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Missing Fort Adair Historic Marker located

By Mike Steely
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Fountain City, like many neighborhoods in Knoxville, is growing. Growth means changes and sometimes those changes, although welcomed, destroy something meaningful that was there before.

The Fort Adair Historic Marker, which stood on Broadway near a stone monument that was erected in 1924 by the Daughters of the American Revolution, vanished last week. An inquiry has been conducted and historian Jim Tumblin is discussing the possibility of relocating the large monument stone and historic marker.

The matter came up at the monthly meeting of the Fountain City Town Hall. Following the meeting Tumblin and I drove over to the former site of the historic marker and found only the stone monument. The lot behind, next to the Long John Silver's Restaurant, has been totally graded in preparation for future businesses.

There's no evidence now of the once noted marker and a plastic net surrounds the DAR marker.

Tumblin said that both

markers should be relocated to the Lynnhurst Cemetery where a grave stone marks what is believed to be John Adair's burial place near the large tree. No one is sure about the location of Adair's Fort, which was built in 1788 to supply goods and munitions to protect travelers between Knoxville and the Nashville area.

Tumblin said that a brief archeology survey took place in the past but nothing locating the fort was found. He said that a descendant said the fort was between two springs. When the Lynnhurst Cemetery was being established, several human bones were discovered and reburied on the knoll beneath the large tree on the eastern boundary of the graveyard just above the creek. The graves were marked as that of John Sevier and his family but some descendants disputed that grave site.

"Old timers would say that where Arby's sits now the

next lot down was a casket company, a big frame building, and they said that's where John Adair's fort was, with the backside to the creek," Tumblin said.

Last week the large vacant lot, where the Cancun Mexican Restaurant sat at 4829 North Broadway, had earth-moving equipment and the stone marker was surrounded by a plastic fence. Tumblin said he has heard that a Dunkin' Donuts shop may be going in the site.

An employee at the Long John Silver's restaurant next door

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Above, Jim Tumblin stands behind the stone monument. The state historic marker that accompanied the monument, pictured left, had vanished.



Area Eagle Scout gives Fountain City Park a face lift

By Ken Lay

Fountain City Park got a bit of a much needed face lift, courtesy of an area Eagle Scout candidate recently.

Nicholas West, an 18-year old Halls resident undertook the project, which was a requirement for earning the Eagle Scout ranking from Boy Scouts of America.

West, a recent Bearden High School graduate and member of BSA's Troop 506, which meets at Christ United Methodist Church in Halls, refurbished the main gate at the park and sanded and painted two bridges at the park's Broadway entrance. He accomplished the renovation with the help of a few friends. He also did some work on the main emblem at the park.

"It took 15 hours and a lot of people came and went," West said. "It wasn't really that difficult but it was relatively expensive."

He said he was encouraged by his grandfather, Jim McFarland, a past District Governor of the Lions Club.

"My grandfather suggested the idea to me because it was falling apart," West said.

He said that he chose to renovate the park because it has a special place in his heart.

"The park is close to home and I visit



Nicholas West worked on earning his Eagle Rank with Boy Scout Troop 506 in Halls - Knoxville by refurbishing the main gate at Fountain City Park as well as sanding and painting two bridges that enter the park from the Broadway.

the park," West said. "We painted the main entrance twice, did some work on the main emblem and we painted the metal on the two boardwalks."

The project didn't happen quickly. West said that he scheduled a work day two weeks in advance and rain delayed his work.

The cost of the renovation was

relatively high but West and McFarland received a donation of paint and brushes from Home Depot.

West said he was grateful for help from an area business.

"Home Depot gave us several gallons of paint and some paint brushes," West

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Voting place changes for Mechanicsville

By Mike Steely
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In past years most Mechanicsville residents have been voting at the Moses Center but the former school and Boys & Girls Club, now the home of the Emerald Academy, was not easily accessible to the handicapped.

Cliff Rogers, Administrator of Elections, said that the layout of the former school was not helpful and having to take an elevator to the second floor and then go all the way down the hallway was difficult, plus there was limited parking.

In their July 10th meeting the Election Commission voted to move the voting precinct to the new Eternal Life Harvest Church at 1801 Western Avenue. Rogers said that David Gillette, a member of the city's Neighborhood Advisory Council, had mentioned the difficulties at the Moses Center.

"We looked at various locations," Rogers said.

"The new church is on one level and has plenty of parking. I spoke to Sam McKenzie, Daniel Brown and Gloria Deathridge and met with the pastor. We toured the facility and I had a positive experience."

Cassandra McGee Stuart made the motion to move the precinct.

"We're going to mail a postcard to registered

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Focus on the Law

Spaying and neutering pets

According to the Humane Society of the United States' website, "about 2.4 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are put down in U.S. shelters each year." This problem of



By Sharon Frankenberg,
Attorney at Law

pet overpopulation can be reduced by spaying and neutering pets.

In Tennessee state law requires that dogs and cats being adopted from an agency, animal shelter, dog pound, animal control agency or humane shelter, whether operated by

a private organization or the government, must be spayed or neutered. The Tennessee Spay/Neuter Law is found at T.C.A. Sections 44-17-501 through 505. Dogs or

cats may not be adopted unless they have already been spayed or neutered or unless the new owner signs a written agreement with the agency stating that the new owner will have the dog or cat spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days

of the date of adoption if such a dog or cat is sexually mature or within 30 days after the dog or cat reaches six months of age if the dog or cat is not sexually mature at the time of the adoption.

Further, if the dog or cat being adopted has not already been spayed or neutered, the agency shall require a deposit of not less than \$25 from the new owner prior to the adoption to ensure that the dog or cat is spayed or neutered. The new owner may request a refund of his or her deposit from the agency upon providing confirmation of the

spaying or neutering. If the new owner fails to have the dog or cat spayed or neutered within the time frame provided by the statute or if the new owner fails to request a refund within 10 additional days after the date by which the spaying or neutering was required to be performed, the deposit is forfeited to the agency holding the deposit. The agency is to use the forfeited deposit money to conduct programs to spay or neuter dogs and cats and/or to conduct educational programs in support of the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats.

If a new owner fails to comply with provisions of the Tennessee Spay/Neuter Law, the agency may file a petition with a court of competent jurisdiction seeking compliance and/or requesting the return of the dog or cat to the agency from which it was adopted. Nothing in this statute precludes the spaying or neutering of a sexually immature dog or cat at the discretion of a licensed veterinarian with the consent of the new owner. Nor should anything in the statute be construed to authorize an agency to spay or neuter a dog or cat, if such dog or

cat is being claimed by and returned to its lawful owner within 7 days of such dog or cat being taken into custody by the agency.

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Enrichment Federal Credit Union Donation to Pantry for Feeding Pets

On July 1, 2015 Enrichment Federal Credit Union presented dog and cat food and a check for \$500 to the Pantry for Feeding Pets. Proceeds of the check were from employee fundraising and the number of Pet Pals Savings Accounts opened by credit union members.

The Pantry for Feeding Pets began in 2009 with the mission of preventing pets from being abandoned at shelters and randomly turned out in the streets, by providing assistance to their owners to keep them fed. It also makes sure that pets can stay in their homes and provided much needed companionship to the owner. Founder, Ted Hembree, believes that pets shouldn't suffer when their owner falls on hard times, plus it also takes away the issue of prioritizing food between a pet and person.

The Pantry for Feeding Pets serves an average of 1,600 families per month, mainly through the FISH Hospitality Pantry and Meals on Wheels. They are looking at expanding their distribution channels in the future. As an additional service, EFCU is putting PFFP's collection barrels in their Oak Ridge, West Knoxville, North Knoxville and Northshore offices. Members of the community can drop off dog and cat food at these locations and it will be taken monthly to be distributed by the group.

Enrichment Federal Credit Union launched a Pet Pals Savings Club as



Katy Jett, EFCU VP Marketing and Wayne Hope, EFCU CEO present Ted Hembree, PFFP Founder (center) with funds and food collected by EFCU employees.

a way to help pet owners save for everything from their pet's medical expenses, boarding or grooming costs, food and supplies or even for a new pet. The Pet Pals program has a unique feature that benefits the community the credit union serves. Through fund raising efforts by the staff and contributions based on the number of new Pet Pals

accounts opened, Enrichment FCU makes donations to animal shelters, animal groups, rescue groups and humane societies each quarter. Since the account started, the credit union has donated over \$10,000 to area animal groups.

"What a better way to demonstrate the credit union difference," said Katy Jett, VP Marketing,

"not only are we helping our members save for the future needs of their pets, but we are able to give back to animal groups in the community. Credit unions were founded on the philosophy of 'People Helping People' and with the Pet Pals Savings Club, we are able to assist needy animals and owners in our community."

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voters and put up signs at the Moses Center, plus I'll probably have someone there on Election Day to direct voters," Rogers said.

While Rogers said the election commission doesn't often choose churches as voting places the First Church of the Nazarene has replaced the West Hills precinct in past elections.

He also told *The Focus* that photo IDs in Knox County have not been the problem as they have

been in more rural counties because there are so many places to get an ID. He said that if you don't have an ID you can always vote by mail by calling the Election Commission office at (865) 215-2480.

Rogers said the election officials also visit nursing homes and set up voting machines there and even visit people who are bedridden with machines. He said, however, paper ballots will be used for the first time in nursing homes because there are only two people on the ballot.

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said that he witnessed a backhoe and a KUB truck there before the sign disappeared.

KUB reported that they didn't remove the sign and said the developer may have removed it. After a search by *The Focus*, an inquiry with the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Knoxville office located the sign. A spokesperson for TDOT said it was removed because of work being conducted at

the location and the sign will be put back up when construction is completed. Meanwhile the historic marker is being stored at the TDOT office at 7345 Legion Lane.

Fountain City and Knoxville honor John Adair in many ways including Adair Drive, Adair Park, Adair Gardens, Adair Manor and Adair Creek. The Creek flows through the park and enters First Creek just east of the Lynnhurst Cemetery.

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Is Your Child in a Failing School District?

Randy Turner, a former English Teacher, writes in the online edition of the Huffington Post that there are better ways than test scores to tell if your child is in a "failing school district." We at *The Focus* decry the term "failing school" - KCS has many great schools and excellent teachers - but Turner's analysis should give those of us paying attention to KCS some cause for concern.



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2 Teachers are overwhelmed with requests for data. Teachers today spend more and more time providing data for the sole purpose of rating schools and teachers, via standardized tests. Many districts have mandated "costly practice tests given multiple times during the year." Turner laments, "These (tests) not only take away from instructional time, but they also strip the children of any love of learning and they provide overly generous fees to the testing companies."

3 Teachers receive no support from administrators on discipline issues. School safety today is measured by the number of "incidents, referrals, and suspensions." In a new twist on "don't ask don't tell," teachers in some schools are encouraged to "handle every kind of situation in their classrooms and not involve the principal's office." This only increases classroom distractions and loss of learning time for students and teachers alike.

4 Professional development is limited to indoctrination and data. There has been a "transition of professional development from learning techniques that will help the teacher to improve teaching and classroom management techniques to attempts to forcefully install a culture that would seem more desirable in a business than in an institution of learning." Turner adds, "Much of this has come from the proliferation of consultants and motivational speakers" - like the Parthenon Group, for example.

5 The message is tightly controlled, eliminating constructive criticism. There has been a shift from educators who worked their way over many years into administration, to administrators with little or no classroom experience. Knox County's own Superintendent spent a mere nine months teaching in an "alternative school." This has led to a culture shift

with an overemphasis on public relations. "When administrators surround themselves with yes-men and strictly control the message, it makes it much more likely that mistakes are going to be made, at a cost to the children and to the taxpayers," says Turner.

6 School Board members serve as rubber stamps. Turner writes, "When the board of education places blind trust in anyone it increases the odds that something disastrous will happen. One of the major criticisms lodged against board members is that they "have an agenda," as if that is something bad. If the agenda is to stop out-of-control spending, or place more emphasis on education, what is wrong with that? When boards serve as rubber stamps for any administrator, they are effectively taking away local control of our school districts." (Thanks to our BOE members who don't just rubber stamp - Terry Hill, Patti Bounds, Amber Rountree and Mike McMillan.)

7 The community is not involved in its schools. "In many school districts... the community involvement is restricted to a carefully selected group of business and civic leaders ..." (like, say, the Chamber of Commerce?) And, as we saw with the 2020 Strategic Plan and the recent Year Round School debacle - "In some school districts, the community is asked for its input and then guided to give the input the administrators are seeking so they can say whatever initiative they have has the support of the community. That is not community involvement; that is pure spin." Agreed.

8 The district is top heavy with administrators. "Administration tends to grow far more than is necessary, using funds that could be spent much better in the classroom. Rule of thumb, the more executive directors of anything that you

have, the more problems your school district is going to have." We can't even get accurate reporting on how many administrators are in KCS, not to mention illegally hired Broad Fellows, retired principals and administrators working part time, etc.

9 An overemphasis has been placed on technology. Turner has a valid point here, one we wish BOE member Doug Harris would take to heart - "While it is vital that students are able to handle technology, it is just as important that they are able to participate in discussions, listen to lectures... and take notes. If your school district is pushing the idea that everything can be learned by consulting Google then your child is being shortchanged." Or maybe that was Karen Carson who made the comment about Google.

10 Not enough emphasis is being placed on civics and citizenship. "In the push to make sure everyone is "college and career ready," many schools are depriving children of some of the most important knowledge they should receive... While it is important that students be ready to work, the idea that they should be doing so during their high school years at the expense of learning about government, history, and the things they need to know to be a full participant in our society is ludicrous." We would add it is equally ludicrous to forgo related arts (band, chorus, art, PE, etc.) for "college and career ready" instruction at any grade level.

Turner concludes, "This list leaves off other important factors- poverty, crime, and how many billionaires you have who are trying to force privatization of education down your throat, but for those who want to make a difference at a local level, these are the danger signs that your district is failing." Indeed. We hope the Board of Education will take these factors into consideration when they conduct Dr. McIntyre's next evaluation.

THE CHALK BOARD

Bits of News About Local Education

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Teacher Supply Depot Donations Sought

It may be the last thing on your kids' mind, but Knox County teachers are starting to think about getting their classrooms ready for students - who will be back in school in less than a month. Supplies like pencils, pens, paper, calculators and notebooks add up when teaching a classroom full of students, which is why the Teacher Supply Depot was established 15 years ago. Teacher Supply Depot provides donated school

supplies for teachers - new and gently used - and provides them at no cost to teachers several times a year. The items most in demand are every-day items - notebooks, pens, and pencils. Last week, WATE 6 On Your Side hosted a Christmas in July donation drive. But you can still donate to the Teacher Supply Depot by dropping off new or gently used school supplies at 709 N. Cedar Bluff Road. Hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can call the Depot at (865)594-1221 for more information. Teacher Giveaway Dates for the 2015-2016 school year are August 15 and October 17, 2015 and

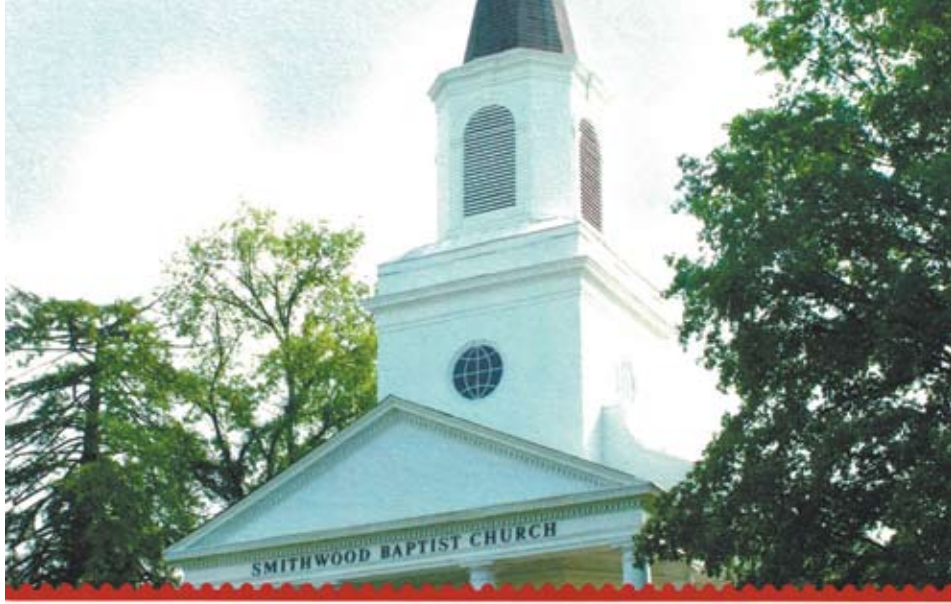
January 23 and April 2, 2016. Teachers need to bring their school ID badge or a letter from their principal in order to be admitted during the giveaway dates. **Senate Defeats Amendment Allowing Opt Out of Standardized Tests**

The passage of the Senate's "Every Child Achieve Act (ECAA - the controversial "renewal" of No Child Left Behind) last week was a hollow victory at best, after the Senate defeated an amendment to the bill that would have allowed parents nationwide to opt out of federally-mandated

state standardized tests without putting school districts at risk of federal sanctions. The chamber voted 64 to 32 against the amendment, proposed by Utah Sen. Mike Lee amid a backlash against mandated standardized tests. "Parents, not politicians or bureaucrats, will have the final say over whether individual children take tests," he said. But our own Sen. Lamar Alexander - the Republican co-sponsor of the bill - spoke forcefully against the proposal, saying it would strip states of the right to decide whether to allow parents to opt out - which means that parents

in some states could have more right to make decisions about their child's education than parents in other states. Current law requires that school districts ensure that 95 percent of children take the exams, presumably to prevent administrators from encouraging low performers to stay home on exam day. The Senate bill mandates 95 percent participation of students who are required to be tested, ostensibly allowing states to decide whether children who opt out are among those who are required to be tested. Under the House bill, however, parents who opt their children out of tests

would not be counted in the participation rate of any state, effectively removing them from the accountability system altogether. Civil rights groups opposed that provision, saying it opened a loophole to hide achievement gaps. In either case, a parent's right to make decisions regarding their children's education is being superseded by the Federal Government, something to which everyone should be opposed. The next step is a conference committee to hammer out the differences between the two bills. The saying "two wrongs don't make a right" comes to mind.



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April's Officer of the Month, Charles Kuykendall, and May's Detective of the Month, Tim Sellers.

Sheriff's Office recognizes top officers

Two officers were recognized last week for special service earlier this year.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office congratulates April's Officer of the Month, Charles Kuykendall.

On April 30, Officer Kuykendall responded to a call involving a two-year-old that had fallen out of bed. When he arrived on scene, Rural Metro told him that they did not need assistance. Kuykendall decided not to leave and to investigate the call. He checked on the child, who was behaving normally, in the back of the ambulance. After a few minutes, the child became limp and unresponsive. Kuykendall had the child's father show him where the child fell out of bed and found a bottle of alcohol mixer, which the child had apparently ingested. While in the house, Kuykendall noticed chain locks on bedroom doors and had the father open them after a small child opened one and said that his diaper was wet and he needed to use the bathroom. Inside, Kuykendall found six more children. The children's locked bedrooms contained only bed frames, mattresses, and soiled linens. Officer

Kuykendall checked for any medical needs and called Family Crisis.

Because of his quick action to investigate the incident, he potentially prevented future harm to the seven children.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office congratulates May's Detective of the Month, Tim Sellers.

On May 19, Detective Sellers responded to an armed robbery (where a shot was fired) at the Pilot Travel Center on East Raccoon Valley Road. Sellers and Detective Jeremy McCord worked in conjunction with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, and Rocky Top Police Department. A thorough investigation led to the clearance of not only the Pilot armed robbery, but also a Claiborne County armed robbery and carjacking, a Campbell County burglary, arson, carjacking, and the armed robbery of a Marathon Fuel gas station where a 12-year-old victim was shot.

Seller's investigation also led to the recovery of evidence used in the crimes and property purchased with the funds received from the armed robberies.

Chief Rausch answers PARC questions

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch answered questions from the Police Advisory and Review Committee Thursday during its meeting at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Rausch responded to several questions including the release of video from incidents, body cameras, and discipline of officers.

The meeting was poorly attended by the public with only a handful of citizens present. Three of those present had questions and comments for the group and Chief Rausch. PARC members present included Rausch, attorney Ron Mills, Cynthia White, Rosa Mar, Robbie Arrington, Executive Director Avice Reid, Ann Barker and Thomas Strickland.

"We're in conversations with the District Attorney about the appropriate time of the release of a video. Somehow it got convoluted that we weren't going to release any video," Chief Rausch said.

"We're not against body cameras but it's a privacy issue," he said, explaining that the city officers don't

currently wear body cameras and he's concerned about video captured in incidents like officers visiting homes on a domestic call. He said he's asked the legislature to look into the matter and said the cost of the cameras isn't the issue; it's the cost of storing the data, adding that the cost is a matter for city council to consider.

Asked about an officer who resigned when charges were considered against him, Rausch said the officer is gone and was not formally charged. He also said the resigned officer's pension is intact and added, "We can't touch their pension."

He said that in disciplining officers who violate the code of conduct there "are a number of possible actions," including suspension and dismissal. He said officers can appeal for a Civil Service hearing.

"All of our cases are open record; you can come to the Internal Affairs office and get the records," Rausch said. Attorney Mills said ongoing cases are not open to the public until they are resolved.

In answering other questions, Rausch said the city has no "Stop and Frisk" law

and that the police department works with neighborhoods and organizations concerned with police powers and civil rights.

"There's a disconnect in our community especially among African American Youth," the chief said, adding that he will be working with the Beck Center in the near future about that subject. He also mentioned Mayor Madeline Rogero's "Save Our Sons" campaign and said he is working on a pamphlet that will have information on what to do when stopped by a police officer as well as what the officer can and cannot do in such a stop.

He said that some of that training has taken place.

"Are we there yet? No," Rausch said.

Asked about racial incidents involving police shootings, Rausch said, "In our community we haven't had that type of incident. De-escalation is our main objective."

Asked about having policemen walking a beat, Rausch said he encourages officers to get out of their cars and talk to people.

The meeting also heard briefly from the departments Animal Control division.

PARC was created in 1998 and adopted by the city in 2001. The group is designated as an independent agency with the authority to review and investigate allegations of misconduct filed by the public. Seven citizens serve and are appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council. The executive director is a full time employee of PARC.

The executive officer meets monthly with various agencies including the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working group and meets quarterly with the police department's Training Committee.

Complaints may be filed by telephone at (865)215-3869 or in person at the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Room 538, in Knoxville.

In the first six months of this year there were 34 cases reviewed by PARC with 24 resolved. Eighteen cases remain unresolved including some from 2014. Five officers were disciplined and in two incidents officers received corrective action. One officer received counselling and one resigned.

PARC meets quarterly at various locations within Knoxville.



Eagle Scouts David Denton, Braden Mast, Ryan Howard, Jonathan West, Nicholas West and Zarian Stephens paint one of the two bridges leading into Fountain City Park.

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said. "And I would just like to tell them 'thanks.'"

McFarland was able to help his grandson secure the donated materials but said that West deserved the majority of the credit.

"I'm proud of him,"

McFarland said. "He did all of the talking.

"They only asked me what color we had to have."

West noted that McFarland had dealt with Home Depot before.

It was a vast undertaking but West had little trouble

completing the project, aside from the rain and planning.

"It wasn't all that difficult," West said. "But we had to plan the work day two weeks in advance and that kind of built up the suspense."

Fountain City Town Hall: Honor Fountain City Day, Signs, Gibbs Drive

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With the Honor Fountain City Day behind them for 2015, the Fountain City Town Hall is already beginning to plan for next year's event. The neighborhood organization, one of the most powerful in Knoxville, met last Monday and Vice-Chairman Jamie Rowe chaired the meeting.

Rowe said that rather than appoint a committee to plan next year's celebration she would have the board meet at her home and, in three hours, she believes they can develop plans. The August planning event, she said, would also provide "plenty of coffee and bagels."

The Town Hall board also voted to commend Carlene Malone and Charlotte Davis for their efforts on behalf of the group, especially in their proposals for the sign ordinance in the city and their efforts to change the wording of the Northeast

Sector Plan.

"We owe them a debt of gratitude," Rowe said.

Ken Cloninger mentioned the group's victory at MPC after the Fountain City Town Hall objected to a commercial development at the entrance to Historic Gibbs Drive.

The group also discussed the proposed cell tower on Black Oak Ridge.

Roe said that the Alice Bell-Spring Hill neighborhood has asked Fountain City Town Hall to join them in co-hosting a candidates forum on August 17th at the town hall's next meeting and the group briefly talked about upcoming roadway changes in the East Town area.

It was also decided to bring Fountain City stickers to general meetings of the group and possibly also offer the stickers at Pratt's Country Store for sale.

The historic marker for Adair's Fort was also a topic. (See related story on A1)

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Our Neighborhoods

Old North Knoxville coming alive

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Old North Knoxville sits in a Historic District. Here and there are a few homes for sale along the sidewalks and tree-lined streets. The houses vary in style; some are single story and some are large two-story homes, most dating from 1880 through 1920. The neighborhood was a city into itself by 1889 and became part of Knoxville in 1897. It was, in those years, a streetcar suburb of downtown Knoxville.

In 1978 the neighborhood organized an association known as Old North Knoxville, Inc. Neighborhood activities include an annual Victorian Holiday Home Tour, monthly potluck dinners, greenway and park clean-up days, street and alley clean-up days, a neighborhood watch program, a neighborhood orchard and garden, and an annual ice cream social.

Driving through the Old North Knoxville neighborhood you can see and hear the changes there. Workers are busy with the historic homes there, repairing, replacing, painting, etc. The area is alive with activity as longtime residents and newcomers fix up the fine homes there.

When homeowners want to improve the exterior of their homes there they apply to the Historic Planning Commission and appear before that group with their plans and ideas. That applies to all of Knoxville's Historic Neighborhoods such as Old City, Fourth and Gill, Emory



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Homes in Old North Knoxville area are of various styles. Since the neighborhood is within a Historic Overlay District improvements or changes to the exterior must go before the Historic Zoning Commission.

Place, Island Home, Sequoyah Hills, etc.

This past Thursday, three Old North Knoxville home projects came up before the Knoxville Historic Planning Commission, which reviews and votes on changes to the exteriors of the homes in the city. All three requests were approved with some changes and requirements to the renovations.

The neighborhood organization

often sends a spokesperson to address proposed changes and, in the meeting last week, Old North Knoxville, Inc.'s representative was James Pierce.

City Councilman Marshall Stair, who moved from downtown to Old North Knoxville, is restoring and renovating his home at 1325 Armstrong Avenue and wants to build a garage. Stair said the garage would go on an existing concrete slab behind the house

where he said the "servant quarters" used to exist. It would be along an alley there which he says is narrow and rarely used.

Knoxville's Historic Planner Kaye Graybeal told the other Historic Zoning Commission members that the staff recommended carriage-style doors on the garage. Pierce said the Old North organization has "no objections" to the garage which he said "fits the style" of the house.

Stair agreed to construct the siding with wood and will submit the plans to Graybeal. He also said he understands he must ask the Board of Zoning Appeals to get a smaller setback from the alley for the structure.

The owner of 1208 Kenyon Street asked the historic commissioners for permission to demolish a carport, construct a new one and restore the front porch. The staff and members approved the idea with some restrictions, including reusing some of the bricks on the site.

Speaking for the neighborhood group, Pierce gave the proposal a "Big Yea!" and the commissioners said they were glad to see the home come back from disrepair and, informally, asked the new owner to remove the satellite dish at the home. The structure is a 1910 Craftsman Bungalow.

Replacing some windows and rebuilding a chimney at 424 E. Oklahoma Avenue in the Old North neighborhood was also discussed. Meg Lane was asking for permission and it was stated that some of the windows are rotten. Graybeal told the applicant to submit window specifications to her before buying the replacements.

The Old North Knoxville organization can be found on the internet at "oldnorthknoxville.org" or on Facebook, Yahoo, or Twitter. A potluck dinner is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the St. James Episcopal Church at 1101 N. Broadway.

Norwood talks abandoned signs, city election

By Mike Steely
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As the city of Knoxville looks at new sign ordinances, some neighborhoods are looking at the new regulations and seeing how the rules affect their areas. Norwood is one of the areas where the residents will be actively driving around and taking notes.

The Norwood Neighborhood Association is talking about finding and reporting abandoned signs, which will be loosely

regulated in the new regulations. The association met Tuesday evening and discussed the issue.

Present was City Councilman Finbarr Saunders, who noted that the new regulations will actually expand the length of time a sign owner has to replace or demolish a sign, if it passes city council Tuesday evening with the current wording. He said that currently a sign owner has 90 days to repair, replace or demolish a business sign but the

new rules give an owner more time.

Louise Gorenflo suggested that the neighborhood members make a list of abandoned signs and turn it over to the city for enforcement.

The association voted to name Freda Yearwood as treasurer and will formalize the appointment in their next meeting. The association, according to President Lynn Redmon, has about \$10,000 in the bank and needs a new treasurer who can sign for

the account. Redmon said much of the money was donated a few years ago by State Representative Harry Tindell when Tindell was in office.

The association also discussed having a Watermelon Social during their next meeting on August 11.

Saunders addressed the meeting briefly, telling the group of the upcoming election dates. He faces three challengers in his bid for re-election for his At Large seat and said he hopes to

be one of the two top vote-getters in the September 29 primary so he can run in the general election on November 3. Early voting will run October 14 through October 29 for the city general election.

"This will be a low-turnout election," Saunders predicted, explaining that the city mayor and one At-Large incumbent, George Wallace, have no opposition.

The Norwood association discussed where the early-voting office would

be and mentioned the shopping center behind McDonalds on Merchant Road.

School Board Member Terry Hill told the meeting that she had favored a new Northwest Elementary but thinks that the compromise between Mayor Tim Burchett and Superintendent James McIntyre for two new middle schools is acceptable. She said she believes that had the school board voted against the compromise

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Great advice for women



**Rosie's
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It's a dangerous world out there ladies, so be careful! Here are a few tips for consideration which will help you to be safe:

Did you know that your elbow is the strongest point on your body? If you are close enough to use it, do!

If you are ever thrown in to the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

The three reasons women are easy targets for random acts of violence are:

1. Lack of awareness. You must know where you are and what's going on around you.

2. Body language. Keep your head up, swing your arms, stand straight up.

3. Wrong place, wrong time. Don't walk alone in an alley, or drive in a bad neighborhood at night.

Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc.), don't do this. As soon as you get into your car, lock the doors and leave.

When getting into your

car, be aware, look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor and in the back seat.

If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting along in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. It is always better to be safe than sorry. (And better paranoid than dead).

Always take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot). If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, always run. The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in a 100 times. And even then it most likely will not be a vital organ.

Please be safe and not sorry! Just a warning to always be alert and use your head!

Thought for the day: We must constantly build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Piddle Diddle has Arrived!

What animal can hold a child's attention better than a mischievous, cunning penguin? Piddle Diddle is such a penguin! Despite her small size, she can be an example to children. Size is an obstacle only if you let it be, and penguins are some of the most entertaining animals on the planet. My brother, Wayne Major, created the character, Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, and is contributing to this column. I co-authored "Piddle Diddle's Lost Hat," the first book in the series, "Adventures of Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin."

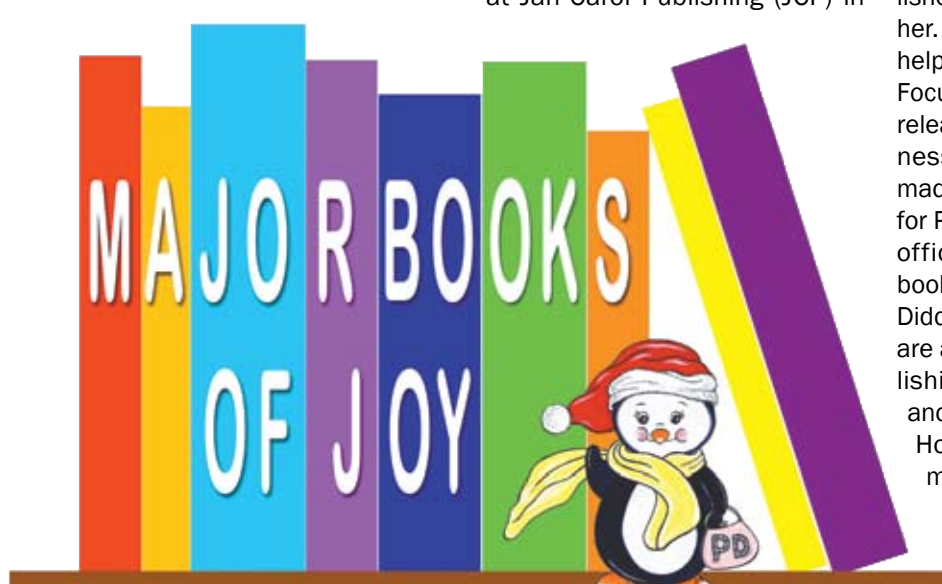


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After being created and written in Corryton, Tennessee, Piddle Diddle wintered in Mosheim, Tennessee, in beautiful rural Greene County. She was right at home when East Tennessee got hammered with all of that snow and ice. Piddle Diddle came to life on the pages of the book with Teresa Wilkerson's talented hands. The self-taught illustrator used her magic touch to make Piddle Diddle look her very best for little readers to take home with them.

After her stay in Greene County, we took Piddle Diddle to the staff at Jan-Carol Publishing (JCP) in

Johnson City, Tennessee. There, Publisher Janie Jessee and Graphic Designer Tara Sizemore got her ready to jump into the book before she wobbled her way down to the printer in Nashville. While Piddle Diddle was in Johnson City, Steve Ellis of Light House Studio in Knoxville prepared her home in record time on our logo and website. This expert website designer has been a tremendous help to us and patient with these first-time authors. Steve will finish our website when we get a couple of our business processes completed. It was only days before Piddle Diddle boarded a big brown truck in Nashville and headed toward Knoxville---"hat and all," the publisher told us when we checked on her. JCP's Tammy Robinson-Smith helped introduce Piddle Diddle to Focus readers in last week's press release, and we have lots of business cards that Graphic Touch made featuring Ellis' colorful logo for Piddle Diddle fans. She is now officially home at www.majorbooksofjoy.com--- Home of Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin! Books are available at www.jancarolpublishing.com, www.amazon.com, and will soon be available at the Home of Piddle Diddle---www.majorbooksofjoy.com.



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Writers Program to Feature Publisher

Hugo and Stoker Award-nominated editor and publisher Jason Sizemore will speak at the Thursday, Aug. 6 program of the Knoxville Writers' Guild.

The event, which will be open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Laurel Theater, at the corner of Laurel Avenue and 16th Streets (in Fort Sanders). A \$2 donation is requested at the door. The building is handicapped accessible. Additional parking is available at Redeemer Church of Knoxville, 1642 Highland Ave.

Sizemore is the owner/operator of Apex Publications, a small press that focuses on science fiction, fantasy and horror. Its "Apex Magazine" has been nominated for the Hugo Award three times. At the monthly program, he will discuss "the genre short fiction renaissance, digital publishing, and where I see it heading."

In addition, he'll read a chapter from his latest book, "For Exposure: The Life and Times of a Small Press Publisher" (Apex 2015).

"I will read a condensed



version of the chapter that relates slush pile facts and a couple of the more worrisome submissions I've received," he said. "The authors will find it informative and hopefully entertaining."

The book follows his unconventional professional path as it winds

through a tiny, overheated Baptist church deep within the coal fields of Appalachia, Kentucky, past a busted printer and a self-serving boss that triggered an early mid-life crisis and the epiphany that he should open a magazine spreading the gospel of science fiction



Jason Sizemore, owner/operator of Apex Publications, will speak at the Knoxville Writer's Guild meeting in August.

to the masses, all the way to WorldCon 2012 and his first Hugo Awards ceremony. For more information, visit www.jason-sizemore.com or www.apexbookcompany.com. Copies of "For Exposure" and his collection, "Ireedemable" (Seventh Star Press 2014), will be available for purchase at the program.

Sizemore also is slated to lead a workshop Saturday, Aug. 8 titled, "Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy: Liftoff!" More details will be released soon. For more information about KWG and its events, visit www.KnoxvilleWritersGuild.org.

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'Hillbilly Bill'

Congressman J. Will Taylor

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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For twenty years, James Willis Taylor was the Congressman from Tennessee's Second Congressional district. J. Will Taylor, popularly known to many of his constituents as "Hillbilly Bill," was a power in both the national Republican Party and the Tennessee GOP.

Born August 28, 1880 near Lead Mine Bend in Union County, in a two-room cabin, James Willis Taylor was the son of a "country storekeeper." Things were hard for young J. Will and he worked hard as a teenager and got at education at the Holbrook Normal College, which was located in Fountain City. To support himself and save money to further his education, J. Will Taylor taught school and finally graduated from Cumberland School of Law with a degree in hand. Taylor was admitted to the Bar in 1902 and returned to LaFollette, Tennessee and began to practice his profession.

Interested in politics, J. Will Taylor was named Postmaster for LaFollette in 1904 when he was only twenty-four years old. Taylor won his first election to serve as mayor of LaFollette in 1910. With the election of Republican Ben W. Hooper as governor, Taylor was named as State Commissioner of Insurance in 1913. In 1917, Taylor was elected by his fellow Republicans as Chairman of the State Executive Committee.

Tennessee was not to elect another Republican governor until 1920 and that would be the last GOP chief executive for fifty years. By that time, J. Will Taylor had entered the Republican primary against a sitting Congressman, Richard W. Austin.

Despite being the minority party in Tennessee, Republicans were deeply divided by factionalism. Richard Austin was something of a feudist and had aligned himself with those opposed to the leadership of H. Clay Evans of Chattanooga. Austin had actually sought a Congressional seat in Alabama in 1890, but lost to a former Confederate general, Joseph Wheeler. In 1893, Richard Austin returned to Knoxville to edit the Knoxville Republican.

Austin was appointed U. S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Tennessee in 1897 by President William McKinley and by 1904 was running hard for Congress. Austin lost to Nathan Hale, but was revived by yet another presidential appointment, this time securing a position as the American consul in Glasgow, Scotland in

1906.

Richard Austin did not linger long in Great Britain, resigning his post in 1907 to return to Tennessee and run for Congress once again. Facing his old foe Nathan Hale, Austin waged a fierce campaign and made a bargain with Governor Malcolm Patterson, a Democrat. Governor Patterson was fighting a hard battle of his own, facing popular former U. S. senator Edward Ward Carmack in his own primary election. Austin barely edged out Congressman Hale, winning the nomination by 809 votes. Nathan Hale did not take his defeat lying down and after a failed attempt to prevent Austin from caucusing with House Republicans, ran again in 1910, but lost by a wider margin.

By 1918, Congressman Richard Austin had been in office for a decade and he was hardly universally popular. J. Will Taylor was the Chairman of the State Republican Party and he entered the primary against Austin. Taylor carried every county in the district, save for one.

Austin might have tried to regain his Congressional seat in 1920, but death took him away just a month after his term of office expired.

J. Will Taylor would remain in Congress for the rest of his life.

Congressman Taylor used his office to ingratiate himself with his constituents, as well as a power base to dominate what remained of Tennessee's Republican Party. During the decade of the twenties, Republicans held the presidency, meaning all federal patronage in Tennessee went through the hands of J. Will Taylor. That control of patronage made Hillbilly Bill not a few friends and more than enough enemies.

J. Will Taylor's dominance in patronage matters was to continue to be a source of irritation between the Congressman and many of those who wanted that influence for themselves. There were charges of corruption and at least one attempt to have Taylor indicted by a federal grand jury, which failed utterly. Congressman Taylor was accused of collecting "political tribute" from friends and prospective appointees to office to fund his own political machine.

Taylor's enemies took their accusations to the Chairman of the Republican National Committee at the time, William M. Butler of Massachusetts.

J. Will Taylor calmly told Butler, "I don't deny that friends of mine in office and

out of office have helped to defray the expenses of my political battles. I contend that demonstration of interest in the things I stand for is entirely commendable and that it is a common practice in every state in the union."

Taylor's opponents got exactly nowhere.

More than a few times, the acrimony between the factions publicly erupted. One such occasion came after the 1934 elections when former governor Ben W. Hooper had run unsuccessfully against Senator K. D. McKellar. An outraged Hooper cried at a meeting of Republicans in Nashville that "the Republican Party in Tennessee is already shot to pieces". Governor Hooper then questioned whether Congressman Taylor had really supported his candidacy in the 1934 election against McKellar.

"When you have Republican treachery in the first district and Republican treachery in the second district contributing to the defeat of your candidate for the United States Senate there is something wrong - - - it was Republican treachery growing out of factionalism," Hooper charged.

Congressman Taylor, replying to the former governor, serenely said, he was "thoroughly in accord" with Hooper's comments and dryly noted, "The Republican Party is not dead". Taylor went on to deny the allegation of treachery, saying, "I not only deny the charge of villainy in the second congressional district but on behalf of the Republican voters, I resent it."

The Congressman said he had voted for Hooper, but noted he had his own race to run and with that in mind, he had done all he could for the former governor. Hooper then looked at Congressman Taylor and asked, "You did all you could?"

"Yes," Taylor replied.

"Nobody believes that but you," Governor Hooper snapped.

Taylor retorted he had given the former governor a \$100 contribution to his senatorial campaign. The argument between the two was finally brought to a close by the chair.

Bailey Walsh, a Memphis attorney sought to pour oil over troubled waters by proposing a resolution endorsing "the splendid leadership" of both Republican Congressmen, J. Will Taylor and the First District's B. Carroll Reece. It likely did not escape the attention of some Republican delegates that Walsh's wife, Dorothy McDaniel Walsh, was employed by Senator McKellar. The only delegate to vote against the Walsh resolution was Governor Ben W. Hooper.

Congressman Taylor watched quietly as his allies crushed the rebellion by other Republicans across the state to challenge his authority.

Taylor faced his own rivalry with Congressman Reece and the two fought for prominence and influence inside their own party. Reece was the more



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Congressman J. Will Taylor in 1937.

conservative of the two and Hillbilly Bill was shrewd enough to be a big supporter of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Reece had once lost his own Congressional seat briefly due to many believing he was at heart opposed to the TVA.

There were far more pleasant occasions for J. Will Taylor than the bickering inside his own party. He returned to Lead Mine Bend to view the unveiling of a statue of his father, who had fought in the Civil War, on May 29, 1930.

Taylor had traveled to upper East Tennessee in 1927 to Elizabethton to witness the opening of that city's "new white way lighting system" and the dedication of a new plant to be built by American - Glanzstoff. Senator McKellar and Congressman Carroll Reece were also on hand as President Calvin Coolidge, who was in South Dakota at the time, touched a button to turn on the lights for the new system.

Another happy event for Taylor was "a huge air show" held in Knoxville on October 15, 1937, which featured a renowned "speed and precision pilot," for the dedication of an \$800,000 airport to serve the Knoxville, Maryville and Alcoa communities. The airport, which became Tyson McGhee Airport, had been built by the Works Progress Administration under the direction of Colonel Harry S. Berry, an appointee of Senator McKellar and the head of the WPA in Tennessee. Taylor joined Governor Gordon Browning, Colonel Berry, and U. S. Senator George L. Berry at the dedication ceremonies. The highlight of the event was the "destruction of a miniature fort" by Major Williams and national guard units from Knoxville, Maryville, and Athens.

Much of J. Will Taylor's influence evaporated in 1932 when Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover for the presidency. The Republicans had controlled both houses of Congress throughout the 1920s and the Democrats seized control of the U. S. House of Representatives in 1931, following the death

of several Republican Congressmen who were replaced by Democrats. With the election of FDR, J. Will Taylor lost his control of federal patronage in Tennessee, which was placed in the hands of Senator McKellar. During his last years in Congress, Taylor had to appeal to McKellar to protect Republican employees.

The alliance between East Tennessee Republicans and Democrats has frequently been attributed to an agreement between Congressman J. Will Taylor and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine. In truth, whatever alliance existed was formulated between Taylor and Senator K. D. McKellar, who had always enjoyed considerable popularity in East Tennessee.

The Great Depression and the rise of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal also threatened J. Will Taylor politically. In 1936, Taylor faced the most formidable opponent of his career in the person of John J. O'Connor, former Mayor of Knoxville. O'Connor quite nearly defeated Taylor and I personally recall some of the old-time Republicans who were quite active politically during that campaign who chuckled and said that Taylor had actually lost the election, but his reelection was salvaged through some creative counting of the ballots.

Hillbilly Bill's long tenure came to an end in 1939.

Congressman Taylor had driven by car from Washington, D. C. to Knoxville on November 13, 1939. From Knoxville, he drove back to his LaFollette, Tennessee home. After chatting with his wife, Mossie, and daughters, the Congressman was tired and went to bed early. Sometime later he suffered a heart attack and the family doctor was called. Five and a half hours after suffering a heart attack, Congressman Taylor had another, fatal, attack and died at 4:00 a.m. on the morning of November 14.

J. Will Taylor's body was taken to the local high school, to lie in state and then was moved to the First Baptist Church for the

funeral rites.

Even in death, controversy surrounded J. Will Taylor. After the Congressman had passed, there were reports his office in the Federal Building had been "ransacked". Knox County Sheriff Carroll Cate admitted there was "no way of telling" whether Congressman Taylor's office had actually been burgled. Cate said he had gone with Taylor's older daughter, Elizabeth, to the Federal Building in Knoxville so that Miss Taylor could recover some of her father's personal papers. Tape had been placed over the keyhole in the door and it was missing when Miss Taylor and the Sheriff arrived. The Congressman's younger daughter, Catherine, had already been to her father's office and taken away Taylor's papers and personal effects from his office, removing them to another room in the Federal Building before taking them home to LaFollette.

As is usually the case when a long-term incumbent dies in office, there were a host of prospective candidates to succeed Taylor. Howard Baker, the GOP candidate for governor in 1938, was prominently mentioned, as were Judge John Jennings, attorneys Ray and Erby Jenkins, Judge Hu B. Webster, Knoxville Attorney General J. Fred Bibb, and Lenoir City Mayor Gilbert Goodwin. There seemed to be hardly any Republican of note that wasn't mentioned as a possible candidate to succeed Taylor.

One interesting possibility was the late Congressman's daughter, Elizabeth. A thirty-two year old music teacher, Miss Taylor confessed many Republicans in the Second Congressional District were urging her to run to succeed her father. She considered the expressions of support she was garnering as "a great tribute to my Daddy for his friends to want me to fill out his unexpired term in Congress."

Apparently not enough of the late Congressman's friends relished the idea of sending Miss Taylor to Congress for a short term in Congress, as a nominating convention was held and Judge John Jennings won a hotly contested race over attorney Erby Jenkins. Jennings won the 1939 special election and remained in Congress until 1950 when he was defeated by Howard Baker, Sr.

There are still vestiges in our community of Taylor's power and influence, as well as his use of federal patronage. I. C. King Park in South Knoxville is named for a warm friend and political supporter of Congressman Taylor, who had been appointed U. S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Tennessee and served throughout the decade of the 1920s.

There are a few other such reminders of J. Will Taylor's Congressional service, including a small bridge named for him. Yet, in his time, Hillbilly Bill was a real power.

Looking at the beginning 40 years later

I received a message on Facebook not long ago. Bill Fogarty contacted me with information that his class was holding a reunion and that I was invited. Just being thought of was enough, but this class is a special one; it's the first one I taught. Yep, the class of 1975 is getting together to reminisce and renew old friendships. To be honest, I'm a bit nervous about the whole thing.

In August of 1974, I received a phone call from Knox County Schools telling me I should be at Doyle High School for an interview. It was another one of those times when God takes care when I can't do it myself. I showed up for



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the meeting with the principal, Billy K. Nicely. The man intimidated me mightily, even though he stood only about 5'5". You see, Mr. Nicely had been my high school principal, and on more than one occasion, I fell out of favor with him during those years. To my astonishment, I was talking with the man about a job as a teacher. He hired me, and for the first year, every time he called my name over the intercom, I panicked at the thought of going to the office for a paddling.

On that first day, I was all nerves. My classes included senior English. The students that sat in my classroom were no more than four years younger

than I, and one, Bill Fogarty, was 19, the same age as the girl I was dating and would later marry. Some of the teaching genes passed on by Mother helped me get by. The rest of the time, I simply bluffed my way through. Oh, I knew the material, but I wondered how much kids who were almost my age would listen to me.

That first year, I served as a chaperone on a band trip to Kingsport. V.C. Adcock asked me to help, and it served as a good way for me to be a team player. I made friends with teachers Bob Shoemaker, Jim Pryor, Jim Talent, Bobby Campbell, and Frank Kennedy. Fellow English teacher John Gilbert and I carpooled toward the end of the year, and we sang John Denver songs coming home from school. Linda

Lyle was a rookie that year as well, and we became friends and colleagues. It was a good faculty that year, and I felt blessed to be a part of the DHS family.

That December, I was to marry Amy in Cookeville. My classes sent me off with parties and presents. Back in those days, I smoked, and one group bought me a carton of cigarettes. Another class presented me with two pints of pure-grain alcohol. The third class embarrassed me with items that I cannot mention in this column without blushing.

The evening of my wedding, things were hectic. The church was crowded, but I spied something especially heart-warming. On the last pew in the middle section of the church, three of my

students sat. Mike Lowe, Randy Massey, and Cindy Fleming had driven 100 miles to Cookeville to be there. After all these years, I still consider that one of the kindest things any students have ever done.

In January, my life was once again filled with chaos. Amy and I lived in married student housing on Sutherland Avenue, she attended UT and worked part time, and I was driving to Doyle and learning how to be a teacher. All the while, those students kept me going with typical teenaged things. We laughed, argued, and debated enough to keep class interesting much of the time.

Now, forty years later, I'm old, or at least I feel that way. This invitation to reunite has added just a bit of excitement in life.

The anticipation of the event is mixed with nerves. Hey, I've not seen most of these folks since they were 18 years old. Now they're 58 or more. I hope they have aged more gracefully than I have. I also hope that name tags are passed out so that I don't have to put a teenaged faces and names to people who are now closing in on social security checks. By the time the evening finishes, I'm sure an assortment of emotions will have come and gone. What I know most of all is that I am honored to have been asked to attend this reunion of the graduating class of my teaching career. It's nice to be remembered—good or bad.

Wisdom for the Journey

Three key words are found in the book of Proverbs: wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Knowledge is the recognition of facts (the what). Understanding is the ability to gain meaning from the facts (the why). Wisdom is knowing what to do next (the action or application).

Knowledge is good, but in and of itself it can be damaging. Knowledge is the collecting of facts about life and God. In Corinthians, Paul tells us knowledge can puff you up. It can make smart people, but not nice people. They do well with information, but



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not people. There is good knowledge and bad knowledge. We must let knowledge grow to wisdom.

James says "Don't just listen to the word, do what it says" (1:22). Wisdom is putting knowledge and understanding into practice. Knowledge comes quickly, wisdom comes slowly. Wisdom is birthed through experience and life.

Two types of wisdom are mentioned in James 3:13-18: earthly wisdom and godly wisdom. Notice the contrast between the two. We need the wisdom that comes with humility. The other is from the devil.

How long does it take to be wise? Just because you are called "Boys to Men" doesn't make you a man. Take what you know and begin there. Some of you don't need any more knowledge. You just need to put into practice what you know already.

There was a Focus on the Family newsletter that told the story of a mother who was sick and at home in bed. Her young daughter wanted to provide her some comfort, so she decided to make her mother some hot tea.

When she brought it to her mom, her mother said, "I didn't know you knew how to make hot tea."

The girl replied. "Oh yes, mother. I watched you make it. I took the tea leaves, put them in

the cup, I boiled the water, and since I couldn't find the strainer, I used the fly swatter."

The mother replied, "You didn't do that did you."

The girl said, "Don't worry. I didn't use the new fly swatter. I used the old one."

Just because you think you are doing something the right way, doesn't mean you are. We need to live out the right kind of wisdom. Our guide is not culture, Hollywood,

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Norwood talks abandoned signs, city election

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that Mayor Burchett would have reverted to his original offer and teachers would not have received a pay raise.

"We had asked for \$6.5 million above last year's budget but were told he wasn't going to honor that," she said.

"We haven't had a new middle school built in 20 years," Hill said.

Gorenflo said that the garden at Norwood Elementary is doing very well and thanked the AmeriCorps volunteers who planted the seeds. She said some of the students and staff help out with the garden and was surprised at how well the students liked the fresh broccoli.

"It's been a lot of fun," she said of the garden.

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Coach Ron Eller talks to Karns players after their 13-3 win over Maryville in the Little League District 6 championship game July 9. Karns was scheduled to begin play in the State tournament in Jackson this past weekend.

Area baseball players receive TSWA honors

By Ken Lay

It was truly a banner year for the Hardin Valley Academy baseball team. The Hawks made their first-ever trip to Murfreesboro and came home with a Class AAA State Championship.

And the postseason honors just keep coming for the Hawks. Two HVA players were recently named to the Tennessee Sports-writers Association's All-State Team.

Ace pitcher Will Neely, a University of Tennessee signee made the team along with outfielder Dylan Harris.

The Hawks faced road elimination games in the Region 2-AAA Tournament and in the State Sectionals. They won those games and went on to make a perfect run in the Midstate.

"We were the best elimination team in the state," Hardin Valley coach Joe Michalski said after his team defeated 2014 champion and District 4-AAA rival Farragut 10-2 in a nine-inning title tilt. "Once we got to Murfreesboro, we made up our mind that we were going to win."

Farragut had two players receive all-state honors in ace pitcher Patrick Raby (a Vanderbilt signee) and junior infielder Duncan Pence.

In Class AA: Catholic had pitcher Ethan Elliott and catcher Kole Cottam named to the squad. Cottam, who will play at Kentucky in 2016, was also Mr. Baseball in 2015.

Christian Academy of Knoxville's Colton Norrod was named to the team after leading the Warriors to the District 4-AA regular-season championship and tournament title.

In Class A: Grace Christian Academy won a State Title. The Rams were represented on the all-state team by outfielder Tanner Fee and infielder Chandler Adkins.

Webb School of Knoxville's Brock Beeler was a Division II-A all-state selection.

Area players receive national honors: Raby and Farragut second baseman Chase Fullington (who will play at North Carolina next season) were named to the USA Today American Family Insurance All-USA First Team.

Cottam received second-team honors after leading the Irish to a second consecutive Class AA State Title game appearance.

Michalski was the All-USA Coach of the Year. He reaped the benefits of HVA's first State Championship. He, however, gave those around him all the credit.

"All the credit for this goes to my assistant coaches, Matt Pattillo and Zach Luther," Michalski said. "This award is special and I would be silly to say that it isn't."

"It's an honor for me to share this award with my coaching staff and my players. This team will always be special to us. We may enjoy next year's team even more but we have a lot of work to do. This team will always be special because they were the first [to win the State Tournament]."

Karns coach recalls Morristown's season in Little League spotlight

By Steve Williams

Ron Eller remembers when Morristown made it all the way to the Little League Baseball World Series in 1985.

"That team played the year after me," recalled Eller, who finished play in the Morristown Little League program in 1984 and now, 31 years later, is head coach of Karns' 12-year-old All-Star team.

"All I can remember is the excitement around Morristown. It was very celebrated at that time."

Eller also recalled the star player of that Morristown team - Richie Conway, who went 6 for 8 at the plate (.750) in the World Series. Conway's name is still in the Little League record book for one of the top batting performances in its 75-year history.

The news of an East Tennessee team making it to Williamsport, Pa., and finishing in third place was followed by sports fans throughout the

Knoxville area that summer. The popularity of the Little League World Series started increasing with national television coverage in 1962. Championship games were part of ABC's Wide World of Sports from 1965 to 1985. ESPN started televising even more games from Williamsport in 1982.

Eller went on to play baseball at Morristown West High School (Class of 1990) and was a first baseman in 1991 and '92 at Walters State Community College. He is in his seventh season of coaching youth baseball.

"One reason I love Little League Baseball is you only advance if you win," said Eller, whose Karns team recently captured the District 6 championship to qualify for the State tournament.

Karns, which has the only remaining Little League program in Knox County, was scheduled to play Bristol, the District 5 champion, in the

first round of the State tournament this past Saturday in Jackson.

Other first round matchups included Tullahoma vs. South Nashville, Gallatin vs. Rogersville and Clarksville National vs. Madison Central American, the District 1 champion and host team.

The Tennessee state champion will advance to the Southeast Region tournament.

Tennessee has enjoyed tremendous success in Little League Baseball in recent years. Goodlettsville won the USA title and lost to Japan in the 2012 World Series. South Nashville advanced to Williamsport each of the past two seasons.

Karns was eliminated by South Nashville 4-1 in last year's finals.

The only other Tennessee teams that have made it to the Little League World Series were Nashville in 1970, Jackson in 1974 and Morristown with a second trip in 1987.

With the world-wide tournament televised each summer, players on the Karns team are very familiar with the Little League World Series, said Eller.

"This is the ultimate for a 12-year-old baseball player. I believe they look at it as something special."

Karns got in practice sessions on its home field last Wednesday and Thursday.

Coach Eller said Tyler Nicely and Payton Adkisson were selected to represent Karns in Friday night's pre-tourney Home Run Derby.

BALL HONORED: The Karns team presented Chris Ball, longtime Karns Little League officer, with an autographed baseball at the conclusion of the district tournament.

"Chris basically lives here at the ball park," said Eller, "and does a lot for the program behind the scenes. We wanted him to know how much we appreciate it."

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Forecast at SEC Media Days: Alabama or Auburn in title game?

The preseason football forecast that came out of SEC Media Days last week was a head scratcher.

Georgia was picked to win the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference and Alabama was tabbed to come out on top in the Western Division.

What was crazy was Auburn being voted to win the league's post-season championship game. As you and everybody this side of Hoover know, that wouldn't be possible, if Auburn doesn't win the SEC West. Only the two division champs can play in the title game.

But don't blame the SEC media folks for this foul up. Heaven knows, they've been ridiculed enough over the years for their lousy pre-season forecasting.

No, this was a flaw in the balloting system that most likely was devised at SEC headquarters.

To fix it, starting next year, how about a second ballot being passed around to select the conference



By Steve Williams

champion after votes are counted to determine the divisional winners.

It's really no big deal. In the end, the matter will be settled on the field. But if preseason champions are going to be announced, let's do it right.

LACK OF STARS: Tennessee was picked to finish second behind Georgia in the SEC East, but it's not because its roster is loaded with preseason all-stars.

Quarterback Joshua Dobbs, a third-team honoree, was the only Vol listed among the conference's top offensive players.

Curt Maggitt made the first-team defense at linebacker. Defensive lineman Derek Barnett and defensive back Cameron Sutton were second-team selections.

SWOOSHED: Nike must think a lot more of Michigan than it does of Tennessee.

Michigan last week signed a contract with Nike reportedly worth \$169 million

over 15 years, making the Wolverines' recipients of the richest apparel deal in collegiate athletics.

On July 1, Tennessee signed an eight-year contract with Nike reportedly worth about \$35 million.

Many Vol and, yes, Lady Vol fans are anxious to hear an explanation or at least get a comment from UT Athletic Director Dave Hart about that.

NO SPLIT: Many fans of Tennessee high school athletics, including myself, thought a complete split was coming between private and public in the state last week, but the TSSAA's Legislative Council voted 5-4 against making a change at this time.

More study is going to be conducted on how new TSSAA by-laws can be created to make for a more level playing field for all schools to compete against each other.

It is good to explore all possibilities of keeping private and public schools together before making a split, because many believe once the two groups are divided, they will remain

that way.

In a related move, the TSSAA approved additional seats on its Legislative Council and Board of Control so private schools will now have representation.

A LONGTIME supporter

of Central High athletics said the procession line at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church to view the late Joel Helton took "an hour and a half to go through and over 2,000 signed the book."

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and former players is a testament to the many lives Helton touched through the years. Not only was he a highly successful high school coach and teacher, he helped many young people off the field.

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Tennessee at SEC Media Days

By Alex Norman

Football season might not officially begin for the Tennessee Volunteers until September 5th, but last week's appearance at SEC Media Days certainly marks the unofficial start to the 2015 campaign.

Over 1000 credentialed media members were on hand for the annual gabfest with players and the head coach for all 14 SEC football teams in Hoover, Alabama. Representing the Vols were head coach Butch Jones, junior quarterback Joshua Dobbs, junior defensive back Cam Sutton and senior linebacker/defensive lineman Curt Maggitt.

Thanks in part to a strong finish to the 2014 season, and the Vols first bowl game victory in 7 years, Tennessee is a hip pick to not only contend, but to win the SEC East for the first time since 2007.

Yes, times have certainly changed with regards to the

way Tennessee football is perceived.

"That's what we want at the University of Tennessee. We want the expectations high," said Jones. "That's why players choose to come to the University of Tennessee. We still have a lot of unproven areas in our football program starting up front at the defensive line position but our players have worked exceptionally hard. And this is what it is all about. You want to be part of a program that is relevant and has the magnitude of Tennessee."

When you look across the SEC landscape you see that Tennessee is one place in the conference that doesn't have a question mark at the quarterback position. Joshua Dobbs is the guy, and the Vols will go as far as his arm and legs will take them.

"My goal is to be the best motivator I can be for this team," said Dobbs. "I know

I do that. If I push the players and hold them accountable and hold them to a high standard then I'll get the most out of them. If I put in the extra hours, it motivates them to do the same. So if we do that and take advantage of all our opportunities this year, we will be successful."

"Dobbs did a great job off and on the field," said Maggitt. "He has matured a lot, and is being a lot more vocal. I told him, 'I got his back, no matter what's going on, I got his back.'"

"A CEO quarterback is a quarterback that owns the team. He owns the offense, he can problem solve on his own," said Jones. "He can get you in the right place. He takes care of the football and he's the leader of your football program, and Josh has been able to do that."

The off season has not been ideal for the Vols, with players like Von Pearson being suspended after accusations of sexual

assault. Dobbs realizes that things are much different for a football player today than in the past.

"When you are a college football athlete, obviously everyone at the school you go to and across the country knows who you are," said Dobbs. "And especially nowadays with social media, anything you do can be screen shot, and sent out on Twitter and Instagram and thousands of people can see. So you have to be smart you have to constantly live your life as if there is a camera on you and if you do

that you will make the right decisions moving forward."

The closest that SEC Media Days came to controversy was a slight jab by (who else) South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier, who suggested that Tennessee and Arkansas were still doing cartwheels after finishing with the same 7-6 record the Gamecocks had.

Jones addressed it at his first opportunity.

"I want to make one thing clear... contrary to reports there were no backflips and there were no summersaults," said Jones.

"But in the world of college football, you are judged by wins and losses, but also you are judged (on) does your team overachieve or underachieve. And I thought last year's team, Team 188, overachieved. And being the youngest college football team in all of college football, not having any returning offensive linemen and defensive linemen, I'm really, really proud of our players."



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Moore returns home to coach Catholic baseball

By Ken Lay

Caleb Moore is coming home. He was recently hired to be the new baseball coach at Catholic High School.

Moore, 32, replaces Adam Sullivan. He starred for the Irish and graduated from the school in 2001. Sullivan left Catholic after a long tenure. He guided the Irish to back-to-back appearances in the Class AA State Championship Game in 2014 and 2015.

"It's just a great feeling to come back to a school where you played," said Moore, who recently spent four years as the head coach at Happy Valley High School, where he transferred that program to a competitive one. "Out of the gate, I'm just trying to get to know each kid."

"Each kid is different and unique in his own way. There are a lot of new faces at Catholic and I'm excited to get back in the community and I'm just ready to get started."

Moore knows that expectations are high at Catholic.

"What these kids have accomplished over the last two years has been great," Moore said. "But I don't like to set numeric goals."

"I want these kids to enjoy their baseball experience. I want them to look back on their baseball experience 15 years

from now and think that it was the best experience as the best time of their lives. If they can do that, the wins will take care of themselves."

Moore, who played at East Tennessee State University and played professional baseball, will teach physical education and wellness classes at the school.

He knows that baseball can be frustrating because he's lived both the highs and lows of the game.

"I've been at the top and I've been at the bottom," he said. "One year, I was an all-star in the minor leagues,

and then the next year, I hit .200.

"You have to stay on an even keel. As a player, when you struggle, you start to press. But the best part of being drafted was that I got to see places that I never would've seen and made friends that I never would have made if I hadn't been drafted."

He's also relying on his past coaching experience.

"The main thing that I learned at Happy Valley was the overall experience on the field," Moore said. "You're dealing with 14 to 18-year old kids. You have to be able to relate to them and communicate with them."

Moore is an avid sports fan. He's a Cincinnati Reds and the Bengals. He's also a University of Kentucky fan and he roots for the Dallas Stars in the National Hockey League. His wife's cousin plays for the Stars.

"I watch sports on TV and I love sports," he said. "I'm a Reds fan and I like the Bengals. My wife's cousin plays for the Stars, so I change teams when he changes teams. I'm [also] a UK fan and I know that that's going to get me in trouble."

Away from baseball, Moore enjoys spending time with his family. He's been married to his wife Miranda for two years. He has an 8-year-old stepdaughter, Lily.




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The Angry American

I had planned to write about cognitive aging, but then the Planned Parenthood video exposed the depravity of this organization and its agents. Recently, I wrote about the “moral vacuum” which occurs when religion is no longer considered relevant or hip and is replaced by the State. Secularism without a moral conscience can lead to Planned Parenthood’s “fetal chop shop.”

If some perturbation of the ether finds you “uninformed” regarding the three year investigation of Planned Parenthood and the scandalous video, Google Nucatola and try not to throw up. If you’re waiting for the “drive-by” media or Obama to condemn this latest outrage, you’re wasting your time. These secularists are already circling the wagons in defense of Planned Parenthood and its

Senior Director, Deborah Nucatola, who has an M.D. after her name, but she is not a “physician.” She is a monster no less so than the Kansas late term abortionist, “Tiller the baby killer,” the Hannibal Lecter-like abortionist in Philadelphia or the Nazi, Joseph Mengele.

The Associated Press, whose stories fill the Sentinel, explained that the damning video, with discussions over salad and wine of harvesting and selling parts of aborted children, was just about the “disposition of fetal remains.” Fetus is a medical term used euphemistically in place of a child in the womb.

Margaret Sanger was a birth control activist in the early 1900s, a eugenicist and lauded as the founder of Planned Parenthood. You should read about Sanger’s ideas of controlled human breeding and who

should be culled. The Nazis apparently did so.

The desire to control procreation is ancient. Contraception was practiced in Egypt in the 2nd millennium BC, and coitus interruptus is described in the 38th chapter of Genesis. Abortifacients were used in ancient Greece (c 500 BC), though foresworn by Hippocrates in his ancient creed for “physicians.” In our post-modern world many contraception exist including condoms, birth control pills and quarterly hormone injections. All are readily available and relatively inexpensive. And they are free if you are impoverished. So why are so many babies aborted or born who can’t be cared for?

Since Roe vs. Wade was declared the law of our land in 1973, 57 million abortions have been done. Around a million are done annually, and tragically 37% of abortions are in blacks, though they comprise only 13% of our population. Hillary Clinton once said that “Abortion should be legal, safe and rare.” On this I agree with her. Unfortunately, this life changing procedure is not rare and some have described America’s taking of life as the “American Holocaust.” It is impossible to determine when

thoughtful, soulful human life begins. Until such time that philosophers, scientists, ethicists and theologians can concur on this mystery, I must hold that all human life and proto-life is sacred and should be protected. If it is not then we are little better than the brutes described by Thomas Hobbs.

Does everything seem to be spinning out of control these days? If you’re not one of the “uninformed” or a Democrat apparatchik, you have to wonder what happened to cause America’s race war, the rise of ISIS and the moral vacuum. Though my faith is solid, my marriage is sound and I have enough of everything I need, I ache for my country and especially for my children and grandchildren who will inherit the mess that was once America the Beautiful. Polls show that the rising millennial generation is similarly pessimistic, but attaches no blame to the destructive policies of fifty years progressive-liberalism.

Everyday day we hear of police being ambushed (New York, Saint Louis), riots in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, murders in Chicago and mayhem wrought by illegal criminal aliens. Obama found time to call the families of Travon Martin,

Michael Brown and visit inmates in prison, but apparently is too busy to call the family of Kate Steinle, the young woman murdered by the criminal alien in the sanctuary city of San Francisco.

A wise mentor taught me to bridle my tongue by writing a letter to protest injustice, but to first put it in a drawer for three days. Then reread the letter and if I still feel similarly, mail it. My publisher’s deadline for this essay is twelve hours from now, so time will not be able to curb my passion because today the “religion of peace” struck again and murdered four marines in Chattanooga. I know most Muslims decry the radicals who have co-opted their religion. Perhaps these moderates are afraid to speak out, though some do like Zuhdi Jasser (Google him and learn of his efforts to reform Islam). Edmund Burke once said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

We have become complacent and, like the proverbial frog sitting in a pan of water on the stove, we don’t recognize that the heat is rising and will soon cook us. Will we continue to tolerate the lies of Benghazi, the scandals of the IRS and the VA? Will we continue to laud a President as imperious as

King George?

Maybe our citizens just want to be taken care of by Big Brother. George Orwell wrote his dark book (1984) of a dystopian civilization where there was institutional lying at the Ministry of Truth. The social and emotional privation in Orwell’s book brings to mind North Korea. However, wasn’t it Hillary’s husband in 1994 who negotiated a deal with North Korea to prevent them from becoming a nuclear terrorist state? How’d that work out?

I’m sorry folks, I don’t trust Obama or the apocalyptic Iranian mullahs who still chant death to America and have sworn to annihilate Israel. We’re told that we either sign the treaty or go to war. That’s a lie. The answer is to say “No” to Putin, the Mullahs and don’t trade with them and insist that the world doesn’t either or we won’t trade with the world. But you see this solution takes statesmanship and courage and our own discomfort. However, I’d rather stand my ground now than ask my grandchildren to deal with a nuclear Iran who makes the North Koreans look like pikers.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

National Doughnut Day celebrated at Windsor Gardens



Residents of Windsor Gardens Assisted Living celebrated National Doughnut Day, June 5th, with a doughnut social! (L to R) Mary Jane Forsythe, Helen Foster, and Jane Culvahouse enjoy their Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

Tennova Healthcare Delivers First Aid Backpacks to Marinas and Pools

Fully stocked, complimentary kits can be used to treat minor summertime injuries

A day on the lake or at the pool sounds like fun, particularly as the warmer weather sets in. Unfortunately, spending time in the great outdoors can lead to bumps and bruises, sprains and strains. Now, just in time for the peak summer season, Tennova Healthcare has delivered 50 fully stocked first aid backpacks to marinas and community pools across a 17-county area to assist in quickly addressing minor injuries.

“If you spend any amount of time on the lake or at the pool this summer, it’s

possible you may end up with cuts, abrasions or maybe a bee sting,” said Neil Heatherly, chief executive officer of Tennova Healthcare. “Our goal in distributing these first aid backpacks is to ensure that the basic medical supplies are close-at-hand at marinas and pools so that treatment, if necessary, can be rendered quickly.”

In addition to a full complement of bandages and other medical supplies, each bright red, rolling backpack contains the health system’s “Outdoor Family Fun First Aid & Emergency Guide,” which provides basic information on treating some of the more common summertime injuries including lacerations, heat exhaustion, insect stings, snakebites and sunburn. It also provides

guidance on when an accident warrants a visit to the doctor, a trip to the ER, or when 911 should be called immediately.

Each first aid backpack also details how the marina or pool management staff can partner with the nearest Tennova Emergency Department to restock the kit when provisions run low.

“Whether you choose to go for a hike in the mountains or take the boat out for some tubing, the doctors and nurses at Tennova Healthcare encourage you to be prepared to handle whatever unexpected things may come your way,” Heatherly said. “And if a medical emergency happens – and you need treatment fast – it’s good to know a Tennova ER is close by.”

Knox County Health Department extends hours for back-to-school immunizations

Beginning July 27, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will offer extended hours to better accommodate parents seeking back-to-school vaccinations for their children. KCHD’s Travel and Immunization Clinic, and West and Teague Clinics will be open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday from July 27 through August 7.

“The extra hours per week will enable our staff to see dozens more

patients during the time school rush typically peaks,” said KCHD Assistant Public Health Officer Kelly Cooper, M.D., MPH. “We’re happy to offer this for parents, but we still encourage them to make an appointment with their child’s physician or our staff, before the rush begins and to avoid wait times.”

All students entering preschool, kindergarten or seventh grade and those entering a Tennessee school for the

first time should receive state-required immunizations. Before the first day of school, parents must also provide their child’s school with a state immunization certificate, which documents receipt of the vaccinations.

For those who choose to have their child vaccinated at the health department, KCHD has launched an online registration form, which will be a time-saver for parents. At the appointment, parents should

have their photo ID, insurance card if applicable, and their child’s vaccination record if they have it. Appointments are available at the health department Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at each location:

- Main Offices and Clinic, 140 Dameron Avenue, 865-215-5071
- Teague Clinic, 405 Dante School Road, 865-215-5500
- West Clinic, 1028 Old Cedar Bluff, 865-215-5950

Both the vaccinations and the state immunization certificates are available at physician offices or at the KCHD locations noted above. Parents may contact their child’s physician or the KCHD Immunization Program office, 865-215-5150, to determine if their child has received the required vaccinations. More information, including a list of the state-required vaccinations by grade level, is on KCHD’s website at knoxcounty.org/health.

Tennessee’s vaccine requirements follow recommendations from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Childhood immunizations are vital in protecting children from potentially serious diseases. The CDC estimates vaccinations will prevent more than 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths among children born in the last 20 years.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Monica D. Pace a/k/a Monicah D. Pace and Steven C. Bird executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Lender and National Title Insurance of New York, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated August 11, 2012 and recorded on August 22, 2012 in Instrument No. 201208220011882, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on August 3, 2015 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by LISA A. TURNER, to GREGG MURPHY, Trustee, on February 16, 2006, as Instrument No. 200602170069620 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 24, 2006, executed by ROBERT A. LONGMIRE AND TAMMIE L. LONGMIRE, conveying certain real property therein described to EAST TENNESSEE TITLE PROFESSIO, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 2, 2006, at Instrument Number 200602020065340;

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF BABY GIRL HERNDON Case No. FA-2015-324

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WILLIAM E. SHELTON IN RE: PEGGY E. SHELTON VS WILLIAM E. SHELTON NO. 189384-2 In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant WILLIAM E. SHELTON, non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WILLIAM E. SHELTON, it is ordered that said defendant WILLIAM E. SHELTON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Robert M. Asbury, an Attorney whose address is 5731 Lyons View Pike, Suite 206, Knoxville, TN 37919 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridermore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 18, 2008, executed by DORIS L. BOLEY AND WILLIAM M. BOLEY, conveying certain real property therein described to ALAN E. SOUTH, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 29, 2008, at Instrument Number 200812290039910; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 5, 2007, executed by LEA HANSHAW, conveying certain real property therein described to US TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded January 10, 2007, at Instrument Number 200701100056362;

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TO: KATRINA RENEE CLEVENGER EDMONDS IN RE: JAMES PRESTON EDMONDS VS. KATRINA RENEE CLEVENGER EDMONDS NO. 189944-1 In The Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant KATRINA RENEE CLEVENGER EDMONDS, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KATRINA RENEE CLEVENGER EDMONDS, it is ordered that said defendant KATRINA RENEE CLEVENGER EDMONDS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Stephen K. Garrett, an Attorney whose address is 7838 Barker Road, Coryton, TN 37721 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of June, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDITH JUAMITA EVERAGE who died May 18, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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