

Anne Crais is Good Neighbor of the Year

Anne Crais of Wesley Neighborhood is the Knoxville “Good Neighbor of the Year” and was honored during a recognition dinner Thursday. Photo courtesy of Debbie Sharp.



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The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year for 2020 is Anne Crais, secretary of Wesley Neighborhood Community Association. The announcement was made during an Office of Neighborhoods Recognition Dinner Thursday. Normally the honors are presented in the city’s annual Neighborhood Conference

which was cancelled this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Three other neighborhood leaders were in the running for the honors including Kevin Jeske-Polyak of Southside Waterfront, Jeff Johnson of Fourth and Gill, and Beata Prater of the Five Points Complex.

Crais was chosen for her efforts to keep her neighbors informed, helping

those in need, picking up trash during walks, setting up the annual National Night Out, volunteering at West Hills Elementary School, and establishing a little free library.

Mayor Indya Kincannon presented the honors and other speakers included Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp, Eden Slater, Charles Lomax, and Bailey Walker. Neighborhood Achievement Awards went

to Forest Heights, Historic Sutherland Heights, Oakwood Lincoln Park, South Woodlawn, Wesley Neighbors and West Hills.

Officer Eric Parks, who was named Police Liaison Officer the year last fall, was again recognized for his service.

The event was held at the site of the former St. Mary’s/Tennova Hospital just off Broadway.

Volunteer-Driven Program in Need of Volunteer Drivers

The Volunteer Assisted Transportation program, part of Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, is seeking volunteer drivers to assist seniors and people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed for weekdays, evenings and weekends. Drivers must be 21 years of age and have at least three years of driving experience.

Flexible scheduling is available so all volunteers can provide safe, accessible transportation services in agency-owned vehicles. Volunteers are very important

as they stay with riders and provide assistance at appointments, grocery shopping and other errands as well as ensuring riders make it safely to their destinations safely.

Training is provided at no cost to the volunteer which includes: First Aid and CPR certifications, vehicle orientation (Toyota Prius, Ford Fusions, Wheelchair Accessible Mini-vans), and Passenger Assistance Training.

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Board of Health says ‘Stay the Course’

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As COVID-19 cases continue to surge and the number of deaths climbing the Knox County Board of Health is continuing to promote its five core mandates of wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, staying home if sick and cleaning surfaces. The mask mandate is for all public and private buildings and the board is also planning to issue a Letter of Support for the health director’s work with the Knox County Schools.

While Director Dr. Martha Buchanan and the board have no authority over schools, which fall under state control, Dr. Patrick O’Brien offered multiple suggestions

for COVID-19 controls in schools during the board of health’s “special” weekly meeting Wednesday.

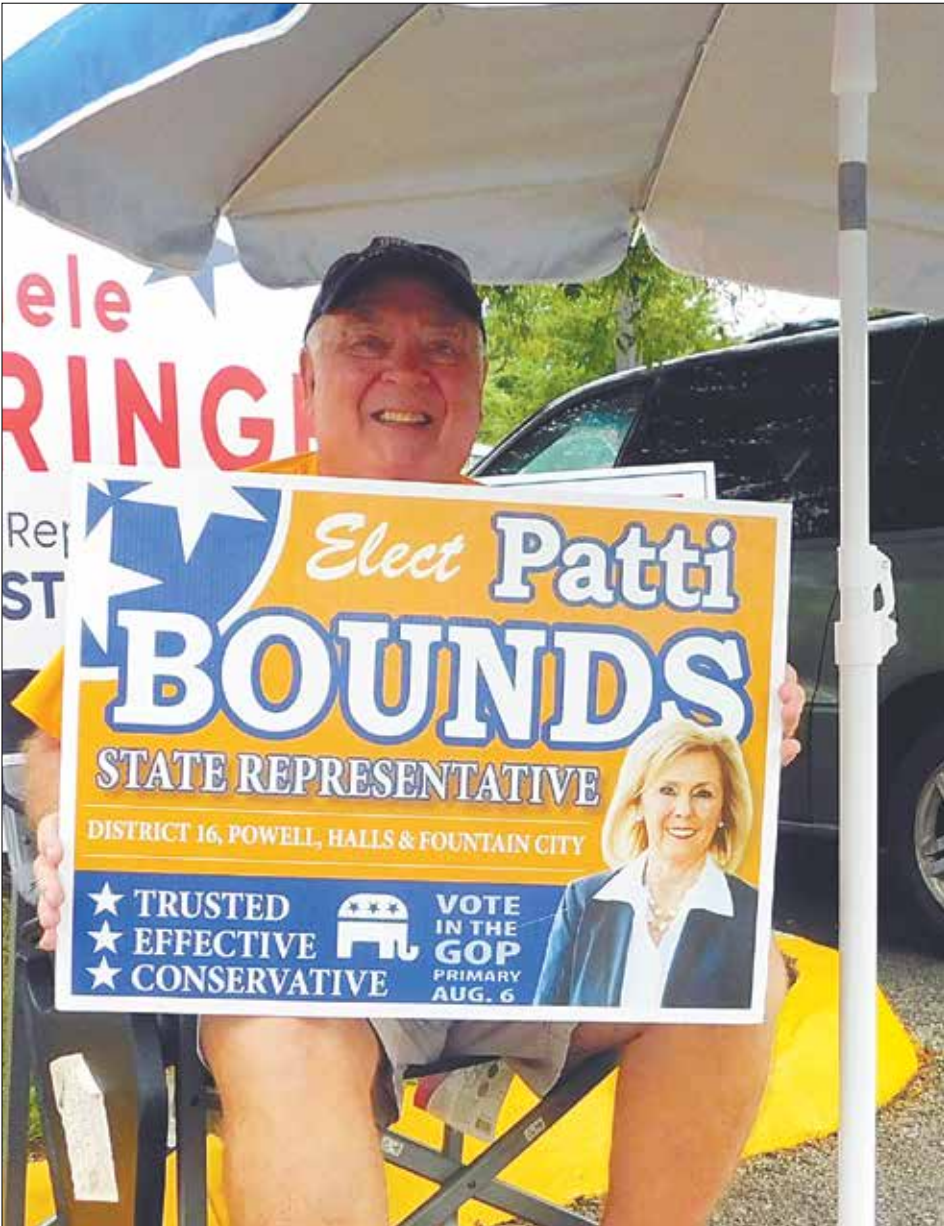
As O’Brien was reading his many recommendations, Dr. Buchanan said her department is already working with the school system and didn’t need the separate guidelines. The board then decided to issue a letter of support for Buchanan’s efforts to advise the school system. Buchanan said she meets with the school system weekly.

Parents had been given a choice by the administration and school board for students to attend in person or school online.

Buchanan reported a sharp increase over

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Knox County sees heavier voting than usual



Tommy Bounds, husband of Patti Lou Bounds who is a candidate for state legislature, sits outside the New Harvest Market early voting precinct.

A tour of Old Broadway’s coming sidewalks



Civil Engineer Shawn Fitzpatrick tells Director Harold Cannon, Jr., and Councilman Charles Thomas of plans for the Old Broadway Sidewalk Project.

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In about a year or less residents of Fountain City and Inskip will be able to walk or bike all the way from the north end of Old Broadway to Mineral Springs by way of a new sidewalk project. Eventually that new sidewalk will link up with the First Creek Greenway which means you could walk all the way

downtown and back.

Old Broadway has been a convenient shortcut for many local residents bypassing the busy north and south traffic along Broadway. Currently anyone walking or biking the street has few sidewalks along the brief route. Old Broadway was four-laned a few years ago and, except for traffic lights at Dutchtown Road and the

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Commission approves COVID-19 state funds

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The Knox County Commission is approving several big dollar items including more than \$7.1 million in state dollars for the health department. The funding comes to provide appropriate "response and recovery from COVID-19."

The commission approved the new income-funding funds in its work session last week. The Knox County Health Department may also get approval, on the consent agenda, to contract with Cross Country Staffing Inc. for staffing services to assist in the pandemic as well as Xtend Healthcare LLC for call tracing, Technical Youth LLC for COVID-19 control program services and GuideSoft Inc. for managed service in the effort to control the pandemic.

A \$1.5 million loan to the Knox County Clerk's Office was approved during the work session after its director, Charles Susano,

explained revenue losses when case filings fell more than 70%. He said that he must keep as many employees as possible and explained his office oversees three different courts.

Susano explained the courts were closed for several months due to the pandemic on orders by the Tennessee Supreme Court and the closures greatly affected his office. He said he's concerned as the pandemic grows that he may be forced to close again and, if so, he'll be forced to lay off some of this staff.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell told the commission that the "Interfund Loan" action was taken to give the clerk's office more than year to repay the funds and that he will be issuing the funds as needed. Susano said he's had a \$30,000 shortfall each month so far and noted that his office is only permitted to keep 2.5% of incoming revenue on filed cases.

"It's difficult but we still

have an obligation to serve and staff the courts," Susano said, adding that General Sessions Court is now being held in the main assembly room each day to facilitate social distancing. Susano explained that his office "inherited" the current system and said the amount allowed to stay in the clerk's office should be increased.

In other business, the proposed Lonsdale Elementary School was approved to be funded for \$19 million. The new school is expected to house 450 or more students and to be completed in about two years.

The commission also approved construction of a boat ramp at Powell High School and Parks and Recreation Department hopes to have the raft and kayak put in there completed by the August Powell Celebration. Paul White, Director of Parks and Recreation, cited At-Large Commissioner Larsen Jay's participation in the effort. The project is sponsored by

Legacy Parks and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Schaad Road and Ball Camp Pike received \$32 million for a three-year project there. Phase Two and Three work on the 13-mile stretch is expected to start this year. The commission also approved an additional \$5.9 million to extend the project.

Passed with no recommendation for tonight's regular meeting was a proposal to give psychological tests to sheriff deputy candidates after the recruits are selected. Law Director Bud Armstrong called the testing of fully qualified candidates "a good financial decision" and said the proposal lines up with current procedures in the department. The idea requires two approvals.

Airbnb and other home-owned rentals may have to pay the same taxes as do hotels and motels under another proposal before the commission.

Police Body Camera Contract on City Agenda

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request to expand the funding.

About \$200,000 is being asked for by the Public Service Department for online purchasing of uniform garments for Public Service, Knox Transit and the Recreation departments.

The council will also look at contracting with Travelers Insurance for property, flood, earthquake, and boiler and machinery coverage for the city for \$316,093 annually.

Changes in some policies of the Knoxville Utility Board will also be on the agenda with the idea of putting amendments to the city charter on the ballot.

A related resolution will be heard from the city administration asking the council to endorse an executive action by the mayor and KUB to promote "greater collaboration, transparency and community engagement in policies and procedures."

Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie has a resolution before the council asking Tennessee Governor Bill Lee to grant a posthumous pardon of Maurice Franklin Mays, a young Black professional who was executed for the murder of a young white woman in Knoxville. Mays went to his death pleading his innocence. He was charged with the murder and the incident led to the 1919 Knoxville Race Riots.

Board of Health says 'Stay the Course'

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the last two weeks in the number of positive tests and the number of deaths and reported those deaths surged 55% over that period. She said public health follow-ups are going well but added that COVID-19 test results are too slow in coming back. She also said that hospital capacity is in the "Yellow" category, meaning caution.

She also reported that the health department continues to test but that effort is only 16% of the testing going on and the rest of the tests are being conducted by hospitals and doctors. She also said that negative results are not being reported and that regional results are not standardized.

Dr. James Shamiyeh of University Health Systems reported that hospitalization is at 48 people per 1,000 positive tests. He said the five core guidelines "are the purest thing we can look at." He also added that the board does not get daily reporting from all the area hospitals.

He suggested all schools open up following the guidelines to which Dr. Jack E. Gotcher responded, "That age group can certainly spread the virus."

Buchanan said while more people are wearing masks, the health department is

getting reports of businesses not wearing masks or requiring them on customers.

Board member Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs asked several questions including if taking off a mask or touching it can be dangerous. Shamiyeh replied "Wash your hands" After handling one's mask. Jacobs told a story of a mother with an autistic child not wearing a mask because it upset her child. Jacobs said, "Don't judge people" but added those people should still follow the guidelines and not shame people who do wear a mask.

Gotcher said there are lots of conspiracy theories on the internet about wearing masks and added, "It's easy to latch onto something that fulfills your prejudices."

O'Brien warned against social gatherings, like backyard barbecues with neighbors, and Shamiyeh said that transmitting the virus to a friend "just breaks your heart."

"We must stay the course right now, follow the numbers and see if masks make a difference," O'Brien said.

The board of health is now meeting weekly as it wrestles with a growing number of COVID-19 patients and an increasing number of deaths due to the virus pandemic.



Recently Mascot Lodge 738 held their awards day presenting awards and honors to four elected officials for their support of the community and directly bringing an active voice of their constituents forward. In addition to this, three recent graduates representing two schools in Knox and Grainger counties received Mascot Lodge's Education Jumpstart Scholarships. Congressman Burchett also presented these young ladies additional recognition and honors. Pictured L to R: TN state Rep. 89 Justin Lafferty, TN state Rep. Dave Wright, Awardee Carly Raley, TN02 Congressman Tim Burchett, Mascot Lodge JW Vito Sagliano, Awardee Eva Tolliver, Awardee Shannon Slabaugh, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

A tour of Old Broadway's coming sidewalks

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I-640 exit ramp, the route cuts out a lot of traffic stress.

The route of the new sidewalk was detailed last Tuesday morning when W. Harold Canon, Director of Knoxville's Engineering, and Shawn Fitzpatrick, the city's Civil Engineer, joined Councilman Charles Thomas to walk the path in progress from south Fountain City to Broadway and Mineral Springs Road. Thomas arranged the walk to learn about the changes to a proposal he had made several years ago about expanding the city's greenway systems. The Knoxville Focus was invited to tag along.

"I worked on a plan to get the greenway down

from Adair Park but I haven't walked it in a while," Thomas said.

The tour of the sidewalk project began at the eastern entrance to the Lynnhurst Cemetery near Starbuck's Coffee on Old Broadway. There the Fountain City, Adair Park and Sue Clancy greenways will eventually connect.

Fitzpatrick said the current right hand portion of the four-lane street will be replaced with a curbed sidewalk built along most of the street. He said it will progress to pass Louis's Restaurant, saving most of the parking lot there, and the four lane opens up again into two lanes just prior to the I-640 exit road.

The sidewalk will then

continue south but instead of going under the railroad bridge it will turn right and climb up the right side of Shipman Drive and Faber Street until it crosses the railroad tracks and descends what was "Old" Old Broadway to Broadway. From there it runs back along Broadway to Mineral Springs Road at a marked crossing of the busy street there.

Fitzpatrick explained the right turn section of the current Old Broadway will disappear and right turns will be routed to the traffic light intersection at Broadway. He also said that bicycle riders may choose to climb the hill at Shipman or use the railroad underpass.

The Knoxville Focus was

curious as to why the sidewalk did not pass under the old railroad but Fitzpatrick explained the two passages there, originally designed for pedestrian use, are only five-feet wide and the condition of the bridge is in question. The Norfolk Southern Railroad, knowing of that problem, constructed a pedestrian railroad crossing along Faber for future sidewalk and greenway use.

Given the climb up the hill to cross the tracks it may well be that walkers will still choose to walk in traffic beneath the underpass.

Cannon, who said he's new to the position as director, estimated the project should be completed by June of 2021.

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Public notice of irregularities of the 2020 Knox County Charter Review Committee

AN ALERT TO ALL KNOX COUNTY CITIZENS, VOTERS, and STAKEHOLDERS of a POTENTIAL “BLACK WEDNESDAY” 2.0 and FUTURE “ASTROTURF” CAMPAIGN

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION of the KCCRC and LAW DIRECTOR

KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE: Every eight (8) years the Knox County Charter Review Committee (KCCRC) convenes and is comprised of a body of 27 including the 9 districted Knox County Commissioners and their appointments (each Commissioner appoints a citizen from their district for 9 citizens) and the Knox County Mayor has 9 appointments. The 2020 KCCRC began meeting early in 2020 and at its first meeting officers were elected (Chairman, etc.) and Robert’s Rules of Order was confirmed to be the process and rules to conduct meetings (as also reported in the press).

Prior to the KCCRC even having its first meeting in 2020, media entities and community/government individual journalists and activists were hinting as of late 2019 that the Mayor’s Office has the desire on eliminating the “ELECTION” of the Knox County Law Director (Law Director) and replace it with a “MAYORAL APPOINTMENT” of the Law Director in the future. Although this was not and is not a major concern from any citizen group to date that has appeared in front of the KCCRC in its public forum, it is being spearheaded by the Mayor’s appointments and Commissioners that work for the public / government sector.

The first time the topic came up of the Law Director being “mayoral appointed” vs. “elected” in KCCRC business was a last minute submittal of a proposed amendment as the KCCRC was about to meet. The amendment was submitted by a Mayoral appointee who is a former Commissioner and Chief of Staff to a previous Mayor during “Black Wednesday”, and is a Mayor advisor to current Mayor’s Office. After hours of vetting and debate, the amendment of having a “mayoral appointed” Law Director was put to a vote and defeated. It was not brought up again during that meeting or the following meeting and as such is considered “dead” per Robert’s Rules of Order and cannot be an agenda item until the 2028 KCCRC (according to the KCCRC’s legal advisor and current Law Director Bud Armstrong).

SECTION 2: KCCRC JULY 13TH MEETING

At the last KCCRC meeting held on July 13th (please review the televised meeting on public access for confirmation of the following), the topic of a “mayoral appointed” Law Director was put on the agenda by another Mayoral appointee and former City of Knoxville Councilman who is currently employed in government relations for a utility/communications entity. Although this was “old business” and was a dead issue (“Dead by Rule” per Robert’s Rules of Order according to the Law Director, etc.) it was potentially being considered. Just prior to the KCCRC meeting starting, the Law Director presented the Rule(s) to the KCCRC Chairman for his understanding and provided council. Once the meeting started, the motion of bringing up the dead issue of “mayoral appointed” Law Director was made and the KCCRC Chairman decided on his own to let it be considered and even seconded. Throughout the discussion prior to

that motion, the Law Director advised the KCCRC two (2) more times that this was a dead issue by the process and procedures of our meeting. The counter argument was from the “voting block” of Mayoral appointees that included former elected government representatives, current professional paid advisors and local government / public sector employees, and a few “Black Wednesday” alumni.

From a professional perspective and having a public administration (MPA) background, I asked the Law Director for his opinion a third time for the KCCRC... which he properly gave per Robert’s Rules of Order and this topic being “dead by rule”....which I then made the immediate motion of there being no other new business before the KCCRC that I move to conclude the 2020 KCCRC session. The Chairman completely ignored my motion and did not ask for a second as required (and even later admitted to ignoring my motion during the same meeting when asked by another sitting Commissioner per my motion). The KCCRC Chairman is employed within our local government and directly reports to a board which includes the Knox County and City of Knoxville Mayors in addition to other government officials and a citizen representative.

SECTION 3: POTENTIAL ‘BLACK WEDNESDAY’ 2.0

At that point with the Law Director’s advice being ignored three (3!) times of the “dead by rule” opinion from Robert’s Rules of Order and then my proper motion (as no other motions were on the floor) equally being ignored, the KCCRC lost a great deal of legitimacy and began acting in bad faith (based on my professional experience and expertise). The KCCRC Chairman let the “mayoral appointed” law director motion become “new business” and that is when the “show” began. These are the observations that I saw which are probably reflected in the video broadcast of the meeting (***I cannot obtain other observations from the other 26 members of the KCCRC as we are also governed by “sunshine provisions” and as such, I cannot talk to the other members until the 2020 KCCRC commences***):

- There were no participants in the public forum stating a “business case” on July 13th or a previous date to support a “mayoral appointed” Law Director,
- There was a definitely an agenda driven “voting block” in support of “mayoral appointment” versus the citizen participants and independent Commissioners (in short, the July 13th meeting, the “voting block” had the “votes” to do anything they wanted...although this topic should never have been considered new business per “dead by rule” procedures),
- There was a sense of collusion as witnessed in “common vernacular, piggy-backing, and cadence” of discussion of the “voting block” (as would be seen in the video broadcast of the meeting),
- It was extremely transparent through the use of texting that a “group chat and direction” was going on during the meeting of core members of a “voting block”,
- A sitting Commissioner brought up her past frustrations of the KCCRC not being consistent in procedures and agenda process and wanted to make sure she knew

- what was going on,
- Another sitting Commissioner stated that this was another “Black Wednesday” and is one of the worst things he has seen since “Black Wednesday” in Knox County Government,
 - Another sitting Commissioner was dismayed that my motion was ignored (as previously mentioned) and was floored with the Chairman’s response,
 - One KCCRC citizen member rightfully brought up a question per “ethical conduct, conflicts of interests, etc.” to make it part of public record and to challenge the “voting block” to abstain in voting; however it was dismissed by members of the “voting block”,
 - It appears a few mayoral appointees are on the KCCRC solely to cast their votes as they do not participate much than otherwise voting, and
 - Lastly, the spirit and hopes of a good portion of the KCCRC membership was shaken that day and seems most of the “citizen participants” (including myself) were equally disgusted of what had transpired especially in regards to process, history, and public administration.

SECTION 4: NEXT STEPS for the MEDIA and KNOX COUNTY CITIZENS

Moving forward, there are many considerations that the MEDIA and KNOX COUNTY CITIZENS, VOTERS, and STAKEHOLDERS can actively participate:

1. Media entities and private journalists need to provide coverage of the upcoming July 30th meeting, provide reporting to its readership/viewership, examine and watch the July 13th meeting, and if warranted and/or desired, deploy investigative reporting as this topic/event was a very transparent act by a “voter block” with past / current local government connections and/or as previously reported as “Black Wednesday” active participants,
2. Contact the Law Director for his opinion of “dead by rule”. I also have contacted the Law Director on 7.21.20 with a request to provide in writing his opinion of “dead by rule” for preservation of public record/history and for the KCCRC’s future use, etc.,
3. Contact the KCCRC / Knox County Mayor’s Office and give your thoughts in e-mail or participate in the public forum portion of the July 30th meeting held at 5:30 PM in the City / County Building,
4. Be very aware if this topic (amendment for a “mayoral appointed” Law Director) makes the November 2020 ballot, there will more than likely be an “AstroTurf” (fake “grassroots”) campaign associated with it via funding from “private individuals” and “trade associations”,
5. Be alarmed and become educated of the potential negative impacts associated with such a move from “elected” to “mayoral appointed” Law Director:
 - a. Transitioning from “serving the people of Knox County” to “serving the Mayor”,
 - b. Removing the “safe guards / checks and balances” of the “people’s interest” from the executive branch by transitioning from an “independent” public servant to an “employee” of the Knox County Mayor,
 - c. Whether intended or not, transitioning to a “mayoral appointed” Law

Director would be removing a very strong safe guard of the people in preventing any future political moves to create a “metro government” / “bigger bureaucracy”.

- d. It is too early to know (or if even a factor), but transitioning to an “mayoral appointed” Law Director may be a possible step towards action(s) against the Town of Farragut’s rejection of the Knox County Mayor’s “growth/land use plan”
- e. Although it is already known from past history and even the recent primary election that Knox County citizens, voters, and stakeholders want to have and keep an “elected” Law Director, this movement towards a “mayoral appointed” Law Director not only takes away a potential vote of ALL Knox County citizens, but would be highly viewed as negative against “minority citizens” in taking away a right for them to have a voice and/or even offer the voting public a candidate of their choice,
- f. It is a positive understanding that the current Law Director and his office has collected an enormous amount of back taxes, saved monies on operational expenses, and drastically reduced outside attorney fees (but Law Director Armstrong could provide the details/clarifications),
- g. There is also a common belief that if there is a “mayoral appointed” Law Director in the future that it would enable other County offices and boards and commission(s) to hire their own representation which would increase operational costs and other difficulties (but again Law Director Armstrong could provide the details/clarifications), and
- h. Lastly, I suggested in the July 13th meeting that the Knox County Mayor should participate in this discussion to explain the “business case” for such a desired move and to answer some questions (the KCCRC Chairman said he would invite the Knox County Mayor for the July 30th meeting).

SECTION 5: APPENDIX

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Farragut 5G Controversy Continues

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idents took out their frustration in the next week’s meeting of the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen on July 23. In Citizen’s Forum residents again demand equal time for the Environmental Health Trust. Residents Bill Hardin, Robert Gleason and Mike Mitchell all wrote to Citizen’s Forum requesting equal time for the Environmental Health Trust to have a workshop. In Mike Mitchell’s email he enclosed an email from the executive director of the Environmental Health Trust, Theodora Scarato, requesting equal time in the August 20 planning commission meeting. Scarato also included in her email to the mayor, vice mayor, and community development director a list

of six factual errors and misrepresentations from Prof. Christopher Davis in the prior July 16 workshop. Not only was there proof of the errors there were internet links to the studies in question.

Mitchell’s email also included another error from Prof. Davis where Mitchell wrote, “Prof. Christopher Davis’s testimony contained many serious errors as you can read in the email below to the Planning Commission from Theodora Scarato. Prof. Davis is not a doctor, toxicologist, or epidemiologist, he is an engineer. He has no training on how cellular radiation affects the human body. I want to discuss with this board Prof. Davis’s ridiculous comment,

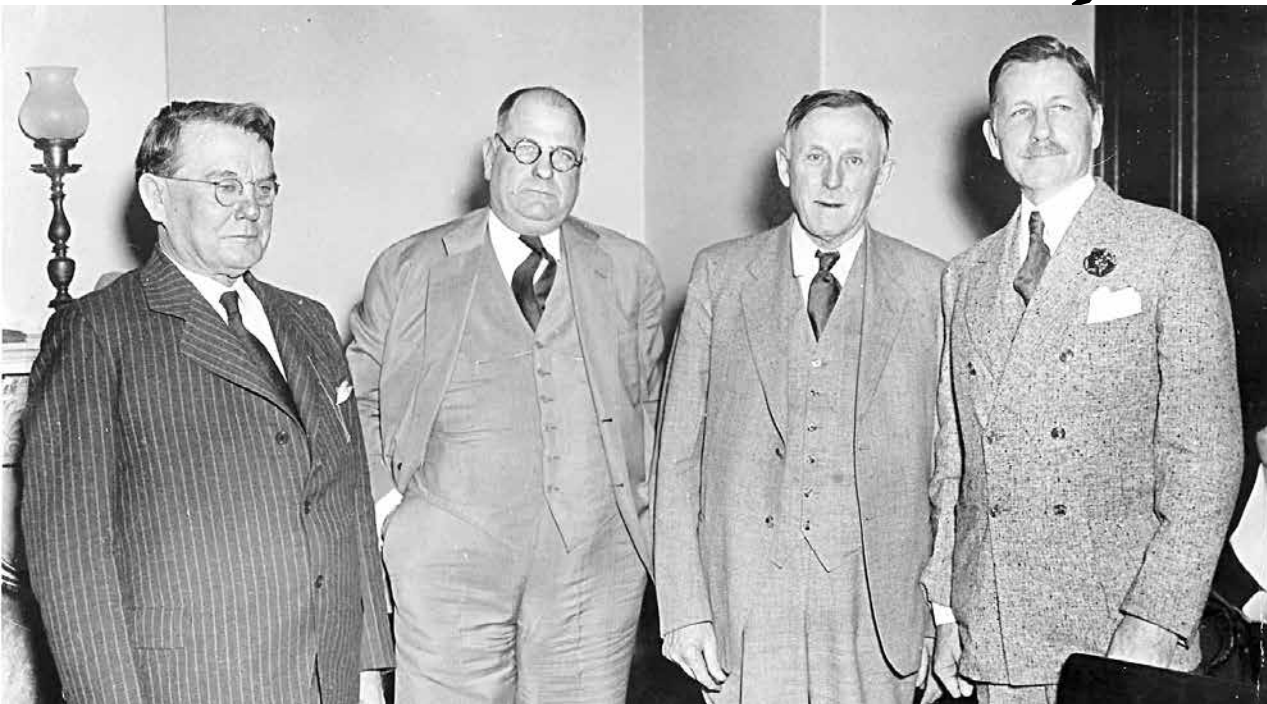
‘Regarding base stations, or cell poles, “The field levels are very low, it is about the same exposure as the light level from the planet Venus.” Our friend Jerry Guthrie in Village Green is fighting a 38-foot 4G cell tower in his front yard that will be 30 feet from where he sleeps. The cellular radiation will reach his head almost instantaneously. 4G cell towers are much more dangerous than 5G cell towers because they broadcast at a much lower frequency meaning they have much more penetrating power. Compare this to light from the planet Venus which is approximately 25 million miles from Earth. It is so far away it takes light traveling at 186,000 miles per second six minutes to reach

Earth.”

The other workshop on 5G this month was very different. It was held in the Knox County Commission and featured guest Scarato, who appeared by Zoom teleconference. Knox County Commissioners asked questions and also heard from residents Kris Zaroni, Pete Zaroni, and Michelle Fell who expressed their thanks for allowing Scarato to address the commission. Kris Zaroni in prior weeks presented a resolution for Knox County Commission to consider on 5G. It is different than the 5G resolution passed in Farragut in that it is more about property rights and property values than public health.



My Memories of Harold Wimberly



Here is a letter sent to publisher Steve Hunley by Mr. B. A. "Skip" Plotnicki, who grew up with the late Judge Harold Wimberly. Mr. Plotnicki still has ties to Knox County and maintains a vacation home in East Tennessee. Harold Wimberly's father, for whom he was named, was a successful attorney and a supporter of Tennessee U. S. senator Kenneth D. McKellar. Mr. Plotnicki's mother was the daughter of William J. Bulow, who served as governor and U. S. senator from South Dakota. Senator McKellar and Senator Bulow served together and while both were Democrats, they had very different philosophies. McKellar was a stalwart supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal. McKellar was one of a handful of senators who refused to vote to kill off Roosevelt's proposal to pack the Supreme Court. Bulow was deeply conservative. As governor, Bulow had been for cost-cutting and balancing South Dakota's budget. As a member of the United States Senate, Bulow was not a New Dealer and eventually became completely estranged from Franklin Roosevelt and his administration. Bulow lost his bid for a third term in 1942 to former governor Tom Berry, who ran as an all-out supporter of President Roosevelt. That fall, Tom Berry lost to Governor Harlan J. Bushfield, a Republican. It seems appropriate to publish (from left to right) the photo of Senator Kenneth McKellar, Major A. V. Dalrumple, Senator William J. Bulow, and Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War under President Herbert Hoover. An Acme Newspaper photo from 1934.

I grew up in Knoxville and still consider it home even though I left over fifty years ago. I return every couple of months to enjoy relaxing at our Fort Loudon lake home. I have a friend who saves me newspaper articles of interest. I just received your editorial and Ray Hill's story about Harold Wimberly.

Harold and I grew up together. We lived at 1605 Laurel Avenue in Laurel Heights Apartments. We

both lived on the third floor. The Wimberly's in Apt# 9 the Plotnicki's in Apt# 12. I was five when we moved in and Harold was six. We were the only children in the building until my brother was born in 1949.

Harold attended Van Gilder elementary, Tyson junior high and then West high school. I attended St. Mary's elementary in downtown Knoxville and then Knox Catholic.

We were both very competitive and played

numerous games throughout our youth. We spent countless hours playing electric football, various baseball games, chess and our favorite 'Scrabble'.

Amazingly I was able to hold my own with Harold in 'Scrabble'. I memorized all the two letter words in the dictionary which was a big help.

We also played basketball on our backyard court. Harold was a year older and a little taller and I had a hard time beating him when we played one on one.

He went on to spelling bee and college bowl success and I had a great basketball career at Catholic and at UT.

We both took piano lessons but from different teachers. We had our own little private competition as to who was progressing faster.

In 1957, we both read an article in the Saturday Evening Post titled "Winning at Poker". We then organized a neighborhood poker game. Alvin Connely was our other regular. Dr. Al Connely just retired as a professor of electrical engineering at Georgia Tech. (Incidentally I'm still working as a structures engineer)

Our stakes were small. We used chips and played ½ cent ante and 2 cent limits. The most anyone

ever won was \$1.00. We all greatly enjoyed the competition but the game only lasted about 2 years. I was fourteen and Harold and Alvin were fifteen. I've enjoyed playing poker my entire life and I can thank that early game for teaching me the strategy and the etiquette of the game.

My family was not as active politically as Harold's but we did have an interesting political background.

My mother's father William J. Bulow was a United States Senator from 1931 to 1942. Prior to that he was governor of South Dakota. My mom lived in the "governor's mansion" while attending high school. She then moved to Washington DC where she attended George Washington University majoring in political science.

Thankfully she kept a scrapbook that included numerous invitations from President and Mrs. Roosevelt to the White House for receptions and luncheons. She was also president of an organization called "Daughters of the Senate".

Harold and I never talked politics.

Unfortunately, I hadn't talked to Harold in years and now he's gone. Thanks for remembering him in your paper.

B.A (Skip) Plotnicki
Ft. Worth, Texas

Who will win state Rep. Bill Dunn's District 16 seat?

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Early voting is underway and three candidates are on the ballot to replace retiring state Representative Bill Dunn in the 16th District. Patti Lou Bounds faces Michele Carringer in the Republican Primary and the winner will face Elizabeth Rowland, the lone Democrat in the race. Early voting continues until August 1st with Election Day set Thursday, August 6th.

The district includes much of Fountain City, Powell and Halls Crossroads.

The Knoxville Focus asked each of the candidates several questions and here are the replies.



Patti Lou Bounds



Michele Carringer



Elizabeth Rowland

Do you support Charter Schools?

Bounds: Currently Knox County has one charter school which is Emerald Academy. I was on the Knox County Board of Education when we voted affirmatively on Emerald. In the 2019 session the State Legislature effectively took away local control on charter schools and gave it to a committee of nine people appointed by the Governor. I firmly believe most education decisions are best made at the local level with community involvement. I'm an advocate for public, charter, and private schools. Choice is important; but mixing taxpayer dollars with private institutions limits resources for public schools and private schools will find accepting public funds limits their flexibility.

Carringer: I support Charter Schools, like Emerald Academy, that have a long-standing proven track record of serving kids in each community. I believe it is a sad commentary that this is a question every single election. I support helping the children in our

community achieve their fullest potential whether they choose a traditional public school, charter school or private school. Our children are our future.

Rowland: I will always listen to our professional public school educators, and what teachers and principals tell me time and again is that charter schools are not the solution for the admittedly challenging issues that face Knox County's public schools. Instead of diverting resources that need to be focused on fully funding our entire county's school system in the ways that best support all of our students

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This year, they have been sharing "light" in this season of despair. Already, they have connected with women in the church and the Knoxville community with hundreds of cards, blessing bags, and phone calls. Chelsea Murphy



By **Ralphine Major**
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is Director of an encouragement ministry called Phoebe's Closet at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. The group includes ladies

of all ages who are passionate about encouraging others, sharing God's word, and reaching ladies for Jesus. In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, Chelsea shared with her team of women another opportunity for their group.

On July 15, around 50 ladies met at the church. Their mission: to paint with a purpose. Concord Christian Art Teacher Krista

Gaddis led the group in this new venture. Krista is also a member of Cumberland Baptist, a sister church of Wallace Memorial. Ordinary pieces of canvas were turned into inspiring works of art as the ladies painted beautiful crosses on them. After the painting was finished, each lady selected the name of a homebound church member to give her cross to and delivered the specially painted gift while observing social distancing guidelines.

"We want to let them know Wallace is a place that loves and cares about

them," Chelsea shared. "We hope the painted cross will serve as a reminder to look to the cross for peace, hope, and joy in the Lord during these challenging times," she added.

Words of Faith: Chelsea said that Wallace women cling to the truths in God's word and know He can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, referencing Ephesians 3:20 (NIV). She added, "Our hope is that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us to be obedient in loving God and loving our community."



Picture of a beautiful painted cross on canvas, courtesy of Katie Sams.

God have mercy on us

I saw the obituary for a high school friend in the paper. It made me sad and just a bit shocked. The reminder that people my age and I are reaching the last few years of our lives also delivered a jolt. Younger folks



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are tired of hearing about "Baby Boomers," and I somewhat understand that. We've been center stage for a long time. What those "young'uns" might not know is that we old folks have witnessed plenty of rotten things during our years.

I remember polio, not because the disease afflicted me but because I knew young people who had been struck with it. One boy lived in our neighborhood

and wore braces on his legs. Children got vaccines before they entered school, or they lined up during the first day for them. A few years later, entire families lined up to receive polio boosters that were placed on sugar cubes.

Children also had to be tested for tuberculosis. Again, at school, we lined up and waited for an injection under the skin on the backs of our forearms. A few days later, we showed our arms to a nurse who pulled some students out to further examine suspicious-looking places.

Before vaccines were developed, we suffered

from chicken pox, measles, and mumps. They were part of growing up. Kids would miss several days until the rashes or swelling abated. Then, feeling weak and exhausted, they'd be back at school and ready to make up the work missed.

My generation lived through the Cuban Missile Crisis. Younger children didn't grasp the fact that diving under a desk during a practice drill was of little use if a nuclear weapon were exploded over Oak Ridge. I suppose none of us realized that walking home drills after a pretend attack was improbable since everyone and everything around here would have been vaporized.

Older and younger children did understand the tragedy of President Kennedy's assassination.

The country shut down, and a heavy pall fell across the land. Things weren't much better a few years later when Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy were also gunned down. We worried about the direction of the country and its future.

Our teenage years brought the chances of being drafted to fight in Vietnam. That war was fought on the backs of young folks, but most of the generation never did understand exactly what soldiers were fighting or why they were doing so. We just knew that young men were shipped to a country far away and too many of them never came back. Even the soldiers who came home weren't welcomed with parades and cheers; they were instead met with jeers and taunts.

The attack on 9/11 shook us to our foundation, and the citizens of this

country joined in one voice to announce that we would not be defeated by such cowardly acts. More wars ensued, and young people were killed and maimed. This time, those soldiers were our children instead of ourselves, and we would have gladly traded places with them.

Now, we face this damn virus. It respects neither age, sex, nor status. It only wants to spread. Our country first met the challenge with strength and determination to defeat the problem. We stayed home, socially distanced, and followed the rules set by health officials.

When cases began to ease, we too quickly returned to life. It was a tragic mistake. Now the virus is attacking again, and as many as 75,000 cases are reported each day. The death toll rises and now includes small children, as

well as Baby Boomers.

Virus fatigue keeps too many people from fighting again. The answer to the problem is still adequate and accurate testing, social distancing, and mask-wearing. However, too many people refuse to wear masks. It's such a small thing to do, but folks scream and holler and complain that doing so violates their rights. What I say to them is that their rights end where mine begin.

Yes, we old people have faced many difficult times in our lives. This pandemic, however, is the scariest thing I have seen. The American will has been dulled, and citizens lack the determination or sacrifice necessary to stop the virus. For the first time in our history, America might lack the courage and leadership to save itself. I hope God has mercy on us.



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Rosie's World

Thinking nice thoughts

It is hard during these chaotic times to think nice thoughts. One has to wonder when will this virus end; when will businesses reopen or close; when will our children go back to school, or will they go back? When can we hug our friends or loved ones with ease? Well, now, let's forget these thoughts and bring to mind the thoughts that

make us smile, make us dream and make us visualize a better life ahead. Here are some thoughts that will do that: They're called the Best Things in Life:

Falling in love
Laughing so hard your face hurts
A hot shower
No lines at Wal-Mart
Getting mail
Lying in bed listening to the rain outside
Hot towels out of the dryer
Finding a sweater you've been wanting on sale for half price
Chocolate milkshake
A bubble bath
Having someone tell you are beautiful
A long conversation with an old friend

Waking up and realizing you still have a few more hours to sleep

Finding a \$20 bill in your coat from last year

Your first kiss
Playing with a new puppy
Sweet dreams, and lastly,

Swinging on a swing
Now, don't you all feel better? Are you smiling? Did any of these thoughts bring back memories? Most of all, did they make you forget the odious problems the world has today? I hope they did.

Thought for the day: Never fear shadows, they simply mean there's a light shining nearby. Ruth E. Renkel

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President Lyndon Johnson Comes to Knoxville

The 1964 Senate Races In Tennessee

Pages from the Past



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Lyndon Baines Johnson was a remarkably able politician. The intricacies of Johnson's complicated personality have likely best been examined in Robert Caro's splendid multi-volume biography of Johnson. Much of Johnson's legacy has been obscured and earned him scorn due to one part of that same legacy: the Vietnam War. Johnson had succeeded John F. Kennedy when the latter was brutally murdered in Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was in Texas in anticipation of his 1964 reelection campaign as well as to bring feuding Texas Democrats together. Johnson, perhaps the most powerful Majority Leader in the history of the United States Senate, had known Albert Gore since Gore's election to the U. S. Senate in 1952. Gore's predecessor in the Senate, Kenneth D. McKellar, had chaired the powerful Appropriations Committee and wielded enormous influence and power as one of the senatorial barons. LBJ had paid due deference to McKellar as one of the powers inside the Senate. Albert Gore, replacing an institution in Tennessee and one of the Senate's most powerful members, was something of a rebel. Gore, like his colleague Estes Kefauver, was never a senatorial baron. Kefauver was actively disliked by many of his colleagues who thought he was an egregious publicity seeker who merely hoped lightning would strike and he could be elected president. Albert Gore was equally ambitious, although it was not as readily apparent as it was with Kefauver. In a newly published biography of Albert Gore, author Anthony J. Badger relates an episode of the Tennessean wondering aloud to a dinner guest why Democrats would settle for John F. Kennedy when they could have had him.

Albert Gore's rebellious nature was not calculated to win the approval of a leader like Lyndon Johnson. When Johnson was elected vice president in 1960, he tried to keep his power as Majority Leader inside the Senate, proposing that he preside over the Democratic Caucus. Albert Gore vociferously objected and while Johnson won the vote, it was such a public humiliation he never again attended a meeting of the caucus.

Being the politician that he was, nobody knew better than Lyndon Johnson that his Civil Rights Act of 1964 had impaired, if not completely diminished, his political standing in the South. There are those who say LBJ understood the South

would eventually leave the Democratic Party and initial polling in Tennessee indicated Barry Goldwater, Johnson's Republican opponent in 1964, was ahead by more than twenty points.

Oftentimes those legislators who are legislative craftsmen or excellent political strategists are not particularly potent political campaigners; Lyndon Johnson not only knew how to run for an office, he excelled at it. Lyndon Johnson decided to invade the home territory of his opposition in Tennessee. It was announced the President was coming to Knoxville to speak in May of 1964. It would be the first presidential visit to Knoxville in twenty-four years since Franklin Roosevelt had made a stop in the city in 1940.

City and county officials busied themselves preparing for the President's arrival. City Safety Director Raymond Oglesby and Police Chief French Harris met with members of President Johnson's security detail. Knox County Sheriff Carl Ford announced deputies from the morning shift would extend their hours to assist the afternoon shift officers. "We're ready to assist in any way we're needed," Sheriff Ford assured the public.

Judge Howard Bozeman, a Democrat, said the courthouse would close at 2 p.m. the day of Johnson's visit to give employees the opportunity to see the President. The Chamber of Commerce hastened to assemble press kits with information about Knoxville for the benefit of the national press that trailed in the wake of a presidential visit.

Once in Knoxville, Lyndon Johnson's Secret Service detail had a difficult time keeping up with him. A crowd numbering between 12,000 - 15,000 people awaited Air Force One when the jet finally arrived at McGhee - Tyson Airport at 2:49 p.m. Johnson dutifully greeted the assembled local dignitaries, which included Knoxville mayor John J. Duncan, who presented the President with a key to the city. The President shook hands with Duncan's daughter Becky (now state senator Becky Duncan Massey) and LBJ seemed ready to head to his waiting limousine when he appeared to change his mind and decided to shake hands with people standing behind a nearby fence. Johnson worked the crowd, shaking hands and allowing people to touch his hands and arms as he moved down the length of the fence. LBJ rejected the cream-colored car intended



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President Lyndon B. Johnson arrives at the Nashville airport March 15, 1967.

for his drive to Knoxville and instead settled into an open convertible, much to the annoyance of the Secret Service. Johnson's daughter Lynda Bird, climbed into the convertible, as did Governor and Mrs. Frank Clement. Knoxville Journal reporter Raymond Flowers wrote one Secret Service agent had lamented Lyndon Baines Johnson was the hardest man to guard in his experience.

In a spontaneous remark, Lyndon Johnson told a clearly delighted group of Knoxvilleians, "If there had not been a Tennessee, there would not have been a Texas." LBJ paid tribute to the representation Tennessee had sent to Congress for decades, saying Volunteer State senators and congressmen had achieved vital and important positions in governmental affairs, enabling them to render a real service to the people of Tennessee. Raymond Flowers, one of the contemporary observers of Lyndon Johnson's arrival in Knoxville wrote, "To the observer at the airport yesterday, the President appeared to be a man who enjoys his job immensely and who loves crowds and the attention that goes with that responsibility."

Some 7200 people heard President Johnson speak at the Municipal Coliseum and gathered on the dais were Knox County Judge C. Howard Bozeman, Mayor John Duncan, Governor Frank Clement, and senators Albert Gore and Herbert S. Walters, who had been appointed to succeed the late Estes Kefauver in August of 1963. Johnson's remarks were tailored for his local audience and the President said his war on poverty would help to clean up the area around the Municipal Coliseum where they had gathered. Johnson mentioned while they were in a "beautiful new building" he "saw people as poverty-stricken as any in the United States" on his ride to the Coliseum. Johnson firmly said those improvements would come for people irrespective of their color, race, creed or religion. Johnson struck at his political opponents, saying "those who oppose us are determined people." President Johnson

told his audience just a week earlier, on the floor of the U. S. House of Representatives, one congressman had called the war on poverty a "cruel hoax."

"They are seeking right now to delay and divide and deter our efforts to bring equal opportunities to all Americans," Lyndon Johnson told Knoxvilleians. "If those men had had their way 30 years ago, the TVA would not today be the world's shining example of how government and free enterprise can work hand-in-hand to help people."

Johnson, a master storyteller and raconteur, used earthy humor to illustrate his point, telling his audience, "And someone told me of the unemployed railroad worker near Jellico who said to a reporter, 'Up in my part of the country, things are so rough, the river only runs twice a week.'"

Johnson reminded his listeners that it had been Tennessee who had produced the first president of Texas, Sam Houston, as well as the late Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn. Johnson continued his theme and said, "You should be disturbed by the fact that of the 100 graduates of LaFollette High School in 1952, only three still live in Campbell County. They left not because of any lost love for Campbell County, but because of lost opportunities. They moved in searching for jobs - - - and searching for the security and dignity that comes from working."

"They are not alone," Johnson reminded his audience. "Two-thirds of the membership of an electrical union headquartered in Knoxville has been forced to seek work outside of this area."

President Johnson said in a wealthy society like the United States, "I find it hard to believe that one-fifth of our population has been left behind in misery and want. Surely the wealthiest and most powerful country in the world should be able to give every man who wants to work a chance to find a decent job - - - a chance to earn a decent wage - - - a chance to provide a decent living for his family." Johnson paused and then said, "This can be done

and this administration is going to do it."

Perhaps the most memorable aspect of Lyndon Johnson's trip to Knoxville was the President's impromptu stop of his motorcade along Riverside Drive. As his car approached 206 Riverside Drive, Johnson bellowed, "Stop right here!" Curious onlookers had gathered on the porch of the house and watched as the President of the United States got out of his car. Governor Frank Clement followed, as did Secret Service agents. Harrison Moore was fifty-one years old and an unemployed laborer and father. Johnson thrust out his hand to Moore and barked, "How are you?" Harrison Moore had hardly murmured a reply when the President asked, "What's your wife's name?" Moore's twelve-year-old son, Bobby, was a student at Bell House School and ironically, scheduled to leave that same morning for Washington, D. C. as a member of his school's safety patrol. Bobby didn't get to shake hands with LBJ and told delighted reporters, "I guess I'll have to follow him to Washington to meet him."

Later, the neighbors and friends who had gathered around the Moore home could not even recall that Governor Frank Clement had been present. LBJ's spontaneous desire to meet the residents of Harrison Moore's house made a profound impression on those who did greet the President. Elated, Moore quipped, "I don't know if I'll ever wash this hand again."


Once again surprising his Secret Service detail, Lyndon Johnson strode "to the nearby Riverside Apartments" where an astonished Zelma Lawson sat on the steps of the building with her 11-month old granddaughter, Susan Ann, and a group of youngsters. Evidently little Susan Ann needed surgery and Mrs. Lawson recounted to reporters that Governor Clement had quietly told her "to have our grandbaby's head operated on and he'd see she had the best medical care." Johnson paused to give two boys quarters before loping back to his car.

People lined the streets

as children waved small American flags as President Johnson's motorcade passed slowly by on its way to the Municipal Coliseum. Johnson, never passive, waved back to the smiling faces peering to get a look at him. The Powell High School band blared a march as the President's motorcade passed. Both sides of Main Street and Central Avenue were lined with people all the way to the Municipal Coliseum. Many people had been standing to catch a glimpse of Johnson for more than two hours. Some carried small radios to listen to the reports of the President's progress. Others clutched cameras, hoping to snap a picture of President Johnson. As Johnson's car "raced up to the Coliseum" Secret Service agents blocked the ramp leading to the entrance while the President disembarked from his automobile and hurried inside.

Tennessee was changing still. E. H. Crump had been dead for a decade. His personal friend and political partner Senator K. D. McKellar had been defeated in 1952 and died five years later. The decade of the 1950s had belonged to Estes Kefauver, Frank Clement and Albert Gore, but that, too, was changing. Kefauver was dead, while Clement and Gore remained in office. Republicans had carried Tennessee in the last three presidential elections and it would take a real effort on the part of Democrats to keep the Volunteer State from going Republican once again.

Lyndon Johnson, President of the United States, had just kicked off the general election campaign in Tennessee with his visit to Knoxville.



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Eight commission candidates answer Focus questions

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Knox County voters began early voting on Friday, July 17, and the early balloting continues until August 1. Election day is August 6. Aside from a new paper ballot system and COVID-19 there is also a huge number of absentee ballots. The Knox County Election Commission has announced that if you have not voted in recent elections you may not vote by absentee.

Among the long list of offices and candidates voters will also be voting for four members on the Knox County Commission. Fifth District Commissioner John Schoonmaker is the only commissioner facing re-election. Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom is not seeking re-election and Commissioners Brad Anders is term limited. Commissioner Evelyn Gill was defeated in her primary by Dasha Lundy and Commissioner Michele Carringer left the race to run for Tennessee State House.

School Board member Terry Hill is unopposed in the 6th District and Commissioners Richie Beeler and Carson Daily face no opponent.

Of the eight candidates in the four competitive races The Knoxville Focus is asking a series of questions. Here's another question and the answers we

received.

How do you feel about Glenn Jacobs and his leadership?

District One

Dasha Lundy: I have no ill feelings toward Mayor Jacobs. I respect his leadership role as Mayor.

Reginald Jackson: I have worked with Mayor Jacobs and as with most people, we don't agree on everything and then there are things we agree on. Overall, I think he is doing a great job.

District Two

Grant Rosenberg: Having worked for two different mayoral administrations, I have a lot of respect for Mayor Jacobs and the tough decisions he has to make. I applaud his efforts related to childhood literacy, vocational/skilled trades education and economic/workforce development. I believe that in order to maintain our checks and balances, County Commission has a responsibility to challenge Mayor Jacobs, just as he should challenge us. However, no matter where we stand on certain issues, I'm committed to maintaining a healthy and productive working relationship with the County Mayor and all our elected officials.

Courtney Durrett: Mayor Jacobs will soon complete his second year in office.

I don't think a little less than 2 years is sufficient to offer anything but a cursory assessment of his overall leadership. While I appreciate his dedication to promoting literacy across the county, I will offer an assessment of his leadership thus far regarding dealing with COVID-19. Pick up any book about management and leadership and somewhere will be a discussion of the importance of leading by example and the leader's public persona. Every public health official in the country, including Dr. Martha Buchanan of the Knox County Health Department, has indicated we need, at a minimum, to wear a mask when we're around others, social distancing notwithstanding. When I see Mayor Jacobs without a mask standing next to other public officials who are wearing masks, it sends a couple of very clear messages - he does not have to follow the same guidelines as the rest of us or he sees wearing a mask as the government intruding on his personal liberty. Neither of these are acceptable reasons for him not to set the appropriate example. It does; however, engender a "Mayor Jacobs isn't wearing a mask so why should I" mentality. Actions speak louder than words especially with those in leadership positions.

District Four

Kyle West: Mayor Jacobs

has done a good job leading our community through some of the most uncertain times we have ever faced. He continually spoke the truth and stuck to his principles.

Todd Frommeyer: Mayor Jacobs isn't responsible for the pandemic, but he is responsible for the government's response to the pandemic. I am not impressed with his performance so far. A leader should demonstrate the behavior he or she wants people to emulate. Lead by example.

Mayor Jacobs, on the other hand, has refused to wear a mask in public, even though his Health Department put out guidelines telling people that they should wear masks in public. Which example are we supposed to follow, Mr. Mayor? And, at some point, the buck stops with a leader. Tennessee law and Governor Lee's Executive Orders have allowed decisions on reopening to rest with some local Health Departments, including ours. Instead of taking the heat for the decisions of his Health Department, the Mayor has publicly chafed against the Governor's orders, publicly undermined the work of the Reopening Task Force (which is led by his Health Department), and generally adopted an attitude of shifting the

blame because he has made it clear HE did not agree with those decisions.

District Five

John Schoonmaker: Mayor Jacobs has done an outstanding job. He has been out front on every issue that has affected our community. When he became our County Mayor 22 months ago, he had no idea that our economy would be devastated by a virus. I give him a lot of credit for staying the course. I fully support his efforts for Knox County.

Kimberly Peterson: Mayor Jacobs's views of the role and responsibilities of government do not seem to be in line with the position he holds. As Knox County Mayor, an elected government official, he is responsible for the function of and delivery of a complete range of services and infrastructure required by the community which includes creating, approving and enforcing local policy and laws relating to building, planning and the health and wellbeing of each individual. In the last two years since taking office, Mayor Jacobs has been determined to rescind policies which contribute to the health and well being of Knox County residents. One of his first actions was to make cuts to the County's indigent health care budget

despite opposition from mental health care professionals and the community. His philosophy seems to be that developers will somehow regulate themselves.

He has pushed to revoke government oversight as it relates to development. He reversed the Planning Commission's ordinance to require developers to include sidewalk infrastructure to new developments to the detriment of the quality of life of residents. Most recently, he was extremely outspoken and adversarial in his approach to managing the County during a national pandemic. He was vocal against Governor Lee's Executive Orders which were in the best interest of public health and safety. He publicly spoke out against recommendations of his own Health Department Director and the Reopening Task Force. He has been proudly defiant of Health Department recommendations to wear a mask and practice social distancing measures. Many residents look up to leaders and public figures for guidance during a crisis situation and Mayor Jacobs's has modeled behavior which is not in the public's best interest. These actions have led me to believe that Mayor Jacobs's libertarian views are not beneficial to helping him fulfill his duties.

Who will win state Rep. Dunn's District 16 seat?

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and the dedicated educators who serve them, charter schools siphon funds off for unproven, one-off programs with spotty track records and a lack of oversight and accountability. While I fully support growing Knox County's increasingly popular and successful public magnet school options, I do not believe that charter school programs best serve the needs of our students, educators, or taxpayers.

Has Rep. Bill Dunn performed to your expectations?

Bounds: Representative Bill Dunn has had a very distinguished career serving the constituents of District 16 for the past 26 years.

Carringer: I believe Rep. Dunn has performed above expectations over his 26 years. Thanks to the efforts of Rep. Dunn, Tennessee has passed a constitutional amendment to protect life, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that every child, regardless of any circumstance or zip code, can achieve their fullest potential in life. Rep. Dunn has represented this community with integrity, without scandal, and served above reproach, and we should all be thankful that when so many politicians fail, Rep. Dunn has not.

Rowland: While Rep. Bill Dunn is to be commended for his many years of public service, I am hearing from a wide variety of voters, business, and community leaders from both sides of the aisle that District 16 is ready for a new generation of leadership - a style of leadership that rather than focusing on the issues that can sometimes divide us, devotes full time and energies to creating real-life solutions to the issues that matter most to Knox Countians, including creating better paying, 21st century jobs, expanding access to healthcare for all Tennesseans, and fully funding world-class public schools in our community.

What ideas are you planning for our area and the state if elected?

Bounds: The first thing I will do is pray for guidance. We have a great community with many needs. It is important to make every effort to request the right committee assignments to assist in meeting those challenges in order to serve our community with excellence.

Carringer: My first priority is to build on the foundation that Bill Dunn has laid, to guarantee that each student graduating from secondary education in the state of Tennessee has the training and skills they need to be successful

members of society either in their chosen vocation or in higher education. My other priorities are to continue to build an environment that fosters small and large business growth in Knox County so that the next generation will have abundant and well paying jobs. Finally, I will focus on the epidemics of substance abuse and mental health issues that are robbing many of our citizens of the opportunity to live a productive life.

Rowland: The first thing that voters should know about me is that I'm a consensus-builder. For years, we've been sending politicians to Nashville who have been more focused on the issues that divide us than on the progress we can achieve if we work together. As your State Representative, I will offer a bold, inclusive, and "get it done" style of leadership that achieves meaningful results for District 16 voters in the areas that truly have the most impact on the quality of our lives: growing a healthy economy, attracting the very best jobs to our communities, making sure that no Tennessean dies because they can't afford the cost of healthcare, and supporting teachers and students by fully funding public schools. This is the kind of leader I'll be for House District 16, and I will be ready to get to work on day one.



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Above: Kennedy Anne Noe of Knoxville Catholic was the state runner-up in the TSSAA Division II-AA tournament in 2019. Right, from top: Farragut High senior Lance Simpson has proven he's capable of producing championship scores. Lexanne Halama of Farragut, an Illinois signee, will be a contender for state honors again in this season's Class Large division. CAK has won three straight Division II-A boys' state team titles and junior Kaleb Wilson has been a big part of the last two.



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' GOLF 2020 PREVIEW

Simpson's game started smokin' in early June

By Steve Williams

The 2020 TSSAA boys' golf season is just starting, but Lance Simpson lit the fuse in early June at the Tennessee Junior PGA Championship at Old Hickory Country Club.

It was there that the rising Farragut senior had a tournament record-setting two-day performance that won't soon be forgotten.

Simpson fired a 10-under 68-64-132 that included 13 birdies. He broke the record for the lowest final

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TSSAA Board of Control moves forward on football, fall sports

By Bill Howard

Who would have thought it would be so difficult to figure out how to play a high-school football season?



On Wednesday, July 22, the TSSAA's Board of Control brought at least some clarity to the upcoming season that has been roiled by the coronavirus. The board met at Siegel High School in Murfreesboro.

The board addressed a number of issues, the two primary ones being how much of a season can be played (and how it will be scheduled), and how to keep people safe.

Originally, the season was to start Aug. 21. Then Gov. Bill Lee's COVID-19 State of Emergency was extended to Aug. 29, forbidding all contact among athletes, and allowing only physical conditioning. That moved the football start date to Sept. 18, requiring a reshuffling of each team's schedule. There is still hope that Lee will exempt football from the State of Emergency, possibly allowing a full season to be played. Until then, an alternative must be used.

Four alternative schedules were offered. On Wednesday, the board voted to accept a hybrid version of Plan No. 2. It works like this:

Each team's regular season will consist of eight games. Official games only will be played: no scrimmages, jamborees, 7-on-7s, etc. are allowed. The playoffs, which normally include five rounds and four teams from each region, will have only each region's champion and runner-up (32 teams down to 16). For teams that don't make the playoffs, two additional games may be played.

The TSSAA will throw out each team's original schedule and set its new regional schedule. If a game between regional teams is lost because of the later starting date, it could be rescheduled on a date when each team was supposed to play a non-regional game. As each week passes that remains under the State-of-Emergency, the next week's region games are scheduled.

"Just my personal opinion, but having lived that scheduling nightmare already, this makes sense to me, but it needs to be explained well to coaches," said Greg McCullough, board vice president. This allows a better option for all schools and gives a chance for schools to play as many games as they can possibly get."

The board passed a bevy of regulations that apply to all fall sports. Among them:

- Temperature checks every day for anyone associated with the team; a temp reading of 100.4 or higher sends that person home immediately, not to

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Catholic standout facing a new hurdle in pandemic

By Steve Williams

The pandemic has done a number on Kennedy Anne Noe's scorecards.

And with the 2020 high school golf campaign officially starting today (July 27), it will be interesting to see if the Knoxville Catholic senior, one of the state's top players, can clear her mind and get back to putting up scores like she did at the end of last season.

"This pandemic has affected me a lot," Noe admitted last week. "I've been able to practice a lot, which has been great. But with all of the unknowns regarding going back to school for my senior year, the changes and unknowns in college golf recruiting, and just the overall feeling of a pandemic, my mental game has really suffered and my recent tournament scores have shown that."

Kimberly Anne will get her first opportunity in the new season in the annual 5Star Prep Masters at Oak Ridge Country Club. She finished third in the event last year with a 76-77-153.

"Most of the tournaments I was scheduled to play in this spring and summer have been either cancelled or postponed, especially the invitationals," added Noe.

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However, she did get to play in the inaugural Dye Junior Invitational, which was held at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., in late May. The 54-hole tournament featured national elite junior players.

Noe and Farragut's Lexanne Halama were among the field of 33 girls. Noe tied for 26th place and ended her three rounds 26-over-par. Halama finished in a five-way tie for 15th and was 16-over.

Noe also has played in some local events.

"My scores are not great though because my mental game is a mess," she said.

That wasn't the story for Noe last fall in the TSSAA state tournament when she shot even par 72-72-144 at Willowbrook Golf Club in Manchester to finish second in Division II-AA behind Stanford signee Rachel Heck of St. Agnes Academy.

Noe's showing was the best among local female golfers at the state in 2019, and with Heck graduating, Kennedy Anne should be the favorite this year.

Halama, a University of Illinois signee, also will be among

the local "players to watch" this season. She tied for third place in the 2019 Large Class division, carding a 74-73-147, and is expected to compete with defending state champion Lynn Lim of Station Camp again for the title this season.

Halama said COVID-19 almost wiped out her entire spring schedule and greatly altered her summer schedule. She also indicated her scoring hadn't been that great.

Lexanne will not get to defend her 5Star Prep Masters crown this week because of a prior commitment to play at an AJGA event in Sevierville. She won the Prep Masters last year with a sizzling 12-under 67-65-132.

"I have been working hard at parts of my game that have held me back from scoring better in previous tournaments," noted Lexanne, "so I'm excited to see how I've improved and also to see what I can continue to work on in the coming months."

In Division II-A, Allie Cooper of Christian Academy of Knoxville tied for sixth place and teammate Kate Faulkner finished eighth at state last year. Together they led CAK to third place in the team competition.

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18-hole score by an eventual champion, set a new mark for biggest winning margin (eight strokes) and tied the record for lowest total score relative to par. "Golf, golf and golf," answered Lance when asked how he dealt with the quarantine and pandemic that began in mid-March.

"It feels good to finally get back on the course again, because I can play tournament golf and do what I love."

He added that those two days could be the spark for the rest of this golf season.

Though Simpson ended up winning by a huge margin, the UT commit had just a one-stroke lead going into the back nine. But he played his final 10 holes in six-under par.

Simpson without question is one of the local area's "players

to watch" on the prep scene this year.

In the Large Class division at the state last fall, Simpson shot 72-75-147 to place ninth at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

West's Carson Kammann, in the state field as an individual qualifier, had a 78-81-159 to come in 25th. Kammann tied for 10th at 144 in this summer's Junior PGA event at Old Hickory.

Kaleb Wilson is another name to put a star by. The Christian Academy of Knoxville junior was the 5 Star Preps and PrepXtra Male Golfer of the Year in 2019.

Wilson placed third at the state last season, firing a 71-68-139 as the Warriors continued their supremacy in Division II-A and winning the championship with a 584 total.

Kaleb also had a big win this

summer, winning the Willow Creek two-day Sneds Tour Masters tournament with a 71-72-143 in late June.

CAK's Jackson Hughey, Aaron Frazer and John Meadows also return this season after finishing in the Top 10 at the state last year. The Warriors also have Benjamin Johnston back for another title run.

Webb's Reece Britt came in fourth with a 71-71-142 in 2019 and teammate Eli Mayes was 15th. Grace Christian's Spencer Myers also returns this season after finishing 27th at the state.

The Webb and Farragut boys each placed fifth at the state in the Division II-A and Large Class divisions, respectively, last year.

In the Admirals' region title win last season, Simpson led with a 68, while Aaron Rinehart added a 74 and Connor Price a 76.

Cooper also will coach strong CAK boys' program

By Steve Williams

Donnie Cooper's coaching duties at Christian Academy of Knoxville have increased. In addition to being CAK's head coach for girls' golf, he's now also head coach of the boys' golf team.

"Hank (Fennell) stepped down this spring and recommended Donnie coach the boys' team as well," said CAK Athletic Director Ried Estus Thursday.

"Donnie has coached our girls' team for a number of years and was an easy choice for our boys' team. He is exceptional."

The CAK boys' golf program has won seven state championships since 2009 and five out of the last six years.

The Warriors head into the 2020 season having won three straight state titles under Fennell, who coached at CAK for 13 seasons, according to Estus.

Cooper has been involved in high school golf much of his life, having been a standout player himself at Halls in the mid-1980s.

In fact, Donnie was All-KIL in golf from 1984-87 and a TSSAA state champion in 1987. He went on to letter three seasons in golf at the University of Tennessee and was an Academic All-American.

Last year, Cooper was one of 12 inductees to the inaugural Halls High Athletics' Road to Fame.

Catholic standout

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Both are back this year — Allie a senior and Kate a sophomore.

Farragut's Lady Admirals were second

at the state last year, just two shots behind Station Camp. Senior Lindsay Ott is expected to fill Aynsleigh Martin's spot in the No. 2 position behind Halama.

Noe and senior Amelia Rechter return for the Catholic team that placed fourth at state last season.



Catholic senior Kennedy Noe

By Mark Nagi

There is so much doom and gloom in the world of sports right now. And I understand those emotions. It's sad to think about. But that doesn't mean there isn't sunshine in the storm.

I'm sitting in a vacation rental in Carolina Beach writing this article. My daughters and their friends are still sleeping. I just got back from an early morning run as the ocean waves chased me on the beach, and I was thinking about all the positives in sports, past present and future. So here goes.

I'm thankful that Tennessee won the 1998 national championship. Imagine if

that victory on a cool Tennessee night hadn't happened. Would it have occurred the following year? Maybe in 2001? Yes, Tennessee was still loaded with talent, but there's no guarantee that the crystal ball was coming back to Knoxville. It was a generational win, one 47 years in the making.

I look forward to the next title.

I'm thankful that I had the chance, as many of you did, to watch the greatest basketball coach of all time up close. Pat Summitt was taken from us too soon, but her legend lives on. Every time I'm on the UT campus I enjoy seeing her statue welcome me to The Hill.

I'm thankful that

Tennessee's men's basketball program is on solid ground. Following the Bruce Pearl mess, the Cuonzo Martin tenure and the ridiculous Donnie Tyn-dall season, the Vols were as low as you could get. A few years later, Rick Barnes has built a program Tennessee fans can be proud of, with charismatic players that are also good people. Admiral Schofield and Grant Williams continue to be thought of in high regard.

I'm thankful that in East Tennessee, we have so many high school football coaches that are not only great field generals but leaders of young men. Fulton's Rob Black, South-Doyle's Clark Duncan,

Grace Christian's Rusty Bradley, Farragut's Eddie Courtney... the list goes on and on. These coaches are helping these kids make the transition from childhood to adulthood. It's such an important job, and they have dedicated their lives to assist in their development.

I'm thankful that the TSSAA is working to make sure that sports are played this Fall. It's a very difficult process and one that is ever-evolving. There is no easy answer, no perfect solution. But the non-contact sports are on schedule, and (fingers crossed) football and girls' soccer now have plans in place. As of this writing, we are still waiting to hear from the governor's office, but there is optimism.

I'm thankful that the NBA and NHL are coming back in a few days. I'm thankful that pro golf, the MLS and NASCAR have been playing lately. I'm definitely thankful that I was able to watch the Premiere League. I hope I

get to watch the NFL. College football? That's gonna be a challenge. But the power of positive thinking is in play here. Believe it. And it will happen. I really hope it happens.

And finally, I'm thankful that I had parents that always encouraged me to work towards my goals and helped me every step of the way. I played soccer and ran track in middle school and high school. I'd like to think that I was good at soccer. I know I wasn't good at track. I studied Communications, worked as a sportscaster for 15 years, and still do sports writing to this day. I was blessed to have the support of my Mom and Dad.

What are you thankful for?

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

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TSSAA sets contingency plan for football Games to begin on Sept. 18

By Ken Lay

After weeks of speculation, it appears that there will be a 2020 high school football season. The TSSAA Board of Control made it official in a special meeting Wednesday at Siegel High School in Murfreesboro.

Teams will play eight regular-season games with only the top two teams in each region qualifying for the playoffs. Games will begin on Sept. 18.

But there will be stipulations.

"Clearly, sports will look different this year. We have to be flexible and understand that we're in a unique situation," TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress said. "We had some time to look at what is the least disruptive way to handle the situation. We were trying to see if teams can keep their schedules and not cancel contracts."

"We're trying to make the best decision for young people."

According to Grace Christian Academy head football coach Rusty Bradley, that's exactly what the board of control did.

"I think moving forward, that this is the best plan," Bradley said Thursday. "It gives us options and doesn't sentence us to an eight-game schedule. It leaves the door open for us."

"Whatever it takes for our kids to have a season, I'll do it and I'm fine with it."

Christian Academy of Knoxville athletic director Ried Estus said that safety in the classroom and on the field must be the top priority.

"Our priority, first and foremost, is getting our kids back into the classroom and doing it safely," said Estus, who is also the girls soccer coach. "Our priority is the safety of all of our athletes, we have to make sure we do what we have to do and we have to make sure that we do our temperature checks."



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KNOXVILLE YOUTH ATHLETICS

Mike Miller, one of the coaches for Knoxville Youth Athletics, calls these drills “dynamic warmups for sprinters.” These young athletes are part of the program’s “competitive” group. The KYA summer program ends Saturday with its fourth track and field meet.



KYA provides training ground in track and field

By Steve Williams

Forty to fifty youngsters were practicing and working on their technique in track and field events Monday (July 20) at West High School in the Knoxville Youth Athletics’ summer program.

They ranged in age from elementary school kids to high schoolers.

The events on this day included sprints, shot put and long jump.

The participants at West made up the KYA’s “competitive” group. Other “developmental” groups of young athletes were practicing at 14 locations.

It’s possible some of these youngsters may grow and develop into college track and field athletes like brothers Jacob and Joshua Sobota, who were among coaches working with the kids at West.

“Yes, we went through this program growing up,” said Jacob, now 21 and going into his senior year at Duke University.

His brother, Joshua, 20, will be a junior at the University of Kentucky.

Both were standouts at Bearden High and rank among the best track and field athletes to come out of the Knoxville area.

Watching them coach the kids in the KYA program, it was clear to see that they were giving back to their sport.

The KYA summer program started at the beginning of June with practices three days a week and a meet on Saturday. This year’s program will end this coming Saturday with its fourth developmental track meet.

The AAU Junior Olympics will be in Florida Aug. 5-8.

Area soccer coaches react to TSSAA plan to start season

By Ken Lay

Area girls soccer teams have been preparing for an uncertain 2020 season but now things are a bit less murky, or so it seems.

The TSSAA Board of Control met Wednesday afternoon at Siegel High School in Murfreesboro and came up with a contingency plan to start the new season.

Should the state of emergency order implemented by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee be lifted as scheduled on Aug. 29, area high school girls soccer teams can have their first match on Sept. 7.

The teams were cleared for fundamental and non-contact drills recently. But the squads couldn’t have contact drills in practice.

If the order is lifted as scheduled teams can have contact drills on Aug. 30 giving them a week of full practice before matches are permitted to begin.

The regular season will then be extended by two weeks and playoffs will begin on Nov. 11.

Should the governor rescind the order by Aug. 10, the season would begin as scheduled on Aug. 17.

But nobody expects that to happen.

“If the governor lifts the order, by Aug. 10, we can

start on Aug. 17, but I just don’t see that happening,” Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe said. “But I just don’t see that happening.”

“I don’t see that happening based on how he’s done things before and don’t see that happening as long as our (COVID-19) numbers are up.”

Safety remains the main concern.

“We just have to be safe and we have to do what we need to do,” said Webb School of Knoxville coach Sonny Trotter said. “They have a tentative plan. But, that all could change.”

Christian Academy of Knoxville coach Ried Estus agreed.

“Our main concern, first and foremost, is getting our kids back in the classroom and getting them back in the classrooms safely,” said Estus, who doubles as the school’s athletic director. “Another concern for me is the concern is the safety of all of our athletes.”

The coaches lauded the TSSAA for its effort to salvage a complete season in these uncertain times.

“I think this is the best plan. I think that they did a good job trying to assure that we’ll have a full season,” Radcliffe said. “The tough thing is going to be that we’ll only have a week of full contact to get ready.”

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return until proof of restored health is provided.

- Nobody associated in any way with the team can practice or play in a game before completing a COVID-19 screening.
- All individuals must be temperature-checked entering a game; a reading of 100.4 or higher denies that person admission.
- Schools are encouraged to limit fan attendance to no more than one-third capacity, and to encourage distancing by designating seats; concession stands are discouraged.
- Fans must wear face coverings while in attendance; frequent cleaning and sanitizing are encouraged.
- All coaches must complete the NFHS online COVID-19 course prior to start or resume of coaching.

“These regulations are effective immediately and will remain in place all season long even if/after Governor Lee lifts his executive order,” said Board Executive Director Bernard Childress.

What if a kid attends school online? The board voted unanimously Wednesday to allow students who receive instruction that way to still be allowed to participate in all sports.

If a community or city has an outbreak of the virus and the team can’t play, that team will receive neither a “W” or “L” on its record. The other team gets a win. An “outbreak” will be defined by a school’s local health department; i.e., it passes a

stay-at-home order. Should the outbreak occur during the playoffs, the affected team is eliminated and its opponent moves on.

The board also addressed the girls’ soccer season. It voted Wednesday to begin the season September 7, only if Lee’s order expires after its current August 29 expiration date. The regular season would run for eight weeks, with the championships set for Nov. 11-14. If the order is lifted prior to Aug. 10, the season and championships will run as originally scheduled.

If a team doesn’t make the postseason or is eliminated before the championships, it can schedule additional matches up to the

maximum number. “This gives schools the chance for the maximum number of playing regular-season contests,” said TSSAA Assistant Director Mark Reeves.

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Summer baseball's league championship series this week

By Steve Williams

The East Tennessee High School Baseball League championship, a best-of-five series, will match the Western Division champion against the Eastern Division champion from upper East Tennessee this week at Smokies Stadium.

Games 1 and 2 will be played Wednesday at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Game 3 will be played Thursday at 5, and if necessary, a Game 4 will follow at 7.

Six teams made the Western Division playoffs

– Sevier County Cavaliers, Hardin Valley Knox Hawks, Seymour Lumber Kings, Carter Mean Green, South-Doyle Knights and Jefferson Pirates.

TOPS IN NABF: Gibbs edged Karns 7-6 and the Valley Thunderboltz of Bethesda, Ohio toppled the RBI Hitmen of Knoxville 6-1 in the Final Four of the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series Sunday, July 19, at West High.

In the championship game, the Thunderboltz defeated Gibbs 8-1.

YOUTH FOOTBALL: Nathan Nease, Athletics Coordinator for the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department, says there is still a chance the Knox Metro Youth Football League will have a season in 2020.

"We will be meeting as an administration to discuss and plan out our next steps," said Nease Friday. "We will be working closely with the City and County Administration over the next couple of weeks to map out a plan that will fall in line with Governor Lee's plan."

"There is a chance to play, but there is a lot we have to work through and figure out. Hopefully we can find a way to play!"

COLLIN'S CHANCE: Bearden Coach Morgan Shinlever says playing at Virginia Military Institute is a "great opportunity" for Collin Ironside, his quarterback the past four seasons.

"VMI runs an offensive system that will allow for Collin to maximize his strengths as a quarterback," said Shinlever.

"Collin is a self motivated

and disciplined young man, so he will easily and quickly adjust to being a college student-athlete at VMI."

LOVES CHAVIS: New Clinton High head football coach Darell Keith played inside linebacker for John Chavis when he coached at Alabama A&M in the 1980s.

Chavis, a defensive coordinator at four SEC schools later in his career including UT, is helping assist West's middle school team this season.

Keith was a guest on

Clinton radio station WYSH a few months ago and Chavis was a surprise caller for him.

"Coach Keith loves Chavis and loved playing for him," a Clinton fan said recently.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Gresham Middle School's softball team will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, Aug. 8, at Sam and Andy's in Fountain City from 8 until 10. The cost is \$7.

Sports can teach us a lot about society, values

By Bill Howard

Some people who aren't sports fans seem to think that sports doesn't matter much. It's just a game, they say, and while it can be entertaining, it doesn't really matter much in the big scheme of things.

I'm not gonna argue that whether or not Tennessee beats Florida this year (let's hope they play) is more important to society than its health-care system or the quality of its schools. Who wins the Super Bowl obviously doesn't matter more than, say, how well our government serves us.

Sports, however, does offer a valuable lesson that, especially these days, goes way beyond the fun of seeing a home run or a game-winning three-pointer. More about that shortly. I don't have to tell you that America has seen better days than what we're currently going through. As if this God-forsaken virus isn't bad enough, social unrest in many cities has resulted in looting, destruction of property, violence and death.

"One nation under God, indivisible," seems like a distant dream these days, and many would declare that we seem to be backtracking from "liberty and justice for all."

I won't try to evaluate or advocate for or against any particular group, movement, or political agenda. You have your beliefs and you don't need my input. If there's one thing that, arguably, we're all united about in America, it's that we're worried about the future.

This is where sports can teach us so much, and goes so far beyond the thrill

of your team winning or the agony of it losing.

How? Because when we play or watch a ballgame, seldom if ever do we think about things like race, class, inequality, or injustice, the things America can never seem to transcend, and which cause so much social strife. Sports delivers glorious freedom from those oppressive problems.

It's no secret that there are wide economic disparities among school districts. And it's equally not a secret that people – kids as well as adults – derive their identity and self-worth at least in part by material things.

You can probably remember all too vividly the cut-throat competition for status in high school, which came from things like cars, clothes, and the kind of neighborhood you lived in. The competition could be brutal.

But on the ballfield, none

of that matters. If upscale high-school A is playing blue-collar high-school B, what race A's quarterback is, or what kind of neighborhood B's running back lives in couldn't matter less. While the game is on, nobody thinks about A having a much better-equipped science lab than B, or that B's players and cheerleaders have to fundraise all year in order to have an athletic program.

All that matters is how hard the players have practiced and trained, and which team wants it more. How much money their parents have, or what college anybody is heading to couldn't be more irrelevant. That one kid's parent is a surgeon while another's works in fast food mean nothing. Sports gives us that wonderful liberation from all the labels we spend way too much time trying to maintain.

I play tennis against a guy whose background is

very different from mine (he's also about 23 years younger). Off the court it's probably unlikely our paths would ever cross.

On the court, whatever social, cultural or academic disparities we have vanish. All that matter are his groundstrokes, serve, speed, etc (unfortunately, they're usually better than mine). Sports uniquely sets our personal differences aside and makes them pointless.

Heaven knows our social and political conflicts will likely go forever on. But when we're immersed in a ballgame, either as fan or participant, all those things that divide us just don't seem to raise their ugly heads. For that, I'd say sports matters quite a lot.

City may acquire Fountain City Park

By Mike Steely
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During the City Council meeting earlier this month the members voted to allot \$5,175 in grants to the Fountain City Lions Club to help with the maintenance and upkeep at the Fountain City Park and fund mowing there. During the discussion, the city's Parks and Recreation Director, Sheryl Ely, commented that the city is in talks with that club about acquiring the popular privately-owned park.

The Lions Club owns the 7.9-acre park that

features the large duck pond, walking trails, playground, natural spring, picnic area, plaza, club building, skate park, and shelters. For years the city has supplemented the club and in recent years rebuilt and maintained the fountain and pond.

Ely said the Lions Club has approached the city about taking over ownership of the park and Deputy Mayor David Brace told the meeting it can become an additional city park. He said the city is "working through it" with the club. 7.9-acre park.

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Casualties

There are many casualties of the Wuhan flu, “modern” liberalism and leftist philosophy. No, in this war in which we find ourselves, I cannot be reserved and politically correct. Going along to get along with the cancel culture crowd only emboldens the mob and tyranny. Daily I pray for strength and courage to resist, yet “speak the truth in love” with reasoned common sense.

More than 600,000 people have already died as a result of the virus which escaped China’s virology lab in Wuhan, China. We may never know all the casualties of this scourge. The destruction of America’s economy, which resulted from the advice of experts and computer models, is an ongoing casualty. History teaches that civilization has never been shut down by an epidemic. And the casualties continue to mount as we

closed and depression is skyrocketing. The new cry for safety has become a cudgel and the latest in a series of attacks on Trump and the American way of life.

Democrats and some teachers’ unions are even willing to sacrifice the education of children in their lust for political power and the sick hatred of Trump. Children need their teachers and they need other children far more than any pseudo education from a computer screen. I teach medical students at Lincoln Memorial University and I can tell you that you cannot teach young doctors how to feel a liver or listen to heart sounds in a Zoom session. You must be capable and willing to do homeschooling. The current online method of expediency is a farce. And you must be a fool if you’re still willing to pay \$50,000 a year for online classes at Harvard.

Historically, education’s goal was to teach children the basic tools for rational thought and discourse. The educational focus was “the seven liberal arts,” divided into the trivium and quadrivium. It was important to learn how to speak correctly and persuasively, so the trivium emphasized grammar, logic and rhetoric, somewhat akin to grammar schools. The quadrivium was for more advanced study in secondary

schools and encompassed more science-based courses in arithmetic, astronomy for navigation, geometry and music to appreciate its aesthetics and mathematical basis. Educational common sense has become a casualty in modernity as indoctrination with diversity training and sex education compete with teaching kids to actually think.

Teaching is a hands-on profession. Several years ago, I wrote “There is no keystroke for caring.” Some teachers’ unions and university professors are now refusing to return to work and teach, abrogating their professional responsibility and abandoning their students. What hypocrites. They expect doctors to treat them if they are sick and the police to protect them from the mob. Since everyone screams you must “follow the science,” the death rate in children with COVID-19 is less than the death rate from influenza. The same cannot be said for this columnist in his 70th orbit of the sun. Perhaps some dinosaur professors should also just retire to their basement along with Joe Biden.

Perhaps the most profound casualty of fifty years of liberalism is the loss of any cohesive American philosophy. America came together to fight and win the Second World War. With the 911 attacks in 2001 that spirit resurfaced, but like seeds thrown among rocks (Jesus’ parable), the flower of liberty quickly wilted.

Now, I doubt that Joe Biden’s handlers and I could find anything in common. Casualties of the Democrat party’s extreme shift to the left to embrace Bernie Sanders’ socialist agenda includes sacrificing the sanctity of life, border integrity and paying lip service to Chinese hegemony.

I’ve written about this before, but it is important to re-emphasize that there is a big difference between liberals and leftists. Unfortunately, too many people are unaware that leftists, like Antifa, BLM and AOC’s mob, espouse anti-capitalism, open borders, divisiveness of racial politics and intolerance of any speech that differs from their perspective. Classical liberalism of the Enlightenment Founders is different from “modern” liberals who are actually progressive socialists. I have liberal friends who, like me, are conservative in their belief in national borders, free speech (even if it’s stupid), free enterprise and capitalism, and think skin color is irrelevant. In fact, if you see bias in skin color, you are by definition a racist.

Unfortunately, many Democrat liberals have encouraged leftists, believing they can use and control the mob of anti-American anarchists. Robespierre, of the French Revolution, also thought he could control the mob. The mob soon turned on him and took off his head. Pelosi and Biden should be wary of history’s great lessons. They are playing with fire, but perhaps they are powerless to resist AOC’s Squad and the leftists who have taken over the Democrat Party, which is no longer democratic.

So, where do we go from here? The options are surrender and appeasement or to run away. I am convinced there’s no place to run. The only option is resistance. I will not be marching in protest, burning and looting, or using the F-bomb as an adjective or verb to denigrate others, who only do so because they have already lost the rational argument.

As my wife Becky and I said last week in our 20/20 essay, it is time to stand up and be counted. It is time to speak out and push back against the darkness and the insanity. Citizens, you must do your duty for God and country and those you love and serve.

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

Middlesboro’s strange history

Anyone visiting Cumberland Gap National Park may be missing an interesting side trip to the little Kentucky town next door. Middlesboro has a long and very odd history and is well worth a visit.

Just beyond the Cumberland Gap highway tunnel going north on Highway 25 W is the main entrance to the national park and its very interesting visitor center. Just beyond that, you enter the unique town. Middlesboro isn’t the county seat Bell County, nearby Pineville is, but Middlesboro has the very strange claim to being a town that developed in the center of a meteor crater.

Yep, a large meteor hit there about 300 million years ago leaving a 3-mile wide impact hole. The crater was confirmed by

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

scientists in 1966.

Middlesboro began as Yellow Creek and grew up as an iron and coal center. The community was established in 1810 by a Virginian, John Turner. In 1886 an Englishman, Alexander A. Arthur, created the town and apparently named it

for a British town.

Arthur lived in Knoxville and acquired mineral rights in the Cumberland Gap area and convinced investors to create a “Pittsburg of the South” in Middleborough, or Middlesboro. He created a nine-hole golf course as part of a country club there. A horrible fire destroyed much of the town he founded and Arthur’s project failed in 1893.

Middlesboro sported the first electric streetcars in the region and, in the 1930s, became a



Middlesboro’s Coal House houses the local Chamber of Commerce and was built using 42 tons of coal. It honors one of the town’s main resources.

gambling center with salons, slot machines and a rather wild reputation.

The importance of coal is recognized yet today and the local Chamber of Commerce is housed within a house built of 42 tons of coal. The small house was built in 1925 as a celebration of coal’s history there and is located on 20th Street just off East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro’s main road.

Another Arthur, Arthur Campbell, touched the area’s early history. The Southwest Virginia patriot, supporter of the Lost State of Franklin and friend of John Sevier, was an outstanding leader and supporter of the American Revolution.

He knew other leaders such as Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson but ran afoul with Virginia when he supported Sevier and the creation of a new state that would have included Southwest Virginia.

In his later years, he relocated

to what would become Middlesboro and died there in 1811. Today a state historic marker on 24th Street notes his importance and his nearby grave.

Like many small towns, Middlesboro continues to renovate its downtown area and became the first U.S. city to have a community-wide organic garden and the first Kentucky city to become a “Trail Town.”

If you’re headed to Middlesboro on a day’s outing don’t forget historic Tazewell, Tn., the LMU Lincoln Museum in Harrogate, Cumberland Gap National Park or Pine Mountain State Park in Pineville, Ky.

You can get lots of information about Middlesboro on Google or contact the Chamber of Commerce there by phone at (606) 248-1075.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Richard Castro, Sr.
Whereabouts Unknown
Last Known Address: Unknown
Stacey Castro
Petitioner
Vs.
Richard Castro, Sr.
Defendants
Case No. 20CH2273
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; CHANCERY DIVISION AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE

It appearing from the pleadings filed in this cause that, Richard Castro, Sr., whereabouts are unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered June 23, 2020, service of process will be made by publication.
HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON OR BEFORE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION before the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Clinton, Tennessee and make defense to the complaint filed against HIM in said court by Stacey Castro, Petitioner or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Defendant is required to file responsive pleadings with the court and Plaintiff's Attorney, H. Daniel Forrester, III, 224 N. Main St., Clinton, TN 37716. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.
This June 30, 2020.

Harold P. Cousins Jr.
Clerk and Master

By: Blake Williams
Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SHEILA A. LUSTER;
IN RE: BUFFAT TRACE SUBDIVISION
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
v. SHEILA A. LUSTER
NO. 199673-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHEILA A. LUSTER a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SHEILA A. LUSTER it is ordered that said defendant SHEILA A. LUSTER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 29th day of June, 2020.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PATRICK A. PERKINS;
IN RE: WILLOW CREEK HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION v. PATRICK A. PERKINS
NO. 199500-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PATRICK A. PERKINS a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PATRICK A. PERKINS it is ordered that said defendant PATRICK A. PERKINS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 26th day of June, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALEECE STEWART;
IN RE: BUFFAT TRACE SUBDIVISION
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
v. ALEECE STEWART
NO. 199671-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALEECE STEWART a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ALEECE STEWART it is ordered that said defendant ALEECE STEWART file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 29th day of June, 2020.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN;
IN RE: ERNIE RANDOLPH v. JOE O. FRANKLIN
NO. 200310-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint

filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, who are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN it is ordered that said defendants JOE O. FRANKLIN, BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CREDITORS OF JOE O. FRANKLIN AND BETTY CAROL FRANKLIN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley, an Attorneys whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 6th day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE TO GEORGE RONALD HAMMONTREE, III
CE-29465

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

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
IN RE:Lyric Kennon Frye, D.O.B. 09/13/2014
Michael David Perkins and
Tessa Miranda Perkins,
Petitioners.
v.
John Doe (Unknown Father), Respondent.

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

This case is before the Court on Petitioners' Motion for Service by Publication pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-203 and T.C.A. § 21-1-204. The Motion is well taken and should be granted. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that publication of this ORDER shall be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, which is a newspaper published at least weekly in Knox County, Tennessee, and that the Respondent, JOHN DOE (Unknown Father), be given notice therein that he is hereby REQUIRED to answer or otherwise respond to the Petition filed in this case within thirty (30) days from the date of the fourth (4th) weekly publication of this Order; and that should the Respondent fail then he shall be deemed to have received actual notice hereof and default may be taken against him at a hearing for the termination of his parental rights and the adoption of said child in the Chancery Court for Grainger County, Tennessee on August 25TH, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grainger County Justice Center, Rutledge, Tennessee.
Enter this 23 day of June, 2020.

Hon. Telford E. Forgety, Jr.

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

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

ANNA TIKHONIN -Vs- ANDREY TROSHIN
Docket # 148839

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ANDREY TROSHIN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ANDREY TROSHIN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ANNA TIKHONIN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with SCOTT B. HAHN, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5344 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN 37918, within thirty(30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This the 8TH day of JULY, 2020.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SARAH DARLINDA KOGA;
IN RE: DYLAN THOMAS KOGA
D.O.B. 06/10/2014
NO. 199769-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SARAH DARLINDA KOGA is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon SARAH DARLINDA KOGA it is ordered that said defendant SARAH DARLINDA KOGA file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Hillary Dewhirst, an Attorneys whose address is, 4014 Sutherland Avenue Knoxville, TN 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court,

Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 13th day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LINDSEY JOHNSON;
IN RE: LELAND MICHAEL RICKELS
NO. 199944-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant LINDSEY JOHNSON 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 LINDSEY JOHNSON it is ordered that said defendant LINDSEY JOHNSON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Bill Fix, an Attorneys whose address is, 408 N. Cedar Bluff Rd. Ste. 260 Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 22nd day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS DOES 1 THROUGH 10;

IN RE: DEBREA MCMILLAN v. RUBY HALL
NO. 200454-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS DOES 1 THROUGH 10 are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS DOES 1 THROUGH 10 it is ordered that said defendants ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS DOES 1 THROUGH 10 file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark, an Attorneys whose address is, 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 22nd day of July, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SUSAN ELIZABETH ADERHOLDT
DOCKET NUMBER 83195-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SUSAN ELIZABETH ADERHOLDT who died Apr 1, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

ESTATE OF SUSAN ELIZABETH ADERHOLDT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$)
CARRIE ELIZABETH PRICE JOHNSON;
ADMINISTRATRIX 813 BREEZEWAY DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

DUSTIN R. LANDRY ATTORNEY
5301 KINGSTON PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARIAN P AULT
DOCKET NUMBER 83197-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARIAN P AULT who died Jun 2, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF MARIAN P AULT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN P AULT; EXECUTOR
5700 ATTLEBORO DR.
POWELL, TN 37849

ANNE MCKINNEY ATTORNEY
1019 ORCHID DR.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WARREN B BANKS
DOCKET NUMBER 83164-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WARREN B BANKS who died May 27, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF WARREN B BANKS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$)
LINDA B EDMUNDS; EXECUTRIX
10806 WALTON CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

DAVID S REXRODE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
102 CHAHO ROAD
FARRAGUT, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD OLIVER BARKER
DOCKET NUMBER 83191-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD OLIVER BARKER who died Jun 8, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

ESTATE OF EDWARD OLIVER BARKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VICKIE KIMBERLIN; ADMINISTRATRIX
9112 BRIGHT LANE
POWELL, TN 37849

GAIL WORTLEY ATTORNEY
3715 POWERS ST.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE C BUTLER
DOCKET NUMBER 83193-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPHINE C BUTLER who died May 6, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE C BUTLER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SARAH BETH CHILDRESS; CO-EXECUTOR 1736 REGENCY RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

JAMES BRITTON BUTLER; CO-EXECUTOR 2102 ANDES RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

FIONA F HILL ATTORNEY
550 W MAIN ST. SUITE 310
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICE CALDWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 83192-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ALICE CALDWELL who died Jun 13, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four

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

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

ESTATE OF ALICE CALDWELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID NEAL CALDWELL; EXECUTOR
700 DALEN LN
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

ROBERT S MATLOCK
ATTORNEY
P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LARRY CARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 83041-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LARRY CARTER who died May 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 7 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF LARRY CARTER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RON TILLER; EXECUTOR
1279 MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
LANE CANTON, GA. 30114

SARAH R JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW
11907 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 201
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON CHAPMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 82503-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON CHAPMAN who died Jul 22, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 14 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF SHARON CHAPMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONNIE CHAPMAN; ADMINISTRATOR
120 BARCELONA CT CARY, NC 27513

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TRULA M CHAPMAN
DOCKET NUMBER 83220-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TRULA M CHAPMAN who died Apr 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of JULY, 2020.

ESTATE OF TRULA M CHAPMAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$)
NELLIE JUNE OAKLEY ; EXECUTRIX
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