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PHOTO BY WILL PADOLL.

The Focus' own Mike Steely was recognized by the East Tennessee Historical Society last week.

## Focus' Mike Steely receives award from ET Historical Society

By Steve Williams

Cherel Henderson may have summed it up best.

"I think he just has a natural love for history," said the executive director of the East Tennessee Historical Society after presenting Mike Steely of The Knoxville Focus with a "History in the Media Award" Tuesday evening, May 2, at the Foundry on World's Fair Park.

The prestigious honor is part of the historical society's annual Awards of Excellence program, which was established in 1982. The "History in the Media Award" is presented to someone in the field of broadcast, print media or Internet for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the region's history.

"In his busy career as

a writer for The Knoxville Focus, Mike Steely manages to add articles on a wide variety of historical topics and to inform readers of current events in the history community," it was noted within the pages of the event's program.

"His popular 'A Day Away' column spotlights sites and attractions within a day's drive of Knoxville. His articles are a great contribution to the public's knowledge and interest in history."

Steely has written about the history of many neighborhoods throughout Knox County and also stories about surrounding counties.

"The Knoxville Focus deserves a lot of credit for giving the space in the

paper and giving him the time to do these historical articles," added Henderson.

"I see Mike out covering a lot of events throughout the community. I see him come and do research and he makes calls to find information, so I know he tries to do a really good job to inform the public."

Steve Hunley, publisher of The Focus, said: "We at The Focus are very fortunate and proud to have Mike Steely as our senior columnist and reporter. Mike's experience spans nearly 50 years and covers all roles of the newspaper business including owner, publisher, reporter, columnist and sales. Mike's integrity and dedication are second to none. His

passion for Knox County and area history is exemplary. As publisher, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the East Tennessee Historical Society for their selection and recognition of Mike Steely as this year's media award winner."

Steely has won other awards in his newspaper career but said this latest honor brought special satisfaction.

"It's satisfying to me because my family in East Tennessee goes back to 1780," he pointed out. "My forefathers settled in upper Cumberland County when it was still considered Kentucky. I've been interested in history ever since my grandmother started telling

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## SUPPORTING EACH OTHER



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

They are distance runners, yet they share a close bond. After competing in the grueling 1600-meter run in the KIL Championships, three runners from different schools (left to right) -- Taylor Cosey of CAK, Callie Tucker of Catholic and Niki Narayani of Webb -- support each other after the race, as other runners (far right) bend over and try to catch their breath. Narayani placed third, Tucker fifth and Cosey seventh in the event, which was won by CAK's Rebecca Story in a stadium record time of 4:48.16. See other photos and coverage of the annual KIL meet in The Focus' Sports & Recreation (Section C).

## Cultural competency, bathroom policy addressed at board of education meeting

By Pete Gawda

Last Wednesday evening's meeting of the Knox County School Board was a time when citizens gathered to express their opinions on the emotional and controversial issues of cultural competency and the districts bathroom policy concerning transgender students. Many of the speakers received applause from the large audience and some even received standing ovations. There were 13 people signed up to speak in the public forum portion of the meeting. However, some of those 13 were not present to speak when their name was called.

Crystal Yamazaki, who introduced herself as the parent of a daughter who is transgender, spoke against the school system bathroom policy. She claimed her daughter is prohibited from using the girls' bathroom with her friends. "It is psychologically damaging and unnecessary," she said of the school policy and added that the policy does not allow her daughter to be who she is. Yamazaki claimed that over 40 percent of transgender people attempt suicide because they are bullied. She quoted her daughter as saying, "I belong in the girls' bathroom because I am a girl, I am transgender and there is nothing wrong with that."

Another speaker, Brianna Rosenbaum, read to the board an account of a court case challenging the bathroom policy of a New Jersey school district.

She cited medical organizations that claim that being transgender in itself is not a disorder but that emotional problems come when students are not allowed to express their gender.

Stephanie Webb of LGBT claimed that Knoxville students are being denied basic dignities.

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## Burchett's budget has some special items

By Mike Steely  
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Within the \$798 million budget Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett proposed last week are the standard appropriation requests you'd expect: money to schools (over \$471 million), public safety (more than \$84 million), and engineering and public works (\$5.1 million). Although the proposed budget is about 3.48% higher than the current budget, Burchett is proposing no new taxes. Some of

what he is proposing is rather unusual.

About \$750 thousand is being requested by the mayor for a proposed BMX bike facility. Burchett said that the money will go for new athletic fields at South-Doyle Middle School and a new BMX track at the site of the current stadium. BMX, or Bicycle Motor Cross, is a track for off road bicycles and there are five tracks in the state in Cleveland, Ducktown, Nashville, Memphis and

Morristown.

Parks and Recreation will host a public meeting on the BMX proposal on Thursday, June 1 at 6 p.m. to hear from the public on the proposal.

"BMX is surging in popularity and organized BMX events are having millions of dollars in economic impact on cities around our area like Louisville, Kentucky, and Rocky Hill, South Carolina," Burchett told the budget presentation meeting at the City-County

Building.

"These events are putting heads in beds, diners in restaurants and shoppers in stores," he added.

The county mayor said that once the facility is built it won't just be for large events but also for local use. He said the track should boost local tourism in South Knoxville.

The mayor is also asking the Knox County Commission for funding to purchase 45 new

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# Rogero's budget, honors, zoning

By Mike Steely  
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Goodwill Industries staffing at the city's five recycling drop-off centers could also be approved.

Several Breadbox convenience stores could be approved for wine sales during the meeting.

An ordinance regulating indoor climate-controlled self-storage facilities may be authorized for several zoning areas and the council may also adopt the planning commission's one-year plans.

The council may also consider several zoning changes along Central Avenue Pike.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe is asking for emergency funding of \$500 for Belle Morris Elementary School to purchase a tent shade to cover the outdoor classroom there. Councilman Mark Campen is asking for \$200 for Inskip School to purchase materials for a garden shed, tools and supplies. Councilman Nick Pavlis wants \$500 for the Arts Center to purchase materials for classes and tuition assistance for students and seniors. Della Volpe is also asking for \$500 for the Fountain City Art Center for roof repairs.

Vice Mayor Duane Grieve will seek \$1,000 for Legacy Parks on behalf of the Bearden Council toward landscaping at the Everly Brothers Park and \$750 is being requested by Della Volpe and Councilman Daniel Brown for Chilhowee Intermediate School to purchase and install a new information sign.

City business begins at 6 p.m. in the City-County's Main Assembly Room.

# Deadline nears for crowded council primary

By Mike Steely  
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The number of people interested in becoming one of the five new city council members continues to grow as the May 18th filing deadline nears. At least 34 people have picked up petitions from the Knox County Election Commission. How many of those will actually return the petition or how many more candidates may emerge is anyone's guess.

Five current council members are term limited and cannot seek re-election.

A few have already returned petitions and several people who have voiced an interest have yet to pick up a petition and name their treasurer. The non-partisan election will see a primary battle on August 29th. Candidates who have filed have until May 31st to withdraw.

The field of potential candidates to replace 6th district Councilman and former interim Mayor

Daniel Brown has swollen to 15 people, including the three latest to pick up a petition: Joyce Brown, Pete Drew and Damon Rawls. Also picking up petitions for the East Knoxville seat Brown holds were John A Butler, Andre S. Canty, Maurice L. Clark, Sr., Michael Covington, Theraea Cox, Kelsey Finch, David Gillette, Lincoln Lincoln, Gwen McKenzie, Jennifer Montgomery, Shawnee Rios and Brandy Slaybaugh.

The top two vote getters in the primary election go on to the general election in November. Only district voters, in the 6th and other districts, may vote in the primary. In the general election all registered Knoxville voters will choose the five new members in a city-wide election.

Interest is growing in other city districts races as well.

The 1st District, currently held by Commissioner Nick Pavlis, thus far has a group of seven people

interested in the seat. They are Greg Knox, Sephanie Welch, Ken Bradley, Debbie Hensley, Kevin Hill, Andrew Wilson and Rebecca Parr.

Five people have picked up petitions for the 2nd District seat held by Duane Grieve. The potential candidates include Brandon Bruce, Wayne Christensen, Andrew Roberto, William P. Stone and David Williams.

Brenda Palmer's 3rd District Seat has four potential candidates: De'Ossie Deon Dingus, Sr., James Edward Corcoran, Judy Mullins and Seema Singh Perez.

The 4th District Seat, occupied currently by Nick Della Volpe, has four possible candidates who have picked up petitions: Albert O. Baah, Dan Davis, Lauren Rider and Harry Tindell.

Completed petitions returned so far include 6th District candidates Gillette, McKenzie, Montgomery and Slaybaugh. Also returning petitions are Hensley in the 1st, Williams in the 2nd, Perez in the 3rd and Rider in the 4th District.

Candidates for city council must be at least 21 years old, residents of the district for one year, and name a campaign treasurer. The exception to the residence requirement does not apply to the three at-large members who must be city residents for one year.

When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening they will not only begin discussion of Mayor Rogero's proposed budget but will also discuss an agreement with Bandit Lites for improvements to the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The \$145,589 contract would hire the company to remove and replace the "fly rail system" on the stage. The system controls quick scene changes, lighting, etc.

The council should discuss keeping the current tax rate at \$2.7257 per \$100 of assessed value for real estate during the next fiscal year.

The council may also vote to honor James "Jim" Thorniley Beltner and pass a resolution making May 12th "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day."

An additional southbound turn lane may be authorized, in an agreement with the state, along Lovell Road for westbound Parkside Drive at a cost to the city of \$125,000.

The council could also authorize the installation of a signalization project for Zoo Knoxville in an agreement with the state at Zoo Drive and Dale Avenue. The \$100,725 project is requested by the Department of Engineering.

The mayor could also be authorized to spend \$40,651 in an agreement with the Change Center to purchase roller skates for use there.



PHOTO BY WILL PADOLL.

The Focus family attended the Awards of Excellence program last week to support Mike Steely. Present were Steve Williams, Lettie and Mike Steely, Steve Hunley, Pam Poe, Rose King, Marianne Dedmon, Bill Wright and Will Padoll.

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my family stories, so to be recognized for my history writing, it's a great thrill."

Steely was a journalist when he served in the United States Coast Guard. He went to East Tennessee State University. He also has worked at The Jellico Advance Sentinel, The Kingsport Times-News and The Morristown Citizen

Tribune.

Secretary of State Tre Hargett, the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Department of State, which includes the Library and Archives, was the program's featured speaker.

In addition to addressing how the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) houses the collective memory of Tennesseans,

Hargett pointed out Governor Bill Haslam's recent proposed budget to the Legislature included the first half of necessary funding for a new TSLA facility.

Hargett said if this year's budget is approved and the rest of the funding comes in next year's budget, a new TSLA facility could be built in 18-plus months.

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# Knox County Board of Education considers alternate teacher evaluation system

By Pete Gawda

The Knox County Board of Education spent most of their last Monday evening work session in considering an alternative to the current teacher evaluation system and in discussing the contract for cultural awareness training.

Rodney Russell and the members of his teacher advisory committee gave a report on the results of their study of improving the controversial Teacher Education Acceleration Model (TEAM) evaluation system now being used in Knoxville schools. Russell said the committee had met for more than 30 hours and in addition to studying professional literature, had visited other school systems to observe their evaluation processes.

The committee recommended that the school system apply to the state to use TEAM for the coming school year and run a small Teacher Instructional Growth for Effectiveness and Results (TIGER) pilot program using no more than seven schools. TIGER is another of the state approved

evaluation systems. Even though the vast majority of Tennessee school systems use TEAM, the committee learned that those who use TIGER are more satisfied with their system than the ones who use TEAM. Data from this pilot would be used to make future decisions for evaluation.

The committee also recommended changes to the TEAM system that do not need state approval and would allow for more local flexibility.

One of the criticisms of TEAM has been in the evaluation of the fine arts and library media services. The committee recommended providing work samples for evaluators in those areas. They also recommended creating a formal training process to provide guidelines for evaluators for the fine arts and library media services. The committee suggested evaluators visit band concerts and fine arts exhibits at night. The committee also recommended dropping the requirement that only administrators can complete observations and allowing teachers to make

observations of other teachers. Committee member Beth Lackey, principal at Spring Hill Elementary School, said that with TIGER teachers are able to show their best work. She said the system looks at growth and change in the teachers over time and that more time is spent in evaluating teachers.

Board member Tony Norman, a vocal critic of TEAM, advocated for more than a pilot. He said it would not take much to get an alternate program started.

Lauren Hopson, of the Knox County Education Association, said TIGER is less labor intensive for principals. "We did not want this done like TEAM where everyone thinks it is forced on them." She said that if the pilot is on a smaller scale it can be tweaked and the transition would be smoother. "We want to get this right and we do not want to rush it," she added.

Board members also discussed the pending contract with STARS Nashville to provide cultural competency training for school system

employees. Representatives of that organization presented the one day curriculum proposed for the training. The training would deal with specific ways to address disproportions in academic achievement and discipline that might be related to income, race, language or disability. The first year cost of the contract would be \$16,515.

In response to a question Gary Dupler, deputy law director, said that if the school system feels that STARS is not working out, for whatever reason, the contract can be terminated with 30 days notice.

During the public forum two citizens spoke against STARS.

Amelia Parker, who served on the committee to choose the vendor, expressed her concerns about the selection process. She said the second review process only lasted three weeks, a period she felt was too short. She said there was such a gap in the scoring between STARS and the other competing vendors that committee members were told that STARS would automatically get

the contract. She claimed STARS personnel were not experienced enough. She felt STARS was chosen too quickly and that there were other excellent vendors that would fit into the school system's budget.

Todd Shelton saw inconsistencies in the STARS presentation. He claimed the issues involved can't be dealt with on one day. He, too, felt that there were other vendors who could do a better job. He urged board members to vote "no" for STARS.

Superintendent Bob Thomas sat in on his first board of education meeting since being appointed last month. He reported that Jon Rysewyk had been promoted from temporary chief academic officer to permanent chief academic officer. He also announced that Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, in his budget address that morning, had recommended that the proposed Knox County Board of Education budget be funded in full.

# Burchett's budget has some special items

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vehicles, body cameras and radio upgrades for the sheriff's department.

Within the fine print of the proposed budget Burchett expects an increase in the Hotel-Motel tax to result in a revenue climb from \$7.2 million to \$8 million. He's proposing a budget increase for the county's Internal Auditor's Department, upping the budget by about \$20,000.

One of the all but unnoticed items in the expenditures part of the budget was an increase in "Pharmacy"

from \$363,310 this year to \$1,030,088 next fiscal year. The Knoxville Focus asked Michael Grider, the mayor's communication director, about the increase and he explained that it was as a result of accounting consolidation from several categories in the Health Department.

"It is actually a reduction in expenditures of about \$100,000," he said. He pointed out that the consolidation is to be more accountable and gives a "more clear picture" of medication control.

The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (Safety Center) gets another \$600,000 plus an additional \$400,000 for "additional expenditures."

The Public Defender's office would actually get a bit more than they asked for, a \$114,000 increase, to \$2,129,577.

Decreases from the state are anticipated to only bring in \$ 9.6 million. In 2016 the state contributed \$13.8 million.

Under "New Challenges" other additional funds requested would go for step-

and-two-percent pay raises for county employees, road paving, the Three Rivers Golf Course, the public library system, indigent medical care, the medical examiner, economic development, information technology, engineering and public works, and various department increases. The mayor also anticipates spending \$2.5 million for voluntary workforce reduction.

He's also asking for \$1.7 million for community non-profit and more than \$1 million for economic development organizations.



Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett meets the press following his proposed budget presentation last week. The county mayor proposed no new tax increase and a small pay hike for county employees and teachers.

Following his address and several media interviews Burchett headed out to give similar presentations at libraries and senior centers on Monday and Tuesday.

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"I have a deep concern that this issue is being dodged," she claimed. "The current policy cannot continue. It is a cause of harm to children."

When asked after the meeting about the school system's bathroom policy, Superintendent Bob Thomas stated that he would defer to the law director. He said it was his understanding that current law requires a student to use the bathroom of the gender on their birth certificate.

Evidently STARS Nashville, the company vying for a contract to train educators in cultural competency, was sensitive to the criticism they received at the board's Monday evening work session. Chair Patti Bounds stated STARS Nashville had withdrawn their proposal for cultural competency training late on Tuesday. Bounds announced

that the proposed contract with STARS had been canceled and the board would go through the process of selecting another vendor. That announcement brought applause from the large audience.

Rev. Chris Battle of Tabernacle Baptist Church, representing the faith based social action group Knox Justice, spoke against what he called "inequalities in discipline." He expressed alarm that students were arrested in schools for minor disturbances. He claimed that other school districts have adopted strategies to prevent this problem and he urged the board of education to adopt such strategies.

"Our members are excited that restorative practices are being looked at that reduce disparity," said Rev. John Mark Wiggers of St. James Episcopal Church, who also represented Knox

Justice. He, too, was referring to disciplinary practices. "While it is easy to get excited about a program it is harder to sustain it." He claimed the school district has a history of starting programs without adequate follow up and commitment.

"Every time our community locks up a kid in school and takes them to jail we start recruiting for the gangs," asserted Charles Fells, former federal and state prosecutor. "Every arrest in public schools helps the gangs." He urged to board to quickly adopt a restorative discipline program.

"To reduce disparities we have to look at the whole system—parents, teachers, students," was the opinion of Carl Wheeler. "What is it that we are doing that causes these high rates of disparity to show up?" he asked.

# When Can An Employer Fire You?

From time to time, someone will contact me who has been fired or let go and they will ask me if they have a cause of action against their employer for wrongful termination or retaliatory discharge. Before I even know any of the facts my default answer is, "probably not."



By Jedidiah McKeehan  
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Tennessee is an "at will" employment state. That means that an employer can terminate an employee for any reason, or for no reason at all. On the flip side, I sometimes have my clients who employ individuals contact me and ask me what the appropriate way is to fire someone who works for them. I advise individuals to not give them

a reason, just tell them that it's not working out.

An employer is prohibited from discharging an employee on the basis of the employee's race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin or disability. So if an employee can show that one of those was the reason they were terminated, then they may actually have a cause of action against their former employer.

There are some other circumstances for which you cannot fire an employee. Employees cannot be terminated for performing jury duty, for voting in an election, or for being called in to military service, among other things.

Finally, if you actually have an employment contract (which most people do not have), and your employer has breached the terms of your contract by terminating you, then you may have a cause of action against your former employer.

However, unfortunately, due to Tennessee being an "at will" employment state, it is very rare to be able to have a cause of action for wrongful termination or retaliatory discharge.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.



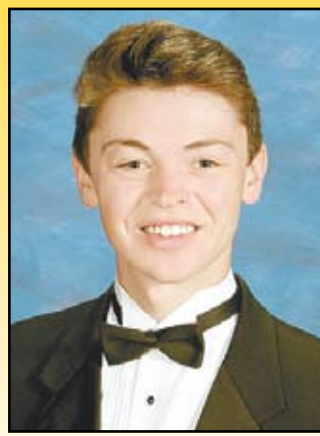
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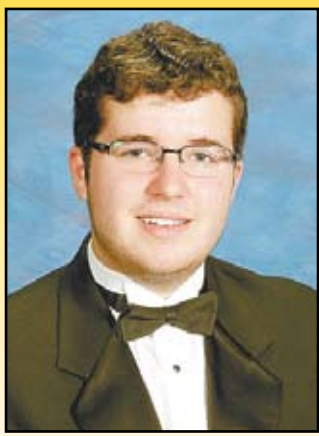
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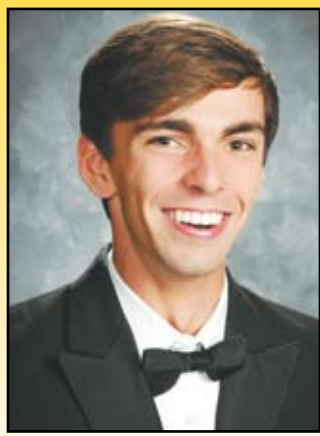
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# Dr. Hardy's building being expanded in East Knoxville



**From State Representative Harry Brooks**

By Mike Steely  
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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

*The Cherokee Health Clinic on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue is expanding. Plans are underway to connect the two buildings, hire additional staff, and expand services.*

Dr. Eboni Winford, a psychologist and behavior therapist, spoke to the East Knoxville Community meeting last week about Cherokee Health System's plans for renovating and expanding there.

Cherokee Health System bought the buildings in 2012 and has a community care facility at the former office of Dr. Walter Hardy, the first African-American physician in Knoxville.

The Hardy Clinic and the vacant building next door, at 2202 and 2200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, will be joined and the added space could double the number of local patients being treated there. The expansion, funded in part by a \$1 million grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, will not only expand the building but add additional staff there, especially for mental health care.

"Nationally 26% of the people have mental health issues, or one-quarter of the population," Dr. Winford told the audience at the Burlington Public Library's meeting room. She said that 59% of those people don't get care. "Locally the percentage is

higher," she said.

Dr. Winford said that Cherokee is a "Federally Qualified Health Care System" and receives less than 10% of its funding from the national government.

"If you don't have the ability (to pay) we are your safety net," she said.

"In Knoxville we need 18 more mental health professionals and 19 more primary care providers,"

she said.

"Cherokee is the largest mental health provider in East Tennessee," Dr. Winford said, adding, "Expansion is one of the solutions."

"I see 50 patients a week," she said, explaining that the current clinic in the former Dr. Walter Hardy building has three primary care providers with seven support staff; together they saw 1,723

patients last year. The entire Cherokee Health System saw 65,000 patients at their various locations in East Tennessee.

Dr. Hardy served East Knoxville with a notable practice and Dr. Winford said the arch that now stands beside the buildings may be moved inside and displayed in a new waiting room.

"There will be room for at least one more primary care provider and three health care professionals," she said. She said the focus may be on drug recovery. The new facility, as planned, will also feature a patient engagement center where people can meet with nurses and behavior providers, get prescriptions refilled, and be screened for how soon they need to see a doctor.

"But expanding the clinic doesn't solve the problem," she said, urging the audience to write, call or visit state legislators, attend public meetings, tell their story and get politically active.

Asked about rumors of less federal funding Dr. Winford said the funds there are similar to last year's funding and the clinic is alright financially until October. She said they are actively recruiting medical professionals.

Last week, House lawmakers passed legislation that allows American Sign Language to be used to satisfy foreign language requirements in Tennessee high schools. House Bill 462, known as the American Sign Language bill, was initiated by Molly Ridgeway - a nonverbal student at Maryville College - and her boyfriend, Joshua Anderson. Estimates show there are approximately 500,000 Tennesseans who are deaf or hard of hearing, many of whom use sign language to communicate. Supporters of the legislation hope the bill will help to improve communication between verbal and nonverbal Tennesseans and lead to job growth for future nonverbal educators. The legislation allows any high school student who enrolls in an American Sign Language course to use the credit they earn to satisfy foreign language requirements needed for graduation. Currently, more than 180 colleges and universities accept American Sign Language as a foreign language credit from incoming high school graduates.

The future of Tennessee is bright, as our kids are ready for training programs and jobs more than ever before. In 2016, the Legislature approved the largest investment into education without a tax increase in K-12 history. In 2017, the Legislature is on track to approve another massive investment, which adds onto the historic increase from last year. HB 308 by Representative Byrd allows Tennessee's accountability model to display student achievement, student growth, and other performance indicators to paint a fuller picture of student, teacher, school, and district performance.

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## Public meeting about Parkridge Historic Zoning this week

By Mike Steely  
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One of the concerns of the homeowners who oppose expanding the historic overlay in the Parkridge neighborhood has been the expense of obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness for low income residents. That concern is being addressed on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA.

Kim Trent, Executive Director of Knox Heritage, wants to calm fears of the cost to some residents in the proposed historic overlay. She will address the public meeting, sponsored by Knox Heritage, the Historic Zoning Commission and the Parkridge Community Organization.

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## Tuckahoe is a historic Knox County area

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A few weeks ago The Knoxville Focus highlighted some of the names of places in Knox County and how they came into being. Since then Bob Wolfenbarger, an East Knox County resident and advocate for the environment there, wrote us about the name "Tuckahoe."

Tuckahoe Creek empties into the French Broad River near Seven Islands State Birding Park after it winds its way from its head in Jefferson County, twists through part of Sevier County, and enters Knox County. Early records indicate that Hugh Beard had a land grant there and built a mill along the waters.

Tuckahoe Creek was, for a few years, the dividing land between white and Cherokee territories under the Treaty of Dumplin Creek. The small narrow Tuckahoe Creek is listed by the state as a "scenic river."

Early long hunters and explorers came upon our Tuckahoe Creek about 1749 probably with Steven Holston and others.

"There's a swimming hole area on Tuckahoe Creek near the intersection of Midway and Smith School roads, where residents once gathered to swim and historically was called Tuckahoe Beach,"



PHOTO FROM THE TUCKAHOE TRADING POST FACEBOOK PAGE

*The former favorite dining spot of the Tuckahoe Trading Post unfortunately burned in 2015. The little store was a gathering place for area residents.*

he said.

"Tuckahoe is not a specific community but more of a geographic area associated with the creek," Wolfenbarger said.

Tuckahoe once had a U.S. Post Office and the Tuckahoe Trading Post was a very popular store and restaurant until it burned in 2015. The Trading Post was once part of the Peters Mill complex which stood across the road until a few years ago.

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# Secretariat—One of the Greatest!

By **Ralphine Major**  
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The packet of information I requested arrived in the mail. Maps and brochures included in it were our link to the Bluegrass State. There was no internet in the seventies. My brother, Wayne, had just graduated from high school, and I was in college. We did not go on family vacations. Our father had become disabled with heart disease when we were very young, and finances were tight. No overnight lodging would be necessary for our one-day trip to Kentucky, so expenses would be minimal.

Even as a small child, Wayne always liked horses. Growing up on a dairy farm instilled in us a love for animals, especially horses. Trigger was the first horse he would have liked to see; but, Trigger lived on the west coast making it impossible for us to travel there. Two years earlier, Secretariat won the Triple Crown and Wayne wanted to see this amazing horse. The Triple Crown consists of three important



Picture of Secretariat and Wayne Major by Ralphine Major

wooden fencing stretched for miles. We visited two or three farms, but Claiborne Farm was our desired destination. That is where Secretariat was stabled. Finally, we saw him standing in the stall before us. What a thrill to see this magnificent horse that had shown such strength and endurance during his racing career.

I had not yet upgraded to a 35-mm camera, and the image captured on my inexpensive camera has become dim and grainy over the 42 years since it was taken. But, it is so clear to Wayne. He is standing outside the stall door looking at the Triple Crown Winner, Secretariat—one of the greatest horses of all time!

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# Those synchronous glowworms

handful of places throughout the world. Here are some of the places you can find them:

Our Great Smoky Mountains is one of the best places and thought to be the only place where you could see synchronous fireflies in North America and it remains the best known. But, in 2012, a colony of those fireflies were found in Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest. The best viewing in our area is from May 17 to June 21.

They do not always flash in unison, conditions must be right. The males fly but the females wait in trees to find their mate. The lights will last a few minutes then go completely dark. Other times they may flash randomly or along a hillside.

What a magnificent display for us humans to gaze on!

In 1952, the Mills Brothers recorded this song in honor of fireflies:

Shine, little glowworm, glimmer, glimmer,

Shine, little glowworm, glimmer, glimmer,

Lead us lest too far we wander,

Love's sweet voice is calling yonder.

Light the path above, below

And lead us on to love."

Once a year the glowworm leads us on to love.

Thought for the day: God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame. Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or 865-748-4717. Thank you.



Rosie's World

When I was a young girl, for a few weeks in the spring, I had the pleasure of running through the fields chasing fireflies. I remember well my mother punched in the lid to capture these amazing bugs of nature, and, later, I would put the jar on my bedside table and watch them glow in the evening light. In later years, when I lived in the city, I didn't see as many as when I was younger.

Seeing a sparkling carpet of fireflies in your backyard can be magical experience but imagine seeing them all flashing at once in a symphony of light. Synchronous species of fireflies are very special and they exist only in a

eventually driving out low income homeowners and renters has been an issue in other historic zonings in Knoxville.

"This happens everytime. It did in Mechanicsville, Old North and 4th and Gill," Trent said, adding, "If you look back the neighborhoods have improved and there is still affordable housing there."

Another issue from opponents of the expanded historic designation is a fear of gentrification of the current mixed neighborhood and the rising value of homes there under the

designation. Trent points to a demographic survey taken of income and race in the neighborhood.

According to the survey the number of white residents has actually decreased in the current historically zoned area since 1970 and the number of African-Americans has stayed more or less stable. In the proposed expanded area the number of white residents has decreased. The percentage of African-Americans in the proposed area has increased from 34% in 1970 to 49% in 2016.

## Public meeting about Parkridge Historic Zoning this week

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Proponents of expanding the overlay say it will protect the historic homes now outside the district.

"The matter has been from a consensus of a small group that \$50 would be prohibitive," Trent told The Focus. Knox Heritage is pledging to provide information on the organization's commitment to pay the fees for Level 1 and Level 2 Certificates of Appropriateness for low to moderate income homeowners if the Edgewood-Park City Historic District is expanded. The fear of



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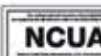
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# Tennessee and American Neutrality Part Ten

## Pages from the Past



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The Tennessee Congressional delegation was lending strong support to the neutrality bill proposed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Franklin Roosevelt. Congressman Wirt Courtney, who had been elected after the sudden death of Clarence W. Turner, had made his maiden speech in Congress on the neutrality legislation. Courtney made a dramatic pledge that if circumstances changed and he felt the need to vote for war, he would be one of the first to enlist. Congressman Courtney had fought in the First World War, enlisting as a private and leaving the service as an officer.

In his maiden speech, Courtney said, "To repeal the embargo and permit our industries to continue the manufacture of airplanes, guns and ammunition, but geared to high production basis would be a great step forward in our national defense. Should an emergency arise for us, there is the whole organization, experienced, efficient, and ready to fill the need of our government to the full limit of the demand." Evidently some of the congressmen were not entirely quiet as Wirt Courtney began speaking, causing Ewing Thomason of Texas to call for order "so we can hear this splendid speech." Courtney lamented, "This action is as unprepared today as it was in 1917. Should we be forced into war, it would take us now, as it did then, a solid year of feverish activity by day and night, entailing the waste of billions, before an American army would be in shape to strike a single effective blow against a well-equipped adversary." Much of what Congressman Wirt Courtney came to pass after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Courtney's speech not only drew attention to the freshman lawmaker, but also won him praise from unexpected quarters. Congressman J. Will Taylor, an East Tennessee Republican, said Courtney's speech was "a splendid talk."

Taylor's reversal of his previous position on neutrality was important; he had not only voted against revising the neutrality bill just months earlier, he had spoken against it. "Hillbilly Bill" Taylor's switch was even more important considering the Roosevelt administration could not count on the vote of every Democrat in the House of Representatives. Once the Republican effort to open the neutrality bill to amendments was defeated, Congressman Taylor notified House Minority Leader Joe Martin of Massachusetts he was returning to Knoxville for a week. Before departing for Washington, Taylor and newly elected Congressman Estes Kefauver met with Secretary of State Cordell Hull about the duty on zinc. Hull was in the midst of negotiating a treaty with

Belgium and both Taylor and Kefauver were anxious that the current \$35 per ton duty on zinc not be lowered.

Casting his vote on the neutrality legislation was the last important matter J. Will Taylor would tend to in a twenty-two year congressional career. The fifty-nine year old lawmaker died at his home in LaFollette, Tennessee just before 4:00 a.m. of a heart attack on November 14, 1939. Taylor had been ill the previous evening and felt bad enough that his wife telephoned the Congressman's physician around 10:30 p.m. Whatever ministrations the doctor gave to J. Will Taylor, they proved to be inadequate as Mrs. Taylor found her husband dead in his bed when she went to his bedroom early the next morning. Intending to make sure her husband was resting comfortably, Mrs. Taylor discovered her husband had slipped away. Evidently Taylor had some notion he was seriously ill as a neighbor recalled the Congressman giving instructions to family members in the event "something should happen to me."

During the Congressional fight over the neutrality bill, Secretary of State Cordell Hull had been pleasantly surprised by President Roosevelt. That surprise involved Hull's birthday, although the Secretary of State was an austere man who ordinarily had little use for parties of any kind. Franklin Roosevelt firmly believed all birthdays should be celebrated, including that of Cordell Hull. When Hull turned sixty-eight on October 2, 1939, it did not escape the notice of President Roosevelt. FDR invited Hull to lunch with him and as that was no unusual occurrence, the Secretary of State did not suspect anything being amiss. When Hull arrived at the White House, he was surprised to find a grinning Roosevelt lighting the candles of a birthday cake. Hull had claimed he was too busy to celebrate his birthday, but FDR had his way and although the Secretary of State was surprised, he was also quite pleased.

The first week of November brought the final debate over the neutrality law in the House of Representatives. Majority Leader Sam Rayburn made a closing argument during the debate on behalf of the Roosevelt administration and told his colleagues repealing the arms embargo would eliminate those causes, which "got this country into the war 22 years ago." Rayburn praised the ingenuity of the cash and carry provision of the law and wondered, "What's the picture if we have no legislation at all?" The Texan said, "We have reckless American citizens traveling on belligerent ships. We have reckless American ship owners sending ships through danger zones with American



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

*Congressman James Wadsworth of New York.*

cargoes and American sailors." Rayburn asked what the reaction of "a great conservative country like mine" would be should an American ship be sunk by a warring power with the loss of "200 or maybe 500 boys --- innocent ones ---" who were "sent to the bottom" of the ocean. Rayburn answered his own question, saying, "I tremble to contemplate what might be the reaction in this country to the sinking of our ships and the destruction of American lives." It was a vivid reminder to House members, virtually all of who could remember the aggressive submarine warfare conducted by the German Empire, which had slowly pulled the United States into the First World War.

Another Texan, Congressman Luther Johnson, ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, reinforced Rayburn's argument, saying revising the neutrality law would not make the United States either "a referee nor participant" in the European war. "We don't propose to change the war in Europe," Johnson said. "We only want to protect the rights and lives of the citizens of the United States."

Congressman Albert E. Austin of Connecticut, a freshman Republican legislator, rose to say he believed the repeal of the arms embargo would make U. S. entry into the war "not only possible, but probable." Austin claimed the people of the United States were "neutral-minded" and "We miserably fail the people if, under the guise of neutrality we willfully translate their desires into intervention." Austin certainly voted his convictions, but may well have misread the mood of his district, as he was defeated for reelection the following year.

Another Republican congressman, John Robson of Kentucky, barked he was against "pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for any country in Europe." Kansas Republican Clifford Hope pointed out President Roosevelt had been for an arms embargo in 1937 and had signed legislation enforcing the embargo, but was now for removing the embargo. Congressman

Hope stated world conditions had not dictated Roosevelt's change of mind, but rather FDR's reversing himself was because of "a change in the administration's foreign policy."

As the final vote approached, the House had to consider a motion by Ohio Republican John M. Vorys to ban exporting "lethal" weapons to nations at war. It was a reiteration of an amendment the House had passed the previous summer. Michigan Republican Jesse Wolcott tried to tack on an instruction to the House conferees, who would negotiate any differences between the House bill and the Senate bill, to require a ban on all loans from federal entities to belligerent nations. Congressman James A. Shanley, a Connecticut Democrat, offered a motion to retain the embargo on the sales of "arms, ammunition and implements of war."

James W. Wadsworth was a Republican congressman from New York who had served two terms in the United States Senate before being defeated for reelection in 1926. Wadsworth was elected to the House in 1932 and had been one of only seven GOP members of Congress who had voted against the arms embargo earlier in the year. Wadsworth was highly respected and well liked by his colleagues; he was also a plainspoken man who declared the current neutrality law was "unworthy of us and potentially dangerous" to the country. Congressman Wadsworth frankly admitted attempting to legislate neutrality was a difficult thing to accomplish and opined the Senate bill offered the best hope for the American people to keep the United States out of war "if any legislation can." Wadsworth's speech brought many House members to their feet roaring their approval. House Speaker William Bankhead of Alabama took the unusual step of alighting from the dais to stand in the well to make a personal appeal to his colleagues on behalf of the administration bill.

Dr. George Gallup, perhaps the first modern American pollster, published the results of polls that tracked American public opinion about lifting

the arms embargo. Prior to President Roosevelt's speech promoting removing the arms embargo and supporting the policy of cash and carry for belligerent countries, 57% of Americans polled were in favor of the proposal. Following the President's speech, 62% of respondents said they favored repeal. That was the high point of approval for repeal of the arms embargo and as the debate continued in Congress, the percentage of Americans supporting repeal began to drop. While the members of the House debated the neutrality bill, 56% of Americans said they favored removing the arms embargo.

The House proceeded to vote down the motions offered by Congressmen Vorys, Wolcott and Shanley, paving the way for approval of the conference committee to complete its work. A delighted President Roosevelt, noting the majority in favor of revising the neutrality act was greater than the administration had supposed, quickly signed the bill into law. Roosevelt also issued two proclamations, one of which was a restatement of America's status as a neutral nation. For those paying attention to commentary by the foreign press, it was impossible to ignore the fact British and French newspapers hailed the action of Congress with jubilation. Hitler's Nazi press was utterly silent on the topic. Italy's press was likewise silent save for a sullen comment that the action of the United States was likely to prolong the war in Europe.

In the final tally, every member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation voted for the Hull - Roosevelt neutrality bill, save for Congressman

Carroll Reece.

Shortly after the House had accepted the Senate bill and sent President Roosevelt the neutrality bill he and Secretary of State had so desperately wanted, J. Will Taylor died. As a sitting member of Congress, Hillbilly Bill went to Woodlawn Cemetery in LaFollette with appropriate pomp and circumstance. According to reports in the Knoxville News-Sentinel, some ten thousand mourners attended the final rites for Congressman Taylor. Several fellow members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, were led to Taylor's final resting place by a grim-faced Senator K. D. McKellar. Senators McKellar and Stewart, as well as Congressmen Albert Gore, Walter Chandler, Estes Kefauver, and Joe Byrns, Jr. came to LaFollette to pay their respects. While disagreeing on many fundamental issues, Senator McKellar and J. Will Taylor had long had an understanding. While boarding a train in Nashville to travel to Knoxville, McKellar had sighed "the Republicans lost a great leader in the death of Congressman Taylor." One friend, Fred Roberts, an official with the local Chamber of Commerce, recalled, "No letters got prompter attention than those to Bill Taylor, and it's the same with Senator McKellar."

J. Will Taylor never lived to see the greatest war ever fought, but his actions in approving the neutrality act were of great historic significance; for the dictators of Europe and the Empire of Japan, it was the beginning of the end.

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# Elementary School Smells

Grandson Madden spent a few days with us not long ago. Having him around brought life to our otherwise mundane existence; even Sadie, our dog, was beside herself with excitement. What I noticed most of all about Madden is that little boy smell. It wasn't bad; instead, it was a mixture of sweat, hormones, and just a little dirt, all the good things that go into making a boy. For some reason, Madden's presence also caused me to reminisce about grammar school and the smells that were always so prominent there.



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of the wall dried the water and left over suds. What was left was a mixture of paper and soap scents that just didn't blend too well.

In any school, the smell of vomit wafted through the halls at least once each day. That pungent odor was enough to make other students' stomachs churn, and on more than one occasion a student produced a sympathy throw up. Teachers or custodians worked to clean the mess before an entire class was wiped out with illness.

A classroom after recess filled with some noxious smells. Little boys' perspiration caused their hair to be wet and their clothes to stick to the skin. A coating of dirt on hands and shoes mixed with that sweat to produce a thick, heavy smell. The shavings in a full pencil sharpener added to the stink. It lingered well into the afternoon. Sometimes the smell of soured milk that had spilled on jeans during morning break offended the noses of students. Only opening the windows (yes, classrooms had windows that opened back then) could dissipate the smell.

In those earlier times, the smells from the cafeteria rose from the bottom floor and filled every classroom. Homemade rolls, mashed potatoes, fish, and lima beans were just a few

of the foods that released their scents.

On one occasion, the smells of food were so strong that our mouths watered as we thought of the feast that awaited us. Teachers made us walk in single file, but we students almost broke into a run to arrive in the cafeteria. There the aroma was even stronger, and we eagerly approached the serving counter. To our dismay, we discovered that the food that smelled so wonderful was liver! All of us were broken-hearted because we weren't about to eat the stuff. Still, the smell of that food was fabulous.

Wintertime introduced black smoke from a coal furnace and the sulfur smell associated with that fuel. That odor was even thicker as the heat seemed to consume all the fresh air in the building. On days when the entire school reeked with the stink of burning coal, a few minutes outside in frigid temperatures were preferred.

My sense of smell has been hijacked over the years. Cigarettes and nose sprays are the culprits. These days, I infrequently catch a sniff of some old time scent. Others no longer exist because the products that emitted the no longer are in use. Now, I rely on my mind's nose to recall the scents of youth and education. Each time I inhale, another youthful memory comes back.

# Harry Brooks

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HB 309 by Representative Smith makes sure our students and teachers are given time to adjust to the new annual assessment, TNReady, weighting the assessment in teacher evaluations at 10% in 2016-2017, 20% in 2017-2018, 35% in 2018-2019 and beyond. HB 310, which I am sponsoring, enacts the High Quality Charter Schools Act to ensure that school districts and charter schools have the resources they need.

As the 2017 Legislative Session nears conclusion, the future of our kids has never been brighter. Building on the extraordinary progress championed by the 108th and 109th General Assemblies, the 110th General assembly has continued to make K-12 public education a top priority for our State. In fact, Tennessee's kids rose from 44th in 2011 to 35th in 2015 when compared to the other 49 states on

the NAEP assessment. In 4th grade math alone, Tennessee's students improved from 46th in 2011 to 25th in 2015.

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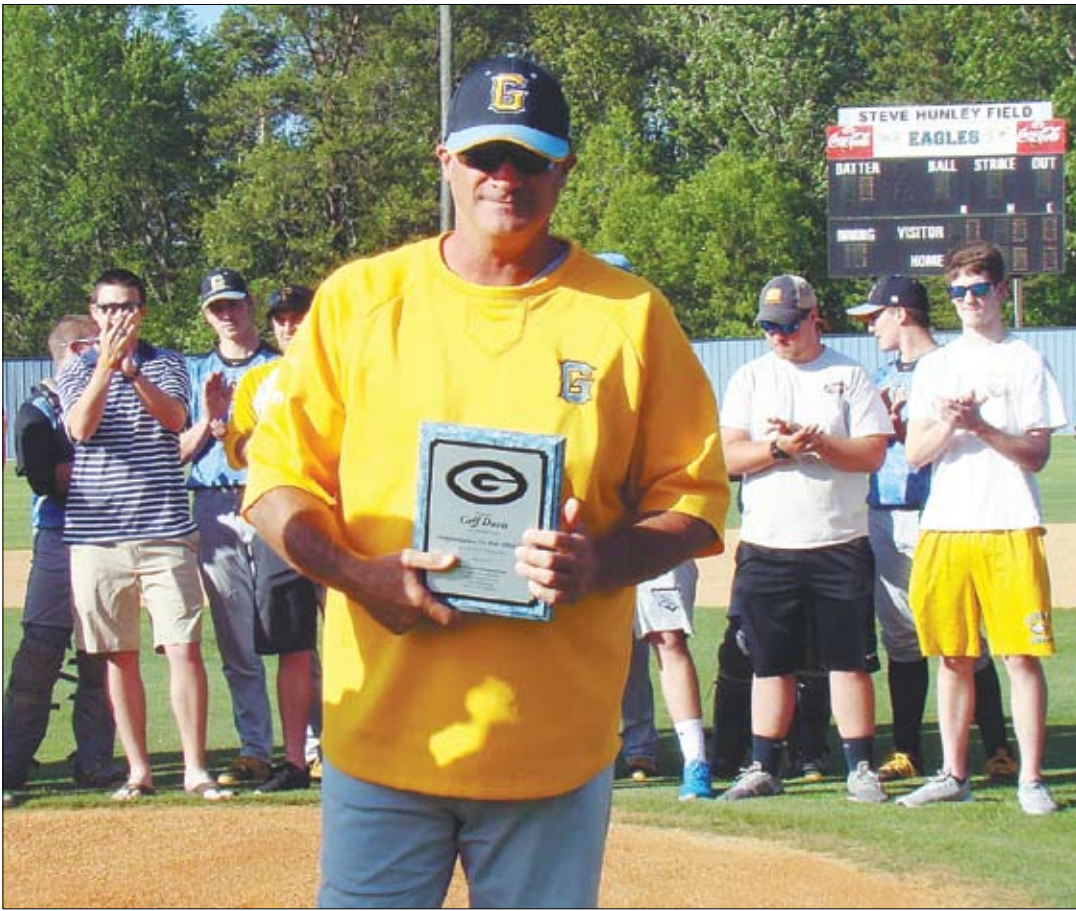


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Current and former players, parents, school administrators and fans come together to congratulate Gibbs high school baseball coach Geff Davis on his 500th win.

## Hardin Valley Academy sweeps KIL meet once again

By Steve Williams

Things are back to normal in Knoxville Inter-scholastic League track and field. Hardin Valley Academy's boys team has rejoined its girls team at the top. The Hawks, which saw their three-year KIL reign halted by Bearden last season, restored order last week by racking up 137 points at its home stadium and finishing with a 41-point margin over the Bulldogs (96).

HVA Coach Bryan Brown said it felt "pretty good" to have both of his teams No. 1 again. "Our kids performed great all across the board. We scored in many events and I was proud of our kids."

The Lady Hawks extended their KIL streak to six years, piling up 192 points. West was runner-up with 132½ points.

Really, all that seemed to be missing was the broom.

"We had a lot of great performances and capped it off with a school record in the 4x400-meter girls relay," said Brown. "It was a great way to finish the meet."

Senior leadoff runner Gia Faoro, junior Lizzie Davis, freshman Ellie Bachmann and sophomore anchor Kensi Gray combined for the record time of 4:01.64. They were hoping to go under

the four-minute mark and will most likely have other opportunities to do so before the end of the season.

The HVA girls also won two other relay races. Faoro joined Tori Adams, Haley Stinnett and Timaya Ray on the victorious 4x200 team which was clocked in a stadium record 1:42.90. Kiara Inman led off the 4x100 relay that won in 49.47 seconds. Adams, Stinnett and Ray also carried the baton in that event.

Hardin Valley was second to Catholic's 4x800 relay team of Ellie Wolski, Shila Kataya, Sophie Wilson and Callie Tucker that won in 9:43.33.

Ray got the Lady Hawks' other win on the track as she took first in the 200 dash in 25.17. Rebekah Hampton and Dean finished second in the 100 and 300 hurdles, respectively, behind West's Patience Sakeuh, who swept the hurdles in 15.88 and 46.69.

In the girls' field events, Hardin Valley swept the top three places in the triple jump. Dean won it with a leap of 34 feet, 9½ inches. Hampton was second and Sidney Wallace third as the trio combined for 24 points.

Hardin Valley went 1-2 in the shot put. Symphony

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## Davis honored for milestone victory Tuesday

By Ken Lay

Geff Davis has built one of Knox County's top baseball programs at Gibbs High school and on Tuesday night the school honored its longtime coach for reaching a career milestone.

Davis, who won his 500<sup>th</sup> game on April 4 when the Eagles defeated District 3-AAA rival Central 8-1 at Tommy Shumpert Park, was given a plaque by Gibbs principal Jason Webster and athletic director Jeff Thomas before Gibbs closed out its regular season against Maryville at Steve Hunley Field.

Davis, who began his coaching career at Karns High School, returned to his alma mater in 1998. Under his direction, the Eagles have won 10 district championships and claimed

five region titles. Davis also guided Gibbs to five state tournaments. On the grand stage, the Eagles finished second twice and had a third-place finish.

Gibbs also won the 2010 Class AA State Championship with Davis at the helm.

In addition to his success on the field, Davis oversaw a recent massive renovation of the baseball facility. Steve Hunley Field is now one of the top baseball venues in the Volunteer State.

Davis, a two-sport athlete during his playing days in Corryton, was drafted by the Montreal Expos. He stayed in the game after his time in professional baseball ended.

He's been the head coach in Corryton for two decades, yet he gives the

credit for his success to the players he's coached throughout his illustrious career.

"If I didn't have the players I have I might still be working on 100 [wins] right now," said Davis, who was once the school's boys basketball coach and also serves as an assistant to Gibbs football coach Brad Conley. "We've had some great players come through here."

"I say that to get 500 wins, you have to have 500 good players. And that's probably as many good players that I've had over the years."

Gibbs lost its regular-season finale to the Rebels Tuesday night but the Eagles have won 21 games this season and shared the District 3-AAA regular-season championship with Karns.

## Top-seeded Powell makes short work of Oak Ridge in tourney

By Ken Lay

It took top-seeded Powell just under an hour and three innings to advance to the winner's bracket of the of District 3-AAA Softball Tournament Wednesday night.

In their two at-bats, the Lady Panthers scored 15 runs and pounded out 12 hits in a 15-0 victory over Oak Ridge in the opening round of the tourney at Halls High School.

"We knew that we needed

to come out and swing the bats well early and we came out and swung the bats well early," Powell coach Jeff Inman said after his team toppled the Lady Wildcats to improve to 29-4-1 on the season.

The Lady Panthers were opportunistic as they took advantage of some Oak Ridge mistakes but they also hit the ball well. Powell sent 14 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first

inning and nine of those hitters would eventually come around to score.

Powell leadoff hitter Madison Tidmore had two singles, two runs, and a pair of RBI's in the first inning. Haley Schultz drove in another run with a groundout while Kiley Longmire and Lily Holston each singled twice. Each would score a run and knock in another before Oak Ridge, which played its way into the tournament

with a victory over Campbell County Tuesday, could get out of the inning.

Longmire had a two-run double in the second and MacKenzie Lamb drove in another run with a double, which was her second of the day. Holston drove in another run with a sacrifice fly. Brittney Franse was 0-for-0 in the contest but she walked twice and scored two runs. She drew a bases-loaded walk in the

second and had a sacrifice fly in the first.

Powell pitchers Allison Farr and Scarlett Johnson combined to throw a no-hitter.

Farr went two innings for the Lady Panthers and struck out the side in the second inning after issuing a one-out walk to Lady Wildcats first baseman Jenna Murphy.

Johnson threw a perfect third in relief and stuck out

one in the frame.

"Our pitchers threw the ball well and we did what we had to do today," Inman said.

Powell, thanks to its first-round victory, won't return to action until tonight (May 8) when it plays fifth-seed Karnes at Halls at 6 p.m.

The Lady Beavers defeated Anderson County (the tournament's fourth-seed) 5-4 in Wednesday's other game.



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# South Doyle's Storm to play at Johnson University

By Ken Lay

South-Doyle third baseman Matt Storm will continue to play baseball in college and he will attend Johnson University.

He made that official when he recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Royals.

Storm signed at a ceremony on Monday, March 1 while family, friends and teammates were present. Several Johnson University players and coaches were also in attendance.

Storm is a second-generation baseball player for the Cherokees. He and his

father, Matt, both played for longtime South-Doyle coach Robby Howard.

The elder Storm graduated from the school in 1997.

The younger Storm said that he chose Johnson because of the small classes, and Christian environment. He also wanted to stay close to home.

"I liked the small college and the Christian values at the school are important," he said. "I also really wanted to stay close to home."

"I have some friends that I played with playing there. They played with me

on some of my summer teams."

Storm said he will pursue a degree in Physical Education. He aspires to be a high school teacher and coach and cites Howard as the key influence in his desire to work in education.

**South-Doyle third baseman Matt Storm (center) recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Johnson University. Pictured with Matt are Cherokees coach Robby Howard (left) and his father Matt, a South-Doyle graduate. Both father and son played baseball for Howard at South Doyle.**



# Gibbs falls to Rebels in regular-season finale 2-1

By Ken Lay

Before its baseball team's regular-season finale Tuesday night, Gibbs High School honored coach Geff Davis. The longtime Eagles coach won his 500<sup>th</sup> game last month.

By the end of the night, however, the milestone victory was far from Davis' mind.

"After these last three games, I'll probably have to get a job selling cars or maybe I'll have to get a job at Beaver Brook," Davis said after his Eagles dropped a 2-1 decision to Maryville at Steve Hunley Field. "We've lost three in a row."

"But that's just the way it goes sometimes in baseball."

Gibbs (21-8) was the second seed in the District 3-AAA Tournament, which opened in Corryton and at Karns Friday night. But the Eagles lost their final three games of the season. In addition to losing to the Rebels Tuesday, Gibbs lost to Seymour on Monday, May 1 and to Bearden on Saturday, April 29.

Gibbs got its last win over Farragut, the state's Class AAA top-ranked team on

Thursday, April 27 in the annual throwback game at John Heatherly Field.

"We just have to get ready for the district tournament," Davis said. "In the last three or four games of your season, your district season is over."

"You get three or four games to get a chance to try to build some momentum for the district tournament."

Gibbs must find a way to put together wins or their season will be over. Tournament play continues through this week.

But the Eagles fell behind the Rebels (25-9) early Tuesday night.

Maryville, the District 4-AAA regular-season runner-up, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Riley Church opened the frame with a single and went to second when Will Orren legged out a bunt single. Church stole third and later scored when Reuben Church reached on an error.

The Rebels added another run in the top of the fourth on an RBI double by catcher Drew Elkins.

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# 'Clutch' performance nets tournament victory for Karns

By Ken Lay

In postseason high school softball, the object is to survive and advance. Style points don't matter that much.

But Karns High School coach Leah Dailey was happy to see her team play well and pick up a victory Wednesday night.

"We haven't played that good in a long time," Dailey said after the Lady Beavers outlasted Anderson County 5-4 in the opening round of the District 3-AAA Tournament at Halls High School. "We talked about getting ahead early."

"That's what I preached because we were the lower seed and we haven't been real good at coming back."

Dailey's players apparently got the message because Karns jumped out to a 2-0 lead and never trailed in the contest. And Dailey commended her squad's effort.

"We had a sophomore on the mound throwing strikes and I had some of my big hitters laying down bunts," she said.

The Lady Beavers (20-13) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The rally

started with one out when Kate Swafford reached on an error. She went to second when catcher Amanda Weaver singled.

Swafford came home with the game's first run on a single by Maddy Johnson.

Karns would add another run in the second. Pitcher Maddy Lamson led off the frame with a triple and scored when Destiny McSwain reached on an error.

The Lady Beavers left the bases loaded in the second and stranded six runners over the first three innings and while Dailey was pleased to see her team open an early advantage, but noted that the stranded runners might be cause for concern later in the tournament.

"It is frustrating when you leave runners on base but we were clutch when we needed to be," Dailey said.

The fourth-seeded Lady Mavericks (23-11) pulled even with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third. Anderson County scored both of its runs with two outs in the frame.

Gracie singled and scored on a double by Emelia

Yelenich. Yelenich scored the tying run when Molly Muncy ripped a double past first base to make it 2-2.

Karns would regain the lead with a two-out rally of its own in the top of the fourth as Swafford singled and later scored on an RBI double by Weaver.

The Lady Mavericks would re-knot the game in the bottom of the frame when shortstop Maddie Sickau singled in a run. ACHS, however, left the potential tying run in scoring position when Lamson struck out pinch hitter Ashley Bowes to end the inning.

Mazze Minshall helped the Lady Beavers take a 4-3 lead in the fifth when her bunt single plated Johnson, who finished the games with three hits, an RBI and a run for Karns, the tournament's fifth seed.

The Lady Beavers picked up an insurance run in the sixth when Swafford singled and later came home on a passed ball to make the score 5-3.

That would prove to be the game winner as ACHS tallied in the sixth on a triple by Sickau, who was stranded at third when the inning ended.

The Lady Mavericks had a chance to tie the game in the seventh but Muncy rapped into a double play to end the game.

Karns will play top-seeded Powell tonight (May 8) at 6 in a winner's bracket game.



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# Story is closing in on TSSAA's oldest track record for girls

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story did not know she is close to breaking the oldest TSSAA girls track record on the books. It excited her when she found out.

Story, a junior at Christian Academy of Knoxville and one of the top high school distance runners in the nation, was happy with setting a new PR (personal record) in the 1600-meter run last Wednesday when she posted a time of 4:48.16 in the KIL Championships at Hardin Valley Academy.

Later that night, after getting her second win in the 800, she was told the state record in the 1600 is 4:45.44, set by Margaret Groos of Harpeth Hall

in 1977.

"That's wild ... I'm getting closer," said Story.

Tony Cosey, who resigned as head coach at CAK after last season and is now an assistant coach at the school and continues to work with Story, said it was "doable" when asked if Story could lower her PR even more and break the state record in the 1600 this season.

Groos, incidentally, represented the United States in the marathon event in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Cosey also said the 800 state record of 2:09.44 – set by Tania Wells of Memphis Melrose in 1978 – was "in jeopardy."

Story posted a 2:14.34

in winning the 800 at the KIL meet.

Her 1600 and 800 times at the KIL are the best in the state this season, along with the 10:15.85 in the 3200 she ran at the Eastern Relays in Louisville, Ky., April 21, according to Tennessee Runner Mile Split rankings.

"I know she's excited," said Cosey. "It's always fun to see the kids run PRs, and especially for her when she's running the level that she's running and to be able to continue to improve."

"She's just a

junior, so there's a lot more there and I can't wait to see what she does at the state and even the post-season for that matter. Her goal is definitely to run faster than

she ran tonight."

Story also got in some speed work at the KIL as she ran the anchor leg on the Lady Warriors' 4x400 relay. CAK was in fifth place

when she got the baton. Rebecca ran past two runners to boost her team to third place.

"Honestly, I just wanted **Continue on page 4**



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Willington Wright sails to second place in the long jump for Hardin Valley Academy in the KIL Championships last Wednesday night at HVA.

## Hardin Valley Academy sweeps KIL meet once again

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Buxton won it with a toss of 40-11¾ and Mandy Prescott was second.

Dean also took first place in the high jump as she cleared the bar at 5-4½. Hannah Greene was runner-up in the pole vault.

On the boys' side, Hardin Valley notched four victories in the track events. Kenton Bachman won the 800 run in 1:57.33 and anchored the Hawks' 4x800 combo that included Miguel Parrilla, Alex Freshour and Tommy Banker and was clocked in 8:07.68.

Adan Vazquez tallied 10 points for HVA with his win in the 110 hurdles (15.26). Willington Wright took first in the 400 (50.44) and was second in both the long jump and triple jump behind L&N STEM Academy's Jaylen Foster, who soared 21-6½ in the long jump and 45-5¼ in the triple jump.

The Hawks also collected 15 points by placing 3-4-5 in the shot put event.

"It's our goal every year to win the KIL," said Coach Brown. "It's one of the things we put up on our board. We've got a countdown of how many days it is every year to this meet and

we just talk about scoring points. We don't really care about times and distances. It's about scoring points in this meet."

In the nine-year history of Hardin Valley Academy, its girls and boys track and field teams have now combined for 10 KIL championships – six by the girls and four by the boys.

Hardin Valley also has won 10 KIL cross country titles (also six by the girls and four by the boys).

The 20 total KIL championships in the two sports have come in seven years, as the school did not win a title the first two years it was open.

Rounding out the Top 10 behind Hardin Valley and Bearden in the boys' team scoring were West (79 points), Webb School (62), Farragut (61½), Austin-East (61), Knoxville Catholic (55), L&N STEM Academy (31), South-Doyle (29) and Grace Christian Academy (18).

In the girls' team scoring, following HVA and West in the Top 10 were Christian Academy of Knoxville (61½), Bearden and Webb School (55 each), Knoxville Catholic (54½), Farragut (44), South-Doyle (32), Powell (21½) and Halls (13).

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# Bearden coach hopes KIL strategy pays off at state

By Steve Williams

Bearden High head coach Patty Thewes felt to give her boys team its best chance to be successful at the TSSAA state track and field meet this season, she needed it to take a "conservative" approach to last week's KIL meet.

That meant reducing Jacob Sobota's participation in the KIL, since he had competed in the East Tennessee Class AAA decathlon the week before.

The versatile senior, who placed second in the state decathlon last year,

is normally the top point getter for the Bulldogs. He still won the KIL pole vault event at 13-6, even though he made only one vault. He was held out of the 110-meter hurdles.

Jacob also took fourth in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the long jump, which are below his usual showings.

"The most important thing for us this year is the regional and state," said Coach Thewes. "Not every year is that way, but this year that's important to us. So we were really conservative. And we didn't have a jumper either in the long

jump or triple jump as we normally do.

Joshua Sobota, Jacob's

brother, dominated the shot put (58-3½) and discus (170-7) events.

Shawn Stacy added a first place (6-4) in the high jump and Bearden's 4x200 relay team of JaQuez Dove, Jordan Ferguson, Cameron Byers and Kahlil Abdullah won in 1:30.91.

In other boys' results, Webb 9th grader Elijah Howard, a UT football commitment, was a double winner in the 100 dash (10.87) and 200 (21.78).

George Goodwyn of Catholic won the 1600 run in 4:22.24 and Carter Coughlin of Webb prevailed with a

9:33.11 in the 3200.

A-E's Kiyontae Warren won the 300 hurdles in 39.49. The Roadrunners also took first in the 4x100 relay as Colby Colquitt, Kashif Warren, Aristotle Huffman and Jazine Pelcher completed the lap in 42.32.

The last race of the night went to Farragut in the 4x400. Jack DeVault, Andrew Williams, Carlos Cuervo and Spencer Flint got it done in 3:27.75.

In girls' action, Webb sprinter Jasmine Jefferson won the 100 dash in 12.30 and also took top honors

in the 400 with a time of 58.2.

Freshman Callie Tucker of Catholic ran the 3200 in a winning time of 11:08.22.

West's Patience Sakeuh was a triple winner in the meet, getting her first victory with a 17-3 mark in the long jump. Farragut's Ashley Prince triumphed in the discus with a 100-10 throw. Lady Admiral teammate Zoe Swicegood won the pole vault at 8-6.

## Story is closing in on TSSAA's oldest track record for girls

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to go out and see what I could do today," said Story. "Obviously, I wanted to win, but it was about PR tonight."

Her previous PR in the 1600 was 4:52.66, posted at last season's KIL meet.

In the 800, Story made a good move at the start to keep from getting boxed in and led all the way.

"It (new 1600 PR time) makes me really confident going into the championship season - the sub-

sectionals, sectionals and state," she said. "It makes me really confident too for the post-season when I'm going for times."

Story said in the sectionals and state she's really just going for wins and state titles.

"It would be great to eventually get the state records in my high school career," she added.

Her coach seems to think it won't take long for the old state records to fall.



Rebecca Story of CAK reaches the finish line far ahead of the competition in the KIL Championships last week at Hardin Valley. The junior prep star posted a state-best time of 4:48.16 in the 1600-meter event. Photo by Steve Williams.

## Gibbs falls to Rebels

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Gibbs scored its lone run of the game in the bottom of the frame. Brennan Davis got a leadoff double and came home when Cameron Hill singled.

Hill finished with a pair of hits for the Eagles.

While Davis was frustrated after the game, Maryville coach Adam Sullivan, who used seven pitchers in the contest, couldn't have been more pleased.

"We beat a great team. They're well coached," Sullivan said. "We used a lot of different [pitchers] and we used this to try to get ready for our district tournament.

"Our guys are playing well and they've come a long way."

## The Irrationality of Sports Fandom

By Alex Norman

So, I'm a big hockey fan. The team and the situation aren't important to the story, but recently my team lost a playoff game that they had greatly in hand.

It bothered me. It bothered me the point that the rest of my day was ruined, as was the next day.

I was miserable. The patience that I normally have at home was gone. The messes that I normally let go as a part of the contract that exists in a home with small children suddenly bothered me to the extent that there was yelling.

The mortgage suddenly was too high, the utility bill too costly, and the air conditioning unit not pushing out nearly enough cold air.

The previous week, when my team had won their opening round series, life was good. The birds were chirping, the sun was shining, and the weekly paycheck was more robust.

You know... I don't think that

I ask for much as a man. A healthy, happy family. A job that doesn't suck out my soul. A roof. A cold beer and a steak every now and again...

But when my hockey team loses a playoff game they should have won, suddenly the world is a dark place that nothing good comes from.

This got me wondering... why do I feel this way. And I know for a fact that I'm not the only one.

Here in Knoxville, the economy gets a big boost when Tennessee's football team is doing well. When the Vols are losing, there are more calls to the cops for incidents in the home.

Do a quick search on YouTube for "Crying Vols fan" and you will see a treasure trove of reactions, specifically from the Vols "Hail Mary" win against Georgia in 2016.

So why do we care so much about our sports teams? When you think about it... it is a truly irrational emotional reaction.

Let's just look at Tennessee for example. Maybe you

grew up here. Maybe you went to school there. But are you on the team? Is your brother on the team? Why should a person's ability to carry a football over a line make the difference in your happiness or sadness? How is it that when someone wearing an orange shirt scores more points than a guy in a Crimson and White garb we feel tremendous joy?

The comedian Jerry Seinfeld had some great commentary about sports during a visit to "Late Night with David Letterman" back in 1994. I think it still holds true today.

"Team loyalty is a kind of hard thing to justify in the end," said Seinfeld. "You know I love the Giants but when you think about it, who are the Giants? I mean every year it's different guys, right? The teams will move from city to city... you are rooting for clothes when it comes right down to it. I'm rooting for an outfit that's what it comes down to. I want my team's clothes to beat the clothes from another city. We're

rooting... we're screaming about laundry here."

Peyton Manning will be a god in Knoxville for an eternity. Lane Kiffin will be a villain in Knoxville for longer than that. But Peyton Manning probably didn't pull you out of a burning building and Lane Kiffin likely was not responsible for your divorce. Still, we feel strongly on both accounts mostly because of what they did while representing Tennessee.

Are sports important? That depends on who you ask. But most would agree that our sports fandom puts us an irrational state.

All I know is that I would feel better about life if I saw my team win another Stanley Cup in my lifetime... Sigh...

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**RINOs and DINOs**

I've often wondered why sharing a good book or movie with someone gives me such joy. Tastes are as varied as humanity, but common visions exist and are apparently sought. My wife, Becky, enjoys murder mysteries, especially if there is political intrigue associated with Washington D.C. I like science fiction, a genre that doesn't rest well on her palate.

They say opposites attract, but I believe shared fundamental principles are a guide to a successful relationship. Becky once wrote a country and western song entitled Matters of the Heart. Unfortunately, she has no connections with the Nashville music industry, so her lyrics never made the music billboard; they just sing to my heart. In her song she alludes to her practicality and my philosophy. However, in the chorus she says,

"When we both get home

and leave our other worlds behind,

on matters of the heart, we're two of a kind."

We've found an author we both like and together we are reading two of his books. Philip Yancey is a Christian writer and modern apologist. "What's So Amazing about Grace" is perhaps the most well-known of his twenty books. My favorite is "Soul Survivor" which tells of Yancey's stormy faith journey in the setting of various authors who influenced and led him back to Christ. Much of what I know of Martin Luther King Jr., Tolstoy, Gandhi and G. K. Chesterton, I know because of this beautifully written book.

In my lifetime I've reread perhaps a half dozen books. These include the Bible, "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Annie Dillard's marvelous book, "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek." This time as I reread "Soul Survivor" with Becky, I am

experiencing even greater joy.

Perhaps it's the thespian in Becky, but she reads aloud far better than me. Perhaps it's because she focuses on the words and punctuation, whereas I'm focusing on the concepts. She says she processes information better as she reads aloud rather than when she's listening to me read.

Information is different when read silently rather than read aloud. In antiquity, humans were an aural society, where stories were told around campfires rather than in books. Long ago, experts in memorization were important, and long narratives like the Iliad were commonly recited. With the advent of writing around 3000 BC in ancient Sumaria, the written word became increasingly important, but was still only available to the wealthy. With affluence and education, most Americans now read and write. Arguably, we have now moved into the visual age and may be trending toward a virtual reality.

In antiquity, scrolls were meant to be read aloud. Interestingly, Saint Augustine in the 400s AD surprised his colleagues by reading scripture silently rather than aloud. Becky would be surprised to learn that she's a historical babe, at least when she reads Yancey's prose to me!

Perhaps we wouldn't be in

such a mess if our legislators were required to read all legislation aloud before voting. Remember Nancy Pelosi's infamous remark regarding the Obamacare bill, "You need to pass it to find out what's in it." How's that working out? The House of Representatives apparently hasn't learned this simple and logical lesson because they just passed a 3000 page continuing resolution budget bill last week without reading it. How do I know this? The bill was available only two days before the vote. I could have more easily read Tolstoy's "War and Peace" twice than this gargantuan legislation.

After watching Congress I've been asking myself why should anyone vote Republican again? I know that Democrats can't understand someone who opposes an ever expanding government. Well, I have trouble understanding someone who wants cradle to grave "government care" as envisioned by Obama with his prototypical Julia on the Democrat's web site. But that's just me.

If I trusted our government I might feel differently, but unfortunately I don't anymore. I've lost faith in the "representative republic" designed by the Founders. These men were students of history and designed a wonderful system, but we've squandered that heritage and lost our way. We now suffer from career politicians

instead of citizen representatives who are elected, serve and then return to their farms and livelihoods. The politician's desire is to be reelected, and to do so you need money. And to get money you must pay homage to big donors and be a party apparatchik.

In November I voted against the career politician in favor of the Washington outsider in an attempt to change the direction of the country. Perhaps I was naive. Like many others, I thought that Republican control of the House of Representatives (since 2010), the Senate (since 2014) and now the White House would lead to a change from the Obama years. I'm now skeptical.

Trump is the President and CEO of the country, but actually it's the Washington establishment which remains in control. Members of the establishment include big donors (the donor class), the K street lobbyists, Democrat and Republican party leaders (the ruling class), and the media. You might wonder about the media, but I believe this "fifth column" bunch actually pulls the strings of Democrats rather than the other way around.

The term RINO stands for Republicans in name only. I now see their colleagues as DINOs, Democrats in name only. In reality, there are no Democrats left, they are all progressives masquerading

as Democrats. Supposedly we have a choice between the two parties, but I don't see a tinker's dam of difference between the Washington leadership of either party, except in their posturing and public pronouncements.

I am a social, fiscal, political, religious, environmental and national conservative. Neither party represents me. Therefore, I voted against the Washington establishment and for the outsider who was once a Democrat and is now labeled a Republican. Trump is not an ideologue like me. But more importantly he is uniformly despised by the "ruling class" which is Washington D.C. It's such a shame because our American capital is a beautiful town, but it's inhabitants are scoundrels. There are no Mr. Smiths (Jimmy Stewarts) in Washington. What we have are McConnells, Pelosis and Comeys. Now I even have trouble cheering for the Washington Capitals hockey team because my disgust runs so deep.

So, "How Then Shall We Live" (another wonderful book whose title is taken Ezekiel)? The author Francis Schaeffer advises: affirm the Bible as true, have compassion for those who are lost, speak the truth in love, follow the Way and remember that God is with us.

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**The World of Lady's Slippers**

I must give credit where credit is due.



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

The inspiration of this article on Lady's Slippers is due to my dear friends, Chris and Linda. They are avid hikers and wildflower enthusiasts and on a recent hike had forwarded me a beautiful photograph of a Pink Lady's Slipper. Hence, a lightbulb went off in my head and took a foothold so to speak. Subsequently, these dear friends took my wife and I to discover these Pink Lady's Slippers. What an amazing excursion indeed. Pink Lady's Slippers scattered throughout, some in bloom, some yet to bloom!!!

Let's first talk Lady's Slippers in general. They are a

part of the Orchid family. The genus name *Cypripedium* is derived from the Greek *Kypis*, "Venus" and *pedilon*, "a shoe" or "little foot" in reference to the shape of the flower. They rarely survive being transplanted and should be left in their natural habitat for others to enjoy.

Orchids have swollen, ball-shaped tubers that were regarded in traditional practices as having medicinal value. The root of Lady's Slipper was used as a remedy for nervousness, tooth pain and muscle spasms. In the 1800s and 1900s it, as well as other orchids, were widely used as a substitute for the European plant valerian for sedative purposes. In Cherokee medicine, the Lady's Slipper roots were made into tea and used for stomach cramps, sugar diabetes, kidney trouble, breaking a

high fever, good for nerves, flu, colds, and neuralgia.

Now let's move on to meet the ladies.

Pink Lady's Slippers: *Cypripedium acaule*. This is a perennial with two opposite, elliptic leaves, 4 to 10 inches long that are deep green, densely hairy and strongly ribbed. The species name *acaule* is Latin meaning "stem less," referring to the plant's leafless flowering stalk which is 6 to 16 inches that arises between the leaves and has a solitary, somewhat nodding, stately flower at the summit. The sepals are yellow-green to purplish-brown. The petals are purple-brown, twisting and spreading. The lower petal or lip forms the large, showy, drooping pouch known as the Lady's Slipper. It is also known as Pink Moccasin Flower. They can be

found locally abundant in a few Great Smokies locations below 3,000 feet in April and May. They are mainly found in acidic, mixed coniferous, and hardwood forests and woodlands that are recovering from fire or logging.

Small Yellow Lady's Slippers: *Cypripedium parviflorum*. This is a perennial that is 6 to 22 inches tall with a hairy stem. There are usually three leaves from 2 to 6 inches long and half as wide, oval-shaped, mostly sheathing and pleated. The sepals and petals are reddish-brown. The lip forms the small, deep-yellow pouch that is less than one inch long and purple-spotted around the opening that is relatively small with a relatively long "toe." Blooms in April and May. It is found in moist, shady, upland woodlands, swamps, wetlands and rocky slopes. They are

found in Tennessee from the Cumberland Plateau, eastward.

Large Yellow Lady's Slippers: *Cypripedium pubescens*. This is a perennial that is 8 to 32 inches tall with a hairy stem. The leaves are mostly sheathed, pleated, usually 4 to 8 inches long and half as wide. The flowers have a yellow pouch with a relatively small opening with a long toe. Blooms in April and May. They are found in open moist, deciduous woodlands and rocky slopes. It is noted that in Tennessee, of the three yellow lady's slippers found here that the Large Yellow Lady's Slipper is the species most commonly seen and photographed.

Southern Lady's Slipper: *Cypripedium kentuckiense*. This is a perennial from 24 to 32 inches tall. The stem

leaves are veiny, sheathing, oval from 6 to 8 inches long and half as wide. One or two flowers are borne at the top of the stem. The lip forms the large, open, creamy to dull yellow pouch that is from 2 to 2.4 inches long. These are rare and are known from only Franklin and Scott counties in Tennessee.

Showy or Queen Lady's Slipper: *Cypripedium reginae*. This is a showy perennial that is 24 to 36 inches tall. The lip is a broad, horizontal pouch that is magenta to rose pink with white vertical furrows. It has one to four flowers at or near the tip of the stem. It blooms in May and June and is exceedingly rare in Tennessee, being at the very southern edge of its range. If you are a wildflower enthusiast, it is well worth the search for these stunning beauties!



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