've got to pull together as one for our kids and babies. And the killing that's going on, to the hero and his family and other kids that have lost their lives, that shouldn't be

accepted in Knoxville.

"Knoxville is a place that I spent a lot of time thinking about when I was gone, how respectful of a place it is and the hospitality we have back here. Coming back home and hearing this, we've got to do something about it."

Terence also said he wants to be a part of his nephews' and nieces' lives because he's missed so much living on the West coast.

Three of his five nephews still attend high schools in Knoxville and Harold was a freshman receiver and defensive back at Powell this past season. He favors his uncle quite a lot.

"I tell Harold all the time - just have fun," said Scott. "Good is the enemy to great."

Translation: Don't be satisfied with being good.

Scott had to overcome many obstacles growing up in Knoxville, including not having a relationship with his father, Jimmy Lee Scott. Two months ago, Terence, who turns 30 in September, sought to contact his dad before it was too late. His dad lives in Macon, Ga.

"I reached out to him with forgiveness and we text everyday now," said Scott.

"That phone call was all my mom's doing and how she raised me.

"He thanked me for calling and said he appreciated it. It made me feel good as a man now."

As for his own children, Jamiah and 18-month-old Terence Jr., Scott has told them, "No matter what happens, you guys will always be a package because of what happened in my childhood." Terence was 19

years old and Pamela 18 when they first met. He was at the College of the Canyons. She's from Hollywood. They didn't get married and are not together now, he said. "But we're best friends."

Scott wanted to send out a "thank you" to Knoxville for supporting him over the years.

Terence especially mentioned Danny Green, Roy Ellis and Mike Scott as youth football coaches he had.

Scott said Christy Prudencio was an "amazing" guidance counselor at CHS who motivated him to get his academics in order. He also said assistant track coach Rick Grim and teacher Carmelita Perry went the extra mile to get him ready for college by working with him at lunch time and after school, respectively.

Scott visited high school teammate David Gaston while in Knoxville. They trusted each other as twin punt returners for the Bobcats back in the day. Scott also went and watched David's son, 7-year-old David Jr., in a flag football game at Hardin Valley and spoke to the team.

"My number one thing to tell them at that age is have fun,"

said Terence. "Just enjoy the game, appreciate the game and don't get caught up in the score. Just have fun."

J.D. Lambert was Scott's economics teacher at CHS his senior year and remembers principal John Miller having Terence speak to the incoming freshmen class about the importance of academics.

Lambert also recalled a time when he was athletic director at Austin-East and called on Scott to council one of his student-athletes who had gotten a little out of line in the classroom. Lambert thought of Scott because the young man was wearing an "Oregon shirt" one day.

"With Terence having played at Oregon, I showed him Terence's career stats and told him he had played in the CFL," recalled Lambert. "He said 'Oh!' and was impressed with those numbers. So I got hold of Terence and he talked with this kid for 30 to 45 minutes on the phone. They exchanged cell phone numbers and Terence continued to check on him. This was a kid Terence had never met but he knew this was a student-athlete and he had a chance to help him."

Lambert, now the athletic

director at Central, said Scott is a great example of "sticking with it" when confronted by obstacles in life.

"A lot of times kids think that people who are successful don't have obstacles in their lives, but as we get older, we realize everybody has obstacles and you can either turn them into a roadblock or a stepping stone," said Lambert. "Terence did that and I never once heard him complain."

Lambert is pleased his former student is coming back home and hopes to see him a lot at Central.

"We are just very proud of what Terence has accomplished in earning his degree and now wanting to come back and be a part of the Knoxville community," added Lambert.

"I don't know what piece of the puzzle Terence will fill, but I know with his background, experience and personality, he will be able to find some way of fitting in. We would love to have him be a part of high school athletics in general or at Central High School as a guest speaker or just coming by to visit with our kids and mentor our students."



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Gladiators

I would not qualify as a sports fan, at least not by comparison to my sister and mother-in-law. If Becky or I have questions about sports or the Vols, we don't query Siri or Google, we call Mama-Jo.

It's probably good that I was out of town last week after my essay, Seasons, was published in The Focus. I'm sure it raised a ruckus with the illiberal crowd who wish I would just go to the back of the bus and shut up. I don't aim to be controversial; my aim is to educate and to "speak the truth" with civility. The Doctor Is In, is, after all, my opinion column. Feel free to read the essay, forward my words or delete them.

Like most of us I watched Super Bowl 50. Actually, I was thankful for the diversion, and something other than politics for a while. And

people who don't like football can gather with friends for the annual Super Bowl spectacle and enjoy the party or the commercials, though the latter were, in my opinion, pitiful this year.

I'll admit I'm not a Denver Broncos fan, but I cheered for Peyton. What a story. The "experts" kept writing off the "old" man of almost forty years. Didn't Peyton know that Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers were the "new kids on the block," and expected to win? Surely Peyton knew that Cam was to be his replacement as football's new leader. Cam and his boys certainly had the swagger.

As I watched Peyton lead his team to victory, I traveled back in time to another Super Bowl. Forty-seven years ago the Baltimore Colts were pitted against the upstart New York Jets.

The brash young quarterback, Joe Namath, predicted his Jets would win Super Bowl III, and they did despite a late game surge by the stalwart Johnny Unitas. I was coming of age in 1969 and remember curbing my cheers for "Broadway Joe" as I sat next to my father who identified with Unitas. Now, almost fifty years later, it was me cheering for the old guy instead of the bragadocio upstart.

Football is a rough game played by big and powerful men. I've always imagined these gridiron warriors as modern day gladiators. If you haven't seen the movie Gladiator with Russell Crowe you should. It takes place when the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius is dying and is then replaced by his son, Commodus, who has none of his father's virtue. Historians believe Aurelius was more a philosopher than a warrior, but none the less spent decades on military campaigns to maintain Rome's borders against invading Germanic tribes.

It is speculated that Aurelius' promiscuous wife consorted with gladiators and one sired Commodus. Gladiators were the professional athletes of ancient Rome, and were highly regarded. Perhaps the Emperor's absence contributed to his

wife's wandering eye and his son's poor training to be a leader. Perhaps Commodus' passion for gladiatorial battle was, after all, "in his blood."

Though gladiatorial combat was to the death, the champions were revered just as we honor Peyton and the Bronco's merciless defense that destroyed the New England Patriots before vanquishing the Carolina Panthers. Our modern helmeted warriors are so big and fast that modern football is a fearsome struggle, somewhat like the struggles in Rome's coliseum. Gridiron confrontations are not to the death, but some violent blows and tackles challenge that notion.

A new medical condition called chronic traumatic encephalopathy or CTE is garnering a lot of attention on and off the football field these days. The brain is enclosed within the protective bones of the skull, and is further surrounded by a layer of spinal fluid that acts as a shock absorber like UPS foam packaging. Violent blows to the head, however, can cause the brain to literally bang against the inside of the skull and produce confusion or unconsciousness, a condition we call a concussion.

The brain quickly recovers

from mild trauma, but it is thought that recurrent blows to the head, sufficient to produce repetitive concussions, can lead to chronic changes in brain structure and function known as CTE.

The recent movie Concussion dramatized the concern of repeated head trauma in professional football players. However, football is not the only situation associated with head trauma. It is thought that 20% of professional boxers develop a condition called dementia pugilistica (the "punch drunk" dementia of a pugilist or boxer). A noted example is Mohammed Ali. There are similar concerns in soccer players who strike the ball with their head and in our troops from explosions such as roadside bombs or IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

I believe in making sports as safe as possible, but I also realize that all activities have inherent risks. And there is a significant politically correct component to the controversy, especially in the sport media coverage of CTE. As a geriatrician I often deal with issues of autonomy versus safety in the care of older folks. Should we allow someone who is capable of making informed decisions remain

in their home even when we consider them to be otherwise "unsafe"? Should society allow our gridiron gladiators to choose their dangerous profession? Are we ready to tell an athletically gifted kid in the ghetto that his dream is too dangerous and remove his ticket out of generational poverty?

A free society allows a rational person to do whatever he wants as long as it doesn't harm others. By this logic we shouldn't have to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle or fasten our seatbelts in the car. However, in Tennessee we must wear a helmet or a seatbelt because society is expected to come to the rescue of an individual in an accident. Our society has exchanged some freedom for greater safety. Do these laws reflect compassion or the desire to lower societal costs for the injured?

When does the state have the prerogative to take control of our lives? Does the state know what's best for us? After all, the master needs to keep the little children safe down on the government plantation.

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The little mission



Rosie's World

The little mission was located on East Vine Street, just a few doors away from South Duke Street, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I don't remember when it was built, I do remember seeing photographs of a tree growing along the curbside,

but it wasn't there when I started going there.

I lived a block and a half from the little mission and one day while walking along a street a sweet Mennonite lady stopped me and asked, "Would you like to come to Bible School at my church?" I answered enthusiastically, "Yes!" and thus began my love affair with the Mennonites.

This area was in the Seventh Ward of Lancaster and consisted of many diversified cultures which included white and black

Americans long with quite a few Greek, German, and Italian families. Many of these people were still feeling the effects of the Depression era, thus the little mission was in the right place at the right time. They catered to these people with food, clothing, a place to sleep sometimes but they also provided spiritual help when needed.

Going up the five steps to the double doors you would enter the small auditorium which led to the minister's dais. A door on the right and one on the left led to the living

areas, which consisted of a sewing room, kitchen, sitting area, two bedrooms, bath and a door in the back led to a small yard.

This was my home away from home. I learned to pray there, I learned to sing there, to read the Bible there, and learned to love God there. I made many friends there.

Years later when I married and moved away I took a trip back to see the little mission. I stared in disbelief when I arrived at my destination because it was gone!

No little mission. The city of Lancaster decided not to preserve it, also there were no financial funds to remodel it. They paved a street over the area where the little mission stood which met another street. I thought to myself, there will always be nostalgic thoughts when I think of the little mission but they cannot pave the "precious memories" away from the hearts of many people who attended there—especially mine!

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

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False Promises

I've listened to plenty of presidential campaign promises. The Republicans and Democrats assure the public that they'll save us money, provide more benefits for us, and cut spend-



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rounding up a group of people who are mostly of one ethnic group sounds too much like what the Nazis, out of hatred and fear, did when they rounded up the Jews. I don't know what the

answer to the illegal immigration problem is, but this isn't it.

Candidates told us that they'll cut taxes for everyone, including businesses. Doing so will magically fill the coffers and make the country flush with cash and individuals richer than they've ever been. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. I've not seen a great windfall for individuals as the result of recent gains in the profits for businesses. The wealthiest still have most of the money. Why would they cut loose of their money to give the rest of us a boost? I'd bet that most of those tax cuts for businesses would go toward their bottom lines.

Now, the other side has its own strange ideas. One says that the Affordable Care Act will be scrapped and its place will be "Medicare for all." First of all, if Obamacare is ended, I'll


bet dollars to doughnuts that no other program will ever replace it. Too many politicians hate it and aren't about to let the next thing come around. What we have is rife with problems, but at least we have something that offers coverage for all. Instead of "reinventing the wheel," those politicians on both sides of the aisle might work together to cut the costs of prescription drugs that are produced by the same companies who would get tax breaks and then would pass on savings to the American public.

Times are tough for folks; I get that. However, providing free college tuition for everyone is not reasonable, nor is it fair. My mother had 3 sons whom she struggled to send to college. We boys worked in the summers and served as head residents in dorms to offset as much of the cost as possible. My two children attended state colleges, and we paid for that education; it was what we owed them as their parents.


If college is important to parents, they should begin making plans for that possibility as soon as children are born. At some point, the children themselves

must begin working part time jobs to save for a college education. The state of Tennessee now offers free community college to all state students. I'd suggest that those who want to attend school but struggle with money might consider this route, and while they do, they can work to save for the final years toward college for a degree. I'd further suggest that they become smart shoppers to find the state school that offers the desired course of study. Any loans they might take out should be for education ONLY. Buying vehicles or renting apartments or other extraneous things should never be bought with educational loan money. That's what jobs are for.

Yep, it's that time when the politicians make promises, but we all know that the vast majority won't be kept. Let's settle down a little bit, put on our thinking caps, and figure out what our best courses of action are. None of us needs to be hoodwinked by slick-talking folks who have never lived as most of us have. Let's all be smart voters and demand the best for the entire country.



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