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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Graduating senior quarterback Dakota Fawver holds his state championship aloft as his fellow senior teammates examine their own rings. Former Central High School football coach Bryson Rosser makes a surprise visit to present the Bobcats with their 2019 Class 5A State Championship rings in a ceremony Thursday at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

Changes to the law director role rejected by Charter Commission

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In a split vote, an attempt to change who selects the Knox County Law Director was rejected by the Knox County Charter Committee Wednesday.

A motion by committee member Mike Arms to have the county's chief law authority appointed by the county mayor failed in a 12-9-1 vote. It means the law director will continue to be elected by county voters.

An attempt to have actions by the law director approved by the mayor was withdrawn after introduced by committee member James Cochran. It would have removed the authority to pursue, try or settle suits from the law director and any matter greater than \$50,000.

"The Knox County Law Director shall abide by the decisions of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee," the proposed charter change read.

Cochran withdrew the proposals after Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong said the changes would not pass legal challenges.

The Charter Committee is under a deadline to submit changes by August 15 to get suggested changes on the November ballot. Charter Chairman Brad Anders said all charter items are on the table for discussion given the time limits.

"I think we've taken care of the" **Continued on page 4**

Central football team receives title rings, surprise visit at ceremony

By Ken Lay

The 2019 Central High School football team got its Class 5A State Championship rings Thursday at Dan Y. Boring Stadium. The rings were the jewels that culminated a second consecutive championship.

The ceremony, which was conducted with social distancing

protocols in place, was expected. But the surprise guest who presented the players, coaches and support staff with their rings wasn't expected.

Former Bobcats' head coach Bryson Rosser returned to Knoxville to present the rings.

Rosser came down from Massachusetts for one last

hurrah with the 2019 'Cats. Rosser, who guided Central to a pair of consecutive state titles in 2018 and 2019, left earlier this year because his wife got a new job.

"People asked if I was going to be here and I told (athletic director) J.D. (Lambert) to tell everybody 'no' because I wanted

this to be a surprise," Rosser said.

But anyone who knows Rosser knows that he wouldn't have missed this ceremony for anything.

And he didn't.

He wanted to be there for his players, especially his seniors

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E-911 gets a one-time, \$2.2M sum from the state

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When the Knox County Emergency Communications District meets on Wednesday it will vote on its upcoming budget. The E-911 Finance Committee met Tuesday to discuss what the new budget will be, what it will cover and what's new for the coming fiscal year.

Finance Chairman John Fugate told The Focus that about \$15 million is being requested and E-911 Executive Director Brad Anders said the state is allocating an additional \$2.2 million. He expects to use about half of it to focus on training and renovations at the 911 call center.

Anders said that \$1.1 million is available now and the remainder is available in January.

The proposed budget includes hiring four new call processors, adding two per 12-hour shift. The Emergency District board may also add a human

resources slot or hire an outside HR consultant.

Anders also said the city is offering space in the new Safety Center at the former St. Mary's/Tennova Hospital for \$1 per year and E-911 may use it as a backup location. He also said that FEMA is interested in space there.

The call center at 605 Bernard Avenue may also get some stand-up desks to permit call operators to sit or stand during their shifts.

Anders also said they are working with UT for leadership training and may create a "public outreach" effort. He said E-911 is looking to save about \$20,000 each year by eliminating some unused phone lines and other services no longer needed.

He said additional revenue will come from state action which increases the 911 cost on cell phones to \$1.50 per phone from the current charge of \$1.16.

Planning Commission allows development on Dutchtown by narrowest of margins

By Bill Howard

Far more often than not, cases that appear before the Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning Commission each month are decided by a unanimous vote, or close. Cases decided by a single vote seem exceedingly rare.

Such rarity occurred Thursday, June 11, when the commission held its monthly meeting, it's third straight online. At issue was a request by applicant Georges Brandan - represented by Brian Pierce - to develop two acres at the intersection of Dutchtown Road and Bob Kirby Road in commission district 3.

The case had been postponed for two months.

The request included an amendment to the County Sector Plan from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to MDR (Medium Density Residential). The case also included a request for Rezoning from CN (Neighborhood Commercial) to PR (Planned Residential).

The proposed density was for up to 12 dwelling units per acre. The staff recommendation for the case was to approve both the sector plan and the rezoning because "additional opportunities for a variety of residential housing types are needed ... and this area is adjacent to the Urban Growth Area for Knoxville."

Pierce addressed the commission to argue for the changes. "What the owner plans to do with this is a development with one-bedroom apartments, and first-time workers, basically a workforce-type housing project," said Pierce. "This will be a good use for this

property at this location."

At that point, Commissioner Art Clancy made a motion to approve both the Sector Plan and Rezoning, whereupon a variety of perspectives immediately surfaced. Commissioner Tim Hill spoke first.

"I'm just struggling to get comfortable with the density as I look around," Hill said. "I don't see where this fits within that community. I could get comfortable with a little bit less density, which would be more than the LDR (low density residential)."

New commission member Sandra Korbelik said that allowing for maximum density didn't mean the developers would necessarily aim for that number. She also expressed concern about flooding on Dutchtown Road. An engineer for Knox County then said that there was no awareness of flooding problems in that area.

Commissioner Pat Phillips inquired about public **Continued on page 4**

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Knoxville mayor meets with black leaders

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Suggestions and comments flooded an internet meeting Tuesday hosted by Knoxville Renaissance and promoted as a Black Community Town Hall. Hosted by WATE's Tearsa Smith, the Facebook Live discussion also included Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knoxville Community Empowerment Director Rev. Charles Lomax.

Lomax told the virtual gathering the city is creating "Empower Knoxville," an offshoot of Save Our Sons and Knoxville plans to be more inclusive and expand efforts to include younger boys and girls.

Mayor Kincannon said she is interviewing now for a new Police Advisory Review Council director.

Darris Upton urged the city to hire more minority contractors in bidding processes. Adrian Jones said efforts should focus on youth and negative influences must be halted. Paul Sheard said there needs to be more positive role models.

Reggie Jenkins said another task force isn't needed but community groups need to collaborate with each other and added, "We're already here."

Tanika Harper said

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Almost every day in almost every county in America, people are getting sued because they owe money to someone. It can be a credit card debt, a medical debt, or back rent that individuals and companies are suing on to collect the money they are owed.

Let's say that a lawsuit is filed, and then it goes to court and the defendant (the person owing money) does not even bother to show up to court. A judgment will be entered against them for the amount requested. But then what? How do they collect that money from the person who owes it?

One way to do it is through wage garnishment.



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Collecting this way requires that the person who owes the money actually has a job, but if they do, and you can figure out where they work, you can have their wages garnished to pay what they owe.

So if someone owes me money and I get a judgment against them, and I know where they work, then I can file a wage garnishment with the court and the court will send out paperwork to their employer essentially saying, "you are required to start sending part of their paycheck to the court to pay on this debt that they owe."

Let's dive into some specifics though. Tennessee

Code Annotated section 26-2-106 states that someone's wages can only be garnished up to 25% of what they make. Further, the person owing the money always has the option to quit their job so their wages will not be garnished anymore.

Finally, when someone's wages get garnished, they will often file a petition with the court to pay by installment. They will total up their income and expenses and offer to pay some lower amount to the court each month instead of having their wages garnished. If the judge agrees to accept what they are proposing, then the wage garnishment would be removed.

In child support cases, you cannot typically get out of a wage garnishment unless you are paying

what you owe in full each month. Judges will generally require that a wage garnishment stays in place in those cases.

In a single case, pursuing money this way may not be worth it, because it can be a hassle to try to change small amounts of money this way, but for big collection companies, it's purely a numbers game. Collect a little bit of money on a whole bunch of cases in order to turn a profit.

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Knoxville's Senior Corps honored with drive-through recognition

By Ken Lay

The coronavirus pandemic may have the doors to the O'Connor Senior Center locked that didn't mean that the parking lot outside the facility wasn't hopping a bit on a hot Tuesday afternoon.

The CAC Office on Aging honored Knoxville's Senior Corps volunteers with a drive-through event.

Cars went through the parking lot while people honored them with signs thanking volunteers for their efforts throughout the last several weeks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Office on Aging staff members assembled goodie bags for the volunteers that included snacks and other tokens of appreciation. The bags were placed in the trunks of volunteers' vehicles while



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Members of CAC's Office on Aging hold signs in preparation for a drive-through recognition for Senior Corps volunteers in the parking lot at the O'Connor Senior Center.

staff members cheered and pop music hits from the Disco Era and the early 1980s blared through a sound system.

"This is a great opportunity to honor our volunteers, many of whom continue to volunteer from their homes during these times," said Angela Grant, a representative from the

Office on Aging. "This is also a chance to get a chance to see some faces that we haven't seen in quite a while."

Kay Lorick from Morning Pointe, a senior living community in Powell, said that last week's event was just a chance to honor senior citizens who continue to volunteer although some may

be struggling as the pandemic continues to grip the community, the state, the nation and the world.

"We're here to support and honor our seniors," Lorick said. "We're doing this to support our seniors, all of our seniors because they're having a hard time right now."

Knoxville's Senior Corps

is a program administered by the CAC Office on Aging and it has approximately 450 older adult volunteers.

The Senior Corps members in Knoxville work with a wide array of organizations including the Senior Companion Program, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

(RSVP).

The volunteers are normally honored with a celebration meal, but the pandemic changed things in 2020.

"Some of the hardest working older adults in Knoxville (were) honored at this Drive Through Recognition," said Gina Whitfield, Foster Grandparent program manager. "Usually, we are able to host a celebration meal for them, but this year we had to think outside of the box to let them know how valuable they are as volunteers for homebound seniors, at-risk youth and the Greater Knoxville Community.

"We can't thank them enough for hundreds and hundreds of hours of service they provide to our community."

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TRANSLATING SOCIALIST

The Knoxville News-Sentinel has apparently transformed itself into the Antifa Daily. Well late last week, the Antifa Daily published an opinion column by the City Council Movement. I doubt it was written by a committee, but apparently rather than identify a particular individual, the Antifa Daily allowed the writer to wear a mask and not for the purpose of preventing the spread of the China virus.

Ostensibly, the City Council Movement opinion piece was about participation, perhaps the one thing we can agree upon. Still, since very few readers of the Focus are fluent in socialist, much less communist, I went out and bought a Socialist to English primer and am prepared to translate the interesting parts of the column for you.

The CCM is still marveling a whole 30 persons spoke out about the need to reprioritize the spending of Knoxville taxpayers as proposed in Mayor Indya Kincannon's budget. Now 30 people might constitute a big crowd for the City Council Movement, but in a city with a population exceeding 187,000, it doesn't amount to much. Still, the opinion piece calls for an "equitable and moral budge;" translation: we want to spend more

of your money. The City Council Movement and its candidates don't like the American form of government and thinks the United States of America is a terrible place and needs to be deconstructed. The CCM criticized Indya's budget for failing to address climate change and poverty. City taxpayers are already paying a boatload of upkeep for a fleet of electric buses (which also cost a great deal more than conventional buses) and there are poverty programs galore sponsored by state and federal governments. The CCM complains Indya Kincannon's budget prioritized "developers and police" rather than "residents and social services." Translation: we want to defund and probably deconstruct the Knoxville Police Department and give more tax money away. Now, residents of Knoxville, think about what comes after that. Imagine for a moment, if you will, there is no city police department and forget that the General Assembly would likely authorize the Knox County Sheriff's Department to assume the role of policing inside the city limits. The translation of that is it would leave Knoxville residents at the mercy of predators of every variety. Sexual predators, thieves, murderers, and every kind of psychopath imaginable. Yet the City Council Movement wants to whine about society's most vulnerable members --- the most vulnerable members of our society would be those at the mercy of societal predators unafraid because there are no law enforcement officers to stop and catch them.

The City Council Movement talks about "investing" in affordable housing, social services, and social workers, making Knoxville sound like one gigantic

utopian welfare state. But then again, socialism never thrives when people can lift themselves out of the mire of poverty; socialism can never thrive if people can do better and the economy is booming. Socialism absolutely requires a permanent underclass like a leech requires a host.

Indya Kincannon, nor eight out of nine City Council members weren't dismissive of "the community." The mayor and great majority of the city council were absolutely mindful of the overall community and simply didn't let a handful of socialists determine how to spend other people's money. In the same literary breath, the City Council Movement complains that "if constructive public comments are not taken seriously by our elected officials" and yet the opinion column does recognize eight out of nine council members voted to approve the budget. I wonder what form of representative government heeds 30 people and ignores everybody else? Still, the CCM recognizes they don't constitute a majority on the council, nor do they constitute a majority of the electorate.

The column ends with a clarion call to win the five seats on the city council up for election in 2021. They refer to a "progressive" majority on the Council; translation: they mean a SOCIALIST majority on the council. That means Tommy Smith, Andrew Roberto, Lauren Rider, and Gwen McKenzie will likely be loaded up with opposition. David Hayes is already off and running against Tommy Smith. Seema Singh is a self-proclaimed "Democratic socialist" but she may not be radical enough to suit the CCM and have an opponent. We shall see just how smart some of these council members are; if they

try and appease the CCM they will still face an opponent sponsored by the City Council Movement.

There are other cities in America presently run by socialists where the homeless run unfettered, relieving themselves in people's neighborhoods and emptying their bowels in people's yards, used needles littering parks and other public thoroughfares. The wealthy are sheltered behind gated communities. Everybody else has to contend with the paradise wrought by the socialists who have largely managed to turn once great cities into the devil's playgrounds. None resemble the utopia promised by a collection of people who have never run anything.

While the City Council Movement claims they want to build a better Knoxville, a Knoxville for all, what they mean is they intend to double your taxes to build their socialist utopia, a utopia that has never been built successfully anywhere on the face of God's earth at any time.

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

David Hayes, once and future candidate for the Knoxville City Council, has been posting up a storm, giving everybody the benefit of his wisdom. "When a poor Black person kills another poor Black person, the blame is on our economic and political systems that trap us in poverty. The blame is on the mayor for making the choice to prioritize policing over housing and good jobs. The blame is on the greedy bosses and business owners who steal wealth from those who create it and pay poverty wages. The blame is on jails and prisons for multiplying violence instead of stopping [sic] it."

Where to begin with that one? So the individual

who has murdered someone else is not at all to blame. Notice throughout all of the ultra-leftist cowpuckey spewed by people like David Hayes, there is never, ever any notion of personal responsibility. Any failure is someone else's fault. It's not hard to tell David's understanding of economics is nil. We'll pause for anybody to point to a socialist paradise here on earth. I came back after a couple of hours, a snack and a nap. I see nobody can point to any socialist paradise on earth because there isn't one and never has been.

David could end his own cycle by getting a job.

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

Evidently Derek Chauvin was never a good cop. Let me say I understand anyone can complain about anything at any time and that doesn't make it true. Still, there appears to have been at least 18 complaints lodged against Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis police officer charged with the murder of George Floyd. There appears to be a pattern and how could a bad cop keep a badge, gun and some authority over others? One good friend of mine likes to say, "There are people in this world who should never have power over others" and Derek Chauvin appears to be precisely that kind of person.

It goes without saying, there are bad sorts in every profession; there are bad doctors, bad nurses, bad lawyers, bad social workers, bad teachers and yes, bad cops. There are, sad to say, just some plain bad people. One thing that protects some incompetents or worse in their respective professions are the one-size-fits-all protection provided by their unions. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob

Frey laid the problem right at the doorstep of unions. "We do not have the ability to get rid of many of these officers that we know have done wrong in the past due to issues with both the contracts and arbitration associated with the union," Frey said.

That has also been a problem in the past with teachers, although the union hasn't been as strong in Tennessee as many other states where it is almost impossible to dismiss a terrible teacher. Unions have provided a good living to a lot of American workers throughout the years and served a purpose in stopping abuse by some businesses of exploiting workers. Yet, one-size-fits-all never works very well and there are those who never should be in a particular profession in the first place. Derek Chauvin evidently was a bad cop and his reckless disregard for the life of George Floyd confirms the worst. States ought to consider exemptions to union contracts to be able to get rid of those employees who shouldn't be protected from their own misdeeds.

The overwhelming number of men and women in blue are fine public servants and characterizing one and all as racist murderers is an example of hypocritical discrimination. Unions shouldn't stand in the way of disciplining or terminating employees who have committed genuinely wrongful acts against the people they are supposed to serve, most especially when they do exercise power over other people. Complaints should be thoroughly investigated to determine if there is any merit to them, or if they are spurious.

Cell towers coming to Fox Den?

By Focus Staff

U.S. Cellular has posted a Public Notice for the people of Fox Den and Village Green in Farragut. Under a 2018 Tennessee state law, cellular phone towers may be placed in the front yard of any residence in the right of way. These towers may be as tall as forty feet. U.S. Cellular has not disclosed what kind of transmissions the tower will have. It may be 5G, 4G, or both. The Public Notice is listed below. There is a thirty-day comment period for the public.

The Farragut Planning Commission will meet this Thursday, June 18

at 7:00 p.m. in the Farragut Town Hall. There is no public access to the Town Hall due to Governor Bill Lee and the Knox County Health Department's orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Meeting comments may be emailed to comments@townoffarragut.org and must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 18 to be included in the record of the meeting. Anyone that wishes to provide comments must include their name and address. For questions please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org or Bart Hosen at bhosen@townoffarragut.org.

Farragut resident Laura Squires has protested this closed meeting in an email to Farragut Town Administrator David Smoak. Squires wrote, "On behalf of those who wish to participate in a public forum on this topic, I ask that agenda item 9 be delayed until in-person public forum can resume. I just spoke to Knox County Commission and they are hosting a meeting on Monday, June 15 and it is open to the public and public

comment is allowed. Why are the Town of Farragut and Knox County operating differently regarding public forum? Again, I request the agenda item 9 be delayed until in-person public comment can resume."

The agenda item reads: Discussion on the development of an aesthetic plan for new vertical utility infrastructure within public rights of ways (Town of Farragut, Applicant).

Since January of this year, hundreds of Farragut residents have attended Planning Commission meetings on 5G cellular towers. In each meeting, there have been many residents speaking to the issue and in Citizen's Forum. Farragut residents may reach out to the mayor and aldermen to request this item be postponed until the people may attend in person. The main number for the mayor and aldermen is (865)966-7057.

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intends to construct a communications facility at an address approximately .01 mile north of the intersection of E Fox Den & Weathervane Dr, Farragut, Knox County, TN (Latitude: N35 53 6.6 and Longitude: W84 11 4.4). The facility will include a utility/street light pole telecommunications tower with an approximate overall height of 38 ft. and associated equipment. U.S. Cellular is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the proposed facility should contact GSS, Inc., 3311 109th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322; Ph. (515) 331-2103 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #W20216)

Central football team receives title rings, surprise

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one last time. He presented the seniors with their rings and a video of the 2019 season. He also addressed them one final time.

"You guys are leaving here as the winningest senior class in Central Football history and you not only do you have the first state championship in school history. Now, you have a second one," Rosser said. "You're getting a ring and a (highlight) video of last season.

"So go and enjoy all the hard work that you've done." CHS quarterback Dakota Fawver, who recently completed his senior year and played on both state championship teams, said that he'll always remember the players on those two teams.

"This is a special group," said Fawver, who will play college football at

Carson-Newman University in nearby Jefferson City this fall. "This is great because we've been through a lot together.

"These are great guys and we've battled a lot of adversity."

Due to social distancing regulations, the ceremony was conducted in five segments and each ring recipient was permitted to have three guests.

Ring recipients and their guests checked in at the front gate of the stadium and had their respective temperatures checked before entry.

The coaches and support staff received their rings first. The seniors were next, followed by the juniors, the sophomores and then the freshmen. The ceremony began in the late afternoon and concluded early in the evening.

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Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon heard from black community leaders Tuesday in a Zoom meeting.

Knoxville mayor meets with black leaders

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trade classes need to be brought back to schools.

David Hayes said Knoxville is historically racist and the police are overfunded.

Mayor Kincannon responded that the city continues to correct problems and she is "more

than happy" to use city resources to participate in issues.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker outlined a number of things she'd like to see happen, including expanding jail divergence, a new use of force policy, strengthening PARC, and moving city resources to

community efforts.

Vivian Shipe said there should be more input in hiring of police officers and asked the city to "get past the Blue Code" and to get rid of "rotten apples" and clean house. Various other panel members expressed their concerns and proposals.

Changes to the law director role rejected by Charter Commission

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two most difficult items," he said.

This Thursday the Charter Commission meets again and may hear about a proposal to change the current 2.5 percent pay increase for employees now dictated currently. County Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom has three proposals involving removing "consecutive" from the two terms limits for elected commissioners, adding two "at-large" school board seats, and adding the at-large commissioners to the next Charter Commission membership.

There may be other proposed changes because the floor is open for all input.

"It's carte blanche," Anders told the members. He agreed with charter member Lisa Starbuck that an agenda

with proposed changes should be sent to members prior to meetings.

CTV's coverage of the charter meeting was limited because a planning authority meeting ran until the last few minutes of the meeting and viewers only saw the closing minutes of the session.

Voting for the county mayor to appoint the law director were Sam McKenzie, Randy Smith, James Corcoran, Hugh Nystrom, John Gill, Mike Arms, Gary Drinnen, Brad Anders, Daniel Herrera, and John Valliant. Voting to keep an elected law director were Evelyn Gill, Jered Croom, Michelle Carringer, John Schoonmaker, William Johns, Charles Busler, Sandra Sexton, Richie Beeler, Lisa Starbuck, Carson Dailey, Barry Neal, and Nick Pavlis. Mark Mamantov abstained.

Roll Around Heaven All Day

Am I the only one, or do most folks who reach senior citizenship at some point begin to wonder about what lies beyond this life? Well, I have been thinking about it, even though, thankfully, I am in good health at this point in time.



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I do believe that life does exist after this one, and I hope that I am able to enjoy it. However, the stories that I heard as a child left me thinking that heaven wasn't the most wonderful place to spend eternity. I'm not keen on sitting around all day singing hymns. My homes throughout life have been modest ones, so mansions don't interest me much either. Streets of gold are fine, but they are of no value in a place where all is provided.

Not intending to show disrespect for anyone else's view on heaven, I'll describe what I hope is waiting for me when I get there. First, I look forward to uncloudy days. Temperatures will be warm enough to swim every day, and no one will have to worry about sunburns. We'll all have perfect tans. At the same time, occasional summer showers will spring

up. That gives everyone the opportunity to sit on a front porch or screened porch and listen to the rainfall through the trees or on a tin roof. Snow will fall so that we can sit by fires and drink hot chocolate as we watch it pile up, but the cold won't bother us.

I know that it is said there will be no more hunger or thirst. I hope that doesn't mean we won't be able to enjoy food or drinks. I'd like to think that I can spend eternity eating shrimp or my mother's butterscotch pie. Fried chicken might be the centerpiece of a meal with a big pitcher of sweet tea to wash it down. I want foods to taste good like they did when I was a child, and I want to eat them without having to take a pill to keep my stomach from churning.

In heaven, I hope that I'll live in the same places that I have on this earth. I have spent most of my time either in my parents' home or the one Amy and I built in 1978. Yes, that also means that I also will spend time sitting by the pool in the back yard. I love my yard and won't mind mowing the grass when it grows.

When I reach the Pearly Gates, I want to find family members, and I pray that the reunion is exuberant. I'd like to think we will know each other and will be able to spend the time talking and laughing and enjoying just being together. The thought that I wouldn't know my parents or brothers is too disturbing to consider. In some future time, I want to be with Amy, my children, and my grandson, and I want them to know Mother and Daddy and my older brother Dale.

Along those same lines, I pray that pets will be there in heaven. We humans find a bit of the perfect and sublime in pets, and they should be present with us in our journey into the kingdom of heaven. I want to have Snoop jump in my arms, and I want Sadie to wag her tail in that circular motion as she waits for me to pet her.

I hope I'll be able to ask God some questions that have been on my mind for a long time. Knowing the answers will help my understanding of what life is all about. Heaven is a place where most of us hope to spend our "foreverness." With some of these things I've mentioned, it will be a good place to roll around all day.

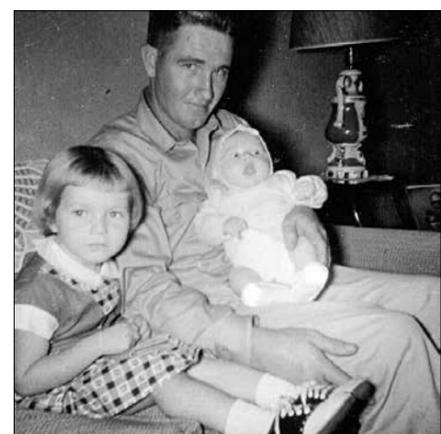
Honoring Fathers During the Pandemic

By Ralphine Major
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Father's Day 2020 will be drastically different than most others we have celebrated before. The third Sunday in June is designated as the day our nation sets aside to honor fathers. The special day often fell on our father's birthday. This upcoming summertime holiday is right on track, but life is anything but normal. As 2020 reaches the halfway point, we celebrate yet another holiday during the Coronavirus pandemic often referred to as COVID-19.

Our country is slowly reopening. Each week, more churches, more businesses, more theme parks, and more restaurants are cautiously reopening; and many require that masks be worn. Though experts still advise the best safeguard against Coronavirus is to stay home, some family members may travel out of town to their hometown to spend the day with family. Lots of families are likely to come together and enjoy cookouts, watermelon, and homemade ice cream on this special day. Yet, some children and adults alike may have lost their father to COVID-19.

As we face the anxiety of navigating through this Coronavirus that seems to have taken over our lives these last few months, it is more important than ever that we recognize another Father. He is the one who made us, who created the



My brother and I with our father who passed away 26 years ago. Ralphine, Ralph, and Wayne Major, by Juanita Major.

heavens and the earth, and who controls the universe. He understands our deepest fears, our struggles, and our needs. He knows all about us. He cares for us. He is our heavenly Father. Be safe and well! Happy Father's Day!

Words of Faith: From the New Testament, we find comforting words in Matthew. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26 NIV).

Planning Commission

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transportation in the area. Commission staffer Liz Albertson pointed out that the location at present doesn't have any, but that it's just over a mile to Cedar Bluff Road, which is a hub of commercial activity. A public-trans link, therefore, could well be in the offing.

"Twelve units per acre," said Commissioner Scott Smith. "What kind of building do you anticipate being able to fit on this site? How many stories would it be? What are you planning?"

"Currently we're looking at two-story buildings," said Pierce. "Two, possibly three smaller buildings to reduce the perceived density of it. But we are looking at doing 24 units in probably two or three buildings. Pushing off to one side or separating them out to make room for any landscaping buffers or anything like that."

Smith then expressed concern about the lack of

commercial activity in the area, given that the recommended change focused on the transition between residential and commercial. "I don't really see any commercial there," Smith said. "Secondly, I don't see justification for a change in the sector plan. If it's just that the area is growing, then all over west Knoxville should be changed. I'm just not sure how compatible this high-density or medium-density is right now."

Phillips also had a problem with the density. "That's a bit of a stretch," he said, referring to 12 units per acre. "I'm not comfortable with that." Albertson then cited statistics on other developments in the area, and that most had a density of five to eight units per acre.

Commissioner Gayle Bustin seconded Hill's and Smith's density concerns. "I believe this is a large density for this neighborhood, number one," she said.

"Number two, I just don't see the trend to commercial in that large a complex."

Commissioner Jeff Roth saw things differently from Phillips, Smith and Bustin. "I see the development that's happening along Cedar Bluff," he said. "People can go right down the street to Cedar Bluff and there are all kinds of shops and stores and restaurants. I think this is a good use for this particular piece of property."

Others voiced their opinions; the issue came down to whether Brandon could develop at the requested 12 dwelling units per acre. The commission settled upon "up to 10," as requested by Clancy. In the end, Brandon was given the green light on the Sector Plan by a vote of 8-5; on the Rezoning, 7-6.

The next meeting is on July 9. Commission chair Janice Tocher will no longer be on the commission, nor will Clancy or Thomas Breuschko.

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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XVIII

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Frank Clement was the first incumbent governor in Tennessee to bid for the United States Senate since Tom C. Rye in 1918. The unexpected death of Senator Estes Kefauver on August 10, 1963 necessitated a special election in 1964. For the second time in thirty years, both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate would be up for election. The incumbent, millionaire businessman Herbert S. Walters, had been appointed by Governor Clement shortly after the death of Estes Kefauver. Senator Walters had apparently given some thought to running, but he was not in the best of health and seventy-two years old.

Clement had served as Tennessee's governor from 1953-59, the last man to win a two year term, and the first to win a four year term. At the time, Tennessee governors could not seek a second consecutive four-year term. Clement had backed his successor, Buford Ellington, in the 1958 election and for a brief time considered running against Senator Albert Gore. Clement decided against making the Senate race that year and returned to practicing law. Only thirty-two when he won his first term as governor, Clement was forty-two years old when he sought a third term in 1962. With the announcement by Senator Walters that he would not run again during the last week of April, Governor Frank Clement declared his own candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate on May 13, 1964.

Clement would be facing Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski in the Democratic primary; the congressman was quick to react to Clement's announcement. Bass termed the governor's candidacy "the most arrogant and blatant political attempt in the history of Tennessee." "Never before has a governor of this state attempted to seek election to another office while holding the office of chief executive," Bass thundered. He was wrong; Tom C. Rye had been the incumbent governor when he had challenged Senator John Knight Shields for reelection in 1918. Likely Ross Bass didn't give a damn, but rather enjoyed the opportunity to knock his opponent. "I believe the people of Tennessee will absolutely rebel against this effort to gain political control of this state, both at the local and national level, by a few selfish political leaders," Bass huffed. The congressman added it was "almost an insult to the memory" of the late Senator Estes Kefauver for Clement to run to sit in the same seat in

the U. S. Senate. Governor Clement made his announcement at a press conference in Nashville surrounded by his wife, Lucile, as well as his three sons, Bob, Frank and Gary. Clement spoke before newsmen instead of making his announcement before a throng of supporters. While the Nashville Tennessean was bitterly opposed to Frank Clement, the governor immediately received the endorsement of the Tennessean's rival daily newspaper, the Nashville Banner. The Banner stoutly praised Clement's accomplishments as governor, citing improvements in education, state institutions, and mental health. The Banner believed Clement's tenure as governor had been good for Tennessee. "It is in Frank Goad Clement that the office will find the man," the Banner editorial intoned.

Clement's candidacy also won the instant support of the Johnson City Press-Chronicle, which stated the governor "towers above anyone now opposing him, either in the Democratic primary or the general election in November." The Press-Chronicle editorial said Governor Clement "has the experience and the stature to make a great senator." As the Press-Chronicle lent its own support to the governor, it said "we are confident he has the support of a large majority of Tennesseans."

The Columbia Daily Herald also quickly endorsed Frank Clement's bid for the United States Senate. "Tennessee is a moderate state," the Daily Herald editorial said and thought the people "wish to be represented in the U. S. Senate by someone who will weigh all the issues, consider all the facts and reach his own decisions." The Daily Herald credited Clement who "has done more than any one man to pull Tennessee out of the educational morass in which she was floundering near the bottom of the heap..."

The Tennessean was equally quick to remind its readers Clement's senatorial candidacy broke a promise he had made at a 1963 press conference following Estes Kefauver's death. When questioned about his running in a 1964 special election, Governor Clement had replied. "I can lay these rumors to rest right now. I was elected to serve as governor for four years and I intend, with the good Lord willing, to serve out that term."

From Washington, D. C. came word from Senator Herbert "Hub" Walters that he welcomed Frank Clement's entry into the Senate



(NS1) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 4---THE VICTORS CHEER---Rep. Ross Bass, his wife, Mrs. Albert Gore and Sen. Gore laugh in triumph over the victory of the two Democratic congressmen in their Senate races. Tennesseans gave Bass a close win over Republican Howard Baker. Gore won a somewhat wider victory margin over GOP nominee Dan Kuykendall in a hard-fought campaign. (AP Wirephoto) (j140120bc/stf) 1964

FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Ross Bass and wife, Avanel, celebrate the 1964 election victory with Senator and Mrs. Albert Gore. (Senator & Mrs. Bass are on the left.)

race to succeed him. "I now have an opportunity to recognize through my vote a qualified candidate," Mr. "Hub" exulted. "He has my wholehearted, enthusiastic and completely unsolicited support."

The Memphis Press-Scimitar published an editorial pointing to the statements issued by the Bass campaign and that of businessman M. M. Bullard of Newport, both announced candidates for the Democratic senatorial nomination. "Judging from their statements," the Press-Scimitar editorial said, "both Bullard and Bass consider the defeat of Clement the big goal. If they really think that, they have only to look at past elections to see that to achieve that goal, one of them will have to get out of the race."

Ellis Binkley, political reporter for the Kingsport News, published a column shortly after Clement's announcement that Governor Clement had already won one election, albeit a mock election on the campus of Memphis State University. Binkley wrote that Clement had handily won the mock election, winning 55% of the vote over Ross Bass, who garnered only 34% of the total. The Tennessean charged the Clement campaign was being financed by "shakedowns" gathered from state employees.

If the governor's campaign was off to a good start, Ross Bass was busy pressing his own. Speaking in Chattanooga, Congressman Bass complained the governor had done little to alleviate the poverty in Tennessee. In his address before the Tennessee Junior Chamber of Commerce, Ross Bass noted Clement had actually harmed poor Tennesseans by extending the sales tax to utilities. Bass thundered Clement had testified before Congress on behalf of President Johnson's war on poverty, but the governor "during his administration he has done nothing for these people." Bass said the extension of the sales tax to utilities "was a tax on the low-income people of Tennessee."

Governor Clement was in no hurry to officially kick off his campaign for the Democratic senatorial

nomination. The governor announced he would return to Gallatin, Tennessee, where he had twice opened his campaigns for the gubernatorial nomination on June 20. In his opener, Clement took his opponents to task, referring to Ross Bass and M. M. Bullard as "the colonel and the congressman." Clement dismissed Bullard, saying, "The colonel has no record to speak of except one of doing business with the state --- before I came into office." Governor Clement accused Congressman Bass of absenteeism, especially as a member of the House Agricultural Committee. Clement also hit Bass for voting for the Civil Rights Bill of 1964, telling his audience "an excess of civil rights is destructive of liberty under law." Clement chortled, "The congressman has drawn a salary in Washington for 10 long years. He has introduced 55 bills. Let's take a look at his batting average. He passed exactly three." The governor accused Bass of being a tool of organized labor. Clement pointed out the congressman had been endorsed by organized labor, but sniffed, "I am content to take my chances with the fair minded laboring people of Tennessee." The governor touted his own record as Tennessee's chief executive, pointing out expenditures on education had increased by 180%, teacher salaries had doubled, while the state had built three hospitals for the mentally ill. Clement said his philosophy of government was "pay as you go", a notion both Bass and Bullard seemed to dislike. The governor thought that typical of Washington thinking and Clement told his audience he was brought up to believe that folks should be willing to pay for what they get.

Ross Bass snorted Clement's opening speech sounded as if it had been written for Senator Barry Goldwater, the conservative GOP presidential nominee. Congressman Bass reiterated an invitation for the governor to meet him in a televised debate. "The governor is against everything the President is for --- the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State Department, medical care

for the aged and the fiscal policies of this administration," Bass complained. "I wonder how compatible the governor would be running with the President in November?" Bass concluded he and the governor were "at variance on many issues" of concern to Tennesseans. "In his speech the governor said he would meet the issues eye to eye and toe to toe," bass said. "I'm willing to put my eye against his and discuss the issues." When pressed by reporters for a comment about Governor Clement's fiery denunciation of Amon Carter Evans, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, Congressman Bass demurred. "I won't comment except to say that the governor can continue his fight with Mr. Evans. I think Mr. Evans can take care of himself." Indeed he could; the Tennessean kept up a relentless criticism of Governor Clement throughout the campaign and beyond.

While opening his headquarters in Memphis, Ross Bass said of Clement, "Every time this man has been allowed to be the chief executive, he has imposed new taxes, taxes that hurt the people who work for a living." M. M. Bullard, speaking in Chattanooga, said Ross Bass was "the shoeshine boy of special interest groups."

As the campaign for the senatorial nomination drew to a close, both Bass and Clement attacked one another for alleged absenteeism. "As an example," Bass told 2,000 people at a rally in Cookeville, "last year, after the end of the 1963 Legislature but before Clement became an active candidate for the Senate, he only spent 61 days in his office during the rest of the year." Speaking in Springfield, Tennessee, Governor Clement charged Bass with "neglecting" his own sixteen county congressional district and said the congressman had missed 67 of 76 meetings of the House Agriculture Committee and the subcommittee upon which Bass served.

As usual, all of the candidates claimed to be confident of victory as Election Day approached. When the results began to trickle in, Governor Frank Clement was stunned. Bass won

all four big urban counties: Knox, Hamilton, Davidson and Shelby. Bass won Davidson by the astonishing margin of better than 63%, with Governor Clement failing to win even 30% of the vote. Clement was further humiliated by narrowly losing his own Dickson County. Ross Bass won a resounding victory in the Democratic primary, winning with just over 50% of the vote; Governor Clement trailed with under 36% of the vote, while M. M. Bullard took the remainder. It was the first time Frank Clement had lost an election and he proved to be gracious in defeat. "All my life I've always gotten almost everything I asked for it seems like," Clement said. "I hope the people will now unite behind me for the next two years."

The governor admitted losing was a "new experience" for him and readily offered his support to Ross Bass, who faced Republican Howard Baker in the general election. Clement absolved his friends and supporters for his loss, saying any fault for losing was his own. The governor acknowledged his supporters and campaign managers could not have worked any harder on his behalf. Clearly, the defeat stung and Clement wistfully quoted his mother, "She told me once that if I didn't win, it would only be because the people of Tennessee couldn't stand the thought of giving me up as governor."

"The governor's statement was very magnanimous and I appreciate it very much," Ross Bass said.

The 1964 Democratic primary was over, but there would be another in two short years.



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Knox County Schools seeks public input for re-opening

By Ken Lay

When the Knox County Board of Education had its regular-session meeting Wednesday night at the Andrew Johnson Building, one of the main topics of discussion was getting the schools re-opened.

Knox County Schools have been closed since March and KCS Superintendent said that that's long enough.

The schools never re-opened after spring break and the 2019-2020 academic year came to a premature end but Thomas said that he wants to see the schools open on time when students are scheduled to return on Aug. 10.

Thomas said that he's seeking community input on getting things re-opened and he announced the formation of a community task force to address the re-opening of the school district.

The task force will be made up of community residents. In addition, Thomas noted that he was also seeking input from a student focus group, a teachers' focus group, a parents' focus group and an administrators' focus group.

"We're very interested in all the information that comes from these groups," Thomas said at Wednesday night's board meeting. That's part of the success for reopening.

"The goal is to have our students in school. The



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs pledged to attend every high school graduation and began this mission last Monday at Halls High School. He announced he is happy to see students and their families in official ceremonies and was joined by Superintendent Bob Thomas, key central office staff, school administrators and school board members. Plans call for visits this week at graduations for Paul Kelley, Hardin Valley, L&N STEM and Career Magnet academies and West and Farragut high schools.

task force is helping us from a community standpoint with the objectivity looking at the survey. In an ideal world, what we're planning on is to be back in school by Aug. 10."

The survey may be taken by community residents and is available online at knoxschool.org, the district's website. Thomas

and board chairperson Susan Horn encouraged the community to take part in the survey, which is open until Friday, June 19.

"I would encourage everyone to take part in the survey," Horn said.

Each board member picked a resident from their district to serve on the task force.

Dr. Jerry Askew, President of the Alliance for Better Nonprofits will work with task force members who include: Reverend Sam Brown (District 1), Joan Grim (District 2), Melanie Craig, (District 3), Jonathon Fortner (District 4), Susie Carr (District 5), Michelle Pickler (District 6), Rob Cummings (District

7), Steve Hunley (District 8) and Brannan Gillenwater (District 9).

Also at last week's meeting, the board approved the purchase of property for a new elementary school in Northwest Knox County. The parcel of land, valued at \$2.35 million, is located along Coward Mill Road.

HR final vote on Council Agenda

By Mike Steely
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Final approval of a new Human Resources Office is before the Knoxville City Council Tuesday and is expected to pass without much objection. While city employees voted to keep the current Civil Service Merit Board and not add a new department, most of the city's department heads support the creation.

The new HR department would assume some of the duties now held by the civil service department.

The council is also expected to approve several items dealing with affordable rentals, mobile meals, and emergency shelters using federal HUD funds.

State-owned property along James White Parkway—from the bridge to the Gateway Park—may be accepted for the city and SCU Bus Lines LLC may be hired to provide bus service for various Parks and Recreation events.

A police recruitment marketing agreement with Robin Easter Design is on the agenda, adding \$39,000 to buy promotional items, and the mayor may be authorized to apply for \$98,723 for the purchase of bullet-resistant vests for the Knoxville Police Department.

The zoning codes dealing with title bars may be changed and new review procedures may be adopted for standards in the Hillside Protection Overlay.

Nominations for Visit Knoxville, Disability Council, and Property Naming Committee will be considered.

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The Knoxville **FOCUS** presents the **Student-Athletes of 2019-2020** Story on B2



Row 1: Chloe Duggins and Jalen Geer of GCA; Tristen Davidson and Martinna Holloway of TSD; and Michael McClamroch and Audrey Yoon of Webb. Row 2: Blake Blakemore and Trey Foster of Austin-East; Collin Ironside of Bearden; and Mackenna Mozingo of CAK. Row 3: Max Smith of CAK; Evie DePetro of Carter; Central's Tyler Bost and Ashton Blair; Ty Hurst of Carter; and Davis Clem of Catholic. Row 4 collage, clockwise from top left: Walker Trusley of Powell; Gayza Davenport of Fulton; Edward Lacey of Fulton; Lexanne Halama of Farragut; Alex Magnuson of West; Trey Hawkins of Karns; Callie Tucker (907) of Catholic; Mary Austin Slate of West; and Karly Livingston of Hardin Valley. Row 5: Ryan Hagenow and Cathy Hu of Farragut; Noah Harris and Jade Mullins of FBA; and Ethan Humphries and Megan Turner of Gibbs. Row 6: Cassie Norris and Jake Parris of Halls; Kelton Gunn of HVA; and Sarah Roberts of Karns. Row 7: Kendal Goodman and Seth Jinks of L&N STEM; Bailey Trumm of Powell; Mason Brang and Issabella McAnally of South-Doyle; and Tyler Taff of Seymour.

SHINING THE BRIGHTEST IN TRYING TIMES

You have done well! ... Take a bow!

By Steve Williams

Congratulations to the Student-Athletes of the Year at our local high schools!

A combined total of 44 females and males from 22 TSSAA-member schools in The Knoxville Focus' coverage area were bestowed the distinction of "Shining the Brightest in Trying Times" in 2019-20.

The recognition of the honorees' excellence in academics, athletics and leadership began in our May 11 issue and ran through the June 8 issue.

It was The Focus' ninth consecutive year to have this feature series, which we couldn't do without the input from our high schools' athletic directors and coaches. Thank you!

Our appreciation also goes out to faculty members and others who added to the recognition with information, comments and photos.

RANKING BY SPORT: Basketball was the No. 1 sport for five of the female Student-Athletes of the Year, while soccer was the main sport for five others.

As for the rest of the girls, two ran cross country and two ran track. Two each considered softball and volleyball their top sports.



Running back Gabe Kitts is Seymour High's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

The female honorees also included a bowler, a golfer, a swimmer and a tennis player.

Twelve of the male honorees' No. 1 sport was football, followed by three in basketball, two each in baseball and cross country and one each in soccer, swimming and tennis.

Eight of the 44 Student-Athletes of the Year - four females and four males - were three-sport athletes.

HIGH HONOR: Tyler Taff, Seymour's female Student-Athlete of the Year, was a Valedictorian in her 2020 class in addition to being District 2-AA's Forward of the Year in girls' soccer.

Taff, who prior to her senior year also played golf, lacrosse and basketball, plans to major at Tusculum in an area that includes business and finance.

WAITING FOR NEWS: Collin Ironside, Bearden's male Student-Athlete of the Year, could start out at Troy University this season as a preferred walk-on and scout team quarterback.

The BHS football scholar-athlete said last week he is waiting to hear how much academic scholarship funding he will be awarded and he's hopeful that it may cover close to all of his school costs.

Student-Athletes of the Year 2019-20

Austin-East: Blake Blakemore and Trey Foster.

Bearden: Collin Ironside.

Career Magnet Academy: Savannah Price and Tanner Brown.

Carter: Evie DePetro and Ty Hurst.

Central: Ashton Blair and Tyler Bost.

CAK: Mackenna Mozingo and Max Smith.

Farragut: Lexanne Halama and Cathy Hu (co-holders) and Ryan Hagenow.

First Baptist Academy: Jade Mullins and Noah Harris.

Fulton: Gazya Davenport and Edward Lacey.

Gibbs: Megan Turner and Ethan Humphries.

Grace Christian Academy: Chloe Duggins and Jalen Geer.

Halls: Cassie Norris and Jake Parris.

Hardin Valley Academy: Karly Livingston and Kelton Gunn.

Karns: Sarah Roberts and Trey Hawkins.

Knoxville Catholic: Callie Grace Tucker and Davis Clem.

L&N STEM Academy: Kendal Goodman and Seth Jinks.

Powell: Bailey Trumm and Walker Trusley.

Seymour: Tyler Taff and Gabe Kitts.

South-Doyle: Isabella McAnally and Mason Brang.

TSD: Martinna Holloway and Tristen Davidson.

Webb School: Audrey Yoon and Michael McClamroch.

West: Mary Austin Slate and Alex Magnuson.

Ironside also hopes he will be with the Trojans when Troy visits Neyland Stadium in Knoxville Nov. 21 to play Tennessee, a favorite team of his growing up.

Ironside's name is expected to be added to the TSSAA football record book as the state's No. 10 ranked quarterback with 595 career completions. He averaged 12 yards per completion during his four seasons as a starter for the Bulldogs.

Bearden Coach Morgan Shinlever confirmed last week he has been in communication with the TSSAA regarding Ironside's completion total. "We filed the paper work before the first of the year," he said.

Another Student-Athlete of the Year, Hardin Valley Academy's Kelton Gunn, a Furman signee, also may get the opportunity to be inside Neyland Stadium this coming season when the Vols host the Paladins Sept. 19.

The player(s) or the coach?

A long-running debate over who contributes more to a team's success

By Bill Howard

Sports fans love to debate many things, one being whether a particular

player(s) or the coach is more instrumental to a team's success. Like any debate, this one will likely

go on forever, with ample evidence for both sides, and no final truth. Two strong cases for those who argue it's the coach are (sorry Vol fans) Florida and Alabama football.

When Steve Spurrier took over as head coach at Florida in 1990, the Gators went from 7-5 in '89, to 9-2. For 12 years under Spurrier, Florida was a conference power, winning the national championship in '96. At the end of the '01 season, he suddenly and unexpectedly announced his retirement. He later had success at South Carolina.

Enter Ron Zook in Gainesville in '02 and the decline started almost immediately. Zook lasted but three years before being let go. He was succeeded by Urban Meyer, who had just gone 22-2 in two years at Utah. Meyer stayed six years at the helm of the Gators and average more than 10 wins per year. He

won the national championship in just his second year in '06, and again two years later. (Some would say he wouldn't have done that without Tim Tebow, a fair point).

Even people indifferent to sports probably know who Nick Saban is. Already considered by some as college football's greatest-ever coach, Saban arrived at Bear Bryant's hallowed grounds in Tuscaloosa in 2007. The Tide had declined badly in the several years prior and went only 7-6 in Saban's first year (though five of those wins were later vacated). But then...

In his second year in '08, 'Bama went a perfect 12-0 in the regular season. In his third year in '09, the Tide won the national championship, the first of five Saban has won at 'Bama. Saban at 'Bama might be the best example in the history of sports of a coach making a difference.

One of the best examples of a team's success being due to a player is Cam Newton at Auburn. Auburn hired Gene Chizik in late 2008 to replace Tommy Tuberville, and in his first season, Chizik went 7-5 in the regular season, 8-5 with a win in the Outback Bowl.

In came Newton to play quarterback the next season, and Auburn went 14-0 and won the national championship. Newton blew away the Heisman voting and engineered an incredible comeback win against arch-rival Alabama after being down 24-0.

The next year Newton went on to the NFL (as the first pick), and Auburn again slipped to 8-5 with a bowl win in 2011. And in 2012? The Tigers won all of three games, none in the SEC, and Chizik was history.

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Practice is special these days...

By Mark Nagi

Football practice can be a brutal exercise... but the COVID-19 pandemic has made all of us value normalcy. So, it's no surprise that local coaches and players are happy to simply have the chance to get together and practice the sport they all love, in whatever form possible.

Recently I had the chance to stop by some area practices to ask coaches if practice is more special these days. Here were their responses.

"Especially once everything hit there so hard and football got shut down, everybody in town missed spring ball and missed that opportunity with those kids to see who was ready to make that next step," said Powell head coach Matt Lowe. "Being out here looks different and feels different. There are guidelines in place and we have to make sure we are doing our part to do those guidelines but it is just great to be around the kids and watch them and their excitement as they come out here, even though things are a little different it's great to have these kids out here and feel their energy again."

"I thought about that a lot while we were out," said Karns head coach Brad Taylor. "You feel terrible for those guys missing out on spring sports. But nothing is guaranteed, and that's why you have to take advantage of every opportunity."

"We were off for about two months and didn't see each other," said West head coach Lamar Brown. "The kids were really excited to see each other when we got back. We really had to enforce the social distancing at that time to get

them used to that but it's a special time and they are thrilled to be back together and pushing each other and trying to get better."

"I think in hindsight this might actually benefit us," said Bearden head coach Morgan Shinlever. "It lets us focus on the things that are important to us, and when you have a sport and you are teaching young kids great life lessons to let them know that nothing is guaranteed so make the most of it when you have it."

"(It is special) mostly for the players but I even think for our coaching staff," said CAK head coach Travis Mozingo. "You can only do so many Zoom meetings and the coaches want to be out here with the players in their positions groups and it is just a reminder about how awesome it is to be out here with the kids on a daily basis."

"Football is a special game," said Fulton head coach Rob Black. "I think it is special for them to be out here with us and with each other. You don't take football for granted but in times like this, when you don't have it, you sure do miss it."

"It's incredible to be back out here playing football," said Central head coach Nick Craney. "You can see that in our kids and our staff. Everybody is ready to be back and ready to work to get back to where we need to get to."

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.

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Central names Davidson volleyball coach

By Ken Lay

Central High School has found its new volleyball coach and she's no stranger to the area high school scene.

The school introduced Susan Davidson as its new coach Tuesday night.

Davidson, who replaces Daniel Carroll as the Lady Bobcats' coach, comes to Fountain City after a long and successful tenure at Farragut High School.

Last season, Davidson guided the Lady Admirals to the Region 2-AAA Tournament Championship. They also made it to the state sectional match where they

lost a five-set match.

In her career as Farragut's coach, she guided the Lady Admirals to four consecutive Class AAA State Tournaments between 2013-2016. Under her guidance, Farragut made the state championship match in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

At Central, Davidson inherits a program that reached the Region 2-AA Tournament in Carroll's lone campaign as head coach. Davidson said that she's thrilled to be the head coach of the Lady Bobcats.

"I'm ready to get started and I just want to thank (Central

Principal) Dr. Andrew Brown and (athletic director) J.D. Lambert for giving me the opportunity to come here and coach.

"This is a great place and I've worked with a lot of people who have worked here."

Davidson was also Farragut Middle School's girls basketball coach on two occasions; she most recently led the Lady Admirals to back-to-back James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament Championships in 2017 and 2018.

In her final season there in 2018-19, she guided Farragut to a third-place finish in the Knox

County postseason tournament. That netted the Lady Admirals a trip to the middle school sectionals in the first season that Knox County Schools were eligible to participate.

Davidson also served as an assistant high school basketball coach at Farragut, Webb School of Knoxville and Hardin Valley Academy.

She's looking forward to transitioning and coaching volleyball in Fountain City.

"This is a great place with great kids," she said. "It's a great community."

Lambert, upon introducing

Davidson as the next Central volleyball coach, gave her high praise.

"I've known coach Davidson for about 20 years and we've always wanted to work together," said Lambert. "We've always talked about working together, whether it was me working for her or her coming here to Central to work for me."

"She is the perfect fit for this school. She's going to emphasize academics and she's going to emphasize community service, but she also wants to have a competitive team."

Mason McNally Named Lady Irish Soccer Coach

Mason McNally has been announced as the new Head Coach of the Knoxville Catholic High School Girls' Soccer program, according to Athletic Director Jason Surlas. The spot was vacated when previous coach Vahan Janoyan resigned this past winter.

"We are excited to add someone of Coach McNally's exceptional character and experience coaching in the soccer arena, more specifically on the girls' side of the game," said Surlas.

McNally most recently coached the women's soccer program at Johnson University in Knoxville (his alma mater), where he spent time as an assistant before being promoted to head coach. The team during his seven seasons secured four consecutive regional championship appearances, and five players earned All-American honors in six years. As head coach, McNally led them to two of the best rankings in the university's history, finishing the season ranked #6 in 2017 and #4 in

2018 (National ranked by NSCAA & USC). He currently holds his Advanced National (USC), USSF D and GK level 1-3 licenses and is an Accredited Inter-scholastic Coach through NFHS.

"I am honored for this opportunity to lead such a storied program" said McNally. The caliber of individual and athlete present at Knoxville Catholic is outstanding and I consider it a privilege to continue the facilitation of a program that breeds such excellence. I look forward to seeing what the Lady Irish will bring to the field this season."

A Joplin, MO native, McNally enjoyed a stellar playing career at Johnson, where he was a first team All-Conference selection three consecutive years, and an integral part of the first two regional championships in school history to advance to the national tournament.

He and his wife Amy and 10-month old daughter Finley live in Knoxville with their two German Shepherds.

Baseball is back at Smokies Stadium with high school league underway

By Steve Williams

After a spring that saw just about all of the high school baseball season cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the East Tennessee High School Baseball League got underway on June 4 at Smokies Stadium.

The Tennessee Smokies are hosting the league for current high school players. There are two divisions, the Eastern Division and Western division, with a regular season running eight weeks followed by a league World Series between the first-place teams in each division.

Smokies Stadium in Kodak is home for the Western Division and will also be the site of the World Series.

"Obviously, we are going to do anything and everything we can to make sure the players, fans and our staff are safe," said Tim Volk, General Manager of the Tennessee Smokies.

Four of the 12 teams in the Western Division are undefeated so far, with the Seymour Lumber Kings, the

Hardin Valley Knox Hawks, the South-Doyle Knights and the Sevier County Cavaliers each sporting 2-0 records.

A game back at 1-1 are the Clinton Riverdogs, the Jefferson County Pirates and Morristown Sandlot Baseball.

Still looking for their first win are the Newport Cocks, the Kodak Wildcats, the Gatlinburg Gorillas, the Carter Mean Green and the Hardin Valley Valley Hawks.

Playing at the home of the Tennessee Smokies, Sevier County Coach Casey Taylor said: "It's a positive environment and a positive experience. It's something these guys will never forget."

Play resumes today (July 15) at Smokies Stadium with the first of three games starting at 2:30.

Games also will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week at Smokies Stadium.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes all games that day. Kids 3 years old and under will be admitted free.

Concessions also will be sold at all of the games.

The Eastern Division will play its games at ball parks in Elizabethton and Johnson City.

This week's Western Division schedule at Smokies Stadium:

Today (June 15): 2:30 - Clinton Riverdogs vs. Newport Cocks. 5:00 - Morristown Sandlot Baseball vs. Newport Cocks. 7:30 - Hardin Valley Valley Hawks vs. Gatlinburg Gorillas.

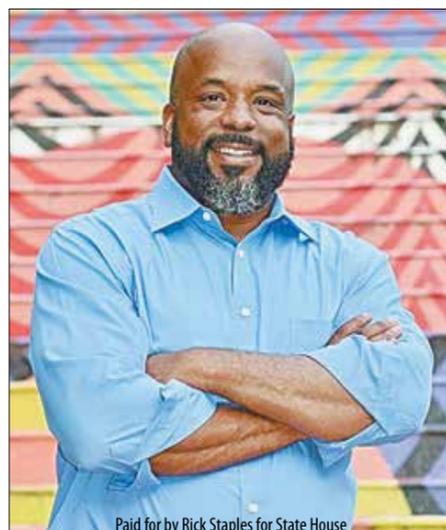
Tuesday (June 16): 2:30 - Seymour Lumber Kings vs. Hardin Valley Knox Hawks. 5:00 - Jefferson County Pirates vs. Carter Mean Green. 7:30 - South-Doyle Knights vs. Kodak Wildcats.

Wednesday (June 17): 5:00 - Sevier County Cavaliers vs. Clinton Riverdogs. 7:30 - Clinton Riverdogs vs. Kodak Wildcats.

Thursday (June 18): 2:30 - Sevier County Cavaliers vs. Morristown Sandlot. 5:00 - Gatlinburg Gorillas vs. Carter Mean Green. 7:30 - Cocke County Newport Cocks vs. Seymour Lumber Kings.

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Memories of trips through Winchester and by Huntland High

A friend of mine, the late Aaron Keen, was founder of Rocky Top Views, a UT sports publication, in the early 1990s and needed a delivery person for the East Tennessee area.

By Steve Williams

I took that part-time job to supplement my teacher aide position in ISS at West High and my sports officiating.

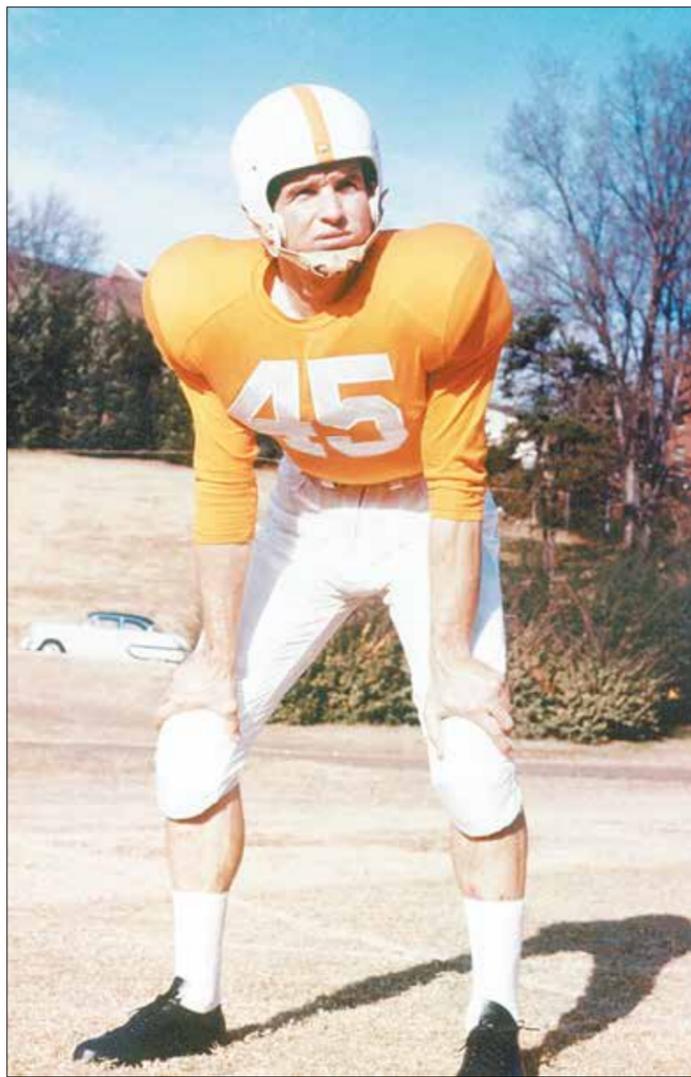
Keen, at that time, lived in Mt. Juliet and his publication was printed in Pulaski in southern Middle Tennessee.

Every Sunday morning for a year or so I would have my maroon 1976 Monte Carlo hooked to a U-Haul trailer for the trip to Giles County, which borders Alabama. That's where I picked up boxes full of Keen's Rocky Top Views publication.

The trip to Pulaski took four hours or more and covered around 240 miles. I had drop-off points for the publication in Chattanooga and at Anderson News in Knoxville, and then the second part of the trip covered 100 miles or so to Kingsport and Johnson City for more drop-offs.

Delivery people in these areas would pick up the Rocky Top Views publication on Monday mornings and distribute it locally in their area.

After about 700 miles of driving and delivering (I can't remember how many issues of Rocky Top Views were in all of those boxes), a worn out yours truly would arrive back in Knoxville on Monday usually after sunrise.



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The late Johnny Majors starred as a single-wing tailback at Tennessee in 1955 and 1956.

I tell you about this trip because it took me through Winchester (the home of Phillip Fulmer) and past Huntland High School (where Johnny Majors played football for his father, Shirley Majors, from 1950-52).

Highway 64 runs through both of these towns that are only 14 miles apart. It has always amazed me that two of UT's greatest football coaches lived in towns that were so close in proximity.

Of course, Majors, who passed

away recently at age 85, was 16 years older than Fulmer and they played at UT at different times, but they were on the same staff for several years, with Phil working as offensive line coach and then offensive coordinator under Majors before he ended up succeeding him at the end of the 1992 season.

The story behind that tumultuous transition will have to wait for another day.

Back to Huntland, home of the Hornets and the Blue and White. I pulled over to check out the Huntland football field one Sunday afternoon on my way back from Pulaski.

That's been almost 30 years ago, so my memory is a little vague of what I saw that day. I just remember it being your typical small school football setting, and imagining what it must have been like on a game day with Johnny playing and leading the way.

The oldest of four brothers and a sister, Johnny grew up in Lynchburg and moved with his family to Huntland in 1950.

Majors was the state's leading scorer three straight years and tallied 213 points as a senior in 1952 as Huntland went 9-1. Johnny also rushed for 2,550 yards that year, averaging 17.7 yards per carry, and was named to the All-Midstate team by both Nashville newspapers, The Banner and The Tennessean.

After Coach Majors passed away, I was listening to a taped interview of him telling about his dad having a 71-1-1 record at Huntland when he coached there from 1949 through 1956.

After graduating from Huntland

High in 1953, Johnny was a member of Coach Robert R. Neyland's last recruiting class at UT.

The 150-pound Majors was a single-wing tailback who could run, throw and punt. In game film I've seen on him over the years, he was a tough and disciplined runner who most of the time ran north to south.

In the 1956 season, he threw a long pass to end Buddy Cruze, a Knoxville product, that set up the only score in a 6-0 win at No. 2 ranked Georgia Tech, which often has been called one of the greatest games in the history of Southern football.

If Paul Hornung had played for any team besides Notre Dame, Majors most likely would have won the Heisman Trophy after his senior season in 1956 instead of finishing runner-up in the voting to the "Golden Boy." Hornung was a great player but on a 2-8 Fighting Irish team (the only losing team that has ever produced a Heisman winner). The great Jim Brown of Syracuse finished fifth in the voting.

To his credit, however, I never heard Majors complain about losing the Heisman like he did. In fact, he and Hornung became lifelong friends and had a tradition of speaking to each other on the phone every year.

Johnny still was highly decorated as a player. He was the SEC's Most Valuable Player in 1955 and 1956 and also an All-American in 1956 as the Vols were SEC champions and finished 10-1 and No. 2 in the nation in The AP poll. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1987.

We will all miss Johnny Majors

By Tom Heck

Tennessee lost one of its heroes when Johnny Majors passed. Coach Majors is a legend as a Hall of Fame player and coach, but he also touched many lives in Tennessee as a man.

In the 1980s while coaching at Rule High I would attend Coach Majors' coaching Clinics at the University of Tennessee. Coach Majors was always working the crowd and talking with high school coaches. I was fortunate to be with Don Ward and John would always spend five or ten minutes talking with Don about Knoxville high school football and I would get to be a fly on the wall. Coach Majors and Don would always exchange coaching gems that would open my eyes to the little things that so many coaches overlook.

In the early 2000s while on the staff at Central High, I attended a Coach of the Year Clinic in Atlanta. Coach Majors owned the Coach of

the Year Clinic; he had purchased the business from the legendary Michigan State coach Duffy Daugherty and held clinics in different cities across the nation. The Clinic was well organized and featured major college coaches as speakers. Again, like the UT clinic Coach Majors was very active and visible having informal talks with coaches outside the formal sessions.

I was now an old man on the staff and was acting as a mentor for a couple of younger coaches. It was Saturday night and I directed my young friends to the free sandwiches and beer provided by the clinic. We ended up sitting in the lobby watching all the coaches coming back from their nights out on the town and laughing at their returns. Coach Majors came in from his dinner and recognized the Central coaches and came to talk with us. He remembered my face and spoke of the eighties

and entertained us with stories of his days as a young coach.

Coach Majors understood that to be effective as a coach you had to reach the player on two levels. The first level was the personal level where you, as a coach, demonstrated that you care for the player as an individual, that he is more than an object that he is a person that matters beyond his role on your team. His life is what is important and his success in his life is the ultimate goal of the relationship between the coach and player. Coach did that with my young friends by spending those few minutes in the lobby.

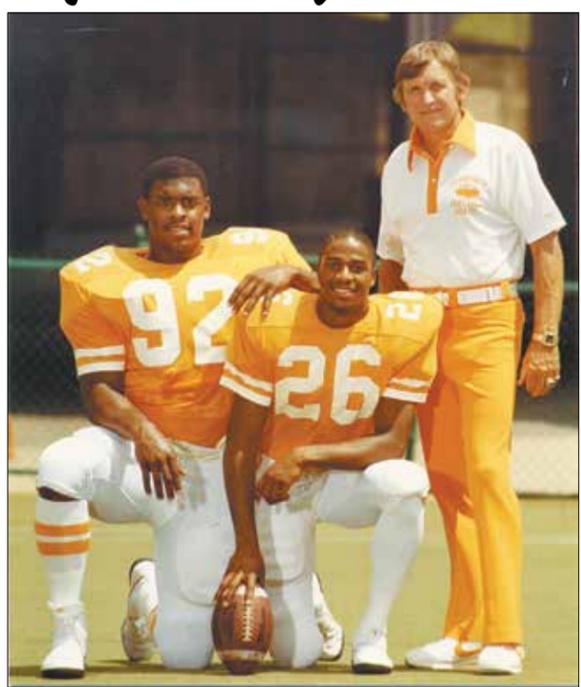
The second level is that of a leader. As a leader, the coach has to make hard decisions and enforce harsh penalties. On Sunday morning at his Coach of the Year Clinic Coach Majors would demonstrate that leadership quality to my young companions.

Our boss Joel Helton had

made it very plain that we were to attend a session on Sunday morning. The whole staff was there, on time, prepared to take notes and bring the information back to Bobcat land. It did not take long for us to realize that the speaker was not discussing his advertised topic. Coach Helton was not the most patient man and he soon closed his notebook and walked out of the room.

My eyes followed Joel out of the room and saw him meet Coach Majors. I knew their conversation was about why Joel was leaving. Coach Majors entered the room and went straight to the speaker and pulled him to a sidebar. There was an obvious brief lecture by Johnny and the speaker returned to the podium. He immediately apologized for his presentation and explained that there had been a miscommunication.

My young friends in the span of fewer than 12 hours had witnessed Coach



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Majors, Johnny Majors with Reggie White (92) and Willie Gault (26).

Majors' model what coaching is. He had shown the caring of communication and the hardness of leadership. I know that LA Headrick at Fulton and Kevin Lane at Catholic are now

modeling the characteristics they witnessed in Atlanta at Coach Major's Clinic. Coach Majors still influences the young people of Tennessee.

The player(s) or the coach?

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In Chizik's three non-Cam seasons, he went .500. The 2010 success was overwhelmingly due to Newton.

Arguably the best case ever of a player being responsible for a team's success is LeBron James. Drafted by his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers out of high school in 2003, James - maybe the most famous athlete in the world over the last generation - made the perennially mediocre Cavs not only relevant during his seven years there, he took them to the finals in 2007, where they lost to a much better San Antonio team. In 2008-09, Cleveland won an NBA-best 66 games in the regular season, and 61

in James's final season as a Cav the next year. No way Cleveland does any of that if James had gone elsewhere. In fact...

When James's contract in Cleveland expired in 2010, he chose to play for the Miami Heat for the next four years. In his first year gone, Cleveland had the worst record in the NBA, winning a lowly 19 games. In Miami, James, aided by two other very good players - Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh - made the finals all four years, winning the championship twice.

Back to Cleveland James went in the 2014-15 season for another four years, and the Cavs, who had slipped into utter mediocrity when he left, instantly became

a league power. Cleveland made the finals each of James's years there, winning the championship in 2016. He's now trying to do it yet again, this time as a Laker in L.A.

Jeremy Pruitt had a chance last year to tease fans into thinking he was, if not a Saban or Spurrier, at least the coach to finally take the Vols back to regular national relevance. But the Vols blew a very good chance to win 10 games, which would have been a huge achievement in Pruitt's second year. They won their last six, however, and have created high expectations going into this year. Maybe Pruitt will join the "it's the coach" debate yet.

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The Mob

I came of age during the counterculture revolution of the 1960s. I did not burn my draft card, but I remember the Vietnam War and protests, the race riots of Watts and the assassinations of President John Kennedy and Reverend Martin Luther King. I suspect modern day teenagers and twenty-somethings will consider the COVID-19 pandemic and lock downs with school closures, and the looting and riots under the facade of George Floyd's murder, sentinel events for them and fellow millennials and those of the Z generation.

It is a human tendency to consider any current crisis as preeminent. We often lose sight of other turbulent times such as the Great Depression and the horrors of WWII. The media is the chief purveyor

of calamities, especially if the latest disaster can be blamed on a Republican.

The COVID-19 pandemic is real, but never has the world been voluntarily shut because of a plague. We are now learning that shutting down America's \$22 trillion economy was problematic, perhaps not necessary and has caused terrible consequences including personal economic ruin, increased suicide and drug overdoses and domestic violence. A survey by the Census Bureau showed that one third of Americans are now anxious or depressed. Perhaps the violence, looting and destruction are also consequences of people being locked up and stoked with fear and hatred. The same study revealed that those under thirty were the most unhappy, but the older you are the happier

you are. I suspect I would be blissful if I only looked out of my windows rather than through the "windows on the world."

Some might think the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement and racism, as well as ANTIFA (anti-fascism), are new and unique. They are not. Anarchists of the early 1900s, the 1960s Weather Underground and SDS (students for a democratic society) are comparable to current day iterations of anarchy.

Humans are tribal creatures and bigotry is a part of our nature. Racism is illogical and wrong. It must be challenged and overcome through reason, law and love. The cop who murdered George Floyd will be tried and probably sentenced to death or life imprisonment. The rule of law, not looting and riots, is the way of a civilized people. Actually, any two humans genetically have more in common than two of any other species on the planet. I wonder if red ants racially profile black ants?

As I watched Mitt Romney, virtue signaling festooned with a black mask while marching in a protest crowd last week, I recalled Winston Churchill's observations of crocodiles. The former British Prime Minister

said, "An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile — hoping it will eat him last." Mr. Romney, you should be careful. Mobs driven by hatred and passion have less restraint than a crocodile.

At least Romney was wearing a mask in a crowd as opposed to Tom Wolf, the Governor of Pennsylvania, who violated his own decree by marching mask less and shoulder to shoulder with protesters. When you hypocritically violate your own decrees, take away people's jobs and freedom, release criminals from jails and lock up people for violating the dictates of political functionaries, what do you expect will happen?

Armed anarchists have taken over six blocks in the central district of Seattle, Washington. They also occupied a police precinct station and declared themselves a new country, known as CHAZ. The media led by the leftist NYT called this an "experiment in social justice." Unfortunately, the experimenting nimrods of CHAZ have become hungry because I just read that they've requested vegan food be sent into their enclave.

At this writing the vacuous mayor of Seattle

and the effete governor of Washington have done nothing but bend a knee to the mob. The mob will not be placated by weakness. Those who know history remember the French revolution which began with liberty, equality and brotherhood and quickly became a howling mob with a guillotine during the reign of terror.

There is precedent for the secession in Seattle, Washington. The state of South Carolina seceded from the Union in December 1860 and America fought a civil war to preserve the United States at a cost of 620,000 Americans killed. Can anarchists be allowed to take over the center of Seattle, Washington? And what precedent does this and the looting of Minneapolis and New York City set? Do any of these lawless acts have any relationship to the murder of George Floyd?

I wish we were at peace and I could again write about traditional medical topics. However, my patient, our country, is seriously ill and demands my attention and voice. I cannot remain silent, because to do so would be poor stewardship, a dereliction of duty and cowardice.

The German Lutheran

minister Martin Niemöller is best known for his poem and anti-Nazi convictions:

"First, they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

"These are times that try men's souls," wrote Thomas Paine during the Revolutionary War. I suspect the souls of all Americans are in turmoil these days. If you are not concerned about your fellow man, our country and the world, you probably need to see a doctor and a minister.

What is needed is not hatred, bi-directional racism or anarchy. We must remain sensitive to and tolerant of our neighbor's perspectives, but apply the rule of law. Without the former we will have lost our soul and without the latter we will all become victims of the mob.

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People of the Towel

In John 13:1-17, Jesus conducts a dramatization of Philippians 2:5-9. Jesus' life was all about service. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus did not forget he was God and yet humbled himself. The creator of the universe became the Lord of the towel. Jesus emptied himself and became a slave / servant. Jesus demonstrates this scandalous humility.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

So, on the night Jesus eats his last supper with his disciples before his arrest and death, Jesus sits with his friends. While at the dinner, he notices that they all have dirty feet. The foot washer was the least of the least. This role

was the lowest rung on the servant ladder. In fact, the Midrash, an ancient commentary on part of the Hebrew scriptures, specified that foot-washing could not be required of a Hebrew slave. On those dirty roads that are covered

with dung and mud, imagine how stinky and nasty their feet would be.

I have never met anyone in my fifty-two years of life who has told me they like to wash people's feet. The last thing most men want to do is wash another man's feet. Who is happy we have socks and shoes today so we don't have to smell stinky feet? Stinky feet are a sign we have fallen short of the grace of God — and we have all been there. Jesus begins to wash and scrub the feet of the men he has created. This is humility beyond belief. The idea of Jesus dressed in a servant's towel is absurd. It is one

thing for God to become flesh, but to become the lowest servant among us — unbelievable.

Another absurdity is the fact Jesus washed Judas' feet. Can you imagine that? For three years you have invested in this person and never sinned against them, but for some reason they despise you and want to help have you killed. You know this yet you wash their feet. Would you do this? I would have a hard time washing them. My flesh would probably take the basin of water and hold his head under it.

Sadly, Jesus knows Judas is not going to change his mind. Due to God's

foreknowledge, Jesus knows Judas is doomed for destruction. Up to this point, Judas has been stealing money from Jesus (John 12:6). For three years he has been stealing from the ministry fund of Jesus, and then he will betray Jesus and then kill himself. Jesus knows what is going to happen. I would have said "enough of Jesus." Nothing Jesus does is going to change Judas. Why then would Jesus wash his feet? Because Jesus loved the Father and he loved his followers, despite their sinful lives. Judas may not show God's love or affection, but the Father does. That is the heart of humility.

We do the right thing not to impress others, or to get something out of it. We do it because we love God and we want to honor the Father. It is not a waste of time or money. Jesus' example reminds us that we don't help people for what we can get out of it. We help people because God wants us to. God loves them and for that reason they are valuable and worth our time and effort. Remember that foot washing takes place in many different ways: any act of service toward another. Let us follow the lead of Jesus and become people of the towel as we wash the feet of others.



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Elvis Mujic, traveling stand-up comedian and advocate for the homeless

Traditionally, homeless shelters serve as temporary residences for individuals and families. They exist to provide residents with safety and protection from the harsh conditions of living outdoors. Now, thanks to Elvis Mujic, a 30-year-old, stand-up comedian, people view shelters as a place to laugh and converse with their local community. While shelters aren't commonplace for stand-up sets, Mujic says he finds joy performing in untraditional settings.

"I don't know what made me go into comedy, but I tried it, and I loved it. It felt natural. I performed at one shelter in Mississippi years ago, to try something different, and I always remembered how it felt. I thought to myself, 'Well, who knows what life will bring? I have the chance to do this now, and I want to make sure that I can say that I've done something positive with stand-up comedy,'" Mujic said.

NEW

Socks

Donate Here

NEW

Undies

Available until June 17

Help the Homeless

Elvis Comedy (DOT) Com

Location	Address
Central Depot	103 W DEPOT AVE, KNOXVILLE
Barley's Taproom	200 E JACKSON AVE, KNOXVILLE
Emma's (The Burgers)	3701 SUTHERLAND AVE, KNOXVILLE
Bucket Head	8039 RAY MEARS BLVD, KNOXVILLE
Pint House	815 MERCHANT DR, KNOXVILLE
Litton's	2803 ESSARY DR, KNOXVILLE
Oak Lounge	7211 ASHEVILLE HWY, KNOXVILLE
B&M Lounge	8508 ASHEVILLE HWY, KNOXVILLE
Chatterbox	8227 CHAPMAN HWY, KNOXVILLE
Pelanchos	10725 CHAPMAN HWY, SEYMOUR
Tri-Hop Brewery	205 COURT ST, MARYVILLE

The first shelter Mujic performed in was in 2015 at The Salvation Army's Tupelo, Mississippi location. While performing at a venue in Memphis, Mujic decided to visit Grace-land, a suggestion from his father who is a devoted Elvis Presley fan. There were severe tornado warnings during his visit, so

Mujic headed south and took shelter at The Salvation Army's Tupelo, Mississippi location. He decided to do a set while waiting for the warning to end and found that he enjoyed performing for the people at the shelter.

Mujic has reached over 80 shelters since December 2018 and is currently

touring the Southeastern United States, visiting as many facilities as he can fit into his schedule. He often hosts "socks and undies shows," where people may bring socks, underwear, and personal hygiene products as admission to the show. Mujic also puts donation bins throughout the town at various

businesses.

"The bins are cool. They have my logos on them, but intertwined are messages from different people I've met at shelters and soup kitchens after the shows," Mujic explained.

Mujic takes about 2-3 weeks in each area, getting to know homeless individuals. He collects the

items from his donation bins and delivers them to the people that he's met along the way. He delivers items directly to The Salvation Army and other shelters if he's received a lot of donations.

"I'd love for my shows to be open to the community. My goal is to eventually get people who are not homeless to come to the shelter. I want to mix people who aren't homeless and people who are homeless because it's two different worlds that rarely interact. My goal is to try to mix everyone, erase any stigmas, and show that we're all people," Mujic added.

Currently there are 11 donation sites in and around Knoxville collecting new undergarments. They will be available until June 17. The show is at Chatterbox Tavern June 19.

You can learn more about Mujic on his website, ElvisComedy.com

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

LAQUISHA AKINLEYE -Vs- ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE
Docket # 148373

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 ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE 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 ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by LAQUISHA AKINLEYE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with MELANIE CAMPBELL-BROWN,

Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P O BOX 32852 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930, 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 19TH day of MAY, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE CHANCERY DIVISION AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE
Kenneth Allen Patterson, Jr.
Whereabouts Unknown
In Re: Kaia Marie Patterson

Angel Lucas and Dustin Michael Lucas
Petitioners
Vs.
Kenneth Allen Patterson Jr.
Defendant

No. 19CH1764

It appearing from the pleadings filed in this cause that, Kenneth Allen Patterson Jr., whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered May 18, 2020, service of process will be made by publication.

HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE 30 days after the last publication, to the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Clinton, Tennessee and make defense to the complaint filed against him in said court by Angel Lucas and Dustin Michael Lucas Petitioners, or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Defendant is required to file responsive pleadings with the court and Plaintiff's Attorney,

H. Daniel Forrester, III 224 N. Main Street, Clinton, TN 37716. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in the Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of May, 2020.

Harold P, Cousins Jr. Clerk and Master
By: Sandy Sherwood Chief Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JESSICA LYNN TEETER.
IN RE: SAVANNAH KATHERINE MASSENGILL
DOB: 12/12/2006
NO. 199303-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JESSICA LYNN TEETER, 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 JESSICA LYNN TEETER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore R. Kern, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 377 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or

a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 26th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT TAZEVELL

Case No. 19,506
IN THE MATTER OF: C.B. DOB xx-xx-xxxx
A minor child under the age of 18.

CANDICE LEANNE BROGAN, (Mother)
165 CAROL LANE
TAZEVELL, TN 37879
Petitioner

Vs.
MATTHEW BECERRA, (Father)
180 WATERVIEW DRIVE
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830
Respondent

To: **MATTHEW BECERRA:**

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition for Name Change, which is sworn to, that the Defendant's current address is unknown but he is believed to be a resident of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that ordinary process cannot be served upon Matthew Becerra, Matthew Becerra is hereby commanded to serve on Misty Kennedy, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 1745 Main Street, P.O. Box 428, Tazewell, Tennessee 37879 a true copy of the Answer to the Petitioner which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days of the fourth publication of this notice as required by law.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

This 5th day of June, 2020

Rita Jones
Clerk
Patricia Simmons
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH BEST
DOCKET NUMBER 83035-3

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

(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 JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH BEST
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
LORETTA H BEST; EXECUTRIX
6911 DORCHESTER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WARREN FLINK
DOCKET NUMBER 83013-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WARREN FLINK who died Apr 28, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or

before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

ESTATE OF WARREN FLINK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT STROUGO; ADMINISTRATOR
60 E 42ND STREET, SUITE 5220
NEW YORK, NY 10165

SCOTT B HAHN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 101
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBBIE SOWARDS FOX
DOCKET NUMBER 82470-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBBIE SOWARDS FOX who died Aug 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 27 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ROBBIE SOWARDS FOX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JONI J FOX; ADMINISTRATRIX
1407 SNOYDER SCHOOL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

HAROLD C WIMBERLY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
6759 BAUM DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA C GREEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83027-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA C GREEN who died May 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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 29 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA C GREEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES M GREEN; EXECUTOR
2803 ARBOR PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

VICTORIA TILLMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

1019 ORCHID DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CLAUDE HAMILTON
DOCKET NUMBER 83030-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES CLAUDE HAMILTON who died Nov 7, 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 this first publication; or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF JAMES CLAUDE HAMILTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK ROBERT CAMERON; EXECUTOR
5113 STOKELY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN WASHINGTON ISBILL, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 83020-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN WASHINGTON ISBILL, JR. 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 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 27 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF JOHN WASHINGTON ISBILL, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CONNIE STANSBERRY; EXECUTRIX
4001 CEDAR CROSSING ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RACHEL MARIE JANOUS
DOCKET NUMBER 83009-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RACHEL MARIE JANOUS who died Mar 1, 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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(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 JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF RACHEL MARIE JANOUS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
BRANDON JANOUS; ADMINISTRATOR
2907 CARDIFF CASTLE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY M KEISLING
DOCKET NUMBER 82347-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY M KEISLING who died Oct 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 27 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF BETTY M KEISLING

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TERESA GUY; ADMINISTRATRIX
6300 CADBURY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN KIEFFER
DOCKET NUMBER 82567-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of JUDITH ANN KIEFFER who died Dec 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 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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 29 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN KIEFFER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKI P KIEFFER; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
421 ALLEN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PRESTON GARY LUSK
DOCKET NUMBER 83022-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of MAY 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of PRESTON GARY LUSK who died Apr 9, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 this 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 28 day of MAY, 2020.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

GARY PRESTON LUSK;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
4405 DOGWOOD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

H STEPHEN GILLMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 870
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IDA LAVERNE MADDRON
DOCKET NUMBER 83036-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of IDA LAVERNE MADDRON who died May 6, 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 2 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF IDA LAVERNE MADDRON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHELLE BYRD; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
7615 KARNES ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

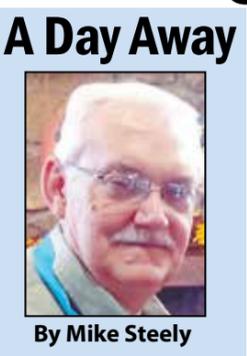
GERALD MADDRON; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
4205 WOODVALE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUSANNE MARCUM MCSPADDEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83028-2

Our neighbor to the east, Jefferson City

Did you know our neighbor to the east was once known as Mossy Creek? Yep, until 1901 that's what Jefferson City was called but was renamed in honor of President Thomas Jefferson. The city has about 8,000 residents, is the home of Carson-Newman College and is located between Knoxville and Morristown along Highway 11E or Andrew Johnson Highway.



By Mike Steely

of Peace. His wife worked to build a Methodist Church. The community grew up around the Peck family home. Jefferson City is worth an afternoon or morning drive and it's only about 30 minutes away. If you take the AJ Highway you may want to make a side trip to Strawberry Plains and New Market. Both little towns are unique and historic and feature small downtown sections just off the highway.

The town's history began when Adam and Elizabeth Sharkey Peck, who floated down the Holston River with their seven children from Virginia, decided to stop and build their home along a very mossy creek. The Peck Mill became the center of the growing community. Peck became a member of the Tennessee Assembly and was a Justice

Justice of Peace. His wife worked to build a Methodist Church. The community grew up around the Peck family home. Jefferson City is worth an afternoon or morning drive and it's only about 30 minutes away. If you take the AJ Highway you may want to make a side trip to Strawberry Plains and New Market. Both little towns are unique and historic and feature small downtown sections just off the highway.

It's the hometown of several notable people including former Tennessee State House leader Jim Henry, U. S. Senator Herbert W. Walters, and one other elected leader, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Jacobs told The Knoxville Focus that although he was born there his family moved to Dandridge when he was



Mossy Creek Station in Jefferson City opened in 2017 and hosts events. The park also features a playground and public restrooms.

a small child, yet Jefferson City proudly claims him as a native.

Carson-Newman was founded in 1851 as Mossy Creek Baptist Seminary and remains an accredited Christian college with a strong and winning history in sports and education.

Downtown Jefferson City has struggled over the years when the AJ Highway

bypassed that portion of town. Today most of the businesses are located along that route but there's an effort by local citizens to continue to renovate the former business district.

"After years of dreaming and planning, new life is starting to flow back into the Historic Mossy Creek District," according to the Mossy Creek Foundation.

"Our vision is to transform the neglected spaces in Jefferson City's historic downtown into hubs of community, conveying the culture of Mossy Creek to the next generation," the citizen's group has announced.

In 2017 a community effort built and opened Mossy Creek Station and the depot-style pavilion and amphitheater hosts events.

The park also has a public restroom, a playground and was dedicated to American Veterans.

Just east of Jefferson City is the Glenmore Mansion, which was built by John Roper Banner in 1868. The home is said to be one of the southeast's best examples of second empire architecture still standing.

The mansion engages the community through tours and special events. It also hosts special luncheons, baby and wedding showers, birthdays and other celebrations including family reunions.

Family events are difficult during the COVID-19 Pandemic but taking everyone for a ride to visit our nearby communities will get them out of the house and it might be fun. Jefferson City is unique and, like many other small towns, struggling to recover from years of neglect downtown. Why not get out, stay safe from crowds, and take a day away nearby.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA JO PRESLEY DOCKET NUMBER 83026-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA JO PRESLEY who died May 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (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 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

ESTATE OF SANDRA JO PRESLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GREGORY D MEADOWS; CO-EXECUTOR 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

JESSICA STRUTZ; CO-EXECUTOR

333 W DEPOT AVENUE #312 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

JOEL D ROETGER

ATTORNEY AT LAW 900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANITA REED DOCKET NUMBER 83024-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JUDITH ANITA REED who died Mar 18, 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 MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JUDITH ANITA REED

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AMY M REED; ADMINISTRATRIX 408 STONE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL SILENCE DOCKET NUMBER 82851-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL SILENCE who died Feb 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred. (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 2 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL SILENCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARY ANNE CARTER; ADMINISTRATRIX 470 M ST SW WASHINGTON, DC 20024

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 27 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL SILENCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARY ANNE CARTER; ADMINISTRATRIX 470 M ST SW WASHINGTON, DC 20024

GERALD L GULLEY, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 158 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS STRAWN DOCKET NUMBER 83014-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS STRAWN who died Apr 17, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 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 2 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF DORIS STRAWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DEBORAH DIANE KILE CAIN; EXECUTRIX 4640 ROBINDALE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANK ROGERS TIPTON DOCKET NUMBER 83039-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANK ROGERS TIPTON who died May 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 2 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF FRANK ROGERS TIPTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DORIS LYNNE MIKELS; EXECUTRIX 6631 BURNETT CREEK ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

M SUE WHITE

ATTORNEY AT LAW 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PRINCE A VINEYARD DOCKET NUMBER 83034-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PRINCE A VINEYARD who died May 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 1 day of JUNE, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PRINCE A VINEYARD who died May 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 1 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF PRINCE A VINEYARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DOROTHY UPTON; EXECUTRIX 117 FIRST STREET SWEETWATER, TN. 37874

JOHN W ROUTH

ATTORNEY AT LAW 3232 TAZEWELL PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBA CLAUDINE WILLIAMS DOCKET NUMBER 82988-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBA CLAUDINE WILLIAMS who died Apr 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 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 JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF REBA CLAUDINE WILLIAMS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHERRIE W BOWLING; EXECUTRIX 7845 PEDIGO ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

MARK E TILLERY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BRANNER DOCKET NUMBER 83045-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ERNESTINE BRANNER 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 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BRANNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR 4601 BARBARA DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

R SCOTT PEARSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW 8904 SONY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

date of death This the 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BRANNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES JERON BRANNER; ADMINISTRATOR 818 BAUMAN COURT GALLATIN, TN. 37066

PHILIP J BRYCE

ATTORNEY AT LAW 212 S PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUE ELLIOTT COX DOCKET NUMBER 83052-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUE ELLIOTT COX who died Nov 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first 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 JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF SUE ELLIOTT COX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BENNETT L COX; EXECUTOR 3529 ISKAGNA DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NEWMAN BANKSTON

ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 82938-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, SR. who died Feb 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred. (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 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR 4601 BARBARA DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

R SCOTT PEARSON

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY FRED GILES DOCKET NUMBER 83049-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TOMMY FRED GILES who died May 1, 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 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

the Estate of TOMMY FRED GILES who died May 1, 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 4 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF TOMMY FRED GILES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAYLA OVERHOLT-GILES; ADMINISTRATRIX 585 W TURNER RIDGE ROAD NEWPORT, TN. 37821

D SCOTT HURLEY

ATTORNEY AT LAW 205 MOCHICAN STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD M JOLLY DOCKET NUMBER 82966-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD M JOLLY who died Apr 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF RONALD M JOLLY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KRISTIE K GUN; EXECUTRIX 68 BEECH GLEN DRIVE BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JOHNNY PROFFITT DOCKET NUMBER 83044-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER JOHNNY PROFFITT who died Apr 28, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JEREMIAH PROFFITT; EXECUTOR 2214 BRIGHT OAK WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JEREMIAH PROFFITT; EXECUTOR 2214 BRIGHT OAK WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services: Bid 2963 Security Window Film and Installation, due 07/02/2020 at 2:00 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.

APPLICATION FOR TITLE

I, Joshua J Marsh intend to apply for a legal title in Knox County on the following vehicle: 2010 Ford Fusion SEL sedan - body color Gray VIN#: 3FAHP0J9A9R332659.

Any and all parties holding interest in said vehicle should contact me via certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 days at 4266 Largo Dr, Knoxville, TN 37914.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien at Tillery Self Storage, 115 Tillery Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912, July 8, 2020, at 10:00 AM. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please call 865-687-7308 to confirm the sale.

Randy Woods - 323 Ashley Lamson - 279 Dakota Craig - 241 Brian or Michael McDaniel - 45

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SALE OF PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that on the 30TH day of June, 2020, a certain tract or tract of real property located off Lobetti Road and commonly known as Cara Cade Subdivision (Phase I), [Knox County TPN 091-20402; being approx. 9.25 AC +/-] may be sold on said date by Cascade Falls, LLC, the current owner of the subject property. All persons or entities, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the owner or the property are requested to file same with the law office of Pratt Aycock Ltd., Attn: Christopher M. Caldwell, 705 Gate Lane, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37909 on or before the earlier of ten (10) days of the anticipated sale date so listed above.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SALE OF PROPERTY

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The Boyd Family Foundation Donates Half a Million Dollars for 10 New Knox Neighborhood Dog Parks

Neighborhoods are encouraged to submit nominations for \$50,000 grants to build new dog parks in their Knox County neighborhoods

Knox County residents now have the opportunity to nominate their neighborhood for grants to build new dog parks thanks to a partnership between Knox County, the City of Knoxville and a \$500,000 donation from The Boyd Family Foundation.

The Boyd Family Foundation will give 10 dog park grants worth \$50,000 each to five city and five county neighborhoods who apply and meet the criteria. The information is now available at knoxdogparks.com. The deadline to apply is June 30th. The nomination period will be followed by a social engagement period from July 1st - 24th where neighborhoods are encouraged to show why they need a dog park on social media using the #KNDF.

"There is no better place to get to know your neighbors than a neighborhood dog park,"

said Randy Boyd, of the Boyd Family Foundation. "Dog parks bring people and pets together from all different backgrounds and walks of life. We are honored to make Knox County and Knoxville the Most Pet Friendly Community in America."

With the addition of the 10 dog parks, Knox County would rank number one in dog parks per capita in the nation. Knox County is currently ranked 29th in the nation.

"Most of Knox County's state of the art dog parks exist because of the generosity Randy Boyd has shown this community for more than a decade," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "It has long been a priority to ensure Knox County is a pet-friendly community. As a pet owner myself, I know these new park additions will move us even further down the path to becoming one of the most pet-friendly places in America."

"This is a generous gift from the Boyd Family Foundation, and my dog Bobo and I are excited to see more new dog parks soon to be built at the neighborhood level," Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon said. "I encourage residents to share ideas and work together toward adding a

wonderful new amenity and gathering place in their neighborhood."

Studies show that people's ability to walk to a dog park is the highest factor in determining the amount of use for the park. Knox Neighborhood Dog Parks is an effort to make sure people have a place to go that's more convenient and close to home.

Powell Summer Songwriter Showcase to be held this Saturday

The Depot Print-house will be hosting The Summer Songwriter Showcase on Saturday, June 20 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. This is a FREE event and open to the public.

Six local singer/songwriters will be playing their original songs in a "Nashville round" format. Cruisin Cuisine food truck will be serving dinner. This showcase is also an "info share" for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Knoxville. Bring a chair and

come hang out, shop the shop, enjoy the music, food and the great outdoors. Parking will be available at Powell Library or Powell Church.

For more information, please contact Mitch Townley at (865)660-3792 or townleymitch@gmail.com.

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