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## \$1,500 bonus for deputies in approved Knox budget

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Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler's persistence won out Wednesday with a victorious split vote granting a bonus to his deputies. The county commission also passed the amended budget that included the

bonus payments during the special session.

The sheriff's department discovered it was ending the fiscal year with a \$3 million surplus and was requesting that \$1.5 million of that go to 820 deputies. Spangler appealed to the commission's midmonth work session for approval to give his

non-administrative employees a bonus.

In an earlier meeting, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs presented a reduced county budget and proposed a \$750 bonus to frontline officers to be paid in December. The mayor said that an additional one-time bonus might be

considered depending on revenue then.

"I'm not backing down," Spangler said to Jacobs and noted the county is losing experienced deputies to other East Tennessee law enforcement agencies because of the disparities in pay and retirement. Spangler, backed by a

contingent of deputies, spoke out again at last week's open meeting and, eventually, seven of the commissioners agreed. The bonus, about \$1,500 per deputy below the rank of captain, will be paid out in early December.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell sided with the

mayor and, just prior to the vote, said the \$1.5 million could come from a combination of anticipated state funding and the unspent "rainy day funds" set aside by the county. He adjusted the proposed \$849 million budget up to cover the allocation.

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## Changes at PARC demanded by some citizens

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On the heels of revised Knoxville Police Use of Force procedures, some local citizens feel those reforms are not enough and let a meeting of PARC know so in a loud and verbal confrontation Thursday evening.

Meeting publically for the first time this year due to COVID-19 the Police Advisory and Review Committee voted to approve Mayor Indya Kincannon's selection of LaKenya Middlebrook as executive director. There had been 18 applications for the position and Middlebrook told The Focus she thought "long and hard" before accepting the position.

PARC Chair Rosa Mar welcomed Middlebrook and a new member, Ken St Germain, to the group and told the new director she's facing many changing situations ahead for the body and the police department.

Police Chief Eve Thomas detailed the changes in the Use of Force policy that were made following a meeting she had with Mayor Kincannon. Policy changes and updates include banning choke holds, de-escalation training, warning before shooting, exhausting all options before use of force, banning shooting at moving vehicles, and comprehensive reporting by officers.

PARC member Jerrod Croom addressed several concerns saying that a police officer "is no higher or lower than me." He asked if a report is required when an officer draws a gun on someone. The police chief said that incident requires to be noted on a report.

Knoxville citizens spoke and demanded more changes in the police department and the PARC membership and duties.

Maura Connelly said PARC should have independent powers, the complaint form needs changing, and PARC should become

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Congressman Tim Burchett and Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker meet with attendees at the GOP headquarters at 5710 Kingston Pike.

## Knox County GOP celebrates re-opening of headquarters

By Ken Lay

It was not only the first day of summer but it was a day for the Knox County Republican Party to celebrate the grand re-opening of its headquarters in West Knoxville.

It was a warm and slightly humid day but that didn't dampen spirits as the local GOP celebrated the re-opening of its headquarters, which closed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Music played and food was

available for purchase thanks to a food truck provided by John Gabriel.

Several elected officials and candidates who are running in the upcoming August election were on hand to meet voters and campaign volunteers.

The building that houses headquarters was open as party officials including Knox County Republican Party Chairman Randy Pace and Knox County Republican Women President Manuela Ptacek

drew numbers for door prizes and other Knox County Republicans sold merchandise including hats, t-shirts, bumper stickers and ink pens.

Ptacek organized the meet and greet, which was held on Saturday, June 20. And she did it in a quick fashion.

"I was on a vacation and someone said that we want you to organize this and you have a week and a half," Ptacek said.

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## Election office prepares for August

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The upcoming August 6 local general election and state and federal primaries may be one of the most trying in recent history not only for voters but especially for the Knox County Election officials and poll workers.

The new Administrator of Elections, Chris Davis, told the Knox County Election Commission recently about the challenges of this year. Hiring poll workers and training new and existing staff on the new paper ballot system and its equipment would be a challenge on its own without considering the limitations imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic and the huge increase in requests for absentee ballots. Twenty-four boxes are set back for the expected absentee ballots, estimated now at more than 7,500.

The election office has been training poll workers, about 12 at a time, in the Downtown West office. Additional space and one more room are being prepared in the Old Courthouse to handle incoming results and to store the paper ballot boxes. Counting the absentee ballots

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## Community task force discusses reopening Knox County Schools

By Ken Lay

The Knox County School system took another step toward possibly reopening its doors in August, as scheduled, Wednesday night.

The schools' community task force held the first of its two scheduled public meetings and mulled through data from a countywide survey, which took place from between June 1-19 and was conducted online. The

meeting was held at the Sarah Simpson Professional Development Center.

The community focus group is one of several such groups involved in the decision on when to open schools, closed since March by the Coronavirus pandemic, and how things are going to look once schools reopen. There are also other focus groups comprised of teachers, students and school

administrators.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas said that his goal is to have schools open by Aug. 10, which is the scheduled start date for the fall semester.

"Our ultimate goal is to open and have students in the building on Aug. 10," Thomas said. "It's going to look different."

"I think we all agree that the best way that learning takes

place is when the teacher is in the classroom with his or her students."

While the superintendent wants the schools to reopen with full classrooms, which may not happen, the task force will consider three options as schools prepare to reopen and those options include traditional reopening, remote distance learning and a hybrid model.

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# Knox County GOP celebrates re-opening of headquarters

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"I call these challenges. I'm a retired Navy wife so I like to organize things. I couldn't do this without the help of my husband and my son."

"This was something that was good for us to do, celebrate the re-opening of headquarters, and this is a great day."

Pace also said that the re-opening celebration was big for the Knox County Republicans.

"We're celebrating our grand re-opening today," he said. "We've actually been re-opened for a couple of weeks on a limited basis. We were open back in March and we closed in late-March due to COVID-19."

Several candidates made stops at the event and for Bill Hagerty it was one stop on a busy day in Knoxville. He made an appearance at the meet and greet after a stop at Sam and Andy's in Fountain City.

"This is a big day," said Hagerty, who is running for a seat in the United States Senate. "This is a sign that the election is entering the

final stretch and I'm happy with our standing, and where we are as we enter the final stretch."

Hagerty is running with the endorsement of President Donald. J. Trump and he said that makes him proud.

"I'm the only businessman running for the Senate in Tennessee," Hagerly said. "I'm very pleased to be running with the endorsement of the president."

"He appointed me to be on the White House Economic Recovery Committee and he put me there to get America back to work and Tennessee back to work."

Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker also made an appearance and he noted that the event was big for the party.

"This is a chance for the candidates and elected officials to get out and meet the voters, and especially, the volunteers," said Schoonmaker, who represents the 5th District on the commission. "This is a good day for us because we have most of our office-holders here."



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Bill Hagerty talks with a citizen during a meet and greet at the GOP headquarters re-opening.



Rural Metro Chief Jerry Harnish speaks with some of the local responders who went to New York to help with COVID-19 response. Ten responders were honored last week by the Knox County Commission. Photo courtesy of Miles Cary.

# Agreement with UT on use of TVA Tower approved

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The final lease agreement between Knox County and TVA hasn't been signed yet but last week the county commission voted to complete a deal with the University of Tennessee to sublet part of the TVA East Tower.

The pending deal between the county and TVA calls for a 15-year agreement with five-year renewals at only 37.5 cents per square foot. Downtown office space normally leases for about \$15 per square foot. In turn, the agreement to sublet the top seven floors to UT was approved for \$1 per square foot along with \$50 per month for each UT parking space in the adjoining Summer Place garage.

Attorney Mark Manantov, who negotiated the agreement, told the commission that the final closing of the lease with TVA may be done by July 1. He said that UT wants to build an internal stairway in their portion of the tower.

The initial cost to Knox County in moving the school administrative offices to the bottom floors is estimated at about \$13.4 million with \$6 million

coming from the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building. While the county will lease the tower it will purchase the Summer Place complex which houses parking and office space.

"I think we're good to go," Manantov said. He added that the agreement with UT doesn't affect the lease with TVA but adds a bonus to the negotiations.

In other business, the commission honored ten volunteer first responders who traveled to New York to help in the COVID-19 crisis. Rural Metro Chief Jerry Harnish introduced some of those men and said that they helped with administration of response there and coordinated up to 7,000 emergency calls per day.

Those volunteers, who camped at the Bronx Zoo while there, included Kevin Buekstein, Logan Dodson, Garrett Dobbs, Jerome Rood, Logan Mathes, Christopher DeCaig, Adam Dantzer, Thomas Mulholland and James Naylor.

Chris Davis, Administrator of Elections, informed the commission of preparations for the upcoming elections. He said that more than 5,500 absentee ballot applications have been received so far and said counting what could

be 10,000 mail-in votes will begin when the polls open on election day with results being announced after the in-person voting ends. He said he is "overstaffing" the number of election day workers not knowing how many will show up because of the virus pandemic.

Davis told The Focus last week that the presidential primary is not on the August ballot having been resolved in the March election. He said voters will find the paper ballots pretty simple, similar to "fill in the circles just like in kindergarten."

Davis also said the results in August "could stretch into a second day" because of having to count the expected surge in absentee voting.

Activist Vivian Shipe urged the commissioners to get personally involved with the upcoming U.S. Census and praised Commissioner Carson Dailey for his efforts. She warned that the county, and commission districts, could lose \$2,000 per person who is not counted.

"People trust you in your area," she said, adding, "This is money for your area."

In what was called his "Swan Song," Planning

Director Gerald Green spoke during his last appearance before the commission.

"I enjoyed working with some of you," he said, getting a laugh from commission members.

Green said the county is and will face more density, mixed-use development, and needs to revise its Urban Growth Boundary and its General Growth Plan. He quoted George Harrison by saying, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there."

He served for five years and he said he is leaving in 14 days and Amy Brooks will serve as interim director until a replacement is named.

Parks and Recreation Director Paul White announced that Randy Boyd's family is donating \$250,000 for the creation of five dog parks. He called the donation a "huge addition to our park system."

A design contract with Cannon & Cannon Inc. was approved for widening Coward Mill Road from Pellissippi Parkway to Chuck Jones Drive. The \$470,000 agreement comes ahead of roadwork in preparation for a new Northwest Knox County elementary school there.

# Community task force discusses reopening Knox County Schools

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The hybrid model would have students rotating between the classroom and a distance learning environment.

Those options will be explored further when the task force holds its second meeting today (June 29) at the Sarah Simpson Professional Development Center and Dr. Jerry Askew, who is chairing the community task force promises to be transparent to a community that had its public school system unprepared for what happened in March.

"We've got one chance to do this right. We need to ask the hard questions," Askew said. "We need to share whatever

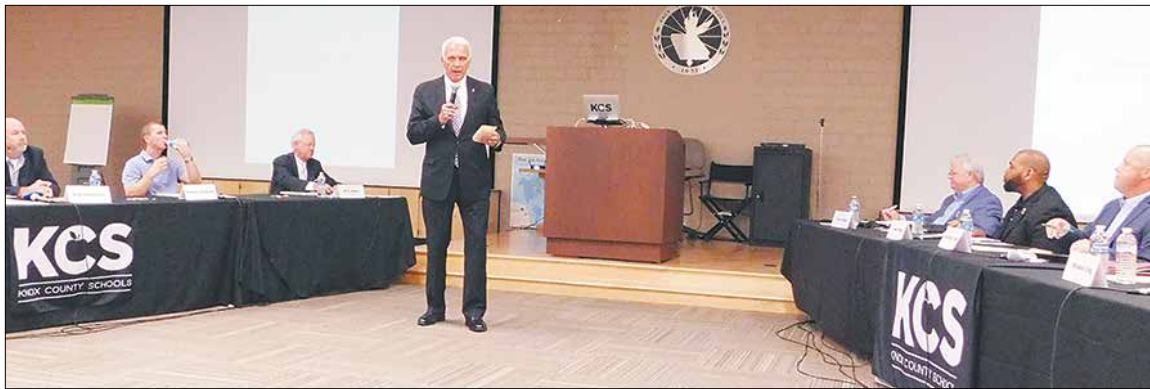


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Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas addresses the Community Task Force working to reopen schools this fall. The task force held its first public meeting Wednesday in South Knoxville.

knowledge we have because we've got to get it right in the fall. "We're going to be transparent and we don't want to blindside

anybody. We've gotten a lot of data in a very short time. We'll take the weekend and go over the data and we'll come back and

meet again Monday." Before today's meeting, Askew and the nine members of the task force must go through 150 pages

of survey data. The survey had 30,000 respondents, five times the number of people who normally take part in district wide surveys.

Thomas said that he was pleased with the number of responses to the survey.

"We had 30,000 people who took the survey and that just shows you how important this is," Thomas said. "It shows you how much people care."

The task force will present its findings to the Knox County Board of Education at the next board meeting on July 8 and Thomas will have a final decision on reopening by July 15.



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# Publisher's Positions

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## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BONUSES

Sheriff Tom Spangler advanced his case for giving deputies a \$1,500 "bonus" which will cost some \$1.6 million of taxpayer money. Mayor Jacobs was dubious about spending money the county doesn't have and offered a more modest \$750 and waiting to see how the taxes roll in later on in the year. Sheriff Spangler told county commissioners he was there to fight for the deputies. In light of many county employees being furloughed or giving up part of their salaries, not to mention teachers complaining they didn't get a raise (yet most will get a step-raise), the commissioners weren't there to fight for the taxpayers. They practically trampled Big Glenn in their eagerness to hand off the bonus.

## WHO YOU GONNA CALL? PART TWO

Most folks know the City of Knoxville was the victim of a Ransomware attack. What isn't known is just how bad it was and most of the details and it doesn't seem like city officials are being that forthcoming. There was an attempted theft at one of my businesses last weekend and evidently the computers still weren't working properly, as police officers (yes, we still have them for the time being) are having to do most everything by hand. Also, from what I hear, KPD officers aren't coming to wrecks and doing diagrams unless there is some kind of personal injury.

Now that might not sound too terrible to you, but give it a little bit of thought. All right, someone takes off the front end of your car,

you get out to exchange insurance information and they drive off because they don't have any insurance. Even if they do have insurance, it may not be so good not to have an officer on the scene. It very well might mean reconfiguring auto insurance in Knoxville if things don't change because much depends upon those diagrams done by police officers as to finding fault and assessing who caused the wreck. Liability does make a difference in what your auto insurance rate is and remains. If this continues to be the City of Knoxville's policy, lookout! It could mean an insurance rate hike for Knoxvillians.

Readers also want to know the extent of the ransomware attack and just what is happening despite assurances from the Antifa Daily that everything is hunky-dory. Keep watching and reading and we'll have a story for you.

## GEPPETTO SPANKED PINOCCHIO!!!

Governor Bill Lee is evidently thinking about calling the Tennessee General Assembly back into session. Yeah, they really did just leave Nashville and the powers that be are already contemplating a special session. While folks are going to argue about what the legislature left undone, Governor Lee is unhappy the legislators left town without passing the necessary legislation to hold businesses harmless for the spread of the COVID-19 virus. There is also a dispute between Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally and several GOP legislators on the House side about the legislature's failure to properly address the issue.

McNally, who represents a portion of Knox County, has more legislative experience than most in the Tennessee House of Representatives. A bit of a stir was caused by McNally suggesting that Rep. Michael Curcio, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, was not telling the truth about an agreement between the state Senate and the state House. McNally referred to Curcio as "a Pinocchio," causing Curcio to cry that his Italian heritage had been maligned by the lieutenant

governor. McNally replied he had been referring to Curcio's "veracity," not his "ethnicity."

Part of the problem is House Majority Leader William Lamberth of Portland has a nursing home inside his district which apparently was hit hard by the coronavirus and there may be some constituents who want to sue. So do most trial lawyers, many of whom pour literally tens of thousands of dollars into the campaign coffers of what few House Democrats remain.

The lieutenant governor says he will support the governor's call for a special session of the legislature if it is confined to the single issue of passing legislation to hold businesses and venues harmless. If that doesn't happen, there will probably be some businesses that will never reopen their doors.

## THANKS EVELYN!

Outgoing County Commissioner Evelyn Gill, who lost her campaign for renomination in the March Democratic primary, published a post recently that would probably shock a heck of a lot of Knox Countians. A former teacher, Ms. Gill published a chart from Knox County Schools

showing the total amount of your tax dollars—local, state and federal—spent by county commission district, as well as each district's per pupil expenditure. It's worth reprinting here for our readers.

Those figures will surprise a lot of folks if they pay attention.

## NO UTOPIA

The utopia otherwise known as the CHAZ or CHOP zone in Seattle is not quite what it's supposed to be. As always, the radical leftists and anarchists (and socialists for that matter) all rely on somebody else to pay for their vision of utopia. The downtown area in Seattle occupied by these folks is about to become a ghost town where business is concerned. One hears tales of forty-story buildings at 20% occupancy. And now some businesses, including an auto repair shop, a property management company and a tattoo parlor, are suing the City of Seattle. Business owners complain Mayor Jenny Durkan and the city council abandoned the businesses to anarchist protestors who made them feel unsafe.

According to at least one observer who has spent several nights inside the occupied area,

dollars contributed through GoFundMe and other support has poured money into keeping the secessionists stocked with food and necessities. They walk around distributing pizza and other food, always taking pains to stress it's "free"; no, it's not, somebody paid for it. Barricades, port-a-potties and other necessities for occupying territory that belongs to the public have been thoughtfully supplied by Mayor Jenny Durkan and the City of Seattle taxpayers.

Some businesses have already said they've had enough and left Seattle for good. It looks like they aren't going to pay for the pipedreams of the protestors. Wow, surrounded by gun-toting domestic terrorists. Who would have thought that it would make anyone uncomfortable?

The fact is, socialists don't really grasp the facts of life, daily or otherwise, very well. They seem to have glued their rose-colored glasses to their heads and expect everybody to see what they see.

Anything but practical, socialists don't seem to realize businesses are necessary, not only to provide goods and services to consumers, but also to pay the taxes necessary to support the government and

the public services government provides. If taxed too much or otherwise hampered, they tend to leave or go out of business, which reduces the tax stream to nothing, leaving the socialists and their cohorts without any money to spend.

## SCHOOL SAVINGS...

Speaking of socialists, there must be a few of them running around loose inside the school system. School officials had declared the recent spate of graduation ceremonies a complete and roaring success. Those ceremonies were supposedly well-loved by everybody... the graduating students, their families, and school employees. Originally, Knox County Schools had announced families were not invited, a plan concocted by the school bureaucracy in light of the COVID-19 virus. Just about anybody, unless they happened to work for the school system, could see that plan was never going to stand up under scrutiny, even during a pandemic. Sure enough, students and parents were outraged, which in turn upset some school board members. Mike McMillan had been the first to say the idea of banning parents and families from the graduation ceremonies was, well, just plain wrong.

Even after declaring the individual graduations a success story, the school system did an estimate for the costs. The graduations at the various schools cost north of \$25,000, while the series of graduation ceremonies at Thompson-Boling Arena in the past, cost upwards of \$100,000. Should we be surprised that the school system has said the next set of graduations will be held at Thompson-Boling Arena?

"Whatever happened to saving money?" Mike McMillan sputtered. After a pause, McMillan added, "I should have known better. I've never known the school system to be interested in saving money."

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District 4	5,081	\$ 29,397,299	\$ 5,786
District 5	8,175	\$ 41,263,622	\$ 5,048
District 6	10,517	\$ 61,723,010	\$ 5,869
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# Changes at PARC demanded by some citizens

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the "Citizen's Oversight Committee." She said the current committee is "heavily tilted toward law enforcement" and needs members with experience of incarceration and a student member.

She submitted a list of possible changes and Chair Mar said it is "time to review and update" the committee. "I'd like to see those (changes) implemented," she said.

Constance Every blasted the police chief and PARC in loud comments and then led a protest outside after the meeting. She told PARC, "We are not satisfied," and said that police officers should be instructed that citizens have a right to record incidents.

Questioned about a delay in providing body cameras for officers Chief Thomas said cameras are currently being tested but said she "cannot give a timeline" on when the cameras will be added.

Other comments included questions about cooperation between city police and the sheriff's department, police racial profiling, and citizen access to incident reports filed by officers.

Other speakers at the PARC meeting, which was limited to 50 audience members and where members wore masks, included Denzel Grant, Rick Roach and Robert Lee.



**Maura Connelly told PARC the committee needs to reorganize and presented a list of demands that included more review powers and adding members.**

PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

# Three simple solutions

The fuel for many problems right now is anger. It is the stuff that stokes the flames of unrest. I don't blame folks for being furious for the mistreatment of individuals in the hands of some police officers. They have grievances

that need to be aired. Right now, however, the temperatures of too many factions are dangerously high. Our world is not perfect; it has its problems and always has. Three things can bring about change and a cooling on all sides.

First is education. For too many people, the outlook is bleak. They have little about which to be excited. Subsistence levels are all for which they can hope. Many of them lack the education to be able to get ahead. The reasons for that lack of learning are many. Some children were too concerned with daily existence to worry about school. Others found the curriculum fell woefully short of addressing the lives that they experienced each day. Sadly, too many children were left to their own devices and simply faded away from school. For them and their families, education was of no value and simply took up their time. Maybe some parents had too little education themselves to be able to help with homework, or moms and dads had to work in order to provide the basics of life and could not provide the support and help that little ones need as they tackle educational skills.

Regardless of what has gone on before, the fact remains that education is key to doing well in this world. Skills are demanded to compete for good jobs. Children must dedicate themselves to learning so that they can enter the workforce doing something more than flipping hamburgers. Quitting school or giving little or no efforts condemn any person to a second-class life that is filled with financial struggles.

The second thing that leads to a better world is family. Children need strong bonds with



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both parents. The lessons that moms and dads can teach are the foundations for a good life. Yes, that includes discipline when it is needed. Children decide what is appropriate behavior based on the actions of their par-

ents. All of us have witnessed our children saying or doing something that is less than flattering, and we immediately know from where that word or deed was learned. Parents are busy in this world, but they must find ways to be actively present in children's lives. That doesn't mean running interference for them; it means just being there to guide young souls toward better ways of living.

The last thing that can help our world find its footing again is respect. Every individual of this country must begin to respect the existences of others. No one has to agree with someone else, but a man must respect the right of another's choice. Color, religion, sexual preference, or any other thing does not cancel that. Respect includes an attempt to understand the views of another person and why she holds them. It is slow to condemn things that have been part of life for years. Most of all, respect comes from listening to another side. When the mutual appreciation for others takes hold, the tit-for-tat petty actions that we take, the names that we hurl, and the destruction that we commit will cease once and for all.

Listing three things as keys to a better world can seem overly simplistic. So many people on both sides are hypothesizing and analyzing and demanding to the point that confusion and hardening views are growing. Maybe it's time to try a simple solution. Education, family, and respect are already a part of our lives. Perhaps what we have is the solution for what we want. All of us might do better to meet in the middle.

# Happy Birthday, America!



**My brother and I in the authors' area last year at the Grainger County Tomato Festival, which is canceled this year because of the pandemic. We are always proud to wear our red, white, and blue one of the days for the July event and often have people ask if we're from Texas (wonder why?! We're Tennessee Volunteers---and proud Americans! Courtesy of Steve Ellis, Light House Studio.**

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The celebrations will look different this year. As summer moves on, it is unlike any other we have ever seen. The Fourth of July is already upon us; but it will be a challenge for Americans to celebrate summer's biggest holiday with the usual patriotic festivities.

Due to the uncertainty of Coronavirus (COVID-19), many parades have been canceled. Some fireworks displays have also been canceled, giving Americans an opportunity to see drive-thru displays. As this article is written, Tennessee is one of the states with an increase in hospitalizations for the virus. In Tennessee, masks are required to gain entrance to doctors' offices, hospitals, and amusement parks. A second peak is expected come fall or winter. While COVID-19 may require that we practice social distancing, wear masks in public places, and place sanitizing stations throughout our nation's recreational areas, not even a pandemic can dampen the importance of America's 244th birthday. Our forefathers sacrificed greatly for the birth of our nation. Veterans have kept her free. Today, we owe all of them a debt of gratitude! Happy 4th of July! God bless America! Be safe and well!

Words of Faith: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12 KJV)

# Election office prepares for August

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could take many hours.

Plus the new paper ballot, which will be printed for you depending on which district you live in, is two-sided.

Early voting may ease the voting on election day but the effort to visit 47 nursing and assisted living facilities has added to the burden.

Davis said the full election commission will need to meet at least two times, one meeting in July and then again on August 24 to certify results.

He said the county is eligible for \$427,000 in CARES funds from the state to help fund the August and November elections. Davis said he may intentionally over-staff election workers as he is worried about who may show up to work. He added that workers will wear masks and shields. Pens issued to voters would be dropped in a bin at the precincts to be sterilized and reused.

There will be no physical contact during voting and voters will simply hold their identification,

normally a driver's license, so the poll worker can see it. The doors at polling places will be open when possible to help circulate the air.

Davis also said that citizens choosing to vote in person are urged to wear a mask but noted that people who enter without a mask are, by law, allowed to vote.

The board approved the list of qualified candidates, early polling places and voted to move the Fountain City polling location from the library to Central High School.

# City Property Naming Committee to change

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The City of Knoxville is preparing to overhaul its Public Property Naming Committee, leaving the renaming of streets to the planning authority and concentrating on honorary names. The suggestions are coming from Councilwoman Lauren Rider, who leaves the committee as chair at the end of this month.

Tuesday's city council meeting will consider naming citizens Jeff Branham, Andrea Kupfer, Jack Neely and Rev. L. Sam

Brown to the naming committee.

Some confusion has erupted in recent years as the planning authority and the city naming committee were both choosing names for streets.

The city council may also discuss procedures and standards for the Hillside Protection Overlay and vote on the Capital Improvement budget.

The Broadway Accelerated Bus Corridor may see a \$465,000 contract with WSP USA for design services and CDM Smith, Inc.,

may get an agreement for \$100,000 for a design study of the Papermill Drive Study.

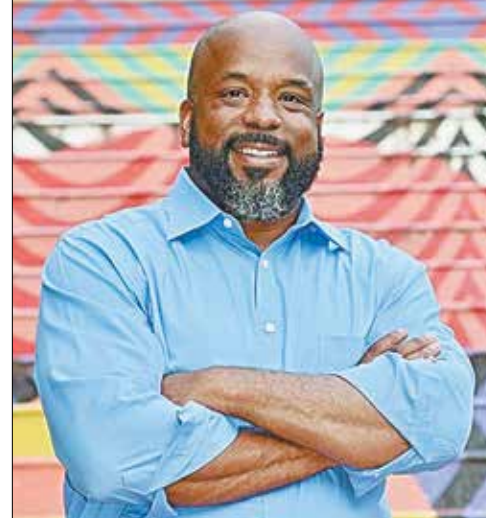
Mayor Indya Kincaid may be authorized to apply for two grants from Tennessee and the US Department of Justice for reimbursement connected to the COVID-19 pandemic and funding of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

There are also first reading ordinances on the agenda involving Knox Heritage, Community Shares and the James White Fort.



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

## Pages from the Past



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July of 1966 was hot and humid in Tennessee that year. Two veteran campaigners, Governor Frank Clement and Senator Ross Bass, were stumping the state for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. Both campaigned at a furious pace. The Nashville Tennessean reported one painter busy at work was so startled he quite nearly fell off his ladder when a hand shot out of a window and a voice boomed, "Hello. I'm Ross Bass. Help me get re-elected to the Senate." The senator moved at a frenetic pace, so much so while traveling with his boyhood friend Ed Eslick, the two, followed by campaign aides and at least one newsman, were deep in conversation when Bass looked up and said, "Why, Ed, I believe we're in Kentucky!"

The senator had voted for the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and recalled how he could not find a single person to introduce him around Brownsville. In 1966, things had changed and Bass had a "small but enthusiastic group" working on behalf of his reelection campaign. "Race is no longer an issue," Bass explained. It was left unsaid Clement had campaigned in 1964 against the law, which both of Tennessee's U. S. senators had voted against, but now accepted it as the law.

The Tennessean, which was profoundly opposed to Frank Clement, was naturally strongly supporting Ross Bass. Senator Bass was regularly receiving "glowing reports" from local county campaign managers. Still, even the Tennessean conceded more folks seemed interested in the heated race between former governor Buford Ellington and young John Jay Hooker for the gubernatorial nomination.

Governor Clement changed his mode of campaigning in 1966. While he relied upon his famed oratorical gifts during the 1964 race, Clement was speaking once nightly, while relying more on personal contact with voters, shaking more hands and talking less. The governor moved rapidly, traveling by automobile during the day and campaigning in two or three counties and then flying to his last stop of the evening where he would make a speech. Clement refreshed himself with catnaps between stops while in the car. Forty-six years old in 1966, Clement enjoyed telling audiences, "You know, when I was the age of my boys, I thought a man 46 years old was indeed an elderly man, in the twilight of life and not long for this world. 'But now that I am 46, I

have changed my mind. I think that at the age of 46 I am in the prime of life and just the right age to be United States Senator."

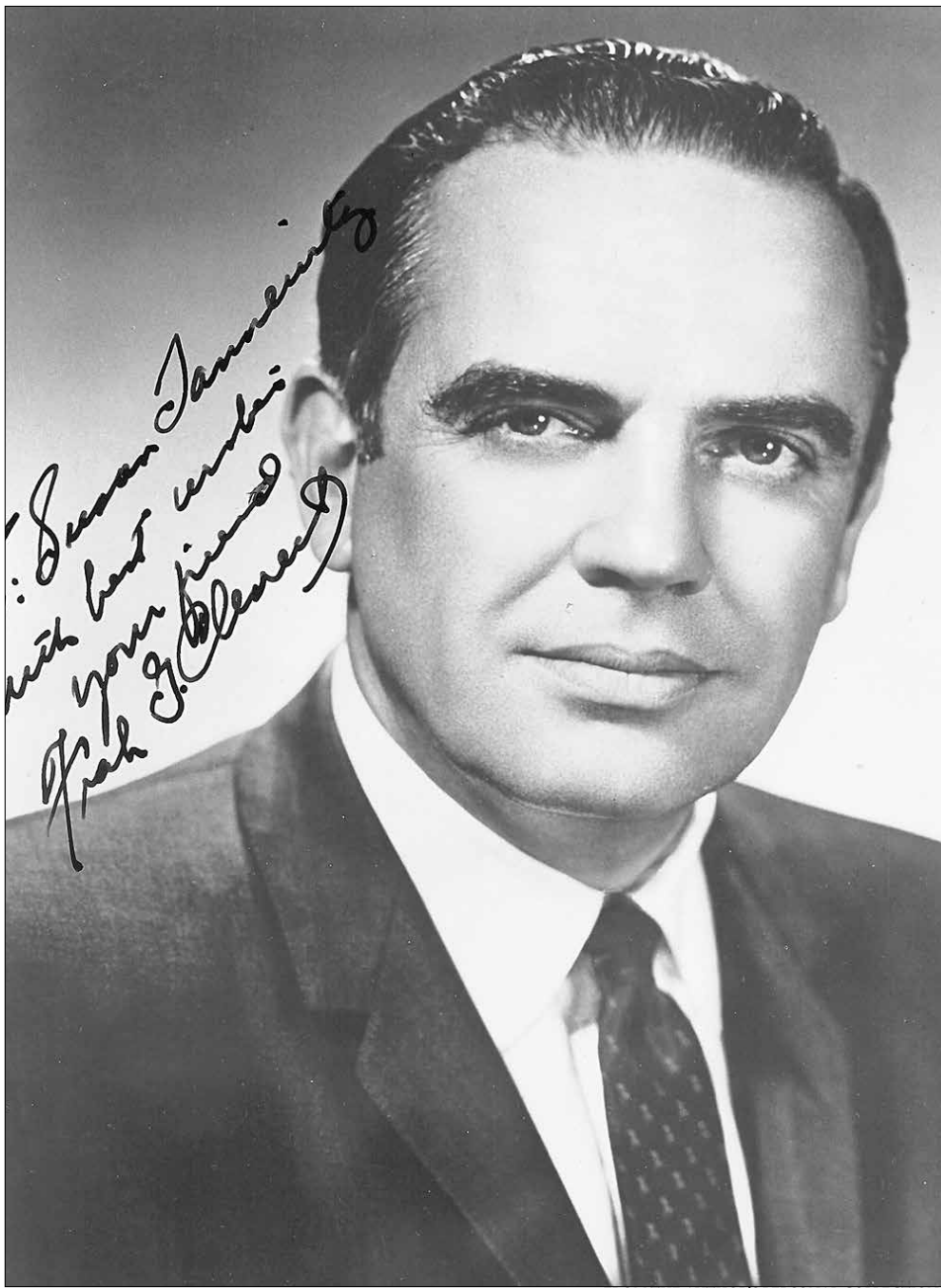
When Clement opened I-40 from Nashville to Memphis, Senator Bass cried foul. "He couldn't wait to finish it to dedicate it - - - that would have been after the election," Bass fumed. Bass pointed out he had voted for the interstate highway bill as a member of Congress in 1957 and, "Now, nine years later, we have one highway in Tennessee that people can travel on." Bass had driven over the eastern portion of the new interstate and found it replete with "chugholes", high shoulders as well as being "improperly marked." Bass considered it dangerous. "Sen. Albert Gore wrote the interstate bill, I voted for it, and the federal government paid for 90 percent of the cost. But who dedicates it?" Bass thundered to a crowd of supporters. "Old Frank," some in the crowd called back. "That's right - - - the governor," Bass snapped.

Bass also whipsawed Clement on the governor's record on education. Bass complained Clement had allowed Tennessee to fall "dead last" in per capita spending on education in the Volunteer State, yet the senator had also been critical of the taxes raised to support education in Tennessee by the Clement administration. "I do not believe any man who has ignored his responsibilities in the field of education should ask to go to Washington as your senator," Bass cried.

Speaking in Columbia, Tennessee, Bass used a Biblical phrase frequently employed by the governor. "My opponent has been going across the state and saying, 'Take my hand and lead me on', but he has taken the hands of school children of Tennessee and held them back," Bass charged. "You have paid the taxes but the money has just been used to pile up in some banks so the governor could use it to help buy his way into the U. S. Senate."

Bass reminded his audiences the governor had called medical care for seniors "pie in the sky" during the 1964 campaign. "This senator believes the elderly citizens of this nation are important," Bass thundered. "They can benefit this nation. I promise that I will work for further benefits under the Social Security system."

Finally, Ross Bass came down to the nub of it, saying the governor was "asking you to sacrifice seniority and 12 years' experience so that he can have a political job."



Autographed photo of Tennessee Governor Frank Clement, circa 1966

As Ross Bass escalated his attacks on Frank Clement, the governor was touring new shopping centers, shaking hands and swearing he would never contract "Potomac fever." Clement told his own audiences he would "vote the convictions of Tennesseans the best I understand them." "You will be my bosses," Clement said. "I intend to vote the way you the people want me to vote."

Bass bitterly refuted Clement's accusations he had been a "rubber-stamp" senator for the Johnson administration. "I haven't rubber-stamped anything," Bass snarled, "but I'm glad he has rubber-stamped my platform. He has practically adopted my record as his platform."

The governor called for a complete "overhaul" of the foreign aid programs administered by the State Department. Clement was emphatically against what he termed "foreign giveaways," while saying, "I'm not against foreign aid." Clement complained of waste in the foreign aid program, a sentiment likely shared by tens of thousands of Tennesseans. "Some of these countries --- when we are handing them a check with one hand, we're having to pull a knife out of our back with the other."

A typical day of campaigning for Frank Clement was hectic. The governor visited a black community in Nashville, including the headquarters for the Davidson County Independent Political league, which had endorsed Ross Bass. Clement moved on to a friendlier headquarters, that of a joint Clement - Ellington organization where he visited with state senator Frank Gorell. The governor began the day with a stop at the Farmer's Market, hurried on to the stockyards, Tennessee A & I State University, the Davidson County

Courthouse square, the fire and police departments, the Green Hills Shopping Center, and went from person to person at the Southern Bell Telephone Building. Governor Clement managed to squeeze in a stop to appear on WSM's noontime television show hosted by Jud Collins.

Governor Clement, who had promised not to "sling mud" during the campaign largely kept his promise; the governor campaigned on issues, oftentimes injecting a touch of personal feeling into his speech-making. Referring to his political defeat in 1964, Clement told one crowd, "Instead of complaining, alibiing or making excuses" about certain "questionable things that went on in the latter part of that campaign, I promised you I would be the best governor in the history of the state of Tennessee." Clement believed he had kept his promise. Governor Clement spoke of his love of Tennessee and love for the people of Tennessee, but chose not to "dwell on the past."

Clement did poke fun at Senator Bass. "My opponent has become upset and cried, and moaned and groaned from Bristol to Memphis that, 'Frank Clement is trying to take my job away.'

"My, my what two short years can do to a man who has caught Potomac fever," the governor clucked. "He has forgotten that seat doesn't belong to him or to Frank Clement, but it belongs to you." Much to the horror of many of the late Senator Estes Kefauver's friends and supporters, Clement attempted to compare himself to Kefauver, whom he described as a "Democrat's Democrat." The governor thought Kefauver was "a fighting senator", not 'a rubber stamp for the White House', ignoring the fact much of Kefauver's tenure as a senator was under a

Republican president.

The governor used his office shrewdly during the primary campaign, drawing howls from Ross Bass that Clement was a "dedicator instead of an educator." The governor, while dedicating a new district highway patrol center named for former U. S. senator Herbert S. Walters, who sat beside the governor on the platform, acknowledged Bass' discomfort. "I think everything should be opened as soon as possible", Governor Clement said. "If a man is not smart enough to dedicate these projects before the election, I don't feel he is smart enough to be U. S. senator."

As the senatorial campaign for the Democratic nomination came down to the wire, it reflected the heated gubernatorial campaign between Buford Ellington and John Jay Hooker. Hooker, an attractive candidate, generated real excitement and enthusiasm among many Democrats, especially young Democrats. Congressmen Richard Fulton and William R. Anderson backed Hooker over former governor Ellington. Many of those supporting Ellington for governor supported Frank Clement for the United States Senate. Clement and Ellington clearly represented the old order, while Bass and Hooker especially represented a new day in Tennessee politics.

Where before Clement had campaigned liberally sprinkling his speeches with tributes to "Cille and my fine three boys", the governor rarely lapsed into his old-time oratory, although there were moments when he simply could not help himself, crying, "I'm the same Frank Clement I've always been."

After giving the last official speech of the primary campaign in his home of Pulaski, Bass traveled to Knoxville to meet with

his state campaign manager. Senator Bass did not neglect the voters, making several stops throughout Knoxville. Introducing himself to one Knoxville woman, she blurted out, "Oh, yes, Big Mouth Bass!" The woman realized her mistake at once and quietly apologized, telling the senator she did not mean to be rude. Senator Bass sat down at the table with the woman and her friends and proceeded to make fun of his nickname as well, putting her at ease. Bass flew back the same evening to Jackson for a dinner with supporters.

Bass felt good about his campaign as Election Day approached. Pointing out he had voted "yea or nay 227 times" during the most recent session of Congress, Bass said Governor Clement had not been critical of any of the votes he had cast. "His silence almost constitutes an endorsement of my record," Senator Bass thought.

The day before the election Ross Bass gleefully predicted a senatorial primary between Howard Baker and Ken Roberts would keep GOP voters busy so they could not render any help to Frank Clement. "The Republican primary is going to deprive the governor of the votes he might have received from grateful Republican leaders as a result of his selling out the Democratic party," Bass said. "As a result, the governor will have to face Democrats at the polls, many of whom remember the trade he made with the opposition party vividly."

Nobody was more stunned than Ross Bass when the election returns began pouring in; Frank Clement squeaked by Bass in the Democratic primary, winning by little more than 18,000 votes. Frank Clement won 384,322 votes to 366,079 for Ross Bass. To his dying day, Ross Bass would insist his loss was the result of Republicans crossing over to vote for Clement because they believed he would be easier for Howard Baker to beat in a general election.

The 1966 senatorial campaign effectively ended the political careers of both Frank Clement and Ross Bass. Howard Baker defeated Frank Clement in the general election and while Bass made two attempts at a political comeback, both were unsuccessful. Frank Clement's path to the United States Senate as a sitting governor was filled with obstacles he could not overcome.

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When I was a young girl, there were no worries of epidemics or pandemics. Parents were mostly concerned with childhood diseases, such as chicken pox, measles, mumps and whooping cough. There were bouts of tuberculosis, smallpox, and polio, but they were before my time. It was in high school, which was in 1949 and 1950, that events happened that would have a lasting effect on me. It was the atomic bomb era. Each day when a whistle blew, we would leave our homerooms and go into the hall, sit on the floor with our backs to the walls for fifteen minutes. To this day, I don't know why we went through this demonstration, except to give us a feeling of protection and safety. That is truly the only odd experiment that I went through.

A pandemic is somewhat different from an epidemic. It's a global disease outbreak and infects a greater number of people than an epidemic. It is often caused by a new virus or a strain of virus that has not circulated among people for a long time. Humans usually have little to no immunity against it. The virus spreads quickly from person-to-person worldwide. It causes much higher numbers of deaths than epidemics.

These are scary but true facts. However, if we all stick together and do what is necessary to combat this pandemic, we will overcome it. I know everyone has read information about the current pandemic we are now

going through, but I want to share some interesting facts that may help anyone who is concerned about how to avoid this pandemic. Or, if you already went through the episode, how to escape getting it again. Public health experts say it's not a matter of IF a pandemic may happen, but WHEN. It is essential to be prepared. Here are a few things you can do:

Plan ahead in case services are disrupted. This is especially important if someone in your family has special needs. For example, make sure to have a way to fill needed prescriptions.

Make a list of important contacts for home, school, and work.

Talk with your neighbors, workplace, and school about how to plan for staying home if you or your household members are sick.

Buy and store at least two weeks' worth of food, water medicine, and facemasks.

Stay as healthy as you can by getting adequate rest, managing stress, eating right, and continuing to exercise.

So far, there are some things we have learned from this pandemic, but there are still some facts we aren't sure of.

One thing to remember is: This too shall pass away.

Thought for the day:  
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At all the times you can  
With all the zeal you can  
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

# Commission candidates talk about charter revisions

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The Knoxville Focus is asking each candidate in competitive races to respond to several questions. This week we asked:

## The Knox County Charter is being revised. Will you make a statement?

### District Two

**Dasha Lundy:** According to our County Charter, every 8 years, a Charter Review Committee is formed to review the charter and to determine if there are necessary amendments. It is important that the people will follow the process.

**Reginald M. Jackson:** In times like these, we need to examine the policies to see what is working, what is not working, and make revisions as necessary.

### District Two

**Grant Rosenberg:** I would like to reserve comment on any specific proposals until I see them in greater detail, but in general I hope that the Charter Review Committee will listen to input from a variety of stakeholders and make their proposals clear and unambiguous on the ballot so voters can make an informed decision. As it relates to any Charter revisions, as a County Commissioner I will certainly honor what the voters decide via referendum.

**Courtney Durrett:** The Knox County

Charter requires that every eight years it be reviewed. The purpose is clear: societal and governmental needs change and thus the Charter needs to be reviewed and revised periodically to ensure it sufficiently addresses the needs of Knox County and its residents. The review requirement makes the Charter a "living document," one that keeps pace with societal needs as they change with time. I think the mandatory requirement is a good and healthy provision. I would like the review committee to consider using language for the charter that all county residents can understand. It is, after all, the governing document of all Knox County residents; therefore, it should be easy to understand.

### District Four

**Kyle Ward:** I attended the meeting on June 11th and expect to be at meetings after that to hear what changes the review board proposes for our county. In general, I would be skeptical of any changes which expand the scope of government or centralize decision making. I would be interested in any ideas the board may have to improve the county's checks and balances.

**Todd Frommeyer:** I have attended the Charter Review Committee meetings and watched with great interest. Unfortunately, their work has been interrupted by the pandemic stay at home orders. I am critical of the push from some to make the Law Director an appointed position, rather than keeping it as an elected position as envisioned in

the Charter. I think keeping the Law Director as an elected position gives that person the right amount of independence to allow him or her to provide candid and unvarnished legal advice, while also allowing some accountability to the voters. I worry that making this position appointed by the Mayor will make the Law Director more like the Mayor's personal attorney, which is not in the best interests of the people of Knox County.

### District Five

**John Schoonmaker:** Due to the increase in our population, I proposed establishing 11 commission districts and keeping a total of 11 commissioners. If the Board of Education also increased their membership to 11, then I would support a Charter Amendment for 11 commission and 11 school board districts. No changes would occur until the 2020 Census count is complete, redistricting established and the completion of the current at-large commission terms end.

**Kimberly Peterson:** The Knox County Charter must be reviewed every eight years. Having the Charter reviewed by a committee of elected officials and representative citizens is necessary to ensure that policies are in line with the needs of the people of Knox County. Our society is rapidly changing and growing and in order to best serve its citizens, the Charter must be reviewed and amended if need be. Having a mandate to routinely analyze the Charter is beneficial.

## No changes to County Charter offered yet from Review Committee

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at nine district members and two at-large members.

So, thus far, the Charter Review Committee has put forth no updates to the county charter. The idea is to propose important changes and put those suggestions before Knox County voters on the November ballot.

The charter review continues July 6 with a couple of new items including how the next charter review group will be composed in eight years. One suggestion was limiting the number the Knox County Mayor may appoint. Currently, that's nine out of the 27 seats. Another idea is to add the at-large commissioners to the review group.

The law director will come back then and present an idea of aligning commissioner terms and creating a non-voting chairperson from the county commission.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

**John Valliant and Nick Pavlis sat next each other during the Charter Review Committee meeting but separated in their votes to keep the current nine district and two at-large seats on the Knox County Commission. Valliant voted "Yes" and Pavlis voted "No."**

The eight members who opposed keeping the county commission in its current form were Evelyn Gill, John Schoonmaker, Charles Busler, Carson Dailey, Lisa Starbuck, Barry Neal, William Johns and Nick Pavlis.

As with previous meetings it seemed odd that a

meeting is announced but the subject of discussions was not published. The meeting was held live in the main auditorium which was roped off for social distancing but the seats were empty as two reporters, two citizens and the review committee were the only ones at the meeting.

## \$1,500 bonus

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At-Large Commissioner Justin Biggs gave a heartfelt plea for the bonuses, recalling his father's 42 years in law enforcement, and said the \$1,500 would make a difference to employee families at Christmas.

"You guys are underappreciated, I get it," he said.

The budget for 2021 is lower than the current budget because of losses in revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jacobs has called the loss "devastating" and Caldwell said everything looked great until March and then the virus outbreak occurred. The revenue loss led to layoffs, no pay raises for county employees, cutbacks and a total reappraisal of county and school budget plans and projects.

The approved budget

continues, as in previous years, to propose no property tax increase which will remain at \$2.12 per \$100 of appraised value. Caldwell said that \$3.8 million in the unassigned fund balance will be used during the coming year before pulling part of the bonus money from that fund. Commissioners who voted for the \$1,500 bonuses were Michele Carringer, Hugh Nystrom, Brad Anders, Richie Beeler, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay and Justin Biggs. Voting "No" were Randy Smith and Evelyn Gill. Commissioners John Schoonmaker and Charles Busler abstained from the vote.

The commission also approved \$6.4 million during the new fiscal year for non-profit organizations and the first year funding of a five-year plan.

After several meetings of the Knox County Charter Review Committee and numerous suggestions for changes discussed, Tuesday's meeting affirmed that nothing is ready to go to the voters.

The topic was the makeup of the future Knox County Commission and suggestions from members included expanding the county's governmental body to 13 or 19, eliminating the at-large members, which would decrease the number of commissioners from 11 to nine members, and going to eleven district members. There was also a discussion on standardizing commission districts with school districts.

After about 90 minutes the review committee voted 13 to 8 to do nothing, leaving the county commission

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# Coaches are divided on where to spend Dead Period

By Steve Williams

Traditionally, The Knoxville Focus likes to check with local head football coaches to see what they will be doing during the annual TSSAA Dead Period before preseason practice really cranks up.

For many, it's a special time of the year to spend with the family.

With the coronavirus pandemic, would this year be different?

Will they have a vacation or 'staycation' during the Dead Period (June 22 through July 5)?

As for the eight head coaches we heard back from last week, the results of that question ended in a tie.

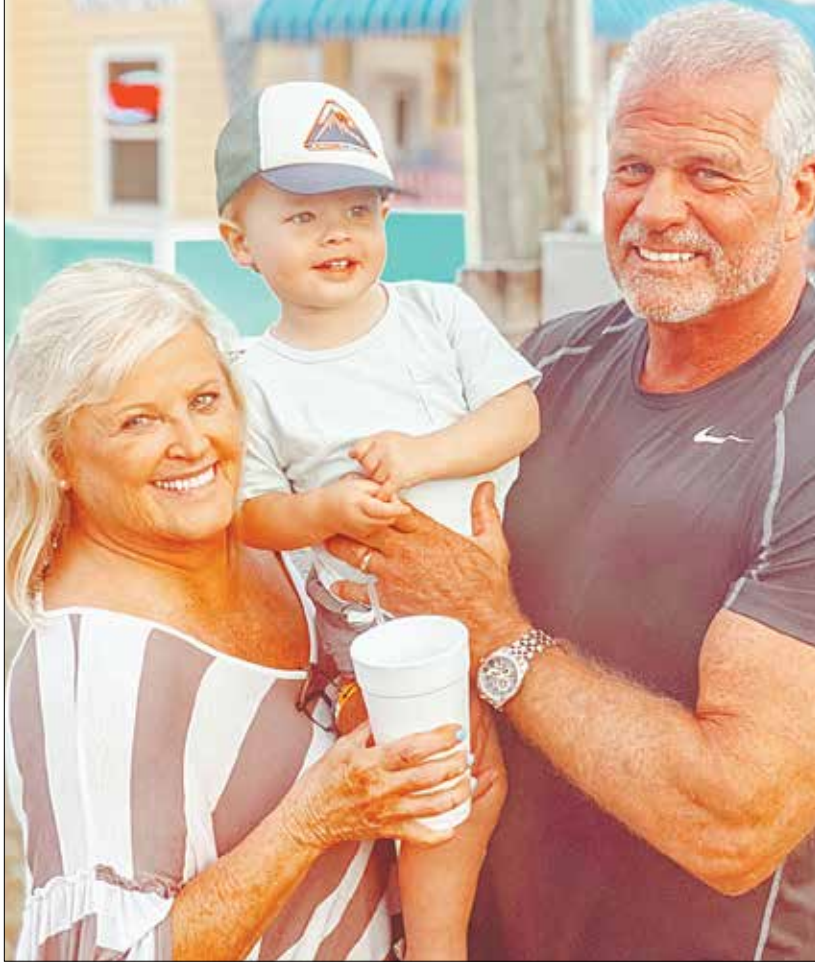
Three coaches were already in Florida or getting ready to head that way and one - CAK's Travis Mozingo - said he would be "hitting the road" in a week on a trip out West.

South-Doyle Coach Clark Duncan was in Santa Rosa, Fla., with his family members, including grandson Shep Hennigan, who turned 2 Thursday.

Fulton Coach Rob Black and his family went to Panama City Beach the first week.

Catholic Coach Steve Matthews and his family planned to leave Wednesday morning for St. George Island, Fla., and

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South-Doyle Coach Clark Duncan and wife Karen share a happy time with grandson Shep Hennigan in Santa Rosa, Fla., during the TSSAA Dead Period.

# Q&A with former Vol Robert Ayers

By Mark Nagi

The Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish made news recently when they hired former Tennessee Vol standout Robert Ayers to be their new defensive line coach. Ayers was picked in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos and played nine pro seasons with the Broncos, New York Giants and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. We had the chance to catch up with Ayers to talk about the new gig, as well as to get his thoughts on the direction of his alma mater.

**The Knoxville Focus:** So, how did it come about that you would join the Fighting Irish coaching staff?

**Robert Ayers:** It has been a long process. I've been trying to maneuver my

way into the coaching ranks for about a year. I've been reaching out to people and to be honest an old teammate of mine, Chris Brown, told me that Coach (Steve) Matthews at Knoxville Catholic needs a D-line coach... I looked them up, looked up who he was and asked to be introduced to him.

**KF:** Is coaching something you'd like to be doing for a long time?

**RA:** I knew this was something I wanted to be doing since my fourth or fifth year in the NFL. You have to build your relationships. It's one thing to be a player but it's another thing to be a coach. I've been trying to prove that I'm a hard worker and it is something I want to do for a long time,

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# Fountain City Bobcats come from behind to beat Sweetwater

By Ken Lay

If Fountain City Bobcats baseball coach Kevin DeBusk knows one thing about his team it's that no deficit seems insurmountable.

And the Bobcats proved that Thursday as they fell behind Sweetwater early only to storm back and claim an 8-6 victory over the Wildcats in a summer league baseball game at KCS.

The early chapters of this saga belonged to Sweetwater, which opened a 5-0 advantage by the top of the third inning on a warm summer late afternoon in West Knox County.

But undeterred, the Bobcats began chipping away at their deficit in the bottom of the third frame.

Jay Faulkner singled to lead off the inning and he would later steal second. Garrett Mauldin then drew a one-out walk to put runners on first and second.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Fountain City Bobcats pitcher Joe Meade lifted his team to an 8-6 victory over Sweetwater Thursday in the Knoxville Christian School Summer League. He had a solid relief appearance on the mound and had an RBI single and scored a run in a comeback win.

Both runners came home on a two-run single by Logan Rodenwald to make the score 5-2.

In the top of the fourth, Joe Meade, who started

the game in right field for the Bobcats, came in to pitch. He held the Wildcats at bay by striking out the side in order in the inning.

In the bottom of the

frame, Meade delivered with his bat as he got one of three RBI singles in a five-run inning to help Fountain City take a 7-5 lead.

Mauldin and Rodenwald

also knocked in runs with hits. Ethan DeBusk came home on an error in the inning and Jacob Pointer scored on a wild pitch and from there, the Bobcats

never trailed again.

Sweetwater, however, pulled to within 7-6 in the top of the fifth frame.

Fountain City plated an insurance run in its half of the fifth when an RBI single by Ethan DeBusk drove in Austin Ellis, who singled earlier in the inning.

The Bobcats' pitching staff finished things with a flourish when Mauldin struck out the side in the top of the seventh.

Coach DeBusk commended his squad's effort after the comeback victory.

"This team never gives up," he said. "They don't know how to quit. They've battled from behind a couple of times in this league.

"They've played together since they were about 5-7 years old. They started together at Fountain City Ballpark and they played together at Gresham Middle School and they're all just great kids."

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# Knights fall after aggressive base running nets early lead against 323 Baseball

By Ken Lay

By his own admission, Knoxville Christian School baseball coach John Barry is a bit of a gambler when his team gets runners on base.

His tendency to roll the dice made things exciting for the Knights and their fans early in KCS's 6-3 loss to 323 Baseball Thursday night.

After KCS starting pitcher Devon Cogossi held 323, a travel team from Blount County, scoreless in the top of the first inning of a summer league high school game at KCS, the Knights came to the plate.

Knoxville Christian scored all three of its runs in the opening frame by applying pressure to 323's defense.

The early rally began with one out in the inning, when Ty Hamilton, a recent graduate of Tellico Plains High School, was hit by a pitch.

He and Logan O'Baugh, who reached on an error, came home when Aaron Tipton doubled down the right-field line to make the score 2-0. Tipton later stole third and swiped home to extend the Knights' advantage to 3-0.

"I've always been aggressive when I get runners on base," Barry said. "That's the way that I've

always played the game.

"This is summer ball and I want to compete but I want the kids to have fun and I tell the kids that if they aren't aggressive when they're running the bases, then they aren't doing it right."

The aggressiveness allowed the Knights to place three runs with the benefit of just one hit.

KCS saw its lead hold up until the top of the third.

The 323 team, which scored six unanswered runs in the contest, tallied once in the top of the second before plating two more runs in the third to knot the contest 3-3.

The visitors would score the go-ahead and eventual game-winning run when Gage Fairbanks came home when a wild pitch hit the home plate umpire in the head. 323 would add a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

KCS may have come up on the short end of things Thursday night but the Knights opened the week with a 7-1 victory over the Eagles on Monday, June 22, and Barry has watched his team improve this summer.

"This was better," he said. "We competed and we were ahead for a while in this game."



Central Coach Nick Craney and daughter Lilly go nose to nose. The Craney's were advised to stay home during the TSSAA Dead Period because the Central coach's wife, Brooke, is seven months pregnant with Carolina Jane. Lilly gives her unborn sister and mommy some love.



## Coaches are divided on where to spend Dead Period

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return today. "After that I will start preparing for fall camp," he said.

The other four coaches chose to stay close to home.

"The Dead Period is such an important time for me to have extra time to spend with my family," said new Carter Coach Justin Pressley. "I will spend the entire dead period with my wife Jessica and 2-year-old son Duke. Typically, we take our family vacation at this time, but this year with COVID-19, we have decided to stay around town and within our bubble of people

in our family.

"We will spend time with our nieces and nephews and take daytrips... spending time on the lake or at the pool or going camping. It's a great time to relax and refresh our minds for the commitment and time away from our families during the season."

Nick Craney, new Central head coach, had a special reason to have a 'staycation.'

"My wife, Brooke, is seven months pregnant and in a high risk category for the coronavirus, so we have been encouraged not

to take any trips," he said.

"We are hanging out at home, swimming in our pool with our almost 4-year-old daughter Lilly and getting the nursery and our home ready for our new daughter, Carolina Jane."

Grace Christian Coach Rusty Bradley said: "I am staying in Knoxville with family and not traveling. Normally, we go somewhere for two or three days but not this year. I would rather just stay home."

Eddie Courtney, Farragut's veteran head coach, seemed to be tempted by

the sand and ocean, but renovation projects won out.

"As much as I would love to go to the beach, I will 'staycation' this dead period," he said. "I will continue to do some renovations at home and school."

"As a staff, we have designed three different types of practice schedules for when we come back. We want to be prepared for what decisions that will be made concerning football. We are excited about getting back and preparing for this season."



  
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Fulton Coach Rob Black and wife Michelle are flanked by daughters Makenna (left) and Makaley in this photo at Panama City Beach.



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## Stephens describes difference in coaching girls and boys

By Steve Williams

Call it Beauty and the Beast. New Hardin Valley Academy boys soccer coach Jessica Stephens, who also coaches the HVA girls' soccer team, was asked to describe the difference in coaching girls and boys. "It definitely brings some new challenges, but I look forward to challenging myself as a coach to adjust," said Stephens, who was an assistant coach for Farragut girls' soccer and boys' soccer for eight years. "The boys bring that competitive fire, while the girls play up the beauty of the game." Stephens has posted a 24-11-8 record since taking her first head coaching job with the Hardin Valley girls' program in 2018. Her Lady Hawks won the 2019 District 4-AAA championship and she was named the

district's Coach of the Year. **ACADEMIC HONORS:** Six Knox County athletic teams received the TSSAA's Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award this past school year for having a Team GPA of 3.25 or above. Those recognized in the Fall semester of 2019-20 were Halls Cheerleading 3.73, Karns Cheerleading 3.63, Bearden Girls Bowling 3.59, Knoxville Catholic Dance 3.58 and Bearden Boys Bowling 3.53. Halls Girls Basketball was recognized in the Spring semester for its 3.85 GPA. **VERSATILEVIKINGS:** Tennessee School for the Deaf was one of six schools in the state where more than half of its athletes participated in multiple sports during the 2019-20 school year. **INDUCTION RESET:** The 2020 TSSAA Hall of Fame luncheon

and induction ceremony has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. The event was originally scheduled April 18, but was postponed amid concerns over COVID-19. Buck Coatney, former head football coach at Fulton, is among this year's inductees. **CATHOLIC'S LOSS:** Kris White, former Knoxville Catholic defensive assistant, has taken his first head coaching position at Moore County High in Lynchburg. White, 45, coached the past five seasons at Catholic and was on the staff when the Fighting Irish won state championships in 2015 and 2017. He is a former Moore County assistant and his wife Holly is a MCHS alumna. **KFOA MEDIA DAY:** The annual event and Scholarship Golf

Tourney is slated for Friday, July 10 at Three Ridges from 8 a.m. until evening. If you can help with sponsors, prizes, golfers or volunteers, call B.J. Hillard at 865-202-4051. **ALL-STAR GAME:** An East Tennessee High School Baseball League All-Star game and Fireworks Show on Friday, July 3, at Smokies Stadium will cap off a big week. The game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. Three regular season games are slated each day this week Monday through Thursday starting at 2:30. Sevier County Cavaliers (5-0) and South-Doyle Knights (4-0) are tops in the standings as of June 26, followed by Seymour Lumber Kings (3-0-1) and Hardin Valley Knox Hawks (3-0-1).



Jessica Stephens is looking forward to a new challenge as boys' soccer head coach at Hardin Valley Academy. Stephens also coaches HVA's girls team.

# HVA names Jessie Stephens boys soccer coach in historic hire

By Ken Lay

Jessie Stephens is the fourth coach in Hardin Valley Academy's brief soccer history to concurrently be the head coach of both girls and boys teams. Stephens now joins Mike McLean, Mark Patterson and Nick Bradford to simultaneously coach the Hawks and Lady Hawks. That is also not uncommon in East Tennessee as Halls, Central and Powell have had the same coaches in both programs since the seasons don't intersect. Bearden's Ryan Radcliffe and Maryville's Steve Feather each coach both teams at their respective schools. But HVA made a little history when it tapped Stephens to be the next boys soccer coach. Stephens is now believed to be the first female head coach for a boys program in Tennessee. But Stephens isn't all that concerned about

being a historic figure. She just wants to compete and she wants to bring some continuity to a program which hasn't had stability since McLean resigned and relocated to the Atlanta area following the spring of 2015 after taking the Hawks to the Class AAA State Semifinals. McLean also won a state championship with the boys in 2011. "The school hasn't had consistency for a while in soccer," said Stephens, who will be the team's fourth coach in five years. "Both programs really need consistency and I think I can provide that consistency. We have a good group of talented boys." Stephens, an all-state player at Farragut High School, played collegiately at Carson-Newman before returning to West Knox County to become an assistant for the Admirals under her coach, Dennis Lindsay. She worked for Lindsay for seven seasons before

he retired following the 2017 season. In 2018, Stephens became the Lady Hawks' head coach, replacing Bradford, who left after two seasons. She had a similar task of creating continuity with a program that made two consecutive state tournament appearances under McLean and Patterson in 2015 and 2016 respectively. In two seasons as Hardin Valley's girls coach, Stephens has restored the

Lady Hawks to a bit of their past glory. She guided them to the District 4-AAA Tournament Championship in 2019. She replaces Brad Delano, who coached the Hawks in 2019. In a campaign marred by injuries, Hardin Valley went 5-10-6. Delano and the Hawks were 1-1 in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic cut the school year and the season short. "When Brad stepped down, my (administration) talked about me (being

the next boys coach) and one of my club coaches at FC Alliance told me I could do this," Stephens said. "I know I can do this." "But it's nice to hear somebody else say that I can do it." She has a proven track record coaching the boys game. At Farragut, she was an assistant to boys coach Ray Dover, guiding both the freshman and junior varsity squads at her alma mater. She also coached HVA's JV last season. She found coaching in the boys game

to be rewarding. "I enjoyed my time coaching with Brad," Stephens said. As far as being the first female to be the head coach of a boys varsity team, she said, "I don't know of any other one, but don't quote me on that." "If I'm the first in Knox County than I'm probably the first in Tennessee. I talked to Dennis (Lindsay) and he doesn't know of one and he's been around soccer since 1987."

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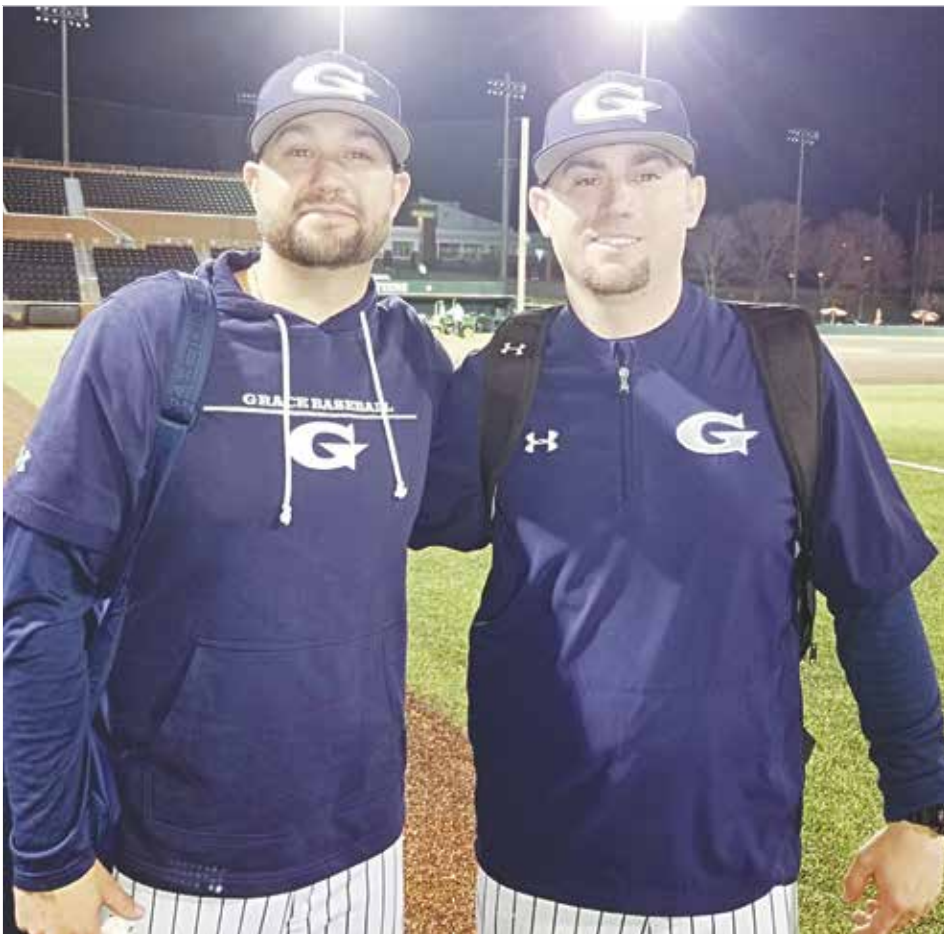
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# Byrd says Powell baseball post 'makes perfect sense'



By Steve Williams

Matt Byrd and Powell High baseball could be good for each other.

After two head coaching positions at Central and Clinton, Byrd recently announced he had joined the Panthers' program as an assistant coach and would be in charge of the infielders.

"Powell makes perfect sense for me right now," said Byrd. "I live five minutes from the high school, my kids will be going to Powell, it's a very good baseball program, and Coach (Josh) Warner is one of the best coaches in East Tennessee in my opinion. I've already proven

myself as a head coach, but I think Coach Warner can help make me an even better coach."

Byrd helped bring Central's program back to life during his three seasons (2014-16) at Fountain City.

"We had a really strong rebuild (58-30) during my three years there," he said, pointing out the Bobcats had only won 12 games combined in the five previous seasons.

Byrd also felt he "really got the program moving in the right direction" in his three years at Clinton before a change was made after the 2019 season.

Matt started this

past season assisting his brother Jonathan Byrd, who is the head coach at Grace Christian Academy. But the season was halted in mid-March by the coronavirus pandemic.

"I'm not a coach that has too much pride to step down and be an assistant coach," added Byrd. "I have nothing to prove to anyone and as long as I am continuing to learn and grow as a coach that's all that matters to me. God has a reason for everything that He does and I am very happy with the situation that I am in at Powell."

*Matt Byrd (right) assisted his brother Jonathan at Grace Christian Academy this past season before COVID-19 halted high school baseball play. Matt recently was added to the Powell staff as an assistant coach.*

## Q&A with former Vol Robert Ayers

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**KF:** You were around a lot of great coaches during your Tennessee tenure. What have you learned from them as you begin your own coaching career?

**RA:** Coach Dan Brooks, my D-line coach, is the biggest reason why I wanted to be a coach. When I first got to college, I wasn't the easiest player to deal with. I was hard-headed. I was

stubborn. Brooks stuck with me and became a second Dad to home. All the success I had I can attribute to Coach Brooks. He mentored me and made sure that I stayed on the right path. I wanted to be what Brooks was for me to someone else. It's my way to give back. All the blessings I have had, I want to find the next Robert Ayers, the next stubborn guy that you could have said about

me in 2004, I want to help that person and help turn their life around. Coaching to me is my way of doing that. I can never thank Coach Brooks enough. He inspired me to get into coaching and I'm looking forward to it.

**KF:** What do you think about the job that Jeremy Pruitt is doing at Tennessee?

**RA:** I follow everything they are doing, and their recruiting class is going good. I have to give credit to Coach (Phillip) Fulmer (Tennessee's athletics director). When Fulmer left my senior year (2008) we lost a lot of credibility in recruiting. I think that duo is bringing back respect in recruiting. It will pay off eventually. I know how Rocky Top can be. They want to be national champions,

but Rome wasn't built in a day. Be patient, and hopefully they can turn things around.

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

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### Absurdity

Surrealism is an art style which features illogical dreamlike visions in contradiction to reality. Perhaps the most famous depiction of surrealism is Salvador Dali's melting clocks in his painting "The Persistence of Memory."

Unfortunately, Dali's nightmare-like visions have become reality in America's 2020 cultural revolution. The absurdity is that anarchists are actually selling their warped perspective as recompense for a sin-stained America. And even more disturbing are those in thrall of hatred who embrace anarchist perversity as reality. Insanity is on full display.

What happens when reason is subverted by the passions of hatred? Last week I mentioned the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror led by Robespierre and the Jacobins. The mob and the guillotine were the result, followed by the tyranny of

Napoleon and war across Europe. History teaches that the mob cannot be appeased and will eventually come for you. This is the indisputable lesson. In just the last one hundred years, tyranny and the mob produced death and destruction across Russia, Germany, China and Cambodia.

We've all heard the phrase, "The pen is mightier than the sword," but is it true? Perhaps it's only true when reason is still operative. You cannot reason with a mob or with anarchists. Nor can you have dialogue with activists using bullhorns or with the major "news" media whose purpose is to foment discord rather than discourse.

These days there are many examples of absurdity and alternate reality. A red hat with the "Make America Great Again" logo has become an emotional trigger for moronic leftists. Apparently some lives

matter (Black Lives Matter, BLM), but you must not speak of others (Blue Lives Matter or All Lives Matter). The handshake, a time-honored sign of greeting and conviviality, is now verboten. Faces hidden behind masks are unable to flash a friendly smile. And verbal communication is likewise impaired by the now ubiquitous "sign of fear." We've been working on our five-year-old granddaughter's elocution. Though Josie tends to mumble she's better understood than store clerks in a mask, unless the cashier is wearing the uncomfortable mask on his/her chin!

How absurd to learn the anarchist's cudgel works on large corporations and executives with linguine spines. Brand name products such as Aunt Jemima syrup, Uncle Ben's rice and Land of Lakes butter are suddenly deemed racist. Perhaps it's the skin color of Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben that makes the label racist. And how absurd and cowardly to attack statues and historical monuments. I believe the attacks are more than just mob stupidity. The attacks are typical of revolutions. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, in his book *The Gulag Archipelago*, warned that the way to destroy a people is to remove their history. Make no mistake, the mob's

attacks on our statues and monuments are attacks on our cultural history and our country.

When I was accepted to medical school, I was supposed to finish the last semester and my undergraduate degree. Instead, I opted for "the grand tour" of Europe, the traditional rite of passage for young men of the 17th and 18th centuries. For two months I surveyed architecture, toured museums and visited innumerable churches with such grand interior spaces that "surely the presence of God" was in such places. For me the now common Internet church service rings hollow when compared to seeking the Spirit in God's sanctuary. And how absurd to close churches, but authorize marching shoulder to shoulder in protests, allowing looting, burning and vandalism without a mask.

I've led a half dozen medical missions to Guatemala where the culture is vastly different. As a new "missionary" doctor struggling to communicate and provide medical care in the bush, my preconceived notions of things were often challenged. I remember asking a man if he was "OK" by using the "universal" hand sign. Body language and facial expression told me my patient was ... perplexed. I was horrified

to learn that the OK sign in that culture meant "You are an a\*\*hole!"

Last year I learned that in the absurd leftist cultural revolution the OK sign is considered a "meme of white power/supremacy!" The Greek philosopher Epictetus once said that your only real possession is your thoughts. However, 2nd century Epictetus was unaware of our modern-day anarchists and the "march of the morons" who blindly follow such destructive Pied Pipers. Epictetus would be horrified to hear the chant of BLM anarchists, "Silence is violence." In other words, your thoughts are betrayed and you are condemned by failing to outwardly embrace such "wokeness."

Viktor Frankl survived the Nazi death camps and went on to become an eminent neurologist and psychiatrist. He founded logotherapy which means "healing through meaning." Logotherapy is considered the third school of psychotherapy alongside Sigmund Freud's and Adler's schools. Frankl wrote that there are only two races, the race of the decent and the race that is not.

A decent person and culture embrace virtue. Virtue is morality or righteousness. Ancient cultures were built of what we now call the Cardinal Virtues of courage, common sense, justice

and moderation. I reject the race that is not decent or virtuous. Perhaps that makes me a racist, but it has nothing to do with skin color. It has everything to do with virtue and decency.

A wonderful book is "How Then Should We Live" by Francis Schaeffer. In easy to read prose, Schaeffer chronicles Western Civilization and Christian cultural influences. Suffice it to say, Schaeffer thought our Western Civilization was in decline, and these days few would argue to the contrary. But there is hope and a way forward, but not with anarchists like antifa, the Marxist leaders of BLM or the Godless mob.

The Apostle Paul would supersede the Cardinal Virtues with his so-called Theological Virtues in I Corinthians 13. I believe faith, hope and love are the metaphorical rudders of our ship and modulate the other aspects of decent and virtuous behavior.

It's not rocket science, but it is necessary to overcome the passions of hate and racism with reason and love.

Be decent and virtuous. Resist being duped by "Wormwoods." Seek the Spirit and push back against anarchy. This is how we should live.

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# His impact will not go away

When Jesus died, his tiny movement appeared close to the end. Literally, he had a handful of devoted followers and they were locked behind doors fearful they would be killed next. No one would have voted Jesus' movement to survive after his death, but it did. Normally, after the death of someone, their influence begins to fade.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Consider influential people who have passed on, like the co-founder of Apple, Steve Jobs, the incredible digital innovator, who died on Oct. 5, 2011, at the age of 56. Hard to believe it has been that long ago already. Soon after he died, someone wrote, "Ten

years ago our world had Bob Hope, Johnny Cash, and Steve Jobs; now we have no Jobs, no Cash, and no Hope." But Jesus' impact was greater a hundred years after his death than during his entire life. We are now approaching 2,000 years since his death and Jesus has more followers in more places than ever.

The life and teaching of Jesus drew people to him. When you read the gospels, you see the magnet he was to people of all backgrounds - rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free. Jesus gave each person space to decide if they wanted to follow him or not. He

didn't force people to accept him. He simply loved them.

If you have not watched any episodes of "The Chosen", I would highly encourage you to do so. You can find all eight episodes on YouTube. The producers of this film series have done a masterful job of portraying Jesus and his interactions with people. You can't help but love Jesus when you see how he interacted with others both by reading the Word of God and when you see it played out visually on film.

There was not one painting or sculpture done of Jesus when he lived. The Bible is silent on what he looked like other than a prophecy in Isaiah 53:2 that says he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him. It appears from this that Jesus was not particularly attractive to look at; rather, he looked quite ordinary. Yet in the years since Jesus walked this earth, there has been more art work of Jesus and his followers than perhaps any other in the world. Jesus has been portrayed in hundreds of movies. Songs written about him are too many to count.

Jesus' followers took to heart that the suffering of every single individual human being matters and that those who are able to help ought to. Due to their hearts of compassion, hospitals were started and relief efforts of all kinds spawned from this movement. Consider that it is in Jesus' name that people who

are desperate pray, that people who are thankful worship, and people who are mad curse. As John Ortberg says well, "From christenings [baptisms] to weddings to sick rooms to funerals, it is in Jesus' name that people are hatched, matched, patched, and dispatched." Jesus is history's most familiar figure.

Jesus never authored a book, yet his call to love God with all of one's mind led his followers to emphasize education of all people. The Jesus movement would give rise to schools of higher education like Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and Yale. Jesus wanted every person to learn of him and his salvation. Jesus and his legacy will not go away as his devoted followers live out the good news.

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# City to receive additional \$2.2 million in federal aid to help with COVID-19 needs

The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development (formerly Community Development) Department has received \$2.2 million in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding for COVID-19 assistance. The money will be used to prevent and respond to individuals and families with housing needs amid the pandemic.

On June 9, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced it would distribute \$2.96 billion in a second allocation of ESG-CV funding nationally to support people experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of experiencing homelessness because of unemployment, lost wages or illness due to COVID-19.

During an earlier round of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, the City received \$513,272 in ESG-CV funds, which has been allocated to the new COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program, homeless emergency shelter and essential services.

"The pandemic has presented a situation in which we want to act as quickly as possible to distribute these federal funds to residents who need them," says Housing and Neighborhood Development Department Director Becky Wade. "With this additional funding, we'll be able to assist even more vulnerable residents and engage additional community partners to reach them."

HND staff will collaborate with their colleagues in the Office of Community

Empowerment to contact organizations and agencies that currently help residents who are likely to qualify for and benefit most from COVID-19 relief.

"These additional funds bring even more opportunity for the City to be deliberate in engaging a broad and diverse base of organizations to better connect our most vulnerable neighbors with important resources," Community Empowerment Director Charles Lomax said. ESG-CV-funded activities must meet one or more of the following needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of experiencing homelessness:

- Street outreach
- Emergency shelter and shelter operations
- Essential services, including case management, childcare, education, employment assistance, job training, outpatient and mental health services, life-skills training, legal services, services, substance-abuse treatment services, and transportation
- Rapid re-housing
- Homelessness prevention

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In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on July 24, 2020 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday July 23rd, 2020 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

- 2002 Bui LeSab 1G4HR54K92U008418
- 2016 Wab N/A 1JJV532D76L913671
- 2004 Toy Camry 4T1BE32K44U922498
- 2004 Jag X-Type SAJEA51C04WD63026
- 2000 Hon Civic 1HGCEJ8147Y1117573
- 2004 Hyu Santa KM8SC13D64U588825
- 2000 Toy Camry JT2BG22K0Y0404774
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- 2013 Hyu Elant KMHDH4AE8U086755E
- 1998 Nis 2003 1N4AB42D4WC507938

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- 1994 Che S10 1GCCS14W5R8123609
- 2001 Toy Camry 4T1BE32K91U862377
- 2007 For Escap 1FMCU041X7KA29259
- 1987 Hon CMX25 JH2MC1300HK207330
- 2009 Toy Camry 4T1BE46K19U826917
- 1988 Dod D150 1B7FD147J5S609306
- 2010 Che Impal 2G1WA5EK4A1205172
- 1990 Vol 740 S YV1FA884XL2468625
- 2004 Dod Ram P 1D7HU16D54J257958
- 2001 Maz Tribu 4F2YU09111KM11187

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