

Publisher's Positions

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GEORGE FLOYD

I want to be very clear about my own feelings about what happened to George Floyd. It was horrifying and ghastly. To witness a man pleading for his life and the callous disregard of the officer was positively sickening. I am glad the officers have been fired and charged criminally.

INDYA VS. THE LEFT

Mayor Indya Kincannon evidently doesn't realize she can't move far enough to the left to suit the City Council Movement. Indya's first reaction has been to attempt to placate the City Council Movement, although they are having none of it. The CCM was unhappy with Kincannon's first budget as mayor. Utilizing all the usual feel-good phrases employed constantly by the far left, the CCM was unhappy Kincannon gave a modest increase to the Knoxville Police Department. Keep in mind, all of this occurred

before the George Floyd incident. The CCM has hijacked the word "community" and only through the most basic definition of the word—a group of any size—they refer to themselves as "the community," not a community. Well, the CCM's most recent press release was almost laughable. The CCM refers to "an unprecedented 30 comments" about Kincannon's budget from "community members" who wanted to change the spending priorities. Okay, let's be clear here, so city council members have never heard from more than 30 people on any issue, ever? Seems doubtful to me. Of course these comments poured in over a period of three weeks, which averages 10 comments per week. Wow. And just think, when then-superintendent of schools Jim McIntyre was urging the county commission to implement the largest tax increase in the county's history, there were enough calls and protests from folks to collapse the County-County Building email and telephone systems. At last check, there are more than 187,000 people living inside the City of Knoxville, so a community of 30 people isn't even a bee's sneeze in a hurricane.

I can't really find any fault with Indya Kincannon's budget, it seemed reasonable, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. There had been a strong rumor before that budget was submitted that Kincannon intended to ask

the Knoxville City Council to raise taxes. Considering 2021 is an election year, it seems doubtful Indya will ask the council to raise taxes then.

I've never accused Indya of having much experience and maybe there's hope she and the socialists aren't ever going to be on the same page. Those folks won't be happy until they replace Indya with a socialist mayor.

INDYA THE PEACEMAKER

Speaking of Indya, the mayor had a special opinion column in the Knoxville News-Sentinel last week saying she's against racism, injustice and police brutality. Good to know, Indya. I don't recall Kincannon uttering a peep when a group of police officers, during the administration of Mayor Madeline Rogero, beat the living daylights out of a homeless man, which prompted a lawsuit, which could have surprised nobody. To the best of my recollection, none of the officers were charged with anything. The taxpayers were charged with a huge bill for damages.

It was a Republican, Victor Ashe, who created and instituted the Police Advisory and Review Board.

HE DOTHS PROTEST TOO MUCH

Just so we are clear, I believe in the right to protest peacefully. Burning,

looting and destroying other people's property are criminal acts and ought to be prosecuted. If I get mad because someone I know was wronged, I don't have the right to run out and burn down somebody's momma's hair salon.

David Hayes, former and future candidate for the Knoxville City Council, took a page out of his running mate Amelia Parker's playbook and wrote a version of events that cast him as the hero. Hayes has had his share of scrapes with law enforcement and, according to the Knox County Election Commission, has failed to complete the financial disclosures required by Tennessee state law. Those were due a long time ago and one has to wonder if the mainstream news media would have chided or written about another candidate failing to follow state law? It's a small thing I suppose, but it is punishable by hefty fines levied by the State Registry of Election Finance. Maybe David could have done what former Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles did: go to Nashville, cry like a baby and get off the hook without paying a substantial fine.

Hayes wants to be a lawmaker but seems to feel he is above the law. Hayes also defends rioting and destruction of property in the name of struggling for "liberation." While claiming to defend "working class youth"—and last anybody could tell, David

Hayes doesn't work an actual job—he managed to insult city public workers in one of his last statements. While claiming "solidarity" with public service workers, Hayes praised them for quickly cleaning up the mess made by those seeking liberation, but he couldn't help but noting it really wasn't that much of a mess and likely was more work than public service workers usually do. Well, power to the people and there's some real solidarity for you. You public service workers don't really work that hard, an assessment made by someone who doesn't work at all.

David Hayes said "property damage has historically been inevitable [sic] when a large population is oppressed." So there's that. But fear not for there's a pot o' gold at the end of the rainbow! David tells us, "If we can make our communities whole, we can prevent this damage." Can we really?

"CAP" DORN

My guess is you've not read a word or heard about another African-American life lost recently. David Dorn was a retired police captain and former police chief who was murdered in St. Louis by looters. Dorn, called "Cap" by his friends, was 77 years old and worked as a security guard at Lee's Pawn & Jewelry store when he was killed. Dorn was remembered by colleagues as the kind of

man who would have sacrificed his life for others.

FACT CHECK

It's becoming less and less astonishing that the mainstream news media just ignores facts when printing and broadcasting whatever it wishes or twisting information to fit its narrative. Andrew McCarthy had an interesting piece in National Review recently. McCarthy reported how Stastica.com ignored its own published graphs to make false claims and push a false narrative. Did you know almost twice as many white people are killed by police than black people? Almost 75% of those killed by police officers are white. Here are the numbers by year recently:

2017:	457 whites killed	223 blacks killed
2018:	399 whites killed	209 blacks killed
2019:	370 whites killed	235 blacks killed
2020:	42 whites killed	31 blacks killed

DID THAT JUST HAPPEN?

Pretty odd that the very same people telling Americans they were subject to fines and possible arrest for not social distancing or wearing masks had almost nothing to say when people gathered, not to protest peacefully, but riot. Nor did they riot while socially distancing. Imagine that.

Knox Education Foundation Announced at BOE Session

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own families while we provide continued support from a distance. We shifted to provide the essentials of survival for multi-generation families who were struggling, many in unstable circumstances, we put the COVID link on our homepage, ... assisted with KCS meal distribution ... provided porch delivery," she informed the board. Chandler said some of the other support methods used during this time included: creating a zoom call for those leading youth, providing support for children who lost a parent, developing original content to support KCS at Home, communicating with students who lost opportunities and others who were in intervention with a GPA dip, providing academic supports, and inspiring hope.

Since the initiative started in 2012, KCS community schools has grown to sixteen sites in Knoxville with a full-time site coordinator and part-time program assistant staffed at each school. Cheryl Ball, executive director of community schools, addressed the board saying the site coordinator has been continuing to work during the pandemic to help support community school families. The success of community

schools is directly linked to site coordinator/program assistant teams, the individual site steering committees -- who have continued to work virtually, --- and the community partners working with the schools.

"This team is coordinating with 275 partners across Knox County ... we average about 60 to 70 community partners per community school across all 16 sites," stated Ball.

Babb announced the 2020-21 BOE student representative after a review team assessed seventeen applications from nine schools. The honor was given to L & N Stem Academy student Abigail Lee who will begin in July after being trained by Noah Kelley during June.

While discussing consent agenda items, Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler summed up item C1 explaining a legal disagreement with Blackboard Inc. that calls for making a specialized legal agreement, and board member Jennifer Owen questioned item C2 regarding student eligibility for the school nutrition program.

Member Tony Norman asked as to why the need for a name change and structure change to become Knox Ed. Foundation regarding item C5. Scoonover

explained both of the boards wanted a long term sustainable support for education. Several overlaps already, two fundraising streams for the same cause, and positionally-based board members allowed for the decision to combine the organizations. When Norman asked about funding, Scoonover explained Great Schools Partnership to be a public and private partnership, receiving \$2.5 million from the county, \$425,000 from the city, the rest to be raised publically. "We have a whole structure that is going to continue over with board support, but we also wanted to include more donor support to be sustainable long term," commented Scoonover.

Board policy 7A received some talk from Member Satterfield asking the amount of debt collected by KCS for school nutrition charges. Russ Oaks gave the amount of approximately \$170,000 of which a marginal amount (\$15,000) will still be collected. Regular agenda item 10B was addressed by noting the traffic study has not been completed yet.

The meeting concluded with no public forum and Noah Kelley stating his appreciation to the BOE in being the 2019-2020 BOE student representative.

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Is this America?

I thought that if we ever got past the coronavirus pandemic that the world would settle down. How wrong did that assumption turn out? I'll ask you straight: Is this country strong enough to survive the constant problems that arise almost daily?



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States have opened slowly, even though health officials warn us that returning to life as we knew it will lead to a second wave of the illness that will again bring on millions of cases of infection and thousands of deaths. Few people are content to sit at home every

day without contact with friends and work associates. However, going to the gym, eating in a restaurant, or bowling are activities that might well lead to another long, grueling quarantine.

I don't understand people rushing to beaches where they lie or sit next to strangers. The scene at the pool party in Ozark was disgusting, virus or no virus. Flocks of people are running around without masks for protection, and they harass people who make the decisions to wear protective coverings. Yes, we all need interactions, but

they should be started out slowly until we can be sure that such contact won't kill us or make us deathly ill.

If that weren't enough, racism reared its ugly head again. Oh, it's been here all along, but its presence was accentuated with the death of George Floyd. I don't pretend to know all the facts of his arrests and possible crimes. What is plain to see, however, is a police officer's knee crunching Floyd's neck as to two other officers applied weight and force to the rest of his body. I'm pretty sure Floyd was handcuffed by then, so what possibly could have been the motive for such brutal tactics other than to slowly kill the man? If a person commits a crime, he should be

held accountable. He does not need to be murdered in the street.

Demonstrations have arisen across the country, as well as across the world. The line from the Chicago song still applies: "The whole world is watching." Peaceful demonstrations have been a part of our country's history. They have many times served to change injustices that took place. They are once again having those results. It is time for the change once and for all. Committing a crime should lead to arrest; the unequal treatment of an individual based on the color of his skin no longer can be condoned.

I believe that those who loot and destroy should be

severely punished. They are taking advantage of the death of George Floyd to enrich themselves. At the same time, they are destroying their own community's business base, the same one that serves them on daily a basis. Such disregard for others and selfishness cannot be ignored.

With that said, we must realize that those who commit the crimes are not the ones who are pleading for change. The majority of demonstrators are peaceful and also abhor the looting and burning. They don't need to be attacked by police or National Guard units, or unidentified men in military gear. How dare anyone attack a peaceful demonstration and run

people from a public park so that a government official can have his picture taken in front of a church with a bible held up for all to see. It was a circus. The call for military units to put down protests in cities is unconstitutional as well.

Our country is reeling at this time. A vacuum exists where leadership should be. In fact, the continued fencing of blocks around the White House seems to be a way to keep the residents and workers there even more removed from what is going on in this country. We need to take a step back and see what is going on. Then we can answer the question that I have: Is this America?

Lisa Kitts, a dedicated nurse



Picture of Lisa Kitts and Dr. Kyle McCoy, by Ralphine Major.

I first met her over the phone. Her sweet voice uttered those kind words. "May I help you?" she asked. That was the beginning of years-long admiration and friendship for Knoxville cardiologist Dr. Kyle McCoy's nurse, Lisa Kitts. Focus readers may remember Dr. McCoy in my first column for the Focus in "The Real McCoy" (2-7-11). McCoy was also featured in "Take it to Heart . . ." (11-19-12) and "First Pacemaker Sets the Pace at Tennova North"



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(8-5-13). It was Lisa who helped me coordinate these stories with Dr. McCoy. There is definitely no turnover in staff here. Lisa has been Dr. McCoy's nurse for 26 years! "I am so fortunate to have been able to work with such a fine physician for so many years," Lisa said. "He is not only a fine physician but has become a dear friend. We laugh about growing old together for many years to come."

Our mother had a heart

attack in the spring of 2007. On the day she was discharged from the hospital, Dr. McCoy discussed follow-up visits. He told us to "call Lisa." We did. We could not have been more impressed the first time we talked to her--and every time since. A friendly voice, a sweet smile, and encouraging words seemed to be her pattern. We could not wait to meet her in person. Dr. McCoy expressed his appreciation for Lisa. McCoy feels that "HE IS THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD to have been able to work with her for 26 years."

Besides a nursing career, Lisa is a pastor's wife and mother of two grown

daughters. She is also a grandmother to Harper and Hollyn, her two beautiful granddaughters. Lisa is truly a role model for the nursing profession. She exemplifies all the qualities of a kind, caring, and compassionate nurse. Congratulations, Lisa on your many years in the field of nursing! Thank you for everything you do!

Words of Faith: One of Lisa's favorite verses is Philippians 4:6 NIV. It bears repeating during these days of the pandemic. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

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Senior citizens are invited to play softball in the Knox Senior Co-ed Softball League. The shortened season begins July 2nd at Caswell Park.

Senior Softball Season gets underway July 2

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Knoxville area senior softball players will finally hear "Batter up!"

John Schmidt, who plays and also coordinates the Knox Senior Co-ed Softball League, announced the abbreviated season, shortened because of the COVID-19 pandemic, to resume on July 2.

Area men and women interested in playing in the mixed league are invited to play each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 until 11 a.m. in a shortened season that will run until October 29.

Sign up is at Caswell Park, 570 Winona Street, across from the O'Connor Senior Center before the games each Tuesday and Thursday. The fun and healthy ball play is open to women 55 and over and

men 60 and over. There's a \$10 fee to cover accident insurance and you'll be asked to sign a waiver.

The slow-pitch games feature 100% aluminum single wall bats and the games are non-competitive. Everyone plays and bats in each inning. There are no strikeouts and no one keeps score. Your attendance can vary with your schedule.

"Exercise, Fun and Fellowship" is the theme.

You can get more information at <http://knoxseniorcoedsoftball.biz.ly/index.html> or you can call the O'Connor Senior Center at (865) 523-1135 or Jim Schmidt at (865) 250-3065 or kxseniorcoedsoftball@gmail.com.

Thirty-five games are on the schedule in the shortened softball season.

Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XVII

Pages from the Past



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Following the unexpected death of Senator Estes Kefauver, jockeying to run in the 1964 special election to serve the remaining term years of Kefauver's term came down to Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski and Governor Frank Clement. There seemed to be some possibility incumbent senator Herbert Walters of Morristown might run, but few thought it likely. Walters had been Tennessee's "Mr. Democrat" for decades and aside from one term in the Tennessee House of Representatives, the seventy-one-year-old millionaire businessman had never run for elective office. Walters had been a stalwart of Senator Kenneth McKellar's political organization and the Morristown Democrat had warmly supported Frank Clement against Governor Gordon Browning in 1952. The personal relationship between Herbert S. Walters and Frank Clement was as warm as their political rapport.

Another possibility was former governor Buford Ellington. Ellington had been Clement's Commissioner of Agriculture throughout much of Governor Clement's six-year tenure during the 1950s. Indeed, Buford Ellington was able to win a multi-candidate gubernatorial primary largely on the strength of the Clement political organization in 1958. Yet, there was a permanent chill between the two men. Whether Ellington was pondering the possibility of running in the 1964 special election for the U. S. Senate, or perhaps eyeing the seat of Senator Albert Gore was unknown.

Clement waited to see what Walters would do, while Congressman Ross Bass crisscrossed the state in a series of "nonpolitical" speaking engagements. When Bass spoke at the Madison Kiwanis Club at the Patterson Restaurant, the topic was largely civil rights. "We in Tennessee are moving now to insure that all races can live together in a peaceful community," Bass told the Kiwanians. "And I believe the whole nation should." The Congressman went even a bit farther, telling the members of the audience, "If a man is a citizen of the United States, I believe he should be afforded the opportunity of using all the facilities of the public community."

"We send men of all races overseas to fight for our flag, and all are accepted everywhere they go in foreign countries. It should be the same in America," Bass said. The Congressman referred to President Lyndon Johnson, who a couple of months earlier had assumed the

presidency after John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas. "If we don't support Johnson on civil rights --- which is inevitable anyway --- we don't deserve a Southern president for another hundred years."

As Congressman Bass told reporters he would make a "final and irrevocable" decision about the Senate race by February 17, 1964, newsmen quizzed him about the other potential candidates. When asked who he thought his opponent would be in the Democratic primary, Bass replied, "Either the governor of Tennessee or someone of his choosing." When asked whether Senator Walters might run, Congressman Bass said, "The governor's influence will have some bearing on his decision." "What about former governor Buford Ellington?" one reporter yelled. "I don't think he would run unless he's the governor's choice," Bass retorted.

Ross Bass had defined the Senate race in Tennessee to largely one depending upon Frank Clement. Yet the governor was virtually silent on the topic of the Senate race. Clement had made no overtly political moves since the death of Estes Kefauver. There were those who firmly believed the governor would not be a candidate in the 1964 special election, preferring to wait until the expiration of his term in 1966 to be a candidate. Whoever won the 1964 special election for the United States Senate would have to run for a full six-year term again in 1966. Therein lay the dilemma for Frank Clement. If he chose not to compete in the 1964 senatorial campaign, he would remain governor for another two years, but he also risked the possibility the incumbent would be almost impossible to beat by 1966.

Neither Congressman Ross Bass nor Governor Frank Clement paid much attention to Tennessee Republicans. No Republican had ever been popularly elected to the United States Senate in Tennessee's history. Yet there was reason to believe the GOP might be a factor in the 1964 election. Young William E. Brock had surprised Tennessee Democrats when he won the 1962 election after Wilkes Thrasher, Jr. defeated incumbent congressman James B. Frazier, Jr. in the Democratic primary. All three of East Tennessee's congressional districts were occupied by Republicans in 1963. Nor was the growing strength of the GOP confined solely to East Tennessee. Congressman Clifford Davis,



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Ross Bass at his desk, circa 1965.

the last vestige of the old Crump machine in Shelby County had quite nearly been toppled from office by a Republican in the 1962 election. Perhaps even more troubling was the fact after Frank Clement had won the 1962 gubernatorial nomination inside the Democratic primary, he had faced an independent challenge from William R. Anderson, former Captain of the famed Nautilus submarine and Republican nominee Hubert Patty. Clement had won a bare majority in the general election, while Anderson won a third of the statewide vote. While Republican nominee Patty had not been a threat to Clement's triumphant return to the governor's mansion, it was plain to see the ties that had so tightly bound many Tennesseans to the Democratic Party were binding ever more lightly.

The home folks in Ross Bass' city of Pulaski evidently were certain the congressman would be a candidate for the U. S. Senate as they gathered at a \$10 per plate dinner at the Pulaski Elementary School. While he did not declare his candidacy, Bass told cheering supporters, "I would like to announce to you that I will not be a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives." Bass heavily promoted his work on behalf of the first significant cut in the income tax in the country's history while his supporters passed around bumper-stickers reading "Ross Bass for U. S. Senate." Just a day before Ross Bass was to make his formal announcement of candidacy the Nashville Tennessean ran a profile of his wife, Avaneil. Avaneil Bass was a beautiful woman, as a former Powers model would likely be; however, Mrs. Bass was quite an accomplished woman and served as her husband's Chief of Staff in Washington. The fashionable and intelligent Avaneil Bass would prove to be quite an asset to her husband.

True to his word, Congressman Ross Bass officially announced he would be a candidate for the United States Senate on

February 17, 1964. Bass said he would be a candidate for the seat once held by "my late beloved friend and colleague, Sen. Estes Kefauver." Bass cautioned his supporters he would still remain active in the House of Representatives and was a warrior in President Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty. His senatorial campaign would be "secondary" for such causes. "I would be in Washington to cast my vote on such measures," Bass told his supporters. "We have pockets of poverty here in Tennessee which must be wiped out and I'll do my part on the issue." Speaking at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville, Bass said his experience in the House of Representatives would be invaluable to Tennesseans in the Senate. "It shall be my purpose to represent the people of Tennessee with vitality and vigor --- to protect and promote their interests and purposes at the national level in government...I am running for the Senate to broaden my base of public service --- not for any political power or self-purpose; not to defeat anyone because of personal dislike, but because of a continuing ambition and desire to serve all the people of my beloved native state of Tennessee."

Congressman Bass drew applause from his audience when he predicted President Lyndon Johnson would be overwhelmingly re-elected. Saying he knew LBJ quite well, he found himself "compatible with President Johnson's ideals, and I will have no problem working for his programs in promoting the interests of Tennessee."

Following his announcement of his candidacy in Nashville, Bass flew to Memphis where he opened his West Tennessee campaign. The congressman claimed the support of the late Senator Kefauver's backers; while attending a luncheon in the Bluff City, Bass endorsed a plan dear to many Memphians. Bass said he would support the plan to open Tennessee as an international seaport via the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis. A few days later Ross Bass

was in Knoxville, speaking on the University of Tennessee campus to enthusiastic Young Democrats.

Back in Washington, D.C., ultra-conservative Virginia congressman Howard Smith was attempting to slow down the civil rights bill. Smith shrewdly sought to include women's rights in the bill, saying he wished "to prevent discrimination against another minority group, the women." Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York snorted women were not a numerical minority. In a sugary voice, Smith agreed with Celler that women were indeed not a numerical minority, yet that simply made their plight all the worse. Smith cautioned his colleagues, "I just want to remind you here that in this election year it is pretty nearly half of the voters in this country that are affected, so you had better sit up and take notice." Congressman Ross Bass jumped up and declared, "I am for women. I want the record to show that I am for both the unmarried and the married women."

It was consideration of the civil rights bill that Senator Herbert S. Walters used as much of the reason he would not be a candidate when he made his announcement the last of April 1964. Speaking at a news conference, Senator Walters said, "I could not, in good conscience, even attempt to divide my time between this important legislation and a campaign."

Walters did use the occasion to denounce press reports he had some kind of arrangement with Governor Clement not to be a candidate for the U.S. Senate. "I want to say as strongly and emphatically as I can... there is no truth whatsoever to these stories," Walters snapped. "There is not now and never has been any so-called 'deal'." Walters, who described his political philosophy as being somewhere between that of highly conservative Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd and ultra-liberal Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey, said he would not back either Bass or businessman M. M. Bullard as his successor in the U. S.

Senate. Walters had come out against the civil rights bill, but so had Tennessee's senior U. S. senator, Albert Gore.

Not long before Walters made his announcement he would not be a candidate for the U. S. Senate, the senator had said he was still considering a campaign. Ross Bass was one of those who promoted the idea there had been some kind of understanding between Frank Clement and Herbert Walters when the former had appointed the latter to succeed Estes Kefauver. When asked by reporters whether he thought Clement would run for the Senate, Bass replied, "I don't know whether Gov. Frank Clement will run. It just depends on whether Walters made a deal with him for the appointment."

The Tennessean, profoundly opposed to Frank Clement, promptly published a scathing editorial claiming Senator Walters had been "shoved out" in anticipation of a "Clement grab" for the senatorial nomination. Perhaps even more hurtful was a devastating political cartoon on the Tennessean's editorial page depicting the arm of Governor Frank Clement, clothed in a suit of dollar signs, grasping for the Capitol dome. The Tennessean furiously lamented the same Senate seat once occupied by Estes Kefauver had become an object "in a disgraceful power play" by Governor Clement.

The race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in 1964 was about to begin in earnest.



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Readers comment on Burlington renewal

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financial contributions are going to organizations that give the residents minimal, if any, resolution for their betterment. "Burlington needs to bring about a board of residents to help determine what goes on, when and how in the Burlington district. We should also have grants and city funding to build cooperative economic businesses that are wanted and need by the people living here. Burlington doesn't want to be pacified with promises anymore. The community wants to govern their needs as those who have been making decisions do not look like or live amongst the generations of families there. In order to promote success and growth of this community, it is my opinion we should have the following systematic strategy or something similar to it:

1. Building trust and communication along with spaces to create and organize.
2. Create governing body for proposed changes from the city, to supervise any modifications to our district and have oversight of all funding.
3. Unlearn/teach financial concepts and business practices; Enforce education within local schools to address environmental and communal needs.
4. Teach economic marketing strategies that enhance knowledge of investment concepts.
5. Create cooperative businesses that will circulate or keep money within our community.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The sign on Lema's Chittlins in Burlington says it all with humor. The restaurant, at 3941 Holston Drive, sits empty because of COVID-19. Burlington's "downtown" section has several abandoned buildings that are ready for renovation and await more funding. But hope lives within the East Knoxville neighborhood that the city and county won't forget the residents.

6. Create a committee that will monitor all activities of the governing body, the plan steps and adjust accordingly. "As a native Knoxville and Burlington resident, I feel the community feels oppressed, forgotten and angry. Me and other family members have left Knoxville and returned in Hope's there might be some improvement to our beloved neighborhood, but to no avail. The oppression stems from systematic racism that effects one to make a sufficient income to take care of their families and homes. I can speak to oppression because I've seen and lived it through

my great grandparents and their siblings, my grandparents and their families, my parents and their siblings as well as myself and my family. Many of my family and others in the community have degrees and post-secondary degrees.

"However, we are paid well below our counterparts despite the education or experience difference within the same capacity. This has been a common employment practice since before I was born, in Knoxville. I come from a lineage of scholars, entrepreneurs, construction workers, military veterans and some who retired from Oak Ridge National lab or Alcoa with

minimal to no advancement during their careers. We feel forgotten because all of our businesses are shut down, we have dilapidated buildings, light poles, drainage systems, streets and lack access and funding for financial literacy programs to teach self-sufficiency and independence. This community is totally dependent upon the city's financial obligations, or lack thereof.

"Our anger is rooted in how the black community has always been forced into areas that are heavily harassed, by police presence, and not being protected in a bipartisan manner through grassroots organizations. We are angered

by the unsolved murders that outnumber unsolved crimes in the rest of Knoxville. We are angry on how the entire city has changed to benefit all communities except our own and being forced out by the effects of gentrification.

"We are angry we haven't always been factored into the city's economic growth. We are angered by our voices being silenced and not heard when we do speak up for concerns. We argue because our city doesn't see this reoccurrence or have any feelings toward it. We are angry to not get a chance let along second chances. We are humans and deserve

humane treatment and equality in the place where we pay taxes and call home."

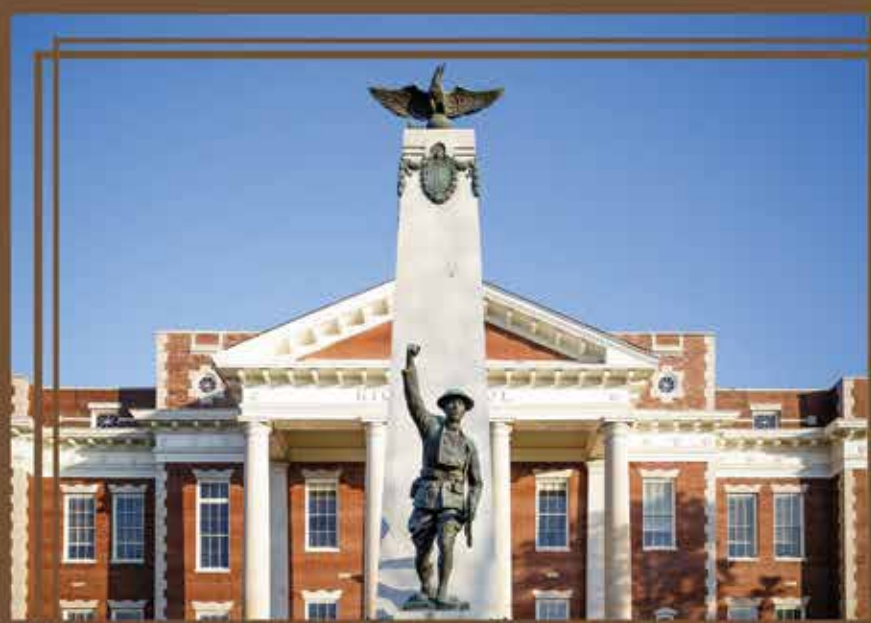
Diane Davidson, director of the East Tennessee Community Design Center, said Burlington is "not forgotten by the East Tennessee Community Design Center. The Burlington Community was the focus of ETCDC Community Collaborative last year. See some of the plan outcomes here: <https://community-dc.org/project/burlington-enhancement-plan/>."

Jered Croom said, "I would push back slightly. Forgotten by the City and County leadership perhaps, but there are many people who live, love, shop and worship there. You are spot on though regarding economic investment. I just don't want people to conflate gentrification with improvement."

Henry Wilson commented, "Please remember Cal Johnson's formidable presence in the community, including the old racetrack at Speedwell Circle."

Various other citizens, whether Burlington residents or not, recalled the neighborhood institutions including The Lunch Box Restaurant, Unchained Bail Bonds, breakfast at Ruby's, Chilhowee Park redevelopment, the "downtown" section, churches, and living and growing up in Burlington.

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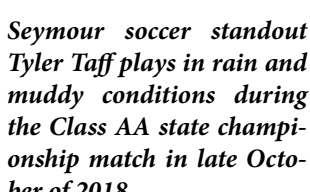
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SHINING THE BRIGHTEST IN TRYING TIMES

By Steve Williams

After intermission, Tyler

This past fall, Taff and the Lady Eagles (10-9-2) made another run at the state but were eliminated at Central 3-2 in two overtimes in the sectional round.



Tyler Taff, Seymour's female Student-Athlete of the Year, signed with Tusculum University.

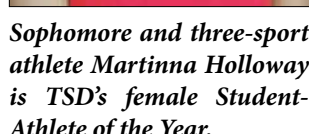
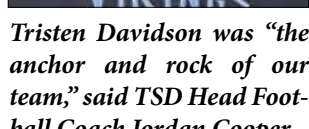
Football standout Gabe Kitts was named Seymour's male Student Athlete of the



The Eagles' running back rushed for 700 yards last fall and totaled 2,000-plus yards in his pro career.

By Steve Williams

"As a lineman in

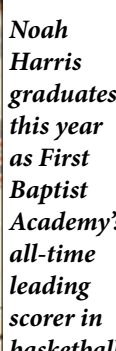


By Steve Williams

Harris also made it through playing for three different head coaches during his time at FBA, which he said caused the young program to lose players and delayed its progress.

Harris, FBA's male Student-Athlete of the Year, leaves as the school's all-time leading scorer with close to 1,800

"I already miss basketball, but I hope to stay in it from a recreation standpoint," he said. "I think it's the right decision."



A photograph of a happy family of four. A mother with blonde hair, a father with brown hair, and two young children (a girl and a boy) are all smiling and embracing each other. The mother is in the center, with the father to her right. The girl is on the left, and the boy is on the right, sitting on the father's shoulders. They are all looking towards the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue sky.



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Lexanne Halama lines up a putt during her high school career at Farragut. Former Farragut golf coach Kathy Nagy, who took this photo during the 2018 season, says Lexanne is a “phenomenal young lady.”

Halama and Hu share Lady Admirals’ award

By Steve Williams

Two juniors – golfer Lexanne Halama and distance runner Cathy Hu – were selected to share the 2019-20 female Student-Athlete of the Year award at Farragut High.

Halama, who has committed to the University of Illinois, tied for third place in the TSSAA Large Class state tournament last fall, shooting a three-over-par 74-73-147 at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

Lexanne and teammate Aynsleigh Martin combined for a 300 total over the 36 holes, which gave the Lady Admirals second place in the team competition, two shots behind state champion Station Camp.

Halama took medalist honors in the District 4 and Region 2 tournaments en route to the state.

“Lexanne is a remarkably talented golfer and student with an extremely bright future ahead of her,” said former Farragut coach Kathy Nagy, who resigned after the 2018 season for family reasons.

“As a coach, it was pure joy to watch her compete out on the links and witness her passion and excitement and respect for the game of golf.”

Halama was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association’s Large Class All-State team and was the 5-Star Preps female Golfer of the Year.

Competing in cross country last fall, Hu opened post-season action with a third place showing in the KIL Championships at Sequoyah Park with a 5K time of 19:01.

Cathy also came in third in the Region 2 Class AAA Championships at Victor Ashe Park with a time of 19:57.

Hu’s performances



Future looks bright for Farragut High School’s cross country runner Cathy Hu.

helped Farragut claim the team championships in both the KIL and region meets.

At the TSSAA state meet at Percy Warner Park in Nashville in early November, Hu was timed in 19:03.13 in the 5,000-meter run and came in 11th place.

Hu resumed competition this past February with a sixth place finish in the mile run (5:12.94) at the Tennessee State Indoor Track Championships at Vanderbilt.

“Cathy brings a lot to Farragut Cross Country,” said Coach Chelsea Osborne. “She is a leader by example in her dedication to the sport, but also to her team. We are so proud for Cathy to be recognized as co-female Student-Athlete of the Year and we can’t wait to see what she accomplishes in her senior season.”

Farragut skipper calls Hagenow ‘the whole package’

Ryan Hagenow didn’t get to showcase his baseball talents again on the high school scene this spring due to the coronavirus pandemic, but he was named Farragut’s male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Hagenow, a very good



Character and work ethic stand out in Farragut Student-Athlete of the Year Ryan Hagenow.

student and a University of Kentucky commitment, led the Admirals to the Class AAA state championship at last year’s Spring Fling in Murfreesboro with two solid performances.

Farragut got to play only three games this season.

“Ryan was the driving force in our state championship team in 2019,” said Farragut skipper Matt Buckner. “He is an exceptional talent and has worked very hard for years on his craft, however in my mind his character is his best quality.”

“Ryan is always humble and always about his team first. He is the type of young man in which you want your son to be like as a person. I have been blessed to coach some exceptional players, but I will tell you this guy is the whole package on and off the field.”

At the state last May, Hagenow pitched Farragut to a 4-2 win over Bartlett in the tourney opener and then came back in the finals to handle the mound chores in a 7-3 victory against Bradley Central.

The 6-5, 200-pound right-hander worked all seven innings in the title game, allowing only four hits and one earned run, while striking out 11 and walking none.

Bearden’s Ironside may land in TSSAA record book

By Steve Williams

Based on the current numbers listed in the TSSAA football record book, Collin Ironside’s name could be going in soon.

Including 2019 season totals, the Bearden High quarterback has a school career record 595 completions, which would rank No. 10 on the state’s all-time list. Collin’s last completion moved him one past former Bradley Central quarterback Cole Copeland’s total of 594 (2013-2016).

How about that!

Just to have your name in the TSSAA record book for a minute would be something, considering how many young men have played the game over the many years.

It takes a special player to just get in.

Consider Collin special ... in more ways than one.

He is Bearden High’s male Student-Athlete of the Year and deservedly so.

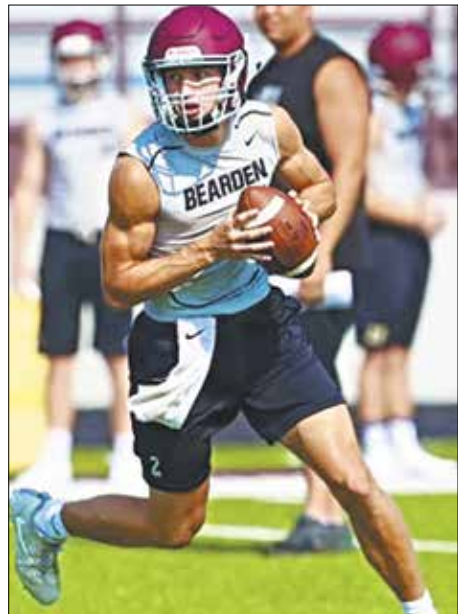
First, check out his academic accomplishments.

He’s in the Top 10 percent of his graduating class with a 4.39 GPA and an ACT score of 31.

He was a BHS Excellence in Biology recipient and an Excellence in Business Recipient. He also was a four-year community service participant and active in Young Life.

Going back to athletics, Ironside was team captain of the football Bulldogs in 2018 and 2019 and also All-Region 1-6A those two seasons.

As for other marks, Collin, a four-year starter, is now the school career record holder for passing yards (7,122) and passing touchdowns (61) in addition to his 595 completions.



Collin Ironside put up some big numbers as Bearden High’s quarterback.

“Collin is a tremendous young man,” said Bearden Head Coach Morgan Shin-lever. “He will be continuing his education and playing career next year at Troy University.”

Bearden Athletic Director Donald Balcolm said Ironside not only contributed to Bearden in football, but also as a student leader.

“Collin dedicated himself to Bearden High through his academic and athletic achievements, but most importantly his heart and leadership working with other students inside the building.

“No doubt, Collin will go on to do well in college and do great things in whatever community he decides to settle in. He has been a stellar representative of BHS and we all wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.”



First Baptist Academy senior guard Jade Mullins points out an opposing player that needs to be picked up on defense. In addition to basketball, Mullins played softball and volleyball at FBA.

Transfer works out ‘great’ for Jade Mullins

By Steve Williams

Transferring to First Baptist Academy turned out to be a great move for Jade Mullins.

And it wasn’t too bad for FBA either. She became the school’s female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2019-20.

Mullins said she transferred from Gibbs High to First Baptist Academy after her sophomore year for “personal reasons.”

Jade said the transition was kind of hard at first, being a new student, but the more she was in her new school, the better things got.

“It was really helpful to be in that environment and further my growth and my relationship with God,” said Jade. “Also, the teachers have really helped me grow on a personal level and with my athletics, too. They were just really close with all the students that they came in contact with and that really helped. But also the students at FBA, they helped me get involved and make friends with everyone. It’s been great.”

Basketball is the 5-4 Mullins’ best sport and she played point guard and some shooting guard this past season, averaging from “12 to 15 points per

game.”

Johnson University showed interest in Mullins and she sent back highlights film. She plans to continue her education and basketball career at Johnson.

Mullins also played shortstop for FBA’s softball team last spring, but she didn’t get to this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. She was on Gibbs’ state championship softball team as a freshman in 2017.

“I didn’t really play, but was used some as a runner,” she recalled. “I still got a (state championship) ring, so that’s good.”

Mullins also took up volleyball at FBA for the first time last fall and played on the front line.

“I appreciate this award very much and I think it’s an honor to be called the female Student-Athlete of the Year at FBA,” said Jade. “I’m also really glad that I got the opportunity to play sports and have the ability to do that. And I thank God for all that He’s given me and provided for me.”

As for her college major, Mullins said she’s “trying to decide between education and psychology.”

By Ken Lay

Ashton Blair had a magical senior year as both a soccer and basketball player for the Central High School Lady Bobcats.

Now, she's looking forward to starting the next chapter of her life in academics and athletics.

She finalized her college plans late Wednesday afternoon when she signed to attend East Tennessee State before a small group of family, friends, teammates, coaches and Central High administrators including Principal Dr. Andrew Brown, assistant principal Russ Wise and athletic director and assistant principal J.D. Lambert.

Blair's signing ceremony was held at Dan Y. Boring Stadium. She committed to play soccer for the Lady

Buccaneers earlier in the school year. But she made things official on a hot and humid late-spring afternoon.

Like all other high school seniors, Blair had her senior year come to a premature ending due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which shut down schools and halted all scholastic activities on Thursday, March 12.

Her signing was conducted with social distancing protocol in place. But she's hoping that she won't have to deal with social distancing once she heads to Johnson City.

"I'm just looking forward to getting started and I hope that I don't have to wear a mask," said Blair, who helped the Central girls soccer team make its first-ever trip to the Class AA

State Tournament in Murfreesboro last fall.

Blair was an all-state goalkeeper for the Lady Bobcats in 2019 making both the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's All-State Team and the Tennessee High School Soccer Coaches Association's all-state squad.

She also had a stellar campaign on the basketball court for coach Ben Collins' Lady Bobcats.

Central girls soccer coach Bill Mize spoke at Blair's ceremony.

"She helped us get to the state tournament and she was all-state. She made both the reporters' team and the coaches' team," Mize said. "We're very proud of her."

Blair said she's going to major in Special Education

with aspirations of becoming a teacher and a coach.

She said that the coaching staff and players at ETSU were friendly and that the campus was a big selling point.

"The coaches and players there were great," Blair said. "It just felt like a second home."

"I loved the campus and I prefer a smaller classroom so I can interact with my professors."

She said that she also wanted to stay relatively close to home so her friends and family could see her play.

"It was important for me to stay close to home," Blair said. "I wanted my friends and family to see me play often and not just get to see me once if I came to town."



Central High School goalkeeper Ashton Blair signs a National Letter of Intent to play soccer at East Tennessee State last week. Her ceremony was held at Dan Y. Boring Stadium Wednesday. Pictured with Blair is Central Lady Bobcats' head coach Bill Mize.



Tennessee State Representative Martin Daniel (center) honors the Knoxville Catholic High School boys basketball team for its 2020 Division II-AA State Championship. Pictured with Daniel are athletic director Jason Surlas and Irish head coach Mike Hutchens.

Daniel, state House honors Catholic boys basketball team

By Ken Lay

When longtime Knoxville Catholic High School boys basketball coach Mike Hutchens stepped on the newly refinished floor in the gym, it marked the first time that he'd been on the basketball court since March.

Hutchens, who guided the Irish to the 2020 Division II-AA State Championship in Nashville, hadn't been at school since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the school and others throughout Tennessee and the nation to shut down early.

It wasn't quite time for summer workouts, but Hutchens, his coaching staff, team manager and State Tournament Most Valuable Player, rising junior point guard B.J. Edwards and athletic director Jason Surlas, were on hand as Tennessee State Representative Martin Daniel stopped by to issue a proclamation honoring Catholic for winning its first-ever basketball state championship.

time coming for the Irish and Hutchens said that it was for all of the great players that he's coached throughout his career at Catholic.

"I'm just really proud of the kids because they've worked really hard," Hutchens said. "This is for them and it's also for all the players who have played here and it's really special."

The veteran coach noted that the title didn't come easily for his young squad, which had three sophomores and a freshman, along with the recently graduated Akeem Odusipe, who will play at Vanderbilt next season.

"You have to play a schedule and we went and played some of the best teams and we went and played all over the country," Hutchens said. "Then we played IMG (Academy), from Florida, here, and that was the last game that we lost."

"But I think after that game, that these kids knew how good they could be."

Catholic finished the season with a 25-4 record and capped the season with a championship win over defending champion Briarcrest Christian School at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena in Nashville.

Hutchens said the thing that he'll remember about this group of players is its unselfish play.

"This thing about this team is their unselfishness," he said. "We had a young team but our point guard, B.J. Edwards, had 200 assists this year and we had a shooting guard (rising sophomore Blue Cain) who had 85 assists."

Daniel is a Republican, who represents District 18.

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Hardin Valley offensive whiz Kelton Gunn kept opposing defenders on their toes during the 2019 season.

Gunn, Furman signee, was HVA's 'go to guy'

By Steve Williams

Football and track standout Kelton Gunn is Hardin Valley Academy's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

"It's a well deserved award for a well rounded individual that exemplifies what a true student-athlete should be," said Mike Potter, HVA's head football coach. "Kelton achieved success both academically and athletically through hard work and dedication. His gracious and humble attitude also sets him apart from many others."

The swift and versatile 5-10, 170-pounder was the Region 1-6A Offensive MVP. He also was named to The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County team as a running back.

Gunn ran for 1,054 yards and 14 touchdowns during the 2019 season. He also was effective as a wide receiver and kick returner plus had two interceptions as a defensive

back.

"Kelton was our go to guy during his senior year and his combination of talent, skill, dedication, and personality will be hard to replace," said Potter.

He played in the annual Tennessee High School All-Star Football Classic at Austin Peay State in December and caught a touchdown pass for the East's opening score in a 20-7 win over the West.

Gunn signed with Furman University as a wide receiver. He was recruited by former Maryville High coach George Quarles, who is the Paladins' associate head coach and offensive coordinator.

"I'm looking forward to Kelton's success at Furman," added Coach Potter.

In the 2020 Tennessee State Indoor Track and Field Meet at Vanderbilt in February, Gunn finished

in second place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.04 seconds.

Livingston was 'emotional leader' for Lady Hawks

Hardin Valley Academy Coach Jessica Stephens couldn't have been more pleased with the time she had Karly Livingston on her soccer team.

And she knows Charleston Southern University is getting a prize addition to its program.

"I'm so happy for Karly," said Stephens after receiving the news Livingston had been selected HVA's female Student-Athlete of the Year. "Karly was the heart of our team. She was the emotional leader on and off the field for us."

"Every time that kid stepped out on the field you knew she was going

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Tennessee Head Coach Johnny Majors shakes hands with legendary Alabama coach Bear Bryant after the Vols snapped an 11-game losing streak to the Crimson Tide in 1982 in Knoxville -- perhaps the first greatest win of the Majors' era. Coach Majors, 85, passed away last Wednesday.

By Mark Nagi

When they build the Mt. Rushmore of Tennessee football (I'm sure that is in the next budget for the athletic department), there are three non-negotiables. General Robert Neyland, the father of the program. Peyton Manning, one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. Reggie White, one of the greatest defensive players of all time.

The fourth spot? In my opinion, it should go to Johnny Majors.

This isn't just one of those deals when you are

reacting to events of the present. Majors passed away last week at the age of 85. When you look at the resume, it is very difficult to find anyone that meant more to the program.

As a tailback, Majors was twice the SEC's player of the year. He was an All-American in 1956. He also played safety. He also punted. In that 1956 season, he led the Vols to number two national ranking, a 10-1 record and a conference title. He should have won the Heisman Trophy. Instead, he was the

Remembering Johnny Majors

runner up to Notre Dame's Paul Hornung, despite the Fighting Irish only winning two games that season. This was a sports travesty of the highest order. Majors ran for more yards and even threw more touchdown passes than Hornung. But the Notre Dame hype machine, with national sports writers in tow, committed highway robbery.

Tennessee fans have yet to get over that vote, just like they'll never get over the 1997 Charles Woodson over Peyton Manning Heisman decision. Tennessee, of course, still has yet to have a player win the Heisman Trophy.

Decades later, when Hornung was at Tennessee interviewing Majors for a television program, Hornung tried to needle Majors, asking him who should have won the Heisman Trophy in 1956. Majors was ready for the question and gave an answer he was waiting to give for many years. Majors simply said, "Jim Brown." The Syracuse running back finished fifth in the voting and is a consensus choice as one of the best football players of all time.

Majors would have a tremendous impact on the

sport he loved as a coach. He spent five years at Iowa State, taking the previously hapless Cyclones to two bowl games. In 1973 he headed to Pittsburgh to lead a Panthers program that hadn't had a winning season in ten years. In only four years, Majors had them at the top of the college football mountain. In 1976, Pittsburgh won the national championship. You'd figure that he'd want to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Pittsburgh's program was rolling at that time.

Instead, Johnny went marching home.

Majors took over at his alma mater, leading the flagship university in his home state. In their first four seasons, Tennessee went 21-23 with one bowl game appearance. This of course was a different time. Today a fifth season likely wouldn't have been in the cards, even for someone with Majors resume. But things began to turn around in 1981. The Vols would make it to the post-season in eleven of the next twelve seasons.

Tennessee won three SEC titles under Majors. His 1985 team finished the season ranked fourth in the country following a 35-7 pounding of heavy favorite

Miami in the Sugar Bowl. That Vols team remains one of the most popular squads in Tennessee history. Majors' 1989-1991 was an incredible three-year run. The Vols went 29-6-2, with two conference championships and victories in the Sugar and Cotton Bowls. Majors had done what he was brought to Tennessee to do ... turn the Vols back into a national powerhouse.

But life isn't a fairy tale, and breakups are often messy. Heading into 1992, Vols fans were anticipating another big season. Majors had quintuple bypass surgery shortly before the start, and offensive coordinator Phillip Fulmer took over on an interim basis. The Vols beat rivals Georgia and Florida under Fulmer. Majors returned in October, and the Vols lost three close games, costing them a berth in the first SEC Championship Game.

Was what happened next a coup d'etat? The hot takes rage to this day. Majors was bought out of the final two years of his contract. Fulmer was promoted to head coach. Majors held a grudge against Fulmer that lasted for decades. After the regular-season finale, a win at

Vanderbilt (his 116th victory at Tennessee), Majors had a comment that was pretty much impossible to not read between the lines. "I want to thank the athletic department staff, the UT faculty and school officials who've been so helpful," said Majors. "And of course, I want to thank all my assistants, the loyal ones."

Majors chose to retire in Knoxville but had limited connections to the program until 2009, when he struck up an unexpected yet memorable friendship with new coach Lane Kiffin, who replaced Fulmer. Kiffin invited Majors to his first practice at UT, and in 2018 he tweeted that Majors was "the greatest Tennessee coach ever." Tennessee would eventually retire his number 45 jersey.

Majors was an original. There will never be anyone else like him. Tennessee is worse off today because Johnny is in a better place.

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

Catholic High School holds virtual academic signing day

By Ken Lay

The COVID -19 pandemic halted all school activities in March and forced Knoxville Catholic High School to hold its annual spring academic signing day virtually.

The event, which is normally held in the school's gymnasium, was held remotely and broadcast on YouTube.

Thirteen KCHS seniors finalized their academic plans after a stellar tenure in high school.

Alex Dally will attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Blaine Dolin will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and Ethan Boder will continue his academic endeavors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Navy ROTC and Joe Duhamel will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Olivia Escher will attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville while Zoe Haub and Kiersten Man will move on to Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Anna Huang has accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Abby Orillion will attend Carson-Newman University. Tony Spezia signed with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Michael Stapleton will attend Christendom College. Andrea Subtinelu will attend the University of Tennessee and Ellen Vo has signed to attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Livingston was 'emotional leader' for Lady Hawks

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to give you everything she had. You couldn't outwork her or beat her without a fight. As a coach, you couldn't ask for a better athlete to represent your team. I am so proud of her."

Livingston will be attending Charleston Southern on a soccer scholarship and playing for Jose Gomez, the Buccaneers' new head coach. The school is a NCAA Division I member of the Big South Conference.

Karly had an outstanding prep career at Hardin Valley. She was a three-time All-Region 2-AAA and All-District 4-AAA honoree.

In 2019 the Lady Hawks' captain also was named All-State and The Knoxville Focus' Knox County Player of the Year.

The midfielder had 14 goals and nine assists as the Lady Hawks captured the district tournament title last fall.

In addition to her athletic awards, Livingston was in the National Honor Society, Student Government Association and Mu Alpha Theta and had a 4.0 GPA.



Karly Livingston, Hardin Valley Academy's female Student-Athlete of the Year, will take her game and enthusiasm to Charleston Southern University.

Davidson finishes as TSD's male Student-Athlete of Year

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football who played in all three phases of the game, he didn't have the flashy stats that our skill players had, but he was the anchor and rock of our team.

"Without him, we would not have experienced any success on any side of the ball. His hard work and dedication to the game and his teammates will be sorely missed not only in football, but in other sports and the classroom as well."

Davidson earlier received the Yafet Yoseph Coaches' Male Athlete of the Year Award and the Bob Matthews Award (Defensive Player of the Year).

He was named to the 8-Man Extreme Chick-Fil-A All-Star Game (an All-Star game for 8-man schools in Tennessee).

Davidson also was named to the Mason-Dixon All-Conference team in 2018 and 2019.

Sophomore Martinna Holloway was chosen TSD's female Student-Athlete of the Year. She played volleyball, basketball and was on the track team.

"She was just a sophomore this year and is also just a great all-around kid," said Cooper. "I'm sure (TSD fans) will hear nothing but good things about her."



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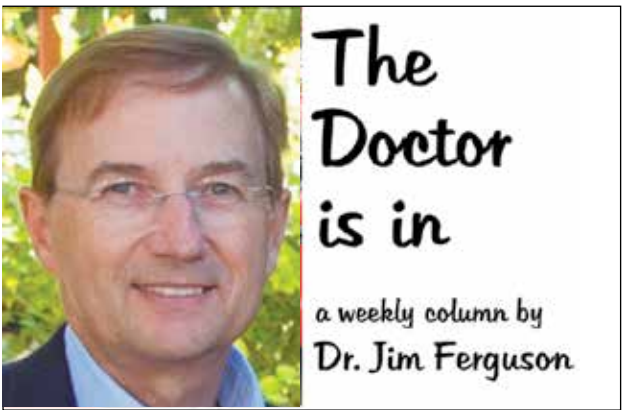
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The Last Days

Have you noticed that the Covid-19 pandemic has virtually disappeared from America? Even the Weather Channel app has removed Covid-19 tallies. The new crisis is the protest over the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis policeman. As tragic as this man's death is, the riots and looting which erupted have overshadowed Mr. Floyd's death.

During the London plague of 1624, English poet John Donne poignantly wrote, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Hearing a tolling church bell from what he thought was his deathbed, Donne wondered whether the next bell would announce his own demise. Perhaps the original diagnosis was imprecise because Donne survived and his immortal words are still relevant. He wrote, "Each man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind." And

as the rioting continues in America unchecked, largely in cities run by Democrats, one wonders if Donne's words may portend the death of big cities. "Therefore, send not to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

Can New York recover from COVID-19 and now riotous destruction of private and public property? People can now work online without coming into the city. Companies need not pay for expensive office space and workers no longer have to commute long distances. You certainly have to wonder about safety when police are stabbed, Macy's department store is looted and Saks Fifth Avenue is wrapped in barbed wire to prevent pillage.

I've been a tourist in New York many times, but I would never live there. I can't imagine living in cubicles stacked upon each other, riding pestilent

subways, defenseless against vagrants, druggies and thugs. I remember riding the A Train to upper Manhattan Island some years ago to visit the Cloisters Museum. A disturbed person boarded the train in Harlem. He stumbled and swayed from side to side in the moving train muttering to apprehensive passengers, "I ain't gonna kill nobody."

Some good may come from the Wuhan pandemic. Reasonable people will pay more attention to hygiene, though protesters and rioters seem to gather in large crowds with impunity. NY Mayor Bill De Blasio forbids gathering in churches, but allows protest marches without social distancing. Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer decrees it unlawful to buy paint or carpet, but it is OK to buy pot and alcohol.

People with common sense should be more skeptical of "experts" and models which have been proven wrong over and over. You should likewise be skeptical of Al Gore's "hockey stick" and computer models of global warming. Perhaps you've heard one definition of an expert as someone fifty miles from home with a PowerPoint presentation. In the future Trump should consider models and listen

to experts like Fauci, Birt and the CDC, but never again shut down our country, which now reels from unforeseen consequences even acknowledged by ABC and CNN.

Lastly, we should understand that the Chinese Communists are bad actors and not to be trusted. And by now we should know that these days "news" is just politicized commentary of events meant to shape opinion rather than report facts. Similarly, polls are done to shape opinion and are useless until a week prior to an election. Only then will pollsters accurately report results to enable them to appear correct and get the next polling gig. If early polls were accurate Hilary Clinton would be President.

Is it right to go along with something you think is wrong? Are we accepting violence and lawlessness in the name of social justice? Are we witnessing the equivalent of the Chinese cultural revolution where only "correct" thought and actions are allowed? The highly regarded quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, Drew Brees, was recently savaged for showing respect for the flag and the national anthem. Others have been fired for daring to say "all lives matter."

Comments are surfacing that white people should get on their knees to show solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Protests are Constitutional. Riots, looting and politically correct thought are not. Trump has been accused of being divisive. Actually, he was elected to oppose the ruling class of Washington DC and eight years of Obama's progressive destruction. Look at where we were three months ago with the unprecedented Trump economic boom which was then destroyed by the shutdown. Have we traded peace and prosperity for riots? And now comes the "defund the police movement." Perhaps it is the end-time.

The Christian observance of Pentecost has just passed. The celebration heralds the moment early believers were imbued with the Holy Spirit. In Acts chapter 2, Peter, the leader of the Jesus' Disciples, gave a sermon quoting the ancient prophet Joel describing "the last days." I am not a prophet nor do I ordinarily ascribe to apocalyptic philosophy. However, as I watch the mayhem in America it causes me to reflect on scripture where God says, "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons

and daughters will prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams." As an older man, I dream of a colorless society, but this cannot occur until bidirectional racism is renounced and filthy politics fanning the flames of hatred is repudiated.

Someday I hope to meet Peter, the Apostle Paul and see my Dad and grandparents, all long since passed on to the promised land.

Like many of us, Paul suffered injustice, but as a young Pharisee zealot who once persecuted Christians before his conversion, he renounced hatred and became arguably the greatest apologist for Jesus' message.

As part of his ministry, Paul wrote many letters to churches he founded. In a letter to the Galatians (current day eastern Turkey) he listed the fruits of the Holy Spirit's transformation of followers of Jesus Christ. In Galatians 5:22-23 the fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The only road to salvation for humanity and America is "taking a knee" for God, not political correctness, political ideology or BLM.

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

The balance of law and love

Life is made up of an important word - balance. Living a balanced life is critical. We have to balance the right amount of work, sleep, eating, and our relationship with God, family and friends. We also desire to balance our spiritual life so we can touch others in a balanced way like Jesus did. As a parent, we have to mix the right amount of praise with correction. If all we do is harp on our kids all day, they would be frustrated and rebellious. If all we did was heap praise all day, they



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

would be spoiled, self-centered, and irresponsible. Knowing when to forgive and when to rebuke takes balance.

But this is harder to practice than to preach. Sometimes we are so focused on doing things the "right way" that we treat people badly. We don't see the value or worth of the person because they are made in God's image; we just see the sin. We hurt them by our actions and words. Other times we are so afraid of hurting people or coming off

judgmental that we turn a blind eye to the will of God or ignore sin in people's lives. Some people are so focused on truth that they forget mercy. Others are so compassionate that they forget truth. We must look to Jesus to find the balance. We turn to John 8:1-11, a passage that is not found in the earliest copies of Scripture that we have, but there is nothing in this text that would go against other stories of Christ.

We find two extremes in the lead players of this account. First, we find the zealous religious leaders. It is their aim to protect and defend the religious institution and enforce

the law to the full extent for which it was created. Second, we find a woman who has been caught red-handed in sin. She is guilty and in need of grace. In between the two extremes we find Christ. Jesus looks in both directions and offers advice. The religious leaders viewed this woman as expendable and were using her as a pawn to trap Jesus. They used her to neutralize the growing influence of Jesus. They would now trap Jesus, using this woman and her circumstances as the bait.

The Pharisees viewed Jesus as a threat. He was a threat to their money, power, prestige, and position. Jesus was also a

threat because he was reminding people of the purpose of the law. He was showing that any use of the law that did not help people grow closer to God was not from God. Their desire was not to grow spiritually or help others grow. It was to trap Jesus. If the Pharisees really loved this woman, they would have helped her find a way out of sin. All they could focus on was the sin, not the worth of the person behind the sin. We often do the same thing.

Jesus loved this sinful woman so much that He was about to die for her on the cross. The Pharisees were so focused on her sin that they could not see

their own. Jesus shows compassion and rescues her from certain death and convicts the leaders of their own sin, from the oldest to the youngest. But Jesus also doesn't let the woman think her sinfulness is acceptable. He gives her hope and direction: "Go now and leave your life of sin." When you experience the grace and forgiveness of God, you want to leave sin behind. You want to live a changed life to His glory and praise. Jesus balanced law and love perfectly. Our challenge is to do the same.

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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-Hudges Corporation
State of Tennessee Department of Revenue
Spiroen
Metro Knoxville HMA, LLC dba Physician's Regional Medical
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.

Dated: May 26, 2020

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

Publication Dates: May 26, June 1, June 8

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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, to 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 known 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 an Map Cabinet B, Slide 105D (Map Book 14, Page 2221), 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 southerly along the 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

RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
No. 20-CV-31
LYDIA NOEL ADAMS and ROBERT CHRISTOPHER ADAMS,
vs.
ROBERT MICHAEL LAWHORN
IN RE: KEEGAN EDWARD LAWHORN
DOB: 2/8/2003

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

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

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

This 1st day of May, 2020

NANCY C. HUMBARO CLERK AND MASTER
JEFFERSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, it is ordered that said defendant, TERRY RAYBURN COLLINS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore Kern, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 377 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF ABANDONED MINERAL INTEREST

IN RE: SWORN COMPLAINT BY SCOTT WILSON DAVIS, SOLE MEMBER OF MESANA INVESTMENTS, LLC
PLAINTIFF
CASE NO. 200143-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

This 11TH day of May 2020.

CLERK AND MASTER

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NILAJA NZINGA HILL -Vs- TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER
Docket # 148585

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon TANESHA SHABRA TOLLIVER.

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

This 11TH day of May, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

LAQUISHA AKINLEYE -Vs- ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE
Docket # 148373

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE, it is ordered that said defendant, ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore Kern, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 377 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of May, 2020.

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

of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ABAYOMI OLUFUNSO AKINLEYE.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P O BOX 32852 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 19TH day of MAY, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

Kenneth Allen Patterson, Jr.
Whereabouts Unknown
In Re: Kaia Marie Patterson

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

No. 19CH1764

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

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

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

This 20th day of May, 2020.

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

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JESSICA LYNN TEETER, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JESSICA LYNN TEETER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Theodore R. Kern, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 377 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 28th day of May 2020.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DEBORAH K BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 82983-2

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH K BROWN who died Apr 26, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 22 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF DEBORAH K BROWN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CELIA D BROWN; EXECUTRIX
10708 GRANTHAM LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

TOM MCFARLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 12
KINGSTON, TN. 37663

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES M CAUGHORN
DOCKET NUMBER 83005-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES M CAUGHORN who died Mar 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 21 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JAMES M CAUGHORN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEBORAH LYNN BILLINGS; EXECUTRIX
2017 SPENCE PLACE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARTHA GORDON DANFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 83010-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARTHA GORDON DANFORD who died Feb 19, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 22 day of MAY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARTHA GORDON DANFORD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZABETH SEXTON; EXECUTRIX
1211 HARRINGTON DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF OLA C DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 82993-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of OLA C DAVIS who died Feb 17, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 19 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF OLA C DAVIS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN L DAVIS; CO-EXECUTOR
3885 APOSTLE ROAD
MORRISTOWN, TN 37814

BARBARA JOE CROSS; CO-EXECUTOR
8709 DOLPH DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON SUE DINWIDDIE
DOCKET NUMBER 82890-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON SUE DINWIDDIE who died Jan 26, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHARON SUE DINWIDDIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$)
DAVID M DINWIDDIE, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR
1429 CARRIE BELLE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUE M HERRON
DOCKET NUMBER 83002-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SUE M HERRON who died Apr 21, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 20 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF SUE M HERRON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$)
Jane A Lewis; Co-Executrix
2915 Williams Road
Knoxville, TN. 37932

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY VIRGINIA HOPPER
DOCKET NUMBER 83001-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY VIRGINIA HOPPER who died Feb 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 20 day of MAY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY VIRGINIA HOPPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GREGORY WILLIAM HOPPER; EXECUTOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL EDWARD LOY
DOCKET NUMBER 82927-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of MAY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAUL EDWARD LOY who died Mar 3, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1)

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions
FILE # NRS 20.114

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit action and solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on the aquatic environment.

Pursuant to The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108 and Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-40-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and draft permit and rationale, and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. At the conclusion of the public notice period a final determination will be made whether to issue or deny the permit.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
(615) 532-0712
Mike.Lee@tn.gov

APPLICANT: David Robertson
P.O. Box 1351
Jamestown, TN 38556

LOCATION
615 Durgan Road; Holston River-Strawberry Plains, Jefferson County
Latitude 36.09520, Longitude -83.6996

To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition, visit the Division's map viewer at <http://tdec.state.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number or coordinates listed in this Public Notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

The proposed project involves the construction of a boat ramp on the Holston River. The concrete ramp will be approximately 30-feet long by 12-feet wide and require approximately 6.5 cu yds of fill. Concrete of 6-inches depth will be constructed over rock and geotextile mat. Rip rap will be placed at the entrance and along each side of the ramp and trees will be planted on each side on the bank.

ANTIDEGRADATION STATEMENT
In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will not result in an appreciable permanent loss of resource values, and therefore will result in no more than de minimis degradation of waters of an ETW.

For more information please reference Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement which is found in Chapter 0400-40-03 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny this permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. The division will consider the nature, scale and effects of proposed impacts. The Division will consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

HOW TO COMMENT

TDEC is requesting public comment on this proposed permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure appropriate decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within thirty days following distribution of the approved public notice materials (including signage and newspaper ad). Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to water.permit@tn.gov.

After the Division makes a final permit determination, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Saul Castillo at (615) 532-0462 or saul.castillo@tn.gov for more information.

PUBLIC HEARING

Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the party requesting it, the reason(s) a hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing in accordance with 0400-40-07-.04(4)(f). Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below or via email to water.permit@tn.gov. Any scheduled public hearings will be advertised through a similar public notice process.

FILE REVIEW
The permit application, supporting documentation, including detailed plans and maps, draft permit and rationale, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's Water Resources Permits Dataviewer ([http://environment-online.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001:0:::~](http://environment-online.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf_reports/f?p=9034:34001:0:::)) by entering the permit file number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed and copied at the address listed below.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources
Natural Resources Unit
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

LEGAL NOTICE

The TDEC Division of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to issue a water quality National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit:

Applicant: Tennessee Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities
Permit Number: TNRS050000
Permit Writer: Vojin Janjic
Rating: Major
County: Statewide
EFD Name: Statewide
Location: State of Tennessee
City: Statewide, TN 00000
Activity Description: Industrial facilities

defined under EPA storm water regulations with point source discharges into waters of the state requiring coverage under Tennessee Multi-Sector General Permit (TMSP)

Effluent Description: Storm water runoff associated with industrial activity. EPA's final multi-sector permit is not anticipated until November 12, 2020. Rather than wait for EPA's final permit to inform Tennessee's 2020 TMSP, TDEC proposes reissuing the 2015 TMSP, unchanged, for a term of two years. This will provide an opportunity to review the final MSGP prior to proposing any changes to the TMSP. Reissuing the 2020 TMSP for a two-year term will avoid impacting new industrial facilities who would be unable to receive permit coverage without an active TMSP in Tennessee.

Receiving Stream: Waters of the state
The proposed permit contains limitations on the amounts of pollutants to be discharged, in accordance with Federal and State standards and regulations. Permit conditions are tentative and subject to public comment.

For more information, or to review and/or copy documents from the permit file (there is a nominal charge for photocopies), contact Vojin Janjic at (615) 532-0670 or the Nashville Central Office at (615) 532-0625. To comment on this permit issuance or proposed conditions submit written comments to TDEC-DWR, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Comments should be received within 30 days from the Legal Notice and should include the applicant name and NPDES Number.

Interested persons may request a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the filing party and reasons for the request. If there is significant interest, a hearing will be held pursuant to Rule 0400-40-5-.06(9)(a), and the Director will make determinations regarding permit issuance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOPH20-001
June 2, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the DWR will hold a public hearing pursuant to Rule 0400-40-5-.06 (8).

Location:
WebEx: <https://tngov.webex.com/tngovjv.php?MTID=md35601a467af3a3e4e5716b8c7df13>
Meeting number (access code): 161 570 0067
Meeting password: JvVTM3dG643
Join by phone +1-415-655-0003 US TOLL
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020
Public Hearing: 1:00 PM Central Time

TDEC will receive public comments concerning the proposed permit action described below:
Facility Location: Statewide
Division ID Number: TNRS050000
Description: Tennessee Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit (TMSP) is intended to authorize stormwater discharges to waters of the State of Tennessee from industrial facilities. The TMSP covers a wide variety of industrial activities and is derived from, and based in large part upon, the Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities as promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Federal Register / Vol. 65, No. 210 / Monday, October 30, 2000, and the subsequent NPDES General Permits for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities as published in the Federal Register (December 1, 2005; September 29, 2008; September 27, 2013 - extension of comment period for the proposed permit).

The meeting moderator may limit the length of oral comments in order to allow all parties an opportunity to speak, and will require that all comments be relevant to the proposed permit action and the DWR issues. TDEC staff considers written comments accepted at the hearing through July 16, 2020, to be part of the hearing record.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a copy of the draft permit, and may inspect and copy related documents at the division's offices, Attn: Liz Campbell (615) 532-1172.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or review the file record) should contact TDEC to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no later than Monday, June 30, 2020, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

You may reach Vojin Janjic, the permit writer for further information at 615-532-0670 or by email at Vojin.Janjic@tn.gov.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC)
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102

NOTICE TO CREDITORS SALE OF PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that on the 30TH day of June, 2020, a certain tract or tract of real property located off Lobetti Road and commonly known as Cara Cade Subdivision (Phase II), (Knox County TPN 091-20402; being approx. 9.25 AC +/-) may be sold on said date by Cascade Falls, LLC, the current owner of the subject property.

All persons or entities, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the owner or the property are requested to file same with the law office of Pratt Aycock Ltd., Attn: Christopher M. Caldwell, 705 Gate Lane, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37909 on or before the earlier of ten (10) days of the anticipated sale date so listed above.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS SALE OF PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that a certain tract or tract of real property located off Lobetti Road and commonly known as Cara Cade Subdivision (Phase II), (Knox County TPN 091-20402; being approx. 24.50 AC +/-) may be sold by Cascade Falls, LLC, the current owner of the subject property.

All persons or entities, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the owner or the property are requested to file same with the law office of Pratt Aycock Ltd., Attn: Christopher M. Caldwell, 705 Gate Lane, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37909 on or before the earlier of ten (10) days of the anticipated sale date so listed above.

Want to visit a town that was founded along a pre-historic trail?

If you begin in Knoxville and take Interstate 40 west you'll come to Kingston. The next town is Harriman. If you take that exit you can turn left off the exit and head southwest to Rockwood.

Rockwood is located south of Harriman along Highway 27. It's a small town with a very unique history and worth a day trip with your family. The Tullentusky Trail was an ancient Native American path that began at the Clinch River in what is now Kingston and wound through the valley to ascend Cumberland Mountain and then ran westward to where Nashville is now located.

Along this route, which became a wagon trail, settlers waited at Fort Southwest Point in Kingston for a military escort along the road up and over the mountain. The trail became known as the Walton Road and incorporated part of what was Avery Trace. Walton Road roughly followed what is Highway 70 now.

From Southwest Point the travelers paid Chief Tullentusky (or Tahlontees-kee) a fee to cross on his ferry and a fee to travel up the mountain. The chief, a son of War Chief Dragging Canoe, eventually sold what became the Clark Ferry and departed Tennessee to become a principal chief of

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

the Western Territory.

Tullentusky had a village where Rockwood now stands and a treaty signing to transfer the property took place at the Rockwood Oak which was lost in a

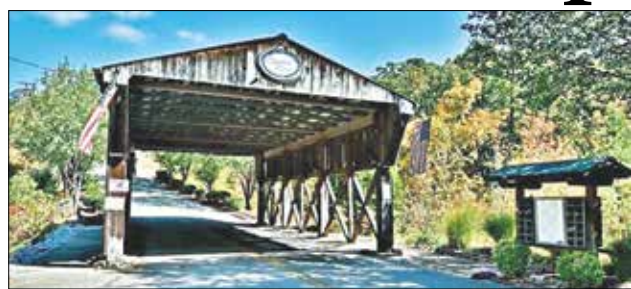
storm in the 1920s. Today a historic marker recalls the treaty and the ancient tree.

Pioneer patriot Stockley Donaldson and James Lackey had bought the land prior to the Treaty of Tellico but allowed the chief to hold a square mile of reserve along Brick Yard Springs. Tullentusky lived and controlled the road for fifteen years until he moved to Missouri.

In 1812 Hugh Dunlap bought the original grant and lived on a 640-acre track where Rockwood is now located. Other people bought him out and the town slowly developed as a stopping place for travelers along the wagon road.

Rockwood was developed by an unusual partnership between a former Union and Confederate soldier following the Civil War.

During that conflict, Union General John T. Wilder was in the area and later developed the first furnace south of the Ohio for the production of iron. He and Captain Hiram Chamberlain developed a business that would thrive for 100 years. Although Wilder wanted to name the first post office "Bells" it became "Rockwood" for the president of the Roane Iron Company, W.



Southeast of Rockwood is Thief Neck Island and a road leading to the largest island on Watts Bar Lake isn't residential but a popular hunting place for local residents. You can only get there by boat or you can travel across this covered bridge to the end of the road.

O. Rockwood.

In the 1880s the railroad boosted the growth of Rockwood and many people arrived to work in the nearby mines and iron factory. Rockwood was laid out and a hotel built and saloons were opened. Following the lead of Harriman, in 1903 saloons were banned. The old mining camp was transforming into the city much as it is today.

Visiting Rockwood and knowing a bit of its long history can interest Native American buffs, pioneer enthusiasts, and even Civil

War fans.

You can get more information by contacting the Rockwood Museum and Visitors Center at 241 West Rockwood Street or call 865-285-9458 or finding the town online at "www.cityofrockwood.com."

After visiting Rockwood you could follow 27 south to Spring City and then travel east on Highway 68 to Sweetwater and back up Interstate 75 to Knoxville. A day away from home as the coronavirus pandemic might make a memorable family outing.

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