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Mark Campen, Courtney Shea honored by Fountain City

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Honor Fountain City Day has been a Memorial Day highlight for many years. The members of Fountain City Town Hall have hosted the celebration of their community but this year the coronavirus pandemic has caused the cancellation.

Although the gathering won't be held, the Town Hall isn't abandoning the annual tradition of honoring those who have

contributed much to Fountain City. This year they chose two local residents deeply involved in preserving our environment.

The Fountain City Man and Woman of the Year 2020 are Mark Campen and Courtney Shea.

Campen, a former Knoxville City Council member, is a UT graduate with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a minor in Forestry. He is the executive director of the Tennessee chapter of the Izaak Walton

League of America.

He and his wife, Emily, have two children and Emily owns The Flower Pot florist shop. Campen continues to address conservation issues and water quality.

Courtney Shea came to East Tennessee with the Office of Surface Mining in 1979 and loved the area so much she stayed. She and her husband raised four children in Beverly Place in Fountain City, most of them attending Central High School.

Shea became involved with



Mark Campen Courtney Shea

the CHS Foundation and her favorite project was the Wall of Fame where she helps write bios of those inducted members.

An environmental enthusiast she became an active member of the Tennessee Interfaith

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KSC becomes 1:1 district as proposal 8E passes

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Last week's Knox County School Board digital meeting was filled mostly with discussion of the funding and wording particulars of proposal 8E which will allow every student to receive a device from KCS.

After hearing from families and the community about keeping people safe during graduation, Superintendent Bob Thomas announced an alteration made to the initial graduation plan by allowing ceremonies to take place in June with a limited number of guests. Ceremonies will include social distancing and precautionary guidelines and will be scheduled from June 8 through June 19.

Board member Jennifer Owen showed concerns on the 1:1 initiative first by asking how many laptops needed to be purchased immediately, "Several have two years of support ... seems since we don't know a funding source yet ... would it be more responsible to look at a lower number ... until we are in a better financial situation?"

Thomas followed with confirming KCS will get the maximum use out of the devices already in use and that not purchasing all the devices at once would be a financial help. Gail Byard, chief technology officer for KCS, explained the plan contemplates buying a Chromebook for every student, but doesn't specify an exact purchase date.

Sheryl Martin, who has been working with the state, spoke of how to deploy the devices, and extend the life of the current devices with complying with ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). The conversation revolved around every student receiving a device which follows ESSA, and staying in compliance with CARES Act funding guidelines at the same time. In question was would it be necessary for devices to be deployed at the same time? Or can the devices be deployed over several years?

Assistant Superintendent Ron McPherson explained if the lease purchase agreement is over several years, "right now what we are looking at is a 21-million-dollar investment over the next three years. If we can stagger the purchase --- that means we save money as we roll into future years ... because we have extended the life of newer devices, --- the savings comes in ... that we are not in year five or six, we are not looking at buying another 60,000 devices because we have devices that are operational."

For instance, if only 40,000 devices are bought for students for the next school year, then the

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Audit Committee to hear of impact of shutdown

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When the Knox County Audit Committee meets this afternoon it will vote on the approval of hiring Pugh & Company PC for another year as the county's external auditor.

The company has served as the county's external auditor since 2012 and, under the old rules, would have exhausted the former eight years agreement. The new contract extends the agreement through the fiscal year of 2021.

Ted Hotz of Pugh and Company will address the committee on the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the county.

The audit committee will also hear from the finance department on COVID-19's effect on the budget and Knox County Schools will also address the pandemic as it affects the school system.

The internal auditor will report on the tax abatement program, the county hotline, current and completed projects, administrative items, and upcoming and current projects.

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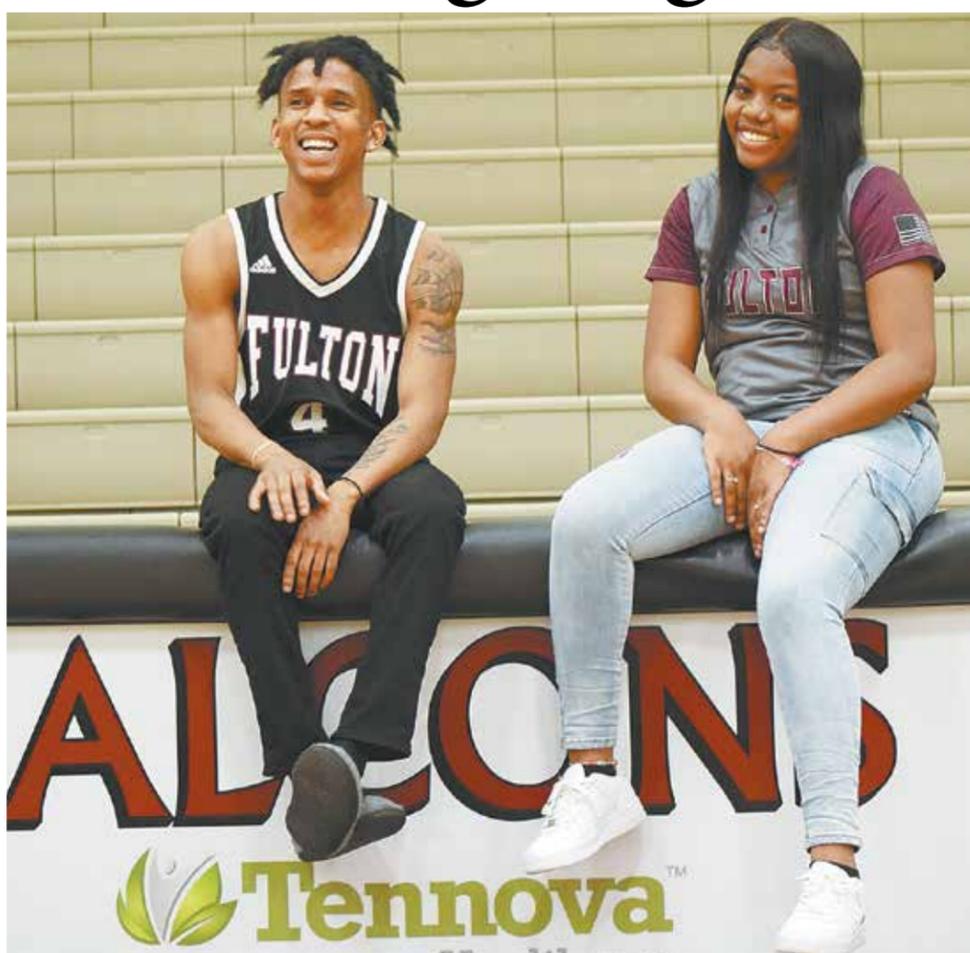


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Edward Lacey and Gayza Davenport enjoy a moment together at the scorer's table as pictures were being taken for Fulton High's yearbook. Edward and Gayza were chosen the "Most Athletic" at FHS. Please see the stories and photos of Fulton's Student-Athletes of the Year and other local high schools' honorees in Sports and Recreation, Section C, of this week's Focus.

Kincannon kicks off Climate Change Council

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"Fifty percent by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050" is the goal for Mayor Indya Kincannon's Climate Council.

The new group met for the first time Tuesday via Zoom. The mayor said achieving those goals will take "steady and pro-active leadership." Among those invited to join the council were everyone from a local pastor to a former Knoxville City Council member and real estate executive.

Members include Pastor Chris Battle, Gabe Bolas, Chris Cimino, Brian Hann, Amy Hathaway, Alicia Hemmings, Stan Johnson, Nancy Nabors, Cortney Piper, Dr. Stephen Smith, Rebecca Tolene and George Wallace.

Sustainability Director Brian Blackman and Chief Policy Officer Erin Gill join the

group as Kincannon's staff members. Blackman is coordinating and said achieving the goals is "a heavy list."

He introduced Luke Gephard of Milepost Consulting, who was hired as the facilitator of the project. He said the effort will include three groups on transportation, energy and buildings, and waste. Gephard said each climate council member will be receiving a survey seeking their concerns and input.

The council will meet bi-monthly.

Gephard said Knoxville's environment is slightly improving but explained that most citizens are driving polluting cars which are 10 years or older. He also said that manufacturers aren't planning a real push on electric cars until 2024. The city did achieve its "20 by 2020" in cutting down on pollution.

Mayor Kincannon said she would keep the city council informed on the climate council's efforts, ask for their comments, and approach them for budget requests.

Kincannon said the climate council is at the core of the campaign promises she made when running for mayor.

The July meeting will deal with transportation. September the Council looks at energy and buildings and in November "waste" is the topic.

Working groups within the council will begin in August.

"Reducing Knoxville's carbon footprint is critical to combating climate change, improving our ability to bounce back after disaster, protecting our health and being smart with taxpayers' dollars," the mayor said in a statement from her office.

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Audit Committee

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As in previous meetings the Audit Committee will also discuss how to hold confidential, nonpublic executive sessions involving pending or ongoing audits or related investigations. The meeting is at 3 p.m. and will be held electronically via Zoom Streaming and on CTV Knoxville. Citizens without CTV on their cable system can watch the meeting at www.ctvknox.org.

Emerald Academy announces one-to-one technology

Emerald Academy, Knoxville's only public charter school, will provide one-to-one technology next school year.

Every scholar in kindergarten through eighth grade will have a personal laptop to use during school and take home. The devices will be Google Chromebooks.

"Since we opened five years ago, our scholars and faculty have utilized computers daily in the classroom. We're thrilled to expand our technology offerings for the 2020-2021 school year by providing a Chromebook for every scholar," said Emerald Academy School Director Lauren Moore.

"The additional laptops are just one more example of our commitment to

scholars and preparing them for the college of their choice and community leadership," she said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Emerald Academy has provided many scholars with Chromebooks to use for distance learning at home.

Natasha Knight's two sons attend the school and she said, "I am grateful for the support my children and I have received during distance learning. Thank you, Emerald Academy, for continuing my children's education outside the physical classroom."

Parents interested in sending their child to Emerald Academy next year have until May 15, 2020, to apply online at emeraldacademy.org.

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Power and Light and a board member of Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy center.

She has also been involved with Justice Knoxville and Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Kelly Ellenburg, Fountain City Town Hall's chairperson said, "We regret having to cancel the event. Although we cannot honor our fallen heroes as a community this year, each of us will remember their sacrifice. We look forward to Memorial Day 2021 and the resumption of Honor Fountain City Day in the Park."

She thanked the committee

that worked for months planning the event. "The Honor Fountain City Day Committee members along with committee co-chairs, Tyler Pavlis and Christine Cloninger, worked hard organizing the event. A great deal of effort goes into planning the celebration. The work reflects their strong commitment to serving our community."

"We want to continue to recognize individuals who demonstrate outstanding service to our community. [Campen and Shea] are also invited to participate in the awards ceremony at the gazebo in the park on Memorial Day 2021," said Ellenburg.

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monies will shift forward. If the district commits, "We have to have a plan where all students will eventually receive a new device," he added.

Board member Virginia Babb questioned an attachment to the plan and wondered if it gave enough flexibility to work with the federal government. Byard answered affirmatively and said, "the plan as it was laid out, and budget dollars as they are laid out, the change that we've made ... is to extend and smooth some extendibility because we have some modern devices in our schools right now ... and not take that 60,000 step right now."

McPherson announced the state informed him earlier that day that the plan can roll out over several

years as long as it addresses all students. Board member Evetty Satterfield then questioned what verbiage should be changed in the motion to reflect this new information.

As Satterfield was rewriting a substitute motion, Chair Susan Horn asked about the issue of internet connection for all students, and what consists of the teacher training.

In response, Byard said Russ Oaks is working with a committee and the Knoxville Chamber to create a survey to discover which families don't have internet resources in the home either because of financial reasons, or broadband reasons, or both.

The training question was answered by Shannon Jackson, executive director of teaching and learning, who told members about an introductory Canvas

course that was released on May 12. She has tasked veteran teachers to provide support to newer teachers, and a trauma informed component will be added for those schools without trauma informed training. On June 1, a course explaining this initiative and its teacher involvement will be distributed to 250 people to review and give feedback before being distributed to staff. Priorities of training include social and emotional learning, classroom environment, and distance learning either fully remote or partially remote either with a full class or a balance of both. Another course will unroll on July 6 focusing deeply into content area. She mentioned learning around Microsoft teams, creating digital parent/teacher conferences, and digital open houses also.

McPherson said the way CARES Act funding works is no different than Title 1 funds in the budget, and CARES funds will be a reimbursable draw every quarter and have a shelf life until June 2022. "We haven't received a ton of guidance in how to use these funds. We have received information. In fairness to the state, they are reaching

out to the federal government too because they are trying to get answers as well. The more we attach this to a COVID-19 issue, the better."

Board member Tony Norman said the BOE and superintendent must have a lot of faith and grace because, "We don't even know our revenue sources. We are reacting in an unusual situation."

After talking to many principals, Horn said their response to this initiative was unanimously positive and they expressed wanting to move toward a 1:1 district whether funding is available or not.

After discussion and editing the substitute motion three times by Satterfield, the motion was approved by Satterfield and seconded by board member Kristi Kristy. It read, "approves the use of seven million dollars of CARES Act funding to help fund 60,000 Chromebooks or other necessary devices that will be purchased over a multi-year process to ensure we use the life of our current 39,846 devices already in the system. Purchase reports will be provided to the board as they occur."

Norman commented, "I think we are being

irresponsible because there is so much unknown coming." He also mentioned providing computers might be best for middle and high school students only.

After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-1 to allow for seven million dollars of CARES Act funding to help in the purchase of Chromebooks and other applicable devices to be purchased. Member Norman dissented.

The final topic that took discussion was spurred by a comment from the last week's BOE meeting regarding the format of the budget meeting. "It is so detailed and so much is involved in this process. We clearly see around us there are meetings that are occurring," said Hill as she inquired if meeting in person and meeting electronically was possible. Gary Dupler weighed in reminding members of the governor's order and said the possibility does exist for the BOE to have a hybrid-type meeting that involves both, but said, "The catch would be the public. It would have to be live streamed so that the public could see it as it occurs." Technology will need to operate to allow

for the public to comment and ask question in a live manner during the meeting.

The May 27 meeting will take place at the Andrew Johnson Building. Byard said she would test the current technology in the building to see if it would be operational for use at the meeting. Horn stated the location would accommodate seating following social distancing guidelines.

Another town hall virtual meeting is in the planning stages, the superintendent said, and he will be distributing the information for that meeting soon.

Also, board member Mike McMillan expressed his appreciation to Thomas for evaluating and changing parts of the graduation plan to accommodate visitors.

Horn thanked all those involved for finding the balance between being a safe community and creating BOE and school events, and for the planning that went into place for the 1:1 proposal, especially Thomas and staff for preparing for the next school year during uncertain times.

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OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board of Education, was really impressed by Aaliyah Riddle. Aaliyah Riddle is a graduating senior at Austin - East High School who was critical of the school system's announced intention to ban parents and families from graduation ceremonies. McMillan was the most vocal member of the board in denouncing the idea of keeping parents and family members out of the graduation ceremonies. Mike McMillan was especially outspoken in his dislike of the initial plan created by the central office staff and announced by Superintendent Bob Thomas.

Aaliyah Riddle made herself conspicuous by doing the unheard of thing by offering a better plan to one she had criticized. Ms. Riddle wrote a detailed, three page memorandum to board members outlining various options for prospective graduation ceremonies. Aaliyah informed board members of what area school districts were doing, as well as some systems beyond the region. Ms. Riddle's specific examples underscored McMillan's belief it was entirely possible for graduating seniors to have an audience composed of family members instead of the school system bureaucracy. McMillan was full of praise for Aaliyah Riddle. "Here is an entire building of supposed experts, the great central office staff, most of whom earn in excess of \$100,000 annually, who produced no

memorandum of any kind. That same staff did not give Board members any examples of arrangements for graduations in the area, as Aaliyah Riddle did.

"The truth is Aaliyah Riddle's memorandum was of more value and use than everything done by the entire central office staff," McMillan said. "Aaliyah produced an intelligent, well-documented, and well-articulated memorandum. We may well have identified a way to save some money in the coming budget." Along with the memorandum, Aaliyah and her friends put together a video on You Tube expressing why they thought it was important for graduating students to have a graduation that celebrated their accomplishments.

When first told of the proposed ban on family members, Mike McMillan was aghast and outraged. McMillan rightly predicted there would be push back from parents and graduating students. "The school folks seemed astonished I would think so," McMillan said drily. "I can't begin to tell you how much it distresses me to believe our highest paid people in the school system failed to recognize the optics were terrible and that it was just plain wrong."

Several of McMillan's colleagues on the board of education seemed to be paralyzed by the situation following the announcement of the original plan. The idea the principal, the myriad of assistant principals at every high school in the county, and the faculty would suffice for every graduating class due to the pandemic seemed to be a controversial topic and most Board members didn't want to risk making anyone mad. Not so Mike McMillan. As more than a few of his colleagues on the Board joined with the administrative staff in attempting to hide behind the slight figure of Dr. Martha Buchanan, head of Knox County's Health Department, McMillan pursued the matter. It was Mike McMillan who questioned Dr. Buchanan and got her to admit that she could not dictate the circumstances of each high school's graduation. That

admission made it mighty hard for the better part of a school system and most of the Board of Education to hide behind one little woman. That was also before the cry of dismay of Buchanan's boss, expressed his own dismay with the plan offered by school officials. Mayor Glenn Jacobs didn't like the plan either.

A few of McMillan's colleagues on the Board went silent, which is quite nearly amazing as some of them ordinarily couldn't be hushed with a sleeping pill and a gag.

Mike McMillan had urged school administrators to adopt a different, more family-friendly plan, giving each graduating senior two - four tickets to distribute to loved ones. McMillan's proposal allowed for social distancing and masks and the proper protocols with the Corona virus. At first, school bureaucrats were unmoved.

McMillan was critical of the statement the graduating seniors were the children of the school system, too. "To put it plainly would be impolite," McMillan growled. "We didn't raise those young people; their parents and families did. I don't see that it is really hard to understand seniors want someone they love to witness their big moment. It's only natural."

Mike McMillan gave Aaliyah Riddle credit for focusing the discussion. "Aaliyah pointed out the true defects in the original plan. She said it lacked empathy and ignored community involvement. Putting it slightly differently, it lacked heart," McMillan said softly. "Aaliyah clearly saw the original proposal was not designed to serve the very people our school system is supposed to serve - - - the students and their families. Instead, it was wrongly focused upon the school bureaucracy and that was shameful."

Asked what he thought of what Aaliyah Riddle had done, Mike McMillan grinned. Raising one finger, McMillan said, "I predict a very bright future for that young lady. Aaliyah Riddle also demonstrated a very important lesson to her peers and our community. Aaliyah

saw the government about to do something wrong and she, along with her friends, spoke up and offered a solution. They made a difference. Their voices were heard loud and clear."

BOUNDS VS THE BILLS

Speaking of the Board of Education, Patti Bounds officially kicked off her campaign for the State House last week. Bounds had originally indicated she was thinking of running against sitting State Representative Bill Dunn. Dunn has served the Sixteenth District for twenty-eight years and is Speaker Pro Tem of the Tennessee House of Representatives. Bounds had floated the idea of challenging Dunn following the passage of Governor Bill Lee's signature legislation, the ESSA bill. Bill Dunn had long been the voice of parental choice in the House of Representatives, as well as the most ardent supporter of vouchers and charter schools. Teachers' unions fiercely oppose both vouchers and charter schools. The Knox County Board of Education has lately been occupied by a slew of retired teachers who are less interested in representing a constituency than a special interest. Bounds' campaign was ignited by teacher outrage over the passage of the ESSA legislation, which would have only applied to schools designated as failing and largely helped minority students. Patti Bounds gave a hurrah when a local judge ruled the ESSA bill unconstitutional on her Facebook page.

Bounds faces County Commissioner Michele Carringer inside the Republican primary to get to Nashville. Carringer has the advantage of having run inside Republican primaries before, while Bounds has never run a partisan race. The folks pushing Patti Bounds to run against Bill Dunn are not exactly Republican activists and likely haven't supported a GOP nominee since Richard Nixon. Those same folks won't likely be supporting either Bill Hagerty or Manny Sethi for the U. S.

Senate or Tim Burchett for Congress. Karen Carson, a long-time member of the board of education, tried to make the jump to the House of Representatives and even had the tacit support of the governor at the time, Bill Haslam. Jason Zachary cleaned her clock.

Bounds has served a couple of terms as chair of the board of education before being beaten by a colleague. Patti Bounds has carefully avoided controversial issues form the most part and what she knows about the issues facing a state attempting to find its way in a faltering economy. Would Bounds be one of those who would still vote to increase the salaries of teachers - - - and the average teacher makes \$48,700 annually in Knox County - - - while so many folks are out of work and businesses have closed? Probably.

This will be the first real test of Patti Bounds' popularity inside the district, as she's never faced an opponent before. A former kindergarten teacher running on a single issue - - - maintaining the teachers' monopoly on education - - - may find it rough going opposing the Bills - - - Lee and Dunn - - - inside an honest-to-God Republican primary.

REALLY???

One of the eternal oddities about the political process is the absolute certainty some wayward politician will attempt toglom onto an issue or outcome for his/her own personal political gain. Mind you, it matters not at all that he/she had nothing to do with the eventual outcome. I don't doubt for a moment if sunshine and warmer weather does indeed kill the Corona Virus, MSNBC will give Andrew Cuomo the credit for it. Everybody knows the sun would never shine for Trump. Such is the case with a local internet poster who is trying awfully hard to insist the credit for the recent announcement by the school system to allow families into the graduation ceremonies belongs to Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Commissioner-At-Large Justin Biggs. As already printed in this

column, if that credit belongs to anybody, it belongs to Mike McMillan. Mayor Glenn Jacobs did give the school folks a big wake-up call with his vocal dismay at the notion of banning families from graduation ceremonies. Mayor Jacobs also promised the cooperation of the Health Department. What did Justin Biggs have to do with anything? Good question. Biggs had as much to do with the outcome of the graduation ceremony decision as our little dog, Sophie. And Sophie Hunley doesn't even know schools exist, or Justin Biggs either for that matter.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

It never ceases to amaze me how much time our national media - - - and some of our local media - - - focuses on nothing. We even have people protesting about nothing these days. For instance, Sheriff Tom Spangler just renewed his department's agreement with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. Knox County opted into the agreement in 2017 and Spangler stated in a video statement the Knox County Sheriff's office would NOT be prowling through neighborhoods looking for people here illegally. Spangler made it crystal clear he and his department would only be interested in those who have committed crimes. Government has no higher responsibility than the safety and welfare of its citizens. It is called law enforcement for a reason. The new reality is we have a bunch of folks who really don't want to see the law upheld or enforced. The Allies of Knoxville's Immigrant Neighbors said the Knox County Sheriff's office cooperating with ICE "threatens the well-being of our community."

The logic is pretty simple: don't commit a crime and you have nothing to worry about. That doesn't threaten anybody's well-being. Ignoring criminals threatens an entire community's well-being.

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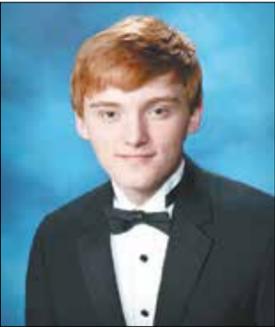
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Gina Oster kicked off her campaign recently for state House of Representatives, District 18. Gina is pictured with husband, Stanton Oster and granddaughter, Savannah, 11 months old.

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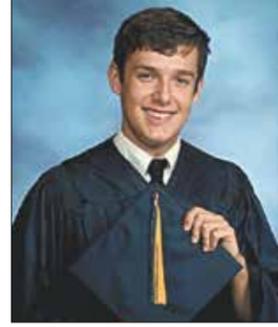
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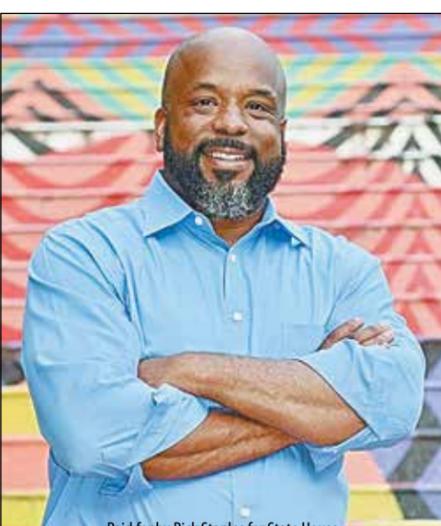
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Helping the homeless, development on Beeler Rd., 'culturizing' an old school: Planning Commission hears a variety

By Bill Howard

Some of the city and county changes likely to occur as a result of the monthly meeting of Knoxville-Knox County Planning held Thursday, May 14 include: Rev. Dr. Bruce Spangler is closer to getting final approval for his supportive housing facility; Beeler Farms Subdivision is likely to receive 44 residential lots; and an out-of-use

school could be revived to contribute to the city's cultural landscape.

The commission passed all requests unanimously. Spangler's location is on the corner of E. 5th Ave and Winona Street in Council District 6. The CEO of Volunteer Ministry Center wants to turn an existing facility into a 48-unit supportive housing operation that will also contain a

community building, a laundry room, and staff offices. The facility is currently owned by Positively Living, which also offers services to the homeless.

A public input meeting on the matter last summer played to a packed house, and brought out vigorous opposition. Among the objections were the facility's intrusion into the recreational area of Caswell

Park and how the facility's residents might change neighborhood dynamics. Like cities all across the country, Knoxville faces an ongoing homelessness problem.

"We did publish a public benefits statement that I hope was clear and precise," said Spangler. "First and foremost it protects the current use that's already there for supportive

housing. It adds additional units for a total of 48. And it's designed to enable us to use what we've learned from Minvilla Manor, the supportive housing facility we've been operating for the past 10 years. We're excited about this project."

"It's exciting to see this as a planned development," said Executive Director Gerald Green. "This is a great opportunity for the

long-term ministry center. By changing the zoning this will benefit the community as a whole."

Approval was subject to three conditions: a final plan to be submitted to the planning commission for review, the final plan to include engineering details requested by the city's engineering department, and a final plan on landscaping to

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Neighborhood group bakes treats for teachers

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Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated earlier this month and the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association decided to cook up something special. Debbie Sharp, Knoxville's Neighborhood Coordinator, told The Focus what happened.

The association's School Outreach Committee adopted the teacher assistants at Dogwood Elementary.

Debbie's mom, Dianne, cooked up batches of cookies. Debbie packaged the goodies, Janine Al-Aseer printed notes to attach to the cookies and Janine and Kara Strouse took them to school as the teacher assistants were returning to the school to retrieve their belongings.

The school was closed, as all schools were, because of the pandemic. The cookies were just the neighborhood's way of saying "We Appreciate You."



PHOTO BY DEBBIE SHARP

Dianne Sharp checks on her cookies that would later be given to teaching assistants at Woodlawn Elementary to show the neighborhood's appreciation.

Five COVID-19-related items on City Agenda

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Five different resolutions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be before the Knoxville City Council when it meets Tuesday.

The council is being asked to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with the Community Action Committee for \$203,893 in Housing and Urban Development funds for "homeless protection" as part of the city's response to the crisis. The Community Development Department is making the request.

Also being asked is to agree to a subgrantee agreement with CAC for \$196,107 in HUD finds for public service and housing assistance, also requested by that department.

Another resolution would permit the mayor to execute an agreement with the Knoxville Leadership Foundation and Compassion Coalition for \$200,000 in HUD funds for public service and housing assistance during the pandemic.

The Community Development Department is also asking for \$433,028 in HUD Community Development Block Grants for public

services by the Knox Housing Partnership and HomeSource East Tennessee for public services and housing assistance.

Another COVID-19 resolution seeks \$13.2 million from the Federal Transit Administration to help cover operating expenses of the city transit system and replace lost revenue.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker is asking fellow council members to support "immediate enactments of federal legislation" to ensure health care coverage for everyone in the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the recovery period.

Seven council members are asking for a resolution to Governor Bill Lee and members of the local state legislators to "consider a path forward" to accept Medicaid expansion in the state.

Mayor Indya Kincannon is seeking approval of several nominations including Jered Croom and Kenneth St. Germain to the Police Advisory and Review Committee. She is also naming Jacqueline Dent to the Planning Commission.

Coming up on second and final reading is annual appropriations to city departments and agencies as part of the

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Behavioral Center before council for funding

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Operating at a reduced budget and staff this past year, the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center is still open. Last year the state dropped all its funding for the center and Helen Ross McNabb's chief executive officer, Jerry Vagnier, turned to the city and county for help.

Both boosted their contributions to the

facility located at 5310 Ball Camp Pike. The center went from a \$3 million a year budget, with 75% paid by the state, to \$1.5 million. The center offers treatment to low level offenders arrested by the police and county and given a choice of jail or staying in the center for 72 hours to help with addiction and mental illness.

During the first year's operation in 2018, the center reported 79% of

the patients had mental health problems, 74% were uninsured, and about 50% were homeless. The center has 16 beds for patients.

On Tuesday the Knoxville City Council is being asked by the city law department to authorize Mayor Indya Kincannon to continue the commitment to the center. Law Director Charles Swanson told The Focus Wednesday that the three-year

contract agreement with the county, Helen Ross McNabb Center and the city will keep the city's share the same as last year.

"The extension of this contract calls for an annual contribution by the city of \$560,000 and the county's contribution annually will be \$840,000," Swanson said. The funding is for one year with a three-year commitment.

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Focusing on House Seat 15, I

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East Knoxville's seat in the Tennessee Legislature may be up for grabs.

Representative Rick Staples faces three other Democrats in the upcoming primary: former Knox County Commissioner Sam McKenzie, Matthew Park and Ovi Kabir. Park is a business and technology consultant and Kabir is a digital marketing consultant and appeared on the television show "Big Brother 21."

Whoever wins the Democratic nomination in August will face Independent candidate Troy B. Jones.

The Knoxville Focus asked each of the candidates several questions and here are their answers in the order they replied.

Make a statement on undocumented workers within our state.

Staples: Undocumented Citizens must be allowed a pathway to receiving

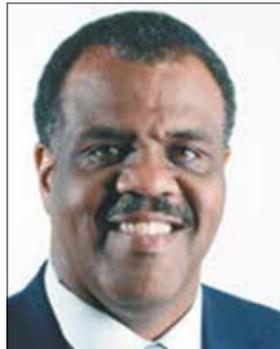


Ovi Kabir

citizenship. Removing the focus of criminality from the conversion. Instead using policies, that provides assistance for a productive pathway.

McKenzie: While I believe in legal processes, spending significant funds and space in law enforcement facilities makes little sense. There should be a path to citizenship for those who were born in this country.

Park: Tennessee should be a sanctuary for all people, regardless of their citizenship status. All people should have the ability to work, pay taxes, send their children to public school, and see a doctor without fear of imprisonment. Unfortunately, Tennessee cannot change the federal immigration



Sam McKenzie

policy, but we can keep ICE from destroying our communities and the lives of our immigrant neighbors. We should implement a state-wide ban on 287(g), the program allowing local law enforcement to act on behalf of ICE.

Kabir: It is important that our policies acknowledge that immigrants are not outsiders but a vital part to both our workforce, community, and state. Being a first-generation American and the son of immigrants, I understand that undocumented workers came to this nation to pursue the American Dream. While the pathways my family took into this country were different than those of undocumented workers, the treatment and respect



Matthew Park

shouldn't differ. We must create pathways for these workers to gain legal status and citizenship as well as boost protections for those immigrants who report labor violations.

Should health care be a priority and would you support extending Medicaid in Tennessee? Explain.

Staples: Healthcare is not a privilege, it's a right. I've gone on record with my beliefs, that Tennessee will never be successful, unless it's inner-city and rural areas are healthy. The current pandemic,



Rick Staples

how it's disproportionately effecting Black and Brown people. The poor of Tennessee, yields itself as witness, that Tennessee must expand Healthcare. The loss of billions of dollars will show, as our Great State recovers from this Pandemic.

McKenzie: Healthcare is absolutely a priority, and a right of all people. Passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010 was a huge victory. Tennessee should have passed Gov. Haslam's Insure Tennessee Legislation to expand Medicaid, as we are leaving significant funding on the table for other states to claim.

Park: Healthcare is a human right. During my time serving as an EMT,

I directly saw the need to expand healthcare coverage and access. We should expand Medicaid and immediately begin to open up hospitals and medical centers, especially in East Knoxville. We should target reducing the rate of infant mortality in Tennessee by implementing programs such as Baby Boxes and requiring doula care as part of public and private health coverage.

Kabir: Health care is a priority to my campaign, and I believe any candidate running on a progressive platform should make it their priority as well. Being the son of a doctor who served his community in rural Tennessee, I saw firsthand the dire need of a more inclusive health care system. It is no secret that Tennessee ranks in the top percentage of country for capita for rural hospital closures and every day that we fail to expand Medicaid in our state, our communities suffer. So I fully support Medicaid expansion in Tennessee because every citizen of this state should be able to see a doctor regardless of their financial situation.

Life during the pandemic

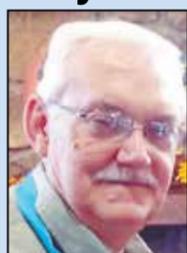
My family and I have been fairly isolated for the past several weeks. The longer we stay cocooned, except for outings for prescription refills and food—which is seldom, the more interesting life becomes.

We have worked on yard and home projects as we've got lots to do inside and out. I've suffered a bit with a pulled lower back but that's better and both my wife, Lettie, and I are keeping up activity in and around the house.

It's always a struggle to keep up two acres of lawn and repair or clean a large four-bedroom house but we do. I admit Lettie does most of it and cooks and vacuums, etc. She's younger than I am and has a lot more persistence and drive than I do. She's managed to put in a small garden during the pandemic and I fenced it in to discourage rabbits.

Getting out for medicine refills is getting scary.

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Most people are out without masks. By far and away the largest number of younger people are shopping with no protection at all and not keeping a distance between themselves and others.

Most store clerks are wearing masks and a few wear gloves.

I follow the COVID-19 local count each day and the number of deaths locally is declining. The number of cases continues to climb although it seems to have slowed.

The most vulnerable portion of the population is the elderly and that includes my wife and I. Our adult boys come and go, hopefully, always wearing their masks. My wife put a sign on our back door that says "Use Hand Cleaner before Entering" and a bottle of it sits on the banister on the back porch.

Lettie has designed and sewed some masks with a wire over the nose and we both wear those when out.

We worry about our sons when they visit and hope they are protecting themselves and others when they are away.

Covering meetings on the internet or on CTV Knoxville is a lot different than being in a live meeting. Interviewing people for stories on the phone or internet is awkward and time consuming. I've learned to voice or video record meetings and interviews.

Working with the staff of The Knoxville Focus is pretty much business as usual and they have been great. I always write my stories from my home and email them to the paper. I've noticed that being home doesn't provide many photo opportunities for stories and I've gone to my photo library for a few.

Research is a bit limited to the internet and my own library and my "Day Away" columns are pretty limited to places a family can drive to without getting into a crowd. I am so fortunate to have a position where I can continue to work.

The Zoom meetings of commission, council, and others take longer than usual because every item must be voted on in a roll call vote. I've noticed that

the public forums, if held at all, always involve the same citizens who want to speak. Some of those are interesting and some are just attacks on whatever body is meeting.

I have elected officials calling me or emailing me with comments or story ideas and some of those play out. I also have public officials that simply want to check on me to see how I am doing.

As frustrating as living at home during the pandemic has been, it could be a lot worse. I've been following the trials and fears of a family whose relative has been in the hospital for weeks. They were not, for many days, allowed to visit him and he's elderly and confused.

A simple fall and a broken hip have taken him from a fairly healthy older man to a man at the edge of death. Waiting and wondering how someone is doing when you can't see them is awful. Not knowing is worse sometimes than knowing.

I've been in touch with my brother and sister, one in Louisiana and one in California, and they are both staying home and are safe. My grandson, who lives with us, is safe as well. My wife has been in touch with her sisters and their families and, so far, they are safe also.

I'm sure that once public meetings are held again I'll attend with a mask and gloves. I'm not fond of wearing the mask and my glasses often fog up but I'd like to be around a few more years for my family, my profession, and my own sake.

Once disputed lots being officially added to Caswell Park

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It is odd how a hot news story about a neighborhood's fight against the city last year can almost disappear. What started as a shout ends this week as a whimper.

Last year the city's plans to take three adjoining lots on Fifth Avenue at Myrtle Street and donate them to the Volunteer Ministry Center for homeless housing caused an uproar of objections from the Parkridge Community. Arguments went back and forth between opponents and the city in several public hearings. The neighborhood argument was not that they opposed housing the homeless but they wanted to preserve those street side lots as part of Caswell Park.

The city countered that the grassy knolls there were never really part of the park and were needed so VMA could build the housing there.

The disagreements were finally settled when the city moved to close the part of Myrtle Street that separated the tracts from the adjoining

housing unit, permitting VMA to use that land to expand the current building.

From then until now the three little parcels of 9,158 square feet sat empty and all but forgotten as the dust settled between the neighborhood and the city.

The parcels make an unannounced appearance at the next city council meeting as two simple agenda items. One revises the Central City Sector Plan and the other returns the lots to the park, officially.

"Before she left office Mayor Rogero requested of the Parks and Recreation Department to incorporate the three parcels into Caswell Park and to work with the neighborhood residents and program the space to complement existing park amenities," the ordinance says.

"Her letter to residents indicated Mayor Kincannon's agreement to this compromise. Some plans show the parcels as part of the park and some do not," the item continues.

The parcels will move from O-1 Office zoning to O5-2, Open Space.

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The Department of Engineering is asking the council for an agreement with the state for traffic signal improvements for \$2.6 million and also to accept an additional grant of \$6.3 million with a local match for advanced traffic management.

The city council may also vote to finally declare three parcels on Fifth Street as Open Space, returning the disputed lots to Caswell Park.

Rezoning requests for properties on Middlebrook Pike and Washington Pike are also on the agenda.

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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XV

Pages from the Past



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With the election of Kenneth D. McKellar to the United States Senate, the senatorial ambitions of Tennessee's governors became a trifle more circumspect. Some like Gordon Browning never really gave up the desire to go to the U. S. Senate. A congressman for twelve years, Browning ran for the Senate in 1934 and lost to the incumbent, Nathan L. Bachman, in the primary. It was only after his losing bid for the United States Senate Browning finally became governor. Prentice Cooper eyed the Senate seat of Tom Stewart in 1942, but eventually chose to run for a third two-year term as governor. Cooper did run for the U. S. Senate, albeit fourteen years after his last term as governor expired.

The men Tennesseans chose to represent them in the U. S. Senate came from different political backgrounds. Tennessee's longest serving senator, Kenneth McKellar, had been a congressman before defeating an incumbent senator and two former governors to get to the Senate. John Knight Shields had been Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and his successor, Lawrence D. Tyson had been elected to no higher office than representative in the Tennessee House of Representatives, albeit he had served as Speaker of the House. William E. Brock was a successful businessman; Cordell Hull had a long career in the House of Representatives before being elected to the Senate in 1930. Nathan L. Bachman, a former justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, was appointed to serve following Cordell Hull's resignation from the Senate to become President Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of State. Bachman won two elections before dying of a heart attack a few months into his first full six-year term. George L. Berry had never been elected to anything and was a labor leader when Governor Gordon Browning appointed him to serve until the next election following the death of Nathan Bachman. Berry was defeated by Tom Stewart in a 1938 special election; Stewart had been a local district attorney before being elected to the Senate.

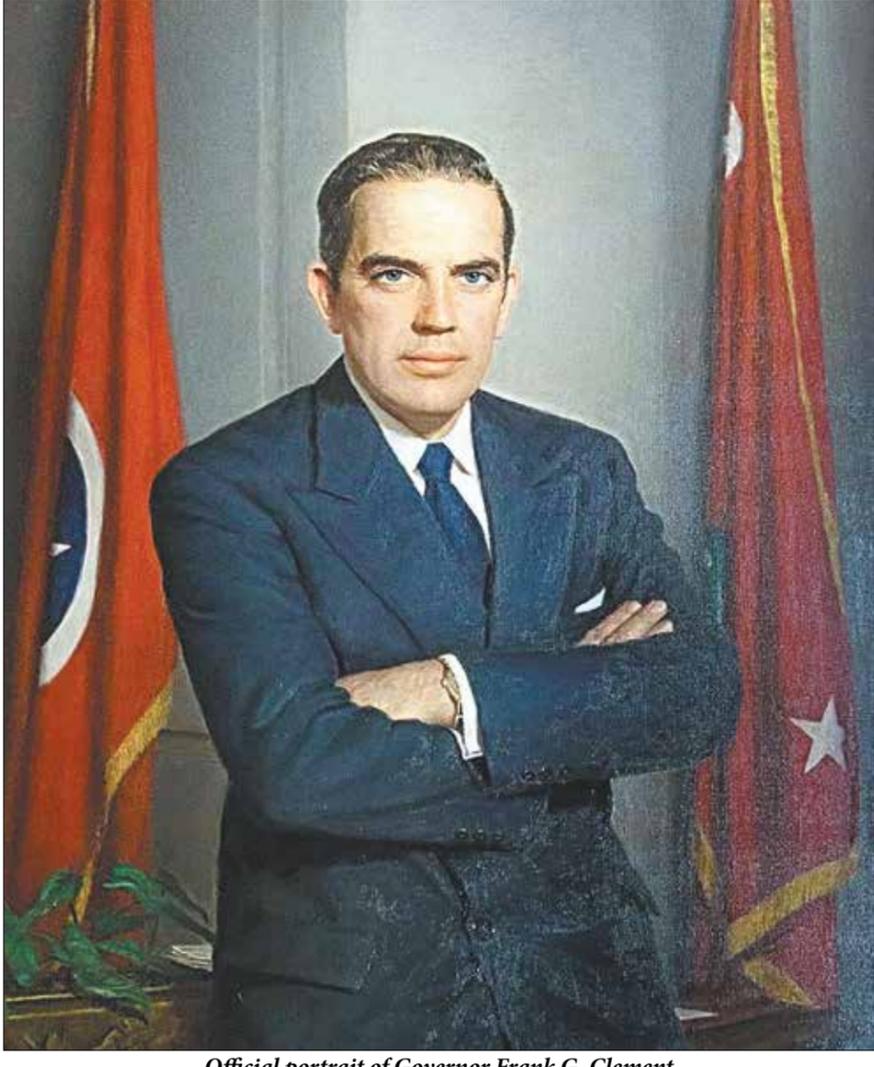
Tom Stewart lost to Congressman Estes Kefauver in 1948 and McKellar, old and frail, finally was toppled by Congressman Albert Gore in 1952. Kefauver died in office and his death sparked two of the hardest fought Democratic primaries in Tennessee's history, with

Congressman Ross Bass beating Governor Frank Clement and Howard Baker in 1964. Two years later, Clement beat Bass and lost to Republican Howard Baker, who had never held elective office before winning a seat in the Senate in 1966. Congressman Bill Brock beat Senator Albert Gore in 1970 and he lost his seat in 1976 to Jim Sasser, who had never held elective office. Senator Baker retired in 1984 and his Senate seat was won by Congressman Albert Gore, Jr. Sasser was defeated in 1994 by Dr. Bill Frist, who had never held elective office prior to being elected to the U. S. Senate. Likewise, Fred Thompson, sometime lawyer, sometime actor, beat Congressman Jim Cooper in the 1994 special election to fill out the remainder of Vice President Al Gore's term of office. The incumbent, Harlan Mathews, did not run. Bob Corker had been mayor of Chattanooga before being elected to the U. S. Senate.

Since Tennessee began popularly electing U.S. senators in 1916, only one former governor has made it to the United States Senate: Lamar Alexander. Since Tennesseans could cast ballots and select their own senators, they seem to have preferred promoting congressmen to the U. S. Senate.

In 1934, former governor Ben W. Hooper tried for a second time to defeat Kenneth D. McKellar. Hooper joined forces with Lewis Pope, who had bolted the Democratic Party and ran as an Independent in the general election. Twice elected governor by a combine of Republicans and Independent Democrats known as "fusionists", Hooper may have hoped lightning would strike again. McKellar was too personally popular and too well entrenched and crushed Hooper, effectively extinguishing his political career. Former governor Prentice Cooper had flirted with the idea of running for the U. S. Senate several times and finally made the race in 1958, opposing Senator Albert Gore. Cooper had originally campaigned to win back the governorship, but eventually switched to the Senate race. Despite a well-funded and organized campaign, Cooper lost decisively.

1952 was the year the old order went out in Tennessee; Congressman Albert Gore defeated Senator K. D. McKellar and thirty-two year old Frank G. Clement beat veteran Governor Gordon Browning. Two years later, Clement became the first governor to win a four-year term, once again easily turning



Official portrait of Governor Frank G. Clement

back a determined challenge by Gordon Browning. Clement could not seek reelection in 1958 and after six years as governor, he thought about running against Senator Albert Gore. Clement decided to wait and made a political comeback in 1962, winning a third term as governor. Several months into his term of office, Senator Estes Kefauver unexpectedly died. Clement appointed Herbert "Hub" Walters to fill the vacancy. Seventy-one years old, few thought Walters would run in the 1964 special election to serve the two years remaining on Kefauver's term. Most believed Walters would serve as a placeholder while Clement sought election to the United States Senate. Congressman Ross Bass had served in Congress for ten years and made the decision to seek the Democratic nomination. Frank Clement had every reason to feel confident that he could easily win the nomination; Bass had never been elected to statewide office or run outside his own congressional district. Clement had been elected governor three times, winning both the primary and general elections six times. Frank Clement had never lost an election. Frank Clement also had the extra-added advantage of heading a state administration, rich in patronage and appointees who would coalesce behind his candidacy. Clement looked to be quite a formidable candidate.

Initially, Clement held back as there was intense speculation former governor Buford Ellington would be a candidate for the late Estes Kefauver's seat. Once upon a time, Clement and Ellington had been close; indeed, Ellington had succeeded Clement as governor in 1959 after having served as Clement's Commissioner of Agriculture for the better part of six years. Yet there was good reason to believe whatever friendship there

had been between Clement and Ellington had faded.

Less than a month after Kefauver's death, Congressman Bass was off on "a listening tour" of Tennessee to see what reaction Democrats had to his possible candidacy for the Senate. Bass started his tour in West Tennessee and immediately reported he liked what he was hearing. "Up to this point," the Congressman said, "I'm still encouraged by the response I've had from people interested in electing a U. S. senator in 1964." While visiting Jackson, Tennessee, Bass was careful to say should he run for the Senate, it was not against any particular person, but rather "to win the race." "I think the major issues for the Senate seat held by the late Sen. Estes Kefauver will be experience in the House and the political philosophy of the candidate," Bass said, which also happened to emphasize his own political experience to the detriment of that of Frank Clement. Bass opined the people of Tennessee likely wanted "the Bass philosophy."

Thought to be slightly more liberal than Clement, Bass tried to define his political philosophy. "I don't conform to political ideologies," Bass insisted. "I call myself a good Democrat and vote for the best interest of my people. I don't vote for the people of Mississippi or Alabama nor do I vote for those in New York or New Jersey."

While Bass sounded like a certain candidate, he made it quite clear, "I have no desire just to run for the Senate", instead he wanted to be sure if he ran, there would be more than adequate financial and popular support for his campaign. Moving on to Memphis to take the political pulse of the community, Ross Bass again stressed his moderation. "I am neither liberal nor conservative in the common vernacular," he said. Bass certainly sounded like a conservative as he touted a tax cut proposed by President John F. Kennedy's administration. Bass, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, also took the opportunity to obliquely criticize the state tax increases imposed by the Clement administration. "I am happy we will be able to give sizable tax relief at the national level to ease the burden of increased state taxes in recent months," Bass told reporters. The congressman had hurried back to Washington, D.C. to take part in the final deliberations of the Ways and Means Committee on the tax cut bill.

Within a month of Senator Estes Kefauver's death and weeks after Congressman Ross Bass begin his "listening tour" there were troubling signs for Governor Frank

Clement. Matt Lynch, head of Tennessee's State Labor Council, said he "guessed" the majority of his membership would favor Bass over Clement. Lynch denied there had been an significant conversations about the senatorial race, but once labor made its choice inside the Democratic primary, it would support its favorite "energetically and at a grass-roots level."

As Bass toured Tennessee, so did wealthy businessman M. M. Bullard. Bullard admitted he did not much care for the notion of running against Ross Bass, saying, "I would like to run against Frank Clement. I would rather do that than go fishing." Bullard told reporters his political philosophy was that of a "conservative liberal." Bullard explained he had supported the late Estes Kefauver "about 95 percent of" the time, but cautioned he was a businessman and while he believed in a progressive tax program, he wished to see a balanced budget. "I'm not in favor of spending billions and billions to go to the moon," Bullard said. The Newport businessman complained he did not like the increased taxes raised under Governor Clement. He said he would wait to see what Clement did with the extra money raised, a notion that rankled the Kingsport News, who snapped in an editorial, Clement was spending the money "for increased pay for school teachers, to build technical and vocational schools, expand the mental health program, give prison guards more pay and shorter hours, build and improve more roads and all the other things that the LEGISLATURE said the money would go for." The Kingsport News sniffed, "However, these are state matters and do not concern U. S. senators."

With Nancy Kefauver's definitive statement she would not be a candidate, Congressman Ross Bass quickly put out a statement of his own praising the senator's widow. "I believe now with this doubt removed among Sen. Kefauver's friends that a decision on a candidate may come at an early date," Bass said.

For a few days the prospective candidacy of Senator Kefauver's widow, Nancy, caught fire. Speculation ran rampant Mrs. Kefauver might run for the senatorial nomination until the feisty redhead put a stop to it.

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Betty Sharp, Community Leader



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They first appeared in my column on the front page of The Focus, September 10, 2012, "Volunteers of Time and Talent." In their retirement, Betty and Clayton Sharp dedicated endless hours to a number of worthwhile causes in the Gibbs Community and far beyond.

In 2012, they were among the Senior Stars honored for their volunteer work by Covenant Health. For years, the Sharps did volunteer work at St. Mary's Medical Center (now closed) and Tennova Residential Hospice. Betty used her talents to

crochet caps for chemo patients and newborns. Their volunteer work expanded to cousin John Rice Irwin's Museum of Appalachia where Clayton worked as a blacksmith. The Sharps were active members of Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church and often visited the sick and shut-ins as long as their health would allow.

Betty worked for 32 years in the Knox County School System, following in her father's footsteps. Focus readers may remember Professor H. G. Loy, often called "Prof Loy,"

who served as principal at Gibbs High School as well as Central High School.

Our father went to school with Clayton and Betty; my brother and I went to school with their sons, Rancy and Monty. We lost Betty in October 2019, and the Gibbs Community lost a great friend. Even in later years after being a teacher, Betty was a great role model. Her volunteer spirit and the work she did to help others leaves us with such a wonderful example of the many ways we can be a light in the lives of others.



Picture of Betty Sharp as a third-grade teacher at Gibbs Elementary School, The Eagle Yearbook, 1968.

Only thing we can't catch is a break

How's it going? Are you at wit's end? Have you had enough family time? Is teaching your children going well? I know the answer to most of these questions but thought I'd spark emotions just a bit.

I saw an article the other day that talked about us Baby Boomers. It said that we started out our lives with the fear of polio and the crippling effects that came with it. Now that we're in the later years, we're the "at-risk" group most likely to die from Covid-19. Some might whine that it seems our generation just can't catch a break. The truth is that we old people have always faced some kind of disease that could take us out rather quickly.

Although the chicken pox wasn't so dangerous, it proved to be an extremely miserable sickness for children. A fever accompanied



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a breakout of sores that looked terrible. Parents tried to soothe the little ones with oatmeal baths, creams, and even fans. In some instances, the sores disappeared but left scars that were

constant reminder of the disease.

All of us Baby Boomers received a smallpox vaccination. Some nurse came in and jabbed a needle in the upper arm several times. The place scabbed over and eventually healed. Look at many old folks' arms, and you'll see a scar from that vaccination. Some were twisted circles while others looked more like craters. No one questioned receiving the prevention; children who came to school without one were lined up and given the vaccinations so that they could stay in school.

Mumps hit us as well. Throats were sore, and

necks and jaws were swollen. The whole body ached as a fever spiked. Staying in bed was about the only thing to do. Normally active children just lay around feeling lousy until the virus ran its course. Adults who contracted the disease were even more at risk, some dying from severe cases.

Measles sailed through children like wildfire back in our younger years. The three-day measles wasn't such a bad thing. A rash appeared but was mild and lasted only a short time. The hard measles laid children low. Fever, eye redness, and fatigue were symptoms. However, pneumonia and encephalitis also could hit. The problem was that most people didn't know they had the virus until the rash appeared.

Thanks to science, the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine became available, and it wiped out the disease for the most part, at least until

anti-vaxxers asserted their rights to not immunize their children. The spread of measles is now real again. Shouldn't anti-vaxxers' rights not to immunize their children end when they infringe upon others' rights to protect their children?

So, here we are with a coronavirus sweeping through the country. We old people are seriously at risk, but so are all age groups. Over a million cases with more than 80,000 deaths have been reported. Folks are itching to return to normal, but that just can't happen now. If it does, the second wave of the virus will hit, and all of us will be locked down again.

We Baby Boomers have a responsibility once again to lead the way. We must practice "social distancing" and the use of masks and gloves when we must go out. We've been through the virus wars all our lives; let's make sure we do the right things so that younger folks follow and learn well.

Planning Commission

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But this is kind of a narrow piece of property. Unless we start telling people on the front end 'this is what we expect, then we're not gonna approve you,' then I think otherwise this is good."

An out-of-use school owned by Jim English sits at 4333 Galbraith School Road, adjacent to South-Doyle Middle School. Logan Higgins wants to turn the place into something that will enhance the area's cultural diversity. The zoning is Single-Family Residential Neighborhood; the proposed use is "adaptive reuse."

Higgins sees a time when the building will be home to, among other things, artist studios, an art gallery, and maybe a day-care center, as well as residential and commercial uses.

"The idea is that it will be mixed-use," said Higgins. "There's parking; there's access to streets. It's a 20,000 square-foot building with a lot of different architectural types in it. I think it would really lend itself to a mixed-use type of use."

Commissioner Janice Tocher was all for the plan, partly because of its proximity to her house. "This is in my neighborhood," she said. "Anything done with that property would be very nice in my opinion. And I appreciate your involvement."

Higgins also wants the location to become a Wildlife Habitat Certified member.

The next planning meeting is scheduled to take place online on June 11.

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Mary Austin Slate, West's female Student-Athlete of the Year, overcame injuries to help Lady Rebels advance to Sub-State her senior season. Alex Magnuson is West High's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Slate helps return West to volleyball glory days

By Steve Williams

West High School's volleyball program turned back the clock last season and Mary Austin Slate had a lot to do with it.

Slate, a four-year starter on the varsity team, was "a huge factor in transforming the team from a 10-win season as a freshman to a regular season district championship and district tournament runner-up finish as a junior for the first time in 30 years," said Head

Coach Jessica Lee.

Mary Austin, West's female Student-Athlete of the Year, didn't stop there either.

"She overcame a back injury and broken finger in her senior season and helped the team advance even further with a Region 2-AAA runner-up showing, which earned a trip to the Sub-State," continued Lee.

In the Region 2-AAA finals at Oak Ridge last fall, Farragut

captured the title, but Slate had a strong third set.

"Mary Austin's attitude and energetic personality is something that every coach hopes for to build a team around," summed up Coach Lee.

Slate was team captain for two years, team co-MVP as a junior and All-District 4-AAA two years.

Mary Austin also was a high jumper for both the indoor and outdoor track teams in her prep

career at West.

Magnuson was top scorer and captain in soccer

Soccer standout Alex Magnuson is West High's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Magnuson was a four-year varsity player and three-year starter for the Rebels. He was the leading goal scorer and voted team

captain the past two seasons.

"Alex is an outstanding young man," said West Coach Alex Walls. "He is a natural leader on and off the field, especially through his work ethic."

"Alex also is the type of student-athlete teachers and coaches love to have around, because of their positive influence on others. West High is proud to have Alex Magnuson represent them."

Davenport was picture-perfect for Lady Falcons



Gayza Davenport strikes a perfect defensive position at third base in a Fulton softball game.

By Steve Williams

Gayza Davenport made quite an impression early in her softball career at Fulton High.

"From the first time I watched Gayza step on the field and hit two home runs against Central as a freshman, I knew she was special," said Christy Brown, a teacher at Fulton who also takes photos for the school's yearbook.

"I have definitely enjoyed watching her play throughout her high school career, and I have no doubt that she will succeed in every endeavor she pursues because of her passion, drive and leadership skills in the classroom and on the field," said Brown.

Davenport, who also played volleyball for the Lady Falcons, was named the FHS female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2019-20.

Fulton (1-1) only got to play a couple of



Gayza Davenport is Fulton's female Student-Athlete of the Year. Softball coach Brian Cochran said, "She has such a passion to be the best at what she does."

softball games this season due to the coronavirus pandemic and Davenport, the team's third baseman, got the Lady Falcons' only hit in a 12-0 loss to Central on March 11.

"I had Gayza for creative writing and I know her from taking pictures," said Brown. "I usually follow Fulton softball because it's my favorite sport, so even when I wasn't taking pictures, I was watching her play."

Brian Cochran was in his first season as Fulton's head softball coach this year and knew he had a prize in Davenport.

"Gayza is a great kid," he said. "She is a multi-sport athlete and an excellent student. She has such a passion to be the best at what she does."

Coach Cochran was impressed with Davenport's "ambition and hard work" along with

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Seymour's Haynes selects Montreat College



Seymour High School senior basketball player Brody Haynes will continue his athletic career and academic pursuits at Montreat College in North Carolina. He had multiple offers but chose to play for the Cavaliers, an NAIA team. Photo by Leslie Mathers/Eagle Photography.

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR – Brody Haynes has decided where he will continue his academic endeavors and basketball career.

Haynes, a senior small forward and shooting guard for the Seymour High School boys basketball team, will attend Montreat College in Montreat, North Carolina just outside of Asheville.

Haynes had multiple offers but he opted for the one that entered late in his recruiting process.

"I had 14 offers and Montreat came in late," he said.

In these times, with the COVID-19 pandemic, Haynes said that he had

to take a virtual tour of the campus. But he said that he made a trip to campus.

"I had to do the virtual tour," he said. "But we took a drive up to the campus and the campus was absolutely gorgeous."

"They have an incredible winning (basketball) program and the academics are strong and it's a good Christian school."

Haynes said that he had multiple offers but in the end, it came down to three schools, King's College in New York City, King University in Bristol and Montreat.

With his decision to head to North Carolina, he'll be staying relatively close to home and while that wasn't

necessarily a priority, he's glad to be close to home at a small college.

"I think it was more, if I could find a school close to home, they would have the upper hand but it wasn't really a big factor in my decision," Haynes said. "I like the small campus and I like the small class size."

A salutatorian at Seymour High, Haynes said he looks to study history, journalism and biblical studies. He has aspirations to work for the Central Intelligence Agency.

In addition to its academics, Haynes said that he felt like he might get a chance to play for the Cavaliers and contribute early

"I thought that I might be able and play and make an impact there early," he said.

With the recruiting process behind him, Haynes expressed gratitude to Eagles' coach Blake Carr, AAU coaches John Robi-nette and Taylor Creswell and his family for their support and assistance.

"I have so many people to thank," he said. "So many people helped me to get here."

"I'd like to thank my family. My dad has been like my agent. I'd like to thank my (high school) coach, Blake Carr, and my AAU coaches, John Robi-nette and Taylor Creswell."

Phillips resigns as Austin-East football coach

By Ken Lay

He rebuilt the football program at his alma mater but on Monday, May 11, Austin-East football coach Jeff Phillips resigned his post.

He posted a video on Twitter announcing his decision.

He said that he and his wife are relocating to Georgia to pursue other career opportunities.

"I'm making it all official. I'll be resigning as the head football coach at Austin-East High School," Phillips said in the video. "Me and my wife will be actually moving on to Georgia for a new opportunity and I'm excited about that."

During his time as head coach of the Roadrunners, football was a family affair for Phillips.

"My wife and my mom worked in the concession stand and didn't see a home game during my seven seasons," said Phillips who played on a state championship team and graduated from Austin-East in 2003.

He returned home to be the football coach a decade later after the Roadrunners were coming off a losing season.

The early days for him were hard as the Roadrunners won just three games in his first two seasons in 2013 and 2014. Under his guidance, the team went 1-9 in his first season and won just two games in his second campaign.

In 2015, the Roadrunners went 9-3 before losing to Hampton in the second round of the Class 2A Playoffs."

But he leaves Austin-East with a 52-33 overall record and five consecutive playoff appearances.

"I think our program is in a great state," Phillips said. "I just want to thank you guys for all the support, past and present."

"You guys mean the world to me for all the effort you guys put in. Good luck to everybody and Go Roadrunners."

After the first two seasons, Phillips restored the Roadrunners to past gridiron glory. He guided them to the Class 2A State Semifinals in 2016. In each of the last three seasons, Austin-East has reached the Class 3A State Quarterfinals.

Davenport was picture-perfect for Lady Falcons



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the drive she has to be the best student-athlete she can be.

"A lot of her teammates look up to her as a leader," he added. "This school will miss her deeply."

Fulton male honoree is a basketball gem

Edward Lacey is Fulton High's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

The exciting 5-8 point guard leaves Fulton as the second leading scorer in school history with 1,804 points.

"Lots of bigger players

in town but no one with a bigger heart," tweeted Fulton Coach Jody Wright in April.

Lacey was a two-time All-State player and TSSAA Mr. Basketball finalist this past season plus a two-time Player of the Year in District 4-AA and an All-Region 2-AA honoree three years.

He helped lead the Falcons to the state finals in 2018 and 2019.

"What a great career for this young man," added Coach Wright.

Lacey reportedly will play at Scotland Campus Sports prep school in Chambersburg, Pa., next season.

Fulton point guard Edward Lacey stops on a dime in a game against Scott High this season. Photo by Christy Brown/Fulton Yearbook Staff.

Lyons named girls soccer coach at Farragut High

By Ken Lay

Soccer has almost always been a part of life for Kristen Lyons and now, she's bringing her love of the game to Farragut High School.

"There's not a day that goes by that I'm not out kicking a ball with my kids," said Lyons, who was tapped to replace Drew Payne as coach of the Lady Admirals recently. "I started playing soccer when I was nine. I played rec soccer and then I played club soccer and I played middle school soccer in Kingston and then I played for four years at Kingston High School, and then my senior year, we made it to the Class A/AA State Tournament."

"We played against the big teams then. We played against Lenoir City (Christian Academy of Knoxville and Chattanooga Christian."

After high school, Lyons took her game to Athens and Tennessee Wesleyan, where she played for four years and was a starting defender, playing right back.

After college, she returned to Roane County to coach the Lady Jackets.

"Soccer has just been that one thing that it seems has always been a part of my life," Lyons said. "As a coach, you see players who get burned out and they say that they don't want to play after high school or after college."

"It takes someone special to want to coach."

With the Lady Admirals, Lyons inherits a program rich in tradition and she's well aware of the expectations for the program that has fallen on hard times recently.

"When I played club soccer, we played teams from Tri-Cities to Chattanooga," she said. "And you could always tell which girls were the Farragut girls. You always knew which ones they were."

"I've played against girls from Farragut and they've always had a good program. I did notice that they had fallen off the radar a little bit in the last couple of years."

Lyons is anxious to take

over one of Knoxville's top programs and she said that she's already received support from the school's administration and athletic director Donald Dodgen.

"I've spoken to Mr. Dodgen, and we have our conditioning program in place," she said.

Lyons' most challenging opponent out of the gate may be the Coronavirus pandemic that prematurely ended the academic year and all school activities for the immediate future.

Lyons is part of a soccer family. Her husband, Stephen, is Carson-Newman University's men's coach. The couple has two children. Eva is four and Leo is three.

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Smith has been a hard-working role model for CAK

By Steve Williams

Max Smith has worked at multiple youth football camps over the past four years, but for his senior Capstone Project at Christian Academy of Knoxville, he took that extracurricular activity to another level. Smith coordinated, organized and ran a week-long youth football camp that attracted more than 50 campers (first grade through eighth grade).

It's safe to say Smith, CAK's male Student-Athlete of the Year and winner of the school's annual Warrior Award, made a good impression on his young campers.

"Absolutely," confirmed CAK Coach Travis Mozingo. "He's a role model, whether he's wearing football pads or not."

Max's bio sparkles with his achievements and actions on and off the field during his high school career.

Highlights include being team captain and a Division II-AA All-State linebacker in 2019. He led Knox County in tackles as CAK improved from 3-8 to 8-3 in a year's time and qualified for the playoffs.

Smith also earned a spot on The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County first team as he made 147 total tackles. He also contributed significantly as a wide receiver and on special teams.

In addition to football, Max played on the lacrosse team at CAK.

"What's more impressive than Max's athletic ability is his character, his leadership and his work ethic," said Coach Mozingo. "These qualifications set him apart in our locker room and provided the team with a much needed role model. Max leads through his actions, and that is something that his coaches and teammates recognized about him.

"I can say with confidence that in my 19 years of coaching, I've coached very few athletes that have the integrity and athleticism of Max Smith. It was an absolute joy to watch him grow from a skinny 125-pound freshman into a 175-pound team captain. Max was never outworked in my years of being his coach. This character trait will take him far in his future endeavors."



The Warriors' linebacker had a nose for the ball and led all of Knox County in tackles during the 2019 season.

In academics, Max had an overall GPA of 3.84. Smith also was a Young Life and Blue Crew (CAK Pep Club) member and is an active member of Central Baptist Church in Bearden.

He signed to play football for Wheaton College in Chicago and will major in Business.

Mozingo is a 'perfect example' of Warrior Award recipient

Mackenna Mozingo, Christian Academy of Knoxville's female Student-Athlete of the Year, is the 2019-20 recipient of the school's prestigious Warrior Award, which is presented annually to a senior.

"When you think about the Warrior Award, it embodies a student-athlete who leads not only athletically, but spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally, and Mackenna is a perfect example of a student-athlete who leads in all of these areas," said Abby Williams, the



Mackenna Mozingo puts up a shot down low for the Lady Warriors. Even through the adversity of a career ending basketball injury this season, Head Coach Abby Williams said Mackenna was "the solid rock for her teammates."

school's Assistant Athletic Director and girls head basketball coach.

Mozingo was a three-sport athlete and competed in soccer, basketball and track for the Lady Warriors.

"She has been a leader both on and off the field and court, and competed at the top level in each of her respective sports during her tenure at CAK," added Williams. "Even through the adversity of

a career ending injury (in basketball), she was the solid rock for her teammates.

"I couldn't imagine a more deserving young lady than Mackenna to represent CAK and this award."

Mozingo had a 4.05 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta (Math honor society). She plans to continue her education at the University of Tennessee.

McClamroch and Yoon lead way for Webb School

By Steve Williams

Seniors Michael McClamroch and Audrey Yoon were named Webb School's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year for the 2019-20 school year.

McClamroch stood out in swimming for the Spartans, while Yoon made her mark on the tennis court during her high school career.

Both will continue to compete in their sports on the collegiate level, with Michael signing with Notre Dame and Audrey heading to Claremont-McKenna College, a NCAA Division III member that is located in Claremont, Calif.

According to Matt MacDonald, Head of Upper School at Webb, McClamroch was first-team All-State in the 50 freestyle this year and a four-time state finalist in the 50 and 100 freestyle events over the past two seasons.

A KISL (City) champion also this year, Michael was a two-time team captain for the Webb team, the MVP and the Spartan award winner.

Yoon sparkled on the courts her junior season in 2019, going undefeated en route to the TSSAA Division II-A singles championship. She may have repeated this year, if not for the coronavirus pandemic that forced cancellation of the Spring Fling state championships.

Audrey also earned the Spartan award, according to Webb Athletic Director David Meske.



Michael McClamroch signed to swim collegiately at the University of Notre Dame where he will attend in the fall.



Audrey Yoon of Webb was the Division II-A state singles champion in tennis in 2019.

was a leader on CMA's girls bowling team, while Tanner Brown, a freshman, ran on the Wolves' cross country team.

"Savannah demonstrates leadership skills on and off the lanes," said Coach Dawn. "She is captain of the team and takes initiative to work with underclassmen on their bowling form and etiquette."

"We are very excited to see her leadership skills grow when she is a senior next year."

Hawn also noted Price placed in the top 15 in the District 4 standings with an average of 122 and a high game score of 165 this season.

"Congratulations, Tanner, for earning the male athlete of the year for CMA 2019-20," added Hawn. "We look forward to watching you continue to grow as both an athlete and a leader in the years to come!"

Price and Brown are CMA's selections

Executive Principal and Athletic Director Leanne Hawn sent in Savannah Price and Tanner Brown as Career Magnet Academy's female and male Student-Athletes of the Year.

Price, a junior and dually enrolled at Pellissippi Community College,

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Missing Sports... and Eyeing Their Return

By Mark Nagi

I miss sports like the desert misses the rain.

I never thought the pain would be so severe... so all-encompassing, but here we are.

And you know what? That's ok. We'll get through it.

I've loved sports as long as I have memories. From the joy of watching the USA upset the Soviets on a sheet of ice in upstate New York in 1980, to utter devastation when Dwight Clark made "The Catch" on that cold Northern California night in 1982, sports has always been an important part of my life.

I went to college wanting to be a sportscaster and spent more than fifteen years working full-time in the business. After quitting to spend more time with my family (so cliché) I still found ways

to scratch that itch as a freelancer.

But my real enjoyment has always been as a fan. The ability to forget about everything else going on for a couple of hours... your job, your mortgage, and all those responsibilities that make adulthood so difficult... sports give us that for a few fleeting moments.

Sports were there to help ease the national psyche after 9/11. I'm a Yankees fan and it was strange to have most of the nation rooting for my "Evil Empire" that Fall.

As a kid, some of my fondest childhood memories are going to sporting events with my Dad. In 1981 he took me to my first Yankees game. I was eight years old. He told me about the trip the previous December and I couldn't sleep for four months I

was so excited. I remember my Dad holding my wrist very tightly as we walked around The Bronx (remember this was Ed Koch NYC... not exactly the safest place in the USA). There was all that green grass, the blue outfield walls and the white façade. The Yankees won 5-1. Rudy May was credited with the victory.

I remember surprising my Dad for a weekend at home in 1997 to watch the Vols play UCLA in the season opener. By this time my Dad didn't get around very much. It was special for me to watch that game on television with him.

Sports started and maintained many of the friendships I still have to this day. While in college I made friends, not by talking politics or art or cinema... but because we liked the New York Rangers. In February, right before the pandemic really hit, I met a

couple of them in Detroit and saw the Rangers beat the Red Wings 1-0. It was the first time the three of us saw the Rangers win in person (since 1992 we were I believe 0-4-1 when watching them play together).

It was a great trip. I miss that. But it's ok to miss sports. That pain proves how important it is to watch those events, either in person or on television. It's nice to have something to care irrationally about. I mean, it's like the old George Carlin bit, aren't we just rooting for the laundry?

Little by little, we are returning to some semblance of normalcy. Sports will help us get there. UFC is back underway. NASCAR and golf are in play. I hope that the baseball diamonds are active in July. Come August I pray that the high school football fields are busy. In September I dream of

the moment that the Vols will run out of the Neyland Stadium north end zone tunnel.

So, keep doing what you are doing. Use caution in public and wear a mask. Practice social distancing when possible not only for yourself but those among us that are more susceptible to COVID-19. Every little bit helps us get back to watching the games we love... even if it is mostly on television for a while longer.

I'm not sure I ever took sports for granted before... but I know I never will again.

You don't know what you've got... 'til it's gone.

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 back in 2017. The book is available on Amazon.

Spring Fling 2020 and what could have happened

By Steve Williams

At first Gibbs High Coach Carol Mitchell didn't seem to want to talk about it.

Mitchell, the state's winningest high school softball coach, was asked if she could speculate on what Knox County teams had a good chance of playing for a state championship had the annual TSSAA Spring Fling been held this year. "No clue," replied Mitchell via email last week.

What about Gibbs? Do you think you had a state title caliber team?

Same reply: "No clue." It was understandable Mitchell didn't have much to say. She's been going to the Spring Fling about every year as Gibbs' coach since it started in the mid-1990s.

But the coronavirus pandemic halted her Lady Eagles' regular season in March as well as all other spring sports teams and athletes in the state, and the Spring Fling was officially cancelled April 15.

Under normal conditions, the region playoffs and Sub-States in baseball and softball would have been played last week, Mitchell noted.

"I would like to think that we would be playing in those games and earning the right to go play in the Spring Fling," she said.

The 2020 Spring Fling was originally scheduled this week (May 19-22), with state champions crowned in baseball, softball, boys soccer, tennis and track and field.

"There are so many things that go into winning a championship," said Mitchell. "Obviously, talent first and foremost, but there are other things, like attitude, leadership, team chemistry and injuries to name a few. We definitely have winning the state on our goal list every year as a team and each season that's what we are ultimately playing to do."



Bearden High goalkeeper Holden Giesecke soars above *Stations Camp* players to make a play in the Bulldogs' 4-2 Class AAA state championship win at the 2019 Spring Fling. Giesecke was back on the team this season, but the Bulldogs were denied another possible title shot by the coronavirus pandemic.

the season. What a lot of people don't know is we had two junior pitchers returning that are as good or better than what most teams had returning. We were a solid team coming into the season; with pitching, defense, and a hitting lineup that had the potential to be really good in positions one through nine.

"Out of District 3-AAA, barring any upsets, I believe Powell and Halls would have once again come out of our district," continued Inman. "Halls had a good defense and a good hitting lineup. Their only question was pitching."

"In District 4-AAA, Farragut and Heritage were probably the most talented teams. Farragut had one of the most athletic teams in Knoxville. I just don't know if their pitching was good enough without the injured (Avery) Flatford (shoulder surgery) on the mound.

"In Class AA, I'm sure Gibbs would've made a run in the post-season. King's Academy with (Kaylan) Cole (UT signee) on the mound would compete against anyone.

"I really felt good about our team. Chemistry was good and we had the potential to make a strong run at it."

TOMMY PHARR, veteran CAK baseball head coach: "I think in our division Grace Christian would've had a great shot this year to make the state tournament and I think we would've had a shot.

"Farragut had five to six Division 1 pitchers so I thought they would have had a great shot in Class AAA. I wasn't sure who the best Class AA and A teams are in our area, but we usually have some that get out."

RYAN RADCLIFFE, Bearden soccer coach, who's Bulldogs captured the Class AAA state title last season, said: "I would definitely like to think we had another shot this year of making a deep run into the Spring Fling. I think you would've seen a battle with us, Maryville, Farragut and even Knox West to get out of this area and make it to Murfreesboro."

BACK FOR MORE: Webb's Audrey Yoon was eyeing a second Division II-A tennis title and L&N's Evan Carr had title hopes after being the Class Small tennis runner-up in 2019. Track and field also had several local athletes looking for more gold.

SHINING THE BRIGHTEST IN TRYING TIMES

GCA's Geer hopes to catch on at the next level

By Steve Williams

Jalen Geer, Grace Christian Academy's male Student-Athlete of the Year, is extending his football game beyond high school.

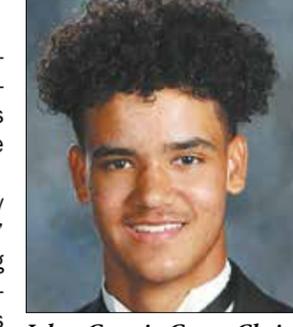
GCA Head Coach Rusty Bradley reported the Rams' wide receiver "is attending Palmetto Prep in South Carolina for one year" in hopes of earning a college scholarship.

"Jalen is a great young man that has a bright future in football," said Bradley. "The work that he has put in to make himself a better player has been inspiring to see. I am proud of his accomplishments on the field. I am even more proud of the young man I have watched him become."

Geer, who currently is listed at 6-5, 205 pounds, had 982 yards in receiving and nine touchdown catches for the Rams last fall and was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Division II-AA All-State team. He also earned a first-team berth on The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County team.

Jalen also was All-District in basketball and competed in track and field at GCA. In academics, he scored 27 on the ACT and had a 3.4 GPA.

"Jalen is a talented young man who stood out in both football and basketball," said Tim Holland, GCA Upper School principal. "A humble student-athlete,



Jalen Geer is Grace Christian Academy's male Student-Athlete of the Year and Chloe Duggins is GCA's female Student-Athlete of the Year.



he appeared to take great joy in competing with his teammates, and simply playing the game. He will be missed."

Duggins' determination stood out

Chloe Duggins' resolve and hustle on the basketball floor this past season was impressive.

"It has been a joy to watch Chloe compete throughout high school," said Grace Christian Upper School Principal Tim Holland. "She mixes grit with skill and great teamwork. This year, she pushed through an injury most of the basketball season with incredible determination. She will certainly be missed."

That type of play contributed to Duggins being selected GCA's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

The senior guard finished her senior campaign strong

and was named to the Division II District 1-A all-tournament team.

"Chloe did everything for our basketball team on and off the court," said Coach Justin Boatman. "She's a great role model for the school and community."

Duggins also played on the soccer team.

"Chloe was new to soccer this season," said Coach Isaac Brooks, "but she made an immediate impact on our program. She is extremely intelligent, hardworking, tough and an amazing teammate. She is an absolutely incredible individual."

Duggins stood out in the classroom too and graduated Summa Cum Laude and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Ventilation

The Right Reverend Martin Luther King's famous words, "Free at last, free at last..." popped into my mind last week as I severed my connection with Facebook.

For years I enjoyed pictures of my friends and their families, memories and conversations, as well as the occasional interest piece. But unfortunately, Facebook has become a platform of advertising, disinformation and prejudiced deselection of thought. The final straw was the selection of leftist professor Pamela Karlan to Zuckerberg's new "oversight board of hate speech and harassment," where 75% of board members are non-American. I will no longer participate in the monetization of Zuckerberg's biased, multinational corporation.

Recently, a friend paid me a very high compliment saying, "Jim, you are the local equivalent of

historian and writer Victor Davis Hanson." After years of deflecting compliments with self-deprecation, I've finally learned to just accept gifts when they come. So, I said, "Wow, and thank you for such high praise." As my readers know I collect quotations. So, to support my response to a sincere and wonderful compliment, I quote Ebenezer Scrooge who advised, "When happiness shows up, always give him a good seat."

If you don't know Dr. Hanson and his work, you should. He is an American classicist, military historian, columnist and California farmer. He has, so to speak, walked the walk and has earned the right to talk the talk. The professor's prose is beautiful and his logic sound. I love how Hanson sprinkles his essays with insightful vignettes from ancient history, yet his examples are never tedious.

Currently he's a scholar

at Stanford University's Hoover Institute and often pens essays in the American Spectator. I challenge the open minded to "google" Dr. Hanson and consider his thoughts on current events and politics.

In this instance I use the term "google" as a verb instead of the name of a giant multinational corporation and its most commonly used search engine. Instead, I now use the search engine DuckDuckGo because it does not track my Internet searches and then sell the data. My iPhone offers several search engines to aid researching issues. Go to settings, then web browser Safari, then choose among four search engines. I'm sure androids and Microsoft desktops have similar options.

These days it is necessary to do your own research. I believe we've all become too trusting of "experts," technology and certainly the leadership class. The CDC, Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx should not have trusted the Chinese communists and their lackeys at the World Health Organization, whose assertion that the Wuhan virus couldn't be transmitted from person to person. My distrust of big tech and Mark Zuckerberg was intensified after reading tech wizard Roger McNamee's scathing critique

of FaceBook in his book Zucked. The prose in this book is unlike professor Hanson's, but McNamee's inside the business warnings of big tech are relevant—though crass. Only a fool would trust the leadership class Washington DC.

I am fortunate to have The Knoxville Focus and this column where I can ventilate. Dr. Hanson has the national stage. I'm happy to remain an average fish in a small pond.

Recently, I was discussing ventilation with a friend who has a depressed family member. I have previously written about depression, but it is such a common malady some facets bear repeating. Many are reluctant to discuss their sadness with others, often leading to further isolation. With a heart attack you can say "My heart is sick." Similarly, if your stomach is upset or you have a backache, it often seems different than admitting your mind is suffering from depression. It's harder to accept that the essence of your being is ill.

I have treated hundreds of people with depression. Often, primary care doctors are the first practitioners a patient sees. There are no diagnostic tests for depression, but many diagnostic clues. I still use the mnemonic SIGECAPS, though there are many other screening modalities.

S stands for a sense of Sadness and I for a loss of interest. Either of these must be present daily for at least two weeks before considering clinical depression. Then you must have at least four other symptoms such as feeling Guilty (down on yourself), loss of Energy, problems Concentrating, loss of Appetite, Psychomotor depression (looking sad) and lastly Sleep problems or Suicide thoughts. My point is not to make doctors of my readers, but to make you more sensitive to others around you.

Somewhere I learned that organizing thoughts and then voicing or writing them in a journal helps clarify and lighten sadness. The exercise of writing or discussing feelings with a doctor, friend or minister act as a catharsis for the psyche, and you miraculously feel better. This is why psychotherapy is an important component of depression treatment often supplemented by antidepressant medications which help restore balance to brain chemistry.

I enjoy the creative process of writing which helps me clarify my thoughts and feelings. This avenue of ventilation is better than screaming when progressive Democrats continue to change the rules for opening up America. We put the country on life support to

prevent overwhelming the healthcare system. Now, as we enter the third month of lockdown, the mission has changed to safety and cure, but it is becoming increasingly clear that filthy politics to destroy Trump are in play. First it was Russians and the Mueller probe. Then it was the Ukrainian telephone call preceded by the Kavanaugh fiasco, Stormy Daniels and Avana-ti. Now COVID-19 is being used as a Trojan Horse.

Irrationality, insanity and fear have become the new norms. The media, the experts and the models have been repeatedly wrong, but wildly successful at manipulating the American people and destroying the economy and dreams. I've been in schoolyard fights and knocked to the ground. It's hard to get up when the bully stands over you with his foot on your chest. But we must get up or we are already dead.

The classic options in a street fight are fight, flight or surrender your principles. I will not surrender and there's nowhere to run. Therefore, I will continue the fight. Join me. It's time to show the courage of brave Americans who stood up to adversity and gave us the freedom to say "No!" to political bullies and tyrants.

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

Christianity Lite or Christianity Light?

In John 9 we find out about a blind man's friendship with Christ and the problems this brought upon his life. The day Jesus gives sight to this man is the day his eyes are opened to the injustices of the world. His life will never be the same. This is also, by the way, the sixth of seven miraculous signs in John, and the second of the "I Am" statements in John where Jesus declares himself to be the light of the world.

Something we will learn from this text is that being a



By **Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ**

Christian doesn't mean life suddenly becomes easy. Jesus doesn't come along and rid our lives of struggle. Being a disciple does not mean "no more difficulties." Many people prefer Christianity lite (ease) as opposed to Christianity light

(shining), which will involve a selfless attitude and willingness to suffer for Christ.

Once Jesus heals the man born blind, you would think everyone would be excited at this miracle. Just the opposite happened. This was unthinkable. The

man who is supposed to be blind comes back seeing. The man who is supposed to be the sinner comes back showing God's glory.

What we find here is fear. Love gets thrown out the window in the presence of fear. We have two groups demonstrating fear in this passage – the Pharisees and the parents of this blind man. The Pharisees are afraid of this new teaching breaking out within Judaism. Here is a miracle worker acting in the name of the one true God, and their system is cracking from top to bottom – that ultimate cracking will be revealed when the curtain of the temple is torn from

top to bottom after Jesus died. The religious leaders can't take it. The leaders made it clear that anyone who declared Jesus to be the Messiah, they would be put out of the synagogue. The synagogue did not just involve worship. This was the place of community. If you were put out of the synagogue, you might as well relocate because nobody would have anything to do with you. The man's parents are afraid of this happening to them. They are worried about their social standing, their livelihood, their lives. They are so worried that they are prepared to let their son face the consequences: "He is

grown up; he can speak for himself." What should be the greatest day of this family's life turns into something else.

This was not the day this man's troubles would end, but when they would begin. Instead of him saying, "I once was blind but now I see" with a big smile on his face, it was turning into "I once was blind, but now I see. Now I see how it is going to be..." The more we enter into the light of Jesus the more we see things the way they really are. We start to see how captive people are to the dark side. We see how captive we can be with fear, resentment, and anxiety.

We can see how it cripples our understanding and stifles our love.

The one bright spot in this story is the faith growth of the healed man. He is prepared to call Jesus a prophet (v. 17), and by the end of the story he has moved on to a full confession of belief in Jesus. The day we encounter Jesus is not the day our life becomes easy and happy. It is the day when our troubles begin, for our hearts and minds are opened up to a new way of thinking and seeing the world around us. We are a new creation and the light of Jesus exposes the darkness of the old creation.



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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 31, 2018, executed by Vertex Development TN, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company to Wes Weigel as Trustee, for the benefit of Kirkland Acquisitions LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, of record at Instrument No. 20180202-0045754, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds, as modified by the First Amendment to Deed of Trust of record at Instrument No. 202001100046084, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds, to secure the indebtedness described;

WHEREAS, Kirkland Acquisitions LLC has declared the said Deed of Trust due and payable and has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, Edward D. Russell of The SR Law Group, appointed as Substitute Trustee at Instrument No. 202004200069566, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds has been directed by Kirkland Acquisitions LLC to and will by virtue of the power and authority vested as Substitute Trustee, on **WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** local time, at the Knox County Courthouse, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in Knox County, Tennessee, to-wit:

SITUATED, LYING, AND BEING in the 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows to-wit:

Beginning at an iron rod set and the northern right of way line of E Emory Road, a common corner with CK Properties of Knoxville, LLC, said iron rod being located 914 feet from the centerline of Fortner Road, thence leaving the northern right of way line of E Emory Road and with the line of CK Properties of Knoxville, LLC the following two calls: 1) N 39 deg 55 min 49 sec W, a distance of 182.03 feet to an iron rod found; 2) S 53 deg 53 min 08 sec W, a distance of 112.41 feet to a 2" iron pipe found, a common corner with Arnold Jones; thence leaving the line of CK Properties of Knoxville, LLC and with the line of Arnold Jones the following two calls: 1) N 39 deg 05 min 00 sec W, a distance of 207.35 feet to a 2" iron pipe found; 2) S 52 deg 39 min 23 sec W, a distance of 209.58 feet to a 2" iron pipe found, a common corner with Joyce Jones; thence leaving the line of Arnold Jones and with the line of Joyce Jones and Monte Davis, S 54 deg 05 min 03 sec W, a distance of 206.68 feet to an iron rod found on the line of Curtis Fortner Subdivision; thence leaving the line of Monte Davis and with the line of Curtis Fortner Subdivision, N 33 deg 24 min 22 sec W, a distance of 370.04 feet to an iron rod set, a common corner with Trent Construction Subdivision; thence leaving the line of Curtis Fortner Subdivision and with the line of Trent Construction Subdivision and Morris Heights Subdivision, N 38 deg 25 min 51 sec W, a distance of 482.59 feet to an iron rod found, a common corner with George Boling; thence leaving the line of Morris Heights Subdivision and with the line of George Boling, N 38 deg 27 min 58 sec W, a distance of 231.08 feet to an iron rod found on the line of Hill View Farms Subdivision; thence leaving the line of George Boling and with the line of Hill View Farms Subdivision the following three calls: 1) N 50 deg 09 min 51 sec E, a distance of 102.64 feet to an iron rod found; 2) N 50 deg 06 min 16 sec E, a distance of 129.88 feet to an iron rod found; 3) N 50 deg 09 min 20 sec E, a distance of 363.66 feet an axle found, a common corner with Emory Estate, Unit 3 Subdivision; thence leaving the line of Hill View Farms Subdivision and with the line of Emory Estate, Unit 3 Subdivision the following four calls: 1) S 85 deg 01 min 15 sec E, a distance of 22.21 feet to a set stone found; 2) S 38 deg 57 min 55 sec E, a distance of 55.84 feet to an iron rod found; 3) S 39 deg 01 min 44 sec E, a distance of 459.95 feet to an iron rod found; 4) S 39 deg 01 min 21 sec E, a distance of 225.02 feet to an iron rod set, a common corner with Douglas Mayes; thence leaving the line of Emory Estate, Unit 3 Subdivision and with the line of Douglas Mayes the following four calls: 1) S 39 deg 01 min 21 sec E, a distance of 357.89 feet to an iron rod found; 2) S 38 deg 46 min 29 sec E, a distance of 106.97 feet to an iron rod found; 3) S 39 deg 06 min 15 sec E, a distance of 105.64 feet to an iron rod set; 4) S 39 deg 02 min 00 sec E, a distance of 172.50 feet to an iron rod set on the northern right of way line of E Emory Road; thence leaving the line of Douglas Mayes and with the northern right of way line of E Emory Road, S 49 deg 11 min 11 sec W, a distance of 114.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 743,248 square feet or 17.06 acres, according to the survey by Daniel P. Humphreys, R.L.S. Number 2060, of Beginning Point Land Surveying, LLC, 234 Ladd Ridge Road, Kingston, Tennessee, 37763, dated January 30, 2018, said survey bearing file number "2015004alta".

Being the same property conveyed to Vertex Development TN, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company by Special Warranty Deed from Horne Development, L.P., a Tennessee limited partnership of record in Instrument No. 201802020045753, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. This property is commonly known as 2129 East Emory Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37938.

Tax I.D.(s): 037-230.00; 037-230.01; 037-230.02, and 037-230.03 - (Knox County, TN) THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/ SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE.

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THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOIN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Vertex Development TN, LLC; Steve Dewayne Bethel; 360 Surveying & Mapping, LLC; Truan Equipment, LLC; Patterson TN Waste; Capital One Bank, assignee; The Peoples Bank; Drew McClurg; Kevin Spath; VanHooseCo Precast, LLC
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This day, May 7, 2020.

The SR Law Group, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
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Insertion dates: May 11, 2020, May 18, 2020, May 25, 2020

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JON MANNING WOOD, JR.;
IN RE: LINDSEY NICOLE WOOD v. JON MANNING WOOD, JR.

NO. 199733-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JON MANNING WOOD, JR. 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 JON MANNING WOOD, JR. it is ordered that said defendant JON MANNING WOOD, JR. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mark A. Pienkowski, an Attorneys whose address is, P.O. Box 57 Knoxville, TN 37901, 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 John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 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 5th day of May, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JUAN MANUEL AYALA;
IN RE: JENNIFER AYALA LOPEZ
D.O.B. 02/21/2006

NO. 197702-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JUAN MANUEL AYALA 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 JUAN MANUEL AYALA it is ordered that said defendant JUAN MANUEL AYALA file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Maria G. Dajcar, an Attorneys whose address is, 400 W. Main Street Sevierville, TN 37862, 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 John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 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 6th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
No. 20-CV-31

LYDIA NOEL ADAMS and ROBERT CHRISTOPHER ADAMS,
vs.
ROBERT MICHAEL LAWHORN

IN RE: KEEGAN EDWARD LAWHORN
DOB: 2/8/2003

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:
It appearing from the Complaint filed in this cause, which is sworn to, that you are a resident of the State of Tennessee and that ordinary summons cannot be served upon you, you are therefore commanded to serve upon Scott B. Hahn, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 5344 N. Broadway, Suite 101, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918, an answer to the Complaint filed against you in this cause within 30 days from the fourth publication of this notice as required by law; otherwise judgment by default will be taken against you.

It is further ORDERED that this notice appear in The Knox Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. The last date of publication will be June 8, 2020. Your answer must be filed within thirty (30) days after that date. If no answer is filed, a Default judgment will be taken against you on July 16, 2020, and a hearing will be set without further notice to you.

This 1st day of May, 2020

NANCY C. HUMBARDE CLERK AND MASTER
JEFFERSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS
IN RE: RYLES JAY WALLS,
D.O.B. 4/14/2020
NO. 200117-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, 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 TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, it is ordered that said defendant, TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore Kern, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 377

Knoxville, TN 37901, 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 John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 13th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF ABANDONED MINERAL INTEREST

IN RE: SWORN COMPLAINT BY SCOTT WILSON DAVIS, SOLE MEMBER OF MESANA INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF

CASE NO. 200143-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO: AMOCO PRODUCTION COMPANY its successors and assigns and all those otherwise claiming title to mineral interest in real property known as O Goff Road identified by Knox County, Registers Office as Instrument No.201807120002507, Defendant.

Please take notice that based upon Sworn Complaint, Amoco Production Company reserved a mineral interest in property described and recorded on November 20, 1980 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and unless an answer or statement of claim in the proceedings is made by defendant in sixty (60) days, plaintiff shall demand the mineral interests to be declared to be abandoned. This notice will be published by the Clerk and Master in the Knoxville Focus for three (3) consecutive weeks.
This 11TH day of MAY 2020.

CLERK AND MASTER

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NILAJA NZINGA HILL -Vs- TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER

Docket # 148585

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER 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 TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by NILAJA NZINGA HILL, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SAMUEL B. TIPTON, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 206 S. WASHINGTON ST. MARYVILLE, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 11TH day of MAY, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH ROUDEBUSH BURNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 82900-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MAY 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of JUDITH ROUDEBUSH BURNETT who died Oct 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 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 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 1 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JUDITH ROUDEBUSH BURNETT

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ASHLEY DIANE FOUST CARPENTER
DOCKET NUMBER 82899-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of APRIL 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ASHLEY DIANE FOUST CARPENTER who died Apr 7, 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 29 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF ASHLEY DIANE

FOUST CARPENTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK FOUST; ADMINISTRATOR
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FELICIA F COALSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD L. CARRINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 82933-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29TH day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD L. CARRINGER who died Feb 7, 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 29TH day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF HAROLD L. CARRINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEANNE CHAPMAN CHANDLER
DOCKET NUMBER 82935-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of APRIL 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEANNE CHAPMAN CHANDLER who died Jun 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:

(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 29 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEANNE CHAPMAN CHANDLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHOICE ANN BURKHART; EXECUTRIX
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

WILLIAM R RAY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY DALE FENNEL
DOCKET NUMBER 82932-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of APRIL 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of LARRY DALE FENNEL who died Feb 16, 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 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 29 day of APRIL, 2020.

ESTATE OF LARRY DALE FENNEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
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BALTIMORE, OH 43105

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HERMAN AUGUST FISCHER, III
DOCKET NUMBER 82946-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HERMAN AUGUST FISCHER, III who died Feb 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:

(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 5 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF HERMAN AUGUST FISCHER, III

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENJAMIN A STEWART; EXECUTOR
4212 TAZEVELL PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

N DAVID ROBERTS, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALBERT SEATON GARRETT, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 82753-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALBERT SEATON GARRETT, JR. who died Jan 7, 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:

(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 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 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF ALBERT SEATON GARRETT, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LILLIAN GARRETT; EXECUTRIX
708 COVENTRY RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

GLENN A. OVERTON-CLARK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DR., STE D200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA GILHAM GROVES
DOCKET NUMBER 82941-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA GILHAM GROVES who died Apr 8, 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



SMALL ACTS

I read in my little "Upper Room" booklet these words by Dean T. Skoglund: "As I left the restaurant

carrying my box of leftovers, I saw a person lying in my path. As I approached, I leaned over and asked, "Would you like something to eat?" He responded, "Yes!" As I set the food down, four or five persons behind me leaned over and put money in his hat. As I got into my car, I began thinking about how giving to others leaves me feeling joyful. "I then thought about all the

easy ways that I can buy extra food at the market and make extra portions of dinner to give to people in need. I can carry bottles of water in my car to hand out to people who are homeless. I can stop and talk with people I meet, sharing time with them. Even while driving, I can be courteous to other drivers. When I'm waiting in line, I can allow someone who looks

rushed and harried to go ahead of me. Through these and other small acts of mercy we can share God's love with the world and fill our hearts with joy." I thought these words were so apt for the horrendous time we are facing in today's world. It takes just a moment to be kind, to help someone else's burden to be lighter. Let's do it! And thanks to the many people who

are doing it, doctors, nurses, restaurant owners, so many people responding and doing their best. Thank god for them. Thought for the day: Life is a coin; you can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once. Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE SWICEGOOD, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 82738-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE SWICEGOOD, JR. who died Jan 23, 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 the first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 5 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF GEORGE SWICEGOOD, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LUKE SWICEGOOD; EXECUTOR 964 SPINNAKER ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TODD ANTHONY BACON DOCKET NUMBER 82956-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TODD ANTHONY BACON who died Apr 30, 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 8 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF TODD ANTHONY BACON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ARVIN BACON; ADMINISTRATOR 7711 HOFF LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938 DAVID LUHN ATTORNEY AT LAW 310 N FOREST PARK BLVD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS SUE BRANUM DOCKET NUMBER 82950-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS SUE BRANUM who died Sep 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.

(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 6 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS SUE BRANUM PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBERT R BRANUM, JR.; EXECUTOR 815 MIDDLEBROOKE BEND CANTON, GA 30115 SCOTT B HAHN ATTORNEY AT LAW 5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL GARDNER BRENNER DOCKET NUMBER 82953-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL GARDNER BRENNER who died Apr 12, 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 6 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL GARDNER BRENNER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HEIDI ANN KELLER BRENNER; EXECUTRIX 7111 STONE MILL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 O E SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WAYNE C COWDEN DOCKET NUMBER 82960-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WAYNE C COWDEN who died Apr 3, 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.

(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 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 8 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF WAYNE C COWDEN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN DELORES COWDEN; EXECUTRIX 1720 E GOVERNOR JOHN SEVIER HWY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920 M SUE WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE-D SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS WAYNE GREENE DOCKET NUMBER 82955-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOUGLAS WAYNE GREENE who died Mar 24, 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 7 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF DOUGLAS WAYNE GREENE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHERRY JONES GREENE; ADMINISTRATRIX 4402 DOVE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918 H STEPHEN GILLMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 870 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF W CARR HAGAN, III DOCKET NUMBER 82919-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of W CARR HAGAN, III who died Jan 29, 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.

(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 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 6 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF W CARR HAGAN, III PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM CARR HAGAN, JR.; EXECUTOR 3292 SHAWNEE ROAD BANNER ELK, NC 28604

DARYL FANSLER ATTORNEY AT LAW 116 AGNES ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL C HAYNES DOCKET NUMBER 82905-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARL C HAYNES who died Feb 22, 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.

(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 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 4 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF CARL C HAYNES PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) MICHAEL HAYNES; CO-EXECUTOR 7120 BRICKEY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918 LISA RASOR; CO-EXECUTOR 5729 HYATT ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW 4611 OLD BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN JARRETT DOCKET NUMBER 82959-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN JARRETT who died Mar 11, 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 8 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN JARRETT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CLAUDETTE SOREANO DENTZ; EXECUTOR 717 W MEADECREST DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923 F SCOTT MILLIGAN ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 12266 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY JEAN MORGAN DOCKET NUMBER 82951-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY JEAN MORGAN who died Nov 30, 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 6 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY JEAN MORGAN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) THOMAS MICHAEL MORGAN; EXECUTOR 744 ELMONT ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922 REBECCA D ABBOTT ATTORNEY AT LAW 118 HUXLEY ROAD, SUITE 7 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT CHARLES PEMBERTON DOCKET NUMBER 82954-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of

MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT CHARLES PEMBERTON who died Nov 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 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 7 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF ROBERT CHARLES PEMBERTON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LUCRETIA PEMBERTON; EXECUTRIX 12204 SUNVIEW CIRCLE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934 DALE CALLEN ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF W RICHARD PRICE DOCKET NUMBER 82963-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of W RICHARD PRICE 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 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 8 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF W RICHARD PRICE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHIRLEY S PRICE; EXECUTRIX 414 DOUBLE HEAD LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909 CHARLES W KITE ATTORNEY AT LAW 9925 TIERRA VERDE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEWELL LEWIS ROSS DOCKET NUMBER 82964-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEWELL LEWIS ROSS who died Jan 7, 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 8 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEWELL LEWIS ROSS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LANA SANTAVICCA; EXECUTRIX 9966 POND WOODS LANE CINCINNATI, OH 45241 LAURENE SMITH ATTORNEY AT LAW 110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOY W SHIRES DOCKET NUMBER 82961-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOY W SHIRES who died Apr 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 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 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 8 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF JOY W SHIRES PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CATHY S WILSON; EXECUTRIX 7202 MING TREE COURT SPRINGFIELD, VA. 22152 BRADLEY LEWIS ATTORNEY AT LAW 10413 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE H SLATER DOCKET NUMBER 82517-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIE H SLATER who died Nov 9, 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 5 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF WILLIE H SLATER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CLETA BOOKER SLATER; ADMINISTRATRIX 1913 RIVERSHORE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914 BARBARA CLARK ATTORNEY AT LAW 2415 E MAGNOLIA AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WOODSON LEE SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 82949-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WOODSON LEE SMITH who died Apr 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 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 7 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF WOODSON LEE SMITH PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBIN V SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX 3616 LAUREL OAK LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931 BRADLEY H HODGE ATTORNEY AT LAW 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2100 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN RILEY THOMPSON DOCKET NUMBER 82962-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RILEY THOMPSON who died Apr 7, 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.

(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 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 8 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF JOHN RILEY THOMPSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID RILEY THOMPSON; EXECUTOR 4187 LOCH HIGHLAND PKWY ROSWELL, GA. 30075 DAVID D NOEL ATTORNEY AT LAW 1816 W CLINCH AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37916

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RILEY THOMPSON who died Apr 7, 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGENE COLLETTE WALLACE DOCKET NUMBER 82873-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GEORGENE COLLETTE WALLACE who died Jan 22, 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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ESTATE OF GEORGENE COLLETTE WALLACE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) RYAN LYDEN; ADMINISTRATOR 821 MANHATTAN AVENUE HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254 J SCOTT GRISWOLD ATTORNEY AT LAW 617 W MAIN STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94 Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services: RFO 2959, Federal Cost Recovery Services, due June 10, 2020 at 2:00 pm local time Bid 2960, Pedestrian Crossing at South Doyle High School, due June 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm local time 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.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE Per the State of Tennessee Garagekeepers Lien, The Peterbilt Store - Knoxville will sell Vin 1FUJGLDR38LAY1888 a 2011 Freightliner Cascadia, on June 3, 2020 at 9:00am at 5218 Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

NOTICE

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KPD gives active shooter presentation to Neighborhood Council

By Mike Steely
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There's lots of frustration and hostility currently as the nation and our area wrestle with COVID-19 and the hardships it is placing on our citizens. Tennessee's open carry law has added to some of the fear and our city and county have had too many incidents in recent years of active shooters.

public now. He also said that city police officers are not stopping people who are not wearing masks. He also said that police officers do not take it on their own to break up the growing number of homeless camps and follow orders when told to do so.

Speaking of active shooters Morgan said there is no method or pattern in a shooter's plans but there are workplace indicators. He said everyone should report odd or suspicious activity by someone. He added that shootings and attacks can be from revenge, ideology or mental illness. He said an active shooter will continue until stopped.

Morgan referred to past active shooters in our area and said attacks could happen where you shop, worship, in open spaces, where you learn, etc.

"It's unexpected and not going to happen the way you plan," he said.

He advised everyone to conduct training and invite responders to attend, develop an emergency plan, activate cameras, keep first aid kits, and create an evacuation plan.

"Run, Hide, Fight," he advised as the response to a shooter. If you can't escape, then hiding from a shooter is advised. He advised people to "silence" their cell phones, stay quiet, block doors and get behind furniture. If you can't hide then Morgan said to fight the shooter with anything you can use as a weapon.

"Be aggressive and loud, act boldly, use improvised weapons, work with others and commit to your actions," he said.

He also reminded the council members and public

that pepper spray expires after a few years.

Knoxville has numerous neighborhood associations and watches but the current pandemic has caused those organizations to pause public meetings.

Many of the association members serve on the Neighborhood Council and those present during the Zoom meeting included Emma Ellis-Cosigua, Gayle Atherton, Bailey Walker, Morgan Wilson, Judy Mullins, Rob Blass, Virginia Raschke, Matt McMillan, Jennifer Reynolds, Eric Johnson, Derek Tate, Millie Ward and Ann White.

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- 4 tomatoes
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- 1 lb. ground beef
- 15-oz. can kidney beans, drained
- 4 oz. grated cheddar cheese
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 8 oz. French dressing

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