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*As the West High Rebels practice Wednesday, one coach can be seen wearing a mask, and the scoreboard reminds all what year it is. The high school football season is scheduled to start this week despite the coronavirus pandemic. Please see high school previews for football, volleyball, girls' soccer and girls' cross country in Sports and Recreation, Section B, of this week's Focus.*

## Pressure? New Central head coach says he's excited

By Steve Williams

The season opener is days away and his feelings could change as kickoff time nears Friday night.

After all, Central's football team has won back-to-back Class 5A state championships and it will be Nick Craney's first time on the sidelines as a high school head coach.

He'll be close to 80 miles from friendly Fountain City, too.

But when asked if he was feeling any pressure, Craney didn't gup or blink.

"I feel excited first and then



*FAMILY. — "Forget About Me I Love You" — the foundation of the Central High football program.*

behind the same desk that Bryson Fowler had occupied the past two seasons. During certain

times excited for our players, I'm excited for where the program is at and honestly for where

three trips to the state finals in the past four years.

Craney said he feels fortunate to be part of a program that has had success on and off the field. He's also proud to have helped build the current foundation of that program.

When Fowler left Central for family reasons, Craney was named interim head coach and let it be known he wanted to continue the program's "family" foundation.

"I'm extremely excited and honestly the pressure is not something that I'm going to

Wednesday, Aug. 5

The program could cost the district up to \$1.5 million for the full semester and should not exceed \$3 million if used again in the spring of 2021.

The Florida Virtual School model is the same one being used by Metro Nashville, which is beginning its academic year exclusively with distance learning.

FCS is opening its schools on Monday, Aug. 24 but 1,850 students and their parents have opted to attend school remotely this fall.

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## New alcohol permit adopted for