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Abigail and Taylor Bennett point to Easter Eggs posted on home windows. A post by a Norwood woman caught on fast and spread like a virus on the internet. Photo courtesy of Ashley Lyons.

BOE maintains business as usual in digital form

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Keeping in step with the changes in our nation due to the pandemic, the members of the Knox County Board of Education held their meeting electronically on April 8. Following Gov. Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16, which was issued on March 20, the BOE is required to meet openly and transparently while taking measures to protect the health of each citizen and government official.

Chairperson Susan Horn ran the regular session as usual although it took the form of a virtual gallery of faces of the superintendent, board members, and KCS staff.

After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Chairperson Horn relayed the state BOE will meet Thursday, April 9, to address student credits, grades, attendance, and matters which are affecting educators directly. Once the Knox County BOE receives the state information from this meeting, it will be relayed to the county accordingly.

"Thanks to all those watching at home ... tremendous efforts are being made to meet the physical needs of our students through programs as our food distribution plan and ... our KCS@home program," said Horn. She explained that paper packets are available for kindergarten through eighth-grade students whose homes lack a computer.

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Special Easter egg hunt in Norwood goes viral

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Something special happened last week in the Norwood neighborhood. Resident Ashley Lyons was lamenting the lack of a group Easter Egg Hunt. She took to the Nextdoor website with a suggestion.

"I've been working in yard all day. Just came in catching up on news. Why would any church hold services, outdoor activities, or gatherings? Why would you risk your congregation safety? I just don't understand!! You can have church at home!" she posted..

"Hi, Norwood, I was wondering if anyone would be interested in Posting an Egg in their window

for kids to hunt while walking or riding our neighborhood?" she asked.

"Next weekend is Easter Weekend and with everyone having to stay at home while staying safe I thought this would give parents and kids something to do. We have so many wonderful neighbors out walking their pets and with kids it would be fun," Lyons continued in the post she titled "Egg Hunt - Norwood with Social Distancing."

The idea caught on quickly and Lyons heard from Lou-Ann Rodgers, Bryan Thomas and Ronda Crawford of Cumberland Estates and Margie McKee of West Haven Village. Nancy Coven of

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Alana Phillips of Norwood decorated her front window with Easter Egg pictures so children walking by can spot them. Many other residents did the same and the idea caught on.

Davis selected as next Election Executive Director

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"We're going to follow the law, we're the gatekeepers of democracy," said Chris Davis on Tuesday after he was selected to replace Cliff Rodgers as the executive director of Knox County Elections. Rodgers will retire effective May 30th.

The commission, meeting together in the small assembly room of the City-County Building, unanimously voted to hire Davis. He's been working as deputy director to Rodgers for 12 years and received his boss's hearty endorsement.

"He can do everything I can do and some things I cannot," Rodgers told the board. The sometimes outspoken executive director told the board to "replace me with Chris," adding, "I ain't about to change my mind."

The brief meeting was



Chris Davis (left) stands with Cliff Rodgers at the Knox County Election Commission office. Davis has been Rodgers' assistant for 12 years and was chosen by Rodgers to replace him after May 30th. The Election Commission agreed 100 percent. Photo courtesy of Chris Davis.

streamed on the Knox County website.

Prior to coming to the election

commission office Davis was a communications director for the

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Council postpones creation of Human Resources Department

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Possibly the most controversial matter before the Knoxville City Council Tuesday was postponed early in the opening minutes of their Zoom regular meeting.

A caller, Phillip Reyes of Mountain Park Road, asked for the postponement until June. He said a "virtual meeting is not good for this." The council agreed and little discussion was held on the matter involving Mayor Indya Kincannon's request to amend the city code to create a Department of Human Resources within the executive branch.

Former Civil Service Board member Bill Pittman had warned the mayor and council in a letter that the creation of the new department "removes everything Civil Service does

and places it under the HR Department." He also said that the current Civil Service Board is missing a Knoxville Police Department representative.

He wrote that when his term ended on the board he expected his position to be filled but neither former Mayor Madeline Roger nor Mayor Kincannon has named a police department representative.

"The mayor is trying to create a HR department under her direction and remove responsibilities from Civil Service. He charged that the Mayor would have authority to reclassify any civil service employee into any job title without a civil service process.

"It leaves Civil Service doing nothing while still technically existing," he wrote, adding, "Every personnel decision will be at the will of the Mayor."

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What Is Title Insurance?

A legal term you may have heard of but have no idea what it actually means is the term, "title insurance."

What is title insurance? The short answer is that title insurance protects property purchasers from problems that may arise later.

If an issue comes up with their ownership of the property they have purchase.

So practically, how would this work? Say you buy a piece of property and you purchase title insurance. Before the purchase, the title company will perform a title search to determine whether the owner can convey the property to the potential purchaser.

Well, what if there has been a lien filed against the homeowner for a past credit card debt. If that lien is not resolved before the purchase, that lien will create a "cloud" on the title. That means that the new owner may not have clear title to the property because of that lien. If this is discovered later, and the new owner has purchased title insurance, then that title insurance policy may provide coverage for this oversight and take care of and paying off the lien.

Is there any downside to obtaining title insurance? Well, it is an additional cost that has to be paid for as part of the closing on the property, further, it prolongs conveying the



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property to the new owner.

If the new owner is in a hurry, they may just request a quitclaim deed conveying the property from the owner to the new owner. That essentially puts the risk regarding problems with the title on the new owner. If you go the quitclaim deed route though, no title insurance will be available that will protect the new owner if there is an issue with the title to the property.

The title insurance will be effective and protect the new owners as long as they remain the owners of the property. So, even if a problem comes up years down the road, the title insurance works to protect the new owners.

Obtaining title insurance is always the safe way to go when acquiring property. For a few hundred dollars you can obtain the peace of mind that you will be protected against any issues with the ownership of your property in the future.

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Council postpones creation of Human Resources Department

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The Knoxville Focus asked the mayor for a statement on the matter and Kristin Farley, her communications director, replied with the letter sent to all city employees.

In the letter Mayor Kin-cannon said, "I appreciate all the feedback I've received about the proposed restoration of an HR Department. Since many employees have questions about the proposal and how it would impact everything, I've decided to postpone this agenda item until May [now delayed until June]."

"During this interim, I'll host three Zoom meetings, one for KPD, one for KFD and one for General Government, to field questions and hear concerns. These meetings will be publicly noticed and open to City

Council and to the public.

"This proposal is about making the City of Knoxville a more responsive and supportive employer, while also preserving ALL of the civil service protections. I look forward to listening to and addressing your concerns."

The Civil Service Merit Board plans to meet this Wednesday at 1 p.m. using Zoom's webinar platform.

On Wednesday the city recorder issued the following announcement:

"The Knoxville City Council will hold a workshop next Thursday, April 16th, 2020 at 5:30pm via Zoom video/audio conference. The workshop will cover a proposed Human Resources Department Ordinance. The workshop will include a presentation by the City's Administration, discussion among City Council Members, and a public forum at the end of the meeting."

Hardin Valley to expand yet again

Planning Commission approves residential development in Hayden Hill

By Bill Howard

In Hardin Valley, the hits, as they say, just keep on coming.

At its monthly meeting on April 9, the Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the expansion of the Hayden Hill community in Hardin Valley. The developer of the project will be Safe Harbor Development, the owner Campbell Properties LLC#2.

The meeting took place online, as the commissioners were practicing the well-known precaution of avoiding gatherings of people because of the coronavirus. The meeting could be viewed on CTV or YouTube. Despite a few minor technical glitches, the meeting proceeded without difficulty.

Commissioner Chris Ooten recused himself from the issue because he's the CEO of Safe Harbor.

The location of the subdivision will be west of Sam Lee Road, northeast of Dearing Way in County Commission District 6. It will encompass about 100 acres and calls for construction of 154 homes. The zoning designation is Planned Residential; the proposed use is detached residential subdivision. Its current use is farm and vacant land.

David Harbin is an engineer involved with the project. "It is anticipated that these will be sold as Goodall Homes to continue their very successful development on the other side of Sam Lee Road," he said. "I think what we have here is a

cluster of homes on the flatter portions away from the sinkholes. We are in agreement with county commission staff recommendations and we urge approval of such."

The border of the subdivision will back right up to John Fairstein's property line. Fairstein voiced a number of concerns to the commission.

"My property borders the proposed development on the west side," he said. "I only saw any details about this development on Monday, April 6. It's been very difficult to understand all the impacts. The concerns I have include the Road E entrance, protection of privacy concerns, infrastructure questions, and environmental issues."

"More of a safety concern to me is that Entrance E is only 150 feet from our driveway, which is already kinda scary," Fairstein said. "Lots 38-41 slope downward toward our property, and that's already causing a lot of runoff. And we're worried that the construction won't address the runoff and might aggravate it."

"And there's some privacy issues about the construction itself," Fairstein went on. "We're talking about a year or two of construction with heavy equipment, and huge piles of dirt and all the things that are associated with construction. We'd like to have some sort of privacy fence or something that will protect us from all the visuals and the sound. Another issue is we have a drinking water well right at the top of our driveway. We wanna ensure that there's not any silt or contamination. And as far as infrastructure, are there gonna be streetlights and things like that?"

Fairstein said he had a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13 with Harbin, John Sexton, head of Traffic

Engineering and Traffic Calming, and Tarren Barrett, a county transportation engineer to discuss the issues of entrance, drainage and privacy protection. Harbin insisted Fairstein's concerns would be addressed to his satisfaction.

Several commissioners were quite vocal in their support of the development.

"I think Mr. Fairstein is fortunate to have this kind of plan," said Commissioner Scott Smith. "That's 1.5 units per acre. I have a lot of confidence in the county about drainage and traffic. I have confidence in the developer. I think the plan is really good. I don't think there's anything that can't be worked out."

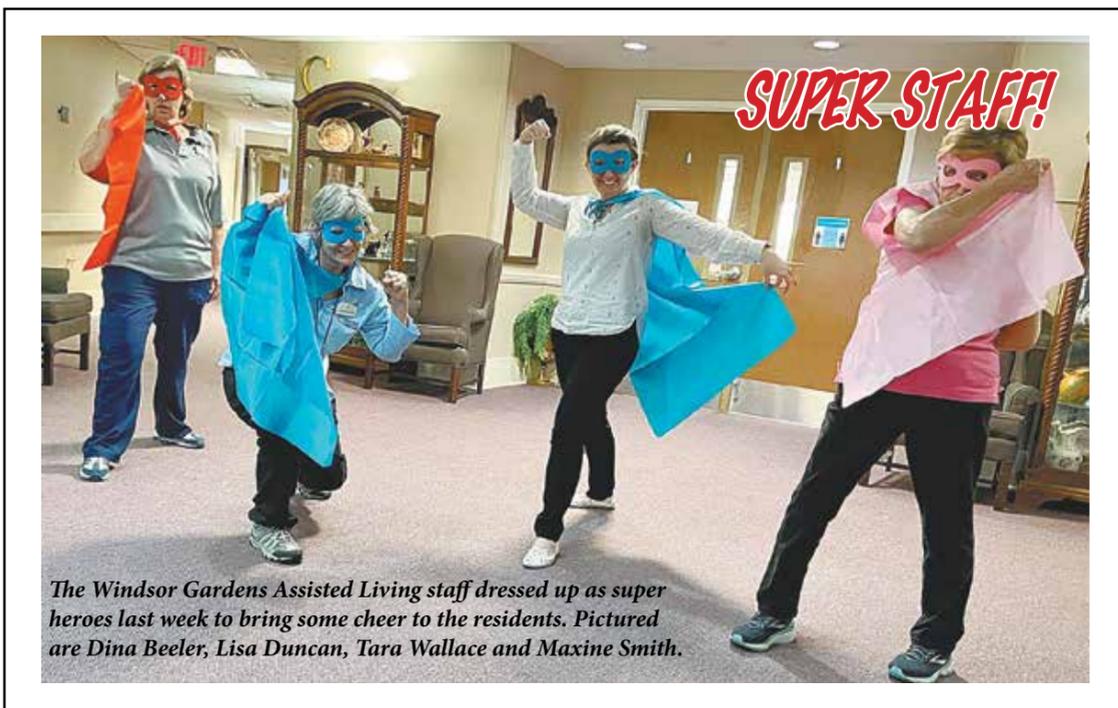
"I agree with Commissioner Smith," said Commissioner Pat Phillips. "I want to commend the design team for their creative layout."

Said Commissioner Gayle Bustin, "I also would like to applaud the development. I also would like to applaud Mr. Harbin for providing sidewalks. This is a big development and sidewalks add a lot to the design. I appreciate them doing that."

Update: A major item at last month's meeting concerned the development of a climate-controlled indoor self-storage facility downtown on Hill Ave. The developer is Space Mart Development Co., LP. Last month the Commission voted to postpone its vote on the issue. Thursday the facility was approved in a unanimous vote.

In Memoriam: Commission chair Janice Tocher opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Mac Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin joined the commission in 2013. He died April 3.

The next meeting is May 14.



The Windsor Gardens Assisted Living staff dressed up as super heroes last week to bring some cheer to the residents. Pictured are Dina Beeler, Lisa Duncan, Tara Wallace and Maxine Smith.

BOE maintains business as usual in digital form

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Packetts can be picked up at any of the meal distribution sites listed at <https://www.knoxschools.org/covid19update> from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Completion of the packets and KCS@home work will not affect students' grades. Packetts are unavailable to high school students; support will remain online only.

"Please know our KCS administrative staff have been working diligently with local and state authorities to make sure that we are following all the state and federal

guidelines that have been put in place," added Horn.

Superintendent Bob Thomas remarked, "I would like to thank everyone who has gone the extra mile to serve our students at this time." He announced 200,000 meals have been served to students at 38 locations, encouraged the public to watch the community meeting held on April 7 that answered frequently asked questions, and reminded everyone that school continues to be closed until April 24.

Horn explained the public forum part of the agenda will become

electronic also. All public forum comments may be sent to boardcomments@knoxschools.org. Since no messages were received for the April 8 session, Horn explained the email address will be used for future meetings and all comments will be forwarded to each board member.

Since the BOE work session last Wednesday, April 1, was cancelled, this meeting combined the discussion of the agenda, a vote on the approval of the agenda and consent items, and included a roll-call vote of each of the items listed in policies, grants, and contracts.

Once the agenda was approved, each item regarding policies, grants, and contracts passed. A slight discussion revolved around Policy D-110 "Annual Operating Budget" related to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request. The budget adoption deadline of April 15 will be moved to May 1 in the future.

A full agenda and supporting documentation for this meeting is available on the BOE page of the KCS website. To watch the video recording of this session, or the virtual community meeting held on April 7, visit knoxschools.org/kcstv.



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Large field of candidate for Knox County offices

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Richie Beeler



Carson Dailey

The August 6 election day is a primary for state and federal candidates and a general election for the county with several local contests on that ballot.

Among the fifteen county contests, nine candidates have no opposition.

While all names will appear on the ballot only a write-in candidate could possibly upset their election for the following nine candidates.

Terry Hill, a Knox County School Board member, is seeking the District 6

county commission seat to replace term-limited Brad Anders. Anders has become executive director of Knoxville-Knox County E911. There's no general election opposition to Hill's candidacy.

The same is true for District 8's Commissioner Richie Beeler and District 9's Commissioner Carson Dailey.

All four of the candidates

for the board of education, Jennifer Owen, Susan Horn, Mike McMillan and Daniel Watson, are unopposed. Watson will replace District 3's Tony Norman.

Criminal Court Judge Kyle Hixson also has no opposition nor does Property Assessor John Whitehead.

Every other candidate, from Public Defender through the County Commissioner candidates to a

new law director will face an opponent in the general election in August.

Eric M. Lutton, the Republican appointed as interim Public Defender, will face Sheriff Guindi in the general election in August. Guindi is running as an Independent and both are vying to replace retired Public Defender Mark Stephens who served as the first elected defender for 29 years. Lutton served as deputy to Stephens.

In the District 1 commission race Dasha Lundy, who defeated incumbent Evelyn Gill in the Democratic primary, will face Reginald M.

Jackson, who has filed as an Independent.

In the District 2 race Republican Grant Rosenberg will face Democrat Courtney Durrett in a bid to replace the vice chair of the commission, Michele Carringer, who chose not to seek re-election so she could run for state Representative Bill Dunn's seat.

Current Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom also chose not to seek re-election. His District 4 seat is being sought by Republican Kyle Ward and Democrat Todd Frommeyer.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker, a

Republican, was victorious in his primary and will face Democrat Kimberly Peterson in the contest for District 5.

Deputy Law Director David Buuck seeks to replace Richard (Bud) Armstrong and will face Independent Jackson Fenner in the election. Buuck won his primary and has Armstrong's support in the contest.

July 17 is the first day of early voting. Absentee requests must be requested by May 8 and July 7 is the final day to register to vote.

Bounds and Carringer answer Focus Questions

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One of the most interesting races in the upcoming Republican primary is the contest pitting two well know and knowledgeable community leaders. When Representative Bill Dunn announced he would not seek re-election as the District 16 state Representative the field opened up and Patti Lou Bounds and Michele Carringer jumped in.

Whomever wins the primary will face Democrat Elizabeth Rowland.

District 16 stretches basically from part of Inskip to Powell and Emory Road and back to Fountain City. It includes part of Maynardville Pike and Tazewell Pike. Essentially it is a North Knoxville voting area.

Bounds is a former school board member who announced she would oppose Dunn over school vouchers before Dunn announced he isn't running.

Carringer is vice chairman of the Knox County Commission.

The Knoxville Focus asked them nine questions:

What more can the state do during the coronavirus situation?

Bounds: While they have done a good job overall, I would like to see more planning and coordination between local and state leaders. Once this current crisis is over, I would want to know that we have adequate plans and contingencies in place should there be a next time.

Carringer: One additional step that the state can take at this time to help would be a 90 day delay in taxes by small businesses until the economy reopened. If these companies would then submit proof of maintaining employees and their pay during this time, the state could look at waiving this amount of money as a grant.

This would help keep unemployment from rising and the need for employees to file unemployment claims while ensuring that workers continue receiving their normal paycheck and health care benefits.

What's the first thing you would do if elected?

Bounds: The first thing I will do is pray for guidance. We have a great community with many needs. It is important to make every effort to request the right committee assignments to assist in meeting those challenges in order to serve our community with excellence.

Carringer: My first priority is to build on the foundation that Bill Dunn has laid, to guarantee that each student graduating from secondary education in the state of Tennessee has the training and skills they need to be successful members of society either in their chosen vocation or in higher education. My other priorities are to continue to build an environment that fosters small and large business growth in Knox County so that the next generation will have abundant and well paying jobs. Finally, I will focus on the epidemics of substance abuse and mental health issues that are robbing many of our citizens of the opportunity to live a productive life.

What do you see as the state's biggest challenge?

Bounds: A big challenge will be to rekindle our state's economy and restore normalcy in our communities after the disruption of this global pandemic.

Carringer: The state's biggest challenge, absent the coronavirus, is continuing to get our students college and career ready. Sadly, too many of our students do not read on grade level. In

Knox County only 40% of students are reading on grade level and we know that this can hamper a student's academic performance through their school years. We've got to find a way to increase reading proficiency even. Reading is the foundation for everything in life. If we fail at this then we'll never achieve our goal of 55% of our workforce with some level of post-secondary education to help keep Tennessee competitive in a global business environment.

Talk about state funding of schools and teacher salaries.

Bounds: In my 20 + years in education, I have yet to meet a teacher who entered the profession for the money. But teacher pay should certainly be competitive with surrounding states and at a level where we attract only the best of those willing to commit to a lifetime of service for future generations. In smaller counties, state funding can be as high as 70% of their system's budget. In Knox County, local taxpayers, not state funding, is a much larger portion of our education commitment. This reality creates a tension between larger and smaller systems, as both try to meet the educational needs of Tennessee students.

Carringer: In looking at the last 10 years, the state has increased school funding by almost 2 billion dollars. While this has helped many of our districts, Knox County continues to be a "donor" county in terms of school funding. I have been proud to support an increase every single year that I've served on Knox County Commission to support teacher salary increases without raising property taxes in Knox County. There is still more to do, but the responsible budgeting that has happened in Nashville these last few years has positioned the state, even in this economic uncertainty, to still provide a 2% teacher salary

increase in the amended budget. I applaud the Governor for continuing to provide for education as a top priority.

Do you support Charter Schools?

Bounds: I'm not against all charter schools, but I do think decisions regarding these entities should be focused at the local level, not a one-size-fits-all mandate from Nashville. As Republicans, we earned our majority in the General Assembly pledging "local control" of our schools. We can do a better job of fulfilling that promise, rather than adding new layers of red tape to our local systems and classrooms.

Carringer: I support students and parents having options that work for that child. Denying any parents or student a service that they determine would be best for them is not something we should do.

Do you support statewide vouchers?

Bounds: It is irresponsible when these programs are created in the name of "failing government schools." I'm proud of the long history of quality public education in Knox County. As State Representative, Knox County can count on me to strengthen our schools by making sure they have the tools they need to provide the same high level of education to which we've become accustomed. I support expanding choices for parents, but not at the expense of local communities across the state.

Carringer: A ZIP code should not determine a child's education. Again, if our goal is to ensure that students receive an education that best benefits them, then I believe every tool should be available for parents and students. The TN General Assembly has funded this program without any cuts to school funding thus

removing the most heard argument that a program like this would hurt public schools. We must maintain funding for our public schools to ensure that every student, regardless of the path of choice they make, receive a high quality education and parents, not politicians, should have the final say.

How are you campaigning during the virus outbreak?

Bounds: Social distancing has made campaigning a challenge. I've certainly spent more time on the phone and email lately. All the events we had scheduled have been postponed indefinitely. Election Day is a few months away, so right now we're focusing on gathering volunteers that share our purpose, as well as raising the funds necessary to get our message out to voters in August. We want to be respectful of our healthcare professionals and follow our elected officials' advice and directives.

Carringer: At this time I am more focused on helping our community as the elected County Commissioner. I have decided to use my entire salary this month from County Commission to support locally owned businesses in our community. We'll be posting updates as we go around the district. Campaigning will have a time, but right now is not the time to be focused on that.

What in your experience makes you the most qualified?

Bounds: I feel very qualified to serve as State Representative. My background experience and passion is education, but I have continued to broaden my knowledge on healthcare and transportation since last August. Knox

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Plenty of Free Time

Soooo, what are you spending your time on these days? Most of us have plenty of it; in fact, some folks declare that they have too much time on their hands. I've learned to deal with my idle hours



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with several different ways, and thus far, I'm not suffering with boredom.

My brother Jim and I have tackled projects that have been on the back burners for a while. We put in paver stones at his house. He and wife Brenda completed half of them, and then we finished the rest. In case you're wondering, the answer is "yes." He and Brenda finished their part of the project without

screaming, murdering, or divorcing. The two of us managed to work without any arguments or harsh words, something that doesn't always happen.

We also removed the siding from his out-building, replaced a huge section of rotted plywood, removed a window, and replace the siding. I'd dreaded the chore because, to be honest, I've tackled too many jobs of a similar nature that went sideways. The best thing about the finished project this time was nothing looked different.

Warm weather has brought welcome relief from constant rain. I've

been able to spray weed killer, mow, trim shrubs, weed eat, and spread mulch (with Jim's help). We opened the pool the first of the month, and I jumped in to make it official, although my time in the water was measured in seconds. Sitting on the deck in the evenings is a welcome way to end the day and provides some time out of the house.

Jobs that were once things to put off are now welcome distractions. I've kept the house somewhat clean and have run the vacuum more often than usual. All the closets, except for Amy's, have been emptied and straightened up. Boxes for items from ten years ago filled the garbage, and now those spaces are bursting at the seams. My out-building was

crammed with pool furniture and things we'd moved when new flooring was laid in December. After a few hours, I could move without struggling to find a path in the place.

Chunks of my time during the last weeks have been spent watching the news. This killer virus has shaken our world in a way nothing else has. The daily reports of increasing confirmed cases and deaths scare all of us. The mixed messages about the safety of going out or adequate supplies for hospitals and health-care workers or safe medicines to use confounds us all. The professionals are struggling to keep us updated, but sometimes others offer contradictory statements. After watching, folks aren't sure what

to do. I listen to briefings and shake my head in disgust because it seems that the most powerful, blessed country in the world is simply unable to take care of its citizens.

I've also watched the political situations that have occurred. We now know that in November Biden and Trump will vie for the presidency. Of course, serious questions about voting procedures are now facing leaders. I've hoped that the money designated to help small business and individuals would arrive promptly, but indications are that the government has failed to get checks to those most in need. At some point each day, I no longer can listen to the jumbled state-of-affairs, and that's when the re-runs

begin. At this point, I can name every officer who has ever appeared on "PD Live" and know all the punchlines from every episode of "Two and a Half Men."

I've left the house some. Trips to the grocery store or Home Depot have been made. I also have driven to Jim's house when we worked together. However, most of my time has been spent at home, and I hope that all of you are also practicing "social distancing." The truth is that if we don't do that, we might never return to the lives we once knew. Try to breathe, accept the situation, and enjoy the free time. It will be gone before you know it.

Creed Daniel, Master of the Keyboard

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They said, "Creed tore it up!" I heard that comment referring to Creed Daniel's piano playing at the Grainger County Tomato Festival last year. The long-time Grainger County attorney's talents are certainly not limited to the courtroom.

After graduating from Carson-Newman, Creed had the chance to play piano for a gospel quartet. That is an opportunity most musicians would seize. But, not Creed. He chose law school instead. The clients he has represented over six decades are surely grateful that he chose to forego a career in

Christian music.

I was amazed at the attorney's talent on the keyboard. At 85 years old, he can still play all types of music. Though he can read music, he does not need it. Creed can just sit down at the piano and start playing. If a CD is playing, Creed can play along with it. The afternoon we heard him play the piano, Creed played numerous songs in any key. No music required. My favorites were the hymns, especially "The Old Rugged Cross." It is not surprising this lawyer can command the keyboard with such ease. The Grainger County attorney played the piano at his church for 50 years! (To be continued).



Picture of popular Grainger County Attorney Creed Daniel playing the piano, by Ralphine Major

Davis selected as next Election Executive Director

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UT Solar Institute. He also has worked in public relations for the Red Cross Knoxville Area Chapter.

Davis said that as a child his favorite subject was government and civics. In 2012, his department at the University of Tennessee was dissolved and he was out of work. He said he volunteered as a poll worker and, when assigned to a precinct that was not his local voting place, he missed voting in the only time of his life.

"When the prior assistant administrator resigned I applied. I talked with Mr. Rodgers. Eleven people had applied and we just clicked," Davis told the commission.

In answering a few questions from the commission members, Davis said he will oversee the new election machines that will count the paper ballots in August. He said the machines will arrive in Knoxville the day after the meeting and the

old paperless machines have been shipped out.

"We are going to ramp it up a lot and see a huge amount of absentee ballots," Davis said, adding that requests are already coming into the office.

He also said he's looking for an assistant who can "hit the ground running and (has) a good knowledge of what we do."

Davis said the election office will provide lots of information on the new voting system and do a "great deal to educate the public in June and July."

"Our job is to minimize the hiccups," Davis said of the new paper ballot system.

He thanked Rodgers for "your faith in me" and said he may be calling him after May, adding, "I've got your number."

Rodgers told the commission that a June meeting would be needed to prepare for the August 6 election day. The meeting date was set for June 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Special egg hunt

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Murray Drive replied with a "Will do!" Rebekah Petroskey said she would add an egg that day. GeriAnn Horn of Stoneleigh Road noted "Got mine up."

"Ours are up on Springbrook!" Bryan Thomas of Cumberland Estates replied.

Alana Phillips agreed and a Juniper road resident inserted a photo of the eggs she taped on her front window.

"This is a cute idea. I live on Wil Loyd too so I'm in. Even for us adults it's fun," noted Missy Humphrey.

"Yeah I think this would

be fun! I know that Norris is doing it and they've got some really pretty graphic artwork and stuff they're shooting out to people to invite them to participate! I think it's a great idea," noted Lana Hughes of Skyland Park.

Veronica Carmazzi of Oakwood-Lincoln Park added, "We can definitely do that."

"Will put ours out tonight on Tillery," Donna Jenkins of Norwood posted Tuesday. Nancy Coven of Murray Drive and Rebekah Petroskey posted they were taking part.

"Great idea. I'll have the kids make something cool and put it up on the window," commented West Haven Village resident Krystin Maitlen.

"We had several people come by today looking for 'eggs. We also will be putting plastic eggs in our yard for kids to pick a few while walking by on Easter! This has been so much fun!" said Ashley Lyons Wednesday.

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To everyone who has joined the fun!!! This is just awesome!" she told The Focus.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Malcolm Rice Patterson enjoyed a meteoric rise in Tennessee politics until the consequences of his own actions ended his career. Redheaded, thin, with angular features, Malcolm Patterson was known throughout Tennessee as a dynamic and gifted speaker. There were those of his admirers who thought Patterson was one of the greatest orators of his time. Patterson had been named Hamilton Rice Patterson when he was born, but his father, Josiah, changed his name to "Malcolm" when the boy was still very young, yet he would be known as "Ham" to friend and foe alike until the end of his life. Patterson earned a reputation for political courage and speaking his mind early in his political career and earned the nickname of "gamecock" for his pluck among his fellow Democrats.

The trajectory of his career in Tennessee politics followed that of his greatest political rival, Edward Ward Carmack. Carmack, by profession a newspaperman, was also redheaded, volatile and deadly when using either his tongue or his editorial pen. It was E. W. Carmack who ended the congressional career of Patterson's father, Josiah, when he unseated Colonel Patterson in the 1896 election. Even after winning the election, few thought Carmack would be seated by the Republican majority, but with the help of a young lawyer named Kenneth D. McKellar, and making the speech of his life, Edward W. Carmack won the vote to be seated as a Member of Congress. When Carmack was elected United States senator for Tennessee by the legislature in 1900, Malcolm R. Patterson campaigned for and won Carmack's House seat. Congressman Patterson was reelected in 1902 and became a candidate for governor in 1906.

Governor James B. Frazier had been reelected in 1904, along with seventy-eight year-old U. S. senator William B. Bate. Within days of having taken the oath of office for a fourth time, Senator Bate was dead from pneumonia. A host of Tennessee's ablest politicians wanted Bate's seat in the United States Senate, including two prominent former governors: Robert Love Taylor and Benton McMillin. Evidently, Governor James Beriah Frazier also wanted to the Senate seat and the legislature quickly elected him to serve essentially a full term to succeed William B. Bate. "Our Bob" Taylor loudly denounced the

haste with which Frazier was elected to the Senate and charged three men with attempting to control Tennessee's Democratic Party. According to Taylor, Senator E. W. Carmack, James B. Frazier and John I. Cox were the conspirators who had helped to deny him a seat in the U. S. Senate. Cox had been Speaker of the State Senate and when Frazier resigned the governorship, Cox became Acting Governor. Bob Taylor was hardly the only Democrat in Tennessee who was outraged by what many voters perceived as questionable political bargain. Many believed Frazier had been elected to the Senate to unfairly give John I. Cox the governorship. Congressman Malcolm Patterson took advantage of the situation by announcing his own candidacy for the governorship. Patterson challenged Governor Cox for the Democratic nomination in 1906; Patterson's task was especially difficult as at that time, the nomination was not decided by popular election, but rather through a state convention. Patterson and Cox waged a fierce battle for delegates to the convention and when the congressman finally won the support of the Davidson County delegation, he received the nomination. That was the first crack in the foundation of Tennessee's Democratic Party and throughout the tenure of Malcolm Patterson as governor, it would eventually grow to a deep divide. Oddly, that same year the Tennessee General Assembly had agreed to be bound by the results of a special primary election for the United States Senate. The victor of the special primary would be elected by the legislature. Former governor Robert Love Taylor campaigned against incumbent Senator Edward Ward Carmack. Carmack was swimming against the political tide as well as Taylor's immense personal popularity. Taylor, usually "the Apostle of Sunshine", departed from his customary repertoire of wit, songs, and anecdotes to turn his wrath against Senator Carmack, whipping his opponent caustically at every opportunity. Carmack gave as good as he got, but was defeated by a decisive margin in the popular vote by Taylor.

The legislature, still feeling the displeasure of Tennessee's electorate, duly elected Robert L. Taylor to the U. S. Senate. Governor John I. Cox, bitter at having narrowly lost the Democratic nomination, refused to support Malcolm



Governor Malcolm Rice Patterson of Tennessee, official portrait.

Patterson in the general election. Patterson won, but the chasm inside Tennessee's Democratic Party was growing ever wider.

Carmack challenged Patterson for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1908 and the campaign quickly became both hard fought and deeply personal. Carmack claimed Patterson had built an effective machine inside Tennessee and his campaign buttons featured a picture of the candidate along with a slogan of "Shall the People or the Machine Rule?" The main issue between the two candidates was that of prohibition. Edward W. Carmack was the champion of the "dry" forces, while Governor Patterson was the spokesman for the "wets", or at the very least local option. The contest between Malcolm Patterson and E. W. Carmack at the state convention tore asunder long-standing friendships, ruptured families, and sowed additional strife inside Tennessee's Democratic Party. The Nashville Tennessean tried to dismiss the bitterness by acknowledging Patterson's nomination, claiming the party was united against the Republicans in the fall election, while admitting there were a few "soreheads and discontented Democrats" in the state. After a raucous convention, the Carmack supporters realized Patterson had the votes and moved to nominate the governor by acclamation.

Malcolm R. Patterson won the general election while Edward W. Carmack returned to his profession as editor of Luke Lea's Tennessean. Carmack evened some scores by editorially roasting some of his political opponents, chiefly Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, publisher of the rival Nashville American. Not surprisingly, Colonel Cooper quickly tired of being bathed in the editorial acid of Carmack's pen. The Colonel sent Carmack a warning to stop, which the editor ignored.

It was not long before all parties were traveling about Nashville armed. In November of 1908 Edward W. Carmack happened upon Duncan B. Cooper, who was accompanied by his son, Robin. Evidently all of them were carrying pistols and Carmack drew his and fired. Shots were exchanged, but Robin Cooper was apparently a much better marksman, hitting the editor at least three times. One of the wounds was minor, but two hit Carmack in the heart and the head, killing him. E. W. Carmack fell dead into the gutter of a Nashville street.

The death of Edward W. Carmack ignited outrage throughout Tennessee and that flame quickly turned to fury when Governor Malcolm R. Patterson pardoned Duncan Cooper almost immediately after the latter's conviction.

Patterson used an ingenious argument to explain his pardon of Colonel Cooper. Patterson pointed out Robin Cooper had been acquitted by a court for E. W. Carmack's murder, but the governor insisted he had read every sentence of the Duncan Cooper trial proceedings and had concluded it was Robin who had fired the shots that had killed the former senator. Furthermore, had Duncan Cooper killed Carmack, it would have been in self-defense. To defuse the argument the governor had pardoned a warm personal friend, Patterson said why should he do less for a friend than he would an enemy under the circumstances?

Edward Ward Carmack's killing split Tennessee's Democratic Party wide open and the breach would not soon heal. Patterson charged ahead, intent upon winning a third two-year term as governor. The governor had enough influence to win the nomination at the state convention once again, but his opponents kept up a steady drumbeat of opposition throughout the state, especially the Tennessean. Referring to Patterson as the

"pardon extraordinary", the Tennessean charged the governor with being power mad and "bossism." Denouncing "aristocratic thuggery and gutter scoundrelism", the Tennessean flayed Patterson, saying his administration thrived "in criminally besotted politics" as well as "murdering men it could not cajole, hooting the law, outraging decency, corrupting the courts of justice, defying the mandates of juries, browbeating supreme judges..." It was all a part of the "evil oligarchy in which Malcolm Patterson and his crew have degraded the state of Tennessee", causing Tennesseans to wallow "in the mire of disgust and reprobation."

When a majority of Tennessee's Supreme Court justices formed an Independent ticket to seek reelection, Governor Patterson promptly fielded his own slate of candidates. The August primary saw the Independent ticket win by about 45,000 votes, indicating the governor was likely in trouble. The Republicans, sensing blood in the water, nominated an able candidate in Ben W. Hooper. Patterson had released a statement saying his "friends had expressed a strong wish that I should again be a candidate, and I would gladly escape the bitterness and the foul assaults which assail me." Patterson confessed he "owed a great deal to those who assisted me when I struggled for the office against what seemed overwhelming odds" and claimed "I have deeply felt the injustice which has been done to me and through me to my friends and to the democratic party." Patterson flatly said he was "unwilling also to retire under present conditions" and stated nothing could influence him to change his mind. Realizing he was in trouble, Patterson offered to "waive my title to the nomination" and "restore it to the people" by entering "any kind of a primary, to be held in any way the opposition may elect..."

The governor boldly said he was willing "to meet any competitor in such a primary on the stump in joint discussion and answer every charge which has been made against me." Governor Patterson said his "only condition" was "that the successful nominee be supported in the November election by all who participate in the primary." Patterson was quick to claim, "I am representing not my personal ambitions, but the party that has honored me, and with it I will go to victory or defeat."

By September of 1910, even Malcolm Patterson could see the handwriting on the wall. Patterson released a public letter withdrawing as a candidate for governor. The governor said he was withdrawing his candidacy in the interest of harmony and in the hope the Democratic ticket would be successful in November. Tennessee Democrats, realizing the combination of Independent Democrats and Republicans posed a serious threat to electing another governor, begged Senator Robert L. Taylor to run for a fourth term as chief executive of the Volunteer State. Taylor, who had tried to get to Washington for years, was extremely reluctant to accept the gubernatorial nomination, but eventually yielded to pressure from his party. Even Bob Taylor was not enough to stem the tide of the "fusionist" movement. Taylor lost to Republican Ben W. Hooper in the general election, a rejection that broke "Our Bob's" heart and stunned virtually everyone.

Democrats blamed Malcolm Patterson for the defeat. Patterson had originally been elected governor as a reformer, but had instead built up a strong organization personally loyal to himself. The Tennessean ran a banner on its editorial page daily through the fall election, quoting Malcolm Patterson as saying, "I'd would rather vote for a straight Republican than a crooked Democrat." The Tennessean added its own quote: "So would we." With the election of Ben W. Hooper, Luke Lea's Tennessean gave full credit for the defeat to Malcolm Patterson. "The Democrats of Tennessee, by their election of the Republican Hooper, have redeemed the pledge they made when Republicanism joined with them to crush the indecency and the violence of Patterson and Pattersonism." "Any other course would have been dishonor," the Tennessean intoned.

Malcolm Patterson was consigned to the hellish exile of practicing law in his home city of Memphis, but the former governor waited for the moment to make a political comeback and vindicate himself before the voters of Tennessee.

City Council

One Year Plan changed, two zonings, money to the zoo

By Mike Steely
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You would think that an ordinance to adopt a One Year Plan would see a quick "Yes" vote but the routine got sidetracked Tuesday after Councilman Andrew Roberto took a closer look at the proposal.

Within the plan, passed by the planning commission and forwarded to city council for approval, changed some things involving uses permitted in several zoning categories.

"Some of the changes coming in here require robust discussion," Roberto said. He asked if changing RN3 zoning in the One Year Plan meant that low density zoning could be suitable for multi-family dwellings.

Planning Director Gerald Green replied that RN3 would permit duplex development and up to 10 single dwellings per acre.

"We've got to get used to the fact that we are an urban

community," Green replied.

Roberto then motioned to remove RN3 and RN5 from the plan and substitute their uses based on a 2019 plan adopted by the council. The vote was seven yes votes on the removal with two abstains, Charles Thomas and Amelia Parker.

The Roberto motion passed on first reading and will be back before the council in their next meeting.

The council also heard two requests for zoning changes. Bob Alcorn Architects asked to rezone a lot at 2811 Merchant Drive from RN-1 to Office and the matter passed unanimously.

Victor Jernigan didn't fare so well in his request to rezone a lot at 920 Oak Grove Lane from RN-1 to RN-2. He wanted to build four individual dwellings there but a telephone call from one of the neighbors voiced objection. Roberto moved to deny the request, which the planning commission had approved in a split

8-3 vote. Councilman Charles Thomas seconded the motion saying that Jernigan can still build three houses there in the present RN-2 zone. A 6-3 vote turned down his request with Councilmembers Thomas, Tommy Smith, Gwen McKenzie, Amelia Parker and Lauren Rider siding with Roberto.

At the beginning of the meeting Mayor Indya Kincannon noted that Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons retired the previous week. She said also that Clarence Vaughn III was leaving to become a diversity director at UT after his position as director of the Police Advisory Committee. She named Zora Blackman McBride as interim director.

She also named Mark Parker as the new City of Knoxville Technical Director and Steve King as the Engineering Department Director.

Kincannon also called attention to the death of her friend, Mac Goodwin, calling him "a wonderful person."

She said that Peter Ahrens is heading up the "enforcement group" to see that citizens and businesses comply with the "Safe at Home" regulations but noted there have been no citations issued during the coronavirus pandemic.

Her request to add \$750,000 to the current budget had some opposition. The money, slated for Zoo Knoxville, was questioned by Councilwoman Seema Singh who called it "such a big amount when we have so much need."

Singh said the zoo has a rainy-day fund and noted the mayor has already committed more than \$100,000.

Zoo Knoxville's President Lisa New told the council the zoo has applied for other assistance but has an operating budget loss of \$20,000 a day. She said the zoo is suffering, has cut back on staff, and 50 animal keepers are working on reduced wages. She said the zoo has a \$500,000 loan from the county and has about

\$160,000 in donations. New said she has requested \$868,000 in relief from the state.

"We're in a desperate situation," New said, adding, "If we receive nothing but loans it makes us vulnerable." She noted that the city has two members on the zoo board and a plea for help has gone to the governor.

Councilwoman Parker said that the administration "is privy to information we're not getting."

Vice Mayor McKenzie said, "We have a world-class zoo. They could bankrupt and the zoo fall back to us."

She said, if that happens, "We're going to be faced with even more obligations," and added, "It is one of the many difficult decisions before this is over."

The final vote was eight in favor of the funding with Parker abstaining.

The council also voted to donate \$1,000 to Next Step and \$6,000 to the youth outreach group "Girls in STEM."

Lots of Democrats in upcoming state election

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November for the District 14 state House seat.

The upcoming August 6 state primary election has nine races on the ballot and the number of Democrats on the ballot is surprising. Knoxville has become a primarily Democrat city in what has been a sea of red. But Knox County may be changing, or the Democrats hope so, to become a purple area.

The upcoming primary includes the races for Congress, state Senate and seven state House seats. Every Republican on the ballot except state Representative Dave Wright will have an opponent in November.

Second District incumbent Congressman Tim Burchett will face Democrats Renee Hoyos or Chance C. Brown.

Incumbent Republican state Senator Becky Duncan Massey has opposition from two Democrats, Sam Brown and Jane George.

Rep. Gloria Johnson will face Republican Elaine Davis in November.

Democrat Rep. Rick Staples has Sam McKenzie, Ovi Kabir and Matthew Park as his opposition in August. The winner will face Independent Troy B. Jones.

Incumbent Republican Jason Zachary will face Democrat Justin Davis in

November for the District 14 state House seat. With incumbent Republican state Rep. Bill Dunn opting out of re-election, Republican Patti Lou Bounds faces Michele Carringer in that primary. The winner will face Democrat Elizabeth Rowland in November.

Republican state Rep. Martin Daniels also chose not to seek the office again and fellow party members Eddie Mannis and Gina Oster are seeking his position. The winner will face Democrat Virginia Couch for the District 18 seat.

Incumbent Republican District 89 state Representative Justin Lafferty has one opponent, Independent Greg Mills.

"We are really proud of the candidates that we have been able to field over the past several years. We have some really talented people, with a range of experiences, who are stepping forward to serve. We are constantly working to build the infrastructure that allows us to recruit and support candidates and to advocate around issues with our elected officials, because, for us, it's important for citizens to stay involved in the process beyond election day," Knox County Democratic Chair LaKenya Middlebrook told The Focus Thursday.

Bounds, Carringer answer Focus Questions

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County Schools is one of the largest employers in Knoxville with 8,000 employees. We serve 60,752 students with 90 languages and dialects. Knox County Schools' annual operating budget is \$485,068,000, roughly about 65 % of Knox County's entire budget. We serve 47,000 meals daily, and our 335 buses travel over 3.5 million miles a year. Serving as chairman for the Board of Education for two terms has prepared me to deal with many issues but none more than the future of our children. In the 2020 legislative session that just ended, there were 576 education bills that were filed. With Rep. Roger Kane, Rep. Harry Brooks, Rep. Bill Dunn no longer serving in the legislature it has created a void on the education committees. Representative Brooks served as Chair for many years representing Knox County. I am highly qualified and will serve with excellence by being available, listening, and being Knox County's voice in Nashville.

Carringer: Having served Knox County through two different stints on County Commission, I believe I am uniquely qualified to bring that governing experience

and my conservative values to work for District 16. I have helped ensure funding for schools remains at an all time high while also focusing on issues that are important to small businesses, ensuring new development doesn't cause environmental issues with flooding in the New Beverly Road area while finding solutions to help that development happen in a responsible manner. I've also served on the Beer Board in approving and denying licenses to ensure bad actors are kept at bay while promoting responsible small business ownership in our community. I believe my broader experience in multiple facets of our community will serve me well in Nashville as we work to make House District 16 the best place to work, live and raise a family.

Tell us about your family.

Bounds: Tommy and I have been married 47 years, lived in Knoxville our entire lives, graduated from Holston High School and the University of Tennessee. We have four married children and 14 grandchildren. All reside in Knoxville except our son's family. He serves in the United States



Patti Lou Bounds



Michele Carringer

Air Force. We have been a part of the Powell Community since 1977. All of our children graduated from Powell High School. My parents lived in Halls beginning in 1970. We have actively served at Calvary Baptist Church for 40 years.

Carringer: I am a life-long resident of Knoxville, the daughter of Jack and Irene McCrary. After graduating from Central High School in 1980, I attended the University of Tennessee in the College of Communications, where I met and married my husband, Dr. Michael Carringer in 1981. We have two children: Dr. Christie Carringer Lewallen, who is a hospitalist along with her father at The University of Tennessee Medical Center, and Kent Carringer, who is an attorney with Carroll & Anderson. Christie is married to Grant Lewallen, an attorney and

partner with Baker, O'Kane, Atkins & Thompson. They have one daughter, Emma Grace (age 6). Kent is married to Jessica Alston Carringer, who is a nurse practitioner with University Cancer Specialists. They have one daughter, Olivia Scarlett (age 2), and are expecting a son in August of this year.

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Putting Faces to Voices

Barton has become a fixture with Bearden Soccer

By Ken Lay

For more than a decade, Alan "Red" Barton has been a fixture around both the Bearden High School boys and girls soccer teams.

He doesn't coach but he can do just about everything else as he's part of the Press Box Crew at the home of the Bearden Soccer Dogs, Turner-Allender Field.

"We have about seven to 10 soccer dads who are part of what we call the Press Box Crew," said Barton, who graduated from Bearden in 1970 and played basketball for the Bulldogs during his prep days. "We used to call ourselves the Field Crew, but now, we're calling ourselves the Press Box Crew."

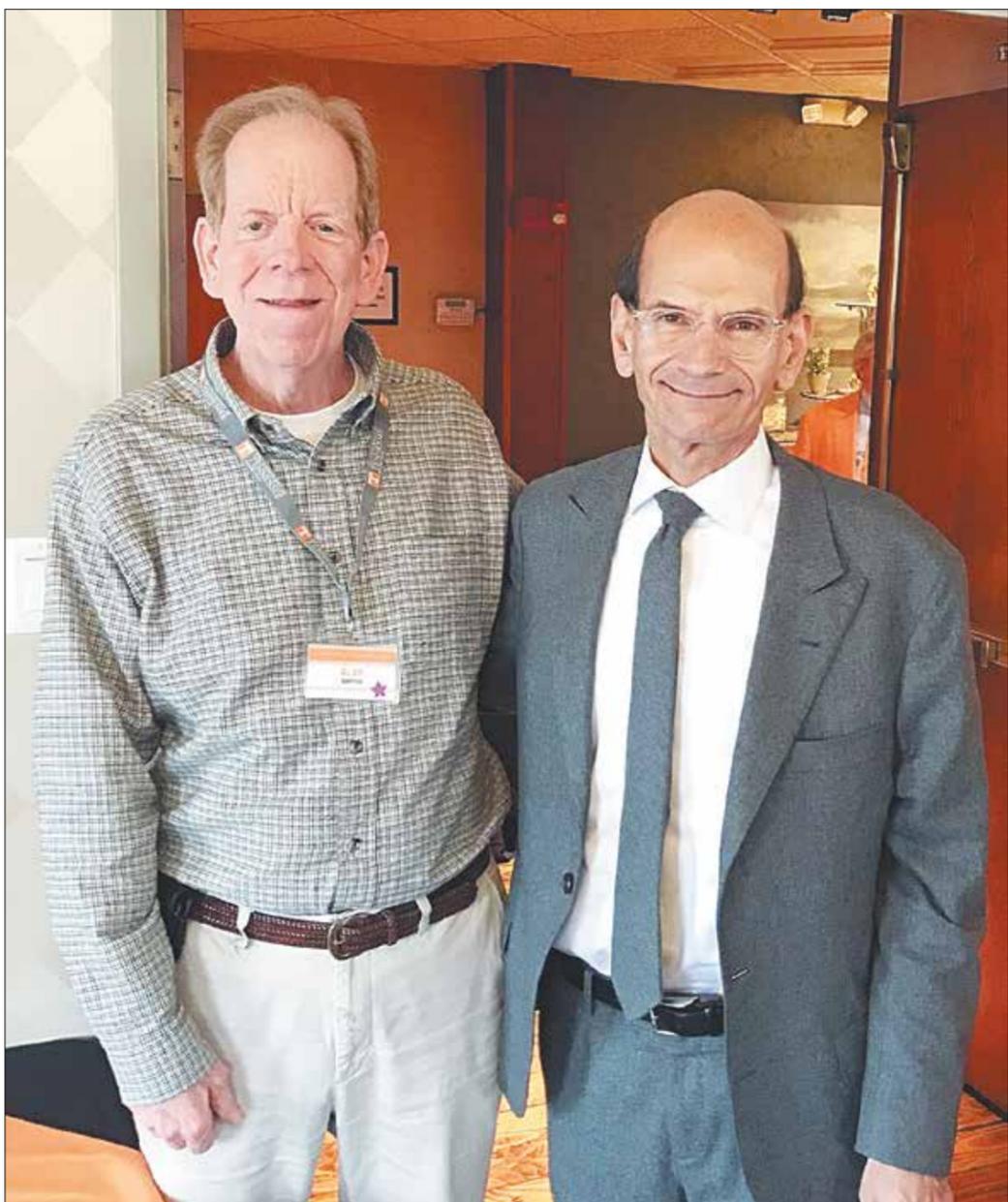
Some members of that clan include Dr. David Harris (the long-time public address announcer for Bearden Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs soccer), Barton, who handles most media relations requests and serves as backup PA man and statistician, Jerry Ganeselli, who runs the scoreboard and game clock, Jeff Riemer and Fritz Thumler.

All have had sons or daughters don the maroon and gray on the soccer pitch. Most, if not all of their kids have graduated, but the men have all stuck around and are now staples in the program. Barton's son, Jed, also went to Bearden High School.

Barton, a University of Tennessee graduate, has always been a sports fan. He loves the Volunteers and an avid supporter of the Baltimore Orioles.

"The only professional team that I really follow is the Baltimore Orioles and I do it for some unknown reason," said Barton, who made a trip to Florida for spring training before Major League Baseball suspended the 2020 season due to the Coronavirus pandemic. "I'm a big Vols fan."

Barton first came into the school's soccer program when



Alan "Red" Barton has been a fixture in with Bearden High School soccer for more than 20 years as an announcer and a statistician. Barton is pictured with fellow University of Tennessee alum and SEC Network personality Paul Finebaum. Photo submitted.

his daughter, Amanda, began playing for the Lady Bulldogs.

"I've been with the program since 2005 and I was a freshman parent," said Barton, who began working in his current capacity since 2006.

The one-time field crew worked to build Turner-Allender Field, which is revered as one of the nicest soccer facilities in East

Tennessee and Barton jokingly calls himself the boss.

"In the press box, I supervise," Barton said.

But he knows that there's only one boss when it comes to the Bearden Soccer support staff and that's Rick Radcliffe, who maintains the field.

"Rick's really the boss," Barton said. "He takes care of the field."

The Radcliffes are the first family of Bearden High School Soccer. Linda, or Mama Rad, was a longtime assistant coach to former head man Eric Turner. Derick (Rick and Linda's older son, was an all-state player for the Bulldogs) and Ryan is the current head coach. He's guided the boys team to Class AAA State Championships in 2016 and

2019. He also won a state title as a player.

The school's soccer complex is jointly named for Jim Kelly (who remains a regular at home soccer games) and the Radcliffes.

Upon lending his talents to the program, Barton began doing stats and writing postgame summaries that were picked up by the area's media outlets.

"When I first started doing this, Eric and Rick liked it and our parents loved it," Barton said. "Eric and Ryan have always let me write what I want to write and neither has ever influenced me."

"But it's always been positive news."

Barton is retired from First Tennessee (now, First Horizon) Bank where he worked for more than 20 years but he's always loved sports.

"I just always loved to hang around the ball fields," said Barton, who now works part-time at Willow Creek Golf Course. "I went to the old Bearden High School and every time there was a game, my mom would let me go. I could always walk there by myself."

In college, Barton wrote for the *Westside Story*, which later became the *Bearden News-Enterprise* and is now the *Farragut Press*.

"They needed a sportswriter and I covered Cedar Bluff Junior High School basketball, some UT swimming and then I wrote one column of my own," Barton said.

Now, he's making game day at Turner-Allender Field a great experience for officials, fans, opposing coaches and media members.

"The officials always love coming to Bearden and we've professionalized our press box," Barton said. "We strive to make game day a professional experience for the fans and the sportswriters."

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Putting Faces to Voices

Soccer is labor of love for longtime Farragut public address announcer

By Ken Lay

If you're a Farragut High School soccer fan, you know his voice as he's been a staple with the school's two soccer programs for years.

For more than two decades, Rod Rzezutko has been the public address voice for the Admirals and Lady Admirals soccer team. His light-hearted approach to the game of soccer make Rzezutko a true joy to be around come soccer season for reporters, coaches, players and fans alike. He has a passion for the game, a charming sense of humor and a love for student-athletes.

He's seen coaches Dennis Lindsay, Drew Payne, the late Wallie Culbreth and current boys head coach Ray Dover leave their impacts on both teams.

He's also seen different athletic directors at Farragut High, including Dwayne Simmons, Seth Smith and Donald Dodgen (who currently holds the position) come and go.

He's had opportunities to go to other schools but he's stayed with the Admirals and Lady Admirals.

"I love Farragut," said Rzezutko, who received the Farragut High School Sports Hall of Fame Service Award in 2019. "I love the coaches.

"But most of all I love the players. I just feel like I'm a part of them."

And his golden tones behind the microphone have been noticed by many, including former Farragut assistant principal Kellie Ivens (now at Hardin Valley Academy) and Dodgen.

"I ran into coach Dodgen a few years ago," Rzezutko said. "And he told me that he didn't know what I was getting paid, but whatever it was, they should double it."

But you can't double a salary that doesn't exist.

"I told him that I got paid with a Diet Coke at (half-time), Rzezutko said.

He may not be making a

dime. But you won't hear Rzezutko complain about that.

"It's a labor of love for me," he said. "But I was honored and surprised when I got put into the Hall of Fame."

Rzezutko always loved sports and as someone growing up in Michigan, he was a die-hard Detroit Lions fan, going back to the days of Richard "Night Train" Lane.

"Growing up in Detroit, it was all about the Lions," said Rzezutko. "Back then, they had Night Train Lane and they were good."

But like most Americans his age, Rzezutko developed a love for soccer a bit later in life as his son, Drew, played the game.

"I got involved in soccer because of my son," he said. "Drew started playing in AYSO when he was three, so I became an AYSO coach."

As Drew continued to flourish in the game, Rod's coaching exploits intensified. Rod coached club soccer, and also coached teams at Farragut Middle School.

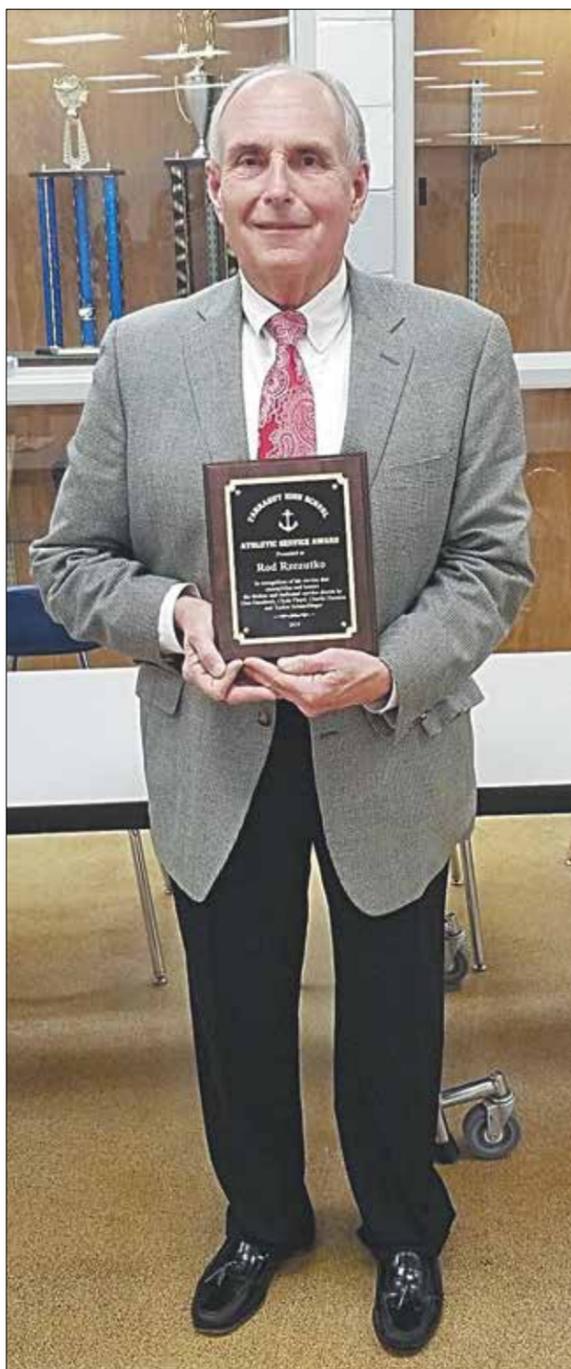
His last coaching job was with Farragut Middle's A-Team. He'd come up through the system, coaching the C-Team and the B-Team before taking over the top squad.

He guided the Admirals through an undefeated regular season and they earned the right to play in the league championship match against Robertsville, from Oak Ridge.

Farragut lost that game in a penalty kicks shootout, so it was technically a draw.

"That was the only game we lost all year. The next day, I got a call from David Melendy," Rzezutko said. "And he told me that they wanted me to be a public address announcer at Farragut High School."

During his club coaching days, he coached alongside Knoxville Catholic High School boys coach Gordon Heins, who



Rod Rzezutko, the longtime voice of Farragut High School soccer, was awarded the school's Sports Hall of Fame Service Award in 2019. He has been associated with Admirals and Lady Admirals soccer for more than two decades. Photo submitted.

suggested that he take the job as voice of Farragut High Soccer.

"Gordon told me to take the job," said Rzezutko, who now keeps reporters, statistician Bruce Motter and athletic trainer Jenny Massey supplied with candy, including tootsie pops, chocolate covered peanuts and milk balls.

The rest is history.

But like others, Rzezutko is away from the sport he loves due to the COVID-19

pandemic.

"I just miss the kids," he said.

Away from the game, Rzezutko volunteers at East Tennessee Children's Hospital's NICU, where he cuddles babies.

Perhaps, that's what he misses most.

"I've never grown a greater peace that when I'm cuddling a baby," he said. "But right now, I'm suspended from that until this thing passes."

Henry To'o To'o's Time to Shine

By Mark Nagi

During this break in the action, we sometimes have a hard time thinking about the return of sports. It almost hurts to hope. But we have faith this is just a temporary hiccup. With that in mind, let's talk football.

Tennessee's linebacking corps is taking a huge hit with the graduation of Daniel Bituli. He leaves with 266 career tackles and is the second Vol to lead the team in tackles for three consecutive seasons. He will be sorely missed.

But the good news is that the guy who finished second on the team in tackles last season seems destined for a college career just as good, if not better than Bituli's.

Henry To'o To'o was a top 50 recruit nationally for the Class of 2019 and had offers from all the current powerhouses, including Alabama. A standout at De La Salle in California, there also was pressure to stay on the west coast and attend Southern Cal or Oregon.

But To'o To'o decided to head east. Tennessee gave him an opportunity to play right away. More important, he felt a connection with Vols head coach Jeremy Pruitt.

"You never know in recruiting who

you can really trust, but coach Pruitt is someone my family and I trust completely," To'o To'o told reporters last October. "He's a genuine dude. He tells you the truth. He'll do anything for you. He's exactly the kind of coach I wanted to play for."

To'o To'o started 12 games in 2019. He made 72 tackles and very quickly became one of the leaders on defense. His ability to lead by example was most evident in the Kentucky game when he suffered a dislocated kneecap.

The injury only cost him a few plays, as he was back with his defense on the next series.

"No injury is fun," To'o To'o said. "But once you're dedicated to something and once you love the group of men you're around, you'd do anything for them."

To'o To'o made eight tackles in that game, including a third down stop on Wildcats running back Chris Rodriguez during a memorable goal-line stand late in the 4th quarter. To'o To'o was named to several freshmen All-American teams.

He will be called on to mentor what is still a young group of linebackers at Tennessee, even though he is only going

to be a sophomore this fall.

All of this — his talent, Bituli's absence, Tennessee's need for another defensive star — got me thinking about where he stands in relation to other impact linebackers at Tennessee in recent memory.

Darrin Kirkland was a force early in his career, starting 10 games at middle linebacker as a true freshman in 2015. He had 66 tackles that year. Unfortunately, injuries derailed his career. Jalen Reeves-Maybin was at his best during his sophomore and junior years with a combined 206 tackles. But his was mainly a special teams contributor as a freshman in 2014. Like Kirkland, Curt Maggitt has a terrific first year in the orange and white, with 56 tackles as a true freshman in 2011. Like Kirkland, injuries kept us from seeing him truly reach his athletic potential.

Tennessee had a lousy year in 2011, but it was a good year for linebackers. A.J. Johnson made 80 tackles as a true freshman, on his way to finishing his career with 425 tackles. He still sits 2nd all-time in UT history in that category. Rico McCoy is in a ninth place tie

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No college football?

Let's not even ponder that....

(and thoughts on the virus)

By Bill Howard

As my BDWS (Big Dance Withdrawal Syndrome) nears its peak here on Final Four Saturday — the crescendo will be Monday night, the 6th, when the national championship game would have been played — I now have to confront the loss of other sports, including, possibly, the unthinkable: the college football season this fall. More on that in a bit.

Without this blasted virus (is everyone being smart and staying safe?) Major League Baseball would be nearing the end of its first week, as I write this. In fact, I might have had a real conflict today because I was supposed to be in Missouri to see my best friend Bruce, who lives in Columbia. The trip was scheduled this weekend because my MLB team, Baltimore, had a three-game series against the Cardinals in St. Louis.

It would have been a perfect two-birds-with-one-stone scenario, seeing my Orioles and my best friend. However, going to today's Orioles/Cardinals game might have resulted in missing some or all of the Final Four, which would have been really difficult. (If you're a baseball fan, hold the cracks about the Orioles....I know how bad they are. I was born in Baltimore and have been a loyal, lifelong fan. That won't change.)

(Orioles and Cardinals: two birds with one stone... get it?)

Of course, this virus-from-you-know-where wiped it all out. So no conflict, but no friend, no Orioles, and no Final Four. All college spring sports are gone (UT was off to a fabulous start in baseball), the NBA is on hold, the Master's golf tournament is postponed til November (what? the Master's in November....what?!), Wimbledon is out, and who knows when baseball will return. The readjustment and withdrawal go interminably on.

(On a personal note, my daily routine has hardly been disrupted at all. I was, however, supposed to travel to Russia later this month, and in June was gonna play Shylock in the musical Something Rotten at the Carousel Theater on campus, staged by the Tennessee Valley Players. The musical is now next year, the trip uncertain. But these problems pale in comparison to what many, many others are going through. Overall, I've been very lucky so far.)

As bad as the postponed/canceled events and seasons are, the 2020 sportsless horror

story could reach a climax no fan wants to fathom: no college football. The decision hasn't been made yet, so we'll cling to hope until we know. But the mere thought of it brings about a creeping and visceral dread that hangs around like a black cloud.

Given that the season is still months away — and, uh, given also that college football is a financial behemoth for the schools and the TV networks — there's reason for optimism. Of course, the decision will be strongly (if not entirely) determined by the perception at the time of the virus threat. Keep your fingers crossed. The idea of playing the games without fans is being considered. That would be a rather bizarre scenario, but would definitely be better than no season.

It will be interesting for each of us several months from now, when we think back on the winter/spring of this year, and try to put this whole virus event in perspective. It seems to me that whenever there's a national event that disrupts people's lives and sense of normalcy (the 9-11 attacks a perfect example), you always see both the best and worst in people.

For some, the immediate instinct is survival, and the reaction is to hoard supplies, to heck with what anyone else wants or needs. When people look back on 2020, "toilet paper" will likely be the source of many memories, both funny and not.

But more often you see people's best. Every day the media has stories of people heroically putting their own needs aside just to help others. From medical personnel working ridiculous hours (and often in dangerous conditions), to EMT/first responders/cops, to the drivers/stockers, etc. who kept the grocery stores stocked and running, to neighbors simply looking out for neighbors, the good in people far outweighed the bad. Of course, this is hardly surprising, because this is America.

It appears that we might soon be over the worst of this cursed virus. Initial projections of deaths have been downgraded, various medical therapies are in the works, and the numbers are trending, however tenuously, in a positive direction. Please continue to be smart and safe. We will get through this, and we will be better.

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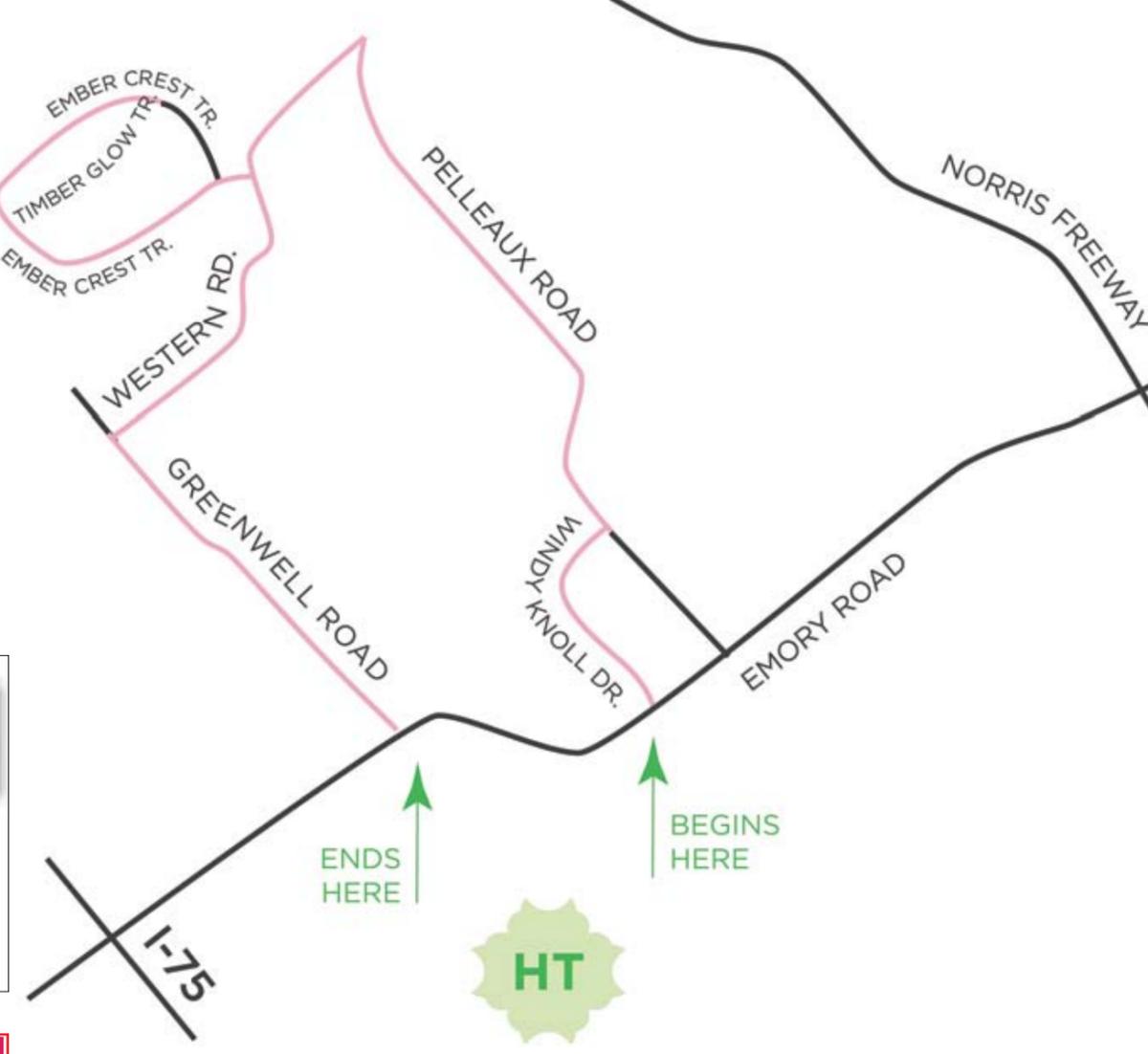
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Henry To'o To'o's Time to Shine

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for tackles in Tennessee history with 350. His influence as a freshman was

well off To'o To'o's pace. McCoy had 38 tackles in this 2006 debut season.

Of course, whenever you talk about linebackers at Tennessee, you have to discuss Al Wilson,

the heart and soul of the 1998 BCS and SEC championship team.

Wilson made 272 tackles at Tennessee, was a two time All-SEC player. He was also named

All-American in 1998. The Vols were in good shape at linebacker with guys like Scott Gaylon and Tyrone Hines during Wilson's freshman year in 1995. His impact began to be felt more significantly when he was a sophomore in 1996.

Henry To'o To'o isn't at the level of those players. Not yet.

But he's off to a pretty good start, and the Vols couldn't be more fortunate.

Mark Nagi is the author of "Decade of Dysfunction," which takes an up close look at all that led to Tennessee's crazy coaching search in 2017. The book is available on Amazon.

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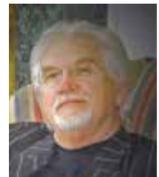
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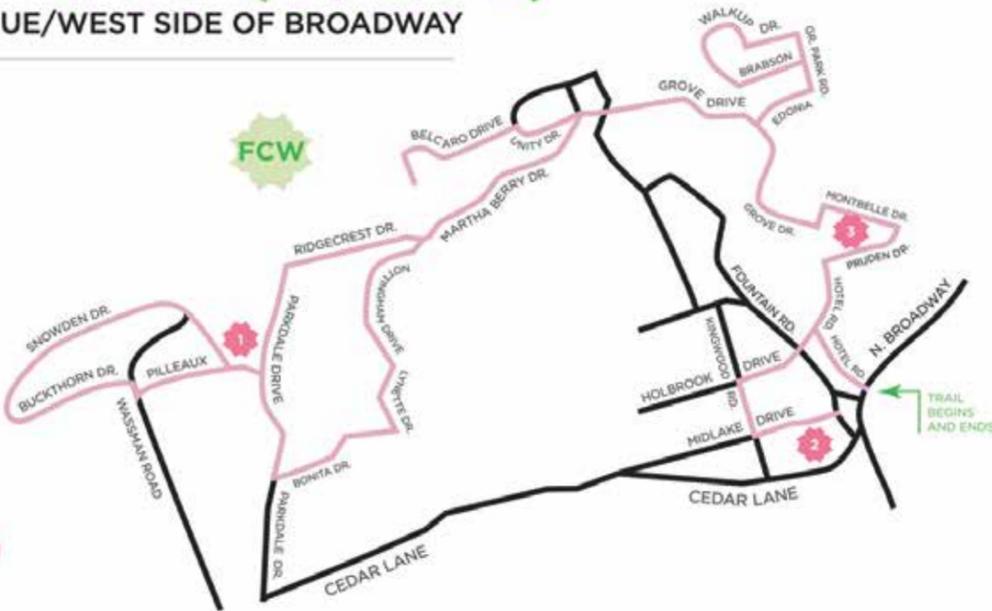
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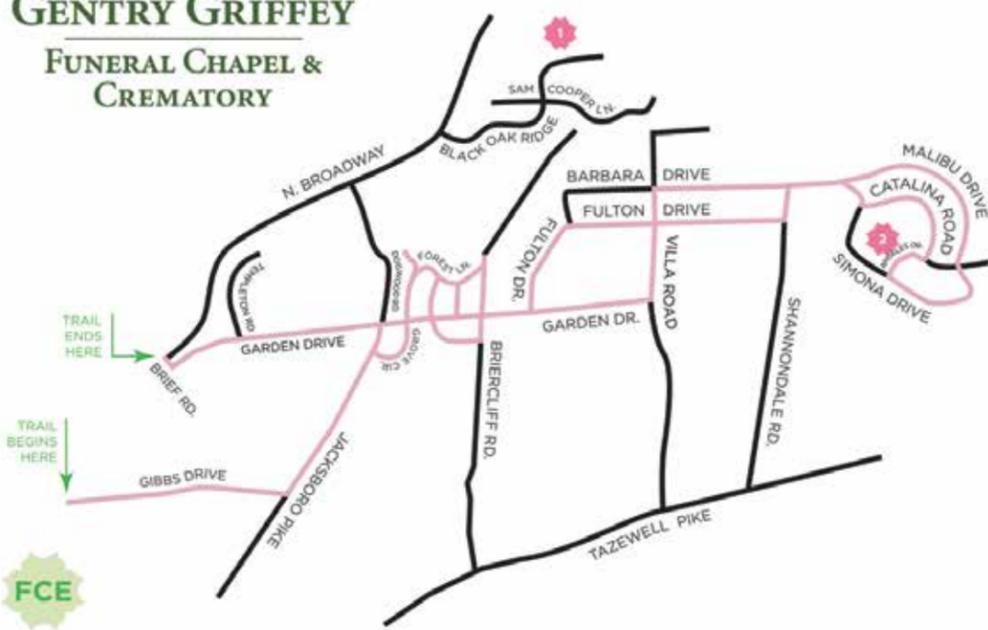
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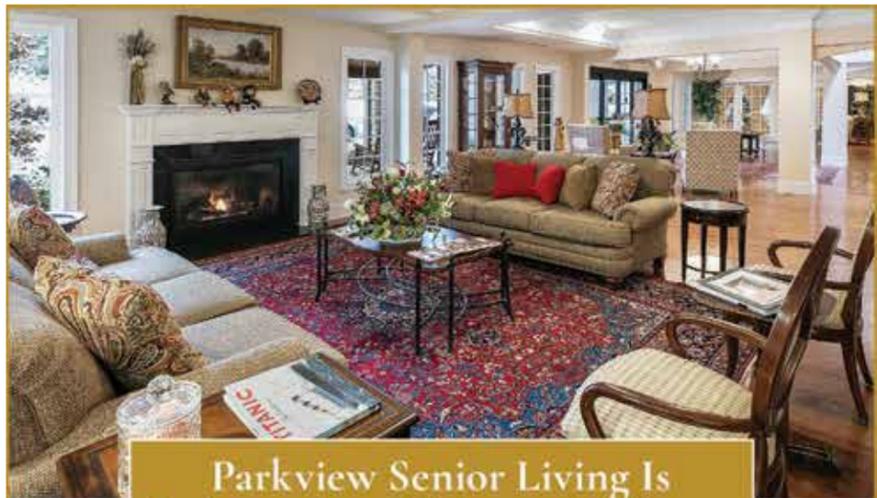
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Corona Connections

I'm tired of thinking about the coronavirus crisis, though it is difficult not to be in its clutches. Becky's mother just celebrated her 103rd birthday and Becky organized family and friends to parade by our matriarch within their cars because of social distancing! It was a unique celebration. So much so that WBIR put it on the nightly news.

This time of year, I often think of the opening line of a Robert Frost poem I love, "Nature's first green is gold..." You must Google the poem and savor Frost's sublime reflections on springtime's unique color of green.

Lately, I've been thinking about other colors of spring. The redbuds - a curious name - are stunning this year. I always welcome their splash of purple heralding the end of winter, even when we are sometimes challenged with

brief "redbud winters." And have you noticed that this spring's wisteria has been, as David Keith might say, "bodacious"?

I love purple wisteria, but recently I saw the white variety in several places, as well as lavender. There is also a pink variety, but I have not seen it. Recently, I learned we have something in common with China other than its viruses. Apparently, wisteria is native to the Eastern United States and China, as well as Korea and Japan.

Most of us learned the color spectrum with the acronym ROYGBIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet). Purple is the major color that occurs least frequently in nature (Wikipedia). Perhaps this is why purple has historically been associated with royalty, mystery and piety. Tyrian purple was coveted in the Roman era and obtained

from tiny snails harvested along the coast of the Eastern Mediterranean in the region of Tyre (current day Lebanon).

It is Maundy Thursday as I write this essay and, recently I became curious about the term Maundy Thursday of the Easter celebration.

Maundy derives from the Latin word mandatum which is a command. Jesus met with his Disciples for a Last Meal the night before his crucifixion. His command was to eat and drink "in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). This last meal has become the principle sacrament of Christ's followers, a sign of God's Grace.

Apparently, I'm still in the clutches of Latin, a "dead language which almost killed me." My 4th grade Latin teacher angrily moved my desk to the back of the classroom and "insisted" I just keep quiet. I finally grew up and learned the benefits of Latin and Greek in college etymology courses. These studies helped me learn the "new language" of science in medical school.

It so happens that this year's Jewish Passover, based on the lunar calendar, coincides with the Christian Easter celebration, based on the Gregorian solar calendar.

As a result, these sacred celebrations don't always happen together even though the cultures are intricately related. Western Civilization arose from Judeo-Christian heritage and culture.

We have a unique sign of spring this year: face masks. There is even a cottage industry making bandanna-like facial coverings in the hope of avoiding the coronavirus. After the 9-11 attack, I was fitted with a N95 mask during the anthrax scare. I'm not a PPE (personal prevention equipment) expert, but this uncomfortable mask was thought to offer some protection for doctors in the ER and the hospital. However, I had no misconception that the mask was a panacea. Thankfully, my mask was not put to the anthrax test.

"Come now, let us reason together," said the Lord (Isaiah 1:18). Let me pose a question to the logic of my readers: Why does a surgeon wear a surgical mask during an operation? The answer is to protect the patient in case the surgeon sneezes or coughs. Similarly, if you are sick, coughing or sneezing you threaten others and a mask may be helpful to those around you. A mask might offer you

some protection if it keeps you from touching your face with contaminated hands. However, masks, scarfs or bandannas are no substitute for common sense and I'm afraid masks are becoming more virtue-signaling than protective.

Sometimes in a crisis you have to look for the good. In our season of crisis, I see blossoms of kindness springing from social connections on the Internet. I see people posting on Facebook and Instagram (I avoid the sewer of Twitter). Emails fly around the country and the world offering connection, opinions, encouragement, music and even humor. Sometimes you need to laugh instead of crying-out in anger at fake news and Congressional reprobates. I've even been invited to a Zoom happy-hour. I plan to show up in cyberspace with a six pack of Corona beers!

I have a friend who is a master of the old-fashioned art of letter writing and uses stamps and "snail-mail." I used to write notes to people, but my penmanship has deteriorated. (Being a doctor, my penmanship was never very good, though it was legible.) I marvel at the beautiful letters that John and Abigail Adams wrote to each other. Paper was very expensive then, there

were no lines to keep the script level and there was no spell-check.

However, any phone call, electronic email or text message is better than no communication at all, and is so easy. And now we have the additional platforms of Skype, FaceTime and Zoom to connect us. I have observed that we are remembering each other more these days just as Christ commanded us to remember him. So, I believe the good in this crisis is the opportunity to connect with others. We also have more time for family and reflection. As citizens we are doing our part in the war against coronavirus. Use the time and the Internet to connect!

Robert Frost concluded his poem with, "nothing gold can stay." The ancient Greek Heraclitus observed that everything changes, but he was speaking of earthly matters.

The Easter message is that the purple robe of salvation is timeless. It is a message of hope for our soul, our essence, to someday be welcomed home into another level of connection where we will finally hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23)

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
DENNIS GREGORY, Plaintiff,
vs.
JUDITH LISA MCGONIGLE, Defendant.
COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

Comes now the Plaintiff, Dennis Gregory, by and through counsel, and files this complaint for divorce and in support would show as follows:
I. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Husbands's Statistical Information
Name: Dennis Gregory
Date of Birth: August 13, 1961
Place of Birth: Knoxville, Tennessee
Current Address: 4530 Bruhin Road
Knoxville, Tennessee 37912
Race: Caucasian
Prior Marriages: 1

Wife's Statistical Information
Name: Judith Lisa McGonigle
Date of Birth: May 27, 1974
Place of Birth: Bronx, NY
Current Address: 2943 Kingsland
Bronx, NY 10469-3319
Race: Caucasian
Prior Marriages: 0

Marriage Information
Date of Marriage: April 14, 2014
Place of Marriage: Knoxville, Tennessee
Date of Separation: March 1, 2016

Children of Marriage: none
Place of separation: Knoxville, Tennessee

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The parties were married and lived as a marital couple in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Plaintiff would aver that jurisdiction and venue are proper to heard in this Honorable Court.

III. GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Plaintiff avers that there are irreconcilable differences for which the marriage is irrevocably broken.

IV. PROPERTY OF THE MARRIAGE

Plaintiff avers that the parties shall enter into a Marital Dissolution Agreement that would equitably divide the assets and debts of the marriage.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONER PRAYS:

1. That the complaint, pro se answer, affidavit and marital dissolution agreement be filed with service of process waived.
2. That parties be awarded an absolute divorce.
3. That the Court approve the marital dissolution agreement as being fair and equitable.
4. That the Court award the Plaintiff alimony in an amount and duration that conforms to the facts of this cause of action.
5. That the court costs be taxed equally
6. For such other, further general relief to which the Court may deem Petitioner to be entitled.

Respectfully Submitted, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

DENNIS GREGORY

PATRICK L. LOOPER BPR 020857
Attorney for Plaintiff
800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2000
Knoxville, Tennessee 37929
865/522-3616
865/394-9833

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF KNOX

OATH
DENNIS GREGORY, after first being duly sworn, according to law, makes oath that the statements made in the foregoing are true and not made out of levity nor by collusion with Defendant but in truth and sincerity for the causes mentioned therein.

DENNIS GREGORY

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2020.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

COST BOND

We, the undersigned, acknowledge ourselves Sureties for all costs in this cause in accordance with T.C.A. 520-12-120.

DENNIS GREGORY
PRINCIPAL

PATRICK L. LOOPER, Attorney
SURETY

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD;
IN RE: FAITH LYNN WALKER
D.O.B. 10/12/2010

NO. 199872-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD it is ordered that said defendant THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark, an Attorneys whose address is, 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 18th day of March, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TAI TAN NGUYEN

IN RE: RUBIN LUBLIN TN, PLLC
VS TAI TAN NGUYEN
NO. 195716-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, Tai Tan Nguyen, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Tai Tan Nguyen.
IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Rubin Lublin TN PLLC whose address is, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 24th day of March 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CHARLES THOMAS RENINGER
IN RE: JENNIFER SUE RENINGER VS CHARLES THOMAS RENINGER
NO. 199586-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, Charles Thomas Reninger, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Charles Thomas Reninger.
IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the

Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mary Newton an, Attorneys whose address is, 606 West Main Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 24th day of March 2020.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOYCE L BATES
DOCKET NUMBER 82862-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of Joyce L Bates who died Feb 2, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF Joyce L Bates

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TELESA K WEAVER; EXECUTRIX
111 BLACKSFERRY LOOP
CLINTON, TN. 37716

CURTIS W ISABELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
251 SHORT STREET
CLINTON, TN. 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAYMOND WILLIAM BOLING
DOCKET NUMBER 82761-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAYMOND WILLIAM BOLING who died Dec 28, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A);or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of MARCH, 2020

ESTATE OF RAYMOND WILLIAM BOLING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KRISTI WILSON; EXECUTRIX
1123 APPALOOSA WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

R SETH OAKES ATTORNEY AT LAW
1111 N NORTSHORE DRIVE, SUITE
N-290 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT GENE BROWN, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 82846-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT GENE BROWN, JR who died Feb 25, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF ROBERT GENE BROWN, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTOPHER RAY BROWN; EXECUTOR
1976 RAYS GAP RD.
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

BRADLEY S. LEWIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
10413 KINGSTON PK. STE. 200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLIE ARNOLD BUTLER
DOCKET NUMBER 82871-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLIE ARNOLD BUTLER who died Nov 25, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-

resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF CHARLIE ARNOLD BUTLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ADRIANE E. DOBBINS; EXECUTOR
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 406
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

REBECCA D. ABBOTT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
118 HUXLEY ROAD, STE 7
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JIMMIE RUTH KYLE
DOCKET NUMBER 82580-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JIMMIE RUTH KYLE who died Oct 19, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 1 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF JIMMIE RUTH KYLE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICE BALL; ADMINISTRATRIX
2909 WOODBINE AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARL L LEWELLYN
DOCKET NUMBER 82750-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM EARL L LEWELLYN who died Dec 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 27TH day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARL LLEWELLYN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY L KAMPE; EXECUTRIX
2130 RAINES RUN
SHOAL CREEK, AL 35242

KEVIN HARDIN
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2701 KINGSTON PK
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA K. MORGAN
DOCKET NUMBER 82870-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA K. MORGAN who died Mar 9, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA K. MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY L KAMPE; EXECUTRIX
2130 RAINES RUN
SHOAL CREEK, AL 35242

KEVIN HARDIN
ATTORNEY
2701 KINGSTON PK
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENT ALAN ROTH
DOCKET NUMBER 82863-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRENT ALAN ROTH who died Feb 17, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA K. MORGAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD E. MORGAN; CO-EXECUTOR
2217 DAWNS PASS
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

VICTORIA M. PRICE; CO-EXECUTOR
8827 BELLE MINA WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

CHARLES W. MORGAN; CO-EXECUTOR
1836 REGENTS PARK ROAD

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MARGO J. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
116 AGNES ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DALE H MOSS
DOCKET NUMBER 82845-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DALE H MOSS who died Feb 28, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF DALE H MOSS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KIMBERLY MOSS BAILEY; CO-EXECUTRIX
1901 PLUMB BRANCH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

DARLA MOSS WATSON; CO-EXECUTRIX
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

BRADLEY S LEWIS
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARLENE BAILEY POPE
DOCKET NUMBER 82790-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARLENE BAILEY POPE who died Sep 29, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A);or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of MARCH, 2020

ESTATE OF ARLENE BAILEY POPE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL P ROACH; CO-EXECUTRIX
1512 PARKRIDGE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

JUDITH Y JOHNSON; CO-EXECUTRIX
2806 BORIGHT DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANKIE SUE ROGERS
DOCKET NUMBER 82533-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FRANKIE SUE ROGERS who died Nov 23, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty

Although social distancing is an effective way to minimize the risk COVID-19 presents to seniors, the feelings of loneliness and depression could rise. There are roughly 23,000 seniors in Knox County living in isolation. That's 1 in 4 of the senior population.

In an effort to help address social isolation for the senior population during the "Safer at Home" order, CAC Office on Aging has launched a new program, Senior Care Calls.

These calls provide a bi-weekly check-in, offering homebound seniors much needed social support and a listening ear. Volunteers get to know the senior, offer them human interaction over the phone, and help address any needs they may be facing, i.e. trash collection, grocery store pick up, etc.

If you know someone in your neighborhood who is homebound, isolated, lonely, and/or could use some assistance, please fill out a referral form at http://bit.ly/SeniorCare-Calls_referral.

For any questions,, please contact Deisha Finley at Deisha.finley@knoxseniors.org or (865)524-2786.

The hope of Easter



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

As an American culture, we love Easter. With the arrival of Spring, the scent of new life is in the air. It is normally a time for new clothes, for family to gather for a special meal, for egg hunts and attending church together. But these are not normal times. Instead of these social events, people are home.

I heard one media person make the comment that this would be the first Easter we would miss. I know what he was trying to say, but I want to adjust that statement. Easter will look different this year, but it will still take place. Nothing, including COVID-19, can keep us from celebrating the fact that Jesus conquered the tomb. We might not be able to gather with other Christians to celebrate that fact, but people in their own hearts and homes will be doing so. Perhaps more than ever people around the globe will be more focused on the hope of Easter.

As recorded in Luke 24, on that Sunday morning after the death and burial of Jesus, four women who were followers of Christ went to the tomb. When they got there, the stone had been rolled away and two angels were there.

In that moment, Christ's veiled teachings about his coming death and resurrection started making sense. But when they heard Jesus' words weeks and months before, it didn't make sense to them. The ladies immediately reported back to the disciples what they had seen and heard and the disciples were in disbelief.

The disciples had seen Jesus bring other people back from the dead through His power, but this resurrection was different. They had seen Jesus die one of the most brutal deaths imaginable. A Roman centurion's responsibility was to ensure the death of the criminal before they came down from the cross. If not, the centurion's life was at stake. First, there had been the scourging. Many did not survive a Roman scourging due to its brutality. Then, you had the nails in Jesus' wrist and feet. Just to be certain Jesus died, the centurion thrust a spear into the side of Jesus where blood and water flowed out.

Strangely, the enemies of Jesus were on the lookout for a resurrection while the disciples were not. The enemies of Jesus thought ahead that His

disciples might invent some kind of hoax to prove the resurrection by stealing the body. So, they went to the trouble of asking Pilate to have a station of Roman guards posted at the burial site. They sealed the tomb and anyone who opened it, it was their life.

Eight times in the gospels prior to it happening, Jesus predicted His own death. For a person to predict their own death and then rise from the dead, this had never happened before. After hearing the testimony of the women, Peter decides to investigate for himself. When he arrives to the empty tomb, he is amazed at what happened. Peter returns to tell everyone else. At this point, the disciples have not seen Jesus in the flesh yet, but by that evening Jesus appears to them in bodily form. What a moment this must have been. They think He is a ghost. Jesus proves He is not a ghost by eating food and then He reminds them of what was promised and prophesied for hundreds of years. Jesus' death and resurrection were intentional and planned before the world began. Jesus declares that the empty tomb is a symbol of our resurrection. I pray this gives you hope and comfort. Death does not have the final word, Jesus does.

Knox County Public Library Continues to Serve Patrons with Online Resources

Knox County Public Library's buildings have been closed since March 20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but library service continues. Working from home, library staff has issued nearly 900 digital access library cards for those who did not have an active library card. Patrons have accessed thousands of materials online and have been able to continue working with reference librarians for their research needs through online chats, email, and text.

Circulation rates from March 20 to April 8 include:

- 25,474 Overdrive ebooks
 - 16,136 Overdrive audiobooks
 - 2,825 Streaming movies (includes Kanopy, Hoopla and Overdrive film services)
 - 298 Lynda.com video tutorials
- started with 3,833 courses viewed and 62 course completions

Additionally, Ancestry.com has extended its license so library patrons may access it remotely. Typically, patrons are required to come into East Tennessee History Center to use Ancestry.com. Other licensing requirements have been extended for remote and temporary use including the Foundation Directory and many educational resources. All resources are available on www.knoxlib.org.

Patrons are asked to hold on to their library materials and return them after the library reopens. The library has extended all due dates and have waived fines for the time being.

Library staff has produced brief online programs on Facebook and other social media outlets including books suggestions and literary activities.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN PROFFITT WHITAKER DOCKET NUMBER 82866-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEAN PROFFITT WHITAKER who died Dec 23, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 30 day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEAN PROFFITT WHITAKER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 PAMELA WHITAKER; EXECUTRIX
 606 VALLEY VIEW STREET
 SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

DAVID H LUHN
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 310 N FOREST PARK BLVD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT LEANDER BARNHILL JR DOCKET NUMBER 82883-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT LEANDER BARNHILL JR who died Dec 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 8TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF ROBERT LEANDER BARNHILL JR
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY CAUDLE DOCKET NUMBER 82882-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of

APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY CAUDLE who died Mar 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 8TH day of APRIL, 2020

ESTATE OF JUDY CAUDLE
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES E CLAIBORNE DOCKET NUMBER 82717-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES E CLAIBORNE who died Dec 2, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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ESTATE OF JAMES E CLAIBORNE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BUFORD A. DUNN DOCKET NUMBER 82884-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of

APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BUFORD A. DUNN who died Oct 25, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 8TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF BUFORD A. DUNN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD M DYER DOCKET NUMBER 82876-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of APRIL 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of RICHARD M DYER who died Feb 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 2 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF RICHARD M DYER
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ORA LYNN MCBRIDE DOCKET NUMBER 82881-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ORA LYNN MCBRIDE who died Jul 28, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,

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ESTATE OF ORA LYNN MCBRIDE
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE BURTON SAMPSON DOCKET NUMBER 82877-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE BURTON SAMPSON who died Mar 10, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 7TH day of APRIL, 2020

ESTATE OF GEORGE BURTON SAMPSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 GEORGE BURTON SAMPSON, JR; EXECUTOR
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 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

THE TRUST COMPANY OF TENNESSEE; CO-EXECUTORS
 4823 OLD KINGSTON PIKE STE 100
 KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF U MAYO SHINPAUGH DOCKET NUMBER 82798-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of U MAYO SHINPAUGH who died Jan 4,

2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 7TH day of APRIL, 2020

ESTATE OF U MAYO SHINPAUGH
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA A SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 82782-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of APRIL 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of BARBARA A SMITH who died Jan 15, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 3 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF BARBARA A SMITH
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BERTA WATERHOUSE SWAN DOCKET NUMBER 82878-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BERTA WATERHOUSE SWAN who

died Nov 18, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF BERTA WATERHOUSE SWAN
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

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For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

Colonel Sanders Hits and Runs

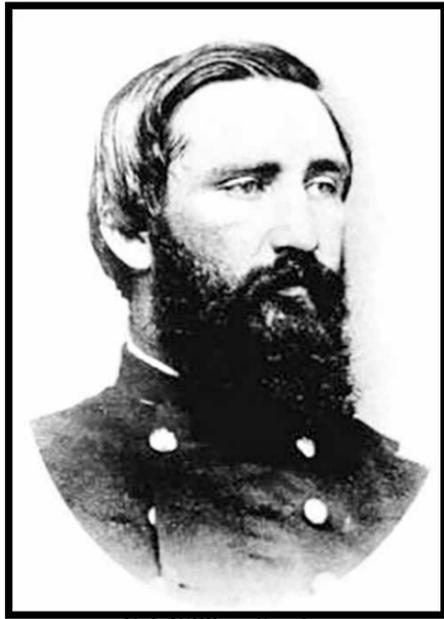
By Mike Steely
Senior Writer

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In the spring of 1863 Cumberland Gap was firmly in Confederate hands and it seemed, for a few months, that the war had moved elsewhere. However, by September the historic pass would again come under siege and then fall to the forces of General Ambrose Burnside in a confusing situation that is still debated.

Burnside's route to take the gap was similar to Morgan's the year before, in that he bypassed a direct attack by taking to the mountains to the west and approaching the fortifications from the south. Yet the eventual route of the mass march was tested and tried a month earlier in a daring raid by some 1,500 cavalry under the noted Colonel William P. Sanders.

Burnside planned two actions against the Confederates at the same time, sending General Julius White against the salt works at Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Sanders on a quick hit-and-run excursion aimed primarily



Col. William Sanders

at the East Tennessee railroads.

White's raid petered out because of weather and a shortage of men, but Sanders's mission was more than completed. Sanders commanded volunteers of different units, which included 700 men of the East Tennessee Infantry under Colonel R.K. Byrd; 200 men of the 112 Illinois; 150 men of the Seventh Ohio; 150 men of the Second Ohio; 100 men of the First Kentucky Volunteers; and an

unknown number of men of the First Regiment of Ohio Artillery.

Sergeant "Studs" Reynolds, of Cooper's original First Tennessee, served as guide for the ambitious raid. A year earlier he had guided various raids from Camp Spears and

Cumberland Gap into the mountains to Confederate camps.

The raiders left Mount Vernon, Kentucky, on June 14th, rode to Williamsburg, then to Marsh Creek in McCreary County, Kentucky, and south to Huntsville, Tennessee, up Brimstone Branch, and over Cumberland Mountain to exit at Wartburg.

At Wartburg Sanders's force surprised a rebel camp and skirmished with them, and captured the garrison. Sanders then went to Lenoir Station, burned the depot, a cotton factory, and destroyed telegraph lines and railroad track there. Sanders captured an artillery detachment there, three cannons, eight officers, and 47 lower-ranked rebel soldiers.

He was preparing to burn the Lenoir Cotton Mill when Dr. Benjamin Ballard Lenoir passed among the Union troops displaying secret Masonic signs and the historic mill was spared.

The Yankee raiders also set fire to three railroad bridges, including the long span at Strawberry Plains just east of Knoxville.

By June 19th Sanders's

force, with prisoners and captured equipment along, began an assault on rebel forces in Knoxville. Union loyalists, mountaineers, and bushwhackers had been operating openly in Campbell County, and had lured forces under Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner out of Knoxville to search for them near Big Creek Gap, leaving the city with few rebel troops.

Sanders attacked from the north, against perhaps 1,000 Confederates, and the artillery battery lasted about an hour. He realized that even if he captured the town that he could not hold it against returning rebel forces.

Remembering his original orders to destroy communications, he ended the assault and galloped his force to Strawberry Springs. He continued the destruction and on June 21, was in New Market. Following two brief fights near there, he decided to circle back into the safety of Kentucky, having proven that a Union force could penetrate east Tennessee by way of the distant Cumberland Plateau. He then took his force toward Roger's Gap west of Cumberland Gap, crossing the Holston River at Hayworth Bend, going through Clinch Mountain at Powder Springs Gap, reaching Powell Valley and skirting the rebel stronghold at Cumberland Gap.

By then his captives had risen to 120 rebels and his train of stores, equipment, cannon and soldiers stretched out some length. When he approached Roger's Gap he found the high gap, used the year before by Morgan's Yankees and Kirby-Smith's rebels, was heavily blockaded with fallen timbers and guarded by Confederate artillery.

Big Creek Gap, to the west, was likewise fortified, so Sanders was forced to look for a third way out of the rebel lines and into the safety of Kentucky. He chose, no doubt with the advice of Sergeant Reynolds, a little-known mountain pass some three miles from Roger's Gap known as "Smith's Gap."

This path across was extremely narrow; Sanders called it a "wood path." It permitted the passage, with care, of only one man or one horse at a time. To reach Kentucky this way, Sanders was forced to dump most of his equipment and artillery, including much he had captured.

"The guns, carriages, harnesses, and ammunition were completely destroyed and left," he reported. "The artillery was simply abandoned."

On June 24th his force rode into Boston (now Lot), Ky., near Jellico, and camped in safety at the site of old Camp Spears. He reported that part of his force became separated after climbing Cumberland Mountain, but had rejoined him at Boston.

Sanders reported to his superiors that during the entire expedition he lost only two men killed by the enemy, four wounded, and thirteen missing, of which five drowned. In his final report of the mission he also praised Sergeant Reynolds and other guides loaned to him from the First Tennessee Regiment.

On October 23, 1863, Sanders was promoted to brigadier general, and less than three weeks later, the Union occupied Knoxville after forcing out rebels who for two years had controlled the city and, from there, East Tennessee.

Sanders was ordered by General Ambrose Burnside to dismount his

cavalry and hold a hillside against attacking rebels so fortifications at several points could be completed.

General Sanders stationed his remaining cavalrymen, now only about a thousand strong because of losses, along a hill about one-half mile west of Third Street. William Marvel, in his book "Burnside," wrote that Sanders sent out part of his men to guard the Clinton Road and quickly created a breastwork on the hill out of fence rails.

There, despite heavy shelling and constant gunfire, Sanders held his men and his position by sheer personal example. He stood upright just behind the rails, where both his men and the enemy could see him directing the battle. Several times he rallied his men, who wanted to retreat to the safety of the city.

Then came a round of fire from two South Carolina rebel regiments, and Sanders was hit. He fell to the ground, and his men carried him away on a makeshift stretcher, giving up their position to the enemy. Sanders died on November 16, and was buried in a nighttime silent ceremony between battles in the First Presbyterian Church cemetery. His body was later removed to the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Burnside noted later that General Sanders gave his life to save Knoxville from capture, holding off the enemy and maintaining his position longer than was required for the defense works to be completed. He is an authentic Union hero and left a mark in history and name in Knoxville's history.

Menifee Station marker placed in Powell



The new Menifee Station historic marker is up in Powell. Historian Ron Evans told *The Focus* last week that a replacement for the former sign arrived with the wrong date and had to be redone. Early settler John Menifee built a fort in that area and later moved to Alabama and is buried there. Evans said the new sign's campaign began when Chris Hammond contacted him. Dedication of the new marker is being postponed due to the virus outbreak. Evans thanked Hammond, Linda Wynn of the State Historic Commission, state Representative Bill Dunn and Randy Standifer of TDOT for their efforts. The marker is located near the intersection of Emory Road and Clinton Highway. Photo courtesy of Ron Evans.

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