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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.

## Knox Co. BOE approves virtual learning contract

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Schools Board of Education has approved a contract with Florida Virtual School to assist with its remote learning program this fall.

The board approved the measure with an 8-1 vote Wednesday night at its regular session meeting at the Andrew Johnson Building. Board member Jennifer Owen was the one dissenting vote after expressing concerns at the board's work session on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

The program could cost the district up to \$1.5 million for the fall 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.

KCS is opening its schools on Monday, Aug. 24 but 18,500 students and their parents have opted to attend school remotely this fall.

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## 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 85 miles from friendly Fountain City, too.

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

"I feel excited first and foremost," he said from his coach's office after a preseason morning practice. He also was sitting



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behind the same desk that Bryson Rosser had occupied the past six seasons, during certainly one of the most successful eras in the school's proud history.

"I'm excited for our players. I'm excited for where the program is at and honestly for where the program is going," added Craney, who served as defensive coordinator in Central's

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 Rosser 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 worry about," said Craney. "I

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## New alcohol permit adopted for outdoor dining

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Knoxville restaurants will be permitted to serve alcohol outside of their property under an emergency ordinance adopted Tuesday evening by the Knoxville City Council. Councilman Andrew Roberto, who chairs the Beer Board, suggested the change that will continue as long as COVID-19 retractions are in place.

The temporary permits must be requested by a restaurant which serves at least 50% food. Outdoor dining restrictions have been loosened during the pandemic allowing some public space to be used for dining. Permission forms are being prepared and the emergency resolution will be back on the agenda in two weeks for final approval.

Mayor Indya Kincannon called the outdoor alcohol service "a great idea."

In other action the council voted to deny an appeal by

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## Appointed law director amendment to go on November ballot

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In a 15-9 vote Wednesday, the Knox County Charter Review Committee was successful in putting an "appointed" law director amendment on the November ballot. If passed, this amendment would require the board of education and the county commission to hire their own attorneys.

The committee also voted, 23-1, to require the county mayor to submit a list of all his expenditures of \$100,000 or less on the monthly commission agenda as a Spread of Record item.

The committee voted, on a motion by member Lisa Starbuck, to make sure a mayor

cannot remove an elected law director. Two citizens spoke in public forum before the vote with Todd Frommeyer saying that if Mayor Glenn Jacobs can fire newly-elected Law Director David Buuck then Buuck could have the shortest term as law director in history.

Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong assured the body that the mayor cannot fire the elected law director but could name a replacement, approved by county commission, should Buuck leave office before his term expires. Armstrong said all the provisions in the amendment, if passed by the public in November, would not be effective until September 1, 2024. He said he could add that

clarification to the amendment language if the Review Committee agreed and they did.

Attorney James Crain spoke on behalf of an elected law director, saying that a separate attorney appointed by the mayor plus one each for the school system and the county commission could double the legal cost to the county.

"The present situation is much more favorable," he said

Charter Review Committee Chairman Bran Anders said he also had an email from board of education member Mike McMullan prior to the meeting urging the committee not to put an appointed law director amendment on the ballot, yet Anders did not read the message to the

body.

Anders said an appointed law director could be approved or dismissed by a request from the mayor to the commission and a 50% plus one vote from that body. An elected law director is only subject to a recall election and not at the pleasure of a mayor.

Committee member Mike Arms noted, "You can't oust an elected law director for poor performance but you can fire an appointed law director." He also said the law director is the "people's lawyer" only when they want to be.

The 15-9 vote to put an appointed law director charter

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# Boys & Girls Club in Powell seeks changes in sector plan, zoning from Knoxville-Knox County Planning

By Bill Howard

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Knoxville, Inc. serves hundreds of families and is, by any account, a hugely valuable civic asset. To better get the word out about what it does, it wanted to put up an electronic messaging board to convey relevant information to the public. The facility is at 1819 Dry Gap Pike in Commission District 7.

Co. Planning Commission to change its sector plan from CI (Civic/Institutional) to GC (General Commercial), as well as rezone the parcel from PR (Planned Residential) to PC (Planned Commercial). The recommendation of the Commission's staff was to deny both, because of possible "adverse impacts" on future business use and nearby neighborhoods.

Robert Campbell argued the Club's case before the Commission at its monthly

meeting - the fifth in a row online - on Thursday, Aug. 13. Campbell claimed the surrounding area is already quite commercially oriented.

"As we were looking at this, we were surprised that we were zoned residential, especially in light of the fact that almost the entire corridor is commercial or institutional," said Campbell. "To the north there's a small piece of commercial property that's for sale. There's a large indoor

storage warehouse, restaurants... there's a school across the street. At the other end, which is not very far, there are multiple other commercial developments as well."

"The sector plan was done in 2012, 2011...I think they have 12 to 15 thousand cars a day that go on these roads," Campbell said. "This is a correct designation for commercial zoning."

Bart McFadden, president and CEO of the Boys

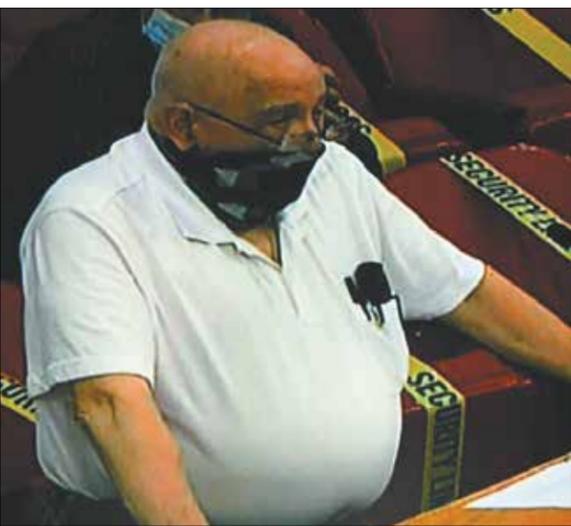
& Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, followed Campbell, arguing that the Club would never stray from its mission. "We have no plan to do anything other than the essential work that we provide to hundreds and hundreds of families at that location," he said. "That land was gifted to us 20-plus years ago and we wanna continue to serve those families but also to be better citizens of that community that are educating our families. That's

purely the motivation behind this organization."

A number of commissioners weighed in on the matter. The first was Chris Ooten.

"I very rarely disagree with staff," Ooten said. "In this particular case, there's a natural choke point of any type of use going to the southeast below the site where the flow way is. Nobody's gonna be developing anything on that side of the road. I

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Attorney James Crain spoke during Public Forum at the Charter Review meeting, telling the members the current "elected" law director is much more favorable than an appointed one. Photo by Mike Steely via CTV.

## What's in the Charter Amendment?

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The full proposed amendment to the Knox County Charter regarding an appointed law director is more lengthy and complicated than the voter will see. Current Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong is working with the Knox County Election Commission to come up with a simple yes or no statement for the ballot.

During the first Public Forum on the amendment last Monday, where no one appeared to speak, the law director explained the amendment in depth because it would require several changes to different parts of the charter.

Basically, within the language of the amendment, voters can choose to approve the appointment of a law director by the county mayor or keep the current process of electing a law director. But it goes further, at the request of the committee, by asking the voters to allow the Knox County Commission and Board of Education to hire their own attorneys.

The details of the amendment would permit the mayor to name a person as law director and that nomination would have to be approved by the county commission. The mayor can also fill any vacancy of the law director with commission approval with a majority of one vote. The appointed law director could

not represent anyone else, unless approved to do so, and may hire outside attorneys if needed. The mayor may also appoint a new law director should the upcoming elected law director leave office before the term expires.

Both the board of education and the commission would also permit assistants to their attorneys be hired as needed.

The amendment, if approved, would become effective September 1, 2024, or upon a vacancy of the elected law director's office.

"People will know exactly what they are voting on," Armstrong said, adding, "It's going to be crystal clear."

## Appointed law director amendment

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amendment on the ballot went as expected, with all of the mayor's appointees present voting "Yes." County commissioner appointee votes echoed their sponsor. Those voting in support of the amendment were: Commissioner Randy Smith and his appointee James Corcoran; Hugh Nystrom and his appointee, John Gill; and Brad Anders and his appointee, Gary Drinnen; and Commissioner Michele Carringer.

Mayor Jacobs' appointments, who all voted "Yes," were: Sam McKenzie, Amanda Benedict, Mark Mamantov, Scott Davis, Mike Arms, Daniel Herrera, Rachel Sanders and John Valliant. Voting "No" were Commissioners Evelyn Gill, John Schoonmaker, Charles Busler and Carson Dailey and the commission appointees Jered Croom, William Johns, Sandra Sexton, Lisa Starbuck and Barry Neal.

The current, elected law director will now work with the election commission for the final language that will appear on the November 3rd ballot.

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

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don't feel the pressure right now. I'm sure some of our kids may. For the most part, we're showing up and working and taking care of what we can control."

Craney and the Bobcats will open the 2020 season at Cleveland, which has won state titles too in past years.

Craney was asked what the biggest challenges had been during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Honestly, in the summer and off-season, we don't just talk about this place being a family, we really try and live that out," he replied.

But this summer, Craney pointed out the Central

team didn't get to go to FCA camp at Cookeville for a couple of days and nights. He said that's where "relationships" were grown "that really have made a difference for us the last couple of years down the stretch."

Craney said the team has worked through the football side of things, although going through the "no contact was tough and not realistic to what football is."

Craney added the combination of not having spring practice, 7 on 7 games, preseason scrimmages or a jamboree puts teams behind and particularly a team with a new head coach and offensive

coordinator like Central.

"We recognize this is a trying time and an unprecedented time," said Craney. "What we talk about all the time within this program is controlling what you can control and not letting the things outside of you control and take away from your focus, your work ethic or your discipline. For us, it is unfortunate, but we've got to keep on rolling. We're not going to dwell on it."

**RIVALRY THURSDAY:** The first high school football game of the season will match Gibbs at Halls in a televised game on MyVLT Thursday night at 7.

In addition to Central at Cleveland, 10 other games

involving local teams will be played Friday night, starting at 7:30.

Week 1 will conclude with a Saturday night contest pitting Fulton at South-Doyle.

**CANCELLATION:** Powell's season opener at Greeneville was cancelled by Greeneville due to the coronavirus. Powell receives a win by forfeit.

The Panthers will play at Anderson County on Aug. 27 in the Week 2 Rivalry Thursday TV game.

(See the complete Week 1 local high school football schedule and the final batch of 2020 prep previews in this week's Sports and Recreation section of The Focus.)

**CORRECTION**  
In last week's story, "Local GOP candidates celebrate victories at Crowne Plaza," the winner for the District 2 commission race should have been named as Courtney Durrett. We apologize for this error.

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But recent developments may mean that the Florida Virtual School may not cost the district as much as previously thought as KCS has filled a good number of its vacancies for both in-class and virtual teaching positions.

"I want to compliment that staff and the hard work they've done in a short time. They've had four days (to fill vacancies) and they've done a great job," Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas said.

In less than a week KCS has eliminated several vacancies meaning that the Florida Virtual School

program would only need to be used for 311 classes district wide and the hiring process is still not completed.

With the new district hires, the Florida Virtual School Program is estimated to cost KCS \$300,000.

"Preferably, we want to use our own folks," said Thomas, who made it clear at the work session the week prior that he wasn't in favor of outsourcing the district's teaching positions. "But we've filled these vacancies and we still have some time to fill more before school starts and we would probably be using Florida Virtual a lot less by the time school

starts."

Teaching vacancies are currently at 90. But 70 positions have been filled in less than a week.

Further helping KCS's plight is that many of its teachers have agreed to teach both in-person and virtual classes simultaneously.

The district's leaders are not requiring teachers to teach virtual and in-person classes simultaneously because they did not want to overburden educators. But Thomas said that many have volunteered and the board and superintendent will consider offering those teachers a stipend for their services. The district

already has a plan in place to pay teachers extra if they teach during their planning period.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the board voted unanimously to pass a resolution to ask the state to eliminate standardized testing for students and teacher evaluations for the 2020-2021 academic year, due to the coronavirus pandemic. That measure was passed quickly and without discussion.

The board also passed a measure requiring all students, visitors and staff to wear masks while indoors on campus.

That also went through with an 8-1 vote after much

discussion. Patti Bounds, who said the policy was "too restrictive," was the lone member to cast a dissenting vote.

The board also implemented consequences for students who fail to comply with the rule to wear face covering.

The first offense would result in a verbal warning. The second offense would result in a verbal warning and a quarantine from general school population and parent pickup.

All offenses will be documented as other disciplinary actions according to Thomas.

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# Publisher's Positions



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## Interesting Factoid...

New York governor Andrew Cuomo is begging for wealthy folks to return to the Empire State, which was ravaged by the Corona virus. Why does the gov want wealthy New Yorkers to come back home? "A single percent of New York's population pays half of the state's taxes," Cuomo said, "and they're the most mobile people on the globe." Hmm...1% of New York's population—the wealthy—pay HALF of all the taxes in New York?

One wealthy person who has left New York for Florida is billionaire Carl Icahn, who has moved his business to the Sunshine State.

Cuomo may be hard pressed to convince wealthy New Yorkers to come back and it sure would seem they are paying more than their fair share of the tax burden, but not according to crazy congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. AOC has urged Cuomo to impose a special tax on billionaires. The money raised from that tax would go to help those citizens impacted by the Corona virus. According to AOC's plan. The wealth tax, which is sponsored by State Senator Jessica Ramos in the New York legislature, would supposedly

generate about \$5.5 billion in revenue. That money would then go to those workers who are not eligible for unemployment or federal relief.

Bill DeBlasio, who has finally gotten some stiff competition for America's craziest and most incompetent mayor from Jenny Durkan of Seattle, is feuding with governor Andrew Cuomo. Like AOC, DeBlasio is a supporter of the new wealth tax. DeBlasio sniffed he did not make decisions "based on the wealthy few." Basically, if the federal government won't bail out New York City's burgeoning budget gaps and problems, DeBlasio's go-to move is to increase taxes on the rich. Cuomo argues the tax hikes proposed by AOC and Bill DeBlasio will only cause wealthy New Yorkers to move out of the state. DeBlasio has no such worries, saying he thinks others will come to live in New York and gladly pay whatever taxes are needed. The wealthy New Yorkers "can afford to pay a little bit more so that everyone else can make it through this crisis," DeBlasio said.

Tell that to ritzy Manhattan. When stores finally reopened in Manhattan, shoppers were conspicuous by their absence. Times Square and Fifth Avenue sidewalks more resemble ghost towns than the once-bustling metropolis. Brooks Brothers and Neiman Marcus have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It's becoming more and more likely a lot of stores will close their doors forever. There is speculation that fully one-third of Manhattan's 230,000 small businesses will shutter their stores forever with workers staying at

home and social distancing taking its toll.

When Andrew Cuomo is the voice of reason, Lord help us all!

## Tennessee Legislature Special Session Over

Governor Bill Lee called the Tennessee General Assembly back into special session to consider legislation that didn't get passed during the regular session. The governor was especially concerned about providing businesses with protection from frivolous law suits over the COVID-19 virus. The three-day session dealt with much of what went out the window when differences between Senate and House Republicans became irreconcilable. The legislation protecting businesses and schools from COVID lawsuits passed easily, as did a telehealth bill during a time of social distancing. Legislators also passed a sweeping bill, which will give authorities greater ability to crack down on protestors who have infested the State Capitol for months.

House Republicans dropped a proposal that would have allowed Tennessee's Attorney General to prosecute protest-related crimes. The reason the bill was dropped was estimates that each conviction might cost taxpayers \$500,000 each.

## \$800 Million Investment in Tennessee

Governor Bill Lee's office sent out a press release that social media titan Facebook is going to build an \$800 million data center in Gallatin, Tennessee. The project is

expected to employ 1,100 construction workers and once fully operational, some 100 people will work at the center. That's good news for Tennessee and Tennesseans.

## Knox School Challenges

The Knox County School system seems to wobble along as it struggles to reopen schools. As a member of the School Reopening Task Force, I asked the question, "Do you have a backup plan for your backup plan?" We were assured we got this, we don't need one. Well apparently they do need a second backup plan. The superintendent has already put off the reopening date by a week while they continue to prepare for the first day of school. Planning for the reopening now involves a Florida firm and virtual school. This caused a few Knox County teachers to shriek with horror that their jobs were being outsourced. According to a few school board members, the call to flood them with emails fizzled out within hours. The response was underwhelming, to say the least.

"If we're going to reopen schools, we don't have that many options currently," Mike McMillan, East Knox County's Board member said. "We are trying to do the best we can with all of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 virus. It's an incredibly complicated and difficult task."

I agree, Mike.

## Cunning Kamala

Sleepy Old Joe Biden has made his vice presidential pick and after boxing himself into a corner, by

promising he would pick a woman of color finally selected California senator Kamala Harris. Old Joe will probably need a food taster and Kamala is about as likeable as a rattlesnake. Kamala fits right in with the authoritarian wing of the national Democratic party and she's proven she doesn't mind telling a whopper of a lie right out of the gate. Cuning Kamala gave Barack Obama and Joe Biden complete credit for a booming economy which was humming when the virus hit in March. Goodness gracious, the eight years of Obama did everything but put the economy to sleep. Obama and Biden had as much to do with the economic boom as I did inventing the wheel.

The one-time paramour of Willie Brown, speaker of the California House and mayor of San Francisco, Cuning Kamala is nothing if not an opportunist. Over a period of about five years, Harris raked in \$400,000 in positions secured for her by her lover, Willie Brown.

Cuning Kamala supported cutting \$100 million from the Los Angeles Police Department's budget in June. She also wanted to reduce the number of police officers yet she said on "Good Morning America" while postulating on reallocating taxpayer dollars, "Are we actually creating healthy and safe communities?" Just how in the world we are creating SAFE communities by getting rid of police officers and cutting police budgets arbitrarily is anyone's guess. Old Joe Biden has said he's not for defunding the police, but rather funding for police departments should depend on whether police are "honorable." It may be Biden

is wanting to have it both ways; he says he's against defunding the police while Cuning Kamala is all in for defunding police departments around the country. Biden said federal funding for police departments should depend on whether they "...are able to demonstrate they can protect the community." Well, I wonder how they are supposed to do that with less money and fewer officers? A Pew poll taken in July revealed 73% believe funding for police should either remain at its current level or be increased. In an ABC-Ipsos poll, 64% of Americans flatly rejected the notion of defunding the police. 91% of Republicans rejected the idea of defunding the police, while 45% of Democrats held the same opinion. 43% of Black respondents, 58% of Hispanic respondents and 74% of white respondents were against defunding the police. The Pew poll results indicate the number of Americans opposed to defunding the police is growing. An anemic 25% supported the idea of defunding the police in the Pew poll, with only 12% saying funding for police should be reduced significantly and 14% saying it should be cut somewhat.

For law-and-order types, Cuning Kamala did put quite a few folks behind bars for marijuana violations when she was a prosecutor. During the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard hit Harris, saying, "She put over 1,500 people in jail for marijuana violation and then laughed about it when she was asked if she ever smoked marijuana. Wow, what a woman of the people."

# Subsequent Remedial Measures

When I speak to personal injury clients about their cases, they will occasionally tell me something like, "well, this should be an easy case, but I saw them out there fixing the broken step I fell on the very next step."

Why would this be important to begin with? Well, in slip and fall cases, one of the key items is that the defendant, "knew, or should have known of a dangerous condition." So what we are saying is that by fixing a



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dangerous condition right after an injury, we are saying that defendant knew of a dangerous condition, and only after someone got hurt are they now getting around to fixing the dangerous condition.

Unfortunately, I have to tell these clients we cannot even bring up the fact that they fixed the step because fixing a

condition that caused an injury is considered a subsequent remedial measure and it is inadmissible.

How can this be? Tennessee

Rule of Evidence 407 states, "When, after an event, measures are taken which, if taken previously, would have made the event less likely to occur, evidence of the subsequent remedial measures is not admissible to prove strict liability, negligence, or culpable conduct in connection with the event."

Okay, so now we know that the rule states, which you may think is ridiculous, but let's talk about the reason this rule exists.

The premise for why subsequent remedial measures are not admissible has to do with the fact that hindsight is 20/20.

Most people think that if they see someone correcting a dangerous condition, then they should have foreseen the injury that occurred, and have remedied the situation before the injury occurring.

Further, just as a matter of public policy, it makes sense to allow people to fix dangerous conditions without penalizing them for fixing things. For example, if someone falls on a broken step and the owner of the steps knows that if they fix them that may hurt the case against them, it would appear they may be better off just leaving the broken step the way it is. Of course, that may lead to

other people getting hurt.

Believe me, as a personal injury attorney, I would love nothing more than to use repairs as proof that someone knew of a dangerous condition. Unfortunately, the law prevents people from doing just that.

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# Staley is taking her game to the next level

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If the name sounds familiar—it should. For years, the late Bill and Dora Staley were well known in the Gibbs Community. Dora was cafeteria manager at Gibbs High School. Thanks to the Staleys' great-granddaughter, there is at least one "Staley" in Upper East Tennessee!

Staley Humphries is the daughter of Leslie (Spitzer) Humphries, a graduate of Gibbs High School and Carson-Newman College where she played softball (shortstop), and John Humphries. She is the granddaughter of Wanda and Tom Callahan of Covington, Virginia, and Judy (Staley) Spitzer and Les Spitzer of Corryton, Tennessee. Focus readers may recall from past columns that Judy was a Gibbs High School cheerleader and Les was a key player on Coach Bob Dagley's outstanding 1965 basketball team at Gibbs. Staley Humphries is carrying on her family's great tradition in athletics. She recently graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee, and committed to play Division 1 volleyball at East Tennessee State University. Staley's skills are not limited to volleyball as her academic career in high school was amazing as well. She earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license through Dobyns-Bennett



**Staley Humphries**

and is currently working on the memory care floor at a local assisted living facility in Kingsport. Currently, Staley plans to pursue a degree in nursing or a health-related field.

I could hardly believe the pretty young girl bubbling with personality that I met in the summer of 2012 at the 70th Anniversary reception for the late Bill and Georgia Wright is already making her mark in the world. With the pandemic upon us, Staley's generation is facing unprecedented challenges. With her dedication and heart for helping others, I have no doubt this talented young lady will continue to make outstanding contributions to society. Congratulations, Staley! Good luck in this next step of your life's journey!

Words of Faith: Staley's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NAS) from the chapter on love: "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

# New alcohol permit

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Bill Clark for eight variances on his property at 33308 Barton Street. The Board of Zoning Appeals had initially voted to deny the request and Clark appealed. Attorney Bob Cole represented Clark, telling the history of several buildings on the Clark property that were found to occupy part of property owned by the Knoxville Utility Board.

Cole said the 87-year-old man inherited the home and lot from his mother and, unknown to him, for over 50 years several buildings had been built crossing the property line by inches or feet onto KUB property. He said the buildings and the property create an "unreasonable partnership" between Clark and the utility.

Councilman Lauren Rider asked for a legal definition of "hardship" in such incidents and was told that while KUB has no real objection to the violating buildings, the structures are illegal. Clark was requesting a waiver so he could buy the KUB property in fear that he might be forced to demolish the structures.

"We could create a precedent—he did not know the buildings were on the property," said Councilman Amelia Parker. She suggested "some type of grace" in the situation but added that "content matters."

Speaking of the structures City Attorney Charles Swanson described them as "illegal" but also said the city probably would take no action against Clark unless a complaint is filed.

The council voted unanimously to deny the

variances.

The council also voted to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Committee for the operation and maintenance of the East Tennessee 211 system through the city's 311 call center.

Also approved as a tax break for Fraley and Schilling Inc. for a \$2.5 million expansion of their operations at 7040 Saddlerack Road. Mayor Indya Kincannon supported the idea and Stephanie Welch, director of Economic and Community Development, said the expansion tax break is "a job pilot" that will add more than 100 high-paying jobs. She said she sees approval and expansion as "a community win."

Postponed for two weeks was a resolution to purchase or condemn property at 4901 Ball Camp Pike for use as part of the Northwest Greenway Connector Project. Engineering and Parks and Recreation Director Harold Cannon asked for the delay as the city is in talks with the property owner for a settlement.

The council, on first reading, voted to set the salary of a new, unnamed, director of Human Resources.

Also on first reading a new crematorium was approved for 2724 Western Avenue. That vote included revising the sector plan and rezoning the property. The request was from Alliance Funeral Group LLC and had been approved by Knoxville-Knox County Planning. Wade Lovin told the council the facility will be built in the middle of the New Gray Cemetery there.

# Board of health won't limit social gatherings for now

By **Ken Lay**

Citing improvement in the county's COVID-19 benchmarks, the Knox County Board of Health has decided not to limit social gatherings.

The board called off a vote on the proposal at its Zoom meeting Wednesday night and the item was removed from the agenda.

Board member Dr. Patrick O'Brien introduced the proposal but removed it because he said that limiting social gatherings wasn't presently necessary. O'Brien's proposal would have limited gatherings to 25 people and would've applied to churches and schools.

But the changes weren't

voted on due to recent reductions in new and active cases.

"At this point, my personal feeling is that I don't know that we need, necessarily, to implement this," O'Brien said.

The proposal was tabled after the board discussed the effectiveness of current mask rules and county residents' adhering to mask orders, had washing, social distancing, frequently cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and remaining home when sick.

Board members cautioned people not to become complacent or let their guards down as schools prepare to reopen

with in-person instructions.

While social gatherings will not be limited at this time, the board of health did discuss eminent concerns as students in Knox County and at the University of Tennessee prepare to return to school in the coming days.

And members warn that that could have an impact on cases of COVID-19.

"We all know we're about to embark on what will probably be one of the biggest single factors to impact the system at once," said board member Dr. James Shamiyeh. "That's the gradual opening of schools and universities.

"We're going to have some students be positive,

that's going to happen, but thinking about what the demand of resources will be if a student goes to five or six classes."

For its part, Knox County Schools has already begun taking measures with contact tracing. The district has 80 additional nurses who have been trained in that area, according to KCS representative Lisa Wagoner.

"I feel confident that we can handle it, I know we can handle it," Wagoner said. "We know about a positive case before we get the case ID number or before the health department knows about it and so we automatically put the contacts under quarantine."



## A Royal Role

The closer someone in a royal family is to the throne, the more the public hears about him or her. Others are almost forgotten. The British royal family has a line of succession that includes nearly sixty people. One of

them is Lord Frederic Windsor, who is forty-ninth in line for the throne. Instead of being in the limelight, he quietly goes about his life. Though he works as a financial analyst, he's not considered a "working royal"—one of the important family members, who are paid for representing the family.

In The Bible, David's son Nathan (2nd Samuel 5:14) is another royal who lived outside the limelight. Very little is known about him, but while the genealogy in Matthew mentions Solomon (tracing Joseph's line),

Luke's genealogy, which many scholars believe is Mary's family line, mentions Nathan. Though Nathan didn't hold a scepter, he still had a role in God's forever kingdom.

As believers in Christ, we are also royalty. The apostle John wrote that God gave us "the right to become children of God" though we may not be in the spotlight, we're children of the King! God considers each of us important enough to represent Him here on earth and to one day reign with Him. Like Nathan, we may

not wear an earthly crown, but we still have a part to play in god's kingdom.

I like these words and they come from my daily meditation called "Our Daily Bread." Thoughts such as these give us the courage to face our daily ministrations that we need so much.

Thought for the day: What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of understanding. St. Francis de Sales

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

# A depressing situation can improve with help

The image stunned me: a mile and a half line of traffic in the Dallas area. The vehicles were lined up down the road from a large parking lot. There, boxes of food were being distributed to people who were



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in need. All races, all ages, and all social classes were represented. Cars drove up with trunks opened, and approximately 100 workers loaded boxes of food into vehicles.

Flashback to the last century to see a similar picture. However, those images will be of people standing in bread lines. The country was in the depths of the Great Depression, and hunger was common for folks in city and country communities. The lines never seemed to end as meals instead of boxes of food were passed out.

Another similarity between now and then deals with housing. Foreclosures are hitting families now, and renters who can't pay are being evicted. That's not so different from the things that people faced in the 1930s. Most of us have seen pictures of families leaving their farms and homes with their belonging stacked in the back of pickup trucks.

What hurts as much now as nearly 100 years ago is the look of despair in the faces of people. The eyes are the windows to the soul, and they show us the loss of hope and fear that now exists. Individuals don't know what is coming next or what to do to protect themselves and their families.

FDR came through to save people during the

Depression. He began a series of programs that gave folks the chance to return to work. As a result, some major federal projects, such as TVA, were born. The Civilian Conservation Corps employed young men to work on environmental conservation jobs. My father-in-law worked in the CCC, and that job allowed him to send money home to his family so that they could buy food and other necessities.

Today, Americans have nothing. Unemployment assistance from the federal government has ended. The executive order that reinstates some of the cash falls short in meeting the needs of people. The president said his proposal is what people need and that it incentivizes people to return to work. How is that possible when those jobs have disappeared?

We can spend trillions of dollars on defending our nation, but if we don't have

a realistic approach to this crisis, a country to defend might not exist. Some politicians say not another dime should be allocated to help citizens in trouble. How does anyone with an ounce of compassion make such a statement? The future of this country is in the balance, and it can be moved toward a positive position by helping those in need, not by calling them lazy and turning deaf ears to their cries for help.

The richest, most powerful country is staggering. Our position in the world as a leader is gone. We are pitied by other countries for the lack of success in fighting the coronavirus. Millions of citizens are hungry and scared. They long for leadership that will address this crisis and find the path to a brighter future. That is not too much to ask. All that is needed is a governing body that cares more about its citizens than power or position.

# Boys & Girls Club in Powell seeks changes

*Cont. from page 2*

of having an additional sign opens up a Pandora's box. I'm a member of the YMCA. I get a lot of information from social media. I just don't see that the Boys & Girls Club is any different from any organization that provides community programs."

Said Scott Smith: "(The area) is commercial all the way back to Emory Road. There have been sewer improvements on the other side of the street. I think this use of this property is more appropriate in a planned commercial zone than it is in a planned residential zone."

Sandra Korbek said things differently. "If the sector plan is old we need to update the sector plan," she said "Changing the plan for the sole purpose

"When I looked at this, I was really surprised that there could be any opposition to it," said Dick Graf. "It looked like it was probably already commercial because everything around it is. I don't see any reason not to support this. If someone wanted to come in and put a store in, I think it's a good place for that."

Karyn Adams agreed with Korbek. "I have seen issues in the area where signage becomes a real problem," she said. "The digital signage that's shouting for attention that has nothing to do with the Boys & Girls Club. The efforts by

the community to try to minimize the visual clutter that's out there."

"This is not a reason for a sector plan change," Beth Eason said. "I agree with staff."

"Just a few yards down the road is an electronic sign for the school," said Eddie Smith. "They are putting out information for parents and students. The Boys & Girls Club would do the same thing and it would not be a nuisance in the area."

Both changes passed by a vote of 11-4. The next meeting is Sept. 10.

# The 1964 Senate Races in Tennessee, Part 3

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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From 1930 until 1964, the Democratic Party reigned supreme in Tennessee. Republicans had only occasionally been able to elect a governor; the last was Alfred A. Taylor in 1920. That year had been something of a high watermark for the GOP. Republicans had won the governorship, as well as five of Tennessee's ten congressional districts. Even Cordell Hull was swept out of his seat in the heavily Democratic Fourth Congressional district in 1920. Two years later, Tennessee Democrats were united and won back the governorship and three of the five seats in Congress held by the GOP.

Republicans were more fortunate in winning votes in presidential years. Warren Harding had won Tennessee in 1920 and Herbert Hoover carried it in 1928, at least in part because of the Catholicism of Democratic nominee Alfred E. Smith. Even Davidson County, a rock-solidly Democratic area, supported Hoover. General Dwight D. Eisenhower carried the Volunteer State in 1952 and 1956, albeit narrowly. Richard Nixon fared much better in 1960, winning Tennessee by better than 75,000 votes against John F. Kennedy (also a Catholic).

Republicans were elated in 1962 when William E. Brock had won election to Congress from Tennessee's Third Congressional district, which included Chattanooga. The incumbent congressman from the Third District had been James B. Frazier Jr., scion of one of Tennessee's oldest political families. Named for his father, who had been both a governor and United States senator from Tennessee, Jim Frazier had first been elected to Congress in 1948 when Estes Kefauver had vacated his seat in the House to run for the Senate. Frazier, past seventy, was a figure from a different era. Courtly and more conservative than many inside his own party, Frazier seemed not to fit in with the administration of the young President Kennedy and his court in the new "Camelot." Frazier was upset in the Democratic primary by Wilkes Thrasher Jr. All the candidates running in the Third District had been from political families. Thrasher's father had been the county judge in Hamilton County, while Bill Brock's grandfather, the original William Emerson Brock, had been appointed to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate in 1929 and served until 1931. The elder Brock had also been the founder and owner of the Brock candy company and had invented the chocolate covered cherry.

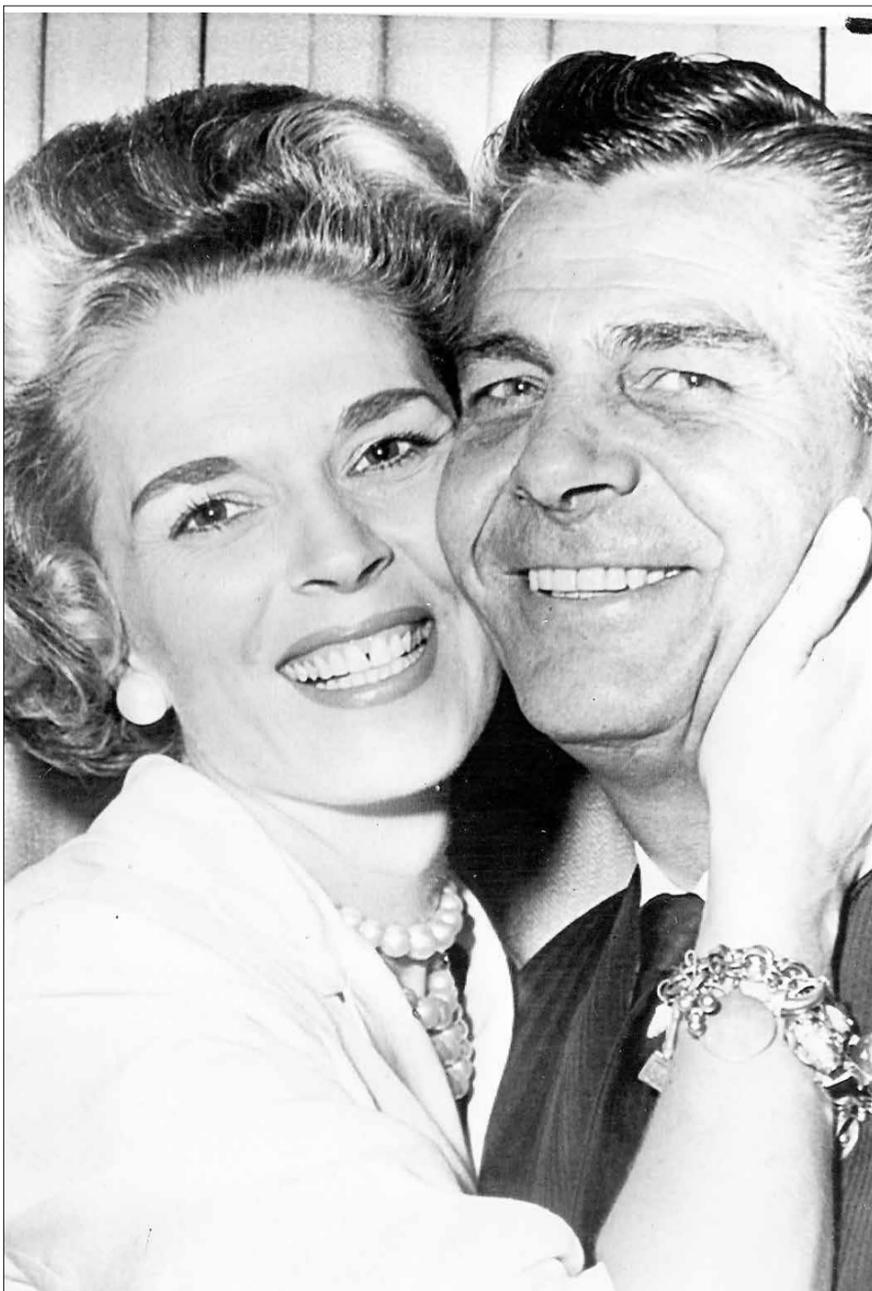
No longer a Democrat, Bill Brock had become active in the Young Republicans and had worked hard for Richard Nixon in 1960. Brock would likely have lost

had Congressman Frazier been renominated in 1962. The congressman's loss caused just enough of his more conservative supporters to vote for Brock instead of Wilkes Thrasher Jr. Democrats hoped Brock's election to Congress was a fluke and looked forward to beating him in 1964.

The death of Estes Kefauver on August 10, 1963, necessitated an appointment by Governor Frank Clement. Clement, after a four-year hiatus from the governorship, had reclaimed the governor's mansion in 1962, although not without a fight. Against a weak field of opponents, the well-financed Clement had won almost 100,000 more votes than his nearest competitor. Yet there was a warning sign in the primary; Clement won with only 42% of the overall vote. There was a portent of future problems for both Frank Clement and the Democratic Party in the 1962 general election results. Clement won a bare majority of 50.85% of the vote in the November election. An Independent, William Anderson, won an astonishing 32.83% of the vote while Hubert Patty, the GOP nominee, took just over 16% of the vote. Democrats saw little to be concerned about at the time; Anderson, the one-time commander of the submarine Nautilus, was a Democrat. Many Tennessee Democrats felt the Volunteer State was still safely a bastion for the Democratic Party. After all, Hubert Patty could not even poll 20% of the vote in the general election.

Lyndon Johnson was running hard in 1964 for a term in his own right after the tragedy of the Kennedy assassination. Yet initial polls in Tennessee shocked Democrats with Arizona U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater leading by more than 20 points. Senator Albert Gore, the "Old Gray Fox" of Tennessee politics was running for a third term in the U. S. Senate, while Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski was gearing up to run for the seat once held by Estes Kefauver.

Frank Clement had considered running against Albert Gore in 1958, but thought better of it and practiced law for four years before making his comeback bid for governor in 1962. Clement could not run for governor again in 1966 as Tennessee, at the time, did not allow governors to serve two consecutive four-year terms. Rumors abounded in Nashville that Clement wanted the Kefauver seat for himself. The responsibility for appointing a successor to Estes Kefauver fell to Governor Clement and he made a logical choice when he appointed Herbert S. Walters of Morristown. A millionaire businessman, Walters was past seventy and had rendered yeoman service to the



Tennessee Congressman Ross Bass and his wife, Avanelle, in 1964.

state and national Democratic parties. A supporter of Lyndon Johnson for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination, Walters went to Washington where he supported much of LBJ's "Great Society" legislation. Neither of Tennessee's U. S. senators supported Lyndon Johnson's Civil Rights Act of 1964. Nor did any of Tennessee's congressmen, save for Richard Fulton of Nashville and Ross Bass.

Although both men denied it vociferously, it seems quite likely "Hub" Walters never seriously considered waging a campaign to succeed himself in 1964. After Senator Walters indicated he would not be a candidate, Governor Clement made the announcement just about everybody in Tennessee expected: Frank Clement would run for the United States Senate in 1964. M.M. Bullard, a wealthy businessman from Cocke County in heavily Republican East Tennessee, rounded out the three-candidate field for the nomination for the "short term" Senate seat. The winner of the 1964 election would have to run again for a full six-year term in 1966.

Senator Kefauver had a legion of personal friends, acquaintances, followers and the semblance of an active organization in Tennessee, much like the actively functioning machine that had been built by Senator Kenneth D. McKellar earlier. Much of Kefauver's following coalesced behind the candidacy of Congressman Ross Bass after the late senator's widow Nancy refused to consider a campaign. Bass was thought to be more liberal than Governor Clement and there was a sharp edge to the dislike of Frank Clement by many Kefauver's admirers inside Tennessee's Democratic Party.

Governor Clement had access to considerable

campaign funds and state employees who were only too glad to campaign for their chief. Still, there were troubling rumors from the State Capitol about the youthful governor's addiction to alcohol. Only forty-four years old in 1964, Clement had first been elected governor in 1952 at age thirty-two and was a hardened veteran of Tennessee's political wars.

Ross Bass attracted much of the old Kefauver organization, as well as support from organized labor and African-Americans. Most observers were stunned by the results of the primary which Bass won by almost 100,000 votes. Frank Clement had won just under 36% of the vote. It was Clement's first political defeat and it hurt, badly.

Much to the surprise of some Democrats, Tennessee Republicans had nominated credible candidates for both of Tennessee's Senate seats. Howard Baker Jr. was the son of the late congressman from Tennessee's Second Congressional district. The elder Baker had died unexpectedly in January of 1964 and his son and namesake had rejected the idea of going to Congress to replace his father. Howard Baker Jr. preferred to try and win a seat in the U.S. Senate and at that time, Tennessee had never popularly elected a Republican to sit in the Senate.

Albert Gore was being challenged by Dan Kuykendall, a young businessman from Memphis, where the vestiges of the old Crump machine were slowly making their way to the Republican Party. Congressman Clifford Davis, first elected to Congress in 1940, had been defeated in the Democratic primary in 1964 by George Grider. Davis had been hand-picked by the Memphis Boss to run for Congress in 1940 and was

the last of the old machine politicians in what was left of the Crump-dominated Shelby County.

Middle-class voters, as well as the country club set, were finding themselves uncomfortable with many of the nominees of the Democratic Party in Tennessee and, at least at the beginning of the campaign, Barry Goldwater was generating some real excitement amongst a large swath of Volunteer State voters.

Democrats were astonished to observe people flocking to events in cities, hamlets and counties which had once been citadels of the Democratic Party. Howard Baker Jr. was married to Joy Dirksen, daughter of one of the most remarkable politicians of that or any other age. Everett Dirksen had first been elected to Congress in 1932, a terrible year for most Republicans as Herbert Hoover was being flushed out of office by Franklin D. Roosevelt and a Democratic sweep. Dirksen remained in Congress until 1948 when he voluntarily retired due to difficulties with his vision. His eyesight restored, Dirksen challenged Scott Lucas, Majority Leader of the U. S. Senate, in 1950 and won convincingly. Everett Dirksen remained in the Senate for the rest of his life. By 1964, Dirksen wore horn-rimmed glasses that framed his face, which was well worn with wrinkles. His head was crowned by a nest of tousled curls and his voice was an instrument made for political speech-making. Indeed, Dirksen's sibilant voice was the source of a hit album and record "Gallant Men." Called the "Wizard of Ooze" by detractors, Everett Dirksen was a wily politician and nationally recognized. At the time, Dirksen was the Senate's Minority Leader.

A veteran of thousands of chicken dinners

on the campaign circuit, likely nobody in America had campaigned for more GOP candidates than Everett Dirksen. It surprised nobody when Everett Dirksen came to Tennessee to campaign for his son-in-law, Howard Baker.

The Chattanooga News-Free Press offered Baker an endorsement in his race against Ross Bass. The News-Free Press firmly believed the record of Congressman Ross Bass was "leftist" and that he deserved to be rejected by the people of Tennessee, but the newspaper also thought Howard Baker was well equipped to represent the people of Tennessee in the United States Senate. The News-Free Press believed Baker to be "morally, philosophically, mentally and patriotically" fit to be "an outstanding senator" for the Volunteer State.

Barry Goldwater's lead in Tennessee began to melt. Many Republicans were surprised, puzzled and aghast when the Arizona senator campaigned in Knoxville and said not a single word about Howard Baker who had introduced him. Nor did Goldwater offer to mention Dan Kuykendall or congressional candidate Bob James when campaigning in Memphis.

The local ticket mates were more cooperative. Congressman Jimmy Quillen, then seeking his second term, was with Howard Baker in Hawkins County when they cut the ribbon to open the Republican headquarters there in October. Quillen asked the people of the heavily Republican First District to give Baker and Kuykendall the "biggest vote in the history of the Republican First." The Greater Chamber of Commerce of Knoxville received an unhappy jolt when its planned "meet the candidate" event was spurned by Senator Albert Gore and Congressman Ross Bass. Invited to "discuss the issues," neither Senator Gore nor Congressman Bass apparently liked the idea of joint conversations with their opponents.

The Knoxville Journal printed a story pointing out Congressman Ross Bass's wife, Avanelle, worked as a member of her husband's staff. The Journal said Mrs. Bass had earned \$95,427.01 since 1956, winning annual raises until her salary had reached \$13,409 in 1963.

Franklin D. Roosevelt had been enormously popular in Tennessee and FDR had carried the Volunteer State four times. Harry Truman, over the opposition of Ed Crump of Memphis (the Memphis Boss had supported Strom Thurmond and the "Dixiecrats"), had won Tennessee. In 1964, Tennessee was a battleground state for both the Republicans and the Democrats.

  
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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY 2020 PREVIEW

# Lady Admirals' challenge is to catch Brentwood

By Steve Williams

Farragut High had one of the top girls' cross country teams in the state in 2019 and is expected to be even better this fall.

The question is: Will the Lady Admirals improve enough to get past Brentwood and capture the TSSAA Division I Large Schools championship?

That is the challenge.

Dobyns-Bennett was state champion in 2019, totaling 60 points, but returns only one of its top five runners.

Brentwood (95 points) was state runner-up and has all five of its top runners back.

Farragut (123 points) placed third and returns its top 10 runners plus has the largest freshmen class Chelsea Osborne has seen in her time as coach at FHS. They still will need to improve or get help from newcomers to overtake Brentwood.

The Lady Admirals are off to a good start.

"This is probably the best summer of training I've seen one of my teams have," said Osborne. "I think missing

track season this past spring (because of the coronavirus pandemic) made them really miss the sport, so we've seen a lot of dedication this summer."

Osborne added she has not seen any issues from the pandemic during her team's pre-season training.

Cathy Hu has been the team's leader.

"Cathy has had a great summer of training," said Osborne. "She is really focused and motivated for the upcoming season. She's our senior captain so she has really been a great encouragement for the girls."

Hu placed 11th at the TSSAA state meet last November at Percy Warner Park in Nashville, running the 5,000-meter course in 19:03.13.

Farragut's Lexi Foley was 15th at state with a time of 19:17.99 and Camryn Johnson came in 37th at 20:11.44. Both are juniors this season. The Lady Admirals also had Kennedy Reynolds finish 52nd and Caroline Carr 62nd last year.

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Cathy Hu of Farragut (top right) posted the top time in the 2019 TSSAA State Cross Country Championships among this year's local returnees. The top five also include Farragut's Lexi Foley (second from top) and Camryn Johnson (left), West's Emma Dewalt (third from top) and Hardin Valley Academy's Cathryn Jarret (fourth from top).

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL 2020 PREVIEW

# Area volleyball teams set to go for new season

By Bill Howard

The Focus reached out to area-wide volleyball coaches about their upcoming season. A snapshot of each team whose coach replied:

### Class AA, Region 2, District 3

**CARTER** finished second last year behind Alcoa with a 5-3 regional record. Assistant coach Ivy Nigro thinks her team can take the next step this year.

"We have six returning seniors this year and four of them have been playing school volleyball together since 6th grade," she said. "Knowing each others' weaknesses and strengths makes the players more compatible on the court, making the rhythm of game intense and more competitive."

Senior Briel Norman was All-District Tournament MVP, and setter of the year for 2019-20. Middle player senior Kayli Altom was awarded All-District, as was junior Chloe Borst at libero. Senior Kallie Powell was Server of the Year last season.

"Our biggest strength on the court is our defense," said Nigro. "I really believe this is the year for Carter high. They have been working hard and pushing each other by correcting small things on the court with purpose."

**CENTRAL** looks to improve on last year's 4-4 regional record. Coach Susan Davidson thinks senior leadership will be the key. Two - Emma Biddle and Elena Karsten - made All-District last year, as did junior Clarke Blake-more. Biddle made the regional All-Tournament team. The other senior leaders are Zyria Martin and Megan Merritt.

"Emma, Clarke, and Elena will bring a strong presence on the court providing a good mix of offense," Davidson said. "Our returning junior class will add strong depth to our program."

The Lady Bobcats made the regional tournament last year for the first in many years. Davidson plans for that to continue. "The

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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER 2020 PREVIEW

# Local girls soccer teams take the field this week

By Ken Lay

After much speculation and waiting due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 high school girls soccer season is finally here and all of the area's top teams will begin playing games this week.

Just what the new season will look like remains a mystery, but many squads have lofty expectations for the upcoming campaign.

Bearden will strive to keep its perfect District 2-AAA record intact. The Lady Bulldogs have not lost a district match since joining the league in 2016. But they'll face some stiff competition from Morristown West, Morristown East, Jefferson County and West High this season.

Bearden went 17-4-1 in 2019 and the Lady Bulldogs have a bevy of savvy veterans back including sophomore forward Brinley Murphy, senior forward Zneyah McLaughlin, senior forward Janie Lewis and others who will lead them in a season that still has plenty of uncertainty.

"I'll believe it when I see it," Lady Bulldogs' coach Ryan Radcliffe said. "I'll believe that we're getting to play when we're actually on the field and playing and the team that handles the adversity and the (COVID-19) situation will be the last team standing."

Bearden will open its season Tuesday at home against District 3-AAA and Region

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Central High's Sarah Garrison plays the ball in Central High's intrasquad scrimmage Thursday night in Fountain City. The match was a final tuneup for the 2020 season, which begins this week. Photo by Ken Lay.



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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2020 PREVIEWS

# Rebels look to skill players to take them further

By Steve Williams

West High got so close last season.

If not for a 10-0 loss at Central in the Class 5A semifinals, it could very well have been the Rebels celebrating a state championship in Cookeville instead of the Bobcats.

"It was a great season," said Coach Lamar Brown, taking a moment to reflect on the 2019 season last week. "Our kids turned the corner and we felt it was the way our program needs to be run. We had great attitudes all year. Of course, winning helps that. I was just so proud of them."

West's only other loss in its 12-2 season was a 21-20 overtime decision at Powell in a Battle of Unbeatens. Both teams came into the mid-October showdown 7-0. The Rebels avenged that defeat by eliminating the Panthers 31-14 in the state quarterfinals.

"Going into this season, we really want to build on the things we did last year," said Brown, who begins his fourth season as head coach at 3300 Sutherland Avenue. "Our kids have really bought into that, especially in these crazy times; it's been hard sometimes. But our kids have really focused in and are getting better every day, so I'm excited to see this bunch play."

West basically returns all of its skill players on offense, including senior tailback Isaiah Mattress (6-1, 215) and senior quarterback Baker Dance (6-3, 200).

Its biggest question marks are replacing two outside linebackers (Tyrece Edwards and Drew Francis) who signed Division 1 college



West High Head Coach Lamar Brown watches his Rebels practice Tuesday at Bill Wilson Field. West posted a 12-2 record and reached the Class 5A state semifinals last season. At right is Morgan Shaver, the Rebels' defensive line coach.

PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

scholarships with MTSU and filling three holes in the offensive line.

Other returning starters on offense include wide receivers Elijah Rogers and Shannon Blair. Soph Jai Hundley, who rushed for close to 900 yards last season, has been moved to slot receiver.

Up front the Rebels return senior guard Kane Lewis (6-2 330) and junior center Mason Adams. Both will be three-year

starters.

"Luis Alvarado is a senior and has really had a great fall at offensive guard, so we are expecting big things from him," said Brown.

Sophomore John Sartelle will be starting at left tackle. Sophomore Jones Conner is battling Jackson Lewis for the starting job at right tackle.

Up front defensively, Sartelle returns as a starter, senior Andrew

Gilbert will be a three-year starter and junior Noah Giger will start at end after missing last season with a knee injury.

"Noah is somebody that our kids are really excited about getting back," pointed out Brown.

Inside linebackers Ethan Scott and Jack Eggleston return for their senior campaigns after leading West in tackles last year.

As for the competition at OLB,

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Week 1

(Games kick off at 7:30 unless noted)

### Thursday

Gibbs at Halls,  
7 p.m. (MyVLT)

### Friday

Webb at Austin-East  
West at Bearden  
Rhea County at Carter  
Central at Cleveland  
CAK at Volunteeer  
Catholic at Chuckey-Doak  
Bradley Central at Farragut  
Stone Memorial at GCA  
Oak Ridge at Hardin Valley  
Karns at Walker Valley  
TKA at Seymour

### Saturday

Fulton at South-Doyle

Brown said Isaac Bohleber has had a really good fall and junior Zion Mattress is fighting for one of those positions. Franklin Smith and Brock Hatcher also are in the battle.

Rogers and Blair return in the secondary at the cornerback positions.

Trevon Barfield is a sophomore that is getting looks on both sides of the ball.

"He has a chance to be one of our starting safeties," said Brown. "He also has solidified the backup role behind Mattress at tailback. He's a name that I expect to have a really big year for us."

Sophomore Ja'qurrius Wrenn also has a chance to be really good at safety, said Brown. Cooper Shymlock also is in the mix at safety.

Sophomore Tyson Siebe returns as the Rebels' kicker.

West will play its season opener at Bearden Friday night.

## Late surge to end 2019 gives Hardin Valley momentum, optimism heading into 2020

By Bill Howard

### HARDIN VALLEY FOOTBALL 2020

Hardin Valley Academy's football team made a big transition last year after game 7, and head coach Mike Potter can only hope that new direction carries over to this season.

Hired in June last year, Potter had to scramble to get his first squad assessed and put in position. After a season-opening win over Oak Ridge, the Hawks lost six straight. They ended the season on a three-game winning streak (by a combined 110-20, and a

handy defeat of rival Farragut), however, to finish 4-6 in Region 1-6A. The Hawks missed the playoffs but created momentum heading into this year's campaign.

"We've got to build off the momentum we ended the season with," Potter said. "Pick up where we left off and move forward with that."

Vital to this year's success will be players rising to the occasion of being in new positions.

"Very excited that we're getting an opportunity to have a season. Very anxious to see the growth of these kids from now until the end of the season. Especially the kids that are stepping into new roles," Potter said.

Calling the signals for the Hawks will be new starter senior Sam Simpson (6-0, 175). Sophomore Caleb Smith will likely back him up. Simpson attempted only 28 passes last year, completing seven.

HVA's rushing attack will be by committee, composed of a pair of seniors - Adrian Garcia (5-8, 175) and Marquette Hayes (6-1, 185), and a junior, Ryan Nichol (5-7, 160). Hayes played receiver last year; Garcia and Nichol gained only 175 yards total between them.

Three seniors will be the primary targets for the

quarterbacks. Brandon Schloff (5-8, 160) is the only returner; he caught 27 balls for 425 yards last year. The other two are Michael Spurgeon (5-11, 180) and Jonah Smith (5-9, 150).

Snapping the ball at center will be junior Conor Clark (5-10, 200), a new starter. One of the guards - senior Alex Horton (6-1, 220) started last year. The other guard will be junior Carlos Parker (5-11, 240).

A pair of seniors, including a returning starter, will man the tackle position. Senior Isaac Wilhite (6-1, 270) started for the Hawks last year. The other tackles will be senior Alex Peeler (6-4, 330).

On the D-line, Peeler will be a two-way player for Potter, at tackle. The other tackle will be senior Shawn Carey-Parker (6-0, 270), who played some last year.

"We're senior-oriented," Potter said. "We have a lot of seniors that have come out but we don't know a lot about them. But we'll find out this week. It'll be interesting to see who steps up early."

Four defensive ends will vie for playing time, two of whom - sophomore Ty Denton (6-1, 195) and senior Mason Lasorca (6-1, 170) have experience. The other two will be senior Brayton Clark (6-1, 195)

and senior Ian Salyer (6-0, 210). Salyer and Lasorca each had but 12 tackles last year.

Three two-way players will make up the line-backing corps: Spurgeon, a returning starter on the outside, had 52 tackles last year. Horton will play on the inside. The other line-backer will be Garcia who, according to Potter, had quality reps last year.

Junior returning starter Ty Gentry (5-8, 145) will play one of the corners for Potter, while sophomore Chase Idol (6-0, 165) will be on the other. Returning starter Nichol will be one of the safeties; he had 22 tackles a year ago. Senior Seth Bailey (6-0, 180) will compete for the other safety spot, as will junior Ethan Blaylock (5-11, 160).

John Aragon and Griffin McAlister will share the kicking duties.

"It may take some time for us to get adjusted again because we have a lot of kids have some experience but they'll be starting in new roles," Potter said. "How quickly they learn those roles will determine how many we win. Either way I think we're gonna have a group that's gonna compete from start to finish, and if they'll do that, I think everything will take care of itself."



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Fulton Coach Donna Stout during a Wednesday practice session with the FHS cheerleaders. Stout said her girls would adhere to social distancing during their games and wear bandanas during cheers that brought them closer together.



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# Memories of Tennessee and Auburn, 1985



By Tom Mattingly

One of the great joys in sports is watching the individual pieces of a season fall together in just the right way to produce a team fans fondly remember many years later.

That has been the case over the years in Tennessee football.

On the last Saturday in September, the key game was once Tennessee and Auburn. The series had been resumed in 1956 after a 17-year hiatus and had been marked by a number of classic games for both sides.

Whatever team won, big things were still on the horizon. The team that lost had to scramble to get back into contention.

It was a hot afternoon in 1985 as the Vols and Tigers squared off on whatever version of artificial turf was on the floor of Shields-Watkins Field.

Auburn had won the previous three games in the series, starting in 1982. For its part, Tennessee had had a similar streak,

winning three in a row from 1979 to 1981. It was Pat Dye against John Majors.

Unfortunately, the series fell victim to divisional play after the 1991 season, and Auburn is now a "rotating opponent" from the SEC's Western Division. That's too bad. Auburn had come to town No. 1 in the country, led by running back Bo Jackson, who would win the Heisman Trophy later that fall.

The (perhaps unwritten) rule that a Heisman winner had to prove himself in big games against a traditional rival either hadn't been invented or no one "in the know" among the national media had considered this a "big game."

Tennessee did. It was the first indication that there was something special going on with the 1985 team. The Vols won, 38-20, and Majors called it "one of the sweetest" victories of his career.

The Vols jumped to a 24-0 lead on the arm and legs of Tony Robinson, as talented a quarterback as has ever played at Tennessee.

Robinson was on the cover of the Oct. 7 issue of Sports Illustrated, with the caption "THE TENNESSEE

WALTZ: Tony Robinson Buries Auburn." The crowd was at fever pitch from start to finish, exhorting the Vols to victory. The home field advantage was huge that day.

Robinson passed for 259 yards and four touchdowns, with wideout Tim McGee catching six passes for 163 yards and one score. SI's Rick Reilly described Robinson as "built along the lines of a tent pole." Auburn never had an acceptable answer to the Vol aerial attack.

The Vols responded to the doubters, the slow learners, by playing tough, smart football. It was Tennessee football at its best.

Ken Donahue's Vol defenders did the job on Jackson, holding him to 80 yards on 17 carries. Whenever Jackson tried to go, more than one orange shirt was in the way. He finally left the game in the third quarter with a bruised knee. It was another chapter in Donahue's brilliant defensive coaching career.

"The Auburn game got me to thinking that this Tennessee team might be a team of destiny," Majors said. "We were on ABC for the second straight week, and we jumped into the national spotlight by beating the



Kelly Ziegler (49) and Mark Hovanic (59) combine for the tackle on Auburn's eventual Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson (34). Photo courtesy of the University of Tennessee Sports Information Office.

number one-ranked team with as fine a performance as any coach could want."

The Vols jumped into the AP poll at No. 16 the next week and stayed there the rest of the way, vaulting to No. 4 after the Miami win.

The Vols had gotten better and better as the year progressed and won the SEC title. They took

Miami to the woodshed on a memorable New Year's night 1986 in the Sugar Bowl by a 35-7 count. The Louisiana Superdome looked and sounded like an indoor version of Neyland Stadium.

Vol fans have grown to love this 1985 Tennessee team more and more over the years. When they tap

their memory banks about the great Vol gridiron aggregations, this one is ranked at or near the top.

In a very real sense, this game epitomized the spirit and tradition surrounding Tennessee football. There's no doubt this bunch deserves all the accolades thrown their way.

# Bearden football team looks for daily improvement

By Ken Lay

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As Morgan Shinlever prepares for his seventh season as Bearden High School's football coach, he and the Bulldogs will take a bit of a journey into the unknown. That, however, isn't unique to Bearden this season.

"We have a lot of new faces and they are unchallenged because we didn't have spring ball, and anytime you have that, that has to be considered a weakness," said Shinlever, who guided Bearden to a 5-7 record and a Class 6A playoff appearance in 2019.

Bearden started slow last season but qualified for the postseason.

Expectations for the Bulldogs are simple, according to their coach and he saw just what he wanted to see after his squad got off to a slow start last season.

"If you look at where we started last season, we came a long way," Shinlever said. "We finished strong, we made the playoffs and we upset the No. 2 team from the other region.

"We would've liked to have played a couple of more games, but it just didn't happen that way."

While Shinlever obviously wants to avoid a slow start in 2020, he wants to see much of what he saw last year, and that's constant improvement on the field from day to day.

"The one thing I always expect to see from our guys is I want to see us be a little better today than we were the day before," he said. "If you can do that, you've accomplished something with your football team."

The Bulldogs should have some good leadership from the seniors this year, according to their coach. Shinlever also said that his team will feature a deep stable of running backs this season.

"I think we'll have depth at running back and I also think that we have some pretty good senior leadership," Shinlever said.

The Bulldogs, who play in Region 1-6A against the likes of Farragut, Hardin Valley, Science Hill, Kingsport's Dobyns-Bennett, Jefferson County and Morristown West, return three all-region performers from last year's squad.

Top players back include:

James Milazzo (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Jay Pemberton (senior, defensive lineman); Jaylen Nevels (senior, offensive lineman/

defensive lineman); Henry McCool (senior, tight end/defensive end); Ty Seritt (senior, linebacker); Christian Spining (senior, running back/linebacker); Reed Frederick (senior, safety); Jaquez Bolden (senior, outside linebacker); Seth Arana

(junior, tight end) and Makai Williams (senior, running back/defensive back).

Senior wide receiver Dillon Waldbauer also returns. He's played sporadically in his career at Bearden but Shinlever said he expects big things as Waldbauer will

line up all over the perimeter this season.

Key newcomers include: John Carvelato (sophomore, quarterback and possibly outside linebacker) and Nicco Young (junior, running back/outside linebacker).

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# Expectations high for Fighting Irish

By Ken Lay

As Steve Matthews prepares to begin his eighth season as Catholic High School's football coach, his expectations remain lofty as always.

"Our goal is always to win the state," said Matthews, a former NFL quarterback for the Tennessee Oilers, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Kansas City Chiefs. "We don't shy away from that. We never shy away from it."

"We'll play anybody anywhere. We embrace being in the role of the hunted and we embrace having a target on our backs. We want to compete and we feel like we can compete with anybody. We want to compete and, in this league, you have to be ready to play every night."

Last year, the Irish went 7-4 as they made the transition to Division II-AAA and they did, indeed, prove that they could play with anybody when they won a nationally televised game against three-time defending state champion

Brentwood Academy at Blaine Stadium.

They made the playoffs in 2019 but lost in the opening round of the postseason to Memphis University School in West Tennessee.

There are certainly no easy games on Catholic's region schedule. The Irish compete with the likes of Chattanooga Baylor, Chattanooga McCallie, Brentwood Academy and Ensworth.

Like all other high school teams throughout the state, the Irish missed about two months of offseason workouts, including spring practice when schools were closed in March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The 2020 season is slated to begin on time on Friday, Aug. 21 but Catholic has already had to make a change to its slate due to COVID-19.

The Irish were scheduled to play at Corbin High School in Kentucky on Saturday, Aug. 29 but that game had to be scrapped

because schools in Kentucky can't begin their seasons until Sept. 11.

But it didn't take too long for the Irish to find a replacement game. They'll now host Trinity Christian-Cedar Hill, a team from Dallas.

That team has won back-to-back private and parochial school state championships and the team's offensive coordinator is NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders.

Sanders' son, Shedeur, is the squad's starting quarterback and a four-star prospect.

So the Irish truly will play anybody anywhere.

Top returners for the Irish include: Luke Davenport (senior, fullback/linebacker); J.T. Quinones (senior, linebacker); Max Vanderhoofven (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Landon Cox (senior, wide receiver/outside linebacker); Kaden Martin (a junior quarterback who

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# Farragut looks to seniors to provide leadership

By David Klein

Having come up short in the 6A playoffs last year, the Farragut Admirals return 11 starters for the 2020 football season and are motivated to do better. The COVID-19 Pandemic put a temporary hold on spring practice, but as of now, the season is scheduled to start on time with the Admirals' first game at home against Bradley Central on August 21.

Of the 11 returning starters, five return on offense and six on defense. Courtney said offensive starters returning include: athlete Matt White; quarterback Dawson Moore; Dion Williams at running back; Sam Moses at running back; and Carter Schuermann on the offensive line. Defensive returning starters include: Joe Maine at defensive tackle; Dawson Brown at defensive end; Trey Nesbitt at defensive end; Eli Purcell at middle linebacker; Camden Kuhn at free safety; and Logan Foody at cornerback.

Two of those senior starters that return are Purcell and Nesbitt. Both play integral roles to the Admirals' football team. Purcell plays middle linebacker and running back. Nesbitt is a defensive end.

Purcell is a powerful runner. "I love having the ball in my hands," he said. "I go two plays and they sit me out for two plays; that worked for me last year," he said, talking about playing both offense and defense. "I enjoy it, I don't have a problem with it. My goal is to get a

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1,000-yard season and two touchdowns a game, those are my running back goals. I love it!"

In addition to running back, Purcell previously played outside linebacker and this year will be his first at middle linebacker. "It'll be a new position for me and I'm excited for it," he said.

Nesbitt was a newcomer to defensive end last year. "Last year was my first year in the defensive end position," Nesbitt said. "It's nice, just trying to get past the o-line and get a sack. I don't want to say anything," he said, talking about the admirals' defensive strategy. "This will be exciting."

At quarterback, the Admirals will start Moore, a 5' 11 junior. "Dawson is a dual threat quarterback and loves to run the ball well, reads the option out of the gun," Courtney said. "RPO (run-pass option) is strong with him. Last year he was our backup. He's paid his dues and he'll be a junior now and we're excited to have him for two years."

Defense-wise, Farragut runs a 4-2-5 and has the flexibility to bounce back to a 3-3 stack. "So, we're going to be multiple. Multiple formations and tempo give us the best chance," Courtney said.

Farragut again faces a daunting regional schedule and a challenging

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# Lady Admirals

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Other top local runners returning this season include West junior Emma Dewalt and Hardin Valley Academy senior Cathryn Jarret, who came in 45th and 46th, respectively, at state in 2019.

Knoxville Catholic's Callie Tucker was state champion in Division II Large Schools last fall. The UT signee was clocked in 18 minutes, 56 seconds over the challenging 5K course.

Lady Irish teammate Kaylee Estridge finished 12th as a freshman.

L&N STEM Academy's Kaelin Porter was 34th as a freshman and the top local finisher in last year's Division I Small Schools.

Webb School, with four sophomores among its top five runners, took second place at state last year in the Division II Small Schools but will face a difficult task in unseating champion St. George's, which returns the individual champion and runner-up and two others that placed 13th and 16th.

The Lady Spartans' top runners last year were Ella Vafaie-Partin, Lawson Phillips and Lily Slade.

# Local girls soccer teams take the field

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2-AAA runner-up Powell.

The Lady Panthers will look to challenge Oak Ridge and Karns in that district.

**In District 4-AA**, the Central Lady Bobcats won the district and Region 2-AA titles last season en route to making their first-ever appearance at the state tournament. Central will have to replace Ashton Blair in goal since she's graduated and moved on to East Tennessee State University.

But the Lady Bobcats have some talented players back in Adryanna Brown, Lyric Fowler, Abbey Kennard, Dani Macres and Lochlyn Treadway.

**In District 4-AAA**, defending district tournament champion Hardin Valley Academy is in a rebuilding mode after losing 10 seniors from last year's squad. Key veterans include Claire Palya, a junior midfielder and defender, who was an all-state performer last season; Abigail Davis, a sophomore and all-region defender and Nora Jacomen, a sophomore who can play both at forward and in the middle.

Lady Hawks' head coach Jessie Stephens, who is in her



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

*Lyric Fowler (3) and Kaylin Sheddin battle for position in the Central High School girls soccer team's intrasquad scrimmage Thursday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City. The Lady Bobcats and other area teams begin their 2020 season this week.*

third season, knows her squad will experience some growing pains out of the gate.

"We definitely experienced some success last year, but we will struggle and have some growing pains early," she said. "But we have a group of girls that is ready to work hard and I think they're ready to play some games against some other teams."

"But we're really, really young."

**Also in District 4-AAA:** Farragut

has a new coach in Kristen Lyons. She replaces Drew Payne, who resigned after the 2019 campaign after three seasons.

The Lady Admirals have struggled recently but Lyons has wasted little time making her impact on the once proud program.

"We're going to be hard to beat this year and we're not going to be the same team that we were last season," Lyons said. "These girls have come in here ready to

work and not one girl has complained. They've done everything that I've ask of them."

"The thing that's special about this team is that the older players don't let the others get behind."

Key returners for the Lady Admirals include: Shayne King (senior, defender); Savannah Noble (junior, defender); Chloe Chase (junior, midfielder); Maddie Martin (junior, forward); Annabelle Ekern (sophomore, midfielder); Caroline Ekern (junior, goalkeeper) and Maddie Blum (junior, defender).

**In Division II-A:** Christian Academy of Knoxville has some talented veterans back including senior goalkeeper Hannah Nichols and junior midfielder Lia Schreuder.

Nichols was the district's Goalkeeper of the Year while Schreuder claimed Midfielder of the Year honors.

Meanwhile, Grace Christian Academy won the district title and Sonny Trotter's Webb School of Knoxville side looks to return to prominence in 2020.

**In District II-AA:** Catholic has a new coach in Mason McNally. The Lady Irish reached the state championship game in 2019.

# Area volleyball teams set to go for new season

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growth of Central Bobcat volleyball is on the rise," she said. "We look for continued growth and a deep run in the post season."

**FULTON** coach Amy Herrington is new to the position, its fourth coach in four years. Rebuilding the program is her first priority. She thinks creating unity provides the best path to get there. Fulton was 2-6 last year in the region.

"I took about a week to think about how I wanted Fulton volleyball to look in five years and this is what I came up with "We Are One," Herrington said. "I wanted to create this positive atmosphere where no matter what the outside world looks like, our world of volleyball does not change. We are in it together."

Key players for Herrington will be senior captain Cassie Vaughn at libero and junior Rondrea Peebles in the middle. Vaughn is especially strong defense, Peebles on offense.

"Cassie has the ability to read the court which gives our defense a great boost," said Herrington. "She is also a great leader that younger players look up to. Rondrea is one of the most consistent players I have

had the opportunity to coach. Rondrea is one of the rare athletes that doesn't compete against others, she competes against herself."

## Class AA, Region 2, District 4

**GIBBS:** The Lady Eagles of Gibbs finished 6-2 last year, second behind Anderson Co. Coach Holly Walker's squad made it to sub-state, "so our girls know what it takes to make it to that level."

Senior MaKenzi Rogers (middle/right side), who had 209 kills and 54 blocks last year, will play a big role in this year's campaign. Other major contributors will be senior Ashley Neubert (setter/right side; 223 digs, 216 assists), sophomore Maddie Tackett (80 kills) in the middle, and junior versatile player Emma Patterson (157 digs). Patterson will be used as the libero this year.

"We lost an impressive Senior class last year," Walker said. "Our biggest obstacle right now is getting over injuries.- Our strengths would be that we play well together and we have a lot of girls that can play different positions."

## Class AAA, Region 2, District 4

**KARNS:** Last year Karns finished in the

middle of the pack with a 2-3 record. First-year coach Kim Jenkins thinks her senior leadership will lead to improvement: Emma Leonard (outside hitter); Emma Yarbrough (middle); and Leira Poindexter (setter).

"I am so excited for this season," she said. "We have a ton of talent! My goal is to create a legacy of outstanding female athletes on and off the court. In addition to that, we want to win! I am shooting for regionals for the first time in years. But due to COVID, at the end of the day, we just want to have a season and be able to compete."

**HALLS:** Coach Hollie Kilgore has but one returning senior - middle blocker Michaela Allen - to a squad that finished fifth in the district last year at 2-4. Allen averaged five kills and three blocks per match last season. Junior Courtney Byington at libero will be "ready to cover the court and lead her team," said Kilgore.

"(We're) young, but we are a tight knit group," Kilgore said. "I have never been more proud to coach such a hard working group of young women, that are just as passionate about the game as I am. We will have some highs and lows due to age

and experience, but we will be always resilient and bounce back better and stronger."

## Division II, Class A, East Region, District 1

**WEBB** finished third last year with a 5-4 record in the district, behind Grace Christian. Coach Jerilynn Carroll thinks her team's depth and senior leadership will be key this year. Her returning seniors are libero Morgan Allen and outside hitter Anna Kirkpatrick. "Because of our youth, we play at times with a lot of inconsistency," said Carroll. "Hopefully this will improve as the season progresses."

**THE KING'S ACADEMY:** Kelly Peterson's Lady Lions finished in fourth last year with a 4-2 district record. Two returning seniors - Kolbie Greene and Alexa Austin - made the All-State team last year, and TKA advanced to the state tournament.

"Our strengths are my five experienced seniors and one junior who is an exchange student from Russia who played with us last year," Peterson said. "Our weakness is no depth! New players are my bench."

# Mays takes over at A-E: Roadrunners' recent success

By Bill Howard

Austin-East High School has won at least nine football games in each of the last five seasons. The coach during that time was Jeff Phillips. Phillips stepped down in May; one of his assistants, Antonio Mays, was named as his replacement. Mays had been a defensive coordinator at A-E for the previous five years.

Repeating that success could be a challenge for Mays. He inherits a number of returning starters, but many other positions will

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be manned by newcomers. Mays will need those players to learn and advance quickly.

Last year Mays oversaw a defense that gave up 22.7 points per game for the entire season. If you take the two losses to regional rival and state power Alcoa out, the average drops to 17.9.

A-E's offense, meanwhile, after an 0-2 start (both were

shutouts) kicked into high gear. The Roadrunners, who play in Region 2-3A, won nine of 10, up through the second round of the playoffs. In that span, they averaged more than 42 points per game. Alcoa eliminated them in third round.

Mays, who works for Project GRAD Knoxville, is taking a wait-and-see approach about how the season unfolds. "My prayer is that my kids remain safe," he said. "I'm not gonna make any predictions about what we're gonna do. We're

young. We need as many reps as we can get in practice, and as many opportunities to compete as possible. Everything is a work in progress. We come to work every day."

Competition at the quarterback position between sophomore LeShaud Holloway (6-2, 180), who played backup last year, and senior Malachi Jordan (5-9, 140), will go a long way in determining if A-E's offensive output continues. Jordan has no experience at the position. "I put him there to

create competition," said Mays

A trio of running backs will provide the rushing attack for the Roadrunners. Sophomore Marquise Billingsley (5-7, 180), started at line-backer last year and was the No. 2 running back. Junior John Kelen Mathis (5-5, 150) and freshman Trevonta Walker will also receive handoffs.

"I like to run the ball," said Mays, "but it will depend on the team we're playing."

Ke'on Smith (5-10, 170), is arguably Mays's biggest

offensive weapon. The senior wide receiver is a pre-season All-state selection. First-year player, sophomore Anthony McGee (5-10, 160), will also be a target for the quarterbacks.

On the O-line, junior Uriah Felipe (5-11, 230) at center, and both guards - sophomore Cho'quis Duncan (5-10, 240), and sophomore Zakeyous Houston (5-5, 180) - will all be first-time starters.

Mays does have experience at the tackle position: **Cont. on page 6**

# Black hopes Falcons' fight to win will carry over

By Steve Williams

From 9-1 in 2018 to 3-7 in 2019, it was Fulton's worst regular season record in 25 years.

Coach Rob Black said it was "a different kind of year" for the Falcons in 2019, and there was a reason for it.

Twenty-four seniors had graduated. Two of them - running back / linebacker Deshawn Page, TSSAA's Class 5A Mr. Football, and quarterback Xavier Malone - had been four-year starters. Several more had been three-year starters.

"When you lose that much experience and that many guys that had been starting for so long, it's almost like you're starting fresh," said Coach Black.



Fulton ball carrier Daveon Shenault tries to pull away from a defender during a practice session Wednesday at Bob Black Field. The Falcons play their season opener Saturday night at South-Doyle.

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front. Keenan Vaughn (6-1, 182, junior) started about half the time last year at defensive end, "but really came on at the end of the season," said Black.

"Stokes is our returning inside linebacker who had a really good year as a sophomore."

Jackson and junior De'Rondre Peebles return in the secondary.

Senior Jayden Jenkins played on both sides of the ball last year but wasn't a starter. "He's a guy that we're going to be able to rely on at linebacker and also offensively," said Black. "We'll play him at a H-back and he'll also play tailback for us. He gives us another dimension and we're excited to see what he's able to do this year for us. He's had a really good off-season in the weight room. He's about 6-1 and between 205 and 210."

The athletic Jenkins also will be the team's punter. Joseph Mojica returns as place-kicker. Jackson and McCovery will return kicks.

Black also said he expects sophomore Daveon Shenault to be a good player at cornerback and running back. Jerrison Gibson, a junior, is another player the coach thinks will have a good year at linebacker.

Fulton opens at South-Doyle Saturday night.



Fulton Head Coach Rob Black confers with quarterback Tommy Sweat at practice Wednesday. Sweat returns for his senior year after suffering a broken ankle in Week 10 of the 2019 campaign.

But something good came out of it. When their record reached 0-6, the Falcons didn't fold.

"They had every chance in the world to throw in the towel and quit when they were 0-6," recalled Black. "What made me proud was, we got backed into a corner and instead of quitting, we fought our way out and finished strong."

Fulton lost its quarterback when Tommy Sweat suffered a broken ankle in the second quarter of its loss to West in Week 10. Jeffrey Riddle filled in for Sweat and the Falcons upset Oak Ridge the following week to qualify for the playoffs and

finish as the No. 3 seed in Region 3-5A.

Black enters his 10th season as head coach with an 88-19 overall record that includes state championships in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

"Hopefully," he said last week, "the fight that group had last year - and we didn't lose very many off last season's team - carries us into this year. I've liked what I've seen so far."

Black said his returnees are a good mixture of skill guys and up-front players.

"It's awfully nice to have our quarterback back in Tommy Sweat (6-3, 194, senior), who I thought had

a really good season last year and I expect much bigger things out of him this season."

Cameron Stokes (6-1, 259, junior) will be starting his third year at center. Seth Vaughn (6-2, 278, junior) and Bill Anderson (6-3, 277, junior) return at left guard and left tackle, respectively.

Marcellus Jackson, who started both ways as a freshman last fall, is a quick and elusive receiver. Another returning receiver is senior Adrian Roberson.

A bigger and stronger Mac McCovery (5-9, 183, senior) returns at tailback.

Defensively, Vaughn and Anderson will be up

# Expectations high for Fighting Irish

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has multiple college offers for football and baseball. He is the son of National Championship winning quarterback and current Tennessee assistant head coach Tee Martin); Tommy Winton (junior, wide receiver/strong safety); Keondre' Jordan (junior, running back); Raaphell Mayes (junior, wide receiver/outside linebacker); Javaree Roebuck (junior, wide receiver/safety); Javis Mynatt (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Samuel O'Leary (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back); Trevor Duncan (sophomore, defensive lineman); Daven Cozart (sophomore, defensive lineman); Eli Lawson (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Garrett Rice (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Nick Iverson (senior, running back) and Hayden Todd (offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Key newcomers, according to Matthews, include: Broderick Gipson

(sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back); Braylon Harmon (freshman, wide receiver/defensive back) and Jaylon Harmon (wide receiver/defensive back).

# Farragut looks to seniors

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seniors to provide leadership. "Last year, they knew we didn't get it done," Courtney said of the seniors from the 2019 team that went 6-6 and lost to Maryville in the second round of the 6A playoffs. "They feel like it's unfinished business. They

realize that we just didn't get it done. Two of our losses were to Maryville. You've got to be ready to

play on Friday night. They have really taken it on themselves to not let that happen again."

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# Eagles look to continue positive momentum from last year

By David Klein

The Seymour Eagles return 13 starters from last year's 5-5 team. The COVID-19 pandemic threw things for a loop as far as spring practice, but now with the season starting on time August 21 thanks to Governor Bill Lee's July 31 executive order allowing contact sports to resume, the Eagles are ready to get to business after adjusting to the early summer uncertainty.

"It's something we've been talking to our kids about the last couple of years," Seymour Head Coach Scott Branton said. "Just remain flexible because you never know what life's going to throw at you. Life has thrown a lot of curveballs. So, you just got to sit bit back, relax and be flexible."

"Offensively, we got six returning," Branton said, referring to returning starters. "Up front, we return Zach Farmer, who's going to be a senior offensive lineman.

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Chris Steers is another senior offensive lineman. Both did a really good job for us last year. Also, we ran the ball a lot last year. We're going to expand a little more, and get back to a passing game and be a little bit more balanced than what we have been last year."

Branton said Seymour wants to be a more balanced offensive team this year. "We're still a spread by nature; it just turned out we didn't throw it as much (last year). We've got a couple of kids that can throw it fairly well this year. We're certainly base run. We're trying to throw it a little bit more efficiently than what we did last year. There was a time last year where out of 60 plays, 55 were runs.

On defense, the Eagles have lots of experience and seniors returning. "Defensively, we got seven guys returning," Branton said.

"Some guys to look for there would be linebacker Mikey Nevins; another defensive lineman, Cody Potts, is a senior. I think he was an all-region player last year. We got a lot of guys that return some experience and there's some experience coming back in the junior and senior class."

"Defensively, we base everything out of the 3-4," Branton continued. "We're a fairly aggressive defense. We'll take some chances with blitzing quite a bit. If you look at us, we're a little undersized. So, we have to take some chances with sending a lot of people at one time and trying to create a lot of chaos and create some turnovers."

The Eagles have three players battling for starting quarterback. One of those is senior D'andre Sentell. "He's going to make some plays at all different positions for us,"

Branton said. "He kinda got thrown into the quarterback position last year, week three or four. He will play some on the outside and some quarterback."

Another potential player that could be quarterback is Tristan Cain. "He's a senior," Branton said. "He's back. He kinda got thrust into it week two against Gibbs. He did a good job."

The third potential quarterback is a transfer. "We have a transfer kid coming in from Mississippi," Branton said. "Eli Funk. We'll see, who knows? He seems to be football savvy."

Branton wants to build off last season's positive momentum. "Really continue building off some of our successes from last year," he said. "We're in the process of reestablishing a positive culture, a positive mindset. We struggled with that early on a couple of years ago. We're trying to make it the best experience we can."

## SOUTH-DOYLE FOOTBALL 2020

# Seasoned 'Kees defense returning

By Mark Nagi

The South-Doyle Cherokees have become a perennial playoff team and one that you must put in the state mix when picking a squad that has the potential to win a state championship in the uber competitive Class 5A.

Last year they lost in the quarterfinals to eventual state champion Knoxville Central 20-16. When you look at the 2020 roster, you get the feeling that this might be the year the Cherokees get to Cookeville.

"We have a lot of experience coming back and that's huge," said South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan, who is entering his eleventh season on the sidelines. "Defensively we are gonna be as good as we have ever been. We return a majority of our players. At linebacker we are as good as we have ever been with Noah Myers and Terrell Brown and Curtis Young and Levi Herald. Myers is a three-year starter at MIKE linebacker with multiple Division One offers. Terrell Brown is a stud too and also a three-year starter. They create havoc defensively. The motor they have and the talent they have, they both are going to be people that people have to be aware of where they are at both times."

On offense the Cherokee said goodbye to a kid that did a little bit of everything for them. Elijah Young is now a freshman at Missouri. But Duncan is confident about what's on tap

on that side of the football.

"Offensively we are gonna be good, exceptional actually," said Duncan. "We have some spots up front that we have to grow. We have to grow some offensive linemen. We have three returning starters, but we have got a large number of highly talented guys that we feel like with some experience will be really good. Our receivers too. We were really good there last year and have lost three guys. We have some talented guys that played a backup role last year. But now they will be the guys we depend on. I think it is a natural progression you always have."

At quarterback the Cherokees are looking for a new start as Mason Brang has graduated. Brang was injured early in the 2019 season and missed most of the year. That gave Nick Martin a chance to get a lot of experience.

"He grew a lot, started eight games for us and has gotten taller and stronger," said Duncan. "He's 6'3", 190 pounds. We think he is gonna be a good quarterback."

Martin will compete with Austin Michaels, who was slated to be the Cherokee backup quarterback in 2018 and 2019 but tore his ACL both years.

"Austin Michaels is a dual athlete," said Duncan. "This gives us two types of quarterbacks to develop and we will see how that pans out. We could easily play both this season."

# Mays takes over at A-E

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both are returning starters. Left tackle will be junior Bryson Steen (6-3, 250); senior Javen Beaty (5-10, 230) will be on the right side. Sophomore Amauri Washington (5-5, 240) will also play.

Mays runs a 3-3-5 defense, because "it's usually easier for us to find skilled players here at Austin-East than it is to find linemen, which is why we switched to the three down linemen." The three defensive linemen are sophomore James Walk (5-11, 190), sophomore Tyshawn Howell (5-11, 280), and senior James Henderson (5-9, 230). Howell and Henderson are returning starters.

Mays's linebacking corps has both experience and youth. Freshman, Isaiah Flowers (5-9, 160) will be the "Will" linebacker. Sophomore Maurice Davis (5-5, 160) will man the "Sam" position, while the "Mike" position will be played by senior Tayon Wright (6-2, 200). Davis and Wright are returning starters.

Both of Mays's cornerbacks are returning starters. One is Jordan, the backup quarterback; the other will be junior Antonio Bishop (5-6, 160).

Two of Mays's three safeties are new to the team: one strong safety, Brian Campbell (5-10, 160), is a freshman. Free safety junior Larry Brown

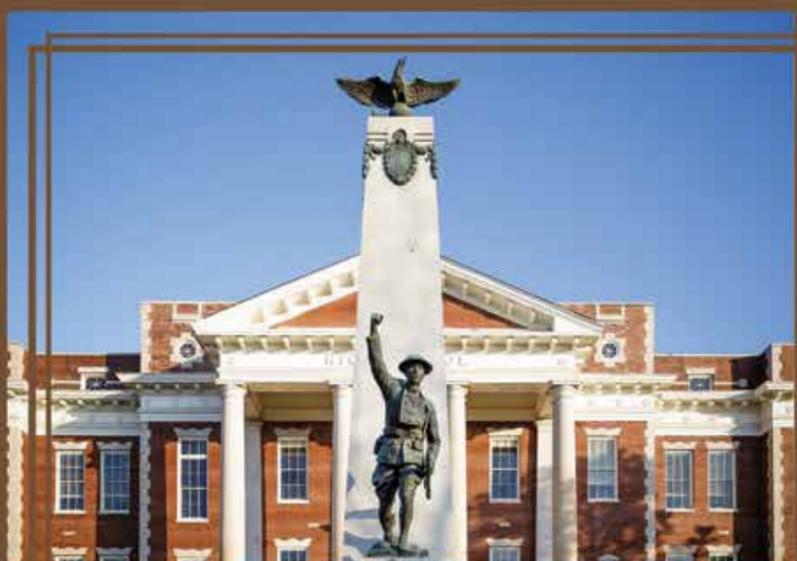
(5-11, 160) is new to football, having concentrated on basketball. Junior Jeremiah Conwell (5-11, 160) returns to start at the other strong safety position.

"We have probably the most experience in the secondary," said Mays.

Senior Ezzulddin Fawazz will handle the kicking.

A-E had little trouble last year with any team in its region not named Alcoa. The Tornados will likely again be A-E's biggest challenge. Does Mays feel any pressure now that the buck stops with him?

"There's definitely a heightened sense of urgency," he said.



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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
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### Reductio ad Absurdum

As my readers know I like words; not just to be pedantic (bookish), but pedagogical (educational), because I'm a teacher at heart. Previously I've noted that the word doctor derives from the Latin word docere, which means to teach. I teach medical students, nurses, staff, patients, colleagues and those who will listen.

I enjoy finding the perfect word for communicating an idea, and even wrote a Focus column in May about the term for the perfect word (mot juste). Perhaps words and enunciation are even more important these days. Communication is largely non-verbal through body language and facial expression. However, our faces are now covered by masks which limit nuanced communication because smiles and frowns are obscured and our voices are muffled.

Everyone has random thoughts at times. However, for unknown reasons obscure words sometimes just pop into my mind. I may not even know the meaning of a term. Perhaps I heard the word in some context and it was filed in my memory. Fortunately, the Internet is available to answer questions for the curious and to continue my educational process.

Our English language is a living entity which evolves over time. The compendium of word-tools a person or a culture possesses is called his or its lexicon. There are a half million words in the English lexicon; perhaps upwards of a million if you include scientific and arcane terminology. By contrast the average person has perhaps 10,000 words in his or her lexicon.

Words come and go, falling in and out of

fashion. We also acquire new meanings for words or terms already in our memory banks. Examples are a mouse with a computer instead of under the cupboard and woke as an expression of social consciousness rather than awakening from sleep. And a generation ago, who could have predicted that some would claim there are more than two sexes or there could be a debate about the meaning of "essential" in the context of services?

As an example, if schools are not an essential service then what is? Apparently liquor stores and abortion clinics are deemed "essential" by political functionaries, but AA meetings and church congregations are not. The word congregation means an assembly of persons. How absurd is it that congregations of protesters, with or without masks, are deemed essential by "enlightened" Democrats, yet churches are not?

Reductio ad absurdum is "disproof of a proposition by showing its absurdity when carried to its logical conclusion" (Webster). These days there are numerous examples of this anglicized Latin term. One example is that LGBTQ has morphed into 100 genders rather than two biological ones. Another absurdity

is that hatred of Donald Trump justifies voting for Joe Biden who is obviously not competent to be president, nor will Kamala Harris make him more so. If Joe's "handlers" want to be President they should declare their candidacy and run for the office rather than vying for the position behind the absurd facade of ole Joe.

Racism is a term which defines a person by the color of their skin or their ethnic background. Sexism is a term which defines a person by their biologic sex or perhaps how they identify themselves. The most recent example of reductio ad absurdum is the choice of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's vice president running mate. It is absurd that the choice is deemed "historic" rather than racist and sexist. Martin Luther King must be turning over in his grave since we have drifted so far from the ideals of his "I Have a Dream" speech where character rather than skin color defines a person.

A friend recently sent me a gift of a new word, and I added it to my lexicon. And to make it even better, I discovered the word was a mot juste! I was not familiar with the term paltering which Webster defines as acting insincerely or deceitfully.

My friend used the term as the perfect definition of the media, and I agree.

My readers know that I believe history is important. The Founders of our country believed in the lessons of history, and were thus able to create our Constitution, a revolutionary and historic blueprint of government for our country and for mankind. However, a perspective of our post-modern era is that only the present is relevant, so statues that "trigger" snowflakes and leftists must come down.

Years ago, I told the history of the Big Lie, but the story bears repeating. In 1923 there was an uprising in the city of Munich, Germany. It became known as the Beer Hall Putsch because the leader of the coup d'état was to meet his stormtroopers at a Munich beer hall. The uprising failed and the leader was sent to prison for two years where he completed his book entitled "Meine Kamph" or My Struggle.

Of course, I'm speaking of Adolf Hitler. His book is full of rants against Jews, Gypsies, communists and others who disagreed with his racist philosophy. However, Hitler came up with one novel perspective, euphemistically known as the Big Lie. Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda

minister, would later use the technique of telling a big lie, so boldly and effectively and so often that the common man could not conceive that someone could be so disingenuous and deceitful, and, therefore, the average man would begin to believe the lie. That same technique is brazenly used today by the media and politicians to dupe the public.

Though we have endured big lies at least for the last four years, we are now in the season of the biggest lies. What should we do in this current season of this information? Francis Schaefer (quoting the prophet Ezekiel) asked this question in his prescient book, "How Should We Then Live?" Schaefer said we should seek Biblical truths. We must speak the truth in love as the Apostle Paul advised, and we should pray for the lost and confused. Additionally, the Doctor Is In recommends listening carefully and measuring everything you hear against common sense, rather than through hatred's induced insanity.

And lastly, I've adopted the mantra of another friend. He advises us to "Keep looking up!"

Well said.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

# Jesus was not your Typical Hero

In Jesus' day, he was not considered a great man, a hero. A hero was somebody who overcame obstacles to achieve status and renown. Many people in life strive for this recognition. This attitude led to societies where status was important. Status involved a pecking order. Identity is gained and determined by the rung of the ladder you find yourself on. The ancient Greeks and Romans knew what greatness was and it certainly did not involve humility.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

The Roman Empire,

the world of Jesus, pushed people into categories of distinction. Roman society was divided between the elite (roughly 2% of the population) and the "rabble." The highest level of status were the six hundred senators who ruled under Caesar. Under the senators came the equestrians - originally a class wealthy enough to own their own horses for military purposes. Next came the decurians. These were wealthy citizens who occupied government offices and priesthoods. These groups

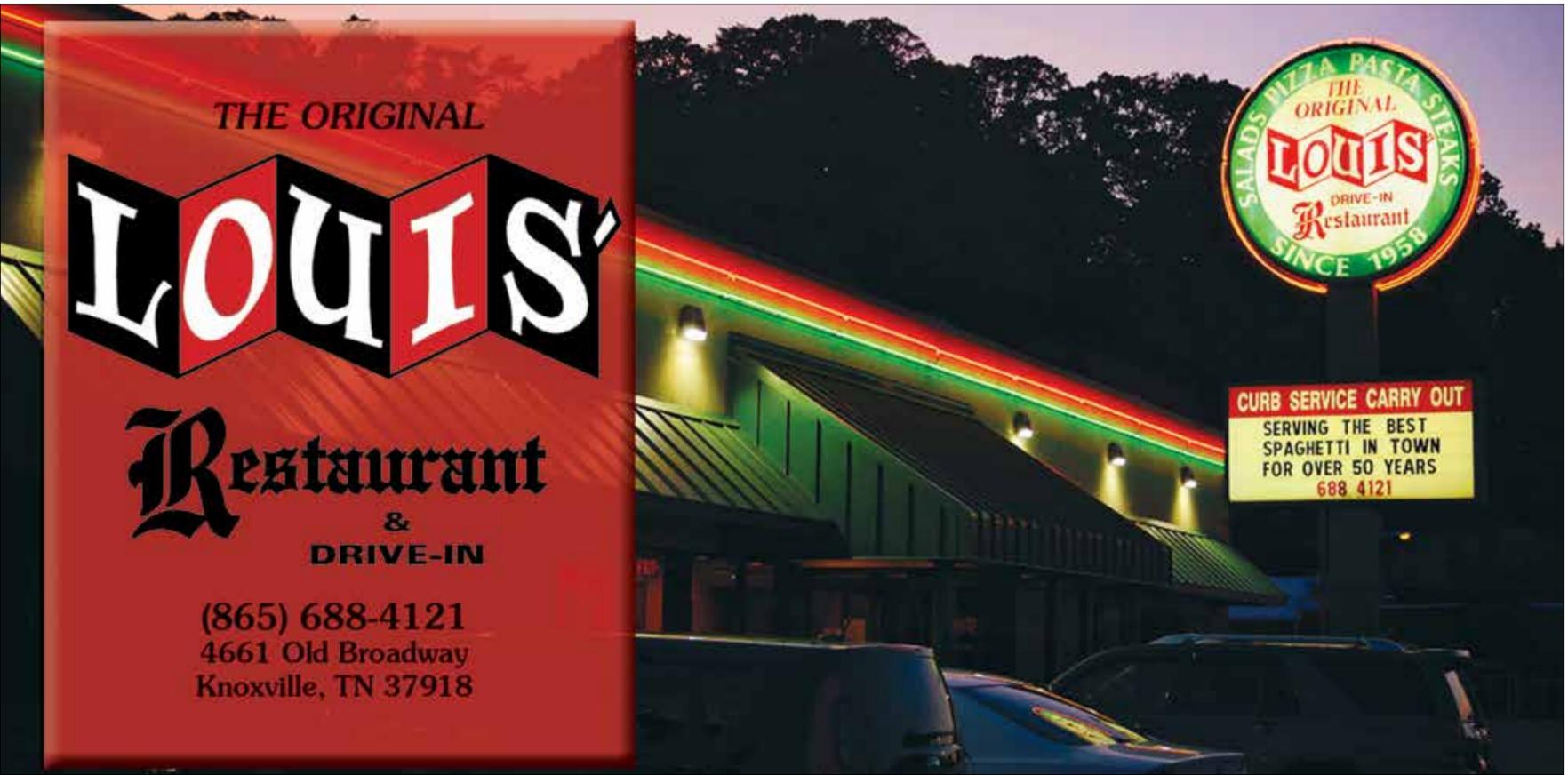
made up the elite class. The other 98% of society were the nobodies because this group achieving greatness was out of the question. This group had their own set of levels. The top of this group were Roman citizens. This meant they had certain legal rights. Others were freedmen who did not have the rights of citizens, but they had personal liberty. At the bottom of the pecking order came the slaves. They had no rights and lived at the mercy of the pater-familias - the head of the household where they served.

A Roman citizen had many rights, an important one being they were

not to be crucified. Crucifixion was reserved for the slaves. It was actually known as the "slave's punishment." Listen to how Paul started his letter to Rome with all of this in mind: "Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus" (Romans 1:1). Paul did not start his letter by stating he was a Roman citizen, which he was, instead he says he was a slave of Christ. You might say this was "social suicide" for Paul to do this. You just didn't talk this way as a Roman citizen. But Paul did. Listen to some other words of Paul: "...we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Cor. 1:23).

Paul knew the words he was using. Crucifixion to the Gentiles and the Jews was looked down upon. The Old Testament states: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole'" (Galatians 3:13) which is a quote taken from Deut. 21:22-23. Imagine walking around saying in that culture: "Yes, I follow a crucified slave named Jesus. I am a slave to a slave." That is what Paul was saying. Where did Paul learn this humility? From Jesus. Again, humility was not a character trait admired in the ancient world. People

bragged all the time about how great they were. But Jesus taught something different. Jesus served others and he said that is what makes you great (Matthew 20:26-28). He washed his disciple's feet, and even the feet of Judas who was about to betray him (John 13). "He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). Jesus came to give a new definition of a hero - a person of humility. May we continue to carry on that lasting legacy, being more concerned about serving than making a name for ourselves.



# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: LINDSEY JOHNSON; IN RE: LELAND MICHAEL RICKELS NO. 199944-2**  
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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.

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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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**BELLANITH SOTTO RONCANCIO -Vs- RAFAEL VARGAS MURCIA Docket # 149531**

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In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant RAFAEL VARGAS MURCIA 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 RAFAEL VARGAS MURCIA. IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by BELLANITH SOTTO RONCANCIO, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with PRO SE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 8336 OAK RIDGE HWY LOT G-27 KNOXVILLE, TN 37931, 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 12TH day of AUGUST, 2020.

Mike Hammond Clerk

Deputy Clerk

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### IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Mike Hammond Clerk

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH ABBOTT DOCKET NUMBER 83276-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH ABBOTT who died Jun 24, 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  
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**ESTATE OF LUCY M. DAVIS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) ELAINE D. STEELE; EXECUTRIX 5400 HOLSTON DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MELBA NADINE BLANKENSHIP DOCKET NUMBER 82539-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MELBA NADINE BLANKENSHIP who died Nov 15, 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 31 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF MELBA NADINE BLANKENSHIP**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CAROLYN MARIE OWENS; ADMINISTRATRIX 6207 THOMAS RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

**ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 83285-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR. who died Jun 30, 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.  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of AUGUST, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) TRACEY D JONES; ADMINISTRATRIX P.O. BOX 1330 KODAK, TN. 37764

**ESTATE OF BEN ALBERT BORING DOCKET NUMBER 83188-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEN ALBERT BORING who died May 22, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 31 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF BEN ALBERT BORING**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) VAN ALBERT BORING; EXECUTOR 3638 CROWN POINT ROAD LOUISVILLE, TN. 37777

**TOM R RAMSEY, III ATTORNEY AT LAW** 950 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. CRABTREE DOCKET NUMBER 83282-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM H. CRABTREE who died Feb 9, 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 31 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. CRABTREE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN E CRABTREE; EXECUTRIX 3216 GREAT MEADOWS DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

**ESTATE OF LUCY M. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 82558-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LUCY M. DAVIS who died Nov 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 31 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. CRABTREE**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SUSAN E CRABTREE; EXECUTRIX 3216 GREAT MEADOWS DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

**ESTATE OF LUCY M. DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 82558-3**

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

**ESTATE OF LUCY M. DAVIS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S) ELAINE D. STEELE; EXECUTRIX 5400 HOLSTON DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

**MICHAEL R. CROWDER ATTORNEY AT LAW** P.O. BOX 442 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0442

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 83285-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR. who died Jun 30, 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.  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of AUGUST, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JAMES CARROLL DUCKWORTH, JR.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) TRACEY D JONES; ADMINISTRATRIX P.O. BOX 1330 KODAK, TN. 37764

**JACK BOWERS ATTORNEY AT LAW** 2606 GREENWAY DRIVE, SUITE 315 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM DONALD FLORIDA DOCKET NUMBER 83290-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM DONALD FLORIDA 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of AUGUST, 2020.

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM DONALD FLORIDA**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) LISA STARBUCK; EXECUTRIX 6229 BABELAY ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

**BILL FIX ATTORNEY AT LAW** 408 N CEDAR BLUFF ROAD, SUITE 260 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF KARL STANLEY GASS DOCKET NUMBER 82632-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KARL STANLEY GASS who died Dec 29, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 30 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF KARL STANLEY GASS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DONALD W GASS; ADMINISTRATOR P.O. BOX 115 WASHBURN, TN. 37888

**LANE WOLFENBARGER ATTORNEY AT LAW** 800 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 2031 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF PAMELA ELAINE GUAY DOCKET NUMBER 83207-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAMELA ELAINE GUAY who died May 29, 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.  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of AUGUST, 2020.

**ESTATE OF PAMELA ELAINE GUAY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KATHERINE WHEATLEY; ADMINISTRATRIX 9001 GRANADA LANE

**ESTATE OF PAMELA ELAINE GUAY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RICHARD V LANE; EXECUTOR 10916 THORNTON DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

**ESTATE OF PAMELA ELAINE GUAY**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM STOEISS; ADMINISTRATOR 4000 MALONEY ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

**ESTATE OF AMANDA JACKSON STOEISS DOCKET NUMBER 83299-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of AMANDA JACKSON STOEISS who died Mar 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:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 5 day of AUGUST, 2020.

**ESTATE OF AMANDA JACKSON STOEISS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM STOEISS; ADMINISTRATOR 4000 MALONEY ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

**ESTATE OF AMANDA JACKSON STOEISS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANDREA C ANDERSON ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2425 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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**KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923**

**ELLIOTT J SCHUCHARDT ATTORNEY AT LAW** 6223 HIGHLAND PLACE WAY, SUITE 201 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF RONALD D KENNEDY DOCKET NUMBER 83259-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of JULY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RONALD D KENNEDY who died Aug 17, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:  
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 14 day of JULY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF RONALD D KENNEDY**





Mayor Indya Kincannon and North Knoxville Business and Professional Association's George Bove chat during the "Stuff the Bus" ceremonies Friday morning. Photo courtesy of Nick McBride.

# 'Stuff the Bus' keeps rolling

The North Knoxville Business and Professional Association's Stuff the Bus campaign challenged the overcast sky and COVID-19 Friday as dozens gathered at Fulton High School and on Zoom to kick off the effort. Funds and supplies raised go to Fulton High School and the feeder schools in East Knoxville.

George Bove hosted the event with speakers that included Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon. The North Knoxville group challenged those who attended the football stadium event, with masks and social distancing, and those watching online to contribute, pledging to match \$500 in contributions.

# Airplane Filling Station history to be presented at Powell Celebration

By Mike Steely  
Senior Writer  
steelym@knoxfocus.com

Ever wonder about the airplane filling station on Clinton Highway? When was it built and why? What is the future for the iconic historic structure?

The 2020 Powell Station Celebration is set for Saturday, August 29 and promises to be the largest Powell Association event ever. Multiple Powell area groups are involved in the free public event.

The history of the Airplane Filling Station will be just one of the many presentations given about the history of the north Knox County community at various times in the Powell High School auditorium.

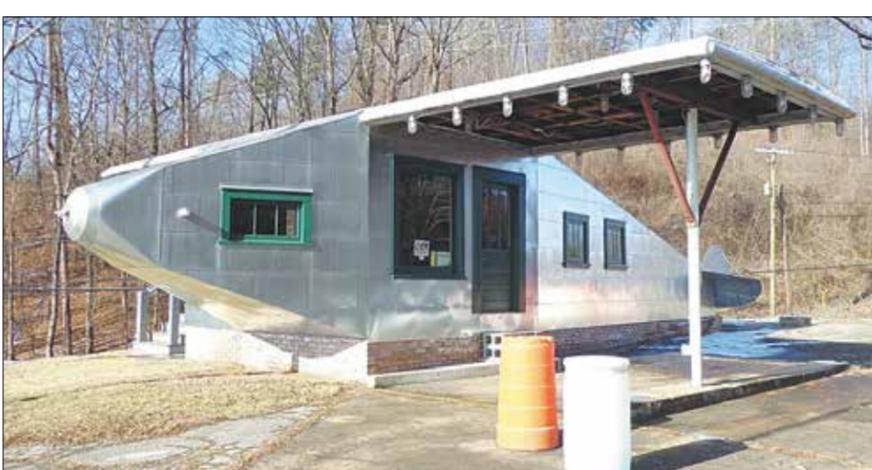


PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Want to know more about the iconic Airplane Filling Station on Clinton Highway? It is part of a history presentation during the 2020 Powell Station Celebration on August 29.

Events in and around the high school and Powell Station Park include the 3rd Annual Powell Station Flotilla, the Travis Wegener Memorial Car Show with more than 75

vintage vehicles, the 3rd Annual Disc Golf Tournament, a Skate the Park competition and a 5K run and walk.

You can get more information online at www.

PowellTN.org. You may also call Jeff Bagwell of Rural Metro/AMR, who is president of the association, at 865-765-6493 or by email at jeffrey.gagwell@gmr.net.

# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CARYL DIETENHOFER ZACHARY DOCKET NUMBER 82449-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARYL DIETENHOFER ZACHARY who died Mar 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(3) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 6 day of AUGUST, 2020.

### ESTATE OF CARYL DIETENHOFER ZACHARY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DANIELE SUMMERHILL; ADMINISTRATOR  
610 KLEE MILL ROAD  
WESTMINSTER, MD 21157  
BILL FIX ATTORNEY AT LAW  
408 N CEDAR BLUFF ROAD, SUITE  
260 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:  
Bid 2981, Structural Stabilization Services, due 9/9/20;  
Bid 2986, Construction of Centerpoint Blvd. and Lovell Road Improvements, due 9/16/20  
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus

items, go to www.govdeals.com.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

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

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

- 1102 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCG22572A012223
- 2106 CHEVY PU 1GCEK19B062118645
- 3108 SATURN VUE 3GSC15378AS689479
- 4107 CHEVY MALIBU 1G1ZV57117F242426
- 5116 FORD TRANSIT 1FBAX2CG4GKA40489
- 6101 FORD WINDSTAR 2FMZA514X1BA95133
- 7100 DEAWOOD KLATA5262YB479117
- 8110 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL2AP2AC178656
- 9102 ACURA 2HNYD18632H547665
- 10103 AUDI 300 WAUL1648B3N059904
- 11103 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
- KMHDN55DX3U100546
- 12108 HONDA CIVIC 1HGFA165X8L106970
- 13105 TOYOTA AVALON 4T1BK36B45U015383
- 14102 MITS MONTERO JA4LS31R12J039855
- 15148 FT. TRAILER 1NNVA4827GM106871
- 16104 CHEVY AVEO KL1T162664B200025
- 17106 CHEVY IMPALA 1G1ZT518X6F258802
- 18107 CADILLAC ESCALDE
- 1GYFK63847R162321
- 19199 OLDS ALERO 1G3NK52T7XC356006
- 20189 FORD T BIRD 1FAPP6245KH202257
- 21199 JEEP 1J4FT78S2XL525029
- 22195 DODGE VAN 2B7GB11XXSK518788
- 23199 NISSAN PATHFINDER
- JN8AR07S2XW379001
- 24105 ACURA RL JH4KB16595C003706

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that I, Paula J. Perkins, am selling my white 1999 23ft. RV 5th wheel Gulf Stream Conquest, license # TE16582, Vin # 1NL10FK25X1038215, and free from all encumbrances.

Any person having any right, title, interest, claim, or demand of any nature whatsoever in

respect of said RV, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned, Paula J. Perkins at 1423 Rudder Ln., Knoxville, TN 37919, phone # 865-302-5696 within 10 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street,

Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

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

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).  
1100 TOYOTA COROLLA 2T1BR12E0YC348623  
2196 FORD C.VIC 2FALP74W2TX214970  
3108 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB61E98L739655

- 4199 FORD RANGER 1FTRY14V7XP813398
- 5101 MERCURY G MARQUIIS
- 2MEFM75W81X706364
- 6104 GMC CANYON 1GTC146X48218336
- 7113 VW PASSAT 1VWBP7A31DC021897
- 8104 TOYOTA SOLARA 4T1CE38P64U809790
- 9103 FORD RANGER 1FTYR44E63PA99828
- 10198 PONTIAC SUNBIRD
- 1G2JB1240W7538187
- 11106 KIA ARMAMTI KNALD124465086834
- 12102 PONTIAC G. PRIX 1G2WR52132F172384
- 13113 FORD FOCUS 1FADP3K25EL119171
- 14101 DODGE DAKOTA 1B7FL26X41S342820
- 15118 JEEP CHEROKEE 1C4RJFBG5JC128025
- 16101 FORD WINDSTAR 2FMZA514X1BA74332
- 17113 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB7AP4D0L716169
- 18103NISSAN MURANO
- JN8AZ08W13W214424
- 19108 V.W. JETTA 3VWRM71K08M144268

## APPLICATION FOR TITLE

2001 Chevrolet Blazer  
Vin: 1GNCS18W21K184585  
I request any and all parties holding an interest in the vehicle to contact the person in possession of the vehicle by certified mail, return receipt requested. Wendy Helmer, 169 Grand View Dr., Maynardville, Tn 37807, wendy00nicole@gmail.com

# service directory

## ALTERATIONS

JOANNE'S ALTERATIONS  
PANTS HEMMING \$5,  
SPECIALIZING IN JEANS CALL  
JOANNE 579-2254

## ASSISTED LIVING



Contact Dana Watkins,  
Marketing Director,  
for all your Assisted  
Living needs  
(865)444-1451

## CHILD CARE

MARCIA'S LEARNING CENTER  
1411 Exeter Ave, Knoxville  
(865) 673-8223  
Day Shift 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
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