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Burchett takes action to aid South Knoxville business owners

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South Knoxville business owners were dealt a blow last week when TDOT made the announcement that the Henley Street Bridge would be closed until February 2014 and would not open at the end of the summer 2013- as previously anticipated.

The news of the delay Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett to write to Nashville for help.

Mayor Burchett has always felt a deep connection to South Knoxville, and he remains committed to doing all he can to ensure that businesses in the area receive as much help as possible.

In January 2012, Burchett spent a day visiting South Knoxville business owners whose businesses had been negatively impacted by the closure of the Henley Street Bridge.

One of the first stops he made was to Allen Sign Company. The 25-year-old, family owned, full-service custom sign company



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Mayor Burchett took a day to visit several South Knoxville businesses such as Allen Sign Company (above) last January to find out how business was affected by the Henley Street Bridge closure.

is located at 2408 Chapman Highway, and is one of the many businesses who have suffered as a result of traffic reduction along the Chapman Highway corridor

which stretches from the south end of the Henley Street Bridge to Moody Ave. and beyond.

"For those of us that are surviving at this juncture,

the cold hard reality is that there will inevitably have to be employee reductions, as well as, other cost saving measures to offset the continued loss of business

while this project continues to drag," owner Tom Allen said.

After listening to the
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FOCUS Weekly Poll*

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YES 83.87%
NO 16.13%

Survey conducted February 7, 2013.

* Focus Weekly Polls are conducted by an independent, professional polling company.

Voters Feel Need For School Security Audit

By Focus Staff

Knoxville and Knox County voters strongly favor a security audit for the school system. Likely voters were asked the question, "In light of recent events published in the media regarding failures and deficiencies with Knox County Schools security systems, do you support Mayor Tim Burchett's call for a full audit of Knox County School security systems?"

More than 83% say they favor Mayor Burchett's call for a full audit. Every district in both the City of Knoxville and Knox County posted huge majorities in favor of Mayor Burchett's call. An astonishing 94% of voters in the Seventh District favor a full audit.

Every demographic supports the call for a full audit.

Superintendent gives State of the Schools address

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Knox County School Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre addressed elected officials, community leaders, parents, and teachers last week during his 2nd annual State of the Schools address at Powell High School. The address, which is essentially a precursor to upcoming 2013 budget discussions in Knox County, was riddled with the need for continued improvement within the Knox County School System and highlighted by examples of progress.

The need for overall improvement within the Knox County school system dominated last year's budget battle between the Knox County Board of Education and Knox County Commission.

"In last year's State of the Schools address, I said that we

can do better, we must do better and, with your help, we will do better. Tonight, I'm pleased to report, we ARE doing better," McIntyre stated.

McIntyre indicated that TCAP proficiency rates in all four subject areas were higher than the state average, and increased by approximately 2-5% from the previous year, depending on the subject. He also added that in four out of six tested categories the school system had achieved a positive outcome as it pertains to high school students- including a more than 10% increase in proficiency on the Algebra I End of Course assessment.

Despite the progress reports, questions regarding the Knox County Board of Education's pending investigation into a contract with former security system

provider, PCSD, loomed like a dark cloud over the event.

However, McIntyre took the opportunity to address school security on another front. He indicated that he would like to see an armed school resource officer in each of Knox County's 88 schools within this year. School safety was, in fact, among four budget priorities McIntyre presented for the upcoming school year.

"As I think about next year's budget development process, and as I talk with parents, teachers and school board members, four clear resource priorities surface," McIntyre stated.

He presented safety, teacher compensation, instructional technology and continuing educational programs as additional budget priorities.

"I truly believe we need to be



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Superintendent McIntyre gives his second State of the Schools address.

willing to commit appropriate resources... to get great results," McIntyre concluded.

The Focus will provide in-depth coverage of the upcoming budget discussions throughout Knox County both in print and online.

City Sponsors 2013 Neighborhood Conference

The City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods is sponsoring its first-ever Neighborhood Conference for Knoxville and Knox County residents on March 23, 2013, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

With the theme of "Connecting Neighborhoods, Building Community," the day-long conference will

offer more than 30 workshops on issues including codes enforcement, crime prevention and neighborhood organizing.

Registration, admission and parking for the conference are free.

"We have a great slate of panelists to talk about everything from zoning to greenways. This is a real opportunity for people

in local neighborhood organizations, or people who would like to start a neighborhood organization, to learn more about how to effectively advocate for the things that matter most to them," said David Massey, Coordinator of the Office of Neighborhoods.

The conference will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.,

including a free continental breakfast and box lunch. There will be three sessions of 75-minute workshops, in 12 different categories. There will also be more than 20 information booths from local governmental agencies and nonprofit groups.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from and meet

City and County senior staff as well as members of City Council and County Commission.

For a complete schedule, see the conference website at

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/conference/>. Online registration is available at <http://www.cityofknoxville.org>.

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A Tribute to Tamela

She left suddenly one Monday morning over two years ago when she was way too young. An ambulance was summoned, but doctors' best efforts could not save her. Tamela Marie Wheeler passed away at age 48, but she lived life to the fullest during those years.

When she moved into the Gibbs Community, Tamela became our neighbor. When our father passed away, her kind words and conversation went a long way. Several years ago, when helicopters were flying all around the area, Tamela and I talked several times over the phone. She vowed to find out the reason for the helicopters—and she did!

Tamela accomplished much in her short life. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The University of Tennessee and was a Teacher of Adult Education and English as a Second Language at the Pellissippi State Magnolia Campus. She was the past chair of Tribute to Women 25th Anniversary for the YWCA and past nominee for Woman of the Year for Education for the YWCA. Her talents did not stop at academics, however. She was an artist and taught Temari classes, even appearing on the Martha Stewart show demonstrating the craft of making Japanese Temari balls. These works of art are considered symbols of friendship and are made of fabric, threads, and silk ribbon.



Andrew and Tamela Wheeler sharing a special moment together. Photo by David Wheeler.

With the packed schedule that she kept, I most often saw Tamela at the neighborhood IGA grocery store or at the copy shop on the way home from church. Despite a full slate of job responsibilities and hobbies, Tamela was active in St. John's Lutheran Church where she was a member. She made time for family, also. Tamela was known to plan and organize many special events or casual get-togethers for her family. She was married to David Wheeler and was mother to Andrew and Aaron. When the children were small, this doting mother took the time to send us pictures of their family.

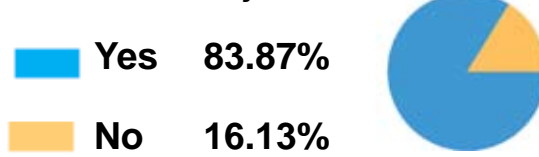
Tamela wrote her first children's book about the Elkmont Fireflies. "Moondance of the Fireflies" is a story about two little boys on opposite sides of the world who experience the excitement of the special fireflies. Since Tamela passed away before the book was published, it is dedicated to

her memory. "Moondance of the Fireflies" is available at Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com.

Shortly after Tamela's death, I noticed a beautiful garden in the family's yard with a flagpole in the center. On sunny days, I see the flag flying high and proud. Each time I see it, I am reminded of her spirit, her friendship, and her zest for life. Andrew, who won a contest in grammar school for his essay on "Character Counts," is now in high school. This teacher left us with many "lessons" for our own journey in life: make the most of each day; use the talents God has given us; treasure the time we have with those we love; and cherish their memory when they are gone. For though they may be with us for only awhile here on this earth, they are in our hearts always. I think Tamela would tell us to "enjoy the moment." I truly believe she did.

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| By Age | Support | Oppose | Total |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 18-29 | 75.00% | 25.00% | 4 |
| 30-49 | 81.13% | 18.87% | 53 |
| 50-65 | 83.24% | 16.76% | 179 |
| 65+ | 85.00% | 15.00% | 260 |
| Total | 83.87% (416) | 16.13% (80) | 496 |

| By District | Support | Oppose | Total |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | 73.33% | 26.67% | 30 |
| 2 | 78.57% | 21.43% | 56 |
| 3 | 82.61% | 17.39% | 46 |
| 4 | 83.33% | 16.67% | 72 |
| 5 | 80.65% | 19.35% | 62 |
| 6 | 83.64% | 16.36% | 55 |
| 7 | 94.29% | 5.71% | 70 |
| 8 | 87.72% | 12.28% | 57 |
| 9 | 83.33% | 16.67% | 48 |
| Total | 83.87% (416) | 16.13% (80) | 496 |

| By Gender | Support | Oppose | Total |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Unknown | 78.57% | 21.43% | 14 |
| Female | 84.46% | 15.54% | 251 |
| Male | 83.55% | 16.45% | 231 |
| Total | 83.87% (416) | 16.13% (80) | 496 |

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Burchett takes action to aid South Knoxville business owners

concerns of the business owners in the area, Burchett committed to helping them, and shortly thereafter instituted the first of his nationally acclaimed "Cash Mobs" in South Knoxville. Burchett hosted events at Emery's 5&10, the Disc Exchange and Wee Care Shoppe, all along the beleaguered Chapman Highway corridor.

While the Cash Mobs have had an impact in the area, businesses continue to deal with the fact that daily "walk-in" traffic has all but stopped.

"If the business owners, politicians and policy makers continue to sit on

their hands and do nothing for an obviously socio-economically depressed area, I fear that most of the surviving businesses will soon be in the same sad predicament that has befallen many since the bridge closure," Allen added.

The plight of Tom Allen and so many others prompted Burchett to decisive action last week. Mayor Burchett announced that he intends to seek tax relief from Nashville for those businesses who have been impacted by the closure.

"While the bridge repairs are greatly needed, businesses in South Knoxville are suffering considerably

because of this project. A delay in construction will put these businesses and the families that own them in great peril," Burchett wrote in a letter to Knox County Legislative Delegation in Nashville.

"It is for this reason that I'm writing to ask for your help and support in finding a way to offer some support and assistance to the businesses hurt by this project," Burchett added.

The mayor went on to indicate that, locally, his office has already been in touch with CTAS regarding the matter. He further expressed a desire to see a local bill enacted

in Nashville to provide tax relief for the affected businesses. He added that legislation similar to that offered to Nashville business owners after the flooding that devastated many business owners in that area a few years ago would be appropriate.

Right, TDOT Commissioner John Schroer announced that the rebuilding of three piers on the Henley Bridge will likely delay its reopening to traffic until February 28, 2014. The entire project will be complete by June of 2014. Photo by Dan Andrews.



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Publisher's Position The Dance of the Eels



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presently underway by the school system to determine the extent of the improprieties, if any.

An audit was published elaborating on the all too numerous deficiencies, which included old equipment being installed while taxpayers were being charged for new equipment. That was merely the tip of the iceberg and Knox County is currently suing the security company.

Of course none of this would have been known had it not been for Ms. Satterfield's series of stories appearing in the Sentinel.

Both the Superintendent and the majority of the Knox County Board of Education have tried to get in front of Ms. Satterfield's stories in an effort to do damage control. The recent workshop session of the Knox County Board of Education was a sight to behold. Board members, who were rightfully thoroughly embarrassed by not having a clue as to what was going on, wriggled like eels in a vat of melted butter as they collectively tried to divert attention away from Dr. McIntyre and lay the blame elsewhere. Indya Kincannon rarely closed her mouth during the meeting, rambling in a

stream-of-consciousness of incoherence apparently designed to try and absolve McIntyre of any guilt.

Gloria Deathridge persistently seemed determined not to understand Public Building Authority CEO Dale Smith as she tried to infer the projects were those of the PBA, a fact Smith politely and firmly dismissed, pointing out the PBA was acting on the orders of the school system. Smith had warned Dr. McIntyre in 2009 about the fact Security Chief Steve Griffin's son-in-law was employed by the security vendor and that Griffin had tried to insist the PSCD firm be used in preference to any other firm.

Doug Harris stoutly belated that taxpayers should get what they paid for, yet went on to cravenly "commend" McIntyre.

The Board members fell all over themselves, admitting they knew nothing about the extent of the security failures at Powell Middle and Hardin Valley Academy. Still, they were very careful to avoid the subject of exactly why they didn't know a thing about it. Dr. McIntyre admitted to the News-Sentinel he didn't send the full audit report to Board members containing

the details of the failures at both schools. McIntyre also pointed to a "report" he issued on the subject, which amount to little more than a sentence in three paragraphs, the other two notifying Board members the ROTC program at West High School was being closed and a teacher had been charged or arrested for something. Never once did McIntyre indicate the serious nature of the failure of PSCD to perform the work it was paid to do. McIntyre did say he would have gladly provided more information had any Board member so desired, a disingenuous and self-serving reply if there ever was one. Why would any Board member ask more questions when he or she had not the first idea the situation was serious?

It wasn't the fault of the Public Building Authority, the Mayor, the County Commission, the Law Director or the Man In the Moon that the Board members were kept in the dark. That distinction rests solely on the shoulders of the Board's handpicked Superintendent, Dr. James McIntyre. It is obvious to just about everybody, except perhaps the Board of Education, that McIntyre deliberately

chose not to inform them. Nobody had a responsibility to inform the Board besides Dr. McIntyre. McIntyre himself admitted to the Sentinel he alone decides what he tells the Board and when. The Superintendent has grudgingly confessed if he had it to do over again, he would provide the Board with more information.

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board of Education, pointed out in his evaluation of McIntyre's performance that the Superintendent seemed to filter information and when requested by a Board member, information was very slow to come. Some thought McMillan's observations harsh at the time, but events have certainly vindicated McMillan.

The Superintendent has also admitted he recalls being warned by PBA CEO Dale Smith about Chief Griffin, yet can't seem to remember any other detail about the meeting. McIntyre issued enough "I don't recall" to fill a Watergate hearing or that of a shifty witness being queried by Perry Mason. Evidently, the only folks who buy into this selective memory are those gullible folks on the Board of Education, save for Mike

McMillan. More than half a billion dollars are expended yearly by the school system in Knox County. Taxpayers need to be able to trust the person in charge of running the schools and the Board of Education needs to come clean rather than sanction a cover-up. The Superintendent shouldn't have the right to withhold vital information from his employers, the Board of Education and nobody should forget none of this would have come to light had it not been for Jamie Satterfield's reporting.

McIntyre's clarion call for an armed officer during his ego-driven State of the Schools spectacle is far less impressive considering he never bothered to tell the Board about the serious nature of the security failures at Powell Middle and Hardin Valley. The Board members themselves can wriggle, wallow and point fingers elsewhere in an attempt to divert attention, but the bottom line remains the same: the ONLY reason they knew nothing about the security failures at the two schools was because Jim McIntyre never bothered to tell them.

The time has come for action

General Assembly must address elected Superintendent



By Richie Beeler

Ask anyone who knows me. I am an advocate of elections. I believe the right to vote for government officials is the single most sacred one we hold as citizens of a constitutional republic. It has been fought for; it has been died for. In this country, the people get to choose who governs them. And lest we forget, the public school system is part of the people's government.

Yes, the school system does have its own governing body, which is elected by popular vote. The Board

of Education is the legislative body that makes most of the big decisions regarding schools. Unfortunately, the biggest decision they make is one that should never have been theirs.

Since 1996, counties in Tennessee have been prohibited from choosing their school superintendent by popular election. By act of the State Legislature, school directors for the past 17 years have been appointed by the local school boards. This method ensures only limited accountability to the people, further distancing them from one of their most important public officials.

It is an anomaly within the structure of local governments. City councils do not appoint the city mayor. County commissions do not appoint the county mayor. Other county wide officeholders are elected by the people. But the one in charge of spending the lion's share of the people's money is not.

It was said by proponents

of the current appointment process that it would take politics out of the schools. What it has done is created an unapproachable, impenetrable kingdom that is very political indeed. The power structure that can potentially exist among five or more school board members and one unelected superintendent is immensely harmful to the open democratic process that should define all government, but especially that of the local level.

Local government is closest to the people, and is therefore the level of government in which the people should have the loudest voice. And no branch of local government more profoundly affects the community as a whole than the public school system.

As one of my mentors, Steve Hunley, once said, "Some offices simply rise to such a level of importance that they cry out to be elected."

The former school board member's words make

tremendous sense. But as it stands today, five people can determine who your local director of schools is, as well as how much he is paid. That's all it takes to gain a majority on the Board of Education. Add a superintendent to that majority and you have a political force that is virtually invincible.

Such a structure is not what the founders of our state and local governments intended. And it is definitely not the will of most Tennesseans today. Polls consistently show citizens are overwhelmingly in favor of returning to an elected school superintendent. Some 70% support such a change in Knox County, according to a recent Focus poll. The margin is likely greater in rural counties across the state.

Efforts have been made in the past by legislators to introduce bills for an elected superintendent, but none have made it to the floor. In the past, Democratic leadership - mostly from the

Memphis area - has effectively killed it. But more recently, a measure failed in committee by one vote - a vote cast by a popular local area legislator. He was defeated in his next bid for election.

The people are demanding to see this ill-conceived law changed. They are tired of being deprived of the right to vote for one of their most important public officials. They are tired of seeing a school system run by liberals in a state with strong conservative values. They are tired of being dictated to by a legislature that they elected.

I think I speak for a lot of citizens like myself when I say that it's time some politics got returned to the school system. By that I mean the right kind of politics. Political ideology is extremely important to me in public officials. That's especially true for school officials. It is no secret to conservatives that the greatest bastion of liberalism in

America is the public education system. Conservatives within the system itself will tell you that, albeit usually in private for fear of repercussions.

So what can the people do? They can do what they should always do: hold their elected representatives accountable. Get on the phone and call their state representatives and senators. Tell them how important it is that they get this done. The ball has been dropped too many times in the past.

Last week the Knox County Republican Party passed a resolution stating it would be the official position of the local GOP to advocate an elected superintendent. It just so happens the Republicans are in charge on Capitol Hill as well. And this is no time for them to take their majority lightly. This is the time for decisive action.

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FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

Powell, Seymour high-schoolers to sing at Pellissippi State's winter concert

For the fourth consecutive year, singers from two area high schools will be featured as guest performers during the Winter Choral Concert staged by Pellissippi State Community College. This year's guests represent high schools in Powell and Seymour, and they will be joined by Pellissippi State's two student choral groups, the Concert Chorale and Variations Ensemble.

Scheduled for Feb. 26, the Winter Choral Concert continues a tradition started during the 2009-10 academic year by Bill Brewer, the college's

Music program coordinator. Brewer began at that time inviting choral groups from two area high schools, and new ones are invited each academic year.

During the hourlong concert, each of the younger groups will perform a 15-minute set of selections. Also presenting 15-minute sets are Pellissippi State's Concert Chorale and Variations Ensemble. The evening's finale brings the high school performers onstage to join Pellissippi State's musical groups.

Students who are interested in performing in choral or

instrumental groups and who plan to be enrolled at Pellissippi State during the fall 2013 semester may wish to attend upcoming scholarship auditions. Set to take place on March 28 and April 4, the auditions are for Music scholarships provided by the Pellissippi State Foundation.

The Foundation awarded 136 music-related scholarships to 57 Pellissippi State students this academic year. Scholarships are open to both Music and non-Music students. Audition times can be scheduled by calling (865) 539-7178.

The Winter Choral Concert begins at 7 p.m. and takes place in the Clayton Performing Arts Center at the Hardin Valley Campus. Ample free parking is available, and admission is free. Donations are accepted at the door for the Pellissippi State Foundation on behalf of the Music Scholarship Fund.

The 2012-13 Pellissippi State Music Concert Series is one component of Pellissippi State's new arts series, "The Arts at Pellissippi State."

Seymour Chamber seeking 2013

Person of the Year

The Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce is asking the community, "Who do you know or work with that is deserving of the honor of Person of the Year?" The Chamber will need this person's name, place of employment, and a few sentences about why they should be The Seymour Area Person of the Year. The following are the two criteria for this award:

- The person of the year shall be a resident of the Seymour area or be employed in the Seymour area for at least 2 years immediately preceding their selection.

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Grace Construction Awarded 2012 Builder of the Year

Scott and Christi Branscom, owners of Grace Construction, have capped off a milestone year by receiving the 2012 Builder of the Year award from the Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville (HBAGK). The Branscoms received the award the HBAGK annual meeting on Jan. 29 at the Square Room in downtown

Knoxville. "We are grateful to receive such a prestigious award from the Greater Knoxville Home Builders Association to complete a prosperous year for Grace Construction and the housing industry," said Scott Branscom. "Residential construction has seen a significant resurgence in 2012, and

Grace Construction and the entire Knoxville market truly saw the benefits of that trend."

After the real estate bubble burst in 2007, the residential housing industry faced several years of decline and a slow road back to growth. In 2012, however, the industry showed a 30 percent increase in building

permits over 2011, according to the national Economic and Statistics Administration. In the last couple of months of 2012, the HBAGK has documented an 18 percent increase in building permits filed in Knox County.

The HBAGK award confirms Grace Construction as leaders in the construction industry, who have

helped lead the way for this resurgence in Knoxville. In 2012, the National Home Builders Association cited Knoxville as one of the housing markets with the most sustained recovery.

The Branscoms kicked off a successful year in 2012 as lead builders on the Knoxville build of Extreme Makeover:

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

We have now completed two weeks of session, and things are moving rapidly. The last day for bill filing is soon approaching. At this time, it appears the items that will receive the most attention relate to educational issues including safety on school campuses. Soon we will be discussing legislation relating to guns on campuses both in K - 12 schools and post secondary institutions. The placement of armed school resource officers in each school building is deemed by most to be a high priority. Finding a way to fund this priority will be paramount. In looking at all the legislation that has been filed thus far, it appears that almost thirty percent relates to some aspect of education. Most of these bills will run through the Education Committee. As chairman of that committee, it means I personally will be heavily involved and kept very busy.

Another interesting topic of discussion relates to a constitutional amendment that seeks to define how we in Tennessee select, elect, and retain our appellate judiciary. This includes the Tennessee Supreme Court judges. The language, as it is

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Helen Ross McNabb Center recognizes a local couple's spirit of service

Joe Mont and Kane McAfee will be honored at the ninth annual Spirit Award Dinner benefiting the Helen Ross McNabb Center. The event will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the Knoxville Convention and Exhibition Center. Joe Mont's friend, Herbert Slattery, Legal Counsel to the Governor, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Joe Mont is the past president of the law firm Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, P.C. and is a prominent figure in Knoxville on many different platforms. Joe Mont and his wife have enriched their community while raising three wonderful daughters and leaving a lasting impact on East Tennessee.

With almost 15 years of service with the Helen Ross McNabb Center, Joe Mont served as chair for both the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation Board of Directors and the

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Chuck Godfrey, AVP and Branch Manager of CNB's Seymour Branch, presents Steven Finchum (on left) \$100 in cash.

CNB celebrates anniversary with giveaways

CNB has a lot to celebrate this year, including the Bank's 40th Anniversary on February 3, 2013. In celebration of this milestone, CNB is giving away \$100 cash prizes every Friday in February, plus one grand prize - to be a Multi-Millionaire for a Day, worth \$3,000 in cash.

Congratulations to Steven

Finchum for being CNB's first cash prize winner. Steven was awarded \$100 in cash on Friday, February 1, courtesy of Citizens National Bank.

CNB will be giving away a lot more cash every Friday in February, plus the grand prize on Feb. 28th. To find out how you can enter CNB's

40th Anniversary cash giveaways, visit cnbtn.com or call (865) 453-9031.

Citizens National Bank is a locally owned community bank with 18 branches and over \$803 million in assets. Stop by a convenient branch near you for cake and punch served every Friday in February.

KAT Proposes Service Improvements with K2 Plan

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) will be taking advantage of increased federal funding to propose a number of significant service improvements that promise to greatly improve transit for current and new riders in Knoxville. The proposal, known as KATamorphosis 2.0 - or K2 - includes 15-minute service frequencies during weekday peak hours along Kingston

Pike, Broadway and Magnolia routes, more frequent evening service from downtown on several main routes, and improvements to routes in south Knoxville, among other items.

KAT is requesting input on the proposal during February, with the detailed information posted at Knoxville Station Transit Center, 301 Church Avenue, as well as

through a number of open houses at the station wherein staff will be available to answer questions and accept comments. These Open Houses are scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, February 21, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In addition, the detailed information is available on KAT's website, www.katbus.com, and comments

can be made by calling 637-3000 or by visiting the front desk of Knoxville Station.

The Knoxville Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing on the proposed service changes on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. The board will

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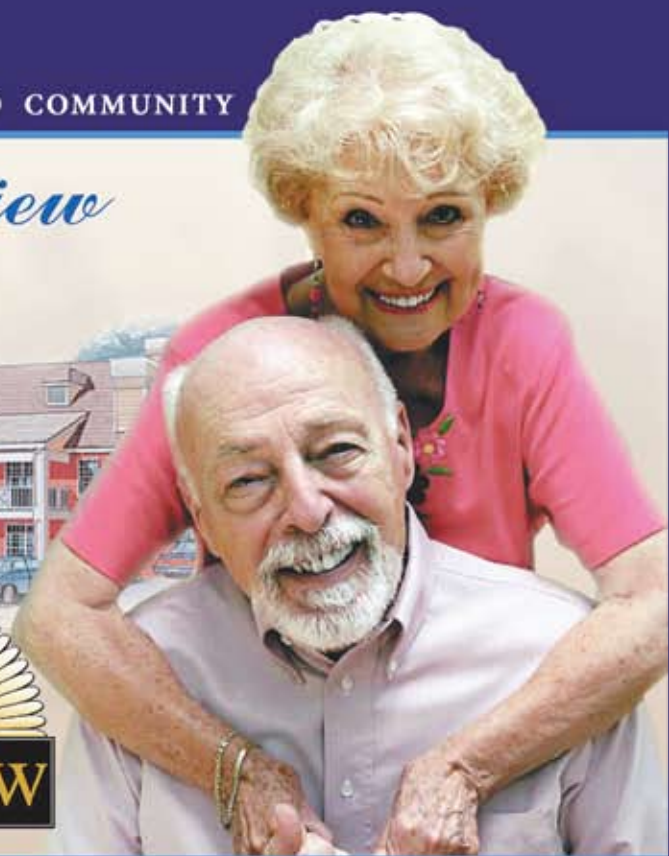
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UT Gets Top US Green Building Council Award

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has received the Green Light Award from the East Tennessee chapter of the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

The Green Light Award is the highest award given to an organization for advancing sustainability through green building practices and design.

Dave Irvin, associate vice chancellor for Facilities Services, accepted the award at the organization's annual awards ceremony last week.

The USGBC recognized UT's commitment to the environment and the 2007 signing of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. The

university's commitment to new buildings being constructed to meet LEED standards has made a significant impact on campus sustainability. Recent projects include Ayres Hall, which was renovated to become a LEED Silver certified building; the Min H. Kao Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building and the Student Health Building.

The council also noted the university's master plan, which requires that all large-scale projects follow sustainable design and building guidelines. Also lauded were UT's innovative educational projects like the New Norris House and the Living Light house, which was constructed for the U.S. Department of



Glenn Richters, left, chair of the East Tennessee Green Building Council, presents Dave Irvin, right, with the Green Light Award.

Energy's Solar Decathlon held in 2011.

The Ayres Hall renovation project also received

an honorable mention in the Green Project Student's Choice category.

COMMISSIONER'S NIGHT OUT



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Pictured above, Chris Selvidge and John Payne (right) discuss traffic issues on East Emory Road with Commissioner Smith and Cindy Pionke, Director of Planning Development of Knox County.

Knox County Commissioner R. Larry Smith hosted a Commissioner's Quarterly Night Out on Thursday, February 7 at the Powell Library on Emory Road. Citizens of the 7th District are invited to attend to discuss any neighborhood concerns or Knox County issues.

John Payne told The Focus: "The reason for attending the meeting tonight was to find the right people and

path to make the traffic on East Emory Rd, that passes by Karch's Crossing, safer for our community and our customers. As more neighborhoods and businesses are built, traffic on Emory Rd continues to be more congested and dangerous... We are asking TDOT and our politician to support our effort to come up with a solution to the problem before someone is severely injured or killed."

From State Representative Harry Brooks

Cont. from page 1 currently, is not completely clear on the process and is open to various interpretations.

Special interest groups are visiting the Capitol daily. Many of these visits include breakfast or lunch meetings or possibly evening receptions. This can make for a very long day for me - often beginning by seven with a breakfast and not ending until eight or nine that night. However, I feel it is important to meet with and talk to these people. If they make the effort

to come to Nashville, I need to make the effort to listen to them. This upcoming week, for example, I will meet with firefighters, cable operators, the Tennessee Gas Association, recyclers, career - technical educators, and others.

In light of the above activities, we legislators are given the task of studying the Governor's proposed budget and approving or amending it as we feel necessary. The one responsibility we have, above all others, is passing a balanced

state budget. Before that can happen, we will have at least twenty or so hearings for all the major state departments to review their budget requests. This task must be completed before we adjourn the session. Right now our target date of adjournment for session is the first of May.

Of course, we also want to be cognizant to the needs of our constituents. It is in working directly with the people of the 19th District that gives me the most satisfaction. I have a very

capable office staff that is able to listen to and help with many issues that arise. Please don't hesitate to call to let us know how we can be of service to you. I can be reached at my Nashville office at 615-741-6879 and by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov or if you would like to receive updates by email you can sign up at <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/lyris/h19s.html> It is an honor to be your representative.

KAT Proposes Service Improvements with K2 Plan

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vote after the public hearing. If approved, the service changes will be effective June 3, 2013.

Since the opening of Knoxville Station in August of 2010 and the associated service changes, KAT ridership has been increasing consistently for 26 consecutive months. In the last 16 months alone, more than 300,000 new trips have been recorded on KAT routes.

"With new people discovering transit daily and crowded rush hour buses, we know that now would be a good time to move to increased service frequency on several busy routes," says Cindy McGinnis, KAT General Manager. "As a result of increased service of core routes someone can walk to a stop and know that a bus will come by in 15 minutes or less - no need for a printed bus schedule. These improvements along with passenger information technologies that will be introduced later in the year are taking Knoxville's transit system to the next level of quality service."

Please view www.katbus.com for the proposed route changes.

KAT is proposing three fare changes:

1. The elimination of the UT Semester Pass, currently at \$50 for 140 days and available to UT faculty, staff and students with proper ID.

2. A new semester pass for students attending eligible institutions of higher learning that sign an agreement with KAT and provide students with photo ID cards with valid dates. The pass would be \$130 for 130 days.

3. A new fare media type: A 20-single ride pass for \$25, with a complementary Senior, Medicare cardholder, Disabled and Student K-12 reduced fare 20-single ride pass for \$12.50. A ride is deducted with each use, and the pass is not date-sensitive and can be used on non-consecutive days. Transfers are not included in the fare price, and would need to be purchased separately at the farebox if required.

Grace Construction Awarded 2012 Builder of the Year

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Home Edition. A little more than a year ago, Grace Construction coordinated more than 4,000 skilled workers, subcontractors and unskilled volunteers working around-the-clock to construct a more than 4,000-square-foot home for the Watson family and an 1800-square-foot duplex to serve single mothers at the Restoration House, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and mentoring to single mothers in Knoxville, with only 106 hours from groundbreaking to unveiling.

"The Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build was such a rewarding experience," said Christi Branscom. "It was such an honor to lead a project that brought together the entire home building industry for a great cause. One of the greatest benefits that came out of Extreme Makeover was the great partnerships and friendships."

Because of an increased volume of work, Grace Construction recently hired Laura Maddox, formerly of Southern Magnolia Homes, and expanded their operation to include starter homes in addition to the specialty larger custom homes.

Grace Construction has had a successful year in both the residential and commercial industries. In 2012, Grace Construction was tasked with building Rolling Strong workout facilities at numerous Pilot Flying J Travel Centers nationwide in partnership with SNAP Fitness. Grace Construction celebrated the opening of the third Rolling Strong location at a Pilot Flying J in Lebanon, Tenn., on Jan. 31.

"We are absolutely honored to be awarded the 2012 Builder of the Year award," said Christi Branscom. "Grace Construction has had a great year, and we've experienced a dramatic increase in both residential and commercial sectors of our business. We look forward to an even brighter outlook for 2013."

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Governor Jim Nance McCord

Pages from the Political Past



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Governor Jim Nance McCord, second from right with Senator K. D. McKellar, far right.

Jim Nance McCord is yet another figure from Tennessee's political history who is little remembered today. Yet he was both a Congressman and governor; he also served in the Cabinet of Governor Frank Clement.

Jim McCord was born in 1879 in Bedford County, Tennessee. McCord left the family farm when only seventeen and supported himself as a traveling salesman. Visiting the homes of many rural Tennesseans while attempting to sell his wares, Jim McCord learned a great deal about his customers. After ten years, McCord gave up his sales route to become a newspaperman. McCord was the editor and publisher of the Lewisburg Marshall Gazette. Profoundly interested in agricultural issues, Jim McCord used his paper to promote agricultural reform.

Jim McCord quickly became one of the leading citizens of his community and was elected Mayor of Lewisburg, an office he would hold for decades. Clearly he remained popular with his friends and neighbors as they elected him mayor a total of thirteen times. While serving as Mayor of Lewisburg, McCord was also elected to the Marshall County Court, the equivalent of the County Commission. McCord remained on the Marshall County Court for almost thirty years.

Jim McCord also used his newspaper to support various Democratic candidates for office, not the least of which was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. McCord was a strong supporter of Roosevelt and the New Deal. McCord also strongly supported Tennessee's senior United States Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar. McCord worked with Senator McKellar to bring Federal dollars and needed improvements to Lewisburg and Marshall County, including a new post office.

McCord was also deeply interested in livestock; he became something of an expert on both Jersey cattle and Tennessee Walking horses. An excellent public speaker, McCord was soon active as an auctioneer of Tennessee livestock.

Jim McCord urged Senator McKellar and others to locate a facility for dairy

operations in Lewisburg. McKellar pushed the project, which was located near Lewisburg and is today a part of the University of Tennessee's agricultural program. McCord's promotion of Jersey cattle helped to make Lewisburg an important dairy producing area.

In 1942, Jim McCord was quite nearly sixty-four years old. The Fifth District Congressional seat was vacant and McCord announced he would be a candidate. McCord's popularity was such that he ran unopposed in the Democratic primary. In a district where one would have great difficulty in assembling a couple of Republicans, the lack of opposition to Jim McCord was quite a feat.

McCord went to Washington where he served for only one term in Congress. Doubtless McCord could have been reelected easily, but he had his eye on another office: Jim McCord wanted to be governor.

McCord had been strongly allied with K. D. McKellar and the powerful senator's support was soon forthcoming. McKellar's personal friend and political partner, E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine soon followed with his own endorsement.

The McKellar - Crump combine had dominated Tennessee politics since 1932 and once again McCord entered the Democratic primary without opposition.

During his tenure as governor, Jim McCord became known for his strong support for education. Governor McCord insisted the Tennessee General Assembly appropriate more funding for education and teachers across the Volunteer State saw

bigger paychecks. McCord wanted a second two-year term in 1946 and ran on a ticket with Senator McKellar and Andrew "Tip" Taylor for Utilities Commissioner. McKellar was then seventy-seven years old and seeking his six term as senator. Senator McKellar had been frequently ill and despite regular announcements that he was coming home to Tennessee, McKellar remained in Washington, D. C. for the duration of the campaign.

The McCord - McKellar ticket was fiercely opposed in the Democratic primary. Both Governor McCord and Senator McKellar drew serious opposition inside their own party. Former Governor Gordon Browning, although still in Europe as part of the United States occupational forces, was on the ballot to oppose McCord. Edward Ward "Ned" Carmack, son of the martyred senator, had quite nearly defeated Tennessee's junior United States Senator Tom Stewart in the 1942 primary. He was running against McKellar whom he accused of being an enemy of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

With Senator McKellar keeping an eye on his campaign from the Capitol, the burden of much of the campaigning fell on the shoulders of Governor Jim McCord.

The governor spoke often and well throughout Tennessee. Both he and Senator McKellar won convincing victories in the Democratic primary.

During his second term, McCord again turned his attention to education. Feeling there was a need for greater funding of education, he proposed that Tennessee have a sales tax. Mr. Crump had long been vehemently opposed

to a sales tax and the governor set out for Memphis, where he met with Crump and outlined the need for more funding for education. The Memphis Boss reluctantly agreed to support a sales tax and the necessary legislation passed the Tennessee General Assembly, which also included a retirement system for teachers. The first widespread use of free textbooks for children was also a result of the governor's efforts and the implementation of the sales tax.

Tennessee voters were singularly ungrateful as Governor McCord sought a third two-year term in 1948. He was again challenged by former Governor Gordon Browning, who was back in Tennessee and campaigning actively for the Democratic nomination. McCord's political woes were exacerbated by E. H. Crump's refusal to back Senator Tom Stewart for another term.

Crump had been appalled when Stewart had lost the primary in 1942 until the ballots from Shelby County had been tallied. Some of the Memphis Boss's associates had urged Crump to support another candidate and most believed Stewart would merely quietly retire. Stewart issued a fiery statement saying he was running, with or without Crump's personal support.

Crump's decision not to support Senator Stewart opened an opportunity for Chattanooga Congressman Estes Kefauver to run for the Senate. Crump gave his own support to Cookeville Judge John A. Mitchell, a man he had never even met.

Crump strongly supported McCord for reelection, but he had given aid to his enemies with his decision

to dump Senator Stewart. McCord found carrying the burden of having supported the sales tax to be an anchor around his neck. It finally proved to be too much for McCord to overcome.

Gordon Browning, after a ten-year absence from the governor's mansion, won a decisive victory in the Democratic primary. Browning carried three of the four big urban counties, winning Davidson, Hamilton, and Knox Counties. McCord carried Crump's domain of Shelby County, although Browning won an impressive 20,000 votes.

Browning's majority in Davidson County, where he had the strong support of the Nashville Tennessean, was humiliating to the incumbent governor. Browning won more than 22,000 votes to only 8,000 some odd votes for Governor McCord.

The extent of McCord's loss by almost 60,000 votes was indicated by the fact he only carried his home county of Marshall by less than 300 votes.

Senator Stewart also lost and for the first time in almost two decades, the power of the McKellar - Crump alliance had been broken.

McCord returned to his business interests in Lewisburg and was one of three former governors elected to serve as a delegate to Tennessee's revision of its Constitution in 1953.

Jim McCord strongly supported the candidacy of young Frank Clement against his old foe Gordon Browning in 1952. With Clement's victory, McCord was invited to join the Cabinet as Commissioner of Conservation.

The former governor's last political hurrah was a

quixotic bid for governor in 1958. Rather than run in the Democratic primary, Jim McCord sought election as an Independent against a fellow member of Governor Frank Clement's Cabinet, Buford Ellington.

McCord was almost eighty when he ran for governor the last time and he campaigned hard in the general election. Tennessee was then still a largely one-party state and McCord won only 32% of the vote against Ellington. Still, it was an impressive feat for an "Independent" to accumulate almost a third of the vote. It was an indication of some dissatisfaction with Ellington, as well as a tribute to the old campaigner's ability and personal popularity.

Following his loss in 1958, Jim McCord returned to his Lewisburg home. His wife of more than fifty years had died in 1953 and McCord found some happiness when he remarried. The former governor remained quite active, especially enjoying reunions of Tennessee's former governors.

Jim McCord died on September 2, 1968 and was eighty-nine years old.

Governor McCord was by all accounts a pleasant man, an excellent public speaker and left behind a record of solid achievement as Tennessee's chief executive. While many Tennesseans did not appreciate the increased taxes of Jim McCord's administration, the funding secured by McCord for education made possible huge advances in education for all citizens. Much of the modern structure of education in Tennessee can be attributed to the efforts of Jim Nance McCord.

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By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

lease will last, what kind of pets are permitted, if deposit are made, to whom and for how much. A hundred possible circumstances must be documented. Leases impact millions of lives every day in our country. We should be entitled to know where we stand and be able to enforce our agreements in court if necessary. The statute of frauds helps us do that.

In my practice I have often seen situations where one party agrees to sell property to another on a "rent to own" basis. Most people think this means that, after making a certain number of payments, the tenants can get a deed from the property owner. The problem is that, without a written contract, the agreement cannot be enforced in court. Yes, honest parties will honor their word and transfer the ownership when the terms of the agreement have been met. That does happen in many cases. But what happens if the property owner dies? What happens if memories fade and the parties now disagree about what the terms of that agreement were? Many people who have faithfully paid money every month have been heartbroken to find that the rug has been pulled out from under them when the party on the other side changes the deal and they have no written contract to enforce. Do not forget to get it in writing.

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of frauds that does not allow a lawsuit without a writing in five situations. In my opinion, the two most important of these are upon:

- 1) the sale of lands or the making of a lease of real property for a longer term than one year; and
- 2) upon any agreement or contract which is not to be performed within the space of one year from the making of the agreement.

The original purpose of the statute of frauds was to provide evidence, proof that an agreement was actually made. The requirement of a writing for land contracts provides a level of formality which reflects the solemnity of transferring real property. Both parties must sign. The land must be adequately described. We need clarity, certainty. This also allows a clear cut way to distinguish unenforceable agreements from enforceable ones. Parties being able to sue on verbal commitments to sell land could clog court dockets for years to come.

This is similar to the reasons that long term leases of real property must be in writing. It is important that both parties memorialize their agreement so that it is clear who is bound by the contract, how much the rent is, what the condition of the property is, who is responsible for maintenance, how long the

Helen Ross McNabb Center recognizes a local couple's spirit of service

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Helen Ross McNabb Center Board of Directors. "Mental illness and substance abuse are two of the very, if not the most devastating conditions our society must deal with. Our community is blessed to have the Helen Ross McNabb Center, an outstanding community health organization, to treat and care for those unfortunate people in its service area who suffer from these conditions. It is imperative that the citizens in the McNabb Center service area enthusiastically support, with their money and time, the mission of the Center."

The Spirit Award Dinner began in 2004 to recognize individuals who have supported the efforts of the Helen Ross McNabb Center and have worked selflessly to improve their community as a whole. For tickets or more information, please contact Beth Farrow at 865-329-9030 or Beth.Farrow@mcnabb.org.

Sponsors of the evening include Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis P.C., Jim & Natalie Haslam, Home Federal Bank, Cherokee Distributing Company, Hank & Sandy Bertelkamp, Dr. & Mrs. Joe Johnson, Stowers Machinery, Proffitt and Goodson, TIS Insurance, and White Realty.

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Catholic outlasts Admirals in AAA finale

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School's boys basketball team went out with a bang Thursday night.

The Fighting Irish got big plays to outlast Farragut 44-43 in their regular-season District 4-AAA finale at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

"This is our last year in Triple-A and we're really proud that we went 32-24

in this district over the past four years," Catholic coach Mike Hutchens said. "This was a big game for us because we finish in the top four in the district and get a first-round bye in the tournament."

Thursday night's victory at Farragut wasn't easy for the Irish (14-13 overall, 8-6 in the district).

Sophomore Jordan Anderson scored 20 points,

including a game-winning 3-pointer with 1:02 left in the final frame of a contest that wasn't decided until a desperation shot by Admirals senior guard DeMarcus Martin came up off the mark.

The Irish, who will move to Class AA next season, was hot early despite playing without one of their top players. Guard Kyle Anders was shelved by a broken

collarbone missed Thursday night's contest and is out for the remainder of the season.

"You're missing 16 points, four rebounds and two steals per game without Kyle," Hutchens said. "He's a two-time all-KIL player."

The Admirals (13-14, 6-8) scored the first bucket of the game before Catholic took a 10-2 lead.

Farragut, however, bounced back with the frame's final seven points and pulled to within 10-9 when Billy Williams buried a 3-pointer as time expired in the opening stanza.

The game continued to be a roller coaster ride as the Admirals opened a 13-10 lead. Catholic closed the second quarter with a modest 11-5 run to open a 21-15 lead on a 3-point

shot by Anderson. "My pick for Sophomore of the Year is Jordan Anderson," Hutchens said.

The Admirals were sparked by Martin in the first half. The senior guard scored 12 of Farragut's 15 points over the first 16 minutes.

In the second half, the Admirals, who open district tournament play Tuesday

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KARNS NOTCHES BIG UPSET



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN EVERETT

Jubilation reigns as Karns Middle School boys basketball team and fans storm the court after No. 4 seed Karns upset top-seeded Powell 33-30 in overtime in the semifinals of the Knox County Middle School tournament Thursday night. Bearden defeated Farragut in the other boys semifinal game 36-25. In the girls' semis, top-seeded Northwest eliminated Halls 27-24 and No. 2 seed West Valley ousted Farragut 26-19. The Knoxville Focus will have coverage of the finals, played Saturday, in its Feb. 18 issue.

Jones' foundation starts with 'character'

Butch Jones, new University of Tennessee head football coach, was



By Steve Williams

asked about Vonn Bell – a 5-star recruit who picked Ohio State over the Vols – early in his National Signing Day press conference last week He gave a brief but polite answer and then added he

would prefer not to comment on other schools' signees.

This exchange with the media, in a way, reminded me of a scene from the popular sports movie Hoosiers. Remember when the Hickory High students started chanting, "We want Jimmy! We want Jimmy!" when their basketball team was introduced without their star player.

Irritated by the students' plea, Coach Norman Dale went back up to the microphone, waved his hand to hush the crowd and addressed the issue: "I would hope you would support who we are and not who we are not... This is your team!"

The same could be said for UT's Class of 2013 football signees. It may

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The Vols Get Three (CAK) Warriors

By Alex Norman

National Signing Day is a big deal across the nation, and it was in Knoxville as well. Locally, one of the busiest stops was just off of Dutchtown Road, at Christian Academy of Knoxville. On Wednesday, February 6th, nine C.A.K. Warriors (boys and girls) signed National Letters of Intent in a variety of sports.

But football is where we pick up this story.

Davis Howell and Corey Rathbone, two key pieces to the Warriors two state championship teams, will play at the next level. Howell, the son of WBIR-TV Chief Meteorologist Todd Howell, will head to UT-Chattanooga. Howell holds the national record for a high school football player with 358 receptions, so that selection could set the Mocs up for future success in the passing game.

Rathbone is known for his

talents running the football, and will play at Centre College.

The moves that have received the most attention involve the school less than ten miles to the East. Wide receiver Josh Smith, offensive lineman Brett Kendrick, and quarterback Charlie High are each staying close to home, and will head to the University of Tennessee.

"The stress is relieved, that's for sure," said Smith. "This whole process has been pretty exciting,

but it has been long. I'm just ready to get it over with and I'm just ready to be a Vol, for sure. I've been committed for a while so I feel like I am a part of it, but not at the same time. I'm just ready to get there."

Smith committed to the Vols last June.

"He is a very explosive player with great ball skills," said C.A.K. head coach Rusty Bradley. "He's a great route runner that understands all of the details of being

a good receiver."

In a release from the University of Tennessee, new Vols wide receivers coach Zach Azzanni also had high praise for Smith. "Josh understands what it means to be a Vol growing up in Knoxville. We are excited about his potential. He is a fast and explosive player who understands the game."

Smith, a three-star prospect according to 247Sports, missed

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Jones' foundation starts with 'character'



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Butch Jones smiles as he addresses the media at the Stokely Family Media Center at Neyland Stadium on National Signing Day. The new UT head football coach and his staff signed 21 players on Feb. 6.

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not include Bell, the highly rated safety from the Chattanooga area, but this is your team of the future, if you are a UT fan.

It includes 21 young men who wanted to sign with the Vols.

Two of those – offensive lineman Austin Sanders of Bradley Central and defensive lineman Jason Carr of Memphis White Station – have already shown special loyalty to Tennessee.

Sanders committed to UT prior to his junior season. An ESPN and Rivals 4-star player, he was good enough to go elsewhere.

Carr could easily have reneged on his commitment. He was recruited by other schools late, including Alabama, but resisted.

"Jason is Tennessee through and through," said Coach Jones. "He grew up wearing the orange. . . He held true to his word."

Carr is a 6-5, 260-pounder with a 4-star rating. He was the state's No. 3 prospect and the No. 10 overall strong side defensive end in the nation, according to 247Sports.

Sanders (6-5, 284) can play all five OL positions. He was No. 8 among state prospects and No. 20 nationally among offensive tackles, according to Rivals.

UT fans also can appreciate Charlie High's desire to play for the Vols. The state record-setting quarterback who led Christian Academy of Knoxville to back-to-back state titles chose to be an invited walk-on instead of signing scholarship papers elsewhere.

Overall, Jones and his staff assembled a respectable class, considering they only had "31 permissible recruiting days" in which to work. As for the ratings, Tennessee has seen better days. Rivals had the Vols ranked 10th in the 14-member Southeastern Conference. On the national scene, the Vols were ranked 20th by Rivals, 25th by 247Sports and 29th by ESPN.

The real progress Jones has made in his first two months on the job can't be seen in these numbers. But he appears to already have made great strides in improving the football program's relationships with

former UT players and current high school coaches across the state. Mending those ties will certainly pay off in future recruiting classes.

Recruiting rankings are subjective. There have been plenty of cases where 3-star prospects developed into better players than 5-star prospects. Only time will tell how well and how much this crop of new Vols will contribute.

"The challenge begins now to develop these individuals" as players, citizens and students, said Jones.

Tennessee came up short in filling its needs at some positions, but that shouldn't be alarming. A team is made up of four or five recruiting classes, so there is always time to fill shortages.

This year's class is particularly thin at running back and linebacker, with only one signee at each of these positions.

The strength of the class is wide receivers, headed up by the Vols' highest rated signee – MarQuez North (6-4, 214) of Charlotte. He was the No. 1 prospect in North Carolina

and is rated by Rivals as the No. 2 WR in the nation and No. 37 recruit overall recruit.

Five wide receivers in all were signed, which should help make up for the loss of Cordarrelle Patterson, Justin Hunter and Zach Rogers from last season's squad.

Ryan Jenkins of Marietta, Ga., is another 4-star WR signee. His dad, Lee Jenkins, was a defensive back for the Vols from 1980-82.

Tennessee also picked up recruiting points late with the addition of quarterback Josh Dobbs of Alpharetta, Ga., who had been committed to Arizona State. ESPN rates him as the nation's No. 4 best dual-threat QB and 247Sports ranks him No. 8 among pro-style quarterbacks. He also is a 4.0 student who plans to study aeronautical engineering.

Dobbs gives the Vols two "Elite 11" quarterbacks in the class. The other is Riley Ferguson from Matthews, N.C. Regarded as "highly competitive," he led his Butler High team to state titles in 2010 and 2012. Ferguson, rated

| TENNESSEE'S 2013 SIGNING CLASS | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|
| Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | Hometown |
| Malik Brown | DL | 6-3 | 250 | Palm Beach, Fla. |
| Woody Quinn | TE | 6-6 | 260 | Dana Point, CA |
| Joshua Dobbs | QB | 6-3 | 190 | Alpharetta, Ga. |
| Jason Carr | DL | 6-5 | 260 | Memphis, Tenn. |
| Brett Kendrick | OL | 6-6 | 312 | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Cameron Sutton | DB | 6-1 | 170 | Jonesboro, Ga. |
| Jaylen Miller | DL | 6-2 | 265 | Gaffney, S.C. |
| Austin Sanders | OL | 6-5 | 284 | Cleveland, TN. |
| Dylan Wiesman | OL | 6-3 | 312 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| Jabo Lee | RB | 5-9 | 175 | Dillon, S.C. |
| Malik Foreman | ATH | 5-10 | 170 | Kingsport, TN |
| Josh Smith | WR | 6-1 | 180 | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Riley Ferguson | QB | 6-3 | 180 | Matthews, N.C. |
| Ryan Jenkins | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Marietta, Ga. |
| MarQuez North | WR | 6-4 | 214 | Charlotte, N.C. |
| AJ Branisel | TE | 6-4 | 225 | S. Euclid, Ohio |
| Paul Harris | WR | 6-4 | 195 | Accokeek, Md. |
| Lemond Johnson | ATH | 6-1 | 190 | Cooper City, Fla. |
| Riyahd Jones | DB | 6-0 | 186 | Columbus, Ga. |
| Jalen Reeves-Maybin | ATH | 6-1 | 200 | Clarksville, TN |
| Corey Vereen | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Winter Garden, FL |

a 4-star player by ESPN, passed for 301 yards and five touchdowns and was named MVP in this past season's championship game. The word on him is "he can make every throw on the field."

Late pickups for Tennessee also were defensive linemen Malik Brown and Jaylen Miller.

Brown, who was committed to Syracuse until Doug Marrone was named Buffalo Bills coach, is a former high school teammate of current UT linebacker Curt Maggitt.

Miller, the No. 5 prospect in South Carolina, is known for being "disruptive." He had 27 sacks in helping lead Gaffney to a Class AAAA state crown.

Coming off probably their worst season ever on the defensive side of the ball, the Vols also will be looking for help from newcomers Riyahd Jones and Corey Vereen and possibly Jalen Reeves-Maybin and Cameron Sutton.

Jones was rated No. 7 among junior college cornerbacks. He's 6-0, 186 with 4.49 speed in the 40.

Vereen was rated the

No. 21 linebacker in the nation by ESPN. The 6-2, 230-pounder was among five early enrollees. He is "intense and relentless" as a pass rusher off the edge.

Reeves-Maybin, one of three signees listed as "athletes," was rated as Tennessee's No. 5 prep prospect. Called "smart and tough" and possessing "great leadership skills," he played outside linebacker at Clarksville Northeast.

The versatile Sutton is listed as a wide receiver and cornerback. He played corner and wideout in high school in Jonesboro, Ga., and also was a kick returner and punter. He also was a three-sport prep athlete, playing basketball and baseball, too.

"We were extremely selective in the (recruiting) process," said Jones.

"I think we were able to attract high level character players, and that was the foundation."

And those were the guys Coach Jones wanted to talk about on his first National Signing Day at Tennessee.

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at Heritage, came to life. They pulled to within 31-30 by the end of the third quarter.

Martin, who finished with 16 points, scored only four after halftime. But Cameron Turner scored 10 points in the second half. Brian Park had eight second-half points and Matthew

Odom chipped in with six.

The fourth quarter of this low-scoring tilt packed plenty of fireworks. Catholic center Chris Cox opened the frame with a pair of free throws to make it 33-30 with 7:19 to go. The Irish would open a 39-33 lead before the Admirals bounced back. Odom and Park converted back-to-back 3-pointers to give Farragut a 41-39 lead

with 2:10 left.

Cox, who finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, evened the game at 41 before a dunk by Martin gave Farragut a 43-41 at the 1:33 mark.

Anderson had the game-winner a short time later.

The Admirals had their chances but a turnover and blocked shot by Cox sealed the victory,

which avenged Catholic's overtime home loss to Farragut in December.

The Admirals will likely play the host Mountaineers in a first round tournament game on Tuesday. A Farragut win would force a rematch later this week.

"I'd like to be in a position to say it's hard to beat a team three times," Farragut coach Chris

Cool said. "But unfortunately, I can't say that."

"This one is hard to take because losing at home is never fun and it's also hard because we've been in this situation so many times. This is painful because we're making the same mistakes."

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Farragut runs past Lady Irish to win title

By Ken Lay

A big win netted a regular-season District 4-AAA Championship for the Farragut High School girls basketball team.

Nothing has come easy for the Lady Admirals this season --- until Thursday night.

Farragut jumped to an early 9-0 lead and cruised to a 57-30 victory over Catholic Tuesday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. The win clinched the outright district title for the Lady Admirals, their first in more than two decades. Farragut has shared the title in the recent past but the Lady Admirals (24-3 overall, 12-2 in the district) last won an outright district championship in 1989.

"It feels great," said senior center Katie Overton, who buried four 3-pointers en route to scoring a game-high 16 points. "There's no feeling like being No. 1."

Overton might've have scored more but she and her starting teammates spent the last 5 minutes, 31 seconds on the bench while some younger

players finished the game on the floor.

"It was great to get a break in the fourth quarter and it was good to see some of the younger players get a chance to play. They did well."

Farragut coach Jason Mayfield cleared his bench early in the fourth quarter with the Lady Admirals, who open district tournament play Friday at Heritage, leading 52-27.

The regular-season title was the first of many goals set by Farragut and everyone associated with the program celebrated Thursday night's victory.

But the party didn't last long.

"We're going to celebrate tonight but then, we've got to go back to work," Overton said. "We have to get ready and we have to play well in the district tournament."

Overton got plenty of help from her supporting cast on Tuesday night. Senior point guard Whitney Smith finished with 11 points. Junior Rebecca Jameson added nine and Miranda Burt had six.

The Lady Irish (10-16, 3-11) fell behind 9-0 in the opening frame but bounced back to pull to within 9-6 on the strength of a pair of buckets by Clare Conaty and two free throws by Erin Kenny.

But Farragut all but put the game out of reach with a 9-3 run.

From there, the Lady Admirals would dominate. They opened a 28-12 lead by halftime and would never look back.

"It's cool being first after finishing second the last two years," Jameson said. "It's a nice change."

Mayfield was pleased with his team's effort Thursday night.

"We played well," he said. "This is a great group of girls. They work hard."

"We came out and took care of business like we were supposed to. These girls are looking forward to the tournaments coming up."

Susan Kenny led Catholic, which opens district tournament play at Heritage tonight, with eight points.



The Gibbs High Baseball Booster Club is hosting its annual Diamond Dinner at Beaver Brook Country Club on Saturday, February 16. For tickets please call Kevin Davis at 599-2019. Pictured are Booster Club Officers Front Row: Angie Gibson, Kevin Davis, Back Row: Jeff Willis, Dewey Warren The Swamp Rat, Richie Schulz and Allen Berry.

New year brings City of Knoxville volleyball leagues

This year, the City of Knoxville is set to serve new adult volleyball leagues. Registration for adult coed indoor volleyball leagues, provided by Knoxville Parks and Recreation, is currently open.

Entry fees are \$20 per person. The regular season begins on March 3 and ends on April 28, followed by a tournament in May. The organizational meeting for team captains will be held Feb. 26th at 6 p.m. at the John T. O'Connor Center located at 611 Winona Street.

Four different leagues will be available. On Wednesday evenings there will be two leagues (an "A" and a "B" league) that play from 6-9:30 p.m. The "A" league will meet at Cumberland Estates Recreation Center and the "B" league at Deane Hill Recreation Center.

There will be two other leagues held on Sunday afternoons (also an "A" and "B" league) that meet from 1:30-6 p.m. The Sunday afternoon "A" league

will meet at Richard Leake Recreation Center and the Sunday afternoon "B" league will meet at Cumberland Estates Recreation Center.

"A" leagues are for experienced, competitive volleyball players and "B" leagues serve more intermediate, developmental players.

Teams may play in multiple leagues (i.e. in both a Wednesday and Sunday league). However, individual players are not permitted to play on two different teams of the same night. Teams must have a minimum of six players on the roster.

Registration closes Friday, Feb. 22nd, at 4 p.m. To sign up, visit the Athletics Department at 917A East 5th Avenue and bring cash or check. Only one person is required to register and pay for the team. For more information, please visit www.eteamz.com/cokathletics or call 865-215-1424.

Bearden downs Powell in defensive struggle

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School girls basketball coach Justin Underwood was far from happy after his team's victory over Powell Tuesday night.

"I think that everyone was looking for the other person to get something started on offense," Underwood said after watching his Lady Bulldogs nab a 40-28 non-league victory over the Lady Panthers Tuesday night at Bearden High School.

Bearden (19-6) might have battled offensive struggles all night but the Lady Bulldogs' defense kept Powell (15-8) in check. The Lady Bulldogs, however, managed to generate enough offense to open a 14-8 halftime lead.

Bearden, which has played stellar defense all season, picked up some steals that led to easy transition baskets. Erin Walsh and Olivia Pfeifer each forced turnovers at half-court. Walsh cashed in with a pair of layups and Pfeifer added another to help Bearden open a 29-19 lead by third quarter's end.

Walsh, who led all scorers with 19 points, wasn't satisfied with her team's victory.

"It wasn't a very good win," Walsh said. "But tonight, it all started with our defense."

"I made some steals and got some layups and then Olivia got one and we finally got rolling."

Powell was able to get back into the game early in the final frame by scoring five straight points and made it 29-24 on a free throw by Tori Lentz with 6 minutes, 13 seconds remaining.

But Bearden, which didn't have a field goal over the final eight minutes, managed to regain control of the contest by making

free throws. The Lady Bulldogs went 11-for-14 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Powell coach Caitlin Holifield found some positives despite seeing her team fall on a night when offense was hard to come by for both teams.

"We struggled on offense but a lot of credit for that has to go to Bearden's defense," she said. "We got the ball inside but we just didn't finish."

"When you get the ball inside, you just have to finish. You have to score and we just didn't do that. We played pretty good defense for three quarters. If we can take care of the basketball and execute, then we can be good."

We have to execute and we have to hit shots."


Demiyah Moore scored nine points to lead the Lady Panthers, who managed just four field goals before halftime. Keelie Lusby finished with eight points.

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Lindsey Kelly signs with Tusculum



Karns soccer player Lindsey Kelly signs to play at Tusculum. Kelly, a senior forward for the Lady Beavers, made her decision official on Wednesday.

By Ken Lay

Karns High School senior soccer player Lindsey Kelly will get the chance to play the sport she loves.

Kelly, a senior forward for the Lady Beavers, made that official Wednesday when she signed a National Letter of intent to play at Tusculum. She had a stellar high school athletic career. She lettered in soccer, track and tennis for the Lady Beavers. She was also on the Dance Team, where she earned an additional letter. She was also the school's homecoming queen in 2010.

She excels in athletics and was named Most Athletic for the 2012-13 school year. She's had the bulk of her athletic success on the soccer field where she was a captain last season.

She was a first team all-District 3-AAA soccer selection in both 2011 and 2012. She was an Honorable Mention all-district performer in 2010 and made the all-Region 2-AAA team in 2012.

She chose Tusculum to pursue both her academic and athletic goals.

"Tusculum has been my No. 1 choice for a long time," Kelly said. "They have a good education program and a powerful soccer program."

Kelly, who aspires to be an elementary school teacher, also had offers from Carson-Newman, Milligan, Tennessee Wesleyan and Anderson University in Indiana.

She also chose Tusculum because she wanted to stay close to home and because it is a smaller school.

"I wanted to stay in Tennessee and close to home she said," Kelly said. "I wanted to go to a small school."

"I wanted to go to a smaller school so I could get more involved."

She also noted that Tusculum's unique block academic schedule also appealed to her.

"At Tusculum, you take a class for 18 days and I liked that," she said.

In addition to her numerous athletic honors, Kelly has never missed a day of school. Last year, she did an internship where she served as a teacher's aide in a second grade class at Karns Elementary School.



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about half of his senior season with a broken collarbone, but still caught 66 passes for 1176 yards and 15 touchdowns. He'll join four-star prospects Paul Harris, Ryan Jenkins and MarQuez North, in what has become a young but talented wide receiving core at Tennessee. Remember, Justin Hunter and Cordarrelle Patterson both left UT for the NFL draft, so playing time is available right away.

As for Kendrick, at 6-6, 312 pounds, he is only going to get bigger and quicker when arriving on campus. A three-star prospect according to 247Sports, Kendrick could fit in quite nicely, especially in 2014 when Tennessee

will be replacing a significant portion of their offensive line.

"He is incredibly athletic for a big guy," said Bradley. "He bends well and has great feet, and is great in pass protection." Tennessee offensive line coach Don Mahoney, in a release from UT added, "Brett has great size and is very athletic up front. He can play both tackle and guard and possesses tremendous toughness."

Kendrick, like Smith committed to the Vols last June. That was when Derek Dooley was the head coach. When Butch Jones was hired, there wasn't much wavering on Kendrick's part.

"I ended up going to a few other places but I

wasn't really worried," said Kendrick. "I knew we were going to get a good guy and as long as he kept me I was all Vol."

CAK quarterback Charlie High finished a storied high school career in style, with 59 touchdown passes and more than 5158 yards through the air during his senior season. He is a two-time Mr. Football Award winner in the state, and holds numerous state and national passing records.

"He is incredibly accurate and has a quick release," said Bradley. "His knowledge of the passing game is well ahead of what a high school senior should have."

But despite the stats and the recommendations, a major college scholarship

offer never happened for the undersized High. Listed at 6'0," college coaches weren't willing to take a chance. High had a scholarship offer from Tennessee Tech among others, but chose instead to become a preferred walk-on at Tennessee.

The road to earning a scholarship for High with the Vols could be a difficult one. Justin Worley and Nathan Peterman are already at the top of the depth chart, and Tennessee brings in highly regarded Riley Ferguson and Joshua Dobbs in the Class of 2013 as well.

In any event, three Warriors will soon be Vols... and it'll be an easy drive for their families to Neyland Stadium.



The parents of the Central High School Baseball team would like to thank the people who helped support the Peyton Manning Jersey raffle. Thanks also to Broadway Barber Shop for their help. Congratulations to Robert Smiddy on having the lucky ticket number. Thanks again and see you at the ballfield.

Arts & Entertainment

Terry Chandler to Offer Workshop at the Ftn. City Art Center

By Sylvia Williams

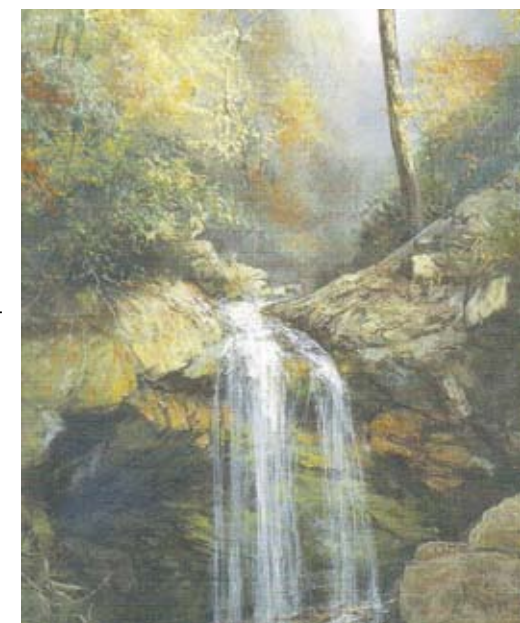
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includes the paint and canvas: \$115 for Fountain City Art Center members and \$130 for nonmembers. To enroll, call 865.357.2787 or come by the Art Center at 213 Hotel Ave. next to Fountain City Park. Students must pay and reserve space in Terry's workshop in advance.

The Fountain City Art Center has quite a few new classes and workshops this spring. For example, this very week we have: "Small Figure Sculpting," Instructor Amy Hand; \$175/\$200; 5 weeks, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Materials are included. Learn to make several small sculpted figures in a variety of poses. Students will have the option to glaze and fire or to paint figures. Excellent follow up to Amy's class in bust sculptures.

Other classes and workshops are coming up in: classical and folk guitar lessons by Andy LeGrand Music Studio, macramé and bead jewelry, basic beading, book binding for beginners, mixed media and collage, "Watercolor Portrait Workshop" by Bobbie Crews, "Juggling," by Clay Thurston, classes thrown pottery, handbuilding with clay, glass jewelry, oils, watercolors, pastels, and "Children's Art." For the very latest schedule, email me at fcartcenter@knology.net or call to have a schedule mailed to you (865,357.2787).

Detail from a Terry Chandler painting.





The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Mountain Musings

I often ask my patients what they're reading when they come to see me and I notice the books of friends when I'm in their homes. Most of us appreciate the recommendation of a good movie. Sharing the common experience of a good book or a movie, a beautiful sunset or a memory gives us joy.

You can learn a lot about people and their culture if you observe their environment. When I travel I make it a point to browse the local market in addition to just watching people or taking in the sights. We used to do foreign mission work in Guatemala, and as we approached a village I frequently challenged my medical team to observe the village's farm animals and to notice if there were any cats or dogs.

Ferguson's measure of a community's poverty (and their health) was predicted by scarcity and condition of domestic animals. It was in the mountains of Guatemala that I first observed "ribs on a pig" and understood true poverty.

Becky and I recently spent the weekend in the Smokey Mountain home of friends. At four thousand feet it snows a lot in February and makes you appreciate the warmth of a fire and time to just sit, talk or read quietly and occasionally look up to watch snow falling. We didn't miss the TV at all.

Some might find it unusual that I like to read several books at a time. As I browsed Mary's mountain library for a new book I found one that had been recommended to me years

ago, but I had never read. *The Tipping Point* is the first book by Malcolm Gladwell and describes "how little things can make a big difference." It is a fascinating book about human nature.

I remember Mr. Spock from the Star Trek series often using the word-phrase, "Fascinating!" I can identify with this notion because I find so many things fascinating. One of my observations (which my partners refer to as Fergisms) is that you are old if things no longer fascinate you. If you're still searching for the medical perspective in this essay, you'll have to wait a bit. Perhaps anticipation will make the surprise segue better.

I met a miracle on the mountain. Some years ago a terrible industrial accident occurred at a foundry in Indiana. My friend's brother-in-law was literally burned to the bone when a forge of molten steel exploded. When I first heard of this injury I remember thinking that this was surely a mortal wound and everyone thought he would die. But he didn't, and there he sat across the dinner table from me. Miraculously, you'd hardly recognize the

scars of his injuries. His ordeal was terrible, but I marvel at his recovery which seems to defy the notion of mortality.

I've heard it said that God will take you home when He gets you right. I've joked with patients who have come through seemingly impossible situations telling them "You must be here for a reason, Mrs. Jones, and be thankful God sent you back to me for remedial work!"

Most of us have experienced sunburn from the Sun's ultraviolet radiation. The red and sensitive skin is more apparent on Caucasians, but can occur in anyone and is classified as a first degree burn. If the burn penetrates deeper into the skin and produces blisters, we doctors call this a second degree burn. I remember being put in charge of my younger brother at the beach one year while my Mom took my other brother to the doctor. I didn't listen to her about hats and sitting under the pool's umbrella. I have personal knowledge of first and second degree sunburn. In fact, my poor nose continues to reap the wages of youthful sun-sins.

Our skin is divided into three layers. The deepest

layer is called the hypodermis and contains fat which helps to insulate us, provides padding and makes our ladies especially fetching. The next deepest layer is called the dermis and contains structural proteins (collagen and elastin), nerves, and blood vessels. As we age our skin loses elasticity as these skin proteins lose their flexibility. The dermal layer also helps regulate temperature by dilation and constriction of blood vessels. These blood vessels also nurture the most superficial layer of the skin called the epidermis. This outer layer keeps us from losing body water enabling us to live on land rather than being confined to the sea. And as we sweat through specialized pores in this layer our bodies are cooled by evaporation. And you should never underestimate the value of epidermal appendages like fingernails or a luxurious head of hair!

If a burn extends through the epidermis and deeply into the dermis the skin cannot regenerate because the basal growth cells and their supporting blood vessels have been destroyed. In these settings skin grafting is necessary. You might picture

this as analogous to putting sod on a barren yard. Harvested skin from unburned areas is often used to cover areas of a third degree burn. However, sometimes there isn't enough healthy skin available and artificial and animal tissues are used as temporary measures to close the holes and lessen massive fluid loss and limit invasive infection.

We are fortunate to have my new friend still with us. His courage (and his wife's) inspires me, and makes me reconsider the notion of a mortal wound. Medical science has certainly pushed back the notion of the impossible. But, what will happen when the money runs out and Obama's Panel says, "No mas"?

Doctor Ferguson is accepting new patients. His office is next to Fort Sanders Hospital.

For appointments call Keesha at 865-522-0326.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com.

Kerbela Shriners, Karns Fire Department visit Grace Christian

In recognition of the Shriner's Hospitals for Children National Be Burn Aware campaign, Bill Gentry, Potentate of Kerbela Shriners of Knoxville, presented Grace Christian Academy in Karns with Burn Awareness Week prevention materials.

The intent of the Burn Awareness Week campaign is to educate children and their parents on the dangers of burns to children. 85% of all children seen in doctor's offices or in hospitals for burns are preventable. 65% are from scalding type burns of overly hot tap water or boiling liquids like boiling water or soups. 20% are from contact burns with hot surfaces like stove tops, heaters and curling irons.

The materials given included activity books on burn prevention for children ages 3-7 and 8-12, parents take home safety cards and posters for the school walls that give many various safety tips on burn prevention and safety. Karns Fire Department and Kerbela Shriners were able to speak to the entire 51 students in the kindergarten classes. They were given activity books about burn prevention and safety and cards for their parents with parental safety information. Firefighter/Engineer Luke Greenwell and Captain Jay Gregory then took the children outside to tour the fire truck. Activity books and safety cards for the parents were also given to the 4th grade classes.

The Karns Fire Department, which provides fire protection to the Karns, Solway, Hardin Valley and Ball Camp Communities of Knox County, was asked to be a



part of the presentation underscoring the importance of the Be Burn Aware Campaign. According to Shriner Lee Rayburn, "we have national campaigns for seat belt safety, bicycle helmet and car seat safety and a need for smoke detectors in the home. It only makes sense that since the Shriners Hospitals for Children treat children with burns that they would include a campaign to keep them from being burned.

"It is great when the Kerbela Shriners of Knoxville can partner with local fire departments and schools to reach more children and get the prevention and safety message out and into the homes." This event allowed both Kerbela Shriners of Knoxville and Karns Fire Department to reach 114 children in two grades for Burn Prevention and Awareness.

Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss Receives National Accreditation

The Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Turkey Creek Medical Center has been accredited as a Level 1 facility by the Bariatric Surgery Center Network (BSCN) Accreditation Program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This designation means the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss has met the essential criteria to ensure it is fully capable of supporting a bariatric surgery care program and that its institutional performance meets the requirements outlined by the ACS BSCN Accreditation Program. The Center's two bariatric surgeons, Drs. Stephen Boyce and K. Robert Williams, have been accredited

since 2005.

In addition, the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss has just opened a new, dedicated bariatric surgical unit at Turkey Creek Medical Center.

"We are extremely pleased to have received this important accreditation and, at the same time, to be opening this unit designed exclusively for weight loss surgery patients," said Stephen Boyce, MD, Medical Director for the Center. "This accreditation is the result of a team approach and the hard work of our caring and dedicated staff and gives morbidly obese patients an option."

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Know Your Numbers



Featured Speaker
Cheri Johnston, M.D.

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Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss Receives National Accreditation

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"This accreditation makes the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss the only Level 1 accredited program in Knoxville," said Lance Jones, CEO of Turkey Creek Medical Center. "Our hospital continues to lead the way in developing Centers of Excellence and the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss is no exception."

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 2005 in an effort to extend established quality improvement practices to all disciplines of surgical care, the ACS BSCN Accreditation Program provides confirmation that a bariatric surgery center has demonstrated its commitment to providing the highest quality care for its bariatric surgery patients. Accredited bariatric surgery centers provide not only the hospital resources necessary for optimal care of morbidly obese patients, but also the support and resources that are necessary to address the entire

spectrum of care and needs of bariatric patients, from the pre-hospital phase through the post-operative care and treatment process.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recognized the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss and allows expanded Medicare coverage of bariatric surgery for beneficiaries of all ages who have been diagnosed with other health problems associated with obesity. Medicare coverage has been limited to procedures performed in facilities certified by the American College of Surgeons or the American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery.

"This is a very important step for patients considering weight loss surgery," said K. Robert Williams, MD, bariatric surgeon with the Center. "Accreditation by the ACS helps the public in identifying facilities that provide optimal surgical care."

Drs. Boyce and Williams, who

have already performed more than 300 surgeries at Turkey Creek, began seeing patients at the hospital in March of 2012 and helped design the new unit. Dr. Boyce performed the first robotic-assisted laparoscopic gastric surgery in the State of Tennessee, an investigational procedure called Laparoscopic Gastric Curvature Plication (LGCP).

The rooms in the new unit are large and aesthetically pleasing, and are equipped with specialty furniture to provide safe and comfortable accommodations for the morbidly obese surgical patient.

Each suite has an in-room refrigerator, flat-screen television, and a state-of-the-art bathroom designed with comfort and safety in mind. Family members and/or support persons have a separate seating and sleeping area.

"Also included is a built-in lift that can be used for safe



Stephen Boyce, MD, Medical Director, and Jessica Flanary, RN, Director of Bariatrics at the Tennova Center for Surgical Weight Loss located at Turkey Creek Medical Center.

ambulation and rehabilitation of the post-operative surgical patient," said Dr. Boyce. "Everything in the new unit is designed to give the patient and family members the best possible clinical care."

Other amenities include a complimentary protein tumbler

and special toiletry kit.

An Open House for the public will be held in March. For more information on free weight loss surgery seminars, please call 865-694-9676. You can also learn more at www.tennova-weightloss.com.

Faith

The Complainers Itch

There is an old Hasidic tale about a woman named Anna. She was known as a complainer. All day long she did nothing but complain: "I have so little money, my clothes are like old rags; my health is so bad, my back feels like the walls of Jericho; I must walk so far to draw water,



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

my feet are like watermelons; my house is so small, I can barely move in it; my children visit me so little that they hardly know me."

One day, Anna woke up with an itch on her nose.

All day long her nose itched. She went into town to visit the rabbi. When the rabbi saw Anna,

he asked her, "How are you, Anna?" Anna replied, "I have so little money, my clothes are like old rags. My health is so bad, my back feels like the walls of Jericho...And now I have this itch on my nose and it plagues me so. Tell me, Rabbi, what does it mean?"

The rabbi said, "Anna, your itch is the 'complainer itch.' Its meaning is this: However you consider

yourself, so shall you be."

The next morning, Anna woke up and her nose was still itching. She could barely move. Her back had turned to stone like the walls of Jericho. When she looked about her, she noticed that her house had shrunk until her arms stuck out the windows and her legs hung out the front door. She could not move in it. On the end of her legs were to huge watermelons. Her clothes had turned to old rags. When her son and daughter came walking by, Anna called out to them, but they continued walking on - they didn't know her. And her nose continued to itch.

In despair Anna

remembered the meaning of the itch: *However you consider yourself, so shall you be.* Anna began to think: *You know, I do have money enough to live on and more. Henceforth, I will give out of my abundance to those who are not so well off. My health is not so bad. Actually, for someone my age, I feel quite well. I'm glad I have such a nice house to live in. It's not large, but it's comfortable and quite warm. I really don't mind my walk to draw water. I love to smell the flowers along the path. And my children - I'm so proud that they have become independent and are able to take care of themselves.*

Miraculously, while Anna was saying these things, her situation returned to normal - and her outlook on life changed forever. When the rabbis tell Anna's story, they end with this statement: May your nose itch forever.

We need to remember that our outlook affects outcomes. Your attitude makes a difference. When you complain, expect the worst in others, and are jealous and resent others for having more than you, your situation will likely get worse. But when you rejoice with others and thank God for all He has given you, your situation will be much better.

GOSPEL SINGING

New Beverly is proud to announce a great evening of gospel singing with the awesome family group,



When: Sunday, February 17 at 6 p.m.

Where: New Beverly Baptist Church
3320 New Beverly Church Road
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

Info: Rev. Eddie Sawyer, Pastor
865-546-0001
www.NewBeverly.org

Reverend Chris Washam will be preaching the 11a.m. Service that Sunday with a song or two!

Directions: I-640 to Exit 8. Go north on Washington Pike to Greenway Drive light (Target). Turn left. Church is 1/4 mile on the right.

Worship with us!

Church Happenings

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Christus Victor Lutheran Early Childhood Development Center will host a Parent Dinner on February 21 at 6:00 p.m. All parents of tots attending ECDC are invited. There is no charge for dinner which will be chili, mac'n'cheese, cornbread and dessert.

Pictures and DVDs of children are available. The ECDC is located at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 4110 Central Ave Pike 37912. The entrance is from the parking lot behind the church. Call the ECDC at 687-8228 for more information

Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet February 12, 2013 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway, at noon. Victor Gosnell will be the guest speaker.

Seymour United Methodist Church

On Saturday, Feb. 16th, the ministry group of "Groundskeepers" will meet at the church at 9 a.m. in hopes of repairing the tire-track damages done to the front yard during the recent ice storm.

Next Sunday, Feb. 17th, is the 1st Sunday of Lent.

A week from Saturday, on Feb 23rd, the Older Adult Ministry" will hold a chili luncheon with Bingo played afterwards. Contact Harry Switzer or Chester McInturff.

First Lutheran Church

55 Alive, First Lutheran Church's senior group, will meet at noon on February 14, Valentine's Day. A hot meal will be served. The speaker will be Ruth Blackwell, recently appointed Principal of the First Lutheran School. She'll tell her hopes and dreams for the school's future. Everyone is invited. A hot meal is \$6.50 and reservations are requested. For information, call 524-0366 before noon. The church is located at 1207 N. Broadway.

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House to Home

Language of roses and love

"We have no words so complex, so delicate, so simple or so strong as flowers. Therefore we let them speak for us."--Pam Brown

By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

With this being the month of Valentine's Day, let flowers speak for you. There are so many options--Roses, roses, roses!!! Tulips! Many other types and varieties of fresh-cut flowers and arrangements are available. Then there are those flowers or shrubs which you can buy and then plant for many years of enjoyment!!

Let's talk roses. The long-stemmed roses you can buy at a florist are very difficult to grow in most gardens. On the other hand, gardeners can avail themselves of an incredible selection of flower forms, blooming habits and foliage patterns within the wide world of roses.

In recent years, plant breeders have made great strides in creating new kinds of roses that bloom heavily for a long time, resist or tolerate widespread diseases, and are generally easy to grow.

The first that comes to mind are Knock-Out Roses. They bloom profusely from March and even up through December.

Best of all with these, unlike older hybrid roses, the plants themselves are so vigorous that they become larger and stronger over time, rather than weaker.

"Pascali" (white) and "Miss All-America Beauty" (pink) are hybrid tea roses that are easier to please than many others of this type. Hybrid teas have the same flower form as florist's roses. Prune off old blossoms and fertilize regularly to maintain good growth.

"Showbiz" (red) and "Simplicity" (pink) are floribunda roses. Their flowers develop in clusters rather than as single specimens. The blooms are smaller than hybrid teas, but still have the classic

rose shape. Grow in good sun and fertilize regularly to prolong bloom season.

The "Fairy" (pink) and "China Doll" (light pink) are called polyantha roses. They produce a very heavy flush of blossom clusters in early summer and often bloom again later in the summer. These roses are very vigorous and grow into low, sprawling bushes.

"Scarlet Meidiland" (red) and "Carefree Wonder" (pink) are classed as shrub roses, and both require little maintenance yet bloom beautifully over a very long period of time.

"Golden Eye" is an attention grabber with its bright coral

red flowers. If you like cheerful yellow flowers, then "Carefree Sunshine" is for you!

With the new roses, some even no-spray roses, you do not have to be afraid to grow them and you can enjoy roses in your garden and fresh-cut in your home for many years of enjoyment!

"Love does not dominate; it cultivates."--Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

"Love is a tender plant; when properly nourished, it becomes sturdy and enduring, but neglected it will soon wither and die."--Hugh Brown

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Old silver can mean big bucks

Those silver dollars that have been stashed in your dresser may surprise you. Our parents and grandparents gave them to us as gifts back in the day and many of us can remember holding a big shiny beautiful coin in our small hands and being told to hang on to it.

Today we are seeing a tremendous surge in the value of some of these vintage and antique coins as several factors have come into play. With silver prices on the rise, a tremendous amount of coins have been sold and melted down simply for their silver value. Destroying the coins thusly has revived interest in coin collecting as well as making scarce dates even scarcer to the point that coins have become the hottest seller at most auction galleries and online venues.

I am constantly asked if folks should sell their gold or silver coins and if this is the right time to do so. Well, my answer is always this: Let's imagine that you purchased a coin years ago, say a 1oz, \$50 gold coin for say \$300-\$500. Let's further imagine that today you can sell it for nearly \$1800. What if gold is going to go a lot higher, say \$2500? What if it goes down to \$900? The same also applies for silver bullion.

The driving factor with coins are key dates and



By Carl Sloan

condition. I urge readers to be careful selling coins just for bullion prices without having them inspected first by true professionals or having researched either online or by the annual edition of "The Red Book - A Guide Book of United States Coins."

When you look up your coin you will see anywhere from 12 to 16 grade marks that describe the level of condition and how many were minted that year. This can be confusing as when you get to the top 5 grade marks, prices can jump to hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Mint marks are to be noted as well if they are but the usual (O, S, D, P and the scarcest CC).

Fountain City Auction will be conducting two large coin auctions at the end of March and in April along with other great items to offer. If you have any questions concerning your coins, please call Fountain City Auction at (865)604-3468 for a quick and free assessment by phone, mail or in person by appointment.



Over 300 Morgan Dollars will be offered in March and April at Fountain City



Fontinalis Club president Susan Spicer recently presented her personal four volume art book collection to Sylvia Willilams, Director of the Fountain City Art Center, in the name of the Fontinalis Club. Club members were on hand to witness the presentation and then enjoyed the Art Centers various forms and media of art on display. Please read more about FCAC's new workshop on C4 and about the next Fontinalis Club meeting below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Classes

The WordPlayers will offer two acting courses this spring. Improvisation for ages 11-14 will be on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am from March 9 to May 4. Intermediate Acting for ages 12-18 will be on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 pm from March 14 to May 9. The classes will be held at Middlebrook Christian Ministries, 1540 Robinson Road in west Knoxville. For more information, please visit our website: www.wordplayers.org or call 865-539-2490.

Call for volunteers

STAR is looking for volunteers to help special

needs children and adults with their therapeutic horseback riding lessons. Lesson Vol Training (Ages 13 and up) is Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Junior Vol Training (Ages 10-12) is Monday, February 25, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Horse experience is not necessary. For more information, call Melissa at 865-988-4711 or visit our website at www.ridetatstar.org.

ALSO: Volunteer training on February 18th at Smoky Mountain Hospice office, please call 865-673-5877 for more information.

Fontinalis Club Meeting

Fontinalis Club will meet on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, 5364 N. Broadway: Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m., Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m., and General Meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Civic Growth Committee will present Keith Lyons speaking on Identity Theft.

Fountain City Business & Professional Association February Meeting

This month's Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is Wednesday, February 13 at Central Baptist Church! Meetings are held

2nd Wednesday of each month.

Please plan to arrive by 11:45; lunch will be from 11:45-12:15. Central Baptist Church is located at 5364 North Broadway.

Speakers will be Adina Chumley from Business Services with the TN Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development. Chumley will discuss Jobs4TN. Learn how this new online tool can work for your company. Free & easy-to-use, Jobs4TN is a service of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

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FREE Tax Assistance at Goodwill

From now until April 13, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be providing free tax assistance at the Goodwill Industries located on 5307 Kingston Pike. Assistance will be provided from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The VITA program is run by certified volunteers who offer free tax assistance to prepare returns for low to moderate income families who cannot prepare their own tax returns. For more information about eligibility requirements, please visit <http://www.irs.gov>.

Freedom: A Roundtable Discussion

On February 15th at 7:00 p.m., the Beck Cultural Exchange Center will be hosting a Civil Rights discussion on the impact of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the 13th Amendment and other Civil Rights legislation. Civil Rights pioneers from the local, state, and national levels will be invited to discuss historical events along with more recent grassroots organizers to deliberate substantive solutions to many of today's issues. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment, and the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. This event is open to the entire Knoxville Community.

Ossoli Circle Meeting

GFWC Ossoli Circle - Coffee, 9:45 a.m. Monday, February 11, Ossoli Clubhouse, 2511 Kingston Pike, "Someday You're Going to Thank Me" by Tootie McCook and Stephanie Wayland at 10:30 a.m., "TEACH Tennessee Initiative" by Faculty from William Blount High School at 11:30 a.m.

Take Control of your Career Workshop

The Knoxville Area Urban League is holding a workshop: "Take Control of your Career," on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, 9-11 a.m., 1514 East Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917. Instruction provided by First

Tennessee Bank. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. To register or for more information, call 865-524-5511.

United Daughters of the Confederacy meeting

The Captain W. Y. C. Hannum Chapter #1881, United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa on Saturday, February 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. Business Session will begin at 11:00 followed by lunch. The program topic will be presented by Dr. Aaron Astor of Maryville College, "Confederates in Blount County." Visitors are welcome to attend. For reservations or more information, please contact Charlotte Miller, 865-448-6716.

Upcoming Civil War Talk

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will host journalist, historian and author Jack Hurst as its speaker. At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Hurst will speak on the topic: "Born to Battle: Generals Grant and Forrest, 1862-63." The talk is open to the public and will be at the Bearden Banquet Hall at 5806 Kingston Pike (next to Buddy's BBQ and .2 mile east of the intersection of Kingston Pike and Northshore Dr.) To attend the talk only is \$5.00. (Students with current IDs are admitted free.) Alternatively, you can come at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner which is \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. To make dinner reservations, please call (865) 671-9001 by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11.

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group meeting

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group is for any adult who is suffering loss. Our group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (next meeting - Feb 19). Meetings are held in the UT Hospice office at 2270 Sutherland Ave. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Brenda Fletcher, Bereavement Coordinator at (865) 544-6279.

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