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Settlement agreement approved with injured Inskip principal

By Mike Steely
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A resolution on the agenda of the Knox County Commission passed recently to give some support to a special teacher but the subject wasn't discussed much publicly because of the nature of the matter.



Elisa Luna

"Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the Knox County Law Director to Negotiate Benefits Comparable to Worker's Compensation," was the agenda item requested by the school system. No further explanation was on the announced agenda that passed as a "consent" item without public discussion.

"WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 6, 2016, the Knox County Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the Knox County Law Director to negotiate benefits on its behalf with Elisa C. Luna pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-5-714" the sub language of the resolution says.

The resolution from Knox County
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RTI2 Comes to KCS High Schools

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Knox County high school students returned to school this fall to find their schedule has been revised to accommodate something called "RTI2." This year marks the final phase of the implementation of RTI, the education framework used across the country to identify students' academic needs early in their educational career.

In Tennessee, this framework is known as Response to Instruction and Intervention, or "RTI2." The key here is the two l's...Instruction and Intervention.

The Tennessee State Board of Education adopted RTI in 2013, and mandated that districts implement it beginning in the summer of 2014. Districts implemented RTI2 at the elementary school level in 2014-2015, followed by implementation in middle schools in 2015-2016, and high schools in the current 2016-2017 school year.

According to the RTI Action Network, the basis of RTI is supposed to be high-quality instruction and "universal screening" of all children in the general education classroom, through quick tests of specific skills.

Students who struggle to complete the tasks required in the screener are supposed to be provided with interventions at increasing levels of intensity, depending on their needs, in addition to receiving grade level instruction. If the student

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

An eyesore in Fountain City for much of the past two years, visitors to Fountain City Lake as well as passersby have enjoyed the beauty created by the lake's fountain in recent days.

Making a splash in Fountain City

By Steve Williams

It's amazing how much life the fountain brings to Fountain City Lake.

Turned off for most of the past two years as work has been going on in the lake, the fountain was turned on again a little over a week ago to the delight of many.

Samantha Baker, 2½ years old, was among those to see it Tuesday, Aug. 9.

"She was real excited when

she saw it," said her father Bryan Baker of Fountain City. "A 'waterfall' - that's what she called it."

Samantha soon turned her attention to the ducks and enjoyed feeding them.

"The fountain was turned back on last week as our contractor begins to wrap up their work on replacing the pump and much of the piping and infrastructure of the lake's filtration system," noted City

of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Director Joe Walsh via e-mail on Aug. 11.

"We are currently working on getting the best combination of aesthetically pleasing water flow from the fountain and enough flow to help keep the water in the lake moving around. Things are looking better, I think."

Randy Sharp and his family from Halls also were at the Fountain City Lake Tuesday

and doing some fishing, including his wife Rachel and stepsons Mason Bailey and Colton Bailey. Mason is a 7th grader at Halls Middle School and Colton is in the second grade at Halls Elementary School.

A public meeting on the Fountain City Lake project is scheduled for Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Building located at Fountain City Park, 5345 N. Broadway.

History Fair has a variety of events this Saturday



Tom and Sue Wright as Abe and Mary Lincoln will be at the East Tennessee History Fair Saturday in downtown Knoxville. They are pictured here from the event in 2014 with their grandson Kyle. (Photo courtesy of Tom Wright)

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This Saturday Knoxville will be alive with history as the area celebrates the East Tennessee History Fair. "Have a Blast with the Past" is the theme this year and Saturday's events range from a Dog Costume Contest to a celebration of Davy Crockett's Birthday.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and features historic reenactors from various times in the past, antique vendors, and more than forty historical and genealogical societies.

The East Tennessee History Museum, where the ongoing exhibit is "Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee," will not be charging admission for the day. There will also be a miniature of the 1761 Fort Loudoun battle by the Historic Gaming Club of Knoxville, a "Kid Stuff" Music Show and, at 2:15, a celebration of Crockett with Bilo Nelson.

Events outside the Museum

include the Historic Hound Dog Costume Contest at Krutch Park at 10:15, where celebrity judges will award prizes for the Best Costume and Most East Tennessee Spirit. WDVX will showcase live music at the Visitor's Center. The Friends of the Library will have a book sale in the park beginning at 10 a.m. and Mast General Store will sponsor a checkers competition. Games and crafts will also be held at the park.

At least ten authors will be present at the park offering their books including the faculty of the University of Tennessee History Department with several titles available.

Exhibitors include the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Loudoun State Historic Site, the Girl Scout Museum, Green McAdoo Cultural Center, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable, the Knoxville History Project, Knoxville

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When are attorney's fees recoverable?

You've heard the phrase, "I want to be awarded attorney's fees," in regard to litigation. But what exactly does that mean and when does it apply?



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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Generally, in the state of Tennessee, attorney's fees are not recoverable unless you have entered into a contract which states that they are recoverable. That means you are typically responsible for paying all legal fees, even if you win the court case.

There is a lump sum award which the attorney takes a percentage of the total amount.

compensation case. Attorneys know and understand that their fee is getting paid to them at the conclusion of the case. And in those cases there isn't a separate "attorney's fee," award.

signed up for (business or personal)

- Relationship with a doctor or dentist

So, what types of situations might call for a contract to allow for attorney's fees to be recoverable? Here are a few:

- Property lease
- Business contract
- Credit card you have

How exactly does that work at a practical level? If I want to sue someone I was in a contract with, a contract that includes a

provision for the recovery of attorney's fees, then I would need to hire an attorney to file the lawsuit.

1. Whatever the judge awarded me for the breach of the contract, and

2. Reimbursement of the attorney's fees which I paid.

However, keep in mind that while your contract may say that you are entitled to attorney's fees, it is still up to the judge to decide whether he wants to award them to you or not.

If a judge believes that the amount of attorney's fees requested is unreasonably high, he may not award them.

Are There Any Other Instances When Attorney's Fees Are Recoverable? Yes, there are a few. If you sue under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, you may be able to recover attorney's fees.

In a divorce case, you can sometimes get attorney's fees awarded, but not very often. There just are not many instances in Tennessee law where they are recoverable under those spelled out above.

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RTI2 Comes to KCS High Schools

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doesn't respond to the interventions, he or she is referred to special education.

So how does RTI2 work, and what does it mean for your child?

Jennifer Nagel, Knox County parent and educational advocate for children with dyslexia, provided the following explanation.

"Tennessee uses a three-tier RTI2 system. I want to stress that ALL students within public schools in TN are in RTI2. This is where the first "I" comes in to play: Instruction.

She adds that most students are in Tier 1, which would be considered general education classes. There is no intervention for students in Tier 1 - they may be involved in enrichment activities in grades K-8 or take additional elective classes in high school. Tier 2 is for the students who fall below the 25th percentile and Tier 3 is for the students who fall below the 10th percentile based on a universal screener and also other data, such as teacher input.

According to the RTI2 instruction manual provided by the state, RTI2 is the sole criteria by which a student may be identified as having a Specific Learning Disability (SLD) in the state of Tennessee as

of July 1, 2014.

Nagel explains, "RTI2 is used to determine whether a student has a SLD in Basic Reading Skills, Reading Comprehension, Reading Fluency, Mathematics Calculation, Mathematics Problem-Solving or Written Expression. (A few other areas may be added in the future, like behavioral concerns and listening comprehension)."

What should you, as a parent, know if your child is in Tier 2 or 3? First of all, according to Nagel, you should know that your child is indeed within one of those two tiers. A letter will be sent home, and you should also be receiving a progress report every 4.5 weeks. Accompanying the progress report should be your child's progress monitoring data.

Monitoring data is collected at different intervals, depending on whether the student is in Tier 2 or 3. This data collection does not take long - for example, in elementary school the reading assessments can last one minute, and the math assessments can take up to 10 minutes. The progress monitoring data charts can be difficult to understand at first, but, Nagel stresses, parents have every right to ask questions.

Nagel has concerns about the universal screener being used in

KCS elementary and middle schools, saying she doesn't believe the STAR Renaissance screener digs deep enough. It has no writing component, so does not test written expression, and isn't catching spelling deficiencies. Apparently, KCS agrees and is looking to replace STAR. Nagel said AIMSweb, which is being used in high schools and is more skills based, would be a better screening assessment for younger students as well.

Implementation of RTI2 in elementary schools across Knox County is fairly uniform, since most schools have similar schedules and set ups. Tier 2 lasts approximately 30 minutes and Tier 3 approximately 45 minutes each day.

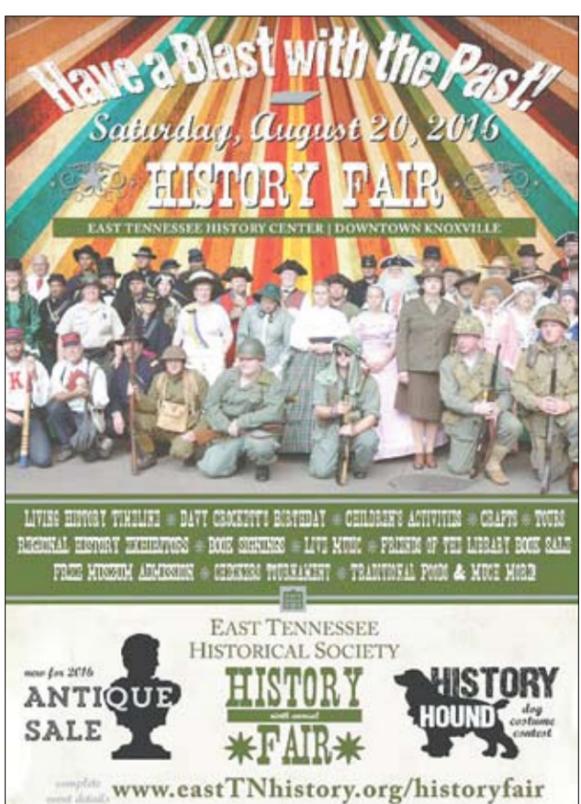
Middle and high school have more variability due to the different schedules used at different schools. For example, many high schools on block scheduling are utilizing a fifth "skinny" block of 45 minutes each day for RTI2, by reducing the four -90 minute blocks to 80 minutes each and reducing the amount of time between classes by several minutes. West High School's blocks 1, 3, and 4 meet every other day and last 90 minutes each. Block 2 is divided into two 45-minute "skinny" blocks to accommodate RTI2 and/or elective class(es) meeting every day.

It will be interesting

to see what impact the current RTI2 mandate (30 to 45 minutes per day in grades K-12), in addition to the newly passed physical activity requirements (225 minutes per week for grades K-1; 160 minutes per week for grades 2 -6; and 90 minutes per week from grades 8-12) has on the time available for actual classroom instruction and learning. Students in grades 9-12 lose about 18% of their core subject classroom instruction time to these mandates.

Nagel is coordinating with Kerry Crook, KCS RTI Program Facilitator, to schedule two parent information nights in September - one for elementary school and another for Middle/High school. She hopes to provide additional information about what RTI2 is and how and why Tennessee is using it, what the reports that should be coming home look like and how to read them, and what happens if your child is not making progress to "close the gap" within their assigned Tier.

In the meantime, Nagel highly recommends that parents ask your child's teacher, principal or school RTI2 representative any school-specific questions you may have. You can also contact her at jranagel@comcast.net



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Fires at 11:30 and Todd Walking Tours and many more groups.

Various living history reenactors will include the 1790s Knox County Militia, the 79th NY Infantry and 8th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Civil War actors, The Woman Suffrage Coalition, World War II soldiers, Korean and Vietnam soldiers, and a Civil War uniform display.

On Market Street behind the History Museum at least 20 East Tennessee antique dealers will set up their wares. Across Gay Street, the Tennessee Theater will host a backstage tour at 10 a.m., a showing of 1925 film "Shouldering

Steed and The Silent Stomp will perform at 2:30.

A Walking Tour will be led by Jack Neely, featuring "Old City, Irish Town and Cripple Creek."

The History Fair also features a tour of the Duncan Law Library, the original city hall and former home of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and a vintage baseball game at Ramsey House Plantation.

The History Fair overlaps with the First Families of Tennessee celebration from August 19th through the 21st. The descendants of those pre-statehood settlers will have a reunion and jubilee with a genealogy conference.

Lisa Belleman, Director of Membership and Social Media for the East Tennessee Historical Society told The Focus that anyone wanting more information can go to the History Fair website at http://www.easttnhistory.org/history-fair but they are welcome to call 865-215-8824 or email ETHS at eths@eastTNhistory.org

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Publisher's Position He's Gone — Let's move on



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The ballots in the recent election had barely been counted when the News Sentinel started giving the new Board of Education advice about how to pick the next superintendent. The Sentinel told the incoming Board members just what to look for in a new superintendent and even rehashed a little history.

The Sentinel didn't exactly get it right about the fact that seven of the nine members on the new Board are former teachers. When I was a member of the Board of Education, I was the ONLY member who was a businessman amongst a sea of

former school administrators. Never once do I recall the Sentinel editorializing about the need for occupational diversity on the Board back then. Eventually, the Board became so top heavy with former administrators that a friend of mine made the observation old school administrators don't go to either Heaven or Hell when they die; they get themselves elected to the Board of Education.

The Sentinel wrongly puts the past two election cycles in the context of a "teacher revolt," although they were correct that the former Board majority was wiped out due to former Superintendent Jim McIntyre. The teachers didn't elect any candidate to the Board; McIntyre, with the unflinching support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Knoxville News Sentinel, managed to turn the great majority of people in the community against him. It also turned the voting public against those members of the Board who were perceived as rubber stamps for McIntyre. If you've forgotten which candidates

those were, simply look in the archives and see who the Sentinel endorsed.

The Sentinel says McIntyre quit when it became evident he had lost his majority on the Board of Education, which is true. McIntyre blamed the "toxic atmosphere" surrounding his superintendency as being one of the reasons he was leaving, but what neither he (nor the Sentinel) ever acknowledged, was no one single person had more to do with creating that toxic atmosphere than McIntyre.

McIntyre quit about a month after seeking yet another four-year extension of his contract. McIntyre was mighty slow on the uptake, which was one of his many faults as a leader. In a weird analogy, the Sentinel attempted to excuse McIntyre's "slight" teaching experience by comparing him to David Cutcliff's lack of football playing experience. First of all, that's like comparing a cricket to a stallion. Secondly, even saying McIntyre had "slight" teaching experience is like saying

someone who looks at a lot of postcards is a world traveler. The Sentinel, which incidentally, opposed virtually every new member sitting on the Board of Education come September, is now telling those folks just what they need in a new superintendent. The Sentinel says we need someone with "vision and passion," both of which they attributed to Jim McIntyre. Basically, what the Sentinel is saying is the permanent superintendent ought to be Jim McIntyre 2.0. The Sentinel says we need a "top-notch administrator" (another trait they used to attribute to McIntyre), yet they failed to recognize McIntyre was a terrible administrator. One of McIntyre's chief failings was his tendency to rule like a tyrant. McIntyre's style was dictatorial, autocratic and imperial. That is one reason McIntyre never connected with the people, the teachers, or much of anyone outside Knoxville's wealthy elite establishment. Of course he got along with the establishment as he was handpicked by what

good ol' Georgianna Vines likes to call our "business community leaders."

The Sentinel ignores the fact since Jim McIntyre's departure, there has been a collective exhaling of breath. Buzz Thomas, has done a good job. Yet Thomas has had no difficulty in spotting those areas where the school system needed overhauling and is methodically making changes. I suppose the Sentinel would contend Buzz Thomas is merely expanding upon the good job done by McIntyre, which is a fantasy. Buzz Thomas has earned more good will for the Knox County School system in a month than Jim McIntyre did in eight years.

It seems to me the Sentinel is mighty free with its advice, especially considering it was entirely wrong about Jim McIntyre and I would remind readers the Sentinel died in the trenches with and for McIntyre. The fact is Jim McIntyre was not much of a leader and the only thing more preposterous is McIntyre running a leadership academy.

A superintendent needs to understand as many perspectives as possible, including those of teachers, students, parents, and **taxpayers**, a word you will rarely ever find in a Sentinel editorial when schools are mentioned. The new Board of Education doesn't need to be reminded it cannot represent solely teachers; any Board member who does not consider taxpayers, the folks who pay the freight, the children, the professional staff and the community ought to be replaced. If a Board member represents the teacher's union instead of the plain folks, he or she ought to be sent packing and likely will be in the next election.

Nor does the Sentinel need to remind the incoming Board members they will be held accountable, as that is precisely how they got there. Despite the Knoxville News Sentinel and the Chamber of Commerce, the voters held the McIntyre rubber stamps accountable and now they are gone and it is time to move on.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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Inskip Elementary Students Receive School Supplies

Enrichment Federal Credit Union's North Knoxville Branch delivered school supplies to Inskip Elementary School to make sure all students have the proper supplies for a productive and educational school year. This is the second year the credit union has assisted Inskip Elementary with supplies for students. With the help of EFCU members and the community the credit union was able to deliver 5 large boxes of supplies to the school.

Credit Unions were founded on the philosophy of "People Helping People", and this is just one small way that EFCU can reach out to our community and provide a small level of assistance. The employees at the North Knoxville Branch, located at 5201 Schubert Road, felt a need to help a school basically in their back yard.

"If we can provide one or two items to a child to ensure they have the proper supplies to assist in their education, then we have been able to assist the future of our community in a positive manner,"

said EFCU North Branch Manager Ellora Drinnen.

Tennessee Department of Education Announces Dyslexia Advisory Council

Last week Education Commissioner Candice McQueen unveiled a roster of education leaders and advocates to serve on the Dyslexia Advisory Council, a group designed to explore ways to screen students for characteristics of dyslexia and identify resources for teachers to support students with the characteristics of dyslexia.

The advisory council was established as part of the Say Dyslexia Bill, which was approved by the Tennessee General Assembly during the 2016 legislative session. In addition to establishing the Dyslexia Advisory Council, the law requires all students to be screened for the characteristics of dyslexia and provide appropriate interventions for students who are identified as having those characteristics. The bill also requires the Department to provide training on identifying and addressing dyslexia.

The advisory council will

include the following members:

- Theresa Nicholls, Director of School Psychology Services, Tennessee Department of Education
- Eileen Miller, Advocate, Decoding Dyslexia Tennessee
- Allison McAvoy, Special Education Teacher, Hamilton County Department of Education
- Melissa Miller-Benson, Elementary School Teacher, The Bodine School
- Mercedes Chartrand, Middle School Teacher, Clarksville-Montgomery County School System
- Briana Patrick, High School Teacher, Lauderdale County Schools
- Anna Thorsen, Parent
- Morgan Ashworth, Speech Language Pathologist, Loudon County School District

The council also includes three ex-officio members with expertise in dyslexia: Emily Dempster with the International Dyslexia Association; Erin Alexander, a school psychologist and assistant director for clinical services at the Tennessee Center for Dyslexia; and Susan Porter, a district lead coach of instruction with Metro Nashville Public Schools.

Area Student Scholarships Announced



Three Carter High School graduates (above) received this year's Andy Wilson Memorial Scholarship: Shelby Reynolds, daughter of Carrie and Jeremy Reynolds; Daylon Hurst, daughter of James and Angie Hurst; and Austin Harbin, son of Jeff and Kim Harbin. All three are freshmen at Carson Newman College this fall.

The scholarships are awarded each year to a male and female who have maintained a 3.0 grade point average and have participated in sports in

some capacity. Andy's family has already awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships since Andy's death. Andy was tragically killed in a car accident on January 26, 2008. He is the son of Becky Wilson and the late Roger Wilson and the grandson of Bill and Peggy Wilson.

Also, Seymour High School graduate Dailyn Davis (pictured below) received the Dolly Parton Scholarship in the amount of \$15,000 from Citizens National Bank and The

Dollywood Foundation. Dailyn is the daughter of Dale and Kim Davis of Seymour. She will be attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to pursue her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology.

"We congratulate Dailyn and wish her great success as she begins her college career at UT," says Chuck Godfrey, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of CNB's Seymour Branch located at 10225 Chapman Highway.

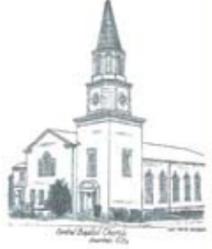



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Our Neighborhoods

Bow Wow in the Park

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If you've recently moved to Knox County or if you just got your first dog you may be wondering where you can take it and let it play. If you're lucky enough to have a fenced back yard then you can at least let the animal loose there.

House animals need to be outdoors at least part of the time and that's especially true for dogs. They are curious and active beings that like to roam and venture. Even if you have a fenced yard you will learn that dogs also like to play with their owners and other dogs.

"No person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park or upon the property of another."

That's the law in Knox County.

So, where is there in our area that permits active play and lets dogs run without a leash?

How about a public park with large, fenced-in open spaces for dogs and benches for owners? Interested? Knoxville and Knox

County have seven Dog Parks that feature the open spaces where your dog can run and water fountains and benches for you. Some even have separate areas for small and large breeds and all but one of these canine-friendly parks are within existing people parks except one.

Tommy Shumpert Dog Park is located in North Knox County next to the Sterchi Hills subdivisions. The section of the large park reserved for dogs has two fenced sections. The large dog area has a mulched walking trail and a large pond with a dock where your dog can swim. The main park has a walking trail where you can walk your leashed dog and the trail connects with the Sterchi Hills Greenway.

Victor Ashe Park is located between Pleasant Ridge Road and Western Avenue. The park is just off Bradshaw Road. It features one acre with hardwood trees and your dog can enjoy ramps, tunnels and jumps there. On leash you and your pet can enjoy the 120 acres there along a 1.5 mile natural trail.

PetSafe Village Dog Park, Knoxville's first such park, is a one-acre space that is

on-leash but also has off-leash hours in the evenings when the park is staffed. The park has a natural pond, a full set of agility equipment, walking trails and picnic tables. The facility is located off Dutchtown Road, on Cogdill Road.

Concord Park has one of the newest dog parks in the area. The dog area has almost four acres and features a dock with access to the water plus a dog shower. Paved and natural surface walking areas invite you to bring your pet. The park is located behind the tennis courts by the Concord Mountain Bike Trails.

The PetSafe Charter Doyle Dog Park is located on West Millertown Pike off Chapman Highway. It has two areas for large and small dogs. There are also trails for on-leash walking.

The PetSafe Downtown Dog Park is primarily for downtown dog owners and their pets. It also has two sections for large or small dogs, water fountains for both you and your dog, and a variety of fun play stations. It is located at 200 South Central.

Holston River's Dog Park is located at 3300 Holston Hills and features a one-

acre dog area and two sections for the size of the dogs. You can leash your pet and enjoy a walk along the river as it winds its way along the park.

All the parks have dog waste stations and a courteous pet owner should always clean up after their pets. All of the Knoxville and Knox County Parks and Greenways are open to leashed dogs. The Tennessee Izaak Walton League has partnered with the parks to place the waste stations here and there as needed. You can sponsor a waste station by calling the League at (865)414-5590.

PetSafe is a subsidiary of Radio Systems Corporation off Cogdill Road at 1-427 PetSafe Way. The corporation is the largest manufacturer of electronic pet training products in the nation and has sales in 52 countries. They manufacture a variety of products including invisible fencing, pet drinking fountains, Premier Pet Products and Innotek training products. In Knox County the corporation has partnered with the city, county, and other concerns to fund the dog parks.

PetSafe supports not



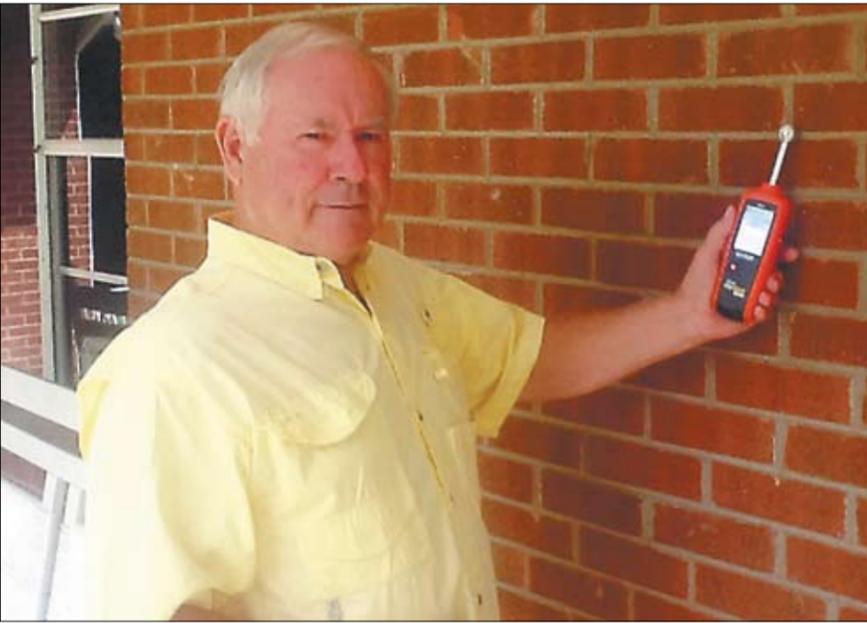
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Beth-Ann McDonald pauses at the entrance to the PetSafe Dog Park at Tommy Shumpert Park with her two year old daughter Callie Grace and Jaya, their mixed breed Lab. The new pet owner visits the park often and it's a great break for exercise and fitness for all three.

only dog parks but rescue missions, adoption services and many other efforts. Employees at PetSafe may bring their dogs to work

with them. In 2011 Dog Fancy Magazine named Knoxville the "Dog Town USA City" for the Southeast.

Allied Services Unlimited provides solutions



Don Burke of Allied Services Unlimited.

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Don Burke is a man with a great sense for innovation and cutting edge technology. He has 40 years of diverse business experience, but the most significant times in his career were connected with his work in a biotechnological company dealing with hydrocarbons treatment. Recently he has started a new endeavor - a company, which is also connected with environmental protection.

Burke has never had professional education in the field of biotechnology and remediation, but has always been quick to learn and grasp the latest trends in technology. His business career started in Alaska. "Part of the success in business comes when you meet the right people at the right time," said Burke. His business thrill and entrepreneurial spirit have always helped him in his work.

In Anchorage he started a firm called Biotech Services Inc., which specialized in cleaning oil spills. Together with colleagues from Europe, he managed to bring to the United States bacteria, which were aimed at cleaning areas polluted with petroleum and was harmless to the environment. This technology made him known in the business.

The business career of Don Burke spreads from Alaska to California. Now he lives in Knoxville, where he moved in 1998. His entrepreneurial spirit always made him dream of new business projects. He started with a small tree cutting firm and was happy to help people in the neighborhood. However, after restoring his ties with a business partner from Europe, he decided to set up a company, Allied Services Unlimited.

Burke's company primarily deals with

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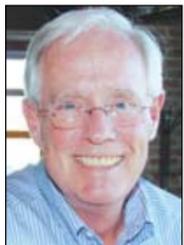
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Working hard to please

I've become a millennial! It happened without my knowing what was happening. My reason for saying this is that I'm changing part time jobs again. After almost a year at Toyota of



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Knoxville, my body is aching from the walking on concrete all day long. If I could survive that one thing, no change would be necessary. My time at the place has certainly showed me that the service department employees work hard to please.

Nothing is any better than getting reacquainted with a best friend. Billy Hayes is the Director of Service at Toyota of Knoxville, and as I've discussed many times before, we coached our sons in baseball for years and developed a strong friendship through it. The best part of my job there was spending time with him as we laughed, fussed, and sometimes cussed.

I knew Billy was a good body shop business man. What I witnessed firsthand is that he simply has exceptional skills that make him one of the strongest business leaders around. He works to keep employees happy. He is a member of management, but Billy is never afraid to jump in to help porters, service advisers, or body shop technicians. On more than one occasion, he's rolled up his white shirt sleeves and fixed a vehicle problem. I also learned that the folks who work in the service center are some of the hardest working individuals in any business. Service advisers spend much of their time writing up orders and answering customers' questions and complaints. Oil techs and mechanics work tirelessly to provide services that please customers and to diagnose and fix problems with vehicles. The mechanics attend classes to earn certification in multiple areas. A car owner can feel a bit more at ease that his or her car is under the care of someone who has the experience and skills to solve problems. I worked as a porter, a fancy name for a car mover. My buddies and I began work around 7 a.m. and worked long hours. The job doesn't sound that difficult, does it? You're right...to a degree. However, porters move cars to different areas of the property for work, then they move them to the car wash, and then they bring them out for waiting customers. By the end of the day, a porter who works hard can walk as much as twelve miles without ever leaving the Toyota lot.

Another surprise concerned customers. Many are kind folks who are patient with the staff and find ways to occupy themselves as services are being completed. An astonishing number of customers arrive at the center in a bad mood, and that negative attitude grows while they wait. I've watched too many people verbally attack employees over prolonged waiting time, even though the vast majority of complainers didn't have appointments. Some irate individuals accuse workers

of stealing possessions in their cars and maintain those accusatory tones even after video proof contradicts their statements. Dealerships are driven by surveys. Called CSI's (customer service index), these surveys are sent to folks who have visited the dealership for service. The kicker with these tools is that they aren't fair at all. If a person finishes his visit at the center, thinks he's received average service, and gives a score in the 70's or 80's, he has unwittingly assigned a failing score. Anything below a 90 is a terrible grade, and most of the time, an acceptable CSI score to management in the company is 100. Try to remember that the next time you grade a dealership's service department.

I know that mistakes happen when car services are provided. That comes when humans are working. However, a customer who loses his temper is making a bad situation worse. A better approach would be to talk with the service department manager and to come to some kind of understanding. Maybe a better solution would be for the customer to go to a different dealer. All in all, I've gained a healthy respect for the folks who take care of cars. They work hard and try to provide excellent service. From now on, I'll be much more patient and understanding of what is going on at the places where I shop. As for the workers in the Toyota of Knoxville service center, I salute them and the work they do and say thanks for your kindness to me. I'll miss you guys.

City looks to regulate Short Term Rentals

By Mike Steely
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The City of Knoxville is floating plans to regulate short-term, Airbnb-type rentals of homes and began that effort Wednesday in a presentation before the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

The city administration had three representatives at the meeting and Bill Lyons, Deputy Mayor, opened the presentation by saying they want to include the neighborhoods in the process.

"They are operating here now," Lyons said of the short-term rentals, "completely outside regulations." He said the city is looking at regulating the rentals in a manner similar to the food truck regulations, in order to control where they might operate and what taxes, licenses and permits would be required.

He said the city is just in the beginning stages of getting public input to "come up with the best possible ordinance."

Short-term rentals would probably include renting of rooms in a house, the entire house, outside dwellings on a property and even garage apartments. Knoxville is seeing a growing number of this type of rentals as people come to the city for special and sporting events, conventions, etc. The cost to visitors for a few days of occupancy in private homes is often much less than renting a hotel or motel room.

Currently unregulated, there is no standard as to what can be rented or where the rentals can take place. There's also the loss of revenue to not only the commercial lodging facilities but to city tax coffers.

Christa Cuccaro of the City Law Department went through a PowerPoint presentation with the neighborhood representatives to illustrate possible ways to regulate the rentals. She said that the rentals to non-residents can also pose parking and public safety problems in neighborhoods. She also said the city

is looking to see how short-term rentals might affect affordable housing.

Cuccaro separated the short-term rentals from traditional Bed and Breakfast homes and Boarding Houses. She said that last year some 8,000 visitors stayed in short-term rentals in the city.

The city is looking to similar regulations adopted in other cities, including Nashville and Asheville, N.C., and may limit the Knoxville rentals to owner occupied residential homes, prohibiting commercial firms who rent several houses from the service.

She also said that the city may hire an employee to enforce whatever regulations are adopted by the city council. Another idea to regulate the housing might be an annual questionnaire required from those homeowners. The city is also looking to require insurance, a business license, a plan for parking at the rentals, and a special permit.

The short-term housing permit, Cuccaro suggested, might cost \$100 per year and then be reduced in following years. She also suggested that the rentals should be regulated in areas zoned strictly for residential housing.

The city plans several public hearings on the issue and a city council work session before the plans are adopted. The city is also proposing imposing the hotel-motel occupancy tax on the private home rentals.

Lyons, Cuccaro and Jesse Mayfield, Director of Communications, took several questions and comments during the meeting including comments that the \$100 fee might be too large or too small, how it could be enforced, how many occupants would be permitted in each rental, and one comment that residential neighborhoods should be banned from such rentals.

Commenting on the proposal to regulate the short-term rentals Lyons said, "The only other option is to ignore it."

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The firm is connected with mold inspection and remediation, provides asbestos cleaning and other environmental services. The fluids used to kill the organisms causing mold are harmless for people! The second division of

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environmental consulting services, expert evaluation of polluted areas, etc. Tree cutting services are not a priority anymore, but Burke still helps people out by clearing their driveway or just cutting a dangerous tree when his services are needed.

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No notice on ethics meeting cancellation

By Mike Steely
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Suppose a county group was scheduled to meet, people showed up, but the group's members didn't? That's what happened Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the City-County Building.

The quarterly meeting of the Knox County Ethics Committee was on the county's website, on the CTV schedule, and on the electronic sign inside the building. But when the time came for the meeting, with four citizens present to speak to the members, no members or county officials showed up.

Some of the citizens wanted to speak about the new rules involving how an ethical violation complaint is processed. The rule change makes it a bit harder to have a complaint heard publically by the Ethics members. A complaint that comes to the

county involving unethical behavior of an official or county employee now goes to the Law Department for review. If the complaint is judged to have some merit it goes then to the Ethics Committee.

Once the Ethics Committee hears the issue in a public hearing a ruling can be made but that goes back to the Law Department for consideration.

David Buuck, Chief Deputy Law Director, told The Focus that the committee meeting was cancelled because there was nothing on the agenda. He apologized for not informing The Focus of the cancellation and said there have been no ethical complaints filed or considered during the past three months.

Michael Sullivan and his attorney, Van. R. Irion, were at the empty assembly room for the meeting

apparently to address the new complaint procedures. Sullivan has sued an animal control officer and the Knox County Sheriff's Office in federal court and Sullivan is charged with animal cruelty in local court.

Sullivan said he may address the County Commission's Work Session this evening on the issue. The new procedure says that any complaint filed that also involves litigation in court cannot be heard until the court case is resolved.

He also said that the Fraud Hotline has "kind of displaced" the Ethics Committee's role.

In the Sullivan case Buuck said the county was "hamstrung" and couldn't respond when only hearing "one side of the story."

Commissioner Mike Brown, a non-voting member of the Ethics Committee, is

leaving office and the new commission will be naming a commissioner to replace him. Other members of the Ethics Committee include people appointed by the Sheriff, the County Mayor, a Commission appointee, a liaison from the Sheriff's Department, and a mayor's liaison member.

The committee members currently are Barbara Chandler, Raj Patel, B. DeWitt Bureson, Mae Killebrew-Mosley, Bob Barker, Gina Oster, Roy Kruse, Garrett Swartwood and Jonathan Cooper. Non-voting members include Capt. James Carson and Dean Rice.

All of the committee members serve overlapping terms and none of the terms expire this year. The next expiration of terms is in October of 2017.



Rosie's World

My Cats

Traditionally, historians tend to think ancient Egypt was the site of cat domestication, owing to the clear depictions of house cats in Egyptian paintings about 3600 years ago. However, in 2004, a grave excavated in Cyprus, contained the skeletons, laid close together, of both a human and a cat, estimated to be 9500 years old. Cats are revered by the Muslims. According to myth in many cultures, cats have multiple lives, mostly nine lives. The myth is attributed to the natural suppleness and swiftness cats exhibit to escape life-threatening situations.

And that's certainly true of my cats. I do not let them roam around outside, which they dearly love to do, so that when I open a door, their swiftness is astronomical, like a flash of light. But it doesn't happen often and when it does, I can tempt them inside with "cat treats."

When I first got them about three years ago I thought they were females. But I found out later they are one of each and brother and sister. Their personalities are as different as night and day. Miss Kitty is lovable, cuddly, and sits by my side wherever I sit. When I get up to go into another room, she goes right along with me. Mister Cat is very independent, not caring where I'm at or what I'm up to, as long as he's fed. Once in a great while he will jump on my lap and let me caress his cheeks and under his chin for a few minutes like he's doing me a big favor, not the other way around.

It is said that cats sleep seventeen hours a day. Well, it's no wonder--all they do is eat, play and sleep. The seven hours they're awake, they are busy grooming their lovely coats of fur. It is estimated that there are seventy-three breeds of cats in the world. I can only surmise how full Noah's Ark must have been if there were seventy-three breeds of males and females. Then again, seventy-three breeds probably were not known in his time.

Cats are very intelligent. My cats know the meaning of the word, "no" but "yes" is incomprehensible to them. They can't shake hands with their paws, or rollover, or do many tricks that dogs do. However, if one has a lot of patience and perseverance they can be taught some things.

I taught my cats not to come in my bedroom at night (If I did, they would keep me awake all night). I keep the bedroom door closed. Miss Kitty, however, will try to sneak into the room whenever she can. When they do manage to sneak in, it's cat treat time again. I buy cat toys for them which they will play with for a few days, then they'll ignore them and want new toys again.

I love my cats although I could do without the cat hair. They help keep my blood pressure down!

Thought for the day: "If one is going to live amicably with a cat, and if both parties are going to get the best out of the partnership, a good deal of patience and a certain amount of discipline is necessary on both sides." Philip Brown, from "The Cat That Came In From The Cold"

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

It's No. 76 for The Knisleys!

They moved from Union County to Knox County in 1912 and joined Fairview Baptist Church in Corryton, Tennessee. The Knisley family began a long association



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into the thousands; and many live across the country far from East Tennessee.

It is a well-known tradition for the entire Knisley family to worship together at Fairview Baptist Church

during their annual family reunion, which has been held the second weekend in August for 76 years! Though the original Knisley siblings have passed on, the younger generations continue the reunions that

emphasize family, faith, food, and fun! The familiar fish fries have been modernized, according to Carroll Bales. "But we still have the iron kettles that were used for over 50 years," Carroll said.

Last year marked a milestone with the Knisley Family's 75th reunion at the Corryton Senior Center where over 200 families were represented! Deloris Bales shared that the service at Fairview was truly special with over four pews filled with the Knisley Family. Victory in Jesus, a beloved hymn and favorite

of many family members was sung in their honor. This year the tradition continued with a gathering for Reunion No. 76!!

What a wonderful way to celebrate another year of life---getting together on a beautiful summer evening with family, remembering those family members who have passed on, and attending church together on a Sunday morning. Those original family members would be so proud of the legacy they have left. Family reunions -- they are truly the American way of life! (To be continued.)

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Football season kicks off with Jamboree

By Ken Lay
Area high school football teams have had two long hot weeks of preseason camp in 2016.

The hot weather stuck around Thursday night but camps officially came to an end Thursday night as eight area teams played the first night of the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic Kick-Off Classic at Hardin Valley Academy.

The sultry night certainly didn't dampen the spirits of local fans as the four one-quarter games were played before a near-capacity crowd.

"It's been a long camp," Hardin Valley coach Wes Jones said. "This was great for a lot of our kids because this was

their first time to play in that Friday night atmosphere."

Austin-East head coach Jeff Phillips agreed despite seeing his squad manage just eight yards of total offense in a 0-0 tie against Gibbs (which had just 55 yards in 12 minutes).

"Any time you get a chance to put on the game jerseys and walk through the halls; that's a good thing," said Phillips who will begin his fourth season as coach at his alma mater when the Roadrunners open their 2016 campaign at home Friday night against Scott. "It's good to get out here and play in a game.

"It's been a long summer for all of us."

In other games: Central 7, Hardin Valley 7: Jones had to

like what he saw from the host Hawks Thursday night.

HVA, which went 5-6 last season, darted to an early lead against the Bobcats when Gavin Greens threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Thomas Clay.

For Jones and Greene, it was more than just a mere short scoring strike. Greene didn't get to play in the jamboree last season. He suffered a season-ending broken leg in a scrimmage just days before the 2015 event.

"It's great to have him back," Jones said of Greene. "He's the one person that I wanted to go out on the field and give a hug [after the touchdown] because he got

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Austin-East wide receiver Kevin Andrews (13) battles for the ball with Gibbs High's Bryson Lane in Thursday's action at the KOC Kick-Off Classic at Hardin Valley Academy. The Roadrunners and Eagles both open the season this week and each squad made the playoffs in 2015. Photo by Dan Andrews.

TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2016

With player numbers up, Vikings eye Mason-Dixon title

By Steve Williams

An increase of 10 players on its 2016 squad is the best preseason news for Tennessee School for the Deaf's football program.

"We have 18 players on our roster now," said TSD head coach Barry Swafford through interpreter and assistant coach Jordan Cooper following last Wednesday's third practice day. "That's good."

Now with a roster size that can easily work for the 8-man game, TSD has set its sights on winning another Mason-Dixon Conference championship.

"We have four upper-classmen, including three seniors," added Swafford, who is beginning his fourth season as head coach. "More than half of our players are freshmen and 8th graders."

The Vikings will start practice in full pads today (Aug. 15). They play their first game Saturday, Aug. 27, at Georgia School for the Deaf.

Last season, due to a lack of players, TSD had to forfeit two games in 8-man football and finished with a 1-2 record, while it had a 2-2 record in 6-man football.

Six players return from

last year's squad, with junior Marcus Jones heading the list. The 5-10, 160-pounder will play his first season at quarterback and free safety or linebacker on defense.

"He's our franchise player right now," said Swafford. "His footwork is wonderful and his hips are awesome.

"He's a complete player. He can lead the offense and read the defense."

Other returnees are senior center and nose-man Clarence Cunningham, senior guard and defensive back Cornelius Johnson, sophomore tight end and linebacker Matthew Neely, sophomore running back/wide receiver and cornerback DeSean Freeman and sophomore tight end/running back and linebacker Jacob Johnson.

"I also have a few prospects I think can help us a lot," said Swafford.

Tristen Davidson is a freshman lineman with good size (5-10, 190) and a good frame. Lorenzo Currie is a swift eighth grade running back.

"He's very fast," said Swafford. "We look forward to having him the next five years."

The Vikings made a good first impression on their



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Barry Swafford prepares to throw a pass against the TSD defense during practice last week. Swafford was a senior quarterback for the Vikings in the fall of 1970.

coach.

"I found them to be very motivated and willing to learn," recalled Swafford. "They cooperate with each other and don't complain. They're very coachable.

"I know we have very little experience. They need a lot of learning time. Each time we play we'll get better. I know we will.

"They have a lot of athletic skills, but they're just very raw. They need polishing.

"TSD always has been well known for speed, and that will carry us through this season."

The Vikings won Mason-Dixon Conference titles in 2011, 2012 and 2014. They captured the national deaf championship for 8-man teams under former coach

Dick Henley in 2011 and were national deaf runners-up under Swafford's direction in 2014.

Swafford expects Mississippi School for the Deaf to be his team's chief challenger for this season's Mason-Dixon title. Mississippi will be TSD's homecoming game opponent this season on Oct. 1.

The Vikings are scheduled to play their first home game at Chambers Field against South Carolina School for the Deaf on Sept. 22.

Ethan Swafford, former TSD quarterback (Class of 2013), has been assisting his dad as a volunteer coach and will continue in that role until he returns to Gallaudet University in about three weeks for his senior year.

King's Academy Returns Starters and Experience

By David Klein

The King's Academy Lions are coming off their first football playoff berth from 2015. The Division 2, Class A team returns eight starters on offense and five on defense. "It's a great problem to have," Head Coach Matt Lowe said.

One key to the returning offensive starters, Lowe said, is returning four offensive linemen. Justin Adkins, Cody Blazer, Cole Lusby, Shawn Hamilton all return on the line. "That's a huge asset," Lowe said.

"Most of us know what to do," Adkins said of the offensive line.

Jake Weekly and Isaiah Jeffers return at wide receiver. In addition, junior quarterback Brandon Burgess returns. He has started every game of his career. "He's grown a little bit," Lowe said. "We're expecting big things out of him. He has the potential and ability to have a big year."

Since training camp and fall practice began, the Lions' players have named four captains. Players selected senior defensive back and wide receiver Jeffers, Adkins, Burgess, and junior linebacker and tight

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end Jonathan Atchley as captains. "The players are the ones who decide that stuff more than anything else," Lowe said.

Jeffers has great play-making ability and has started on both sides of the ball since his freshman year. "He can play any position," Lowe said. "He's going to be counted on very heavily. Offensively, he's a guy that needs five to 10 touches a game. Defensively, he's a difference maker. For our team to have a lot of success, he needs to have a big year for us."

King's Academy runs a spread offense. "We do a lot of three receiver sets, sometimes we run four receiver sets," Lowe explained. "We try to be as balanced as possible throwing and running."

"Coach believes in running the ball to win, passing to score," Jeffers added. Senior running back Philip Sellers is also back and set the single season

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Probiotics

For thousands or millions of years - depending on your interpretation of science and scripture - mankind has had a symbiotic relationship with bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract or "gut." In fact, a depletion or eradication of bacteria with antibiotics often causes disease. An example is "antibiotic colitis" which results from an overgrowth of an organism called *Clostridium difficile*. This bacterium is normally held in check because it must compete with billions of other bacteria in the gut, at least until these bacteria are depleted by antibiotics and the resistant *Clostridia* species proliferates and releases toxins which produce diarrhea and colitis (inflamed colon).

In a medical career spanning four decades I've attended a lot of medical conferences and lectures. However, the most memorable and entertaining medical lecture was given by a self-described

"flatologist." This gastroenterologist's specialty and area of research was colonic gas. Imagine a career spent collecting and analyzing gaseous emissions of the colon.

I don't mean to be crass, but we all produce flatus, or as I was taught in grammar school, we all fart. And we've heard of people who are able to ignite the gas expelled from their lower regions. Methane is the principal component of natural gas which heats our homes and cooks our food more efficiently than electricity. Cows produce lots of methane from the vegetable matter they eat. The methane is then expelled in due course and is a major greenhouse gas. Some of us also expel flammable methane.

I learned from the erudite professor that about 15% of humans produce methane which can be used by those so "gifted" at fraternity parties, though with the risk of fire and explosion! In fact,

one reason colon preps are ordered by your doctor is to prevent explosions which have occurred when electrocautery used to remove polyps ignites methane which remains without adequate purging. In humans methane is produced when certain strains of bacteria act on vegetable matter. It turns out that if you are among the 15% that possess the methane producing bacteria, your gut was colonized with that strain when you were a newborn infant and you received the colonizing strain from your mother - God love her!

The "Gas Expert" further enlightened me with his research demonstrating that humans on an average pass gas seven to fifteen times per twenty four hours. Women dispute this research, but men use it as a defense when "indiscretions" occur. The flatologist's lecture concluded with a historical piece de resistance. It seems a "gifted" performer in the late 1800s at the Folies Bergere in Paris was able to control his expelled gas sufficiently to play the Marseillaise, the French National Anthem! I have not been able to corroborate this factoid, but a friend of mine maintains you should never spoil a good story with facts.

We usually get along with the bacteria in our gut unless we become

"poisoned" with tainted or spoiled food. Thirty years later, I still remember the oyster that didn't quite taste right and led to a night of misery as I struggled to decide which way to address the toilet. Scientists know that we carry billions of bacteria in our guts, but now they are asking why we are so designed or have evolved to require foreign organisms in our colon for health. A recent article in the NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine) alluding to a relationship between gut bacteria and heart attacks caught my eye and raised the issue of symbiosis and "probiotics."

In addition to antibiotics, the gut's bacterial ecology can be modified through dietary components known as PREbiotics which promote growth and metabolism of beneficial bacteria. You can also affect the fecal ecology by adding bacteria to the gut with agents known as PRObiotics. Lastly, as strange as it sounds, researchers have even isolated bacteria from the feces of others, and transplanted these into the colon of patients suffering from colitis to help restore a more balanced fecal flora and treat disease not responding to standard treatments!

The science of certain dietary elements known as prebiotics is described

in the June 23rd New England Journal of Medicine. These nutrients (carnitine, choline and phosphatidylcholine) are processed by gut bacteria to produce TMA (trimethylamine). TMA has been shown to produce cholesterol rich cells in the walls of blood vessels which accumulate as plaque which can rupture. Oxidized TMA also makes platelets "sticky" and promotes clotting in a ruptured cholesterol plaque causing a heart attack. While these associations are intriguing, we are not ready to jump on this bandwagon and alter our diets!

Probiotics are "microorganisms [having] beneficial properties for the host," and are increasingly being used as medicinal agents. Science has been able to demonstrate beneficial effects of probiotics in some conditions, most notably inflammatory bowel diseases like ulcerative colitis and Crohn's Disease. There is less good data to support the use of probiotics in irritable bowel syndrome and a host of other gastrointestinal conditions. There has even been experimental models showing benefits of probiotics and immune system recognition of cancer cells. The problem is that probiotics are diverse in formulation and as dietary supplements they are not regulated by the FDA. People often ask

me about yogurt to reconstitute normal bowel flora. Unfortunately, the bacteria in yogurt often don't survive the acidic stomach and are not therapeutically useful.

Too often we take health for granted. The longer I live the more impressed I am with the majesty, intricacy and the mystery of Creation. The materialist holds that if he can't experience something (see, touch, understand or measure) it doesn't exist in his world view. In my experience that is hubris (arrogant pride) and foolishness. The Apostle Paul, no shoddy philosopher, spoke to our imperfect understanding and vision in I Corinthians 13:12.

How interesting that western science is increasingly embracing the concept that health is a balance (yin and yang?). We are learning that there is also balance in the gut involving bacteria, the protective lining of the intestinal tract and the underlying immune system's destruction or tolerance of foreign agents (bacteria).

Yes, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made," sang the Psalmist 3000 years ago. It is still true today.

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

KCHD seeking parental feedback on its in-school influenza vaccination program

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is asking parents for feedback on how best to proceed with its in-school flu vaccination program. The organization has decided, based on new evidence, to offer the injectable flu vaccine or flu shot instead of the nasal spray vaccine (FluMist). To gather feedback, KCHD is asking parents to complete a short, online survey available at knoxcounty.org/health by Friday, Aug. 19. The organization will use the feedback to design this year's program.

"To keep vaccination rates high, we know we need to make getting the flu vaccination as easy as possible. For many parents, simply sending their child to school with a consent form is much more convenient than taking time off work and scheduling an appointment," said KCHD Clinical Services Director Dr. Kelly Cooper. "Changing the vaccine from a nasal spray to a shot, however, changes the game a bit. Many parents

may want to be present for a shot, for example. So we're exploring offering clinics before school, after school or on the weekends, but we want to make those decisions by partnering with parents."

FluMist is an intranasal influenza vaccine that was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in children as young as 2. Previous data showed that the nasal spray and the injectable vaccine were equally effective. However, in June 2016, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a group of medical and public health experts on the use of vaccines who advise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), made a recommendation not to use the intranasal or nasal spray flu vaccine during the 2016-2017 flu season due to a decline in effectiveness over time.

"It is important to remember this is

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Meet Hobo the Wonder Dog

Join Hobo the Wonder Dog Saturday August 20, in The Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Hobo continues celebrating and promoting the National Park Service's centennial year



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

with a short hike with Park Superintendent Cassius Cash. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park has limited trails available for hiking with Hobo and his four-legged friends. Join Hobo the Wonder Dog and join in the fun by taking a hike with Superintendent Cash.

The Smoky Mountain National Park has challenged others to get out

and celebrate the Park with the Hike 100 Challenge. Hikers who complete the challenge will be awarded a commemorative Hike 100 pin and be recognized during

a special ceremony with Superintendent Cash on December 6th. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get out and enjoy the Great Smoky Mountain National Park along a trail that will inspire you and encourage you to enjoy more of our national treasures.

Hobo the Wonder Dog will hike with Superintendent Cash on August 20th

and learn how he and his four-legged friends can enjoy more of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Please remember, there are only two trails in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park available for you and your dog to enjoy together. In the coming weeks we will write about how to enjoy the Smoky Mountains with Fido with a list of do's and don'ts.

For more information on the Hike 100 Challenge and to download a free Hike 100 log sheet please visit www.nps.gov/grsm. If you are interested in joining Hobo on this adventure please comment on Hobo's Facebook page Hobo the Wonder Dog.

Life is better with a dog! Woof!



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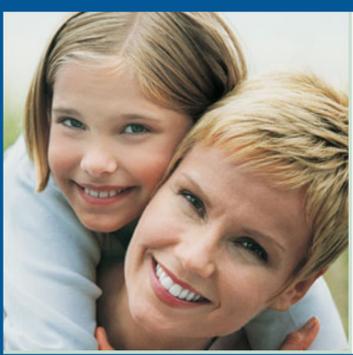
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What are you worshipping?

When we think of idols, we picture statues from ancient cultures and religions.

We often think of natural objects like trees or rocks, or something carved to represent the object that is being worshipped. If I were to ask if you practiced idolatry today, you likely



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

would say, “Are you kidding? I don’t worship any idol nor do I know someone who worships an idol.”

God said, “So do not corrupt yourselves by making an idol in any form—whether of a man or a woman, an animal on the ground, a bird in the sky, a small animal that scurries

along the ground, or a fish in the deepest sea. And when you look up into the sky and see the sun, moon, and stars—all the forces of heaven—don’t be seduced into worshipping them” (Deut. 4:16-19).

God speaks these words through Moses when the children of Israel are about to enter into the Promised Land. They would be tempted with worshipping the idols of the Canaanites, much like they were tempted to worship the various idols of Egypt when they were enslaved.

Idolatry is a major issue in the Bible. In fact, more than fifty books are aimed at this

issue. In all of Judaism, it was one of only four sins in which the death penalty was attached.

When we read this passage today, these things seem silly to us because they have no bearing on the world we live in. Or do they?

An idol is anything that battles for a place of control in our lives. Idolatry is taking anything and making it more important than it should be. A.B. Simpson said, “As long as you want anything very much, especially more than you want God, it is an idol.” What if idols take forms that are so ordinary that we don’t recognize them as gods at all? What if we do our “kneeling” and our “bowing” with our checkbooks, our calendars, or our social media?

What is it that you need to make you happy? Many people think it is a relationship. For others it is having the right car or living in the right neighborhood. It could be an impressive job or title. It might be a certain amount

of money in the bank. This thing you wish and desire is likely taking the place of God in your life.

Are you possibly placing too much value on something that is not that important? Are we worshipping something besides God?

Is there anything worth more than having a growing passion for our loving God?

No, there is not. God said, “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them” (Exodus 20:3-5).

God wants to be first in our lives, above all else. So if there is something in your life that is pushing God out, remove it.

Once idols are torn down, you are ready for God to come into your life and you will develop a strong passion for Him. Fill your hungry soul up with God in worship (Psalm 107:9).

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only a recommendation regarding the nasal spray vaccine; the injectable flu vaccine or flu shot continues to demonstrate effectiveness in preventing flu,” added Dr. Cooper. “Our decision to offer only the flu shot is based on this new evidence because we want to offer the most effective option.”

For more than 10 years, KCHD has partnered with Knox County elementary and middle schools, private schools, Head Starts, and child care facilities to offer flu vaccination to eligible children in the school setting. On average, KCHD has vaccinated approximately 45 percent of Knox County’s school-aged children each year. This program is a national model for community flu prevention. Importantly, evidence supports vaccinating children as a way to protect the entire community from influenza.

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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, IN RE: AVA MARIE THORNTON NO. 192031-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, as appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, 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 UNKNOWN FATHER.

It is Ordered that said Defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joseph Della-Rodolfa, an attorney whose address is 120 Suburban Road, Ste. 203, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of July, 2016.

/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **KIMBERLY RENEE GRUBB**
Docket Number 77927-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of

August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **KIMBERLY RENEE GRUBB**, who died May 8, 2016, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This 2nd day of August, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Docket Number 77952-2

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This 4th day of August, 2016

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Estate of **GERALD OSTRO MCPHETRIDGE**
Docket Number 77955-2

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **BRUCE E. WEBB, JR.**
Docket Number 77949-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **BRUCE E. WEBB, JR.**, who died May 4, 2016, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **THELMA JUANITA WOLFE**
Docket Number 77971-3

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LEGAL SECTION 94

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