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# Using CARES Act funds to save the fund balance

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In financial statements last week during the Knox County Audit Committee and the Knox County Commission meetings, it is obvious that the COVID-19 pandemic may gut the county and school budgets this year and next. The school system may even violate funding policies allotted from the federal government's CARES Act.

The Coronavirus Act Relief and Economic Secure Act, better known as the CARES Act, puts about \$12.8 million in the Knox School System with a small portion required for private schools. Part of the remainder is slated to go for a three-year \$7 million lease of computer equipment for each of the county's 60,000 students.

The remainder, or about \$6 million or so, is being considered to "replenish the fund balance" of the school system.

Both the county and the school system are required by law to keep about three months' worth of operating costs in reserve as the fund balance. It's obvious that with the losses both suffered from sales tax starting in March with the virus crisis that the a loss will continue to grow. Neither the county nor the schools want to dip into that fund balance but both may need to do so.

Although the state cannot tell the county or schools how CARES funds can be spent, the federal government forbids those incoming funds to be used to feed a fund balance.

So the school administration has a plan, to use CARES

Act funds to pay some current expenses and put those regular incoming funds into part of their 2020-2021 budget. That would free up the funds they would be drawing from the fund balance and the money saved would feed the fund balance.

Russ Oaks, chief operating officer of Knox County Schools, spoke at the commission meeting Monday and when asked about using the CARES funds to feed the system's fund balance said, "We won't label it as such."

The school board recently authorized the purchase of Chromebooks for each student in the upcoming budget despite the projected major revenue losses from sales taxes during the crisis. The system gets one-third of its operating budget from sales taxes.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the school system was projecting a sizable surplus of about \$20 million. Now the system is looking at a \$20 million loss. Without the shifting of CARES Act funding the school system would have to dip into the fund balance. The administration may even have to go back to the school board and county commission with a request for funds.

The school system is still hoping for a 4% pay increase for teachers when school starts back up this fall. KCS currently continues to pay teachers although there's no classroom activity but has instituted a hiring pause, a spending freeze, and is planning to look at its proposed budget which is not expected to be lower than the current budget. The school system is also considering to not

purchase any new textbooks, cut back on mental health services, reduce contracted services and make "deep cuts" in the central office.

"There's nothing really positive about this pandemic," one school spokesman said.

Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell told the audit committee that the effect of the pandemic won't show up until the next sales tax report from the state. He said the last report showed the county \$2.8 million ahead and now he expects a downturn. He said local sales tax collection for March showed an increase as people rushed to the stores to stock up on supplies for the pandemic. He added the county has suffered also with a big loss in hotel-motel taxes and restaurant sales taxes.

Caldwell said to expect a downturn also in business taxes and funds from the county courts which were closed for months. He said plans for the county are fluid at present.

"You can see an iceberg and you can turn just enough to miss it," he explained.

"On June 1st the mayor will present his budget and it isn't as high at 2020," he said. He added it may show no growth and more use of the county's fund balance, but added, "We don't want it to affect our bond rating."

"If it was ever raining, it's raining now," he said. He said the county currently has \$122 million in fund balance.

"We want to take a cautious approach and if we see changes we will want to come back to the commission," he said.

## KCHD releases guidance for Phase Two of community reopening plan

Knox County and the City of Knoxville will begin Phase Two of the community's reopening plan today, the Knox County Health Department announced last Friday.

Most industries can operate in Phase Two if they can maintain safety and health precautions. The Phase Two guidelines are on KCHD's website, titled "Reopening Plan: Phase Two Amendment". Phase Two builds upon Phase One; if an industry was open in Phase One, they remain open.

"Moving into Phase Two is not a return to pre-pandemic normal, but it is a small step in helping us get there," Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. "We must not forget that this situation has caused almost-irreparable damage to the local economy, creating significant hardships for many families and placing a tremendous burden on small business owners. Only by working together and supporting one another can our community

begin seeing 'normal' within reach."

"We have let the science and data guide our response throughout this pandemic and it is reassuring that our benchmarks continue to look favorable here in Knox County. Dr. Martha Buchanan, the staff at the Knox County Health Department and the reopening task force members have done an outstanding job," said City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon. "They continue to make smart decisions that put the well-being of our community ahead of politics. I am optimistic that if everyone continues to follow the 5 core actions in the reopening plan, we can move forward without seeing a spike in COVID-19 cases."

"We are grateful that our data supports the progression into Phase Two. That's a testament to how well our community has adhered to the five core actions outlined in our plan," said KCHD

Senior Director and Public Health Officer Dr. Martha Buchanan. "However, we still need everyone to practice these actions, which remain critical in reducing transmission of this virus."

The five core actions include:

- Physical distancing
- Wearing cloth face coverings
- Frequent and proper handwashing
- Cleaning surfaces
- Staying home if you're sick or instructed to isolate/quarantine

Guidance for Phase Two was created by gathering input and feedback from the Knoxville-Knox County Reopening Task Force - convened by KCHD - elected officials, as well as businesses and community members via digital surveys.

KCHD will assess the status of Phase Two on June 12, and will make potential recommendations at that time.



*The Focus Family would like to congratulate Taylor Brooke Poe on her recent graduation from UT. Taylor will be continuing her education at South College where she will receive her doctorate in physical therapy. Congratulations and Good Luck!!*

## Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity

When we think of a "family unit," in our heads, many of us will think of a married husband and wife and their children born to them while the couple is married. However, as we all know, families take on many forms. The family unit can take on many variations and sometimes, its unclear who the father is of children.



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When that is the case, a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity comes in to play. The word, "paternity," means fatherhood. When someone signs a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, that means they are acknowledging that they are the biological father of a child.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-2-304 lays out when a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity comes in to play. If a mother and father of a child have never been married, then both parents can sign the acknowledgment and that allows the father's name

to be added to the birth certificate. To do this, the father must sign this acknowledgment at the hospital before the mother leaves with her child.

Even when a father's name is on a birth certificate, that establishes no custodial rights to the child. If the father wishes to have any custody rights to the child, he must file for custody in juvenile court.

Another thing to point out, the mother has to sign the acknowledgment as well agreeing that the person signing as father, is the father of the child. If the mother is unsure about who the father of the child is, then it is better to not allow anyone to sign the birth certificate as the child's father, and instead, request DNA testing through the Health Department.

If a mother is divorced, the divorce must have been finalized for 300 days before she and the biological father can sign the acknowledgment. If that time period has not

elapsed, the prior husband is considered father until DNA testing is performed and the biological father can be established.

That also applies if the mother is married, separated from her husband, and has a child with someone else. It is impossible to put the biological father on the acknowledgment even if everyone is sure that he is the biological father.

What are we trying to establish with this form? The purpose is to determine what father is legally responsible for supporting and raising the child who is born. If someone is not the biological father of a child, they certainly may support and raise a child, but they are not legally obligated to do so.

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OFFICER, I'M BEING ROBBED!

Do City of Knoxville police officers make too much money? That is the inference from a news release by the City Council Movement. If you haven't been paying attention, the City Council Movement says its mission is to "strengthen the people's political power by holding elected officials accountable via organizing, education and participatory democracy." Yet in the CCM's Facebook page, it is pointed out as so few people vote in city elections, the handful of socialists can actually exert some influence and that they have. Two of Knoxville's elected council members are "Democratic Socialists"; the distinction between a "Democratic" socialist and a plain old socialist is more aesthetic than real. Seema Singh and Amelia Parker are the two socialists on the Knoxville City Council. Now, you can bet your boots these folks have targeted the Knoxville Police Department. Evidently, the citizens of Knoxville are being robbed by the men and women in blue. In their most recent press release, the CCM bemoans mayor Indya Kincannon's abject surrender to the bourgeoisie in her budget recommendation. The author of the screed laments the heartless Kincannon's failure to "address the needs of our most vulnerable residents." The CCM is aghast that out of the city's \$334 million budget, the KPD gets \$60 million. The CCM complains the KPD receives "by far, the largest portion of the city budget, much of this

going to the cost of staffing the department." The CCM frowns that" KPD officers are the highest paid entry-level employee in the city, starting out at \$40,000 a year while regular entry-level city workers start out at around \$25,000." "KPD has the largest staff of any city governmental unit at 519 employees, while the combined staff total of public service, recreation, and community development is only 354 employees." Really? Do you suppose a city-employed tree trimmer should earn the same salary as a KPD officer? After all that tree trimmer might be in mortal danger from a really angry woodpecker. Is a street sweeper in mortal peril from a domestic dispute, bank robbery, or drive-by shooting? The fact is, these folks just plain don't like cops. Amelia Parker has stated again and again how terrified she is by simply seeing a police officer and apparently quite nearly swooned dead away when Mayor Kincannon poked her head out of a police vehicle during a parade. I reckon as Indya was wearing a mask Ms. Parker might have mistaken the mayor for a train robber. David Hayes, who ran for and was defeated for the city council last year, has had his own altercations with law enforcement officers. Hayes is a probable candidate to run for city council once again in 2021 against South Knoxville native son Tommy Smith. Parker stirred up a hornet's nest recently with a post that was considered by many South Knoxville residents as highly offensive and incendiary. That post, which was later removed by Councilwoman Parker, was denounced by South Knox Board of Education member Kristi Kristy and former State Rep. Eddie Smith. South Knoxvillians are already complaining about increasing crime in their neighborhoods and some are asking for increased patrols by the KPD, an effort which Councilman Smith supports. Homeless people are building

camp in South Knoxville and wandering along Chapman Highway and the socialists want to take the tax revenue and build more and more housing for the homeless. The CCM gnashes their teeth that KPD officers and Fire Department men and women are to receive bonuses under Kincannon's budget while public service workers get nothing. As reports of thefts and crime increase, especially in South Knoxville, folks ought to pay more attention to a collection of people who just really don't like police officers. The men and women in blue probably ought to do a little organizing themselves. There isn't going to be a happy median between the socialists who don't much believe in enforcing the laws and law enforcement officers. Because if we don't really want to enforce the laws, why do we need law enforcement officers? Who else thinks the City of Knoxville is paying police officers too much money? Probably Amelia Parker, Seema Singh and David Hayes. Not me.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Speaking of Amelia Parker and the police, the Knoxville News-Sentinel published the councilwoman's harrowing account of her brush with death. Naturally, Parker detailed her account of events for her Facebook page, which is pretty much the same thing as recording it for the future use of historians. Hearing that the KPD was preparing to dismantle an encampment of homeless people near Mechanicsville, Parker immediately sprang into action, you know, like superheroes do, and hurried to the scene. Amelia recounted one of the officers supposedly "mocked" her, which left her "shaking" with terror. Wow, who would mock an elected official or make faces at a lawmaker? According to a police spokesman, KPD was not

attempting to dismantle or otherwise disturb any homeless encampment. Scott Erland said it was the intent of the KPD officers to be sure everyone was all right, as well as what might be needed at the camp in the future. Parker immediately complained two KPD officers and two public service workers were not wearing masks. Councilwoman Parker then lectured the officers after asking them why they weren't wearing masks. She said they were violating City of Knoxville policy by attempting to evict the homeless from their camp, except they weren't, so... Parker related she was in fear for her life despite her importance. "Even as a lawmaker, I was scared to tell these two armed, white men what to do," Parker breathlessly wrote on Facebook. "I was afraid they would ignore the city council pin on my shirt and the city council ID that I clutched in my hand." Amelia is on the city council, understood? "I felt as if I was risking my life by being there but not because of the global pandemic but because of police." Interesting that Amelia thinks as a member of city council she has the right to tell police officers "what to do" in the course of doing their jobs. Amelia wrote that she worried as the incident unfolded that she would be killed and the white officers would "argue it was a justified murder", but she bravely "worked to prevent those scenarios" which she apparently instantly computed and configured inside her head. Parker said her experience was like that of Ahmaud Arbery and described a "white supremacist culture and toxic culture of policing." It's pretty easy to make yourself the hero of the story when you write it yourself. So, next time someone robs your house, tries to assault or kill you, who you gonna call? The men and women in blue, or Amelia Parker clutching her city council ID?

**A PRIZE FOR WHAT???**  
Mayor Glenn Jacobs, perhaps because he has been a businessman, is doing all he can to reopen the county, as quickly as he can. In contrast, City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon sniffed in a statement, "There is no prize for going fast when it comes to reopening our economy." Kincannon, who brags in every other breath about her Ivy league pedigree, has never actually used it. Nor is Kincannon likely feeling the same kind of pressure as many families and workers throughout the city and county. The city council thoughtfully gave the incoming mayor a hefty \$20,000 pay hike, bringing Kincannon's salary to around \$160,000 annually. Kincannon's husband, Ben Barton, works at the University of Tennessee law school and my guess is, he, too, is continuing to draw a mighty fine salary and last I heard, there's nobody sitting in the classrooms at UT. So, together Kincannon and company are likely bringing in somewhere around \$300,000 or more during the pandemic. So whether is Indya is out walking her dog or simply having a film crew follow her around for the day, she's getting paid. Not so for everybody else, a fact that at least Glenn Jacobs understands. Aren't Democrats always supposed to be thinking about the working folk in this country, as well as the less fortunate? There are all kinds of people who have been furloughed, lost their jobs, or lost their businesses; there are graduating seniors from colleges who have seen their internships evaporate or job offers withdrawn. There are far too many people who have seen their pensions vaporized, along with their hopes for a decent retirement. I'd say those folks are at the top of the list right about now. Indya and Ben are making out all right and I'd say it's a lot easier to follow a flimsy plan when the money is

still rolling in. I don't think the Kincannons have to worry about putting food on the table. Yet another contrast is the fact Glenn Jacobs has donated the salary increase mandated by state law he received to charity for a scholarship for a furloughed county employee's child. Follow the plan to the letter, exercise no common sense. Pretty easy for you to say, Indya.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK...

Believe it or not, New York state and Florida are roughly the same size as far as population is concerned. As the national media chases Ron DeSantis, the GOP governor of the Sunshine State, for allowing his state to reopen, they completely ignore the utter incompetence of Andrew Cuomo, the Democratic governor of New York, as well as the sheer lunacy of Bill DeBlasio, the deranged mayor of New York City. According to the mainstream media, Cuomo has done a bang-up job in New York, despite the fact New York has thirty times the death toll as Florida. New York has had about 348,000 COVID-19 cases and more than 28,000 deaths. Florida has had around 46,000 COVID-19 cases and 2,000 deaths. The population of Florida is 21.5 million folks while New York is home to 19.5 million people. It was Andrew Cuomo whose state government was sending nursing home residents back to the home with the virus. Ron DeSantis prohibited nursing home residents who caught the virus from being returned to the nursing home after leaving the hospital. Nor did Cuomo order the New York subway system to be disinfected - - - and it still ran constantly, 24/7 - - - until May. Incidentally, how many of you have seen the recovery rate for those under 60 with COVID-19? 99%! Yes, 99%.

Farragut Planning Commission denies MCI/Verizon Fiber Optic expansion

By Focus Staff

The Farragut Planning Commission unanimously denied by a vote of 8 to 0 an application from MCI/Metro to expand fiber optic cable for residential 5G cell towers in resident's front yards. You can see Thursday's meeting here on YouTube <https://youtu.be/VHASd274zsE> The MCI/Verizon representative made many excuses on why fiber optic subcontractor MasTec has hit so many water, sewer, and gas lines in laying the fiber optic cable in residential Farragut neighborhoods. He blamed outdated drawings and mistakes from utilities. Residents in Farragut have filed many complaints to the Farragut mayor and

aldermen for the shoddy work done by MasTec. The Town of Farragut previously stopped MasTec from working on weekends after another water line was hit on a Friday night in Woodland Trace. The MCI/Verizon representative also said they were looking at pausing fiber installation in residential areas in Farragut. Apparently the Farragut 5G resolution and the state and national press it has gotten may have caused a change of mind at MCI/Verizon. Another issue the planning commission noted is the clandestine way that MCI/Verizon applies for Farragut permits to lay fiber optic. The planning commission was confused as to who the applicant really

was. They thought the representative on the Zoom meeting was from fiber optic subcontractor MasTec. It turned the applicant was MCI/Metro but the representative identified himself being from MCI/Verizon. The planning commission made it clear this confusion had to end. MCI/Verizon and MasTec were sharply criticized on many issues by the planning commission. The mayor noted that with as many problems as MasTec has had, they should have had a representative at the meeting. MasTec was not present at the meeting. Mayor Williams said a mailbox was knocked down. A fireplug run over. Several water lines were hit. Sewer lines were hit. Gas lines

were hit. Planning Commission Vice Chairman St. Clair said the performance from MasTec to date was miserable. MCI/Verizon is expected to file a new request next month.



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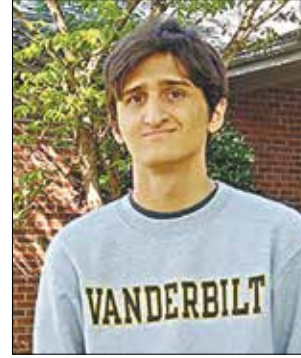


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Councilwoman Lauren Rider (center) leaves the Property Naming Committee in June and has some suggestions on the procedures for applying for an honorary name for a street, building, place, park, etc. The Woman Suffrage Plaza is a good example of an honorary sign. Photo courtesy of Property Naming Committee.

## New rules proposed for property naming in city

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Councilwoman Lauren Rider is term-limited as chair of the Knoxville Property Naming Committee as her four years will end in June. The group of citizens meets when requests are submitted to name streets, buildings, parks, and other public properties and Rider told the committee recently that some changes in the process are needed.

She met with Mayor Indya Kincannon on the ideas and floated the suggestions to the committee which made some suggestions and will consider the ideas and submit changes to the city law department.

"These are suggestions and have not been vetted," she said. One of the things she said should be removed from the naming process is to remove "renaming" of places. That duty, she said, should

begin in Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

That leaves initial approval of "honorary" place names to the committee. Honorary place names would be different colored signs that are posted beneath a street or place names. Examples of those include the Everly Brothers Park and Moody Bridge. The public is encouraged to make suggestions and in most cases the person being honored should have been a Knoxville resident for at least five years.

Other qualifications for honors include the person or event must: have made a major impact on local, state or national history; reflect the local values and character of the community; and be approved by a majority of adjoining property owners.

Some of the updates were suggested by former Councilman Marshall Stair, past chairman of the property naming

committee.

The fee for applying is \$262 but is waived for nominees from sitting city council members. Approval of the location of honorary signs would be reviewed and approved by the mayor or council.

The application forms are being reviewed and may be revised and once submitted are reviewed by the committee and submitted to the planning commission for research.

Members are appointed by each city council member, one from mayor, two from the vice mayor, one from the law department, one from the planning commission and one nonvoting member from the engineering department.

"I want you to be proactive," Rider told the committee members, adding, "You can come up with something that has not been noted, our forgotten history."

She also suggested

inviting local experts from groups like the Knoxville History Center or Knox Heritage to attend committee meetings.

"The pandemic put us behind schedule because this wasn't a priority. It doesn't meet terribly frequently. The committee provides a fair process for review of applications. It started with Joe Bailey in 2004 and we have long strived to have an equitable process where the public has a chance to comment," Rider said.

Rider also noted that some of the current committee members are also term-limited and will be leaving the group. Members now include Pat Harmon, Amy Midis, Mary Nietling, Sharon Davis, Betty Jo Mahan, Paul Armstrong, Cindy Spangler, Mabrey Duff, Bryan Berry, Ronnie Collins, Jonathan Ball, Donna Hill, Jim Johnson and David McGinley.

## Knox County Public Library to open eight locations on Friday

Knox County Public Library will open eight of its 19 locations beginning on Friday, May 29 as part of the Phase Two Reopening Plan put forth by the Knox County Health Department. Each of these locations will resume its regular schedule. The Libraries selected to reopen will provide access for patrons in all areas of the county. Next week, 102 employees will return to work with 67 remaining on furlough. Twenty-five employees remained active during closure.

Each Library has been fully sanitized and equipped with plexiglass sneeze shields at service counters. Available seating will be arranged to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. No public computers will be available, however, every location is equipped with WIFI. The Library will isolate all returned materials for 72 hours to ensure the safe handling

of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. Storytimes, other programs and meeting room use will be suspended until further notice.

Library locations to reopen include:

- Lawson McGhee Library, 500 W. Church Avenue
- Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway
- Carter Branch Library, 9036 Asheville Highway
- Cedar Bluff Branch Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive
- Farragut Branch Library, 417 Campbell Station Road
- Fountain City Branch Library, 5300 Stanton Road
- Powell Branch Library, 330 W. Emory Road
- Howard Pinkston Branch Library, 7732 Martin Mill Pike

Plans to reopen the remaining locations will be forthcoming.

## Differences in city and county concerns evident at council meeting

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The differences between the Knoxville City Council and the Knox County Commission were illustrated last week as while the county commissioners questioned their contribution to Helen Ross McNabb's Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, the city council passed it with praising comments. Both bodies stepped up last year to help make up the loss of state funds for the center that helps low-level offenders with behavioral health issues in Knox County.

The differences also are obvious on social issues. The commission last week passed an affirmation of the right-to-carry state law and are moving to declare the jurisdiction a Second Amendment County. The city council voted unanimously to ask local state legislators to accept Medicaid expansion in Tennessee and ask Congress to enact legislation to ensure free health

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# Focusing on House Seat 15, II

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This is the second in a series of questions The Knoxville Focus has asked candidates for East Knoxville's seat in the Tennessee Legislature.

The race for the Tennessee House Seat, District 15, pits the incumbent, Rick Staples, against three other Democrats, Sam McKenzie, Michael Park and Ovi Kabir.

Who ever wins the Democratic nomination in August will face Independent candidate Troy B. Jones in the November General Elections

## Should medical and/or legal marijuana be permitted in Tennessee?

**Staples:** HB-1610 is a piece of Legislation, that I proposed this current Legislative Session. A landmark piece of legislation, that would allow for



Ovi Kabir



Sam McKenzie



Matthew Park



Rick Staples

Tennessee to become the "growing state". HB-1610 authorizes counties to hold referendum elections. To authorize the growing, processing manufacturing, delivery and retail sale of Marijuana within jurisdictional boundaries. Regulations to be setup in the same manner, in which the State currently regulates alcohol.

**McKenzie:** At this point I am not in favor of legalizing marijuana for recreational use. I am in favor of Medicinal Marijuana. My mother contracted and eventually died of lung cancer while I was in my late teens and early

twenties. She spent most of her days in excruciating pain and would have benefited from this type of treatment option. I strongly believe this drug would have helped her and the millions of others who are "truly" suffering.

**Park:** Yes. Medicinal and recreational cannabis should be legalized in Tennessee for adults. We should expunge all cannabis-based convictions and charges. Small home and community gardens should be allowed to grow cannabis.

**Kabir:** We must decriminalize marijuana, because no one should have to sit

in jail because they were in possession of a plant that is already legalized in many states. Bordering states like North Carolina, Mississippi, and Missouri, have already decriminalized marijuana and Illinois, which is only a short drive from our state's capital allows marijuana to be bought legally.

## How do you feel about increasing the minimum wage?

**Staples:** During this pandemic, we are witnessing so many Tennesseans suffer financially. As their

place of employment, has been forced to adjust, due to COVID-19 pandemic. Making an intentional effort to raise minimum wage, will be paramount going into the next Legislative Session.

**McKenzie:** I am and would be a strong advocate to increase the Minimum Wage. Tennessee currently follows the federal standard for minimum wage which has not been raised since 2009. I would advocate for the state to pass our own minimum wage to a living rate.

**Park:** The Tennessee General Assembly should implement a \$15 minimum

wage state-wide as well as repeal laws that prevent municipalities from enacting higher minimum wages, such as Tennessee Code Ann. § 50-2-112. We should also repeal the so-called "Right to work" law and encourage workers to form labor unions and collective bargain.

**Kabir:** There is no question on my mind, whether the minimum wage should be raised in Tennessee. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the average rent for a two bed room apartment in Tennessee is \$890. It would take a minimum wage worker 89 hours a week to comfortably afford an apartment like that. There is no reason that this should be a reality for folks, but unfortunately it is because the minimum wage hasn't been raised since 2008 when it was raised \$1.67 from \$5.58 to \$7.25. So I am very supportive to raise the minimum wage.

# Differences in city and county concerns evident at council meeting

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care coverage for everyone during the pandemic.

While the county mayor is pushing to reopen all businesses and go to Phase Two during the COVID-19 pandemic the city is more cautious. Mayor Indya Kincannon said she is working with the Knox County Health Department and, although hesitant to further relax restrictions, is pleased with the department's monitoring of the situation.

The city council meeting Tuesday began at 5 p.m. with the council sitting as beer board. The regular council meeting became a marathon session that began at 6 p.m. and extended until well after 11 p.m. The meeting was prolonged by questions, comments and failed motions by Councilwoman Amelia Parker during the discussion on the new budget.

While City Attorney Charles Swanson repeatedly stated the

council cannot do "line item" adjustments, Parker spoke at length about various budget items and moved to postpone a vote for two weeks but her motion received no second. Other motions she made were dismissed by Swanson as not appropriate. She was the sole "No" vote on the overall budget but voted with all the other council members on taxes (there is no city increase) and the payment plans for city employees.

The meeting was also lengthened as the council permitted ten citizens to address the proposed budget and the budget funds being appropriated to renovation of the Burlington neighborhood.

Parker was critical of what she considered a small amount in the budget going to Burlington improvements. Kincannon replied that \$587,000 will roll over from the current budget for that neighborhood bringing the funds for the 2021 fiscal year to more than \$612,000 and

pledged her support.

"I'll direct my administration to work on this," the mayor said, adding that Burlington improvements are "a priority."

The council approved acquiring several pieces of roadside property along Pleasant Ridge Road to create three lanes along the route from Merchant Drive to the city limits. The purchase of the right-of-way involves 33 tracts as part of the Phase Two project and \$650,000 was approved.

Also approved were appointments to PARC and the planning commission.

The council approved \$6.3 million from the state, with no local match required, for an Advanced Traffic System Project. The funds are in addition to a current grant bringing the total project to \$15.3 million.

The council also gave final approval to rezone three lots on East Fifth Avenue and declare them "Open Space" and part of the Caswell Park.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

**Pioneer Judge David Campbell and his son-in-law are buried in Old Washington, Tn. The third grave there is said to be Campbell's favorite horse.**

# Odd places in our region

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Scattered here and there in central Appalachia are places that almost defy description. Odd, unusual places that seem totally out of place and just too weird to be where they are. Yet these unique places do, indeed, exist and are worth a trip just to see something so odd.

## A man and his horse

Col. David Campbell, a namesake and cousin of the founder of Campbell's Station, was an odd fellow who ended up living in the village of Washington just inside Rhea County.

Campbell was part-time Indian Agent and also a judge. He's buried near his homestead in the Old Washington community.

His grave, at the site of his old home, contains his remains and those of his

son-in-law but on the other side where you'd expect to find Campbell's wife, is his horse. No kidding, that's what old-timers said. The nearby historic marker makes no mention of the third burial.

## Ebbing and Flowing

There are at least two Ebbing and Flowing Springs in our region, one in Southwest Virginia and one in East Tennessee. In Washington County, Va., the "Ebbing Springs" was said by earlier pioneers to be a beautiful little brook that flowed normally from beneath limestone, then stops. The spring place then was said to gurgle and the stream begins again as a gush of water that filled the channel of the spring. The strange, volcanic type of action was said to happen about every thirty minutes, according to Lewis Preston Summers in his "History of Southwest Virginia."

A pioneer church was built near the spring but later removed to Glade Springs.

Near Rogersville in Hawkins County, Tn., is Ebbing and Flowing Springs, which empties into Big Creek near the historic

Amis homestead.

Today the springs still ebbs and flows across the road and has followed the same routine for at least the past two hundred years. It recycles about every two and one-half hours, issuing 500 gallons per minute and the temperature is about 50 to 55 degrees.

The large farm and the property even had an old schoolhouse and they all went up for public auction in recent years, divided in tracts.

## Old Fort Geyser

The Old Fort Geyser in North Carolina isn't a real gusher but is fed by an old reservoir high above on the mountain and piped down the hill to become an artesian fountain.

Once the fountain, in a nearby location where a health-spa hotel sat, drew thousands of rich visitors who arrived by train from South and North Carolina piedmont plantations to summer or rest in the coolness of the mountains there.

## The Blue Holes

Blue Hole, at the Great Council Spring of Red Clay, south of Cleveland, Tn.,

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# Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XVI

## Pages from the Past



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When Senator Estes Kefauver's aorta ruptured on the evening of August 13, 1963, it set off a scramble to succeed him. Governor Frank Clement appointed millionaire businessman Herbert "Hub" Walters of Morristown to fill the remainder of Kefauver's term until a special 1964 election could be held. Although conservative by the standard of many Tennessee Democrats, few could argue that the appointment of Walters was not a fitting tribute for one who had faithfully served the party for so long. In Tennessee, "Mr. Hub" was "Mr. Democrat" to tens of thousands of his fellow Democrats.

Still, Walters had been operated on for throat cancer and was seventy-one years old. Few believed Walters would be a candidate to succeed himself in the 1964 special election; most political observers believed the governor had appointed Walters not only to honor him, but so that Clement could run himself in 1964. There were other prominent Democrats in Tennessee who gave running for the United States Senate more than a passing thought. Former governor Buford Ellington, once

Clement's Commissioner of Agriculture during the better part of Clement's original six years as governor of Tennessee, was thought to be mulling the possibility of a Senate race. Ellington had defeated a host of challengers to narrowly win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1958 and without the support of the Clement organization it is highly doubtful he would have been successful. Ellington and Clement had once been close and many Tennesseans still perceived the two were warm personal friends and political allies, but the truth was somewhat different. Whatever close relationship had once existed between Frank Clement and Buford Ellington, it had cooled to a glacial temperature.

The name of Estes Kefauver's widow, Nancy, a vivacious redhead from Scotland, was briefly floated as a candidate to succeed her late husband. Mrs. Kefauver hardly waited a moment to make a definitive statement she was not interested in being a candidate. A more certain prospect was Ross Bass, congressman from Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District for the last ten years. Bass had been a bombardier during World War II, an experience he never really got out of his mind. After the war, Bass returned to his home in Pulaski, Tennessee where he became a small businessman, opening up

a flower shop. In 1946, Bass was named by Congressman Wirt Courtney as Postmaster of Pulaski, a position he continued to hold until he resigned to run for Congress in 1954. Apparently Bass was popular enough to keep Courtney's successor, Pat Sutton, from attempting to displace him. Sutton, who had made a failed race against Senator Estes Kefauver in the 1954 Democratic primary, had no such compunction against challenging the freshman congressman when Bass sought reelection in 1956. Congressman Bass beat Sutton badly, winning almost 70% of the vote. Yet there was evidently some rancor between the two men. When Ross Bass made his last campaign, bidding to return to Congress in 1976, Pat Sutton ran in the Democratic primary against him.

Congressman Ross Bass was well positioned to run for the United States Senate in 1964; his Sixth Congressional District covered a huge swath of Middle Tennessee, running from the Kentucky border to the Alabama state line. Nor could it be disputed Bass had entrenched himself inside his congressional district and was popular with the people he represented. Bass had been reelected in 1962 with more than 80% of the vote. Bass had faced a primary challenger in the 1960 election and won with almost 90% of the vote. Still, Frank Clement had obvious advantages that would have given any prospective challenger pause. Clement had been elected statewide three times, had won three Democratic primaries against serious opponents and commanded the allegiance of an army of appointees and patronage employees.

Tennessee was still, at least in theory, a Democratic state and Ross Bass was shrewd enough a politician to realize Frank Clement was not invulnerable. As governor, Clement had raised taxes, never a popular thing to do with Tennesseans. Jim Nance McCord had found that out in 1948 when he had initiated the sales tax to support education, only to lose to Gordon Browning, who had left office in 1938 as the worst defeated incumbent in the state's modern history. Clement was implacably opposed by the Nashville Tennessean, which waged a daily war against the governor's administration. Bass was popular with several important Democratic constituencies, including blacks and labor. Congressman Bass was also well liked by many of the late Senator Kefauver's



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Autographed photo of Governor Frank Clement, circa 1964.

supporters, which constituted a wide network of voters throughout the state. Bass was perceived to be more liberal than Governor Clement and he was the only Democrat in Congress from the rural South to vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Bass received a "zero" rating from the conservative Americans for Constitutional Action, along with Tennessee congressmen Richard Fulton of Nashville and Joe L. Evins, who represented the rural Fourth Congressional District. By contrast, Congressmen James H. Quillen and Bill Brock received "perfect" scores from the ACA, while Howard Baker, Sr. got a 73% score.

When president John F. Kennedy was murdered in Dallas in November of 1963, both Governor Frank Clement and Congressman Ross Bass, like most public officials, gave out official statements. Congressman Bass said, "An assassin's bullet has taken the life of the greatest man I have had the privilege to know. I am amazed that the hate-mongers of this nation were able to warp a mind to this extreme. I have never known a man with a higher intellectual level, a man with a stronger sense of dedication or man with greater leadership qualities than Jack Kennedy. He will be remembered along with Lincoln, and his influence will be felt for generations." Governor Clement said, "I am overcome by the shocking, tragic and terrible news that he has died at the hands of an assassin, and that Governor Connally has been wounded. I had met the President on several occasions, and only last spring he was our guest in Tennessee." Bass's statement was highly emotional, while Clement's was more aghast, but both were far from former governor Buford Ellington's terse comment, "A tragedy."

After the unseemly haste

with which potential candidates began to consider running for the U. S. Senate following the unexpected death of Estes Kefauver, things had calmed down considerably during the fall of 1963. After a flurry of activity, Ross Bass had slowed down to the point where some believed he had decided to forego the Senate race to remain in Congress. Frank Clement was somewhat constrained by the reluctance of Senator Herbert Walters to state his own political intentions. Senator Walters stubbornly insisted he would not reveal his own plans until after the New Year.

The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle amused itself by asking readers if they would vote for Ross Bass for senator should he run in 1964. Clarksville was inside Bass's Sixth Congressional District and one would have expected he would get strong support from those he had represented in the House of Representatives for a decade. Farmer Calvin Bowers did not disappoint, saying, "I can only speak for myself, but I certainly would. I believe he has the working man's cause at heart." Salesman James Conway also said he would vote for Ross Bass, adding, "I certainly would not vote for Frank Clement for senator. I would hate to think we had to be represented by Clement in Washington. I believe, by his past record, Bass would make a good senator." Tommy Hayes, a student, echoed the support for Bass in Clarksville. Hayes thought local folks would vote for Bass. "He has a fine record in Congress as representative and I feel he would be a real good senator."

Following a report by the Knoxville News-Sentinel that Bass had told several friends he would run for the Senate in 1964, the congressman insisted he had yet to make up his mind. Ross Bass told the

Tennessean, "I have and continue to be interested in becoming a United States senator. However, I have reached no definite decision and do not expect to until some time in early February." Bass conceded he was still talking about running with friends and supporters "throughout Tennessee" and while he continued to receive encouragement, the congressman thought even if he had reached a decision to run, it would not be appropriate to make his plans public "because of the period of mourning for President Kennedy."

The race for the Senate drew a blast from Edward W. "Ned" Carmack of Murfreesboro, who belatedly he was going to run for the U. S. Senate in 1964 "unless somebody supports Medicare and one or two other measures I believe in." Carmack, son of the legendary U. S. senator and editor who had been gunned down in the streets of Nashville, had at one time or another, run for or threatened to run for just about every office within the gift of the people of Tennessee. Carmack had come within a whisker of beating Senator Tom Stewart inside the 1942 Democratic primary and had challenged venerable Senator K. D. McKellar in 1946. McKellar was seeking his sixth term in the United States Senate and Carmack had the all-out support of the Nashville Tennessean in his bid to unseat Tennessee's longest serving senator. McKellar had soundly beaten Carmack, ending whatever political career he had. There was good reason to believe Ned Carmack was mentally unstable and his interview with the Tennessean did little to dispel that notion. While Carmack claimed both Congressman Bass and M. M. Bullard were his personal friends, he said he would run against

either or both if necessary. "Somebody is going to have to support Medicare," Carmack complained. "I believe in it." Carmack refused to elaborate on the other two issues of importance to him. "If neither of them support Medicare," Carmack blustered, "they are going to get trouble from me if I am able to give it." The sixty-three year-old Carmack said, "I personally do not want the job. I would rather see a younger, more vigorous man have it. I will not complicate the race at all if these three things are supported." Bullard, reached for comment by the Tennessean, made statements designed to placate Carmack, while Congressman Bass could not be reached by the reporter for any kind of statement. When asked about Governor Clement, Carmack boasted, "I can handle Mr. Clement and I think he knows I can."

"I want these things firmly supported" Ned Carmack barked. "I don't want any ducking about it. Somebody should stand clearly and plainly what they are for." Carmack added, "I never expected to get into this thing, but I just may." The former candidate, who had never been elected to anything, went on to relive the past through his 1942 race against Tom Stewart. "I carried that campaign right into the jowls of Shelby County," Carmack bragged. The Tennessean went on to relate Carmack had supported Estes Kefauver's 1948 campaign when the Chattanooga congressman had defeated Senator Stewart. There was no mention made of Carmack's race against McKellar when he had been beaten badly by the senator. The Tennessean concluded Carmack's puffery by saying once Kefauver had been elected to the Senate, Carmack had been one of Kefauver's "trusted advisors", which was sheer delusion. After making his demands, Ned Carmack descended back into well-deserved obscurity.

On January 7, 1964, the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle published a report that Congressman Ross Bass was all but certain to run for the United States Senate. Bass was certainly acting very much like a candidate, visiting Knoxville to make two speeches to different organizations.

By early 1964, Ross Bass believed he had the support of most of the late Estes Kefauver's organization. Governor Frank Clement and Senator Herbert Walters had yet to reveal their own political plans.



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# What are we willing to give up?

The country is slowly beginning to open. I'm not so sure doing so is safe, but pressure from folks who own businesses and others who are just tired of being stuck at home are behind the



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move. I do understand that people want to go back to work, they want to return to life the way it used to be, and they want to socialize once again. I do too, but that doesn't mean that I'm willing to dive back into a pool that still might lead to a spike in the number of infections and deaths.

Despite the tragedies that have accompanied this pandemic, the world has witnessed some positive things. For one, CO2 emission have declined. In China, the decrease is as much as 25%. Globally, the CO2 emissions from fossil fuels has declined by 8%.

In Kathmunda, Nepal, Mt. Everest was visible for the first time in living memory. In major cities around the world, the smog has given way to clearer skies so that

sunny days are clear and beautiful. Los Angeles, where sunlight is dimmed by all sorts of emissions, recently had the cleanest air of any major city.

Maybe not so noticeable is the slowdown of daily life. During some mornings, I walk around my yard to look at flowers and plants. The steady stream of cars clogging Ball Camp Pike is gone. Instead, a small number of vehicles have traveled the road around the shutdown. The bonus from the absence of vehicles is the return of nature's sounds. Birds fill the air with their songs. Squirrels scratch up and down tree trunks as they

play. Rabbits crunch the leaves as they hopped through thickets. Even the pleasant sound of a mower cutting the grass in the early morning is audible.

Yes, restaurants are hurting at present. Their dining rooms are empty, and businesses rely on folks picking up meals and taking them home. So many families are once again discovering mealtime. They sit at the supper table or even around the television and eat at the same time. For some, it's the first time since the children were in highchairs that the entire family has eaten together. Perhaps family members

are getting to know each other again and are learning things about each other's lives.

This pandemic has devastated us in so many ways. We lost loved ones, suffered miserable physical effects, and watched our livelihoods and paychecks disappear. Still, it's given us a sense of community. It's shown us that the world still has plenty of heroes. It's given us back our desire to help others and to be strong. Our ties to family and friends and country are strong. Our destruction of the environment has lessened as we curb our driving and economic

pollution.

Soon enough, folks will have the opportunity to return to a normal life. Is that what we want to do? Yes, we need personal contact and jobs that provide money on which to live. However, how much do we really need? Is family connection more important than half a dozen children activities? Is all that overtime work needed to provide a stable quality life for families? Those are just some of the questions we must answer individually. Ultimately, each of us must answer the central question: What are we willing to give up?

## Odd places in our region

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and just above the Georgia line, is a very strange and spiritual place. The water emerges in a pool from beneath the earth and all about the deep spring glows with a bright blue microscopic growth. If there were pools of liquid on planets like Mars or Mercury they might look like that.

Blue Spring is located at the head of Cripple Creek in Southwest Virginia.

Blue Hole Falls is on Little Fiery Gizzard Creek in the Grundy Forest State Park on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee.

### River oddities

The Suck, a dangerous and powerful whirlpool in the Tennessee River just downstream from Chattanooga, once sank flatboats and drowned travelers. Nearby Chickamauga towns relied on The Suck to protect them from attack by whites upstream.

The dams created by TVA backed up the flow and swamped the mighty Suck,

ending its feared dangers. Today the name applies to the area and an incoming stream from the north, but the feared whirlpool is only a historic footnote.

### The Disappearing County

Genealogy "roots" researchers can go crazy trying to find anyone born in James County, Tn., because it doesn't exist. It did, briefly, and Harrison (formerly Vann's Town) was the county seat. James County, Harrison, and Vann's Town are all gone, the county to the adjoining jurisdiction of Bradley, and the two old towns, combined as one, are beneath the waters of Chickamauga Lake.

James County began in 1871, named for Rev. Jesse James (no relation to you know who) and during its short history suffered two courthouse fires. It was dissolved in 1919.

## Memorial Day 2020 times have changed, but the reason remains

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Even with the gradual reopening of churches, stores, and businesses, this Memorial Day will most likely be celebrated in different ways than before. Flags waving, families gathering, bands playing! What great memories!

Thanks to COVID-19, masks are still required or recommended in most public places today. Social distancing guidelines, likewise, are still in place. Six-foot markers are everywhere! They are the latest reminders to leave space between us. Most parades and large celebrations remain canceled for the current calendar year. Churches are opening in phases with limited services and seating.



*Picture appropriately titled "The Price of Freedom," courtesy of Steve Ellis, Light House Studio.*

Administrators for schools, colleges, and universities are carefully evaluating their procedures for re-opening.

Memorial Day is the holiday set aside to honor America's fallen heroes. Even with restricted gatherings, we can honor those for whom this solemn occasion is intended. Remember their courage. Remember their loyalty. Remember their sacrifice. If you know of a veteran or a member of the military still serving our country, remember to thank them for their service. It is because of them and those

fallen heroes that we can celebrate another Memorial Day and enjoy the freedoms of our great nation every day! Be safe and be blessed this Memorial Day!



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## SHINING THE BRIGHTEST IN TRYING TIMES

# Jinks and Goodman are L&N STEM Academy's honorees

By Steve Williams

A distance runner and a swimmer have been named the Student-Athletes of the Year at L&N STEM Academy.

Seniors Seth Jinks and Kendal Goodman are the male and female honorees, respectively.

Jinks captured his second TSSAA state championship in cross country last fall, winning the Division 1 Class Small Division title with a time of 16:39.27 over the 5K course at Percy Warner in Nashville and finishing over 24 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Jinks ran in the state meet all four years in high school, placing third as a junior, first as a sophomore and 14th as a freshman.

Seth also was state runner-up in the 1600-meter run at the Spring Fling last year and came in 12th in the 800, said L&N Athletic Director Mark Waxmonsky.

Jinks didn't get to compete at the Spring Fling this season due to the annual event being cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Goodman has been a



*Seth Jinks, wearing his TSSAA medal, is a two-time state champion in cross country.*



*Kendal Goodman received the MVP Gryphon Award at L&N STEM Academy this year and has signed with Campbellsville University in Kentucky, where she will continue to compete in swimming.*



*Sarah Roberts combined for 64 goals her junior and senior seasons and has signed to play at Johnson University. Karns' Trey Hawkins stood out in football and basketball. He will continue his athletic career in football at the University of the Cumberland.*



## Karns honorees supplied plenty of offense

By Steve Williams

Karns' Student-Athletes of the Year Trey Hawkins and Sarah Roberts have something in common. They were known for their offensive play on the high school level.

Hawkins was a quick and exciting player in football and basketball for the Beavers.

In the fall, Trey, a wide receiver, had 48 catches for 600 yards and six touchdowns.

He was the team MVP and also received first team All-Region 3-5A honors.

During the basketball season, Hawkins averaged 16.8 points per game for Coach Lee Henson's Beavers. He was named first team All-District 3-AAA plus made the All-District tournament team.

"Trey Hawkins is a dynamic player

on the football field and basketball court," said Christopher Hartsfield, an assistant coach in football and boys basketball at Karns. "He has swift feet and a shifty body that allowed him to gain extra yards when he was carrying the football and easily get to the rim to score the rock. He is a great leader and teammate. Did I mention that he is also a great sprinter!"

Hawkins will continue his athletic career in football at the University of the Cumberland.

Although soccer is not a high-scoring sport, Roberts was among the best in the state at putting the ball in the goal. The Lady Beavers' forward striker ranked 11th in the state with 36 goals scored in her junior campaign and added 28 more as a senior last fall.

"She is definitely a great choice for this award," said Karns Coach Jeff Monckton.

Sarah was a four-year starter and two-year captain. She also was an All-District 3-AAA first team honoree as a junior and senior and received the Offensive Player of the Year team award.

"Sarah is an outstanding young woman," said Coach Monckton. "She is a great friend and leader. Sarah on the field was a standout player that competed hard for her teammates. She is a player that will be missed in our program and school. She is an outstanding student."

Roberts signed with Johnson University to continue her athletic and academic career.

# Time management was the key to McAnally's success

By Steve Williams

No question about it, Isabella McAnally's plate was full during her high school career.

"It was definitely a lot, and could even get a little overwhelming at times," she admitted. "I had to really learn time management, and be sure to stay on top of my school work. My free time was very limited, and I spent most of it either practicing extra or working on my academics."

That's how she became South-Doyle's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Middle school kids out there who aspire to be like Bella (that's what most of her friends call her) should be taking notes.

Izzy (well, that's what some of her teammates called her a time or two on the court or field when they were in a hurry) stayed on task and didn't waste time.

She even fit in assisting her dad Conn with a 9U football team he coached in the South Knoxville Chiefs' program and was in the midst of helping South-Doyle basketball coach David Scott with his AAU team of seventh and eighth graders when the coronavirus struck in March.

As for herself, McAnally was a four-year starter in soccer and basketball. And soccer was the sport Bella received the most acclaim as she was a two-time All-Region 2-AA and All-District 4-AA selection plus the district's Defender of the Year her junior season.

Bella also took up tennis as a sophomore when her friend Ava Mosadegh needed a doubles partner.

"She was like, 'You wanna play tennis?' So I kind of did it just for fun, but I ended up liking it a lot."

Bella also played tennis again



*South-Doyle's female Student-Athlete of the Year played and had interest in many sports, but plans to focus on Accounting at the University of Tennessee.*

as a senior since she didn't have to be involved as a player in AAU basketball. "I had a free season, so I said let's go play tennis again."

Rowing, of all things, also appears on McAnally's bio sheet. The fact she's tall (6-1) drew attention at Alabama.

"I've actually never rowed in my life," she said. "But if you're tall and athletic, they like you to row."

Bella, who had a friend who was a rower, applied at Alabama.

"I filled out a questionnaire just to see what would happen," she said. "They emailed me back. I went on an official visit. I liked the school a lot but it just wasn't the right fit for me."

McAnally also visited

Emmanuel College in Boston for basketball. "I liked it a lot, but it was just a little too small for me," she said.

As sports-minded as she was, Bella still sparkled in the classroom, ranking No. 4 in her class with a 4.42 GPA. She's also a member of NHS and DECA and was awarded the Johnny Mauer award from the Knoxville Optimist Club.

"It's a great honor to be chosen a Student-Athlete of the Year," said McAnally. "There are a lot of athletes definitely at South-Doyle that could have had it. I feel that I represented our school pretty well overall academically and athletically as well as (male honoree) Mason Brang."

In the end, academics won out. "I decided not to play sports in college and just focus on my studies," said Bella. "I'm going to UT and I will be majoring in Accounting. I've always liked numbers and Math."

## Mason Brang respected for his leadership

Most of the school year seemed like a big hurdle for Mason Brang.

Before the pandemic closed school just before spring break started in mid-March, South-Doyle's senior quarterback had

to overcome the adversity of a broken leg in Week 3 of the football season. And he did, making it back for the Cherokees' second round playoff win over Daniel Boone and the close loss to eventual Class 5A state champion Central in the quarterfinals.

Brang, who signed with Carson-Newman, was announced as South-Doyle's male Student-Athlete of the Year by Clark Duncan, the school's athletic director and head football coach.

"Mason exemplifies a student-athlete," said Duncan. "He is a great student with a 4.16 GPA and a 29 ACT. Mason was our leader on our football team."



*Even after he was injured, Mason Brang remained a leader on the sideline for South-Doyle. He's the school's male Student-Athlete of the Year and will continue his football career at Carson-Newman.*





Grace Christian Academy's football team was set to return to campus early this week for conditioning. The players must wear masks. Coach Rusty Bradley had masks custom made for his team. Photo submitted.

# GCA to have customized mask as workouts resume for student-athletes

By Ken Lay

Grace Christian Academy was set to permit its student-athletes return for offseason conditioning today (May 26). The school has been quiet since March as it closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Well. The weight room will be abuzz this week as football players begin preparations for the upcoming 2020 season. Players won't hit the field just yet but they can go to conditioning workouts provided that they adhere to social distancing guidelines. Part of social distancing protocol requires players and coaches to wear facemasks. Rams' football coach Rusty Bradley wanted to make sure that everyone associated with his program has a mask and he also figured he and his players and

coaches could have a little fun in these trying and uncertain times. So he ordered customized masks with a Grace Christian logo for his team to wear during its workout periods. "In order to work out, everybody has to have a mask," Bradley said. "So I ordered masks to make sure that everybody had one. "I wanted to be sure that the masks were washable and I figured that we could also have a little fun with this." Grace and most schools in Knoxville and Knox County, public and private, were permitted to have their athletes back for conditioning. But everyone had workouts and meetings remotely and while Bradley said his team's virtual workouts were largely successful, they weren't the same as

having everybody together during spring practice and offseason workouts. "We've had virtual workouts on Zoom and our guys have done a really good job staying in shape," Bradley said. "But it just wasn't the same. It wasn't the same because we weren't together. But we were able to adjust. "You always want to see your guys to see how they're doing. You miss seeing them. It will be good to see them, no question about it, it will be good just to see them and know that they are doing well." Knox County Schools will also allow the student-athletes throughout the district to return and resume organized team activities since schools closed on Friday, March 13.

# Catching up with former Vol Gerald Riggs Jr.

By Mark Nagi

Gerald Riggs Jr. played for the Tennessee Volunteers from 2002-2005, rushing for 1893 yards and scoring ten touchdowns. His best season was in 2004, when he gained 1107 yards on the ground. Recently he moved into the high school football coaching side of the sport when he was hired to coach running backs at North Jackson High School in Stevenson, Alabama. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with him about the new gig, as well as his thoughts on the direction of his alma mater. **Mark Nagi:** First of all, how did this opportunity at North Jackson come about? **Gerald Riggs Jr.:** I worked with (North Jackson HS head coach) Chandler Tygard when he was at Notre Dame and I was there basically as the strength and conditioning coach and helping out where I could. He was the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame, and we struck up a relationship there. He got the North Jackson job and wanted to make changes on his staff. It was a good situation and I like what he's doing with the program. There are some good kids there that are really hungry and want to play. It was good timing. **MN:** Is this something that you could see yourself doing for a while? **GR:** I've always wanted

to coach football and be involved in some capacity. Everything is about fit and this was a perfect fit for me. It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. Football never really leaves you. Any chance to get back out there and compete you take it. **MN:** I spoke to (former Vol) Kevin Burnett who is also now a HS football coach, and he mentioned how learning from Tennessee coaches helped him. Do you feel that experience was beneficial as well? **GR:** They were some of the best at what they were doing. The lessons we learned from them, how they run their program, you'd be a fool not to take things from that and use for yourself. They definitely had an impact on how I go about coaching. Guys like (former Tennessee strength and conditioning coach) Johnny Long and his staff, they had a tremendous impact on how I go about my business now. **MN:** Obviously this is an odd time during COVID-19. How are you able to connect with your new players? **GR:** Before this happened, I was going down to North Jackson and meeting the kids and I was able to strike up a relationship with a few of them. I haven't met all of them but with technology and Zoom I was able to reach out to the kids and have some communication so when we come back, we aren't

meeting each other for the first time. **MN:** You seem to have a strong connection with your fellow Tennessee alums... **GR:** I can't speak for other universities but at Tennessee we are very much connected with each other. A lot of us are doing the same thing. A handful of us are in coaching, and we all bounce things off each other. It's a brotherhood and we all can help each other. We were all tight in school and now getting older we definitely keep each other on the straight and narrow. **MN:** Do you feel that Tennessee's football program is heading in the right direction with Jeremy Pruitt as coach and Phillip Fulmer as the AD? **GR:** I absolutely do. Coach Fulmer coming along was one of the best things that happened to us when you look at how things were. I was a little skeptical about it at first, but he has done a great job and stabilized the program. The big thing was having everyone speaking the same language and having one goal. And Coach Pruitt has come in and done what he was hired to do... to recruit well, teach the game of football and what it means to represent the University of Tennessee. I think they are doing a very good job. I'm fairly confident we are gonna be one of those teams that people are gonna have to look out for.

# HVA hires Shane Wells as boys basketball coach

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy didn't have to go too far to find its next boys basketball coach. The journey was just a few miles down the road. HVA has hired Christian Academy coach Shane Wells. The school announced Wells as its new coach on Monday, May 11. He replaces Shane Chambers, who resigned recently. While Wells is excited to take over the Hawks' program, he said that leaving CAK was an extremely difficult decision. "What a great place," Wells said of CAK. "I spent 11 years there and that's a quarter of my life. "You have a great people there and I'm going to miss them. I'm going to miss working with (baseball coach and assistant athletic director Tommy) Pharr. Tommy's my guy." Wells has coached the Warriors since 2009, earning 204 victories at CAK. His teams at the school reached the state tournament in 2016 and 2020. In 2014, he guided the Warriors to the Class A/AA State Sectionals where they lost to Greeneville by just two points. Wells, who previously coached at Lenoir City High School, will now return to District 4-AAA, where he will see some of the stiffest competition around as the Hawks are in the same league with 2019 Class AAA State Champion Bearden,

Maryville, William Blount, Heritage, Farragut, Lenoir City (which has a new coach in former Central girls head man and Fulton assistant Josh Brannon) and West High (which was looking for a head coach at press time). Wells said that he looks forward to coaching in the district and to guiding the Hawks in the future. "I'm excited," he said. "I'm excited to be coaching in that district. I'm excited to be at Hardin Valley. "One of the things that appeals to me about the school is that you have an elementary school and a middle school on the same campus and being at CAK kind of prepared me for that. It's a community school. It's its own little place. In Knoxville, you don't have a lot of those because it's so big. You're just in Knoxville." Wells, who taught elementary school physical education at CAK, will teach PE at HVA."

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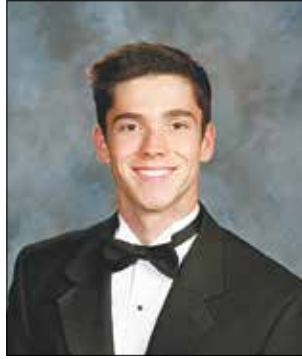


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Co-Salutatorian



Lucy Page,  
Co-Salutatorian

## Jinks and Goodman are L&N STEM Academy's honorees

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member of the Gryphon Aquatics Swim team the past four years and qualified to compete in the TISCA state meet each season.

"This year Kendal was the recipient of the MVP Gryphon Award," said Waxmonsky. "She is a dedicated swimmer for the Gryphons and also trains year round with Prime Aquatics. Kendal works hard in the pool and as a student."

Goodman currently has a 3.82 GPA and signed to be a student-athlete at Campbellsville University this fall. The school is located in Campbellsville, Ky., and is a member of the NAIA.

"She will be a great addition to the CU Tigers," added Waxmonsky. "Congratulations Kendal!"

# Catholic's Clem rewarded with top Student-Athlete award

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commercial photography in college.

Catholic tennis was reclassified for Division II-AA this year.

"We had one match against Grace but no district matches," said the 6-foot-4 Clem, who was playing Court 1 for the Irishmen in his final prep season that ended far too soon.

In regard to his school work, Davis dealt with the closing of school just fine.

"Coping with the transition to online learning was not very difficult," he said. "Our assignments were uploaded to the platform we used anyway, and we were expected to complete them before our next class, which we had Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. My goal was to stay focused and finish the year strong."

"As for athletics, I took a break from playing to self quarantine with my family. However, my mom purchased a mini tennis net we put in our cul de sac so we could at least play mini tennis. Now that the tennis clubs have reopened, I'm back on the court playing regularly."



Catholic's Callie Tucker (907) on the run for her state cross country title in early November. Below, Knoxville Catholic High tennis standout Davis Clem reaches high for a shot.



## State champion Tucker is female honoree

Callie Grace Tucker started her senior year in grand style by capturing the TSSAA Division II-AA state cross country championship last fall. She covered the Percy Warner Park 5K course in Nashville in 18 minutes and 56 seconds.

"It was really exciting

to see Callie win state," said Catholic Coach Sean O'Neil after the meet. "She has worked so hard for it and battled through a number of injuries, but she never gave up."

The victory contributed in Tucker, a UT signee, being chosen Catholic's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

"Callie has competed at the highest level in cross country and track in all four years at KCHS,

experiencing multiple state championships and several top finishes at events nationally," said Catholic Athletic Director Jason Surlas. "She has complimented her ultra-successful athletic accomplishments with being an amazing school leader and finishing at the top of her class academically. I look forward to seeing Callie Grace continue her journey at the University of Tennessee."

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

### The Mask

The sign of our times is the “Mask.” I was always curious seeing Asian cultures such as the Chinese and Japanese wearing masks in public. Understandably, the polluted air of Beijing and industrial areas of China might require a filter - or an oxygen mask. Masks other than the specially fitted and uncomfortable N95 offer the wearer little protection from viruses and bacteria. You realize that surgeons wear masks not to protect themselves, but their patients.

Perhaps masks in Tokyo have some cultural statement that I don’t understand. Maybe living in crowded cities plays a role. Of course, I can imagine extenuating circumstances. If a family member is undergoing chemotherapy, your mask may protect him/her, just as a surgeon protects his patient. However, in the coronavirus era, if you are sick or coughing, sneezing or running a fever, you should be at home rather

than wearing a mask anywhere in public.

Recently, several preliminary reports have challenged Dr. Anthony Fauci’s opinion that masks are “largely security theatre.” But then the estimable Fauci has precluded shaking hands, while maintaining a person can hook up on Tinder if he/she accepts the risk. Another stigma of masks might be fear. Some have even described masks as “virtue signaling” or “moral narcissism.”

A study from Hong Kong recently reported that covering hamster cages with a mask barrier reduced the spread of coronavirus. Another report suggested that wearing a mask is superior to the strict lockdown of America. Obviously, we are not hamsters living in cages, so extrapolation of these results to humans is problematic. I don’t believe a mask can prevent coronavirus from being coughed into your eyes.

We should be skeptical

of all reports we read and hear these days. Science demands corroboration of any study, and a good measure of common sense. I remember an episode from the sitcom *The Office* where Michael and Dwight slavishly drove their car into the lake following errant GPS directions.

I learned a new term the other day. According to Mr. Webster, scientism is an “exaggerated trust in the efficacy of the methods of natural science applied to all areas of investigation...” The translation is that science and scientists are not infallible. So, the next time you hear someone saying we must “trust the science,” recognize the statement is more political than science.

It wasn’t long ago that people in masks were deemed a threat. Terrorists, Antifa thugs and bank robbers wear masks to hide their identity. Anthropological data suggests that the ability to see someone’s face aids in assessing a threat. There are forty-two muscles in the face. A third are used to smile, whereas several times that number to frown.

Body language is important. And since ninety percent of humans are right-handed, we traditionally greet with our right hand. Historically, an empty hand is deemed weaponless and considered non-threatening. What say you,

Dr. Fauci?

Like most Americans we listened to the president and the experts and sheltered in place. We were told that mitigation would “flatten the curve” and prevent overwhelming the health-care system. Americans were successful and Governor Cuomo never used the urgently constructed hospital in Central Park or the hospital ship USNS Comfort. Instead, he sent COVID-19 patients to nursing homes where 5000 died.

However, our efforts and sacrifice will never be enough for those who choose to politicize the pandemic. We are told we must follow the dictates of tyrannical functionaries like NY Mayor de Blasio and Governors Cuomo of NY, Phil Murphy of NJ, who prohibited AA meetings, yet left liquor stores open, and Whitmer of Michigan, who deemed Planned Parenthood an essential service, but prohibited the purchase of paint and carpeting.

Americans have become skeptical of flawed data (models) and experts like the CDC and Fauci. Incidentally, the CDC now says you don’t need to spray your purchases with alcohol. Perhaps teenage “climate expert” Greta Thunberg will clarify these issues now that CNN has added her to their “coronavirus panel.”

We are told America cannot fully open until we

have drug treatments for COVID-19 and a preventive vaccine. I hope you realize that Tamiflu is only marginally effective for influenza and the vaccine is only 60% effective in preventing or lessening the severity of influenza illness. This season forty-five million Americans will get the flu and nearly fifty thousand will die from it.

To date COVID-19 has infected approximately 1.6 million Americans and perhaps 94,000 have died from the disease. Unfortunately, the data has become suspect due to inflated numbers forcing notable corrections. As more and more people are tested the denominator grows every larger and the mortality rate for COVID-19 continues to drop. Perhaps 50% of those infected have no symptoms. Another 30% have mild to moderate illness, but 20% have serious problems, most frequently seen in the elderly or in people with other medical problems such as diabetes, obesity, lung, renal or heart disease. There are marginally effective drugs for COVID-19, but no vaccine. In fact, Dr. Fauci says there may never be a vaccine. Efforts to make a vaccine for SARS and MERS (corona viruses) were never successful. And Dave Portnoy observed, “We’ve gone from flattening the curve to finding a cure.”

Un-masking has become

another issue. Apparently, the Obama administration unlawfully arranged for the identification of (unmasking) and then spying on General Michael Flynn and other Americans in what is increasingly being called Obama-gate. I’m no legal beagle, but every day new revelations appear about Federal agencies used to surveil the Trump election campaign, his transition team and his presidency, as the coup d’état continues. Now the Democrat entire election campaign is to keep the economy on life-support to damage Trump and get ole Joe elected.

Masks and social distancing are damaging the framework of our culture. Social media and Zoom sessions are poor substitutes for church, school and actual social interaction. Our grandkids are starved for contact with other children. Our freedoms are slowly being eroded under the ruse of safety. Normal is not sheltering in place and wearing a mask. Ted Nugent poignantly asked, “Why do I have to stay home because you are afraid?”

In their zeal to destroy Trump the left has accepted collateral damage to America. A friend recently decried the polarization in our country. Tragically, this is what happens in war, where a side must be chosen.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

# How to Know Which Memory Care Community is Right for Your Loved One

When the challenges of caring for a loved one living with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia from home become too overwhelming for one person, it may be time to consider making the transition to a specialized memory care community. As memory loss progresses, it often becomes unsafe for someone to remain at home without around-the-clock supervision, and many informal, unpaid caregivers cannot realistically maintain this level of care on their own. Although it is normal to experience difficult emotions when contemplating moving a loved one into an Alzheimer’s special care facility, the right community can delay cognitive decline and increase the quality of life in

individuals with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

However, not all memory care communities are created equal. In order to find an Alzheimer’s special care facility that meets your loved one’s needs, it is important to conduct careful research beforehand. By considering key factors that may impact your loved one’s long-term satisfaction, you are helping ensure a happy beginning to a new phase of life—one filled with just the right amount of care and independence along with companionship, security, and peace of mind.

Cleanliness and proper safety features in a community are nonnegotiable. When you first visit a prospective Alzheimer’s

memory care unit, you should feel welcomed. Is the environment homelike and peaceful? Ideally, the building will be one floor in order to minimize falls and secured with locked doors to keep wandering residents safe. Carpets, paint, and wallpapers should be updated and clean, and the grounds should be well maintained. Meals will feature a selection of seasonal entrées, including alternatives to suit a variety of dietary needs, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Menus should be carefully crafted with dietician oversight.

An excellent Alzheimer’s memory care community will be staffed by a highly qualified team of associates who have been specifically trained to respond to

individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of memory loss. “Memory care requires a different set of skills than traditional assisted living, and a memory care community should train its associates to respond to residents using a standardized and science-based approach,” said Beth F. Janney, RN, corporate director of memory care at Morning Pointe Senior Living. “For example, Virginia Bell’s and David Troxel’s Best Friends approach is a method of care for people with Alzheimer’s disease that is grounded in the understanding that relationships are supremely important in dementia care and require the essential elements of friendship, including respect, empathy, support, trust,

and humor.”

Finally, the best Alzheimer’s special care facilities will provide regular, personalized, and purposeful programming for residents, regardless of cognitive ability. Individuals living with Alzheimer’s and dementia want to feel included and involved, and any memory care community worth its salt will create opportunities for residents to engage with their community in ways that are age-appropriate and specifically tailored to individual residents’ history and interests. These communities will also feature a high level of involvement from family members and caregiver support groups to help family members continue to care for their loved ones.

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It is an absolute honor and privilege to serve seniors and their families, and it will continue to be more than ever during this time. This article written and provided by Helen Porter and Shana Robertson, Executive Leadership Team at South High Senior Living. For additional information, please call 865-338-3060 or visit online at SouthHighKnoxville.com.

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THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/ SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Vertex Development TN, LLC; Steve Dewayne Bethel; 360 Surveying & Mapping, LLC; Truan Equipment, LLC; Patterson TN Waste; Capital One Bank, assignee; The Peoples Bank; Drew McClurg; Kevin Spahr; VanHoesCo Precast, LLC

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This day, May 7, 2020.

The SR Law Group, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
PO Box 128  
Mt. Juliet, TN 37121  
(615) 559-3190  
erussell@thesrlawgroup.com

Insertion dates: May 11, 2020, May 18, 2020, May 25, 2020

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness due Cindy Bradley pursuant to a promissory note from Brian Sandefur and Stacy Sandefur dated January 9, 2014, as well as the occurrence of other defaults, all as secured by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 9, 2014, from Brian Sandefur, unmarried and Stacy Sandefur, unmarried, and recorded as Instrument Number 201401130041649 in the Knox County Register's Office, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Substitute Trustee, having been requested so to do by the holder of said indebtedness, will sell at public auction for cash outside the front door of the Main Street entrance of the City-County Building in Knoxville, Tennessee (located at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902), beginning at **10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, June 16, 2020**, the following described property:

**4417 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, TN 37912**  
Knox County Tax Map 068L, Group C, Parcel 022.00

Complete legal description contained in the instrument recorded in Instrument No. 201401130041649, in the Knox County Register's Office.

Said sale shall be made in bar of the statutory right of redemption and of the equity of redemption, and in bar of all homestead and dower rights, all of which are waived and surrendered in said Deed of Trust, but subject to (a) any prior encumbrances, (b) unpaid real property taxes, (c) the right of redemption of the State of Tennessee; (d) controlled access as noted in the Warranty Deed from Frank R. Monroe et ux., Nola F. Monroe dated January 21, 1965 and recorded in Deed Book 1277, page 203 in the Registers' Office for Knox County, Tennessee; (e) the rights of others in that portion of the subject property lying within the right-of-way of Central Avenue Pike, if any; (f) the right of way or easement for construction

and maintenance of a sewer line contained in that instrument recorded in Deed Book 1279, page 463 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; (g) all matters that would be revealed by a current and accurate survey of said property; and (h) all matters that would be revealed by a physical inspection of said property. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust.

Notice of State Tax Lien dated September 14, 2016 and recorded as Instrument No. 201610030021674 in the Knox County Register's Office. The notice required by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-1-1433(b)(1) to be given to the State of Tennessee has been timely given. The sale of the above-described property will be subject to the right of the State of Tennessee to redeem the property as provided for in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-1-1433(c)(1).

Other parties interested:  
ORNL Federal Credit Union  
Gray-Hodges Corporation  
State of Tennessee Department of Revenue  
Spireon  
Metro Knoxville HMA, LLC dba Physician's  
Republic Finance, LLC  
University Health System, Inc.  
Joann Courtney  
James Pugh and Lois Pugh  
Metro Knoxville HMA, LLC dba North Knoxville  
Medical Center

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Dated: May 26, 2020

Jason T. Murphy, Substitute Trustee  
550 W. Main Street, Suite 500  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
(865) 546-9321

Publication Dates: May 28, June 1, June 8

Default having been made by the Debtors in the terms, conditions and payments of a certain purchase-money indebtedness evidenced by a purchase money promissory note dated May 7, 2010, and secured by the lien of a Purchase Money Deed of Trust of record in Instrument No. 201005100070349 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by Tim Dugger and spouse, Heidi Dugger, and the J. Nolan Sharbel, Trustee for Nick Nichols, and the holder and owner of said purchase-money indebtedness, John Mark Bryant Co-Trustee of The Nichols Family Revocable Living Trust, dated December 22, 2016, did instruct and direct the undersigned Trustee to advertise and sell the property secured and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said purchase-money indebtedness -and casualty insurance, the nonpayment of Knoxville City and Knox County property taxes, and deferred property maintenance, at the option of the holder and owner of said purchase-money indebtedness, after notice to the Debtor and all interested parties as provided in the terms of said Purchase Money Deed of Trust Note, Purchase Money Deed of Trust, securing the aforesaid Note, and the Tennessee Code Annotated, and advertisement for three (3) consecutive weeks of the real property hereinafter-described commencing on Monday, May 25, June 1, and June 8, 2020, in the Knoxville Focus, a weekly newspaper printed and distributed in Knox County, Tennessee; and this is to give notice that the undersigned Trustee will on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 2020, commencing at 10:15 A.M. outside the front revolving door at the Knoxville/Knox County City

and County Building, 400 Main Street, Main Level, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to offer at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described real property, to wit:

LOCATED AND BEING SITUATED in the THIRTY-FOURTH (34th) Ward of the City of Knoxville, the SECOND (2nd) Civil District of the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and being know and designated as follows, to wit:

Lot No. 9, in the A. S. McCampbell Subdivision on the GREENWAY-BEVERLY ROAD, or record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee in Map Cabinet B, Slide 1050 (Map Book 14, Page 221), to which reference is here made, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the South line of GREENWAY-BEVERLY ROAD, said point being 400 feet, measured eastwardly along the southern line of said road, from the northeast corner of the H. E. Doyle property; thence South 30 deg. 44 min. East 200 feet to a point; thence, westerly and on a line parallel with the GREENWAY-BEVERLY ROAD, 50 feet point, the southwest corner to Lot No. 10 in said Subdivision; thence northwardly with the western line of said Lot 10, and parallel with the first line herein, 200 feet to a point in the southern line of said road; thence, westerly along the southern line of said road, 50 feet to the BEGINNING Point.

BEING THE SAME property described in Knox County Register's Instrument No. 201005100070348.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 2822 Greenway Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918; and  
KNOX COUNTY ASSESSOR CLT No. 34-059PE-025; and free from the equity of redemption, the statutory right of redemption, homestead, and all elective and marital rights, said rights being expressly waived by the Debtors and Grantors in said Purchase Money Deed of Trust; subject, however, to the lien of any taxes and deed of trust; and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey title only in his capacity as Trustee.

J. NOLAN SHARBEL, TRUSTEE/ SS  
J. Nolan Sharbel, Trustee  
9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D-200  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37923  
(865)694-4111 / (FAX)312-6727

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JON MANNING WOOD, JR.;  
IN RE: LINDSEY NICOLE WOOD v.  
JON MANNING WOOD, JR.  
NO. 199733-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JON MANNING WOOD, JR. is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JON MANNING WOOD, JR. it is ordered that said defendant JON MANNING WOOD, JR. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Mark A. Pienkowski, an Attorneys whose address is, P.O. Box 57 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County

Chancery Court, Division I, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 5th day of May, 2020.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

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

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JUAN MANUEL AYALA a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JUAN MANUEL AYALA it is ordered that said defendant JUAN MANUEL AYALA file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Maria G. Dajcar, an Attorneys whose address is, 400 W. Main Street Sevierville, TN 37862, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 6th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

### RESIDENT NOTICE

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

LYDIA NOEL ADAMS AND ROBERT CHRISTOPHER ADAMS,

vs.  
ROBERT MICHAEL LAWHORN  
IN RE: KEEGAN EDWARD LAWHORN  
DOB: 2/8/2003

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

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

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

This 1st day of May, 2020

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### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-  
14-106 the following cars will be sold on June 19,  
2020 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623  
Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid  
by date of sale.

2000 For Conto 1FAFP6637YK132432  
2001 Isu Rodeo 4S2CK57W614305449  
2003 Mir OUTLA JAAL231G03UD57452  
2011 GMC Yukon 1GKS1EEF1BR239723  
2000 Che S10 1G6CS1455YK291971  
2001 For Explo 1FMZU73EX1ZA80847  
2009 For Econo 1FTNE24W39D42865  
2009 Vol CC WVWEU73C59E32417  
2003 Sat L Ser 1G8JU54F03Y551775  
2006 For Focus 1FAFP34N56W135659  
2004 Che Impal 2G1WF52E549460323  
2010 Hyu Elant KMH0U4AD1AU180190  
1996 Che S10 1G6CS19X5T8204854  
2000 Vol V40 YV1VW2524YF421832  
2007 GMC Acadia 1GKER13717J143395  
1996 Che C2500 1G6CG24R8T2219332  
2006 For Fusio 3FAFP08158R102038  
2003 Toy Avalo 4T1BF28X3U288403  
2001 For Explo 1FMU70E21UC88573  
1996 Nis Maxim JN1CA21D7T1154427  
2005 Hon Pilot 2HKYF18585H524076  
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2001 Pon Grand 3GNFK16397G170107  
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2008 Nis Altim 1N4AL24E48C262889  
2016 Che Sonic 1G1JC6SH3G4120310  
2010 For Focus 1FAHP3EN8AW173225  
2005 Mit Galan 4A3AB76S05E038156  
2008 Sat Aura 1G8ZV57788F254954  
2002 Hon Civic 2HGES25832H610369  
2005 For Range 1FTYR10D65PA75172  
2004 Chr 300M 2C3AE76K64H698692  
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### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-  
14-106 the following cars will be sold on June 19,  
2020 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623  
Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid  
by date of sale.

2012 Nis Sentr 3N1AB6AP0CL666167  
2005 Che Expre 1GCGG25V451255360  
2001 For Range 1FTYR10U41PA56145  
1997 Che G2500 1GCGG25R8V1060493  
2003 For Exped 1FMPU18L43LA87813  
1990 For F-350 2FDKF37M1LCA23071  
2003 Cad Devil 1G6KF579X3U154532  
2009 For Focus 1FAHP35N69W219145  
2002 Toy Corol 1NGBR12E02Z588342  
2005 Bui Rende 3G65DA03E55S508719  
2004 Chr Sebrl 1C3EL46X24N277254  
1999 Hon Civic 1HG6J6124XL013950  
1998 Nis Maxim JN1CA21D6W1603391  
2003 For F-150 1FTRX17223NA64693  
1984 Toy Corol JT2AE83E9E3013341  
2015 For Fusio 1FA6P0H77F5131466  
1996 Nis Pathf JN8AR05Y3TW031029  
2007 Toy RAV4 JTM8K31V475018660  
2003 For Exped 1FMRU15W73LC30292

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-  
14-106 the following car will be sold on June 11,  
2020 @ Ole Ben Franklin Motors, 9711 Kingston  
Pike, Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date  
of sale.

1998 Ford Ranger VIN 1FTYR10C0WPA82319

### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, June 10, 2020  
11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts  
at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE  
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