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Haslam family gift will support insurance for student laptops

A generous gift from the Haslam family will help economically disadvantaged families obtain insurance for new Chromebooks that will be provided to all K-12 students in Knox County Schools.

Earlier this year, the Knox County Board of Education and Knox County Commission approved a 1:1 plan that will make a Chromebook computer available to each KCS student in grades K-12, starting in August.

While that plan makes Chromebooks available at no cost, families will be given the option to buy insurance for \$30. This insurance will offset the cost of repairs or a total loss of the device, which would result in a charge of \$200.

Recognizing that some families

may find it difficult to pay for insurance, the Haslam family will provide a \$900,000 gift to offset the cost of that insurance for Knox County's neediest families. The joint gift is being made by Natalie and Jim Haslam; Dee and Jimmy Haslam; former First Lady Crissy Haslam and former Gov. Bill Haslam; and Ann Haslam Bailey and Steve Bailey.

"The Haslam family has always been strong advocates of education and of Knox County Schools in particular," said Superintendent Bob Thomas. "This gift continues their legacy of supporting our students, and we're deeply grateful for their generosity. By providing insurance for families who otherwise could not afford it, we believe this gift will give

students peace of mind to fully utilize their Chromebooks and to enhance their learning."

In a statement, the Haslam family said, "Equal access to education is critical, and this includes the technology tools that help students learn. We want to ensure that all Knox County students feel comfortable and confident utilizing the new Chromebooks for enriched learning, and we hope that the coverage of insurance fees will allow all students to consistently utilize their Chromebooks. As a family, we are always humbled to being able to help empower our youth and continue to give them a stronger and equal foundation from which they can achieve."



The Haslam family from left to right: Bill Haslam, Steve and Ann Bailey, Jimmy, Dee, Natalie, Jim and Crissy Haslam

South High Senior Living opens



Rick Dover welcomes everyone to the opening of South High Senior Living. Old South High School has been totally renovated with 62 rooms. Photo Courtesy of Mike Cohen.

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Old South High School, abandoned for years until developer Rick Dover bought it, officially opened

Thursday with a ribbon cutting. Dover, who also developed Knoxville High School into a senior living facility, took the 1937 South High School and renovated the facility, designed originally by Charles Barber, into a

state-of-the-art assisted living facility.

The South High Senior Living facility is now "like new" and has 62 rooms and 28 of those are for Memory Care.

KCS unveils reopening plan for 2020-21

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools unveiled its reopening plan at the board of education's regular session meeting Wednesday at the Andrew Johnson Building.

While the schools will open, the school year won't begin as scheduled. Classes will begin on Aug. 17, a week later than expected and KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas urged parents and students to be patient when things finally get going.

"I'm asking all of our stakeholders for grace. It's not going to be perfect on the first day," Thomas said. "I wish it would be perfect, but it probably won't be."

Although schools are slated to open, the plan, which was released prior to the meeting on the KCS website and on its social media outlets, includes a virtual learning option.

Parents and students wishing to participate in remote learning must enroll in the Virtual Learning Program by Wednesday, July 22. Students who select the remote learning option must remain in the program for at least the fall semester.

"If students go into remote learning, they have to stay there for the whole semester," Thomas said. "We wanted to try to remain as flexible as we could, but they'll have to stay for the first semester."

"We tried to listen to everybody and incorporate as much of what we heard into this plan and give the parents choices."

Remote learning will continue regardless of COVID-19

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3 of 5 Board of Health Benchmarks turn red

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With three of the five COVID-19 benchmarks showing as red lights in the Knoxville region the Knox County Board of Health has issued a list of recommendations, including continuing its mask mandate, and voted Wednesday to begin meeting weekly rather than bi-weekly.

Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan introduced the "traffic light" symbol months ago but this is the first time three of the indicators are shown in as a stop or red light. Three of the benchmarks

are red, indicating upswings in the number of COVID-19 cases, an increase in deaths and lagging test results. While capacity to deal with the pandemic got a "green" light the capacity of hospitals was indicated in "yellow" or caution.

Dr. James Shamiyeh, chief quality officer of the University Health Systems, was successful in introducing a two-page "Community Education Recommendation" which went into effect Thursday. The unanimous vote on the guidelines got Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' "Yes" vote after Jacobs asked Deputy Law Director Myers Morton about the

motion. Myers answered, "It's a recommendation."

Jacobs had been the lone "No" vote on the initial mask requirements for the county.

Knox County Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan told the board the county has received a \$7.1 million COVID-19 grant to help deal with the local upsurge and that funding will go to the Knox County Commission for approval. She said that one of the testing companies has pulled out of local testing and switched to Nashville testing. She said that test results have been too slow in being reported back to the health

department.

She said, with that lag, people who were tested are "out and about" before results are reported back to the department.

She also noted that during the two weeks between board meetings the number of deaths have increased from five to 15.

Dr. Shamiyeh said wearing masks is "so fundamentally important." He said that 52 people of every 1,000 cases in the region will be hospitalized and hospital capacity is decreasing. He said hospitals are experiencing "staff fatigue" and Dr. Buchanan indicated that includes her staff.

"It's everywhere," Shamiyeh said of the virus outbreak and said local hospitals are coordinating efforts to look at creating additional space. He said when local health efforts settle down the virus spikes again, eases off, and then spikes again.

Mayor Jacobs described the effort as "buying time until we have a vaccine" and called the increase in cases "pretty alarming."

Buchanan said the health department is getting reports from citizens about businesses not following COVID-19 requirements and said those businesses

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Charter Committee flips on law director amendment

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When the Knox County Charter Review Committee meets in final session July 30th it will decide whether or not to place another charter amendment on the November ballot. Although the motion failed in an earlier meeting, the question of whether to have the Knox County Law Director appointed or elected was resurrected in last week's meeting through some rule changes and some vote switching by members.

The committee voted 21-1 on a second and final reading to put a summary of the county mayor's approval of expenditures of less than \$100,000 on the county commission's regular agenda each month and then moved quickly into a renewed debate on election or appointment of the law director.

With 22 of the 27 members present, former Knoxville Council member Nick Pavlis, who had opposed any change in the previous vote, switched sides saying he was mistaken in his earlier vote. Pavlis proposed that the county have a law director appointed by the county mayor and have the county commission and school board hire their own

counsel. The two-hour discussion to get a resolution on the ballot appears to have been organized prior to the meeting, a violation of the Open Meeting law.

Despite objections by several members that the issue to keep an elected law director as is had been resolved—and warnings by the current law director, Richard (Bud) Armstrong—the majority of members voted to move ahead with the discussion and change the rules to allow another vote on the issue.

The amendment won't affect the upcoming election of a law director but, if passed, would let the county mayor appoint a law director if the new law director should leave office prior to the end of the term.

"This is a dead issue," said Commissioner Carson Dailey, who said citizens are not going to give up their right to elect a law director. His plea and those of others, including Armstrong, Lisa Starbuck, John Schoonmaker, and Charles Busler, were not enough to stop the change of meeting rules that allowed the question to be debated and voted on.

Pavlis said his motion was different than the

previous one that failed to pass and the majority of committee members agreed over warnings from the law director.

"We were told this could not be brought up again," Starbuck said. She said that two committee members, Mark Manantov and John Valliant, are attorneys working for the county and should not vote on the issue. Both lawyers denied any conflicts of interest.

Armstrong repeatedly told the committee the issue is dead until the next Charter Review Committee meets in eight years. He said the effort was designed "to get around the rules."

Mike Arms and others said the motion was "materially different" than the previous denial and Schoonmaker said hiring three new attorneys would be an additional expense for the county.

At attempt to end the debate failed in a vote.

Despite attempts to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Brad Anders said, "The chair is not going to adjourn in the middle of debate." Asked that he take a position prior to the vote, Anders said he felt the motion contained "material changes" from

the earlier failed attempt and asked the roll be called.

The first reading passed 14-9 with Evelyn Gill, William Johns, Barry Neal, Sandra Sexton, Richie Beeler, Starbuck, Schoonmaker, Dailey and Busler voting against the amendment.

Voting to ask voters to decide if a law director should be appointed by the county mayor were: Rachel Sanders, Sam McKenzie, Amanda Benedict, Randy Smith, James Corcoran, Hugh Nystrom, Scott Davis, Gary Drinnen, Daniel Herrera, Valliant, Mamantov, Arms, Anders and Pavlis.

All of the committee members appointed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs voted to have the voters decide if the law director be appointed and not elected.

Commissioner Michele Carringer, who initially passed on the vote, changed her vote and supported an appointed law director amendment to appear on the November ballot. Her vote gave the 14th "Yes" that was needed.

When the second reading comes before the committee, the members absent from last week's vote could

Carringer explains her vote

Knox County Commissioner Michele Carringer's vote to put the law director's office on the November ballot was the additional vote needed to do so. Passed on first reading by the Knox County Charter Review Committee, Carringer at first passed on the vote and then, when asked if anyone wanted to change their vote, switched and voted "Yes."

Fourteen votes were needed of the 27-member group. Carringer is in what appears to be a tight primary race with school board member Patti Bounds to replace the 16th District's State Representative Bill Dunn, who is not seeking reelection.

Both Carringer and Bounds are Republicans and the winner of the August Primary goes on to face Democrat Elizabeth Rowland in November.

Asked by The Focus why she voted "Yes" Carringer replied:

"Thank you for your text regarding the vote regarding the charter discussion for appointed vs. elected law director. As I stated last night I believe the voters should have the final say. I believe this position should remain an elected position, but that is for the voters, through a vote on the ballot to decide.

"I have received split decision making from my constituents in the 2nd District and thus why I believe this should be put before the voters. I trust the voters of Knox County to make the right decision and based on their past actions I do not believe they will ultimately choose to take away from themselves the ability to vote for the Law Director and allow it to be appointed.

"But as always, we live in a representative republic and we let the voters decide at the ballot box."

lead to a tie vote and the motion could fail. That's unlikely and the meeting will hear the law director's

ruling on the motion or his legal language presentation of the motion.

How Do I Prove the Accident Was the Other Driver's Fault?

When I meet with individuals who are considering hiring an attorney to represent them in regard to claims they may have for injuries related to their car wreck, I always explain to them that there are two primary components that need to be present in order to win their case: liability and damages.

When I say "damages," what I usually mean is your injuries. If you have received medical treatment



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for the injuries you sustained from your car wreck, then you have sustained damages. If you were not injured in the car wreck that you were in, then you typically do not have damages, and you may not have a case that is worth pursuing.

Along with the injuries to your body, you may have some lost wages, but typically, the primary component of your "damages," is the medical treatment for injuries you sustained to

your person.

However, that is not what I want to focus on in this article. What I instead want to focus on is the, "liability," portion of your claim. If you cannot show that the wreck was someone else's fault, then you do not have a case that you can pursue.

So, let's break down how we prove that another driver is liable for the wreck that you were in.

The first thing that you will have to show is that the other driver had a duty to act in a certain way. Well, this is pretty easy. If a driver is operating a motor vehicle on a public road, or

even a private road, then they have taken on the duty of operating their vehicle in a safe manner and with enough care to avoid striking other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

The second thing that you will have to show is that the other driver breached their duty by failing to exercise reasonable care in the operation of their vehicle. Often times, when police arrive on scene after a wreck has occurred, they will cite a driver for, "failing to exercise due care," which is usually a very good indicator that they are the one who caused the wreck.

Tennessee is what is called a, "modified comparative fault," state when it comes to liability in car wreck cases. That means that someone injured in a car wreck can only recover from the other driver if they are deemed to be less than 50% at fault for the wreck. However, if the judge or jury determines you had any percentage of fault in the wreck, they will reduce the amount you are awarded. For example, say you have \$10,000.00 in damages, but you are found to be 20% at fault. Well, you will only be awarded \$8,000.00.

This sounds crazy, but in a few states that follow "pure comparative fault," even if the other driver is only 5% at fault, you can sue them and recover 5% of the value of your damages. So, using our above example, you could still recover \$500.00 from the other driver for your \$10,000.00 in damages.

So, if you have been involved in a car wreck, know that one of the main components you have to prove to win your case is proving the liability of the other driver involved in the wreck.

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CORRECTION
In the July 13, 2020 story "Diesel repair business seeks sector plan, zoning change from Planning Commission," we incorrectly named the business owner Scott Walker when the correct name is Travis Walker. We apologize for the error.

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- HB- 1609 - Financial Help for Relative Care Givers
- HB- 0402 - establish ACEs training for L.E.A.s
- HB- 1931 - require DCS to reimburse certain expenses for Relative Care Givers
- HB- 1471 - established the "JaJuan Latham Act" protection for youth against Gun Violence
- HB- 0631 - Established mechanism for testing Lead levels in the cooking and drinking water within Schools

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- HB- 0919 - Establishing a magistrate for domestic abuse
- HB- 1679 - redirects 10% of booking and processing fees directed to annual diversity training
- HB- 0587 - permits expunction of certain nonviolent felonies after 10 years

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- HB- 2337 - first 10 days of early voting, a citizen can update voter information

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- HB- 2591 - minimum wage increase for those who receive tips from \$2.13 an hour to \$7.25/hour

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- HB- 1552 - TAX rebate up to \$2500 for homeowners or residents with disabilities for home improvement
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Publisher's Positions

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Clerk's Loan Needed

I don't think there's any doubt our county, state, country and world have changed a lot since the advent of the COVID-19 virus. It's almost impossible to find anyone or anything left untouched by the coronavirus. Charlie Susano, Clerk of the Circuit, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Courts, is asking the county commission for a loan of \$1.5 million to keep paying his employees and keep the doors open. One way or the other, the Tennessee State Supreme Court is going to mandate the doors remain open as the offices have a constitutional responsibility to the public.

The presiding judge of the General Sessions Courts, Geoff Emery, has penned a letter stating the obvious: that the employees in Susano's office are all essential to keep the doors open and the offices and courts functioning properly. And let's be very clear about another thing: Susano and his staff collect millions of dollars in fees yearly. They just aren't allowed to keep enough of them to avoid taking a hit during a pandemic. Susano and his staff have turned over \$2 million alone that go to the school system and the sheriff's department. The clerk's office collects a myriad of litigation taxes that go to support

everything from school debt to mediation services. Susano isn't asking for a handout; he's asking for a loan to draw on until court filings return to normal. The COVID-19 has affected individuals and families across the globe and yes, it's affected how our government functions, too. The county commission should approve the request and allow our courts to go about their business and collections will rise.

Reopening Our Schools

The Knox County School system has a plan for reopening our schools. That plan was approved by a vote of the board of education on a motion made by board member Mike McMillan. McMillan pointed out what should be obvious to folks: there are no absolutes as we move forward save for trying to keep the children, faculty and staff as safe as possible.

First of all, full disclosure: I was a member of the task force appointed by the members of the Knox County Board of Education who considered how to reopen our school system. I think the leadership of Jerry Askew made all the difference in the world. I think the recommendations of the task considered all the opinions that were laid before us. I also happen to believe the path taken thus far by superintendent Bob Thomas to be the best approach to a very difficult situation.

I think Thomas did a really good job of going through the 27-page reopening document and explaining it.

I am certain there are numerous things that will come up in the days ahead which nobody thought about. I am equally sure folks are going to have a difficult time agreeing

about everything. We may have passed the time in America where we operate by consensus of opinion. Still, I have to thank my colleagues on the task force for their hard work and especially to Dr. Jerry Askew who did an awesome job.

The Form of Form Letters

As the meeting approached, members of the board of education began receiving a steady stream of form letters via email, which were purportedly the result of a suggestion on Facebook. As far as the number of form letters received, it wasn't a lot, but the message was similar, if not identical. The intent was clearly to try and put off the start of the school year, or perhaps just keep the schools closed until there is a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus. Others wanted to start school after Labor Day.

The content of the form letters varied slightly, but the correspondence was, so I am told by board members, heavily weighted from teachers or the spouses or parents of educators. Some carried specific demands, such as simply giving teachers more sick days or holding them harmless in the event they have to be quarantined, meaning they wouldn't have to use any of their own sick days should that be the case. There was a demand that Superintendent Bob Thomas get with superintendents across the state to insist Governor Bill Lee raid the "rainy day" fund for \$300 million for a variety of purposes, some of which had to do with delivery of services to special education students. The rainy day fund is somewhere between \$1.3 and \$1.5

billion, depending upon who one listens to, but perhaps the bigger point is some estimates of Tennessee's revenue shortfall next year may be as much as \$1.5 billion. Depleting the rainy day fund may not be the wisest course of action when we have no idea how the revenue will come in or if it will come in, but these giants of public policy probably never gave that a thought. Most of them would likely support hiking taxes for ordinary citizens when they haven't missed a check and haven't worked for the better part of five months.

Also, buried in some of the form letters were teachers insisting wearing a mask must be mandatory, most of whom were apparently unaware Knox County's Board of Health had already voted to require the wearing of a mask in those buildings owned by Knox County. I can't imagine that edict wouldn't apply to school buildings.

Some teachers wrote to the board they wanted the support of board members if they decided to walk off the job should they determine there was a risk to their own health or that of the children. It was never quite clear in the correspondence I saw just who would make that determination? The board? Or a handful of teachers. I presume by "support" they meant remaining on the payroll until somebody decided the health emergency had passed. Of course what they were suggesting is illegal under Tennessee state law. Had board members tendered that support, they probably were subject to being ousted from office.

Apparently, those sending the form letters don't realize board members are elected to represent

individual districts; they aren't elected at large. The letter-writing campaign was organized hastily a couple of days before the board met last Wednesday.

The debate at the school board meeting began with Jennifer Owen starting the discussion with Mike McMillan later in the meeting making a motion to approve the reopening of the schools. Ultimately, McMillan's motion was approved 9-0 by the full board. It didn't look to me like board chair Susan Horn or vice chair Virginia Babb much wanted to vote on a plan.

There were some thoughtful speakers during public forum and some of the usual suspects who think the board could not possibly function without their advice. In the end, the board made the best choice it could to move forward.

New York Times Gesture Just That

Bari Weiss, the journalist hired by the New York Times to allow readers to better understand the perspective of Donald Trump's surprise victory in 2016, has resigned. Weiss, no conservative, resigned her position as an opinion writer and editor, saying she had been bullied and reviled for her personal views. The radical leftists had never accepted her and evidently, neither did much of the Times staff. Weiss wrote a letter of resignation to A. G. Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, stating since she had been hired, the newspaper had become more stridently ideological. Weiss wrote at the Times "truth isn't a process of collective discovery, but an orthodoxy already known to an enlightened few whose job is to inform everyone

else." In her letter to Sulzberger, Weiss wrote that the Times was heavily influenced by leftists on Twitter. "As the ethics and mores of that platform have become those of the paper, the paper itself has increasingly become a kind of performance space. Stories are chosen and told in a way to satisfy the narrowest of audiences, rather than to allow a curious public to read about the world and then draw their own conclusions. I was always taught that journalists were charged with writing the first draft of history. Now, history itself is one more ephemeral thing molded to fit the needs of a predetermined narrative."

Weiss wrote the once great newspaper has now become "the record of those living in a distant galaxy, one whose concerns are profoundly removed from the lives of most people. This is a galaxy in which, to choose just a few recent examples, the Soviet space program is lauded for its 'diversity'; the doxing of teenagers in the name of justice is condoned; and the worst cast systems in human history include the United States alongside Nazi Germany."

Bari Weiss complained that "other New York Times employees publicly smear me as a liar and a bigot on Twitter with no fear that harassing me will be met with appropriate action." "They never are," Weiss sadly explained.

Unfortunately, the New York Times has slid down the sewer with most of the rest of the mainstream press. The "Gray Lady" is tarnished beyond all recognition.

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conditions. Similar to the county health department, campuses will use a traffic light model, with days designated as green, yellow or red.

"You see that we have three levels, green, yellow and red," Thomas said. "With green, schools will be open as normal. I don't foresee many days like that in the near future. Yellow, schools will be open with social distancing and extra safety measures. Red days, schools would be closed; much like we did back in March and the students will stay and learn from home."

The plan also provides for individual schools to be closed if they experience a spike in cases or a cluster.

Teachers will return to work on Aug. 3, as scheduled, to prepare for the school year. They will also have the option of teaching online from their base schools. They can also opt out of teaching in the fall by taking unpaid administrative leave without the prospect of losing their jobs.

Students who select the remote option will not have access to all classes but they will be given

alternative options and will remain on track to advance to the next grade or graduate.

Under the plan, everyone entering school buildings must undergo temperature checks and all students, teachers and staff will be required to wear masks when social distancing cannot be achieved.

All students riding the busses must wear a mask and will be encouraged to sit in family groups. Bus drivers must wear masks and all vehicles will be sanitized after each run.

All students, including those in the remote program, will have access to free and reduced lunches. Those in the virtual program can utilize a grab and

go service.

The board approved the plan by a unanimous 9-0

vote and they will meet if a major change in the plan is required. Special meetings

will be called with a 48-72 hour notice.

Thomas noted that the

plan is subject to change if issues arise or COVID-19 numbers increase.

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Susan Royster

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Underpass at Old Broadway neglected in sidewalk plans

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Many people use Old Broadway in Fountain City and those who do might want to check out the city's plans for sidewalks there. Kristin Finley, the mayor's communications director, said, "Once the project is complete there will be a sidewalk/greenway connection, along Old Broadway from the north end near Starbucks through the intersection with Mineral Springs Avenue."

The railroad bridge was built in 1928 and shows signs of many years of aging.

Asked about walking or biking access at the railroad bridge, she said, "I was told Norfolk Southern installed a wider, at-grade pedestrian crossing over

the tracks on "Old" Old Broadway so this project will create a sidewalk connection to that crossing."

Old-Old Broadway leaves the street just north of the bridge, climbs the hill, and runs along the railroad track there. Currently anyone walking or riding a bicycle there must get into the street which, under the bridge, is too narrow for two cars to pass safely.

"I am being told this project will not rework the sidewalk beneath the railroad overpass, at this time," Farley told The Focus.

Councilman Charles Thomas, the District Five representative of the area, has asked for a two-week postponement of the sidewalk vote. He has invited The Focus to walk the planned route with him.

He served as the councilman several years ago and said that at that time he was pushing for a sidewalk there with the idea of the walk going under the railroad bridge. Thomas noted that the plans were changed when Council members Lauren Rider and Mark Campen walked the street. He also said he was not aware the sidewalk plans had been changed.

"I just want the public to know what's going on," he said.

The resolution, which comes back to council on the 28th calls for increasing a contract for work on Old Broadway by \$27,400, making the current cost \$337,700, and extending the date of completion until December 31st.

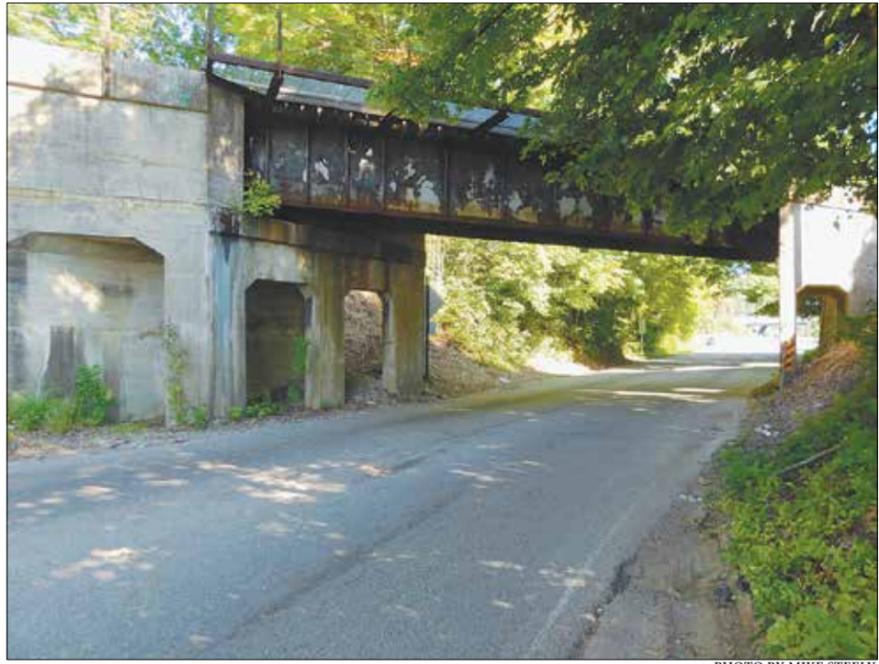


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Old Broadway passes under the Norfolk-Southern Railroad near Mineral Springs and Broadway. Plans to extend the sidewalk along Old Broadway apparently do not include beneath the old bridge although it is obvious that alcoves on both sides were designed for foot traffic.

Go grubby

Amy bought me one of those micro-shavers that trims and shaves and cuts. It's a neat little gadget that gives me a break from the shaving ritual that I've followed for decades. This new razor would be nicer if I used



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it to cut the scraggly parts of a beard, but my wife told me years ago that I needed to shave off the beard I'd grown and that I should never grow another. The fact is this one daily activity is not much fun anymore.

Not long after puberty arrived, I got excited about being able to be a real man and shave. As soon as a bit of fuzz appeared on my cheeks, I loaded an old razor with a double-sided blade and proceeded to scrape the areas. The fuzz disappeared but was replaced by a dozen small red rivers caused by the nicks from a razor crossing skin at awkward angles. I exited the bathroom with small wads of toilet paper plastered to the wounds, and, yes, there was much laughter from family members.

Sideburns were fashionable my high school senior year, and I grew a pair that reached half-way down the sides of my face. I've never been good making things like that match, and on occasion, one strip of hair

was longer than the other, and my whole head looked cock-eyed.

My first year in college, I thought I'd look great with long hair, a moustache, and chin whiskers. Those areas weren't shaved and remained "rough." Before long, I shaved my chin, but I kept the moustache and kept my upper lip covered for years.

During my early years as a teacher, I also grew a beard. It was spotty and had two gray streaks on my chin. My students nicknamed me "Skunkie." With that name and a bit of more-than-gentle persuasion from Amy, I made the decision to shave that beard. Doing so unleashed a whole lot of ugly, and my skin suffered from a severe case of razor burn.

The moustache stayed for several more years. It eventually came in solid gray, and I whacked it away. When people asked why I'd shave it, I told them that when it couldn't be seen any more the time had come to get rid of it. The stares from family and friends ended before long.

For the last 20+ years, I've shaved this mug and kept it free of hair. To me, it's looked the same during that time. However, sometimes, I wake up enough to see the face looking back at me and wonder who the old man is. I look at the top of my head and see that it is too quickly becoming as bare as my face.

Since I'm retired and only substitute a few days each week, shaving is no longer something I have to do every day. In fact, during the summer, I only break out the razor when I my face is covered with white stubble or I must be in public. The excitement of shaving that came in my teens has long since disappeared. I complete the task as quickly as possible and hope too many places haven't been missed.

The luckiest men are those who have little or no beard. They can skip one daily chore or perform it only a couple of times each week. The rest of us will have deal with the cold steel against our faces or go "grubby." I, for one, am thankful that I'm not expected to shave my legs and armpits.

Showing Kindness in a COVID-19 World

The red, white, and blue seems to be more visible than ever this year! Decorations that were put out for July's summer holiday still hang proudly. Perhaps, it is because many families are still observing the stay-at-home guideline. Perhaps, it is to distract from the Coronavirus pandemic that has become such a part of our daily lives. Bunting on banisters and rows of



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flags alongside picket fences seem determined to defy the gloom that has been thrust upon us. Displays seem to proclaim that we are Americans and we will weather the storm we are facing.

Recently, I was sitting in the parking lot outside the doctor's office. It was a beautiful summer morning as the sun was just beginning to show her strength. Birds were singing as if they had no worries. Old Glory was waving in the summer breeze against a backdrop of East Tennessee mountains. Coronavirus seemed a world away except for the flurry of patients coming and going, all of them wearing masks. My gaze went to the young, expectant mother pushing a stroller with a little girl in it. It was the motion of the child's hand waving briskly that grabbed my attention. Suddenly, an elderly gentleman driving a pickup truck drove by. I could see him waving back at the little girl in the stroller. The heartwarming interaction lasted only a few seconds, but it made a lasting impression. In that instant, the young and old



Picture of the ever-beautiful American flag, courtesy of Leigh Anne Ellis

connected with a simple gesture. We, too, have been recipients of thoughtful acts of kindness--unexpected phone calls, greeting cards, and messages on social media have brightened our days. In these days of pandemic, it is more important than ever to show we care. Kindness. So simple. So powerful.

Words of Faith: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3 KJV)

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are being contacted or visited. Although the mask requirement in the county could carry a \$50 fine if ignored, thus far no violations have been issued.

The board also briefly discussed whether or not masks would be required of voters in the current

early voting and noted that election workers will be required to wear the protection. Wearing a mask, however, cannot be enforced because it infringes on someone's right to vote.

"The mask is the workhorse," Shamiyeh said, adding that some people may not vote in person in fear of their own safety.

Dr. Patrick O'Brien said, "I hope we can keep going without enforcement." He noted that the health department has given out more than 281,000 masks.

The Knox County Election Commission has reported a huge number of requests for absentee ballots but first-time voters will need to vote in person.

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Pages from the Past



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Edith Irene Bailey Baker is the only woman to represent Tennessee's Second Congressional District in the U. S. House of Representatives. For those folks who recall Irene Baker today, it is usually because she was the step-mother of U. S. senator Howard Baker.

Irene Bailey Baker was born in Sevierville and began working as a deputy in the office of the County Clerk for Sevier County. Ms. Bailey then worked as a deputy in the office of Sevier County's Clerk and Master. Evidently Irene was married, but her husband died and she went to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority. At some point she met Howard H. Baker, a native of Scott County, an ambitious young attorney and aspiring politician; they married on September 15, 1935. Howard Baker was a widower with two small children, Howard, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth. Howard and Irene Baker would also have a daughter between them, Beverly Irene Baker.

Howard Baker had been the district attorney for a collection of counties surrounding his native Scott County before winning the Republican nomination for governor in 1938. Tennessee Democrats had waged a brutal and bitter factional battle for party dominance between incumbent Governor Gordon Browning and Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar and McKellar's friend and political partner, E. H. Crump, head of the Shelby County political organization. At stake was the governorship and a seat in the United States Senate, held by George L. Berry, who had been appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of Nathan L. Bachman by Governor Browning. McKellar and Crump won the fight and dominated Tennessee politics for the next decade. If Howard Baker expected renegade Democrats to support him and catapult him into the governor's mansion, he was much mistaken. Baker was handily defeated by Democratic gubernatorial nominee Prentice Cooper of Shelbyville.

Baker was the GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate in 1940 against the venerable McKellar. Senator Baker once told me his Great Aunt Mattie worked for Senator McKellar. Apparently Great Aunt Mattie was quite something, as Senator Baker recalled she could curse as fluently as any man, drank as well as any sailor and chain smoked cigarettes. Young Howard Baker remembered visiting his Great Aunt Mattie in Washington, D. C. in 1939. I speculated his father's race against Senator McKellar in 1940 must have led to really interesting conversation at the dinner table. Senator

Baker laughed and replied nobody, including his father, thought Howard Baker, Sr. could defeat the deeply entrenched McKellar who was at the peak of his power in Washington and popularity in Tennessee.

Baker enjoyed a thriving and prosperous law practice. Howard Baker, Sr. remained active in Republican politics and was allied with the faction of Carroll Reece, former congressman from upper East Tennessee. Reece had left Congress in 1946 to become Chairman of the Republican National Committee. By 1950, Reece was considering a return to Congress by running against his successor, Dayton Phillips. The incumbent congressman from Tennessee's Second Congressional District was John Jennings, Jr. Congressman Jennings was opposed by Guy Smith, editor of the Knoxville Journal and Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party. Jennings had been in Congress since 1939 when he had won a special election following the sudden death of Congressman J. Will Taylor. Howard Baker challenged John Jennings inside the Republican primary and won decisively. Baker carried every county in the district and ended the political career of John Jennings, Jr.

Howard Baker, Sr., unlike his predecessor in Congress, remained an enduringly popular figure inside his congressional district. Although Carroll Reece had been in Congress since 1923 with three absences, Baker came to play a greater role inside Tennessee's Republican Party. Still, the Republican Party's successes were largely confined to East Tennessee, although things were slowly beginning to change. In 1952, General Dwight D. Eisenhower became the first Republican to carry the Volunteer State since Herbert Hoover in 1928. President Eisenhower repeated the feat in 1956 when Tennessee's senior U.S. senator, Estes Kefauver, was the vice presidential nominee. Richard Nixon won Tennessee by a much greater majority than had General Eisenhower when he ran against John F. Kennedy in 1960. Congressman Baker had been reelected in 1962, winning more than 70% of the vote.

Howard Baker, Sr. was Chairman of Tennessee's Republican Party when young Bill Brock won the Third Congressional District in 1962. Irene Baker was Tennessee's Republican National Committeewoman from 1960 - 1964. Longtime congressman Carroll Reece died of lung cancer on March 19, 1961, leaving Howard H. Baker, Sr. the



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

The night of the special election to fill the seat of the late Congressman Howard Baker. Irene Baker and her children. From left to right, Mrs. William Wampler, Howard H. Baker, Jr. Irene Baker, and Beverly Patestides. AP Wire Photo

most powerful Republican in Tennessee. Reece was succeeded in Congress by his widow, Louise, who was the daughter of immensely wealthy former U. S. senator Guy Goff of West Virginia. So, too, would Howard Baker be succeeded in Congress by his wife, Irene.

Accounts vary, but according to the Knoxville Journal, Howard Baker died of a heart attack while in the bathroom shaving on January 7, 1964. Almost immediately, speculation centered on the late congressman's son, Howard, Jr., as his successor in Congress. Young Howard spurned the notion of succeeding his father in the House of Representatives; Howard, Jr. wanted to run for the U. S. Senate in 1964, precisely because he did not want to win elective office on his father's name. At the time, Tennessee had never popularly elected a Republican to the United States Senate. Still, someone had to fill the remainder of the late Congressman Baker's term, which expired in January of 1965. There were numerous politicians eager to succeed Howard Baker and Howard Baker, Jr. urged his step-mother, Irene, to run. Baker shrewdly concluded his step-mother's candidacy would keep the Republicans inside Tennessee's Second Congressional District united, as no other prospective candidate could. The young Baker needed a united party if he were to be a serious contender for statewide office and when Mrs. Baker announced her candidacy, it cleared the field of GOP aspirants. The late Congressman Baker's political ally, Guy Smith, promptly urged the nomination of Irene Baker in a front page editorial on January 10, 1964. Smith wrote that after the shocking loss of the "beloved" congressman, the outpouring of support for Irene Baker from both Republicans and Democrats was nothing less than astonishing. The Journal pointed to the example of Louise Reece succeeding her husband in the First Congressional District as the result of almost "universal sentiment." The Journal hoped "Mrs. Baker will accede to the wishes of these thousands of citizens of the Second District." Guy Smith wrote that

Irene Baker's nomination and election to Congress was nothing less than "a gesture of appreciation for the long years of service" of a "beloved public servant." While that seems a highly patronizing point of view today, Smith also wrote Irene Baker would be no mere "token" in Congress as she was quite capable of serving the district well by both "experience and training." Smith believed Irene Baker fully capable of picking up where her late husband had left off. Howard Baker, Sr., like his son, was a moderate Republican who fought hard for the Tennessee Valley Authority and federal programs like Social Security. Baker had also perfected the constituent service to the people of his district which continued with succeeding congressmen John J. Duncan and John J. Duncan, Jr.

Tennessee was still a strongly Democratic state and 1964 was a presidential election year. Both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate were up for election. Albert Gore was running for a third six-year term while Governor Frank Clement and Congressman Ross Bass fought for the nomination to serve out the remaining two years of the late Senator Estes Kefauver's term. Howard Baker, Jr. and Dan Kuykendall of Memphis were the GOP nominees for the U.S. Senate. Democrats in Tennessee's Second Congressional District were hopeful of pulling off an upset and fielded a respectable nominee in Willard Yarborough.

Born in Etowah, Tennessee in McMinn County, Yarborough earned his living as a reporter for the Knoxville News-Sentinel. Yarborough worked for the Associated Press and the Knoxville Journal before joining the News-Sentinel. Willard Yarborough was no mere reporter, but a journalist, having won awards for his reporting on corruption in politics. Nor was Willard Yarborough a novice in politics, having been elected to the Knox County Quarterly Court, the predecessor to the Knox County Commission. Some years before his death, Willard Yarborough told an interviewer he left the Knoxville Journal because he felt "it was being infiltrated by Republican politics and it didn't suit me because I was a Democrat

at heart." Yarborough never forgot Franklin D. Roosevelt and the National Youth Administration which "helped me find a job that paid for my tuition" at the University of Tennessee.

Yarborough complained in that same interview conducted twenty-four years after his 1964 congressional race that the Democrats inside the Second Congressional District were not entirely united. It was certainly true the Democratic Party in Tennessee was frequently bitterly divided. One such example in 1964 was the race between Congressman Ross Bass and Governor Frank Clement for the Democratic senatorial nomination. It was also true Irene Baker was the beneficiary of sympathy as the widow of the late Congressman Howard Baker, as well as those who had been served by Baker's highly efficient constituent service operation, which included Democrats and Independents, as well as Republicans.

When the 1964 campaign first began, Barry Goldwater, President Lyndon Johnson's opponent in the presidential race, was polling ahead of the incumbent by 20 percentage points. That was before the Arizona senator confirmed his resolve to sell the TVA to private interests. Howard Baker later recalled when he heard Goldwater utter that sentence, he knew the GOP ticket was doomed to defeat. Johnson was the first Democrat to carry Tennessee since Harry Truman in 1948. Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall lost to Ross Bass and Albert Gore, respectively, although they won better than 46% of the vote.

Irene Baker became the first woman to represent Tennessee's Second Congressional District by defeating Willard Yarborough with 55% of the vote. Willard Yarborough was once again the Democratic nominee in the regular 1964 election against Knoxville mayor John J. Duncan and won roughly the same percentage he had in the special election.

Congresswoman Baker went to Washington where she served out her term and Guy Smith was right; she served quietly, but effectively. After returning to Knoxville at the expiration of her term in Congress

in 1965, Irene Baker was named as the Director of Public Welfare for the City of Knoxville by Mayor Leonard Rogers.

I happened to know former congresswoman Irene Baker, who lived in the Mount Olive community of South Knoxville. Mrs. Baker was highly respected, especially by the older voters who still remembered her.

The wife of a Republican congressman, elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in her own right, and step-mother to the first Republican ever elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee enjoyed relatively good health in her retirement and mother-in-law of a Republican congressman from Virginia. After leaving employment as Director of Public Welfare for the City of Knoxville in 1971, she remained in her South Knoxville home until settling in an assisted living facility in Loudon County. At age ninety-two, Irene Baker died of a massive heart attack while dining with friends at a restaurant in Loudon according to the Johnson City Press. An obituary appearing in the Nashville Tennessean said Mrs. Baker died at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville. Where Irene Baker died is of little import, especially considering she lived a long and productive life, interested in her family, friends and community until the end of her days.

More than the widow of a popular congressman and step-mother to the remarkable Howard H. Baker, Jr., Irene Bailey Baker deserves to be remembered for living a remarkable life, as well as the fact she is the only woman to have represented Tennessee's Second Congressional District in the U. S. House of Representatives.



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New security firm hired for city park events

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After some discussion, a new firm has been hired by the city to provide security for special events hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The \$89,031 per year agreement with Gulf Sources Security Services LLC, doing business as Signal 88 Security, is for "as needed" service and the contract also calls for \$281,000 per year for city sponsored basketball games.

Parks Director Sheryl Ely told the city council Tuesday that the previous agreement with another company is ending and added the contract calls for the new company to also do "overall checks at parks and security at events."

Councilwoman Amelia Parker quizzed Ely about the contract agreement and if the agents of the company have measures to hold them accountable. Ely said that can be added to the agreement. She said a de-escalation clause is already in the agreement with an understanding as to "how they handle themselves."

In other business the council voted to postpone an appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals decision to grant eight variances to a property at 3308 Barton Road for two weeks.

The council voted unanimously to increase the funding of the Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Project and to hire PFM Financial Advisors LLC to implement the city's financial strategies for \$240,000 for three years.

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A lawsuit filed by Chris Etters and eleven other citizens against Knox County came before Chancery Court Thursday but it appears it will continue until at least July 31st.

Representing the pension board, Sarah Jarrard spent more than an hour telling Judge John Weaver that "the case cannot go forward" and saying that a forced settlement of the case by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Commission closed the county's

case against the board.

Judge Weaver stressed that the Etters lawsuit was different and had yet to be heard. Because of COVID-19 and other delays, the original suit, filed in September, has resulted in calls for dismissal from the pension board and the county's outside attorney.

He asked several questions including, "Can the pension board override the charter?"

Weaver indicated that the lawsuit "may have been misdirected" and should have been against pension board. He also said, in regards to the ongoing trial,

"Everybody's worn out."

Weaver asked Tom McFarland, attorney for Etters and the citizens, if he would like to amend the original complaint and McFarland indicated he would. Weaver said McFarland has 15 days to do so and, if he does not, the lawsuit will be dismissed.

The suit charged that Mayor Jacobs and the Knox County Commission had no authority, under the charter, to authorize a settlement between the county and the pension board. This settlement was the result after Law Director Richard

(Bud) Armstrong had filed suit to stop the inclusion of vacation pay in the monthly retirement payments of Sheriff Office Uniformed officers.

The lawsuit was stopped when the mayor removed the law director from the case. The Knox County Commission voted to support Jacob's actions and also voted to pay the fees of various retiring deputies' attorneys.

Jacobs then hired an outside attorney to represent the county, John Valliant, who filed one of the motions to dismiss the Etters suit.

Commission candidates asked:

Will COVID-19 continue to hurt the county budget?

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The Knoxville Focus has asked all the candidates for Knox County Commission in competitive races to reply to several questions. Here's more answers by those

candidates. Three candidates face no opposition in their districts and they are Terry Hill in the 6th, Richie Beeler in the 8th and Carson Dailey in the 9th.

Make a statement about COVID-19 and its effect on the county budget.

First District

Dasha Lundy: As a healthcare professional, I want to let people know that COVID 19 is real. I have had patients, family members and friends affected by COVID 19. Due to the uncertainties of COVID 19 and the shutdown of the economy, the proposed overall budget cut is approximately 3.9 million dollars. I would expect more deficits in our budget until there is a decline in the number of people affected by COVID 19. Our local economy, especially our small business owners have suffered. It is an expected 10 million dollars decline in the local option sales tax. With all of the uncertainty and chaos that we are experiencing, it is amazing how so many are coming together to support the small business community.

Reginald Jackson: Looking back,



Lundy



Jackson



Durrett



Rosenberg



Ward



Frommeyer



Schoonmaker



Peterson

I think this is the first I have ever seen things have completely shut down and been at a standstill. I think COVID-19 has put a strain on the County, especially looking at the all cuts that have been or are going to be made in the budget. Nonetheless, I believe we will be able to gradually come out of the situation and recover economically.

Second District

Grant Rosenberg: Knox County relies heavily on sales tax revenue to fund our school system, which is nearly two-thirds of the entire budget. As a result, business closures related to COVID-19, particularly in the restaurant/retail/hospitality sectors, have forced the County to dip into its "rainy day" fund and make some difficult cuts to funding. I would like to see the County use this crisis as a learning experience; to allocate funding more strategically and to ensure we have sustainable funding for critical public services.

Courtney Durrett: COVID-19 has had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on Knox County's budget as well as how we live our daily lives. Governor Lee is projecting up to a 12% reduction in the state's budget. Mayor Jacobs has characterized

the 2020-2021 budget as "ugly". Mayor Kincannon's budget includes a \$6.4 million reduction. Given the number of confirmed COVID19 cases is rising, we still do not have a clear picture of its budgetary impact. The primary question is what do we do if Mayor Jacob's "ugly" budget is not sufficient? There are only three ways to balance any budget - take money out, put money in or a combination of both. With so many residents in financial distress due to loss of jobs as a direct result of COVID-19, we cannot continue operations on cuts alone, which typically include furloughs and loss of programs. I feel the reasonable decision is to make cuts in some areas and increase income in others.

Fourth District

Kyle Ward: We need financially responsible leaders now more than ever. The government mandated lockdown has taken away income from our families and small businesses, and county tax revenues are going to be impacted as well. We must not add to our community's struggles by increasing tax rates. The only permanent and healthy solution will come from revising the county's budget in a

responsible manner. We need to cut waste while ensuring that the county is still able to effectively serve its citizens.

Todd Frommeyer: I am glad that the Knox County Health Department worked to make its recommendations about the pandemic based on science and data. I believe they did so, despite criticism from all sides, to protect the health, prosperity and well-being of our community. The effect of the social distancing and stay at home orders associated with the pandemic have led to serious economic fallout in Knox County and across the world. Mayor Jacobs and the County Commission should work closely together over the next year to make sure all the needs of the County continue to be addressed. The budget should not be balanced on cuts alone.

Fifth District

John Schoonmaker: We don't know the full economic effects of the pandemic on Knox County and our budget. The TN Dept. of Revenue has a delay in providing financial data which further complicates decisions on our budget. We currently only have sales tax and property tax data for the month of April. Sales tax and property tax are the two

largest sources of revenue for Knox County. It is extremely difficult to implement a budget with so many unknowns.

Kimberly Peterson: I was pleased to see that the Dr. Buchanan, the Knox County Health Department, and data and science drove our County's response to COVID-19. I firmly believe that healthcare professionals should remain in charge of making decisions regarding public health and safety and guiding local government to protect its citizens. Unfortunately, our County budget is heavily funded by sales tax revenue and with businesses having to close to slow the spread of COVID and keep our hospitals from being overburdened, sales tax revenue was down dramatically. As a result, less funds are available for the 2020-2021 budget. Mayor Jacobs made the decision to make cuts to existing budget items. There has been little discussion of the availability of "rainy day funds" to help supplement the shortage. While it is not reasonable to go through all emergency funding for this year's budget, it seems short sighted to not explore all possible options before asking agencies and services that are already stretched thin to tighten up their belts.



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SCENES FROM 2020 KFOA MEDIA DAY



Masks are worn at the 2020 KFOA Media Day as (forefront) representatives of Austin-East's football team are interviewed by PrepXtra reporter Aaron Torres.

Former Vols Colquitt, Smith highlight 2020 inductees to the Hall of Fame

By Bill Howard

Two Tennessee football players – one former, one current – along with a host of other athletes will be inducted Tuesday night, July 21, at the 39th Annual Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Former punter Dustin Colquitt will be honored as the Chad Pennington Professional Athlete of the Year. Current offensive lineman Trey Smith will be the recipient of the Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award.

Because of COVID-19 guidelines, the event cannot be attended in person but can be seen on WBBX-TV from 7-8 p.m.

Colquitt, a member of UT's most famous kicking family, punted for the Vols from 2001 to 2004 after attending Bearden High School. He holds the all-time Tennessee record for most punts with 240 in 52 games. As a junior in 2003, he was recognized as a first-team All-SEC selection, and a consensus first-team All-American. He earned all-SEC honors again his senior year in 2004.

Selected by Kansas City in the third round of the 2005 NFL draft, Colquitt punted for 15 seasons for the Chiefs, and helped the franchise win its second Super Bowl – first in 50 years – this past season.

Colquitt, 38, was released by the Chiefs in April, after playing in the most regular season games ever played by a punter with one team in NFL history. He also played in the most games played by any player in the history of the Chiefs' franchise.

To date, he has punted 1124 times as a pro, for an average of 44.8 yards. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 2012 and 2016, and holds the Chiefs' franchise record for longest punt at 81 yards in 2007. He holds other Chiefs' franchise records.

Colquitt's father Craig punted for the Vols in the 1970s; his younger brother Britton did so from 2005 to 2007. Both also won Super Bowls. Cousin Jimmy Colquitt punted for the Vols in the early 1980s.

Now a free agent, Colquitt is married with five children. He is a co-founder of TeamSmile, an organization that offers free dental care to underserved children. Colquitt was picked to be the Chiefs' nominee for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in 2009 and 2018.

Vol fans were ecstatic when five-star offensive lineman Trey Smith of Humboldt, TN announced his commitment to UT, choosing the Vols over

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KFOA continues to give back with long-running golf event

By Steve Williams

Members of the Knoxville Football Officials Association aren't used to being applauded, but when it comes to the KFOA's Scholarship Golf Tournament and Media Day, they deserve some praise.

The KFOA's 38th annual golf tourney and 14th Media Day were held July 10 at the Three Ridges Golf Course and Pavilion.

It's impressive how much money KFOA has raised over the years from its golf event to award scholarships to student-athletes connected with the football programs in its service area.

"We have awarded over \$150,000 since its inception (in 1983)," noted Harold Denton, longtime official, TSSAA supervisor and leader in the KFOA.

It's a year-long annual project the KFOA is very proud of.

"We are definitely the only officiating group in the state and maybe in the Southeast that's giving back that much to schools we serve," said Denton. "Yes, it is a huge philanthropic



Jed Dance, President of Bacon and Company, with son Baker Dance, West High quarterback, at the KFOA Media Day July 10 at Three Ridges. Baker's grandfather, Jack Dance, was a longtime KFOA official and one of the co-founders of the Media Day event.

endeavor." The KFOA had a good turnout this year despite the coronavirus. "We had 21 teams – the most in several years," pointed out Denton.



Scott Cummings, who will be starting his second season as head coach at Halls, is interviewed by WBIR-TV Channel 10.

Recipients of the scholarship money can be players, managers or cheerleaders – anyone connected with the football program.

Over the years, Gatlinburg-Pittman and South-Doyle high schools have had 10 scholarship recipients each, followed by Sevier County (seven), Sweetwater (six), Bearden (five)

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College Football this Fall is in Jeopardy

By Mark Nagi

Late last week, the NCAA released its "next set of return to sport" guidelines.

And if you thought it would be business as usual in the sport we all love so much, think again.

Other sports such as golf and cross country have been affected by COVID-19, but let's be clear. Football is the sport that drives the engine in an athletics department, and it is what most of us would be missing a great deal come September.

"When we made the extremely difficult decision to cancel last spring's championships it was because there was simply no way to conduct them safely," said NCAA President Mark Emmert. "This document lays out the advice of health care professionals as to how to resume college sports if we can achieve an environment where COVID-19 rates are manageable.

Today, sadly, the data points in the wrong direction. If there is to be college sports in the fall, we need to get a much better handle on the pandemic."

Emmert, of course, has been nowhere to be seen over the past few months. He's been accepting his multi-million-dollar salary and staying in an underground bunker at a time when college sports desperately needs leadership.

So, it's hard to accept him being the guiding light this late in the process.

But the fact that he is finally speaking up (even if it is only in a statement crafted by their PR staff) speaks volumes about the situation.

Without football this Fall, athletics departments across the nation will be in financial ruin. You wonder of course how this can be, considering that the student-athlete is mostly unpaid labor, while a Power 5 athletics department brings in high eight to low nine figures in donations, ticket sales, TV deals, merchandise...

The reason of course is because they spend their money on things they don't really need and pay huge salaries to people

that don't deserve that high of a tax bracket.

Sure, I'm talking about the college football head coaches, that have absurd buyouts written into their contracts. Only in college football can a failing head coach like Derek Dooley receive a \$5 million goodbye gift after going 4-19 in SEC play. But there are a lot of folks you've never heard of in athletics departments across the country earning six figures for limited effort.

Athletics departments are technically "non-profits," so those dollars must be spent. If there's no football this Fall, it's going to be tough to justify going in debt while paying those high salaries. The happiest people in college sports are likely the head coaches who are on the hot seat because there's no way you can pay those large buyouts when already losing tens of millions of dollars.

But that all said, there is still time to save the season. The problem is that many people still refuse to follow guidelines such as wearing masks and social distancing, which has led to the most recent uptick in COVID-19 cases.

Among the NCAA guidance for its member institutions are that there should be a 10-day quarantine for infected players and that "All individuals with high-risk exposure must be quarantined for 14 days."

The fear of course is that this could cause an entire unit to be lost, like an offensive line because one player tests positive. And that, in turn, might mean the games are canceled. No one wants that, but it is the reality we live in right now.

For now, we will wait and keep good thoughts for college football to return.

Washing your hands a lot can't hurt either.

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.

Ironside's college career takes a northern turn to VMI

By Steve Williams

In June it looked like Collin Ironside would be playing college football as a preferred walk-on and scout team quarterback at Troy University in Alabama.

The Bearden High scholar-athlete was waiting to hear back from the Trojans about how much academic scholarship funding he would be awarded and was hopeful that it would cover close to all of his school costs.

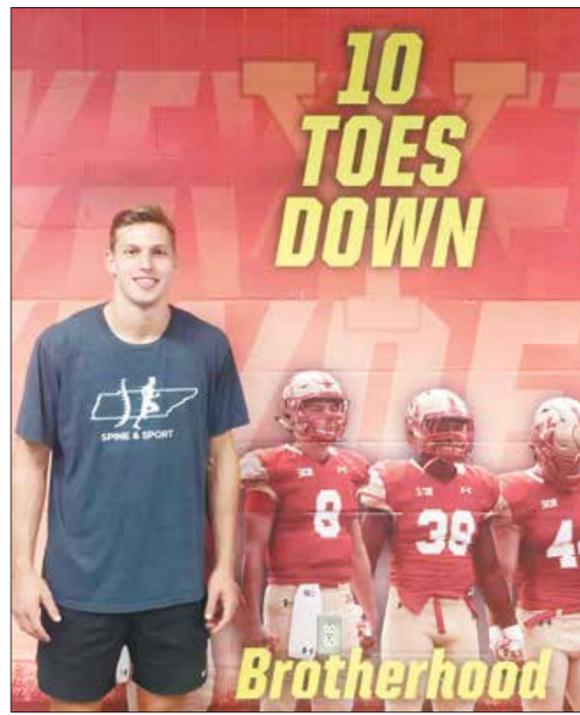
But Virginia Military Institute reached out to Ironside a month later.

"They said they might have a quarterback transfer and asked if I would be interested in going (to VMI), and I responded with, 'Absolutely, as long as it would be a full ride.' A few days later, the quarterback transferred, and I was offered a full ride the following morning."

Ironside committed to the Keydets on July 6 and signed a full athletic scholarship on July 8.

"I thanked Troy for the opportunity and they understood my situation," added Collin.

"God sure did answer my prayers! I am very blessed, and I could not be where I am without Him!"



"I like the brotherhood and bonds you build with your brother rats at VMI. That is the thing I'm most looking forward to." -- Collin Ironside

VMI is a public military college in Lexington, Va. The Keydets compete in the Southern Conference of the NCAA Division I FCS. The Citadel is its main rival.

Institute regulations require that all cadets complete four years of ROTC training in one of the three programs: Army, Navy/Marine, or Air Force. The VMI system is designed to prepare qualified cadets for

a military commission upon graduation, but there is no requirement that cadets seek a commission.

"I like the brotherhood and bonds you build with your brother rats at VMI," said Ironside. "That is the thing I'm most looking forward to."

Legend has it that when Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) students and VMI

cadets drilled together in the 1830s, the students called the cadets "Rats" perhaps because of their gray uniforms.

"I also really like the coaching staff and the (pro style) offense at VMI," said Collin. "It will be really fun to play in."

"VMI runs the spread offense and throws the ball 40 to 50 times a game. They also want me to run the ball some here."

The 6-1, 175-pound Ironside was a four-year starter and two-time captain at Bearden and set a career record with 595 completions, which ranks No. 10 on the TSSAA's all-time list. He was All-Region 1-6A in 2018 and 2019.

Ironside also finished with career records in passing yards (7,122) and passing touchdowns (61).

In academics, Collin was in the Top 10 percent of his graduating class with a 4.39 GPA and had an ACT score of 31.

"I plan to major in business and economics and get a minor in financial management," he said.

Ironside currently is at VMI until July 24 for a summer session and will officially report on Aug. 6.

Governor Lee gives football and girls' soccer hope for 2020

Craney suggests reacting with 'cautious optimism'

By Steve Williams

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee gave high school football and girls' soccer teams and fans across the state encouraging news July 13.

LaFollette Press sports editor Noah Taylor reported Lee told the Press, "I think that it's pretty clear that football and soccer are going to be part of the landscape this fall."

Lee's comments appeared in media outlets across the state.

"Just waiting for the official word from the governor's office," Chattanooga Times Free Press sports

editor Stephen Hargis tweeted. "TSSAA officials have said they are hopeful that comes (soon) - allowing football and girls' soccer teams to go back to their original schedule for practice and their seasons."

As of now, contact sports football and girls' soccer are allowed only to have workouts and physical conditioning through Aug. 29 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Non-contact sports volleyball, golf and cross country are unaffected and are still following the original

TSSAA calendar for their seasons.

TSSAA Assistant Executive Director Matthew Gillespie told The Knoxville Focus Thursday via email: "Although he (Lee) made those statements, we're still waiting to hear back from the governor's office."

Nick Craney, new Central High head football coach, was asked how should high school football fans best react to Governor Lee's comments?

"I think we should react with 'cautious optimism,' said Craney. "This is obviously a fluid situation that seemingly can change based off who you ask and when you ask them, but it seems like the Governor is

committed to having football this fall as long as it is possible to do so.

"As a coach, I am thankful for that, and as fans I think everyone should be excited for some Friday Night Lights this fall!"

IRISHMEN HALTED: Knoxville Catholic High School suspended football practice after a player tested positive for COVID-19 Thursday, knoxnews.com reported.

The school will shut down football workouts for the next two weeks.

The TSSAA dead period ended July 5, allowing teams to return to organized workouts and practices without contact.

Area football teams continue to play waiting game

By Ken Lay

Area high school football players and coaches are in the midst of a waiting game. When Governor Bill Lee extended the state of emergency order as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic until Aug. 29, the TSSAA limited football practice to non-contact drills.

The season remains on hold. The TSSAA Board of Control deferred a recently scheduled vote, citing continued talks with the governor's office, so players and coaches continue to prepare for a season that may or may not happen.

"We may have to scale things back," said Grace Christian Academy coach Rusty Bradley. "You don't want to peak too soon."

Catholic High School coach Steve Matthews finds the Irish in a similar situation.

"We haven't been told anything so we're moving forward as if we're going to start (games) on Aug. 21. We have to," Matthews said. "Obviously, there are some things that we can't do because of social distancing, but we're preparing as best we

can. Hopefully, we find out something soon.

"I agree with coach Bradley, you don't want to do too much and get burned out because it's a long season."

All teams in Tennessee saw spring practice and other offseason workouts taken away when the pandemic forced schools to be shut down in March.

Those teams received a minor victory when they were allowed to return for conditioning drills in May before the TSSAA opted to adhere to its mandatory summer dead period, which ended on July 6.

Before the dead period was over, Lee extended the state of emergency and excitement turned to frustration in a hurry.

"We didn't have the same mandate that they did in Knox County," Bradley said. We were pretty much able to have our spring practice in June and I was pretty happy with where we were heading into the dead period.

"Now we just have to be ready but we have to be flexible."

Coaches are back in the preparation

mode but lack of spring practice has left questions about personnel.

"I can't tell you who our top newcomers are because I haven't seen them play," Farragut coach Eddie Courtney said. "I know we have some talented guys coming back and I know that we have an open spot on the offensive line. And I know that we have to continue to develop depth on our offensive line."

"We're going to have them play in JV games because that's the only way that they're going to get experience."

The players are feeling much better about the situation.

"We don't know if we're going to have a season or not," Hardin Valley Academy senior linebacker Michael Spurgeon said. "But we have to keep working and we have to keep getting better."

"Honestly, it's tough because once the season gets started we pretty much concentrate on one thing. Now, we just have to keep working and we have to make sure that we stay together and we have to make sure that our young players keep getting better."



Hardin Valley Academy Head Coach Mike Potter is interviewed by John Wilkerson of WNML radio.

KFOA

and Farragut (five).

Records through Jan. 31, 2019 indicated there had been 83 scholarship recipients from 26 schools served by the KFOA. Two more tournaments since then increase those totals.

This year's Media Day had a much different look due to the pandemic.

"Everybody wore masks and social distanced," said Denton. "It went

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possibly better than we thought it would."

A few schools this year were represented only by a coach and did not bring players to the event.

"That was a new COVID-19 option," said Denton.

The 2021 KFOA Media Day and Scholarship Golf Tournament have already been set for July 9 and Denton put out an early call: "Need sponsors!"



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Fountain City Bobcats pitcher Ethan DeBusk on the mound in a summer league game Thursday night at Knoxville Christian School. DeBusk hurled a complete game in Fountain City's 16-1 victory over Sweetwater.

Fountain City uses big innings to rout Sweetwater 16-1

By Ken Lay

The big inning proved to be a potent weapon for the Fountain City Bobcats in a victory against Sweetwater late last week. The Bobcats also got a solid pitching performance from Ethan DeBusk. Those ingredients were in the recipe for a 16-1 victory over the Wildcats Thursday night in the Knoxville Christian School Summer High School Baseball League. "They hit the ball tonight, didn't they? They really hit the ball," Fountain City coach Kevin DeBusk said. That was a huge understatement. The Bobcats got off to a fast start when they scored three runs in the top of the first inning. Fountain City got an RBI double from Brady Ackermann and a two-run single from Jay Faulkner to open

an early lead. Sweetwater picked up its lone run of the contest in the bottom of the frame before Ethan DeBusk bounced back to throw five scoreless innings. "He threw pretty well tonight," Kevin DeBusk said of his son. "He threw strikes and he had his defense behind him. "When you have the kind of defense that we do, you can throw strikes and you can let them make the plays. He got ground balls and pop flies. When you have the defense that we have, you don't have to strike everybody out." Kevin said it was nice to see Ethan post his performance against the Wildcats. "He threw well and what makes this special is that he was one of those seniors that lost his season,"

Coach DeBusk said. "This is the last bit of baseball for him before he joins the military." But Fountain City's offense also had a special evening. Sweetwater was able to keep the Bobcats off the scoreboard in the second and third frames, but Fountain City's offense tallied three runs in the fourth, four in the fifth and six in the sixth. The Bobcats extended their advantage to 6-1 in the fourth, thanks to a two-run triple from catcher George Sanger and an RBI single by Luke Prince. In the fifth, Caleb Hill clubbed a two-run homer. Sanger, Elijah DeBusk, Logan Rodenwald and Sanger all drove in runs with hits in the sixth inning where the Bobcats also scored a tally with the help of a Sweetwater error.

Lady Admirals, Lyons creatively prepare for soccer season

By Ken Lay

Like any coach assuming the reins of a girls high school soccer program, Kristen Lyons is facing her share of challenges. But as if rebuilding one of Knox County's proudest and most tradition-rich programs wasn't enough, Lyons is in the midst of placing her stamp at Farragut High School while the community and the state remain in the clutches of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent state of emergency order put in place by Governor Bill Lee. That order, which was recently extended until Aug. 29, has limited practice to conditioning and non-contact drills, has the season likely delayed until September if it remains in place.

Upon arrival, Lyons had to make a few cuts but she's also made it clear that there's a place on her team for any player who wants to work hard and be a part of a high school sports team. "I had to come in and make a few cuts but I've also had a few players come out and work hard, but there ability is not quite there yet," Lyons said. "So I made them developmental players. "They won't get a jersey. But they'll have the opportunity to train, get better and be a part of a high school team and that's great for them."

She's been impressed with she's seen early in Farragut and in that additional players continue to show up at the morning workouts. "I've got a lot of kids out here and I keep getting more every day," Lyons said. "I have transfers and I have kids coming back that haven't played in recent years. I don't know where they're all coming from, but I'll definitely take them."

Farragut has always had a hard-working girls soccer team and that work ethic hasn't been dampened by a couple of rough seasons. "These girls have come in here and they've worked very hard. They want to compete," she said. "They've done what I've asked and I haven't had any problems out of any of them."

But the show must go on --- at least in some fashion. Lyons and her new Lady Admirals soccer team convened for conditioning work and ball handling drills recently at Farragut Soccer Stadium.

The players have shown up every day to continue to prepare for a 2020 season that may or may not happen. "These girls have come in here to work and they don't really know what they're working for," said Lyons. "They're working toward something that might not happen but you're not defined by games you win. There are life lessons here and those prepare them for what comes next in life, whether that's in college or at work."

And that starts with where players store their gear. "If you look, you can see that I put everybody's initials on the (sideline), so everybody has a place to put their bags and they all have their own place," Lyons said. "Everything is six feet apart. They come in, they have their temperature checked and when I get here, you'll see them kicking a ball around."

Lyons, a Kingston High School graduate, is competitive and demanding. But she doesn't ask her players to do something that she's unwilling to do. "This is not for me or my personal glory as a coach. This is for my players," she said. "I've had some players who were having trouble running, but I didn't scream at them. "I went and ran with them."

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Working on Inskip Field for 'when and if we get to play'

By Steve Williams

Seventeen girls and seven adults put in four hours of community service work Friday at Inskip Ball Park, "prepping the field for when and if we get to play" in this year's Middle School Fall Softball League, said James Swaney, Central High head softball coach.

The league, which includes over 15 teams, was scheduled to start August 3, but the coronavirus pandemic has delayed play until Aug. 24, said Swaney.

The Gresham Middle School team, a feeder program for Central High, started using the Inskip Park field for its home games last summer after Coach Swaney and volunteers put the field back into playing condition and installed new bleachers.

The girls who worked at the field Friday included six Gresham players, four Central High players and seven travel team players, said Swaney.

With adults helping, concrete bleachers were power washed, dugouts were cleaned, rocks and trash were removed from the field, bases were reset and a new home plate and pitching rubber were added.

"I would like to see these girls recognized for their time and effort," said Swaney.

TSD CANCELS FALL SPORTS: Tennessee School for the Deaf will not play football or volleyball this fall due to the coronavirus pandemic, Interim Athletic Director Rene

Skelton said Thursday.

"TSD decided that in an effort to ensure the safety of our students that we will not have fall sports," said Skelton via email.

"We are canceling volleyball as well. Right now we are planning to continue with our winter sports. Let's hope that something happens between now and then to get a handle on COVID-19!

"We will not have cross country this year, but it is due to lack of interest, not COVID-19 related."

Jordan Cooper, TSD's head football coach, said: "I'm honestly heartbroken for the seniors who will miss their last year of football. We were supposed to have seven seniors and I honestly believe that last year's team had finally turned the corner and 2020 was supposed to be our year."

YOUTH FOOTBALL: "We are awaiting word from Governor Lee and a decision from the TSSAA," said Troy Fleming of the Knox County Recreation Department in regard to this season's Knox Metro Youth Football League.

"Once they decide on what direction high school football is headed, we will make our decision based off theirs," added Fleming. "Until then, teams may condition but as long as they follow social distancing protocol established under Tennessee Pledge.

KFOA TO MEET: The Knoxville Football Officials Association's first meeting of the

year will be Monday, July 27 at Field No. 1 at John Tarleton Park, starting at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the officiating ranks are welcome to attend and sign up.

Rob McConkey is president of the KFOA. TSSAA supervisors in the local association are Harold Denton, Danny Beeler, Howard Russell and John Hibbett.

CLOSING IN: The undefeated Sevier County Cavaliers can wrap up the regular season title with one more win in the East Tennessee High School Baseball League at Smokies Stadium. The Cavs (10-0) play tonight (July 20) at 7:30 against the third-place Seymour Lumber Kings (7-1-1) and go against the Newport Cocks Tuesday at 5.

The top six teams in the standings will advance to the Western Division playoffs, which start Friday.

In addition to Sevier County and Seymour, the top six teams heading into the final week of regular season play include second-place Hardin Valley Knox Hawks (9-1-1), Morristown Sandlot (6-3-1), South-Doyle Knights (6-4) and Jefferson County Pirates (5-4-2).

ROAD TO FAME: The second class of Halls High's Athletics Road to Fame will be selected Tuesday and announced at a later date to be determined, said Road to Fame president Jerry Julian last week. The second class will include six inductees.

Former Vols Colquitt, Smith highlight

2020 inductees to the Hall of Fame

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powerhouses Ohio State, Alabama, and Clemson. ESPN that year ranked Smith the top high-school prospect in the nation. He attended high school at University School of Jackson.

Despite battling health problems – blood clots in his lungs forced him to miss much of his sophomore season – Smith will likely end up as one of the great offensive linemen in Vols' history. He earned all-SEC Second Team honors as a freshman, and All-SEC First Team last year as a junior. Vol fans were again elated with another of Smith's announcements: to return for his senior year.

Known for his humility, Smith was a mere 15 when his mother Dorsetta died of heart complications. His vow to her to get his college degree was thought to be one of his reasons for returning. Others were to improve his NFL draft stock, and to help the Vols on their quest back to national prominence.

If Smith can stay healthy – he

played all of 2019 - Tennessee's O-line is expected to be among the best in the SEC this year, maybe even the nation. The wide expectation is that the 6-6, 320-lb Sport Management major is headed for a Hall-of-Fame NFL career.

Off the field, Smith has been a leader in the community. He was named the Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year, and was the inaugural recipient of the Fritz Pollard Trophy, given to the collegiate player who has exemplified extraordinary courage, community values and exceptional performance on the field.

The Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award was established in 2012 when the GKSHoF presented the award to its namesake legendary Lady Vols' basketball coach.

The event's guest speaker will be former Tennessee defensive back Charles Davis. The event benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. Donations can be made at www.gkshof.org.

Attention 4-Hers!

Kendra Sellers, who is a member of 4-H and an advocate of the Tennessee Beef Council, will be at the **Midway IGA, 7345 Tazewell Pike, Corryton, TN on July 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

As part of her participation in the 4-H Beef Backer Contest she will be talking about beef, handing out recipes and other materials and literature on beef. There will be a raffle along with giveaways.

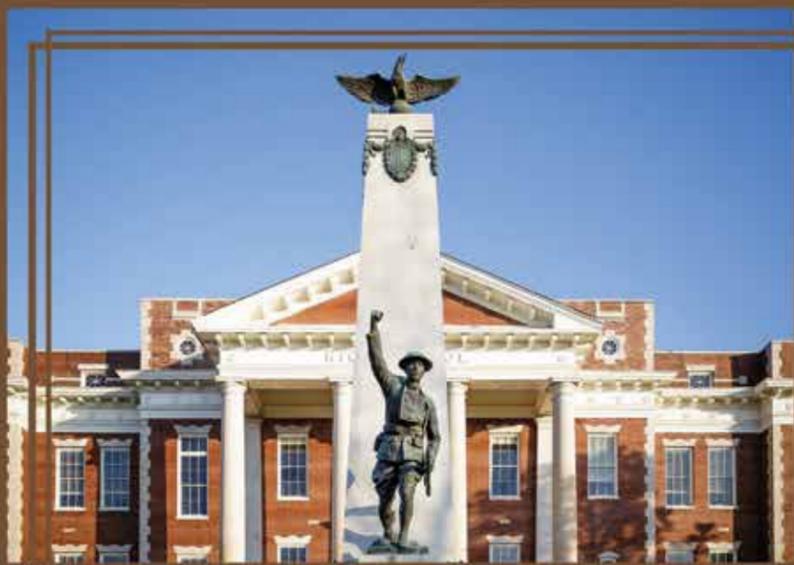
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Our 20/20 Project

In 312 AD the world changed, and many remain unaware. In October of that year a momentous battle occurred at the Milvian Bridge on the Tiber River in Italy. The formidable army of Roman General Maxentius was in control of the walled city of Rome. He was opposed by the smaller army of Roman General Constantine, but surprisingly Maxentius left his fortress and met Constantine at Milvian Bridge.

The narrow crossing prevented Maxentius from effectively using his larger forces and Constantine won a decisive battle and became emperor of Roman. Before the battle, Constantine was said to have seen a cross in the sky which caused him to place crosses on the shields of his men marching into battle. Constantine would soon convert to Christianity and ultimately make it the official religion of the

Roman Empire. Historian Will Durant would write, "Christ conquered Caesar." It just took three hundred years.

Why is this relevant today? History repeats itself and we find ourselves in a similar civil war fighting those who would destroy our country. We can sit back no longer. It's time for the Silent Majority to SPEAK UP and oppose the radical agenda proposed by Joe Biden's leftist handlers. We must PUSH BACK and insist Biden leave his basement fortress formed with the media's protective walls. President Trump, in his July 3rd speech from Mt. Rushmore, said, "... No person who remains quiet at the destruction of this resplendent heritage can possibly lead us to a better future."

Becky and I thought a lot about what we can do and now we propose our 20/20 Project. President Trump

needs an army of Patriots to support his efforts. To date, our Congressional representatives' silence has been deafening. The 20/20 Project purpose is to kindle a tremendous PUSHBACK with citizens and in Congress. But the latter cannot happen unless Congress hears from us.

One voice is a whisper. Multiple voices "speak" volumes. Be courageous! CALL your US Representative and Senators. Below are 20 helpful hints. Tell Congress to take a stand and choose America instead of anarchy & progressive socialism. (If you are uncomfortable talking directly, call at night and leave a message.)

Most successful movements begin with the efforts of a few. Be a Patriot! Along with calling Congress, please share these thoughts with 20 of your friends. If we all follow through and immediately call Washington DC, in just six days Congress will hear from 64,000,000 (that's million) Patriots!

Remember - "Freedom Is Not Free" but the cost of tyranny is staggering.

These are our thoughts and suggestions for citizens and to embolden Congress:

1. If you don't know your US Representative or Senators contact numbers,

Google it. We didn't include them because we pray this challenge goes to all 50 states.

2. Plan ahead what you want to say; write it down. Keep it simple. Even as simple as saying this is your 1st time to call, but you felt it was important to let your senators and representative hear your voice.

3. If you don't know your representative's position on a subject, ASK! That, in itself, is a great way to start a conversation.

4. Another example: "I'm calling because I can no longer remain silent. I want to voice my support of the Rule of Law and President Trump. I would like to see my Representative support the rule of law in public, rather than just speaking to the empty seats in Congressional Chambers. Encourage them to organize a group of Congressmen and women on the Congressional steps and voice support of the PUSHBACK AGAINST LAWLESSNESS AND ANARCHY!"

5. Inform your senator or representative that your voice is not being reflected in Congressional inaction. Tell them as we approach the November election, we are watching and listening.

6. Call in the evening and leave a message if you would rather not talk directly to a person.

7. Remember, We the People elect and charge our representatives "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty." They are our representatives who serve at our discretion.

8. Recognize that most "news" reporting is politicized. Therefore, read a spectrum of reports, then sift "news" through your experience, common sense and conscience.

9. Go online and take the US Citizenship test. Can you pass it? Ask your elected officials if they value the importance of learning, teaching actual American history instead of the New York Times' 1619 Project.

10. Read the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. You will be inspired.

11. Speak the truth in Love. We have never had an unpleasant interaction with a Senator's or Representative's office.

12. Respectfully & courageously, ask people you hear parroting talking points to explain their words & ask for examples to support their statements.

13. Sometimes you must agree to disagree with someone. This shows true tolerance.

14. We must Choose America instead of mobs, Antifa, Marxist Black Lives Matter and the progressive socialism adopted by the Democrat party.

15. Develop an "elevator talk" using a few simple phrases supporting your position enabling you to respond to a friend or a stranger. Write down and memorize a few position points.

16. America is in a new Civil War, one of opposing ideas. If we lose this war, we lose our country. Tell others and tell Congress!

17. Express your concern that we are losing our future. The education system has been hijacked and has become an institution of indoctrination and more entitlement driven than empowerment driven.

18. Virtue and Decency are the foundations of a successful life and country. Use these attributes and live the four cardinal virtues of courage, commonsense, justice & moderation.

19. Watch any of Carol Swain's PragerU 5-minute videos. Research this AMAZING person. You will be INSPIRED.

20. More inspiration can be found by reading or watching President Trump's July 3rd speech from Mt. Rushmore. Amazing!

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

A Compassion Makeover

When you talk about the compassion of Jesus, you might forget that Jesus was not just a touchy feeling sort of guy who couldn't stand conflict and pain. There is a story told in all four gospels of Jesus taking out a whip and driving the money changers and merchants out of the temple courts who were taking advantage of the poor. Another time Jesus told the religious leaders, "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?" (Matthew 23:33). Jesus



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

could be both confrontational as well as compassionate. There was a day Jesus showed both of these and it was a dinner held at the home of a prominent Pharisee where Jesus' every move was being watched and recorded. A

man with what appears to be a condition called edema was present where parts of the body fill with fluid and it is extremely painful and unattractive. Keep in mind that the day was a Sabbath and no medical treatment was permitted to be offered on the

Sabbath unless someone's life was in danger. According to their interpretation of the law, Jesus should have turned a blind eye to this man's need, but Jesus turns a blind eye to no one.

Jesus calls attention to the man and asks his first question of them: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" (Luke 14:3). Nobody said anything. Jesus heals him. The dinner guests must have been angered by this breaking of the law. Next, Jesus asks a second question: "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" (Luke 14:5). Again, they had nothing to say. Their anger was

brewing. Jesus came to show how the law pointed toward love and he often talked about the value and worth of others: "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:11-12).

"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). "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin (penny)? Yet not one of them falls

to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So, do not be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31).

When you notice detail about something or someone, this means you care.

The Pharisees' silence and lack of compassion makes Jesus upset. Now Jesus is a highly irritated compassionate person. Jesus noticed how they each picked places of honor at the dinner table. They were not thinking about the value and worth of others, they were only thinking of their own value and worth. Jesus says that when you are invited to a

dinner, don't look for the seat of honor (Luke 14:8-11). They thought healing the sick on the Sabbath was wrong and picking the best seats as a sign of status was right. Jesus says "humble yourself and exalt someone else." Jesus is not done (Luke 14:12-14). Jesus challenges the host to invite the crippled, the lame, and the blind. The compassion and irritation of Jesus came from the same place: his love for every person and his pain when the value of someone was lessened. Jesus never showed compassion to someone because they earned it, it was because they were in need.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

GEORGE E. SNYDER -Vs- MISTY D. SNYDER
Docket # 149143
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 MISTY D. SNYDER 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 MISTY D. SNYDER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by GEORGE E. SNYDER, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SAMUEL B. TIPTON, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 206 S. WASHINGTON ST., 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 22ND day of JUNE, 2020.
Mike Hammond
Clerk
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Richard Castro, Sr.
Whereabouts Unknown
Last Known Address: Unknown
Stacey Castro
Petitioner
Vs.
Richard Castro, Sr.
Defendants
Case No. 20CH2273

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; CHANCERY DIVISION AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE

It appearing from the pleadings filed in this cause that, Richard Castro, Sr., whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered June 23, 2020, service of process will be made by publication.

HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION before 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 Stacey Castro, Petitioner 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 St., Clinton, TN 37716. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This June 30, 2020.
Harold P. Cousins Jr.
Clerk and Master
By: Blake Williams
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHEILA A. LUSTER;
IN RE: BUFFAT TRACE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
v. SHEILA A. LUSTER
NO. 199673-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHEILA A. LUSTER 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 SHEILA A. LUSTER it is ordered that said defendant SHEILA A. LUSTER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PATRICK A. PERKINS;
IN RE: WILLOW CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION v. PATRICK A. PERKINS
NO. 199500-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PATRICK A. PERKINS 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 PATRICK A. PERKINS it is ordered that said defendant PATRICK A. PERKINS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALEECE STEWART;
IN RE: BUFFAT TRACE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
v. ALEECE STEWART
NO. 199671-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALEECE STEWART 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 ALEECE STEWART it is ordered that said defendant ALEECE STEWART file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of June, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN;
IN RE: ERNIE RANDOLPH v. JOE O. FRANKLIN
NO. 200310-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, who are non-residents 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 JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN it is ordered that said defendants JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley, an Attorneys whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE TO GEORGE RONALD HAMMONTREE, III
CE-29485

PATRICIA ANN HAMMONTREE has filed a Complaint for Divorce against you in Blount County, Tennessee. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts is unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce with the Blount County Clerk & Master, 930 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, Tennessee 37804, and to serve of copy of that Answer upon Attorney Kevin W. Shepherd, Shepherd and Long, P.C., counsel for the Plaintiff, at 200 E. Broadway Avenue, Suite 410, Maryville, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-12-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Divorce. You may view and obtain a copy of the complaint and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Blount County Clerk & Master's Office at the address shown above.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:Lyric Kennon Frye, D.O.B. 09/13/2014
Michael David Perkins and Tessa Miranda Perkins, Petitioners.

v.
John Doe (Unknown Father), Respondent.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION GRAINGER COUNTY CHANCERY COURT NO. 2020-CH-40

This case is before the Court on Petitioners' Motion for Service by Publication pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and T.C.A. § 21-1-204. The Motion is well taken and should be granted. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that publication of this ORDER shall be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, which is a newspaper published at least weekly in Knox County, Tennessee, and that the Respondent, JOHN DOE (Unknown Father), be given notice therein that he is hereby REQUIRED to answer or otherwise respond to the Petition filed in this case within thirty (30) days from the date of the fourth (4th) weekly publication of this Order; and that should the Respondent fail then he shall be deemed to have received actual notice hereof and default may be taken against him at a hearing for the termination of his parental rights and the adoption of said child in the Chancery Court for Grainger County, Tennessee on August 25TH, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grainger County Justice Center, Rutledge, Tennessee.

Enter this the 23 day of June, 2020.

Hon. Telford E. Forgety, Jr.

Evan M. Newman, BPR# 035269
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 6
Rutledge, Tennessee 37861
(865) 828-3111

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

ANNA TIKHONIN -Vs- ANDREY TROSHIN
Docket # 148839

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 ANDREY TROSHIN 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 ANDREY TROSHIN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ANNA TIKHONIN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SCOTT B. HAHN, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918, 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 8TH day of JULY, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SARAH DARLINDA KOGA;
IN RE: DYLAN THOMAS KOGA
D.O.B. 06/10/2014
NO. 199769-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SARAH DARLINDA KOGA 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 SARAH DARLINDA KOGA it is ordered that said defendant SARAH DARLINDA KOGA file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Hillary Dewhirst, an Attorneys whose address is, 4014 Sutherland Avenue Knoxville, TN 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUE K. ATCHLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 83162-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUE K. ATCHLEY who died Dec 11, 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 1ST day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF SUE K. ATCHLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BENTLEY JEROME ATCHLEY; CO-EXECUTOR
171 VANDERVEER DRIVE
SEYMOUR, TN. 38865

CYNTHIA ANN ATCHLEY; CO-EXECUTOR 812 WILDVIEW WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

KENNETH W. HOLBERT ATTORNEY AT LAW 1810 AILOR AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE WILLIAM BLACK, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 83177-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE WILLIAM BLACK, JR. who died Jun 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 6 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOE WILLIAM BLACK, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHIRLEY TINDELL BLACK; EXECUTRIX
2945 WALKUP DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAZEL CATHERINE BRIMI
DOCKET NUMBER 83160-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAZEL CATHERINE BRIMI who died Apr 11, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF HAZEL CATHERINE BRIMI

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) JOHN BENJAMIN BRIMI; EXECUTOR 12791 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

STEVEN K. BOWLING ATTORNEY AT LAW

P.O. BOX 11125
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37939-1125

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN D. CARLSON
DOCKET NUMBER 83155-1

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

ESTATE OF JOHN D. CARLSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) ALEXANDRA CARLSON-ERICHSEN; EXECUTRIX 14620 SCENIC CIRCLE SKIATOOK, OK 74070 DAN W. HOLBROOK ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERIC VERNON CURD, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 83173-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ERIC VERNON CURD, SR. 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 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 6TH day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ERIC VERNON CURD, SR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) ERIC V. CURD, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR 3310 DIVIDE STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF M. LLOYD DOWNEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83138-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of M. LLOYD DOWNEN who died Sep 2, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 6TH day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF M. LLOYD DOWNEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DONNA L. DOWNEN; CO-EXECUTRIX 209 WHITEFIELD LANE MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

JENNY D. GREENE; CO-EXECUTRIX 415 CENTER STREET HERSHEY, PA. 17033

DONALD J. FARINATO ATTORNEY AT LAW 617 W. MAIN ST. KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NETTIE HUNT DOWNEN
DOCKET NUMBER 83142-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NETTIE HUNT DOWNEN who died May 25, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate Tr 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 6TH day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF NETTIE HUNT DOWNEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) DONNA L. DOWNEN; CO-EXECUTRIX 209 WHITEFIELD LANE

MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

JENNY D. GREENE; CO-EXECUTRIX 415 CENTER STREET HERSHEY, PA. 17033

DONALD J. FARINATO ATTORNEY AT LAW 617 W. MAIN STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DARREN SCOTT DUNN
DOCKET NUMBER 83166-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DARREN SCOTT DUNN who died May 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 JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF DARREN SCOTT DUNN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICHARD RICHMOND; ADMINISTRATOR 4916 GETTYSBURG ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN W. FARR
DOCKET NUMBER 83175-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN W. FARR who died Apr 8, 2013, 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 6TH day of JULY, 20

ESTATE OF JOHN W. FARR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TONY M. GENTRY; EXECUTOR 706 TROTTER ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY NELL LEE
DOCKET NUMBER 82537-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NELL LEE 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 1ST day of JULY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARY NELL LEE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES BRIAN LAWSON; EXECUTOR 312 BURNEY CIRCLE FARRAGUT, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY NELL LEE
DOCKET NUMBER 82537-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY NELL LEE 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 2 day of JULY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARY NELL LEE</

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOYCE JACOBS LANG DOCKET NUMBER 83165-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOYCE JACOBS LANG who died Jun 8, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
 (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
 (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 8 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOYCE JACOBS LANG
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) OLIVER JOHN LANG; EXECUTOR 5120 SEVIERVILLE PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920
 RICHARD T WALLACE ATTORNEY AT LAW 109 PARKWAY, SUITE 2 SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA MARY LOVETT DOCKET NUMBER 83184-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA MARY LOVETT who died Apr 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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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 8TH day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF BARBARA MARY LOVETT
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPH EUGENE SUTTER; EXECUTOR 9240 HONORS WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HOMER JOE MCDOWELL DOCKET NUMBER 82623-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HOMER JOE MCDOWELL who died Nov 20, 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:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of JULY, 2020.

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ESTATE OF HOMER JOE MCDOWELL
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES JOSEPH MCDOWELL; EXECUTOR 1702 LAKE GRASSLANDS ROAD W. GALLATIN, TN. 37066
 W. PHILLIP REED ATTORNEY AT LAW 202 S. WASHINGTON ST. MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF IMOGENE M. MCGINNIS DOCKET NUMBER 83186-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IMOGENE M. MCGINNIS who died Aug 31, 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 8 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF IMOGENE M. MCGINNIS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) MARY RUTH LAY; EXECUTOR 17301 RIDGEVIEW RD. CORRYTON, TN 37721
 GAIL F WORTLEY ATTORNEY 3715 POWERS STREET KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. ORZECZOWSKI DOCKET NUMBER 83217-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH A. ORZECZOWSKI who died Apr 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:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. ORZECZOWSKI
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) DAVID F ORZECZOWSKI; EXECUTOR 4313 HICKEN ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS E PELLAUX DOCKET NUMBER 83213-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS E PELLAUX who died Jun 13, 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 13 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF THOMAS E PELLAUX
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GAIL A HINTON; EXECUTRIX 2812 BROADMEADE DRIVE POWELL, TN. 37849
 REBECCA BELL JENKINS ATTORNEY AT LAW 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 202 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NICKI DEAN SANDERS DOCKET NUMBER 83198-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NICKI DEAN SANDERS who died Jul 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:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF NICKI DEAN SANDERS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) LANA

SUE SOY; ADMINISTRATRIX 823 169 PL HAMMOND, IN 46324

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES F. STANSELL DOCKET NUMBER 83185-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES F. STANSELL 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 8TH day of JULY, 20

ESTATE OF CHARLES F. STANSELL
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) NANCY COLLIER; 8124 BELL CAMPGROUND RD. POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RALPH WAYNE STATON DOCKET NUMBER 83204-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RALPH WAYNE STATON who died Jun 2, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 10 day of JULY, 2020

ESTATE OF RALPH WAYNE STATON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KEVIN D'WAYNE STATON; EXECUTOR 12503 BUTTERMILK ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932
 BRIAN QUIST ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2121 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE WEBB DOCKET NUMBER 83210-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of JULY 2020, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of BOBBY GENE WEBB who died Jun 8, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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 (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF BOBBY GENE WEBB
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHERYL W ELLIS; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA P.O. BOX 1264 SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94
 Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
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NOTICE

THE KNOX COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

- AGENDA**
1. Roll Call
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 3. Amendments to the Agenda
 4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting: July 13, 2020
 5. Public Forum
 6. Review and Discussion of Proposed Amendments
 7. Other Business
 8. Adjournment

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