

Sheriff implores commission to grant bonus to employees

Proposed \$1,500 bonus would come from excess budget funds

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler made an impassioned plea to the Knox

County Commission last week to permit him to use leftover salary funds to part of a \$3 million surplus in his budget to reward department employees with a bonus.

public hearing on the proposed county budget, Spangler requested using about \$1.6 million of the give sheriff department employees about \$1,500 each. The sheriff said the bonus would not go to

Speaking during a administrative personnel. Chris Caldwell, county \$3 million "doesn't mean spend." He told the commoney should return to the reports back. county fund balance.

"Let's get to the end of do that," Caldwell said,

we are," Caldwell said. finance director, said the Although the new fiscal year begins July 1st the that money is there to actual year-end balance may not be known until missioners the left-over September when the state

"Now is not the time to

the year and see where adding that the county has furloughed 370 employees and is now being asked to give a bonus to sheriff employees. He said he is not opposed to the sheriff's effort but wants to wait "to the end to see where we are."

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City revises police department's useof-force, code of conduct policies

Friday, Mayor Indya Kincannon announced updates to the Knoxville Police Department's Use of Force Policy to make it consistent with the 8 Can't Wait campaign. The campaign outlines eight specific use-of-force policies to reduce police violence.

Mayor Kincannon said, "This review is just one step in my commitment to take a comprehensive look at public safety in Knoxville. This is not a one-way conversation. Our efforts must be intentional and include meaningful community input."

"KPD is a well-trained, professional and accredited police department that was already practicing the majority of the recommendations of the 8 Can't Wait campaign. There were, however, areas where improvements were needed in the Use of Force policy and in the Code of Conduct."

Police Chief Eve Thomas says the new policies have now been distributed to every officer and agrees this is another step in the right direction, "I am proud of the work and attention that our Use of Force Committee devoted to this review," she said. <u>Continue on page 6</u>

Safe Summer Fun



PHOTO COURTESY OF HAMS NATURE CENTER

Ijams has a variety of programs and activities including dip-netting in ponds, hiking the trails and discovering natural treasures.

New Ijams Nature Center programs offer fun for all ages

safe summer fun! The nature that allow us to learn and enjoy center is offering new programs, the outdoors," Jiams Executive ited to ensure physical distancfrom rock scrambling and creek Director Amber Parker said. ing and Ijams is following safety

Join Ijams Nature Center for can still come together in ways exposure."

Space for all programs is lim-

Size of Knox Commission before Charter **Review Committee**

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Should future Knox County Commissions be expanded to eleven districts and the at-large positions be eliminated?

That was one of the questions about the future of Knox County government that the Charter Review Committee discussed Thursday afternoon. The members also asked if the two at-large commissioners should be added to future charter reviews.

Any decision by the review committee will go before voters, possibly on the August ballot.

Knox County Law Director Bud Armstong said, under the current charter, at-large members are banned from serving but it may be possible for them to be named as citizen members by the other county commissioners or by the mayor.

walks for families, to bird watching for beginners, introduction for families who can explore to bouldering and art programs for all ages.

"We may not be able to

together as a unit, or adults and older teens who are able to observe distancing guidelines gather in large groups, but we and other practices to limit their

"These programs are perfect and sanitization protocols.

In addition to scheduled programs, Ijams naturalists will rove the grounds on Saturdays.

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Several possible combinations of the makeup of the future Knox County Commission were passed to the law director who will report back this week with language and options.

Suggestions ranged from keeping the current makeup of nine district commissioners and two at-large members, cutting back to nine members, increasing to eleven or eleven with two being at-large, or even increasing to nineteen members.

Whatever change is adopted for the ballot, the upcoming census will cause the districts to be redrawn to apportion each equally by population. The review commission also discussed having commission districts and school districts be the same. Law Director Armstrong said the school board is limited by law to no more than 11 members.

The charter review group meets this Tuesday to hear recommendations from the law director and continue to take other suggestions on changes to the county charter.

Work session questions new northwest school



HOTO BY MIKE STEELY VIA CTV

Laura Squires of Farragut said her town cannot fight against 5G Cell Towers on public right -of-way alone and begged the Knox County Commission to join in an effort to stop them.

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The purchase of three rural lots in Hardin Valley was approved for \$2.3 million last week in a Knox County Commission Work Session for the future sire of a new northwest elementary school. The purchase agreement, with Lillian J. Redmon, did not happen without questions: the first dealing with Coward Mill Road there and the other dealing with the risk of starting a costly new project in the midst of the pandemic.

The matter is on the school system's requests and will be on today's commission agenda for the required final approval.

Commissioner Larsen Jay said the purchase "magically appeared"

and asked why now, with so many other needed projects in the county.

Jim Snowden, Chief Engineer, said the state will pick up half of the cost of widening Coward Mill Road, about \$2 million of the estimated \$4.5 million, and the work should be completed in about two years as the school opens.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill asked why the school system is looking to expand capacity.

Russ Oaks, the school system's chief operating officer, responded that the county has no intent to give up standard classrooms, adding, "Children need that experience."

The road work includes widening Coward Mill from Pellissippi Parkway, adding a turning lane, and extending the project to Chuck Jones Drive. A resolution for the

road work was passed onto today's meeting with no recommendation for the contract with Cannon and Cannon, Inc.

In other business the commission heard from several Farragut residents who pleaded with the county to join their city in objecting to the planned 5G cell towers.

"I and my neighbors are being impacted and the town of Farragut cannot fight this alone," Laura Squires told the commissioners. She urged the county to have a joint meeting with local state legislators.

"This is urgent," she said, adding, "It's coming to your neighborhood!"

Farragut resident Marla Stair-Wood said the 5G towers cause health problems and another resident spoke of harm from electromagnetism.



The Knoxville FOCUS PAGE A2 How Can Someone's **Probation Be Violated?** with, "violating circumstances.

Every single day, in courtrooms across America, criminal defendants are pleading guilty to crimes with which they have been charged and entering agreements to serve their sentences on probation.

This is a good thing. If everyone who pleads guilty went to jail, the jails would not just be overcrowded, they would be bursting at the seams.

So, when someone is on probation, they enter a written agreement with the probation officer who they will be reporting to, that they agree to comply with all the rules of probation. If they do not comply with the rules of probation, then they will be charged their probation (this is often called a VOP)." If someone violates their probation, they can potentially be made to serve

By Jedidiah McKeehan sentence in jail. attorneyknoxville@ gmail.com cally, someone

> pleads guilty to a charge and agrees to do 5 years of probation. Well, say they do not take probation seriously and miss their very first meeting with probation. The probation officer will file a violation of probation with the court. If the person on probation is convicted, they can potentially go from having agreed to serve no jail time, to serving five years in jail on their original charge. That's a

While someone is on probation, they will typically be required to meet once a month with a probation officer. Someone on probation typically has to pay \$40.00 to \$50.00 a month just to be on prothe rest of their bation.

The probation officer So, hypothetiwill ensure that individuals on probation have stable housing, that they are working, that they are passing drug tests, and that they are not committing additional crimes.

> Back to our original question though, what an attorney practicing in are the things that will get someone's probation violated?

It can be what is called a "technical" violation like missing a meeting or failing to tell the probation officer your new address. Pretty scary that these things pretty terrifying change in can get your probation legal issues.

violated, but you would be shocked at the number of people who blow off their very first meeting with their probation officer.

All rules of probation say that being charged with new crimes is a violation of probation. So even if you are completely innocent, and have been wrongfully charged, simply being charged with a crime is a violation of probation and subjects the person to potentially having their probation violated.

Jedidiah McKeehan is Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other

No, you can't vote twice in the upcoming election

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Early voting starts in Knox County on July 17 and runs through August 1 with the state and national primary and the county general election both set for August 6. There are lots of contests on the ballot, everything from party candidates for the United States presidency down to county commission races.

Given the coronavirus pandemic there is also an increasing demand for absentee ballots.

A Focus reader asked, "What mechanisms are in place to keep someone from mailing an absentee ballot in and then going to a voting site and vote again, in person in a voting booth, was processed?"

duplicate voting and counter such activity?"

The Focus asked the Knox County Election **Commission Director Chris** Davis, who replied, "As soon as the voter's application (for an absentee) ballot is approved, they are put into the system. At that point the voter's only option, if they want to vote in person, is a provisional ballot. If they try to go vote early, the system will catch them. If they try to vote on election day, the system will catch them."

Asked what would happen if someone voted early and then submitted a request for an absentee ballot, Davis said that early voting at the precinct would count the voter in the system instantaneousbefore their mail-in ballot ly. The application for an absentee ballot would then

system through the early including Donald Trump, vote.

The upcoming election will be the first encounter with Knox Country's paper ballots. Election workers are being trained on the new system but no doubt many people accustomed to voting machines may be confused. About \$1.4 million went into the conversion to the new system plus \$86,294 in maintenance.

Also, in August, voters will be voting on county candidates in a final general election and on state and national primary candidates according to which party they choose. Absentee or voting in person on election day may take longer than usual with so many races on the ballot School Board. and social distancing at the polls.

and 16 Democratic presidential candidates including Joe Biden. The U.S. Senate race has 15 Republican candidates, five Democrats and nine Independents. Those races also involve picking delegates to national conventions, local executive party officials. etc.

And then there's the U.S. House race, Tennessee House and Senate Primary races, and no less than 21 local residents running for the local general election hoping to be elected. Those races include seats for Knox County Commission, Law Director, Public Defender, Criminal Judge, Property Assessor and

July 7 is the final day to register to vote and July 30 There are four Repub- is the final day to request

June 22, 2020 **Board of Health** takes charge of **COVID-19** policies for Knox County **By Mike Steely**

health members, "There

is no local plan, only this

After hearing from Dr.

Buchanan and asking sev-

eral questions the board

voted to move to Tennes-

see's Phase Three policy

on July 1st and stay with

Buchanan's Phase Two

Asked if the task force

should continue Buchanan

said those members can

still advise but the group

will no longer be needed

if she isn't creating policy.

She said the board had two

plans before them, a local

plan and the governor's

hospital bed capacity, the

current benchmarks of the

virus in the county popula-

tion, and other issues. The

board members asked Dr.

Buchanan if her staff would

be ready for Phase Three

and she said they would.

The board also discussed

"Tennessee Pledge."

policy until then.

board has the power."

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Since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic Knox County Health Department Executive Director Dr. Martha Buchanan has taken charge and guided the community through Phases One and Two. Apparently the health department leader had no power to do so.

Wednesday she met with the official authority, the Knox County Board of Health, on order by the Knox County Law Department. Deputy Law Director Myers Morton twice emphasized during the meeting that the board is the only authority. Buchanan said she met with the law department in the beginning of the crisis and wrote the local "Safer At Home" guidelines.

She also said that the board of health has, in the past, only acted in an advisory capacity. Buchanan created a "Reopening Task Force" of local business and government members and consulted with that group for guidance in creating the public guidelines.

Morton told the board of

E-911 Board gives employees \$500 bonus

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Communications Board met in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Board Wednesday morning and passed a \$15 million budget.

John Fugate, E-911's financial committee chairman, said the funds will update the system and

With the board of health now in charge Buchanan suggested she meet with them every two weeks as

long as there are no virus spikes. Those meetings must be available to the public via Zoom on the internet.

Mary's Hospital campus that had been acquired by the city for police and fire headquarters.

The board also authorized a one-time \$500 bonus for call center employees. The money comes from the system's surplus funds and Fugate said the bonus goes only to call center employees

He also asked, "Is there be discarded as the voter lican candidates for U.S. an absentee ballot for the a mechanism to identify is already logged in the President on the ballot, August 6 election.

fund an on-site backup and not to members of the office in the former St. administration.

Sheriff implores commission to grant bonus to employees

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men and women and what thing?" they do."

employees are eligible to in Knox County. retire this year.

linax said the sheriff's department "can't get the help we need" and is stressed and said it is

frustrating. Speaking of Sheriff Spangler's voice Sheriff Spangler, Mullinax cracked when he said, "I'm asked, "How can one man more than proud of the in uniform handle every-

Mullinax said the depart-He also said he fears for ment is losing deputies the future of the depart- to adjoining counties and ment, noting that 25 cities because of lower pay

The commission meets Lieutenant Gabe Mul- today at 5 p.m. in regular session and a budget vote is expected on Wednesday after the Finance Committee meets.

Knox County Election Commission seeks additional poll officials for August

The Knox County Election Commission is recruiting additional poll officials for the August 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election. Workers are being sought for polling places as well as for the absentee ballot counting board. Knox County residents can apply online at www.knoxvotes.org or by calling 215-2480.

"Knox County residents have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in democracy by becoming a poll official for the August election," said Chris Davis, Administrator of Elections. "This is an opportunity for anyone to serve both our county and our state and get paid for their efforts."

Poll officials are compensated for age was 17 years old) working during early voting and on Election Day, as well as for attending required training sessions. Knox County election workers can make \$200 for attending training and then working on Thursday, August 6.

Poll officials perform various tasks to help polling sites run smoothly, including greeting voters, answering questions, processing voters, and explaining how to cast a ballot. Any voter is eligible to apply, regardless of political affiliation.

• Be a registered voter if 18 or older

law passed this year; the previous knoxvotes.org or call 215-2480.

· Not be a candidate or close relative of a candidate

· Be able to read and write in the English language

The following government employees can now also serve as poll officials:

 City of Knoxville or Knox County employees, unless working directly under the supervision of an elected official on the ballot

State of Tennessee employees

 Federal employees – consult Qualifications to be a poll official: your Human Resources department to ensure eligibility

For more information or to sign up Be at least 16 years old (New to become a poll official, visit www.



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AMERICAN INSURRECTION

For the first time since the American Civil War, at least as far as I know, armed secessionists have occupied American soil and territory while legal and legitimate authorities simply stand by and gawk. The Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ) in Seattle, Washington is a 7-9 block area occupied by gun-toting domestic terrorists. Forget about the hypocrisy of the outcry about social distancing and mask-wearing by the mainstream media, which pretty well evaporated when the peaceful protests began. Now the story of the pandemic is falling well behind the protests, many of which ceased to be peaceful.

USA Today carries news stories about the "peaceful protesters," at least some of whom have guns. Really? According to the liberal media, I thought citizens having guns was a bad thing. Yet armed protesters are still "peaceful." Good to know. Mayor Jenny Durkan, who is apparently nuts, says it's just a bunch of peaceful protesters out for a lark and exercising their First Amendment rights. Is that so? Ok, so my occupying someone else's property while armed is merely me exercising my First is shrill and confrontational. Amendment rights? By Amelia points out the plan this warped logic a bunch of people can get their guns and occupy Fourth and Gill where Mayor Indya Kincannon lives and they would just exercising our First Amendment rights. Wrong! Like I told you, Jenny Durkan is clearly nuts or the stupidest woman running a city in the United State of America today, or both. Durkan described the goings on in Seattle thusly: "It's patriotism." Ms. Durkan you clearly don't even know the meaning of the word.

The "peaceful protesters," clearly few of whom have responsible jobs, much less actual responsibilities, are enjoying a festival-like atmosphere while they sit around and discuss what life would be like were there no police. They are planting a garden in what was once a public park. Evidently Mom and Dad are still sending checks as some restaurants are reporting their businesses remain open with walk ups.

These sorts of things happen on the local level first, usually with changing the city council, which is precisely what the City Council Movement is trying to do here. There are already two "Democratic Socialists" on the Knoxville City Council: Seema Singh and Amelia Parker.

SPEAKING OF SOCIALISTS...

Both Amelia Parker and David Hayes are touting the Minneapolis City Council's approving "a communityled public safety system to replace the police department following the death of George Floyd ... " Parker is obviously more savvy than Hayes and is attempting to utilize more rational and calmer rhetoric, while David

in Minneapolis is figuring how to engage "with every willing community member" in the city. It would be interesting to know what "willing" is supposed to mean? Like socialists all across the country, Amelia and David are for defunding the police department and replacing cops with social workers and the like. Amelia gushes that, "We have the opportunity to reimagine public safety in our city and implement incremental change all while meeting the calls for change coming from the public." At last count, that was 30 calls out of 187,000 residents, Amelia, hardly a clarion call for anything.

So we're going to reimagine public safety in Knoxville, are we? Do people have to reimagine they are never going to recover their stolen property? Are we going to reimagine a 911 phone system that will be constantly busy? Are we going to reimagine the People's Committee on Restorative Practices telling folks, there's no arrest to be made for breaking into your home because you are privileged? Are we just going to reimagine it didn't happen when somebody beats the crap out of your Mom or your Granny for her purse? Or do we wait on the People's Committee for Reporting Alleged Incidents? Are we going to reimagine a violent domestic dispute by sending a host of social workers to talk them down? How are we going to reimagine bank robberies? I guess we just shrug and grin that the perps are misunderstood and, after all, the government will print more money anyway. How do all of these social workers actually help the victims of crime? I suppose that all depends upon whom we see as the victim.

The theory is community-led safety initiatives prioritize community needs to improve the quality of life for every resident. Supposedly, it will address "the root causes of crime" through "providing a supportive environment" to help people deal with whatever issues they have, including mental illness, drug abuse, financial problems and the like. Boy howdy, that has SUCCESS written all over it! I can just imagine crime will disappear in a heartbeat. All of this seems predicated that we really won't need the police any longer, because there won't be any crime any more.

Amelia Parker and David Hayes are already reimagining the City of Knoxville. I am imagining folks are going to leave in droves while Mayor Indya Kincannon just stands by and stares like the proverbial deer caught in the headlights.

REALLY BAD OPTICS

State Representative Gloria Johnson has been touting her proposed amendment to the budget in Nashville. Johnson said she wanted to restore \$150 million to the state budget, quite likely for teacher raises. Johnson grumbled GOP legislators killed her amendment, saying some unnamed Republicans told her teachers should be glad the General Assembly didn't raid teacher pensions.

Johnson growled, "Furloughed teachers don't get pensions." No, but they DO get paychecks, Gloria, at least here in Knox County. Teachers have been absent from classrooms since March and as far as I know, have never missed a paycheck yet since the COVID-19 virus pandemic began.

Teachers are off for the many politicians and even summer and still collecting some would-be politicians. their checks.

Johnson was hardly the only legislator posturing or pandering. State Representative Matthew Hill, a Republican, offered an amendment to pay teachers a one-time \$1,000 bonus in lieu of a pay raise. Hill's proposal was to spend \$70 million out of the state's rainy day fund. Unmentioned through all of this, at least to my knowledge, was that most teachers receive an annual step raise. I don't know of any other employee, public or private guaranteed a raise every year. Hill's brother, Timothy, is a candidate for Congress this year in upper East Tennessee to succeed retiring Congressman Phil Roe.

Virginia Couch, Democratic party candidate in Tennessee's Eighteenth House District, which is presently held by retiring State Representative Martin Daniel, has also bemoaned the fact the teachers aren't getting the 2% raise initially included in Governor Bill Lee's budget. Of course that budget was before the COVID-19 crisis. Since then many public employees have been furloughed, taken pay cuts or worse. We have yet to see the fallout in next year's budget, which many experts believe will be worse. Some estimate the state budget will have to be reduced by \$1.5 billion again next year. No matter how deserving - and teachers are not the only class of employee, public or otherwise, deserving of a pay raise – all such raises come from the taxpayers. It seems like bad optics considering we are in the midst of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Still, the fine art of pandering has been honed to perfection by

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A STATE OF ALLEGATIONS

David Plazas, who holds the interesting title of Director of Opinion, for the Nashville Tennessean, has an opinion column expressing his sorrow and outrage that the Tennessee House of Representatives spiked a resolution memorializing Ashanti Posey, a 17 yearold African-American who was shot to death.

The state Senate passed the memorial resolution unanimously. Majority Leader William Lamberth effectively nixed the same resolution in the House by raising the issue of the Davidson County police report, which stated Posey was killed while trying to buy marijuana. According to Plazas, Ashanti Posey worked two jobs, played on a girls' basketball team, and was gay.

I really don't agree with the decision of the Tennessee House of Representatives not to pass the memorial resolution. Plazas made the valid point the memorial resolution was defeated because of mere allegations against Ashanti Posey, none of which were proven. It isn't the first time allegations have stalled or stopped nominations or resolutions.

I don't believe the House of Representatives should have defeated the resolution memorializing Ashanti Posey, just as I didn't believe allegations should have been used to try to derail the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. I don't think David Plazas was consistent in both opinions.

Ijams Nature Center

programs offer fun for all

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The programs are listed on the ljams website's Event Calendar; more will be added. To learn more or to register, visit the calendar at ijams.org.

Intro to Bouldering Adults and Families; Ages 6+ June 23, 9-11 a.m., ljams Crag Parking Lot

June 30, 9-11 a.m., Ijams Crag Parking Lot

Lizards, Frogs, & Turtles, Oh My! Adults and Families; Ages 6+

June 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Ijams Nature Center June 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Ijams Nature Center June 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Ijams Nature Center July 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m, Ijams Nature Center

Ijams Volunteer Orientation

June 24, 2-3 PM, Ijams Nature Center

June 24, 6-7 PM, Ijams Nature Center

Birds Say the Darndest Things Adults and Families; Ages 6+

June 25, 9-11 a.m., Ijams Nature Center

Sounds of Nature Adults and Families; Ages 6+

Ijams Nature Center July 2, 10-11:30 a.m., Ijams Nature Center

Rock Scrambling Adventure Adults and Families; Ages 6+

June 26, 9-11:30 a.m., Ijams Quarries Parking Lot ing and wildflowers to yoga July 3, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Ijams Quarries Parking Lot

Creek Walk Families with children Ages 6+ June 26, 1-3 p.m., Ijams **Quarries Parking Lot** July 3, 1-3 p.m., ljams **Quarries Parking Lot**

Bird Watching for Beginners Adults and Families; Ages 6+

July 2, 9-11 a.m., ljams Nature Center

Ijams Nature Center is a nonprofit, 315-acre educational nature center for all ages, abilities and walks of life. Ijams' mission is to encourage stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences. Located just three miles from downtown Knoxville, Ijams features 12 miles of hiking and mixeduse trails, boating, biking

June 25, 10-11:30 a.m., and more.

The center offers hundreds of educational programs annually, from school field trips and offsite programs to on-site outdoor and classroom education programs that focus on topics from birdhikes, cooking classes and art programs. The ljams grounds and trails are open every day from 8 a.m. until dusk. Due to COVID-10 precautions, the Ijams Visitor Center is open daily on a limited basis from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit ljams.org or call 865-577-4717.



On June 18, 2020, Rev. Eddie Sawyer and wife Beverly celebrated 50 years of marriage. At the tender age of 19 and 17, they started their life together, one which God has richly blessed. They have two daughters and five grandchildren whom they love dearly! Eddie is the Senior Pastor at New Beverly Baptist Church where they actually met when her father was the pastor. On Saturday, June 13, their daughters recreated their reception in the fellowship hall where they held their original wedding reception, plus a few surprises around town. It was night none of them will ever forget! On Sunday, June 14, the congregation was able to honor and celebrate this milestone as well. Not only are Eddie and Beverly an example with their love but they are both dedicated servants of God. They no doubt know the key to their 50 year love story is keeping Christ the center of their marriage and home!



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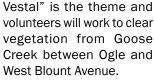


Vestal to spend July 4th cleaning and seeding

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Vestal Community Organization is spending Independence Day outside doing some needed neighborhood maintenance. In cooperation with the city, the Boys and Girls Club, Community Action Committee and AmeriCorps Volunteers, members of the organization are joining Knoxville's "Safer in Place" observance of the holiday.

"Dedicating our current projects to the betterment of Knoxville and Downtown



Debris removal at Vestal's historic United Methodist Church is also planned as well as re-seeding the wildflower meadow at the Vestal Greenway Park.

If you're interested in helping you can find the Vestal Community Organization on the internet and on Facebook. You may also call (865)771-6223.

Roman government collect-

from his community.



The Knoxville FOCUS

By Ralphine Major ralphine3@yahoo. com

career at Robertshaw Fultons in Knoxville, Tennessee. In retirement, 12 years blacksmithing at the Museum of Appalachia in Norris, Tennessee, for his good friend, John Rice Irwin, founder of the museum. A

veteran of World

War II. Member of Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church where he and Rusty Carpenter helped start Boy Scout Troop 500 which is still active decades later. Gibbs Ruritan Club member. Clayton Sharp and his late wife, Betty Loy Sharp who passed away in October 2019, first appeared in "Volunteers of Time and Talent" (Focus 9-10-12) when they were nominated by Dale Hall for Covenant Health's Senior Stars Award recognizing their many years of volunteer service. With such a long and remarkable life, Clayton Sharp is still going strong! But, two years ago he suffered a setback in his health.

"He came so very close to death

Zacchaeus felt. tree, apparently because There are --or--were many

As Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus longed to see Him but was unable to see over the crowd. So, perhaps feeling both desperate and lonely, he climbed into a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse. And it was there, on the outskirts of the crowd that Jesus searched him out. His intention was to be a guest at his home. I can imagine how astonished

front of the crowd to see short famous people, such as Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, Paul Simon, Michael J. Fox. And we can't forget the ladies: Reese Witherspoon, Lady GaGa, Jodie Foster, and Queen Victoria. And then, there's me. Although I'm not famous in any way, I am short, as everyone who sees me knows. When I was very young, I had a medical condition that affected my pancreas which, in

turn, stunted my growth. at climbing shelves and For many years I was four feet, ten inches, but, as I grew older, I went to four feet, seven inches. I jokingly tell everyone that, if I live to be 100 years old, you probably won't be able to see me, I'll be so small.

tages to being short:

enough leg room.

2. It makes you look younger

3. You can wear any heels that you want

resident of Gibbs Community is an inspiration to those who know him. His remarkable life of service to others is a "2020 model" we can all strive to be like!

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Words of Faith: "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years . . .

5. You're going to live

6. You're great at limbo.

7. Showers are never too

Thus, there are the good



The advantages of being short In the book of Luke in the

Bible, there a short story about a short man. His name was Zacchaeus, who was identified as a wealthy tax collector. Jews often viewed tax collectors as traitors for working for the

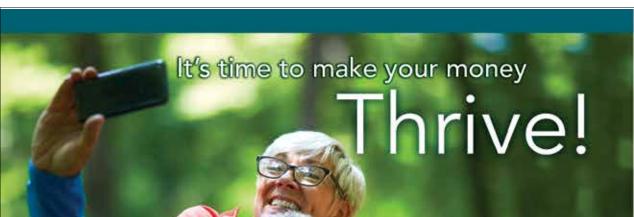
ing taxes from fellow Israthey could not get to the elites, as well as frequently demanding additional the action. money to pad their personal bank accounts. So, Zacchaeus was likely shunned

I thought of Zacchaeus one day when, in the middle of a crowd at a motorcycle demonstration where riders performed breathtaking tricks, I found myself needing to stand on my tiptoes to see. Glancing around, I noticed three children perched in a nearby

The blame can be shared

Enough! It's that simple. This country already has plenty of problems without piling on more and more. Now, this might not make anyone happy, but the By Joe Rector truth is that all joerector@comcast.net sides share some of the blame for the mess we are in. It is persons. Those individuals also true that the extremes must be held accountable on the left and the right will to the same standards that work to keep any progress all citizens are held. Murder from taking place. We do have a racial problem. The black population zen or officer on citizen. has been for too long been treated like second class however, is that not all citizens. Fear of losing police officers are bad, power has caused many white people perpetuate this fact. Some folks are simply ignorant in their assessments that blacks are of an inferior race. The murders of black individuals have horrified us once again and have sparked one of the largest, multiracial protest in our country's history. The deaths their communities. Probare terrible, but the call to action is a good thing. the right of citizens of this tect and serve. If the intencountry, and many have led to better conditions. These most recent ones might well lead to positive steps toward ending discrimination. The majority of Americans hope so. When looters and rioters set out to destroy businesses and of my favorite students of steal for their own gain, the positive message of protest is blunted. How does the Richland County Jusburning down the community help the plight of its residents?

new call to action might lead the way to police reform. Too many times, black individuals have been accosted, arrested. and murdered by rogue officers who fail to recognize the humanity of all





Dale Hall and Clayton Sharp on a recent trip to Norris Dam.

when he suffered a heart attack," Dale Hall said. "His road to recovery was many months and included having to learn to walk again with a walker. He is just unbelievable in his strength." Dale is a long-time friend of the Sharp family.

Clayton is now 98 years old and claims to be a "22 model," having been born in 1922! The life-long ." (Proverbs 3:1-2 NIV).

> reaching for high things. longer short for you. reasons for being short and There are some advanalso disadvantages. Whichever they are, live life to the

1. You always have

Thought for the day: A day without laughter is a day wasted. Charlie Chapin

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At the same time, this

is murder, regardless of whether it is citizen on citi-

What we must realize, and we must use common sense to acknowledge that not all acts by the police are evil. The "Defund Police" movement is dead in the water before it begins simply because of the name. If people literally want to defund the police, they should demand that those officers not enter lems then can be handled by the very residents that Peaceful protests are decry the people who protion is to move money to other places where it can be more effectively used to handle problems with which police should never deal, then I will be the first to support it.

I have black friends. One all time is April Woodward Sampson, who works at tice Center in South Carolina. Millions of white people have black friends. We feel

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June 22, 2020 PAGE A5 www.knoxfocus.com Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, XIX

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill rayhill865@gmail.com

Pulaski Congressman Ross Bass had defeated Governor Frank Clement for the Democratic nomination to succeed the late Senator Estes Kefauver. Bass faced Republican Howard Baker in the general election. It was the first time Frank Clement had lost an election and his defeat had been sweeping.

Congressman Bass confidently approached the general election, running on the same ticket as Senator Albert Gore and President Lyndon Johnson. There had been signs Tennessee was no longer the Democratic bastion it had once been. The Volunteer State had gone Republican in the last three presidential elections; in 1952 and 1956 it had voted for GOP Dwight Eisenhower. In 1960 Tennesseans preferred Richard Nixon to John F. Kennedy.

Both of Tennessee's seats in the U.S. Senate had not been up for election together at the same time since 1934. Gore was running for a regular six-year term while Ross Bass was the nominee to finish the last two years of the late Estes Kefauver's term of office.

Bass won the general election, albeit by a reduced margin. Howard Baker swept East Tennessee and won several coun-

opportunity to run in 1966. He could not seek reelection as governor that year, but could either run for the Senate or retire from politics, at least for a period of time.

Clement, watched as always with profound suspicion by the Nashville Tennessean, seemed to be acting like "a full-blown candidate" in the newspaper's opinion. Columnist Bill Kovach citing the governor's recent "spurt" of activity, thought Frank Clement would run for senator again in 1966. Perhaps the bitterest critic of the governor in Tennessee, even the Tennessean conceded Clement had attempted to learn from his 1964 defeat. The Tennessean observed following his loss in the 1964 Democratic senatorial primary, Governor Clement had since worked hard "to cement his relationship with the Negro voters of the state."

Bill Kovach, who wrote "Capitol Spotlight" for the Tennessean, thought Clement's "strongly conservative campaign" had been "one of the major miscalculations of the year" and the governor had learned a lesson from that experience. Kovach thought the governor's Christmas message, which had flashed across TV screens in Ten- al. The Tennessean did cratic Middle Tennessee. ent seem more human and forced to be creative when referring to himself in the in the Democratic primary of counties in West Ten- cian." While long noted for his oratory on the stump, Frank Clement had not fared nearly so well on television. The governor had participated in a television series highlighting visits with Tennessee's chief executive, including a twopart tour of the governor's mansion.



(From left to right), Sen. Fred Harris of OK, Joseph Montoya (NM), Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, Senator Ross Bass (TN), & Sen. Robert Kennedy (NY).

rates." Clement was also one of forty governors who received a classified briefing from Secretary of State Dean Rusk about the war in Vietnam.

Governor Clement's speech before the legislature was broadcast on television and he forcefully met his critics who contended he had only called the General Assembly into special session for political purposes. "Let the political winds blow," the governor roared. "Let the political partisans howl. Let the election year storm rage. Let us...calmly stand our ground and do those things which should be done for the benefit of all Tennesseans and do it now!"

As might be expected, the Tennessean was critical of Clement's propos-

challenge of his own, which might complicate the Democratic primary as Republican "voters may not care for Gov. Clement, but they like Sen. Ross Bass even less."

The Sun also noted Bass might well not enjoy the almost solid support he had received from the black community in 1964; the Sun thought Clement "has paid particular attention to this segment of Tennessee voters and may have made some inroads in this area."

Clement inched ever closer to an official announcement of his candidacy. Speaking in Knoxville to about 400 mem- job." bers of the Jaycees, Clement said, "This is my farewell to you-as governor. I want to emphasize the 'as governor' part of it." The hopes to be back again, again, and again." Governor Clement made his announcement official on May 31, 1966. He would challenge Ross Bass inside the Democratic primary for the senatorial nomination. Clement promised he would treat the office with "the dignity and respect it deserves", while assuring Tennesseans he would not neglect his duties as governor during the campaign.

to be taxed at different was likely to face a primary the gubernatorial nomination, Clement respondcan get. I'd like to get the Ellington votes; the Hooker votes, and I'd like to get all of the Bass votes."

made his own announcement that he planned to seek reelection the Saturday prior to Frank Clement's declaration he, too, would be a candidate. Bass said he had kept his promises to the people from his campaign two years prior and asked for a full six-year term in the Senate. Senator Bass dismissed Governor Frank ton and wryly said, "It is Clement as "someone out true I have no experience of a job and looking for my

When asked if he expected a difficult campaign, Bass retorted, "Every fight is rough." Senator Bass appreciated the irony of ties in once solidly Demo- nessee, had made Clem- admit Clement had been governor had a habit of facing Clement once again Baker also won a handful less like "some aloof politi- he came back into office third person and told the and quipped it might well crowd of 400 people at Jaycees, "Frank Clement be akin to "what we call the Trenton in front of the Late Show-same charac- Gibson County Courtters, same plot, same house, Clement said, "I winner." Senator Ross Bass made a political mistake while attending a Democratic fundraising dinner in Washington, D. C. The mistress of ceremonies, attempting to make a word play on Bass's name, referred to him as "big mouth Bass," a characterization the senator did not appreciate at all. Growling he had not wanted to attend the dinner in the first place, Bass muttered he thought he would leave, then jumped up from his table and stalked out, leaving his beautiful, albeit embarrassed wife Avanell by herself. The second time Senator Ross Bass and Governor Frank Clement faced one another in a primary election, they laid aside their differences to join the gubernatorial candidates, Buford Ellington and John Jay Hooker, for a banquet with Davidson County's Democratic Women. Bass made light of the muchpublicized incident where he had walked off the dais of the earlier dinner in Washington, Senator Bass quipped, "I wanted to come. I'm glad I came. I'm going to stay." Bass managed to exchange pleasantries with his opponent,

gesturing to their wives, Avanell and Lucile, and ed, "I want all the votes I said, "Governor, I think there's at least one way in which we're alike-we both outmarried ourselves."

All the candidates tried Senator Ross Bass had to keep the tone light and "nonpolitical." Clement spoke about supporting the troops in Vietnam, returning to his old-time oratory, which had been missing through much of the campaign. It was likely John Jay Hooker who got off the best quip of the evening, when he looked at Governor Clement and former governor Ellingat being governor of Tennessee, but you know they haven't exactly passed the job around the last few vears."

> Clement used Bass's stomping out of the fundraiser in his own speeches.

While speaking to a was invited here...I wanted to come... I am going to stay until I have shaken every hand on this Courthouse lawn." That is precisely what the governor did after the conclusion of his thirty-minute speech. Whether Frank Clement was able to reinvent himself for the 1966 senatorial campaign remained to be seen. Both the governor and Senator Ross Bass campaigned at a furious pace in the humid heat of July. The outcome of the election would determine not only their own respective political fates, but that of Tennessee's politics for decades to come.

nessee. Baker carried Knox and Hamilton counties while Bass carried Davidson and Shelby counties.

Still, Baker won more than 46% of the vote in the late E. H. Crump's former domain of Shelby County; only in Davidson County did Ross Bass win by something resembling the kind of majority received by a Democrat. In Davidson County, Baker won less than 40% of the vote.

The final tally was Ross Bass winning with 568,905 votes to 517,330 for Howard Baker. Dan Kuykendall, the GOP nominee against Albert Gore, won 46% of the vote in the general election. Lyndon Johnson beat Barry Goldwater with 634,947 votes to 508,965 for the Arizona senator. Howard Baker had actually run ahead of Barry Goldwater in Tennessee. Ross Bass had run less than 2,000 votes behind Albert Gore.

more closely than Governor Frank Clement. The governor had once been confined to private life, a dismal four-year period of forced exile from the governor's mansion. Even though he had lost the primary election for the U. S. Senate to Ross Bass in 1964, he had another

Kovach conceded all of Clement's actions fit perfectly well within the expected role of a governor, but insisted they also helped to refurbish the governor's tarnished image.

Bill Kovach's suspicions were well founded; few people in Tennessee who knew anything about politics thought Frank Clement would simply leave quietly.

Most considered it a certainty that Clement wanted to vindicate himself by defeating Senator Ross Bass in the Democratic primary and go to Washington, D.C. and take his seat as a member of the United States Senate.

The governor got quite No one watched events a lot of publicity when he called the Tennessee General Assembly into special session on March 14 to consider property tax assessments and a \$25 million surplus. Clement wanted the legislature to propose an amendment to Tennessee's Constitution "to classify property-which will allow it candidate Howard Baker

in 1963, finding "that his predecessor, Mr. Buford Ellington, had left the revenue cupboard bare." Not only that, but Ellington, according to the Tennessean, "also left a tremendous backlog of untended needs in education, mental health and other areas of service." The Tennessean gave Clement no credit for tending to those needs; rather, the Nashville newspaper snapped Clement had gone "overboard" in proposing new taxes to address those needs it cited. The Tennessean complained "the amazing thing about the Clement-Ellington years is that the on-again, off-again tax programs have kept the state lagging in mental health and education."

The Tennessean was solidly in Senator Ross Bass's corner and would strongly back the gubernatorial campaign of first-time candidate John Jay Hooker against Buford Ellington's comeback in 1966. Plans for Frank Clement's comeback were also underway as the Jackson Sun reported petitions were being circulated to qualify the governor to seek the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in Madison County on May 13, 1966. The Sun also noted prospective GOP

Referring to the constant speculation about his future political plans, Clement said, "I am today ending that speculation and uncertainty by announcing to all the people of Tennessee that I will be a candidate for the United States Senate seat..."

When asked why he expected to be successful in 1966 for the same office he had sought in 1964 unsuccessfully, the governor had a somewhat flimsy response. "I had not yet reached the midpoint of a four-year term as governor then," Clement said. "I feel that in the last campaign I was in a poor position to have the record properly evaluated." When asked if he would take part in the coming primary fight between Buford Ellington and John Jay Hooker for



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The Knoxville FOCUS June 22, 2020 PAGE A6 **Civil Service Merit Board may sue city over HR decision**

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The debate took some time Tuesday but Mayor Indya Kincannon got her Human Resources Department approved in a final 7-2 vote. Council members Andrew Roberto and Amelia Parker opposed the new department that draws much of its power from the current Civil Service Merit

Several citizens took part in the ZOOM discussion. Some of the comments by council members and the public focused on the merit board secretary's current powers to oversee employee complaints, reviews and decisions.

Jamie Ballinger told the city council the board wants to be involved in the changes,

Board's executive secretary. had reviewed the initial pro- be strengthened. posal and may file a lawsuit if the HR department was approved. Board attorney Mike Winchester said the merit board's duties are detailed in the city charter and the council "cannot waive those duties."

Steve King, City Employ-Merit Board Chairwoman ees President, also spoke in opposition, asking the vote be postponed and the Civil Service Merit Board's rules

City Attorney Charles Swanson countered that employees will continue to have the right to appeal to the merit board "just the same as it happens right now."

Council attorney Rob Frost said he reviewed the HR policies and doesn't "see issues with the charter."

Some of the debate

centered on the classification of employees.

Mayor Kincannon said the Civil Service Merit Board has delegated most of its duties to Vickie Hatfield, executive secretary, and neglected their own duties.

Winchester said creating an HR Department "carves us out totally."

Swanson said that after multiple workshops and spending hours with the

public and the merit board, he saw no reason to delay a vote.

"I don't see us making in any progress," he said.

Several council members addressed the issue and Roberto was unsuccessful in getting a two-week delay.

Kincannon said she has a transition committee ready to go that includes Balllinger.

Commission candidates asked: Should the sheriff's department have a Citizen Review Committee?

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

There are four contested races for Knox County Commission for the general election in August. Early voting starts July 17th and The Focus asked each candidate several questions. The replies will be published in this and coming editions.

The city has a Police **Advisory and Review Committee. Should Knox County have** a similar oversight group? Explain.

District One

Dasha Lundy: Yes, because it will allow accountability and trust (if trust is ever possible) to take place between the community and law enforcement. With the state of society as it relates to policing, it will be a responsible next step to create an oversight board.

Reginald M. Jackson: I believe every law enforcement agency should have an oversight committee. To look over decisions made by the department that are under question.



Lundy



District Two

Courtney Durrett: Implied in the mandatory charter review requirement is that all county departments are to be reviewed. This includes the sheriff's department. When asked recently if the sheriff's department was going to review the procedures and requirements for the use of deadly force, Sheriff Spangler said, "I have no plans on changing any of the Knox County Sheriff's Office policies, I reviewed all polices/general orders when I took office in September of 2018." It seems to me any department head would welcome the opportunity to have an outside source validate that his/her department was functioning well and welcome suggestions for improvement.

As a public school teacher, my performance can be evaluated at any time, announced or unannounced, by administration, parents or other school officials.

We should hold the department created to protect and serve our community to the same standard



by implementing an oversight committee of the Knox County Sheriff's Office similar to that of PARC. It would improve transparency of the department and begin mending the bond between law enforcement and the community.

Grant Rosenberg: I would like to explore this concept. I think having an oversight committee would create more transparency, which in turn strengthens trust between law enforcement and the community. If the committee would have any direct oversight related to personnel matters, in order to ensure fairness and impartiality, we need to make sure that members evaluate the facts of each case before them.

District Four

Kyle Ward: Knox County is blessed to have one of, if not the best, police forces in the state, and I think we should always be looking for ways to improve upon that standard, especially in the context of our current national struggles. I am not convinced



that more political committees

are appropriate, but I believe

that a discussion about this issue

and its solutions is healthy and

Tom Frommeyer: Yes, there

should be a similar group for

the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

The Knoxville Police Advisory

and Review Committee (PARC)

says its purpose is to strength-

en the relationship between the

police and the citizens they serve

through an independent review of

police actions. If the KCSO does

not have something which meets

that description, then it's long

District Five

gler and his team have done a

great job of community outreach

to our county residents. As a

Commissioner I appreciate their

proactive approach. At the pres-

ent time, I don't see a need for a

Kimberly Peterson: Knox County

Sheriff's Department should have

Sheriff Advisory Committee.

John Schoonmaker: Sheriff Span-

past time that it did.

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needed.



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a community oversight board. In reading over the mandatory County Charter review requirement, there is language that states all county departments are to be reviewed. This caveat was put in place so that each department can have its performance and policies evaluated and to make necessary improvements. Our sheriff's department currently has no such advisory or oversight committee. It is reasonable to have a forum for community feedback when the taxpayers are funding the sheriff department's budget. Given the current climate where policing methods and tactics are being closely scrutinized and the public is demanding we evaluate how law enforcement ensures public safety for all its residents, this is the perfect time to create a group that can give recommendations and feedback to the sheriff's department. This would go a long way in fostering better trust and more positive relationships between the community and law enforcement officers

City revises police department's useof-force, code of conduct policies

The blame can be shared Continued from page 4

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"As part of our accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), we are constantly reviewing and fine-tuning our policies to ensure sible standard. A tremen- removed the Lateral Vasdous amount of work over the continued evolution of approved response to resisthe Use of Force policy in tance. The LVNR, which is

particular, which provided a good starting place for this review. We feel that these changes strengthen KPD policy and affirmatively address the concerns of the community."

The most notable they meet the highest pos- change is that the KPD has cular Neck Restraint, or bithe years has gone into lateral neck restraint, as an

not considered a choke- specific language requiring hold and does not restrict airflow when applied, was the only approved neck restraint previously allowed within the most recent KPD policy.

The KPD will also require officers to report instances when they intentionally point a firearm directly at a subject, even if the weapon is not fired.

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KPD employees to intervene in situations when an officer is using, or is about to use, force in violation of policy has been added to the KPD Code of Conduct and the department's Use of Force Policy.

These changes and other revisions can be found in the new policy posted at www.knoxvilletn.gov/kpd.

their pain, although we can never understand it. We the problems of our counwant all to work to put an end to the inequalities of this nation. A new culture in all communities must grow if the problem is to be solved. That means white folks need to work to give black folks the same opportunities. It also means that knowledge that the God black people realize that not all white people are to blame for the poor conditions in which they find themselves.

We can solve most of try. We must do it through electing officials who will invest in improvements. We must do it through peaceful protests that quickly prevent any looting and arson and stealing. Most of all, we must do it through the that created the world created and loves each of us. "Red and yellow, black and white, we are precious in His sight."

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Pro Hitting Knoxville to host charity baseball at Smokies Stadium

By Ken Lay

The Coronavirus pandemic brought a halt to the 2020 high school and college baseball seasons. But now that things have begun to open

up in Tennessee, various high school summer leagues are being contested around the state.

Some local college players will now get to play in charity games at Smokies Stadium in Kodak. Pro Hitting Baseball of Knoxville recently announced that it will host the First Annual Play to Give Back Classic in Sevier County on July 11-12. The first game will

be on July 11 at 1 p.m. and a second game will be contested On July 12 at 6 p.m.

The game will feature college players, many with Knoxville ties and proceeds will benefit Knox County Rescue and Metro Youth Sports. "This came together

when things started to

open up," said Pro Hitting Knoxville's Guillermo Martinez, who is the hitting coach for the Toronto Blue Jays. "We'll have college players. We'll have players from the Knoxville Area, including players from Hardin Valley and Farragut.

"We will play for charity. One team will play for the first responders on the help the first respondfront lines during this pandemic. The other charity will be to help young players who may not be able to afford gloves or equipment to play baseball. We really wanted to use this to kill three birds with one stone. We wanted to get players back on the field. We wanted to

ers and we wanted to help young players."

Tickets for each game are \$5. They may be purchased at Pro Hitting Knoxville or at Tennessee Sporting Goods. They may also be purchased at Smokies Stadium on game days.

West Rebels join middle school football league

By Steve Williams

The MAC has picked up a whopper.

The West Youth Football program has joined the MAC, a local middle school football league that had its inaugural season last year.

West has the makings of being a strong addition to the league. Its youth program won 14U and 12U championships last fall in the Knox Metro Youth Football League. John Harrison is its commissioner.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade players zoned for West High School, who primarily attend the Bearden and Northwest middle schools, will make up the West JV and varsity teams.

The Rebels' head coach is Jeff Francis, a former UT quarterback who has been coaching in the KMYFL for many years. Francis directed West to the 14U title in 2019, while one of his assistant coaches, Rich DuBon, guided last season's 12U team to top honors.

Some 40 youngsters had their third preseason workout on the West High field June 16 and will resume practice July 6 after the (TSSAA) Dead Period. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Coach Francis said he was "stressing the players to wash their hands."



Francis' objective when it comes to middle school football is that vision is

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PAGE B2 The Knoxville FOCUS June 22, 2020 J.D. Johnson named boys basketball coach at CAK

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville has found its next boys basketball coach.

The school announced that it has hired J.D. Johnson to replace Shane Wells, who left after 11 years to take the head coaching position at Hardin Valley Academy.

the last several years in North Carolina and CAK athletic director Ried Estus said that he was looking for a coach like Johnson to lead the Warriors.

"Johnson is exactly what we were looking for when opened the search," Estus said. "He is a Godly man, an experienced and proven coach, and has the academic credentials worthy to join our excellent teaching faculty."

A former college basketball player at Lake Erie College, Johnson began coaching in 2007. He has since built an impressive coaching record.

In 2016, he was the assistant head coach at High Point Christian Acad-

Championship Game.

He later became the head coach at Statesville Christian. There, he shattered school win records and made an appearance in the state's Elite 8.

His coaching stops in North Carolina also included stints at Cape Fear Johnson, a native of Christian Academy and Cleveland, Ohio, has spent Freedom Christian Academv.

> At Freedom Christian, he served as an assistant coach under former Grace Christian Academy coach Brandon Clifford.

> Clifford coached the Rams from 2017-2019 and led the Rams to Division II-A State Championship in 2018. Grace beat East Tennessee rival Webb School of Knoxville to claim the title.

> teach high school history at CAK, said he found the perfect fit with the Warriors and at the school.

"I've been a teacher for 14 years and I've been in hungry group (of basketprivate Christian schools for the last eight years," Johnson said. "The thing emy. That team made an that appealed to me about appearance in the North CAK is that they place lives and the times that

Carolina High School State an emphasis on spiritual I've been able to spend development and they have with them so far have been high level academics.

> "They also have athletic excellence and athletics is big for the other two. The school was a perfect fit. It's also a place where I can stay for a long time and build a program."

The Warriors went 21-12 last season and reached the first round of the state tournament.

At CAK, Johnson will inherit a team with youthful experience and he's looking forward to working with the squad.

"I love working at a Christian school and having the opportunity to share my faith and the gospel with students and families on a daily basis," he said. I'm excited that CAK has a simultaneous commitment Johnson, who will also to spiritual development, academic excellence while recognizing the importance of athletics and the role it plays in education.

> "We have a young and ball players) that are eager to learn. Basketball is a great tool to prepare them for the next phases of their

extremely joyful."

Johnson is one of several new coaches in the area and one of two in Division II-A East Region 1.

Other hires around Knox County

Grace Christian has hired J.P. Payne.

Payne replaces Mark White who only coached the Rams for one season. Payne is no stranger to GCA. He was an assistant under White last season and has also been a coach in the Rams' middle school program. He has also worked with Grace football coach Rusty Bradley.

Meanwhile, in South Knoxville, South-Doyle High School has hired Ryan Ross to replace Brian Stewart, who left to become an assistant coach at Anderson County after leading the Cherokees to a 22-9 record and a regional tournament semifinal appearance last season.

South-Doyle will return four starters this winter.

At West High, Aubin



J.D. Johnson

Goporo takes the reins for Air Academy in Melbourne, the Rebels.

head coach Chris Kesler and most recently served as the Director of Student-Athlete Development under Rick Barnes at the University of Tennessee.

Goporo previously served as an assistant coach at Louisiana-Lafayette.

He last coached high school basketball at Florida

Florida. There, he won 352 He replaces longtime games and three Class 3A State Championships.

> Goporo is one of three new coaches in District 4-AAA, joining Wells at Hardin Valley and Josh Brannon at Lenoir City.

> Brannon has been an assistant to Jody Wright at Fulton and served as the head girls coach at Central.

New coach wants Roadrunners to be smart and fast

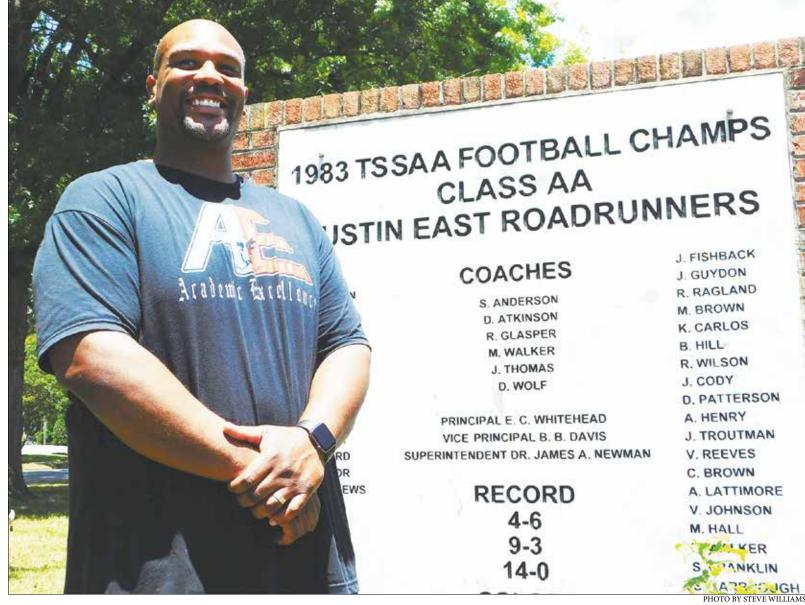
By Steve Williams

New Austin-East head football coach Antonio Mays will be putting academics before athletics.

He feels strongly that his plan will produce victories on the field now and later in life for his players.

"There's two numbers that we need to be concerned with," he said Thursday. "That's 3.0 and 21 on the ACT. Ninety-eight percent of high school athletes that play football will not go on to play in college as a scholarship athlete.

"Austin-East and Fulton are center city schools. The University of Tennessee has recognized A-E and Fulton that if we can maintain a core GPA of 3.0 and get a 21 on the ACT, our children can go to school there for free. That's what is important to me." Mays, 42, has replaced Jeff Phillips, who resigned earlier this year after seven seasons as the Roadrunners' head coach. He has been on the A-E staff for the past five seasons and the defensive coordinator the last four years. Mays also is the 11th grade college career access coach for Project GRAD at Austin-East. "I absolutely want to beat and dominate every team that we play, but we're going to use football to do something other than football," he explained. "That's why God put me in this place. Our kids need to be able to go into college and be able to deal with that academic rigor. Hopefully, the lessons they learn on that football field and the study table that we have throughout the week will prepare them for that. "Once that ball is rolling, games will be won, because when you put things in place and start doing things the right way, winning becomes a byproduct. If my main focus is to go out there and win football games, then I'm doing more damage than good to these families."



Mays grew up in Iowa. He played high school football at Waterloo East and

graduated in 1996. He was highly recruited by lowa State and started at defensive tackle as a freshman. He later transferred to Southern University and A&M College, a historically black university, in Baton Rouge and played one year with the Jacksonville Jaguars in the NFL under Tom Coughlin before being as soon as he arrived at released.

Antonio fulfilled a promise to his mother, Elizabeth Anderson, and went back to Southern and earned his undergraduate degree in communications and sociology. He followed that with a stint as a graduate assistant at Northern lowa.

head coach at his high school alma mater in Waterloo and coached the Trojans for three seasons.

His wife, LaToiya, got a "great position" with Kimberly-Clark and that

brought them to Knoxville. Armstead has been trying to come straight at us. Antonio's family includes son Jordan Snipes, 22, and 10-year-old daughter Kyndall Mays.

Mays first worked at Whittle Springs Middle School as a behavior interventionist and then with Project GRAD.

He said "it felt like home" A-E

"I'm real fortunate to be in this position and I thank God for putting me here," he said. "I thank Ronni Chandler (Executive Director / CEO - Project GRAD Knoxville) for giving me her permission to apply for the job. I thank (A-E principal) Nathan Langlois and (A-E In 2007, Mays became Athletic Director) Alvin Armstead for approving of me."

> Mays says his all-time favorite style of play is the old school smash mouth way. Move the chains and control the clock. He said

to get him to play a 4-4 defense for years.

Antonio Mays, new head football coach at Austin-East High, takes over a program with a rich tradition.

"But that style is not conducive to Austin-East,"

said Mays. "We are Roadrunners and not just by mascot. You won't find too many big kids around here, but our kids can run. So with that being said, we have to create a system that allows that strength to be showcased offensively, defensively and special teams-wise.

"Like I said in my interview, my offensive philosophy is a race to space. We're trying to get our fast guy matched up with your guy and we think our guys are going to be a little faster than your guys.

"Defensively, we are an attacking, spilling defense. We're going to make the ball spill and go outside. We want that offensive ball carrier to run laterally. We don't want that ball

Whatever we need to do to make that ball bounce, that's what we'll do."

Putting academics before athletics, Coach Mays plans to have a smart team as well.

Mays is A-E's 12th head football coach

Austin-East High will be led by Antonio Mays, its 12th head coach in school history, when the 2020 season kicks off. Other former head coaches of the **Roadrunners:**

Bob Polston	Stanton Stevens	
Raleigh Wynn Sr.	Kawyu Graham	
James Thomas	James Gillard	
Emmitt Yette		
Sam Anderson	Brian Pankey	
Richard Glasper	Jeff Phillips	

PAGE B3 June 22, 2020 www.knoxfocus.com KCS hosts summer league baseball, falls to Wildcats

By Ken Lay

Knoxville Christian School baseball coach John Barry is delighted to see his team get to play this summer, although he's been less than thrilled with the Knights' results on the field.

"I think that overall, we would like to see more from our players," Barry said after the Knights lost a 13-4 tilt to the Seymour Wildcats Thursday night at KCS. "This is a chance for our guys to get a chance to play and it's a way for us to give our seniors one last send-off before they go off to college.

The summer league at Knoxville Christian features teams from Maryville, Fountain City, Harriman, Powell and Sweetwater tangling with the Knights.

Games are played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the KCS baseball diamond. And while the majority of those wearing Knights' colors attend Knoxville Christian, Barry opened his team up to anyone who wanted to play.

Bryson Cochran, Ben Carroll, Devon Cogossi, Jackson Bashore, Aaron Tipton, Max Hoshette,



Knoxville Christian pitcher Devon Cogossi delivers a pitch in a summer league game Thursday night at KCS. The Knights and four other teams are competing in a high school league in West Knoxville. The Knights dropped a 13-4 decision to Sweetwater late last week.

Caden Merritt, Carpenter Ford, Josiah Mynatt, Edwin Heig and Lucas O'Bough all attend KCS.

ers, Spencer Hudson and dant of Alvin C. York, the Wyatt Davis are on the World War I hero for whom team along with Ty Hamilton (Tellico Plains), Tommy

Behrens (Christian Acad-York.

York is a product of York But two Gibbs play- Institute and is a descenthe school is named.

the top of the first inning when York singled and later mate was caught in a rundown.

against the Wildcats, the were plagued by wild pitchemy of Knoxville) and C.J. Knights took a 1-0 lead in es and errors. Sweetwater scored three runs in the first and four more in the came home when a team- second to take a 7-1 lead.

KCS pulled to within 7-2 in the top of the third Bobcats (Fountain City) on Then things came unrav- frame when Ford scored on In Thursday's game eled for the Knights, who a wild pitch after drawing

a leadoff walk. Ford, a catcher, will be an eighth grader at KCS when school resumes in the fall.

The Wildcats scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to extend their advantage to 10-2.

In the top of the fourth the Knights got a leadoff double from Carroll, who later scored on a Sweetwater error to make it 10-3.

KCS added its final run in the fifth when Merritt scored on a wild pitch. He reached on a single to open the inning. He stole second before taking third when Ford grounded out.

The Wildcats scored a run in the bottom of the fourth and added two additional runs in the bottom of the fifth.

The Knights return to action today (June 22) when they play the Eagles at 4:30 p.m. The Eagles are comprised by studentathletes from First Baptist Academy in Powell and Barry said that the KCS summer league was the brainchild of he and FBA coach Jay Scarbro.

The Eagles will play the Tuesday night at 7.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK Super year for local prep baseball talent

By Steve Williams

Local high school baseball fans missed out on seeing a lot of good individual talent in the Knoxville area this season due to the coronavirus pandemic halting play in mid-March.

Eleven players from Knox County teams have signed Division 1 college scholarships.

That prestigious list includes: Jacob Balsley, Bearden (San Diego State); Adam Birkholz, Farragut (ETSU); Lukas Cook, Hardin Valley (South Carolina): Rvan Hagenow, Farragut (Kentucky); Austin Jaslove, CAK (Tennessee); Will

Jenkins, Grace Christian (Belmont); Connor Jurek, CAK (USC Upstate); Mason Patel, Webb (Georgia State); Drew Patterson, Farragut (Tennessee); Walker Trusley, Powell (ETSU); and Jake Wilhoit, West (Davidson).

CAVS CRUISING: The Sevier County Cavaliers

were leading the East **Tennessee High School** Baseball League's Western Division at Smokies Park with a 4-0 record as of Friday. Following the Cavs

in the standings were the Seymour Lumber Kings (3-0-1), South-Doyle Knights (3-0)

and Hardin Valley Knox Hawks (2-0-1).

Play continues today (June 22) with three games. Clinton Riverdogs play the Knox Hawks at 2:30, followed by Hardin Valley Valley Hawks vs. the Knights at 5 and Jeffferson County Pirates vs. the Knox Hawks at 7:30.

Tuesday's schedule matches the Pirates against the Cavaliers at 5 and the Carter Mean Green against the Valley Hawks at 7:30.

DEAD PERIOD: The

(June 22) and will last through Sunday, Aug. 5.

The TSSAA Legislative Council held a special called meeting June 4 to discuss the summer Dead Period. While some felt that the Dead Period had been made superfluous due to the COVID-19 pandemic response, the motion to make changes to the 2020 Dead Period failed by a vote of 6-6.

"We don't ever want to put sports before families, and many families make plans for the Dead Period every year," said Bernard Childress, Executive Director of the TSSAA. "This is not the first year we've had

the Dead Period and as eager as coaches are to get back to their routine, the Council ultimately felt that there wasn't a strong enough case for doing away with it this year."

TEE IT UP: Farragut's Lexanne Halama, one of the state's top prep golfers, said Thursday she will be playing in the Tennessee Girls Junior at Three Ridges this week.

Halama, who will be a senior this coming school year, noted she also will be playing a couple AJGA tournaments in July.



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TSSAA Dead Period for high school athletes and teams starts today

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West Rebels join middle school football league **Cont. from page 1**_____ since the defunct Knoxville and support the kids."

tory.

"I feel like at the middle in the 1980s. school level the coach's No.1 job is to give them a vision for playing high school football," he said. "As a parent, I'm a big believer in high school football and that young men don't need to have so much idle time. Football is a great way to keep them busy and focused and give them a purpose to play for something bigger."

Francis also believes his role is to teach the players fundamentals to get them ready for the high school game.

"But more importantly, enjoy the game enough to where they want to play high school football," he added. "If you win along the way, that's great."

Francis said he is hoping to have 60 players for the start of the season.

The MAC was formed primarily because there hadn't been school sponsored teams in Knox County

more important than vic- city school system funded junior high football teams sity games will be played

> The West middle school and 8, starting Aug. 6. team will be a feeder program for West High.

us moving to the MAC," said Halls at Karns, Hardin West High Coach Lamar Brown. "I think the kids are Alcoa at Carter. Farragut excited because they get has an open date Week 1 to play on the high school and plays at Halls in Week field. It gives our commu- 2. nity a chance to come out

Junior varsity and varon Thursday nights at 6:30

West will open at home against Gibbs. Other "I am really excited about season openers include Valley at Bearden and



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10 and 0 Was Not Enough for the Warriors

By Tom Heck

Coach Hoyt Carroll welcomed 35 boys to the freshmen football team of Holston High in August of 1967. That group went undefeated and unscored on as freshmen. They suffered through a rugged sophomore season of 1 and 9 where many of them were forced into starting roles. Their junior year saw a turn back to the winning ways with a respectable seven wins and three losses. That season of 1969 also marked the beginning of the TSSAA Playoffs and introduced the hunger for the Playoffs to high school football in Tennessee.

Holston began practice in the summer of 1970 as favorites in the KIL returning 12 starters from the '69 team, plus many players who had played key roles as reserves. The playoffs though dominated the thoughts of the team. Chris Carroll (Coach Carroll's son) said, "The team only thought about winning a State Championship, going undefeated and winning the KIL were just secondary accomplishments."

As Coach Hoyt Carroll said, "We have experience and an excellent attitude. In fact in my 20 years as a coach, l've never been associated with a more enthusiastic group. Our kids are anxious to play." Rick Acuff the right guard said, "We did not think about anyone beating us, just winning." The Warriors were mentally ready for the 1970 season. It would be up to Coach Carroll, Coach Loveday and Coach Carpenter to get them physically ready and those gentlemen made sure



The 1970 Warriors.

the Warriors were ready! Central was the first test. The Bobcats were special for Coach Carroll who had been an All-State player at Knoxville High and was part of the rivalry of the Trojans and Bobcats. The Warriors approached the game with a nasty attitude and the defense showed it allowing only 6 1st downs and scoring a touchdown on a Jack Haun 66 yard interception

return. The offense was led by Steve Slack and Greg Fansler who both made big plays that led to a 15 to 0 victory that gave the Warriors its third win over Central in school history.

The Warriors ran roughshod over the next two opponents beating Newport 56 to 0 and West 27 to 0. The offense for this team was led by a Quarterback who inspired confidence, Mike Lewis. Running Backs Steve Slack, Terry Carter and Chris Carroll were always a threat and Ends Greg Fansler and Vic Dyer could run great routes. The Offensive Line of Steve Hall, Steve Huettel, Bill Rust, Rick Acuff and Jerry Davis were tough and ready to make the offense go.

the Smokey Bears from Sevier County and faced a real battle in a pouring rain.

Rick Acuff described, "The water being a foot deep on the sideline and an hour and a half rain delay." The Warrior defense only allowed 37 total yards, but suffered four fumbles including one in its own end zone and yet Holston came out on top 16 to 12.

Two longtime rivals Fulton and Austin East were next on the schedule. Fulton fell 21 to 0 and AE went down 22 to 0. Coach Carroll was always known in Knoxville for his defenses and this group in Hoyt's Western Kentucky 4 -4 was special. Ronnie McGaha, Jack Hahn, Jerry Davis and Terry Ruth made up a rugged front four. The Line Backers were Steve Huettel, Terry Carter, Steve Slack and Steve Morris. The Secondary was Danny Condry, Mickey Lawson and Chris Carroll.

Bearden proved to be a tough test. The Bulldogs led by Rocky Goode hosted the Warriors in a battle that came down to the last 24 seconds tied 6 to 6. Steve Huettel had missed Holston's extra point and Jerry Davis had blocked Rocky Goode's xtra point The boys traveled to meet on Bearden's score, but Coach Carroll did not hesitate he called on his senior Steve Huettel to kick a 30 win streak alive. Steve without time to think kicked it through the uprights!

Steve told me what the kick meant to his life, "Had that kick failed, I most likely would never have gone to college, had a successful football career at Southern Mississippi, got my teaching degree, taught for 42 years and coached football for 25 years. I am very thankful for the opportunity Coach Carroll entrusted me because it changed my whole life! I will be forever grateful!"

The final three tests would determine the chances for the playoffs for the Warriors. The first test was passed with a 50 to 14 win over Morristown West, 37 to 6. In game ten of the Warriors cruised to a 36 to 0 victory over Chattanooga Tyner ensuring their perfect season.

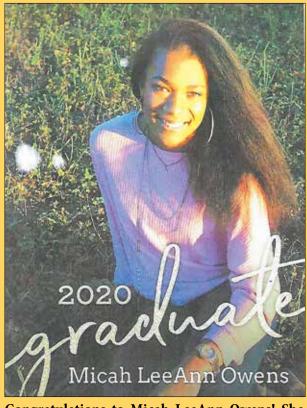
Game 9 with Doyle had a some interesting twists as a recent conversation with two members of the Doyle team showed. David Shope gave the Pioneers a 6 to 0 lead when he returned a fumbled punt for a touchdown, marking the only time the Warriors trailed during the 70 season. Dr. Danny Cox was a defensive back for the Pioneers and remembers the perfect hit he made on Steve Slack only to have Steve ramble on through the tackle for 20 more yards. The Warriors went on to win the game 36 - 7.

That group of boys who had come together in the summer of 1967 had become the men who had run through a 10 victory 1970 season in which the Warriors had scored

yard field goal to keep the 289 points and held its life, but they would never opponents to 38 points. Despite their dominant performance, there would be no playoff experience. The **TSSAA Playoff system only** allowed 4 playoff teams in the state for AAA. The point system devised placed Bristol High above Holston, the Warriors were out. An invitation to the Optimist Bowl was received but was unanimously rejected by the team. The season was over. This group of young men

would go on to have success in basketball, baseball and more importantly

be together on the gridiron again. This fall will mark the 50th anniversary of their accomplishment. They are an amazing group who were denied their one goal of the Playoffs. Coach Carroll said how special they are when he described how he felt when the season ended, "I can't really enjoy it, because so many of these players are leaving. Our seniors, and there are a lot of them, really have come through. I will miss them more than any other group I've ever coached."



Congratulations to Micah LeeAnn Owens! She recently graduated as valedictorian of Daniel 1 Academy in Cookeville. Micah is the daughter of Dana and Rev. Dr. Robert Owens III and granddaughter of Robert and Dr. Rosemary Owens and Dan and Gaynell Mason. Micah will be graduating with a 4.0 from Volunteer State Community College with her associate's degree and attending UT as a Haslam Honors Scholar.





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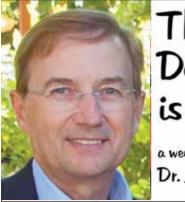
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Push Back

You would have to be proverbially brain dead to be unaware of the state of affairs in America. Political animus, the COVID-19 pandemic, a damaged economy with destroyed livelihoods, the left's hatred of the President and America, Chinese communism on the move, race riots and lawlessness read like Bill Murray's intro in the movie Scrooged and are daunting challenges for our country. However, as I see videos of the zombielike people of CHAZ/CHOP, I realize many are clueless and there is little I can do for these confused souls other than prayer and prevent them from hurting others. Unfortunately, engaged citizens are again on the defensive, and that is a poor game plan.

As an internist I deal with illness, diagnosis and treatment. I often understand "how?" something developed. But I admit that I am challenged "why?" our country is in such a mess. It's certainly

possible Forrest Gump is right and [stuff] just happens or that things are so complex we merely scratch at the surface of understanding, searching for the root cause of our sickness.

The process of scientific reductionism takes a complex issue apart and attempts to understand the various components with the belief that if these are understood then we will be able to understand the complex whole. Medicine approaches the "fearfully and wonderfully made" (human being) in this fashion. But I argue that we are more than the sum of our parts and science can only take us so far.

I can comprehend the COVID-19 pandemic where a virus escaped from Chinese laboratory control. I can even understand the actions of the Chinese communist government utilizing the CYB clause (cover your booty). America's early COVID response was logical and based

on models, expert opinion and illness observed in other countries like Italy. And it was logical to guard against the collapse of America's healthcare system from the epidemic. But the models and experts were wrong and the mission then changed. What was initially a policy of sheltering in place for several weeks to "bend the curve" and protect the healthcare system from collapse has now morphed into preventing infection and death. We are in the fourth month of shutdown, with a damaged economy, our freedoms under assault, wearing masks of fear and hoping for a miracle vaccine or medication.

Though I am at higher risk of COVID-19 complications because of my age and prior cancer, I refuse to cower in fear. I will continue social distancing and careful hygiene, but I refuse to remain locked up. Actually, I am more fearful of the lawlessness mob (see last week's essay) and the radical BLM (black lives matter) movement than COVID-19. What kind of America demands that I denounce "Blue lives matter" or "All lives matter" and take a knee to the newest tyranny of BLM? Just as the pandemic mission changed, justice for George Floyd has been hijacked by radical leftists who use the mob as a cudgel to control politicians, corporations and

Americans.

At the risk of the mob being turned upon me, you should understand what the BLM movement espouses. Their demands include reparations, "community control of laws, institutions and policies" (defund the police), "radical transformation" of America rather than reform, "disruption of nuclear families and replacement with extended families and villages," globalism rather than nationalism with defined borders, "decriminalization of drugs" and dismissal of all drug, youth and sex-worker related offenses, "protection and respect for those who violate property during protests" and "economic justice" through socialistic "community ownership."

How and why has BLM become the tail that wags the dog? I find it very distasteful to speak of race and demographics, but since the Democrat party, leftists and BLM sees everything through the lens of color, black people comprise 13% of the American population whereas Caucasians total 76%. Even if others of color are glommed onto BLM, the movement comprises a minority of the population. No segment of America is uniform. Other elements of our population are strangely sympathetic to the BLM cultural revolution, especially millennials. Perhaps they do not understand what they are supporting and merely virtue signaling.

Though there are individual racists, I reject the notion that America is systemically racist. The NYT's 1619 project is dishonest. Though racism has existed through all of recorded history, America, like other civilized countries, has renounced this perspective. We fought a bloody Civil War and proclaimed the Emancipation Proclamation. We then amended the Constitution abolishing slavery with the 13th Amendment and followed with the 15th Amendment guaranteeing all citizens the right to vote. (It would take the 19th Amendment to extend suffrage to women.) The Supreme Court ended racial segregation in schools (Brown vs. Board of Education). Civil Rights Acts were passed by Congress in 1957 and 1964, and Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson used Federal troops to uphold the law and America's will.

Personally, I don't know a racist. I judge a person by their actions not by their skin color. Apparently, there are those who believe that skin color defines a person, justifies the assignment of victim status and entitles someone to unearned money and benefits.

It is undeniable that large American urban

areas run by Democrats are hotbeds of poverty, crime and failed policies. Enabling people to be selfsufficient and to succeed is not conducive to control. Historically, Democrats were the party of slavery, Jim Crow and the KKK. The record shows that the Democrats have not liberated impoverished people and now have shifted their focus to the importation of a new class of impoverished Hispanic peoples who hope that Democrats will give them a hand up. They will not.

I theorize that Democrats cultivating Hispanics and the assumption that black people will always vote Democrat is the genesis of the BLM movement. I believe the movement has concluded that Democrats are not their friends and have decided to use the George Floyd murder as an opportunity to promote their revolution.

It is time to step up and push back against the radicals, the Democrat leadership, the utterly dishonest media, elitist academia, Washington deep state and vacuous Hollyweirds. Trump was elected to push back and "make America great again." This is a revolution I can support and so should you.

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

Everyone Needs Compassion

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State's economic recovery group looks for more masks for residents

Allan preached a famous sermon in 1926 that contained a poem about the life of Jesus. The poem is entitled "One Solitary Life." Here are the closing lines: "I am far of Christ

within the mark

when I say that

all the armies that ever

marched, and all the navies

that were ever built, and all

the parliaments that ever

sat and all the kings that

ever reigned, put together,

have not affected the life

of man upon the earth as

powerfully as has this one

It is amazing what "one

life" is able to accomplish.

At times I believe we min-

imize our influence and

example in the world. We

think: "What really can

my life contribute to this

world?" Jesus would say,

at Jesus' humble begin-

nings, most people would

have said Jesus would

not accomplish much. He

was born in a small town

to a poor teenage girl. He

was not born in the right

family or town. He did not

get any awards. He did not

own any land or property.

He did not have the right

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By Mark Brackney, Minister of the

might say up to thirty years of age his life was pretty uneventful. But, all of that changed. "one life" began **Arlington Church** to meet one need

> recorded in the Gospels. He focused on one person at a time, and what a difference that made in the world.

Sometimes in attempting to meet people's needs we believe our effort was not appreciated. We need to remember that needy people are focused pretty much on themselves because they are trying to survive. We can become worn out because it seems like so many people need something. Our heart says to help those around us but our tank seems empty. This is the way Jesus may have felt in Matthew 14. Jesus gets word that his cousin, John the Baptist, was beheaded. Jesus needs some time alone, but when the crowds saw Jesus get away, they followed him. When Jesus saw the crowds, instead of getting upset and dismissing them, "He had compassion on them and healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14).

The crowds continue

there are 5,000 not counting women and children. Jesus' compassion drove him to feed the massive crowd miraculously. After this miracle, Jesus sends the disciples across the Sea of Galilee and later Jesus joins them by walking on the water and calming a terrible storm they were in. They arrived in the territory of the Gentiles where Jesus healed the daughter of a Canaanite woman and a crowd of 4,000 not counting women and children arrive to be healed by Jesus. Once again, we see Jesus respond to the people with compassion (Matthew 15:32). Jesus feeds another crowd, a Gentile crowd this time. Jesus teaches us that compassion is an emotion that elicits a physical response. Jesus sees brokenness around him and he responds. Compassion is the energy or fuel for meeting needs around us. Let us take the lead from Jesus and see people for who they are. Let us step into their shoes. We don't decide to help people if they deserve it, if they have the right color of skin, if they are like us. We help people when we have compassion. We begin to stop judging and we start loving. Truly, everyone needs compassion. Let's show it to

those around us.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) has developed the TN Strong Mask Movement, partnering with more than 30 flagship brands to distribute close to 300,000 free or low-cost cloth face coverings, at a projected value of more than \$3 million, across the state. Now, residents can stay safe while wearing brands synonymous with Tennessee from the worlds of sports, education, and business.

"Tennesseans have stepped up to do their part and keep their neighbors safe throughout this health crisis," said Mark Ezell, Director of the Economic Recovery Group. "The more we can encourage masks and make them fun, the better we can mitigate the spread of the COVID-19. These businesses are the heart and soul of Tennessee, and we're grateful to them for helping our citizens stay healthy and have a little fun sporting their favorite brands while they're at it.'

The CDC recently released new guidance for public events and gatherings, strongly encouraging wearing masks to lower the risk of exposure and reduce the spread of COVID-19. As Tennessee safely continues to reopen the economy and residents and travelers alike move about the state, masks have become an important health accessory.

"We are so appreciative of Governor Lee and Commissioner Ezell to include the Nashville Predators in promoting the use of masks so SMASHVILLE can continue to open in the safest possible manner," Nashville Predators President/CEO Sean Henry said. "By creating SMASHVILLE Strong and Predatorthemed masks, we can all show our passion for the Preds while reinforcing the use of face coverings as we work to re-launch the economy and local businesses."

Each business will distribute branded

cloth face coverings at little to no cost across their own channels or with the help of the State of Tennessee, which could include employees, fans or nonprofit partnerships. Companies can visit https://tn.gov/governor/covid-19/ economic-recovery/mask-movement for additional information. The general public can also visit the link above to order a TN Strong branded mask.

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occur all year long. Last November, Knox Heritage celebrated many of these stories at the annual preservation awards event held at the Bijou Theater. Projects such as the Campbell Station Inn in Farragut, the General Wilder House on Riverside Drive, and First Presbyterian Church downtown were recognized along with exceptional volunteers and community partners, including former City of Knoxville Mayor Rogero and WBIR for their coverage of abandoned places. The complete list of award winners can be found at knoxheritage.org.

The annual Knox Heritage Fragile and Fading list, traditionally released in May, spotlights significant properties and neighborhoods still in need of preservation strategies. The goal is to strengthen community advocacy and support in order to initiate change before these places are lost forever. Property owners, community leaders, citizens and preservation professionals all play a role in

Preservation success stories overcoming the challenges these places face.

> The Knox Heritage mission is to preserve structures and places of historic or cultural significance for our community. Historic preservation conserves resources, maintains beautiful architecture, sustains the local economy, creates new jobs, grows heritage tourism, stabilizes neighborhoods, and keep the community connected with its shared history. This year KH revisits the 2019 list and find forward movement with one, four places that are still very fragile, and three others that are fading fast and need the most urgent responses.

Forward Movement Eugenia Williams House 4848 Lyons View Pike

In 1940, Eugenia Williams commissioned her childhood friend, John Fanz Staub, to design a new residence on Lyons View Pike. Staub, a native Knoxvillian and University of Tennessee graduby designing homes for wealthy neighborhood and was the site of Williams' Regency-style home sits on 24 acres bordering the Tennessee River and still has most of its original design features intact. In 1998, the house was willed to the University of Tennessee as a memorial to Eugenia's father. However, the property languished for years as plans for how to use it never materialized. In 2019, the University of Tennessee obtained approval to sell the property and the Aslan Foundation placed the winning bid. Funds from the sale will start a University of Tennessee scholarship program named in honor of Eugenia William's father. Knox Heritage will hold a preservation easement on the house. It is a great example of several entities working together to overcome a difficult challenge.

Still Fragile **Fort Sanders Historic District**

Fort Sanders is named for the Civil War-era Union bastion that ate, gained national prominence once stood near the center of the ment or from neglect. The historic

and influential Texans. Eugenia a key engagement in 1863. During the 1880s, several of Knoxville's wealthiest residents built notable houses in the area alongside more modest dwellings for plant managers and workers employed in factories along Second Creek. Fort Sanders' residents included some of Knoxville's leading industrialists and politicians, as well as professors from the University of Tennessee and the author James Agee. Today, the neighborhood still contains a notable number of its original Victorian-era houses and other buildings which were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 as the Fort Sanders Historic District.

> Fort Sanders suffers from popularity. Its close proximity to downtown Knoxville and The University of Tennessee makes it an ideal location for dense housing developments which are not part of the traditional streetscape. Many homes have been destroyed over the years either for new develop

neighborhood is bounded to the west by the thriving Fort Sanders **Regional Medical Center campus** and to the south by a dramatically changing Cumberland Avenue corridor. Increasingly dense development, inappropriate renovations, and teardowns are destroying the character of this charming neighborhood. Parking is a growing challenge as many home renovations emphasize the highest quantity of rentable bedrooms in each property while using public street spaces.

Knox Heritage is currently restoring a home in the Fort Sanders Historic District that was saved from demolition by moving it across the street. Covenant Health, the City of Knoxville, the Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association, and Knox Heritage worked together to save two historic homes in late 2018. Our organization encourages community support for this neighborhood, sensitive development that respects its character, better renovations that

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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 publicat

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 Main Street, P.O. Box 428, Tazewell, Tennesse 37879 a true copy of the Answer to the Petitioner which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days of the fourth publication of this notice as required

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

This 5th day of June, 2020 **Rita Jones**

Clerk

Patricia Simmons Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BRANNER DOCKET NUMBER 83045-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ERNESTINE BRANNER who died Apr 7, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this pnotice 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;

(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 s from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BRANNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHARLES JERON BRANNER;

bove 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:

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, SR.

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

> **R SCOTT PEARSON ATTORNEY** AT LAW 8904 SONY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TOMMY FRED GILES

DOCKET NUMBER 83049-2

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

DOCKET NUMBER 83044-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER JOHNNY PROFFITT who died Apr 28, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are remuired 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

first nublication 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:

(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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of JUNE, 2020.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 9TH day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF COLLIN ROBERT CLAYTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) NEAL S. WOLFENBARGER; ADMINISTRATOR 6131 WISHING WELL LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

1128 VIKING DRIVE at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932 (4) months from the date of this first publication;

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 5 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF COLLEEN ANN DECKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LISA BACHMAN: EXECUTRIX 302 VONDA WAY NEW MARKET, TN. 37820

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MITCHELL DEKIRMENJIAN DOCKET NUMBER 83073-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of

JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH MITCHELL DEKIRMENJIAN who died Apr 16, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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ESTATE OF COLLIN ROBERT CLAYTON Notice is hereby given that on the 9TH day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of

scribed in (1)(A); or

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ESTATE OF MICHAEL GEORGE ALTIER, JR.

DOCKET NUMBER 82916-1

JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of

the Estate of MICHAEL GEORGE ALTIER, JR. who

died Mar 12, 2020, were issued the undersigned

by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court

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

Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JOHNNY PROFFITT

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;

> 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

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

DOCKET NUMBER 82980-2

the Estate of COLLIN ROBERT CLAYTON who died

Dec 13, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the

Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox

County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non

resident, having claims, matured or unmatured,

against his or her estate are required to file the

same with the Clerk and Master of the above

named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims wil

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

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will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

first publication of this notice if the creditor JEREMIAH PROFFITT; EXECUTOR 2214 BRIGHT OAK WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

be forever barred.

NON-RESIDENT **NOTICE**

TO: JESSICA LYNN TEETER, In Re: Savannah Katherine Massengill DOB: 12/12/2006 NO. 199303-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

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

This the 26th day of May 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT TAZEWELL

Case No.19.506 IN THE MATTER OF: C.B. DOB xx-xx-xxxx A minor child under the age of 18.

CANDICE LEANNE BROGAN, (Mother) 165 CAROL LANE TAZEWELL, TN 37879 Petitioner Vs. MATTHEW BECERRA, (Father) **180 WATERVIEW DRIVE** OAK RIDGE, TN 37830 Respondent

MATTHEW BECERRA: To: In this cause, it appearing from the Petition for Name Change, which is sworn to, that the Defendant's current address is unknown but

he is believed to be a resident of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that ordinary process cannot be served upon Matthew Becerra, Matthew Becerra is hereby commanded to serve on Misty Kennedy, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 1745 GALLATIN, TN. 37066

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF SUE ELLIOTT COX DOCKET NUMBER 83052-2

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF SUE ELLIOTT COX

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

> NEWMAN BANKSTON ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD ELTON GAMBLE, SR. who died Feb 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 4 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF TOMMY FRED GILES

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

> D SCOTT HURLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW 205 MOCHICAN STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF RONALD M JOLLY DOCKET NUMBER 82966-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD M JOLLY who died Apr 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 4 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF RONALD M JOLLY

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JOHNNY PROFFITT

named court on or hefore the earlier of dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(11 (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

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 8TH day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL GEORGE ALTIER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) LISA G. CORBIN; ADMINISTRATRIX 305 PIKENS GAP RD. SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

SUSAN H. HARMON ATTORNEY AT LAW 134 COURT AVE, STE. 101 SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LILLIE DELORIS CARMICHAEL DOCKET NUMBER 83069-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LILLIE DELORIS CARMICHAEL who died Mar 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(BI 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

(21 Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 10 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF LILLIE DELORIS CARMICHAEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROL ANN CARMICHAEL EXECUTRI

ESTATE OF RICHARD VELTON DAY DOCKET NUMBER 83061-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 202.0, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD VELTON DAY who died Feb 23, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of th:e Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

ESTATE OF RICHARD VELTON DAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM STEPHEN BENTLEY Day; Administrator 1115 ROCKLEY ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

> W TYLER CHASTAIN ATTORNEY AT LAW 116 AGNES ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF COLLEEN ANN DECKER DOCKET NUMBER 83054-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of COLLEEN ANN DECKER who died Mar 10, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MITCHELL DEKIRMENJIAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LIZA D ALEXANIAN; CO-EXECUTOR 1370 MICHAEL COURT HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60192

KRIKOR DEKIRMENJIAN; CO-EXECUTOR 3276 Northside Parkway, UNIT 5528 ATLANTA, GA 30327

> **KEVIN HARRY; CO-EXECUTOR** 314 MITCHELL AVENUE SALISBURY, NC 28144

O E SCHOW, IV ATTORNEY AT LAW PO BOX 900 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLENN ALLEN ELLISON, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 83042-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLENN ALLEN ELLISON, JR. who died Nov 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

ESTATE OF GLENN ALLEN ELLISON, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PENNY JO ELLISON; ADMINISTRATRIX 9403 EDENSHIRE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

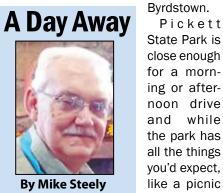
ALICIA J MCMURRAY SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX PO BOX 26072 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

PAGE C3 June 22, 2020 www.knoxfocus.com Land of Arches at Pickett State Park

One of the most rustic and wondrous areas within a couple of hours drive from Knoxville can be found at Pickett CCC Memorial State Park. The CCC stands for

the Civilian Conservation Corps which worked to create the park, as the Depression Era federal work project did for many of our parks.

Located northeast of Jamestown, Tennessee, off Highway 154, the park is nearby many other historic and natural attractions including the home of Sgt. Alvin York in Pall Mall, historic Rugby, the Big South Fork Park, and Cordell Hull's birthplace in



By Mike Steely

area and camping, it also features almost 20,000 acres of rugged trails, overlooks, a lake, and countless rock shelters and stone arches.

The park was completed in 1942 following a multiyear effort by the CCC to clear the rugged area. Hiking trails, cabins, a lodge and a ranger station were built and a 12-acre lake created.

In 2015 the park and the Creek Canyon State Natural Area earned a silver

tier as an International Pickett Dark Sky Park destination, becoming the first state park in the south to do so. Wide views of the night sky can be seen from the park.

> The Pickett CCC Museum has exhibits and artifacts of the CCC's work in our state parks and natural areas.

The park has 20 rental cabins in four sizes and each are completely equipped for housekeeping with modern bathrooms, kitchen appliances, utensils, linens, towels and fireplaces. There are 31 campsites in the park, most with electric and water hookups.

Hiking trails, some 58 miles of them, wind through the park. Many are short day-use trails suitable for families. Some of the most popular arches are just off the park road and easily reached. Pickett

Park is ideal for the photographer or animal watcher.

The new Archaeology Museum and ETSU Archaeological Research Station, opening last year, features Native American prehistory of the Upper Cumberland Plateau. Tours are offered to visitors and features current research being conducted by East Tennessee State University. The rock shelters in the park were ideal for Native American camping and one of the tours examines the Rock Creek Mortar Shelter where that early hunting population created holes in the rocks to grind up nuts.

Pickett State Park is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Information on the Archaeologic Museum can be found by calling (931) 879-5812.



Dozens of rock shelters and natural arches are located in Pickett State Park just northeast of Jamestown.

Information about the park can be obtained by calling the same number or going online to www. tnstateparks.com/parks/ pickett.

Pickett State Park will be hosting a morning volunteer trail day on Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. Join park staff and help remove graffiti from Hazard Cave and assist with various trail maintenance issues. This is a

perfect opportunity for students needing Tennessee **Promise Hours!**

Anyone is welcome to attend, this event is not limited to TN Promise students.

All volunteers must register for this event. For additional information or questions please contact Park Ranger Jonathan Asberry at (931)752-0350.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN FRENCH Docket Number 83050-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN FRENCH who died Apr 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancerv Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(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 12 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF JOHN FRENCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHERRI PHILLIPS; EXECUTRIX 2617 SHERWIN ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

MARK E BROWN ATTORNEY AT LAW 9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 505 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DOROTHY J KISHBAUGH

(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 10 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH E LYNCH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GARY L LYNCH: EXECUTOR 224 DALE ROAD

POWDER SPRINGS, TN. 37848

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DAVID MURRAH DOCKET NUMBER 83057-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID MURRAH 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 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: (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 5 day of JUNE, 2020

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;

(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 12 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF TERESA JEAN ROSENBAUM

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHRISTINA HOPE WILSON: ADMINISTRATION **637 DEVON STREET SEYMOUR, TN. 37865**

M SAMANTHA PARRIS ATTORNEY AT LAW 4610 CENTRAL AVENUE PIKE, SUITE 102 KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF LEONARD JOSEPH SHULTZ DOCKET NUMBER 83046-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEONARD JOSEPH SHULTZ who died Apr 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident- and nonresident, 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 he forever harred

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NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF DORISE WEAVER

DOCKET NUMBER 81371-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DORIS E WEAVER who died Jun 25. 2018, 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;

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor described in (1)(A); or

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

> ESTATE OF DORISE WEAVER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

> > 900 SOUTH GAY STREET

ATTORNEY AT LAW 310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD

NASHVILLE, TN. 37243

KNOXVILLE, TN, 37902

MATT JARBOE

FELICIA COALSON: ADMINISTRATRIX

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 8TH day of JUNE, 2020.

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

ESTATE OF RANDY WAYNE WOODS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JASON WAYNE WOODS; CO-EXECUTOR 1525 CHARIOT LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

TIMOTHY ADAM WOODS; CO-**EXECUTOR 2305 BELCARO DRIVE** KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS SALE OF PROPERTY**

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

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

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LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services

Bid 2963, Security Window Film and Installation, due 07/02/2020 at 2:00 pm local time Bid 2965, Birch Plywood, due 7/22/2020 at 2:00 pm local time

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917. or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/ procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

AKA DOROTHY J CHANDLER DOCKET NUMBER 82046-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respec of the Estate of DOROTHY J KISHBAUGH AKA DOROTHY J CHANDLER who died Mar 10, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or hefore the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

ESTATE OF DOROTHY J KISHBAUGH AKA DOROTHY J CHANDLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARKS KISHBAUGH; EXECUTOR 198 OAKWOOD DRIVE WOOD DALE, IL 60191

JOHN R FOUST ATTORNEY AT LAW 212 PETERS ROAD SUITE 108 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH E LYNCH DOCKET NUMBER 82463-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH E LYNCH who died Nov 2. 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee, All persons, resident and non-resident. having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; ESTATE OF DAVID MURRAH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHANTAL A MURRAH: EXECUTRIX 139 FARLOW DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

CAROLYN GILLIAM ATTORNEY AT LAW 10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF GALEN KEITH OPPEGARD DOCKET NUMBER 83066-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GALEN KEITH OPPEGARD who died Mar 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 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 10 day of JUNE, 2020

ESTATE OF GALEN KEITH OPPEGARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PETER DUEBER; EXECUTOR 12918 BUCKMILL LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERESA JEAN ROSENBAUM DOCKET NUMBER 83077-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JUNE 2020. letters administration in respect of the Estate of TERESA JEAN ROSENBAUM who died Oct 17, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the 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; 0

(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 12 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF LEONARD JOSEPH SHULTZ

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) NANCY C FEARS : EXECUTRIX P.O. BOX 381496 DUNCANVILLE, TX 75138

> DALLIS HOWARD ATTORNEY AT LAW 4820 OLD KINGSTON PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J SPENCER DOCKET NUMBER 83070-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY J SPENCER who died Mar 6, 2020, were issued the understaned 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;

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 11 day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J SPENCER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES ARNOLD SPENCER; EXECUTOR 9421 CONTINENTAL DRIVE

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MARY GENEVA WILSON **DOCKET NUMBER 83062-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9TH day of JUNE 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY GENEVA WILSON who died Jan 4, 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 he forever harred.

(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;

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 9TH day of JUNE, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY GENEVA WILSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) JESSICA WILSON: ADMINISTRATRIX **5424 YOSEMITE TRAIL** KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF BANDY WAYNE WOODS DOCKET NUMBER 82132-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8TH day of JUNE 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RANDY WAYNE WOODS who died Aug 16, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancerv Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 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; 0

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 nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the owner or the property are requested to file same with the law office of Pratt Avcock 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 OF LIEN SALE

The following vehicle will be sold at auction on July 6, 2020, at 1:00 pm at Eurotech Knoxville, 7223 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville TN 37931. Phone 865-693-8911.

Mini Cooper Silver 2007 WMWMF33517TL78567

<u>NOTICE OF LIEN SALE</u>

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states, and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/serial number shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

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City of Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg STP Permit Number: TN0020117 Permit Writer: Maybelle T. Sparks, P.E. Rating: Major County: Sevier EFO Name: Knoxville Location: 1025 Banner Road City: Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Activity Description: Treatment of municipal wastewater. Allows increase from 3 to 6 MGD to exceptional waters per antidegradation demonstration in 2012.

Effluent Description: treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001

Receiving Stream: West Prong of the Little Pigeon River Mile 16.4

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 Maybelle T. Snarks P.F. at (615) 532-0651 or the Knoxville Environmental Field Office at (865) 594-6035. 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 LIEN SALE

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, July 08, 2020 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE

254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923: H20 Ursula Houser, M71 Charlotte Jeffries, F24 Eric Roberts, A04 Elizabeth Stamps C18 Joshua Warwick. 7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: B19 Jacqueline Groner, D56 Robert Mooneyhan, G56 Calvin Metcalf, E19 Kathy Minor, G39 Michael Freeman, G40 Devin Jones, B13 Gensis Ibarra, G18 Miguel Gaspar, 4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: D34 Gene Anderson, F20 Jerry Cooper, K16 Joshua E. Hugo, GO8 Peter Moore.

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adhere to the current design guidelines, and policies that encourage owner-occupied housing to restore balance to the once predominantly single-family residential nature of the neighborhood.

Knaffl-Stephens House 3738 Speedway Circle

This c. 1880 Victorian home was once located at 918 Gay Street until the construction of the Andrew Johnson Hotel in 1926. It was originally home to art and portrait photographer Joseph Knaffl, best known for his 1899 portrait "Knaffl Madonna" which has been reprinted thousands of times and is still used for Hallmark Christmas cards. In 1927, James Stephens, a local steel contractor, moved the house three miles east of downtown to Speedway Circle, the former Cal Johnson racetrack turned residential subdivision. The house still retains a portion of its original marble façade with the original street number "918" over the front door.

The house has suffered from long-term neglect and the interior was stripped of much of its original character by former owners. The property was placed in the City of Knoxville Homemaker's Program in 2017, which offered a unique opportunity for someone to restore a former residence of one of Knoxville's most well-known artists. Hope was renewed for its preservation when it was purchased in July 2019 by experienced preservation-minded developers. Work has yet to begin as details are being finalized.

Park City Historic District The Park City Historic Dis-

trict, most commonly known as Parkridge, is located east of downtown Knoxville off Magnolia Avenue. The area was once part of a vast farm owned by Moses White, the son of Knoxville founder James White. Originally developed as a streetcar suburb for Knoxville's professional class in the 1890s, the neighborhood provided housing for many

workers at the nearby Standard Knitting Mill. In 1990, over 600 houses were listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Park City Historic District. The neighborhood contains one of the largest concentrations of houses designed by George Franklin Barber (1854-1915), a mail-order architect known nationwide for his ornate Victorian house plans. Diverse architecture, walkable streets and its notable history make this district an important part of the city's devel-

opment story. While there is a trend of housing renovation taking place, too often these renovations are not sensitive to the historic character of the structures. In addition to inappropriate alterations, there are many neglected properties and occasional teardowns, particularly of ancillary structures that were once used for housing and contribute to the National Register district.

Knox Heritage would like to see all renovations within the National Register district adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. New infill should be sensitive to the historic character of the neighborhood. Knox Heritage seeks to work with homeowners on good design practices and has launched the H-1 Overlay Grant Fund in partnership with the City of Knoxville's Preservation Fund to assist low to moderate-income homeowners with making repairs in compliance with design guidelines. More information and guidelines for the H-1 Overlay Grant Fund are available at www. knoxheritage.org.

Standard Knitting Mill 1400 Washington Avenue

This circa 1945 building is the only remaining structure associated with Standard Knitting Mill. Standard was founded in 1900 with 50 employees. By the 1930's, Standard was the largest textile and knitting mill in Knoxville, and employed over 4,000 Knoxvillians. At one time, Standard produced over one

million garments a week and inspired Knoxville's title as the "Underwear Capital of the World." The current building footprint still comes in at over 400,000 square feet and was the home of Delta Apparel until 2007.

After years of an uncertain future for the remaining building of the Standard Knitting Mill complex, City officials and representatives from the new owner, WRS Inc., confirmed in December 2019 that the South Carolina real estate firm has bought the property for conversion into a mixeduse development. WRS Inc. is currently conducting environmental studies in preparation for environmental remediation and is working with Knox Heritage on nominating the complex for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Fading Fast

Knoxville College 901 Knoxville College Drive

Knoxville College was founded in 1875 as part of the missionary effort of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to promote religious, moral and educational leadership among freedmen and woman. The National Register District is composed of eight contributing buildings. The campus was the first African American college in East Tennessee and hosted prominent figures such as Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, and Martin Luther King, Jr. While pursuing their education, students assisted in the design and construction of these historic buildings and used bricks made on campus. The historic buildings, with their fine craftsmanship and solid design, deserve to be restored and used again. Currently, many campus buildings are condemned and suffering from a severe lack of maintenance. Arson fires and the fact that many buildings are completely vacant have heightened the critical need for immediate intervention. In 2019, a renovation to the historic McMillan Chapel was completed with assistance from a Tennessee Historical Commission preservation grant.

Pryor Brown Garage 314 & 322 W. Church Avenue

The Pryor Brown Garage is an early example of a mixed-use structure featuring parking decks along with several retail spaces along both Market Street and Church Avenue. Its builder was Pryor Brown, a Knoxville businessman who moved to Knoxville and found work in local livery stables. By the 1890s, he was running his own stable on this site along Church Avenue. After a fire in 1916, Brown rebuilt his stable with concrete floors capable of accommodating cars and ran the Pryor Brown Transfer Company. With the popularity of automobiles growing, Brown expanded the garage in 1929 covering the area of his old livery stable. The parking garage

is a remarkable story of continuity on one site and is one of the oldest parking garages still standing in the United States.

Rule High School 1901 Vermont Avenue

Rule High School was built in 1926-1927 and opened in the fall of 1927. The school was named after Captain William Rule, a former Union Army Captain who went on to become the Mayor of Knoxville as well as the publisher and editor of the Knoxville Journal from 1885 until his death in 1928. Rule High School closed in 1991. Its hilltop location still offers stunning views of downtown Knoxville and the mountains.

The school languishes in a deteriorated state and the resources for its preservation are lacking. In 2016, the building was transferred to Knox County as surplus property from Knox County Schools. Knox County has since been marketing it for potential redevelopment. The most recent request for development proposals closed January 23, 2018 and no responses were received. The county is currently reassessing their options and re-evaluating what to do with the property.

Similar schools have been repurposed into residential uses. Knox Heritage encourages the Knox County School Board to continue its efforts to identify a new owner who will make the necessary investment to restore the property for a new use.

June 22, 2020 Masks for

residents

Cont. from page 1 University of Memphis

· University of Tennessee, Knoxville (courtesy The Boyd Foundation)

• Unum Group Vanderbilt University

 Volkswagen Chattanooga

Tennessee began a phased reopening under the Tennessee Pledge, a plan to help Tennesseans get back to work safely and reboot the economy. Restaurants resumed business with limited capacity on April 27, quickly followed by a number of additional industries enabling tens of thousands of Tennesseans to return to work safely.

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