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## 9/11 Victims Remembered



Photos by Mike Steely.

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Knoxville Police Chaplain Pam Neal kicked off Knoxville and Knox County's 9/11 Memorial Ceremonies Friday with a talk and a prayer. A crowd of about 100 assembled in front of the City-County Building for the event which started at 8:45 a.m., remembering when the first airplane hit the World Trade Center Towers.

Bagpiper Chris Riedl took part in the downtown 9/11 ceremonies and his music highlighted the event that featured speakers and a laying of a wreath at the 9/11 Memorial at the City County Building by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs.

The 9/11 Memorial Ceremonies drew dozens of Knox County Deputies, City Police Officers, Firemen and various city, county and state officials. One officer arrived by his private bicycle to honor those killed in the attack.



## Parents urge KCS to keep in-person learning in place

**By Ken Lay**

The Knox County Schools Board of Education meeting went rather smoothly Wednesday night until the public forum segment.

The board approved all items on the agenda. It did so unanimously with little discussion.

Then, when public forum began, three area parents, Annikka Jenkins, Debra Howard and Amber Burns, urged the board to keep the school system's current in-person teaching intact in these unprecedented and uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic, while protestors outside the meeting were urging the district to close its schools in favor of a complete virtual learning model.

The demonstrators were from Community and Teachers for Safe Schools, and that group held a motorcade protest outside the Andrew Johnson building during the KCS board meeting.

Jenkins, a parent from Farragut, said she had a child in kindergarten at Farragut Primary School and another in seventh grade at Farragut Middle School.

"I urge you to keep schools open and in-person," Jenkins said. "I know that a lot of these decisions are being driven by the (Knox County) Board of Health, and I hope the board (of education) is pushing back against them, and pushing back to see why they're making the decisions they're making."

"I've watched the numbers and the numbers don't justify (the schools) being closed."

Jenkins also noted that her son in the seventh grade is friends with a high school freshman at Farragut, who chose to utilize the virtual model.

"One of my son's friends is a ninth grader and he chose virtual," Jenkins said. "He is very lonely and he has three virtual classes a week and that's it."

"He's feeling pressure because he feels like the

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## Dr. Buchanan can vote on BOH

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When the Knox County Board of Health began adopting its own rules of procedure last week there was one additional, and new, vote on the matter.

While Dr. Martha Buchanan, executive director of the health department, attends each board meeting, gives updates on the county benchmarks and takes part in discussions, she has not until now voted as a member. She, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and School Superintendent Bob Thomas are members of the board as a result of their public positions. Thomas hasn't been attending the meeting and KCS Health Services Supervisor Lisa Wagoner has been sitting in for him. Both Wagoner and Jacobs have voted on issues.

Although Buchanan calls the roll in votes, she has not been voting. The bar curfew vote, which failed for the lack of one



**Dr. Martha Buchanan, silent on past Board of Health votes, is eligible to vote on board matters according to Deputy Law Director David Sanders. File Photo by Mike Steely.**

vote, was a matter on which she did not vote.

Attorney David Sanders told the board that Buchanan, as an ex-officio member, like Jacobs and Thomas, could have been voting all along. Apparently the health department director and the other members thought she could not vote on issues.

How that may affect future actions by the board and how the votes may go if the Knox County Commissions adds a "citizen representative" to the board is unknown.

## Board of Health splits on bar curfew vote

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Although UT Chancellor Donde Plowman is calling for the closing of bars near the campus for two weeks, the Knox County Board of Health came within one vote of lifting the 10 p.m. curfew.

During a meeting Wednesday that lasted more than three hours, the board debated the curfew restrictions with the idea of making the curfew a "recommendation" rather than a requirement. Although Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan told the meeting that three of the five benchmarks are in the yellow, or cautious, category and one in red for danger, the effectiveness of the curfew and the lack of enforcement was questioned.

As COVID-19 positive cases spike on the UT campus following the return to classes Chancellor Plowman said the

college is preparing one of the on-campus dorms and the nearby Holiday Inn to house the increasing number of positive-testing students. She reported 616 students are positive as of last Wednesday, up from 303 the previous week. Massey Hall is being emptied of residents to provide 580 beds as the college administration looks at creating "Isolation Dorms."

"We've got to make a change of the environment and the behavior," she said.

While the five steps to combat the virus remain in effect, including the mask mandate, the board heard Dr. Patrick O'Brien say that there is no cooperation from law enforcement and most infections are coming from personal gatherings and not bars.

"It's not working—it's not being enforced. We're at a point where the bar curfew is a moot point," O'Brien said.

Dr. Buchanan said violations of the curfew by some bars was like "Whack-A-Mole" because when some have obeyed the curfew other bars ignore the 10 p.m. closure rule.

Attorney David Sanders said that while the health department has the power to enforce the restrictions doing so would probably result in lawsuits.

Board Chairman Dr. Jack Gotcher advised the board to make the curfew "an advisory rather than a mandate," although he thought dropping the curfew will increase positive cases.

Martha Hurt said maybe the board should "rethink the alcohol issue" and possibly ban alcohol serving everywhere, including restaurants, after 10 p.m.

Buchanan said that positive cases involve "on campus" activities and gatherings and reported bars have not been involved in cluster cases. She said that closing only the campus area bars would cause "lots of potential concerns."

Gotcher said that UT has more power over its students and could declare nearby bars "off limits" He added that if the board becomes more restrictive with bar regulations, some bars "would go rogue."

"Adding more regulations won't bring law

enforcement on board," Dr. O'Brien said. Knox County Sheriff Tom Spangler has stated his department will not enforce health department regulations. Neither does the Knoxville Police Department.

Dr. James Shamiyeh warned that if UT is forced to adopt more restrictions on students, such as going online for classes or restricting student access to local bars, Knoxville businesses "are going to suffer."

Dianna Drake motioned to table the bar curfew immediately. Mayor Jacobs agreed, saying, "People are not complying, it's not enforceable. Do it now."

"Take their handcuffs off, it might actually help," Jacobs said.

The vote to rescind the curfew appeared to pass, with Drake, Gotcher, Jacobs and O'Brien voting "Yes" and Hurt, Shamiyeh and Wagner voting "No." The four to three vote, with Dr. Marcy Souza not attending the meeting, appeared to be a victory.

Then Attorney Sanders informed the board that the rule requires five votes of the entire board in order to pass. So the curfew remains in effect until the board meets again this Wednesday. How Souza and Buchanan may vote on the curfew remains to be seen.

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# September 11, 2001

## From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.  
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TV, a second plane crashed into the building. In the first few seconds, many people thought it was the first crash just shown from a different angle. It was just too hard to believe two planes were involved.

A Capitol policeman came to our office telling us to evacuate. I told all my employees to go home. There was a report that a car had exploded in front of the State Department. This turned out to be false.

There was a boom in the distance. Soon it was reported that a plane had crashed into the Pentagon.

Hallerin Hilton Hill, the Knoxville radio host, called and started interviewing me over the phone.

My wife heard the start of this interview and

immediately called my office. Scott Fischer, the only employee who had not left yet, came in and said "Lynn called and said to tell Jimmy to get out of there!"

During the brief interview, a Capitol policeman came again to make sure we were gone. I was the last to leave.

As I drove out of the Rayburn Garage, there must have been a couple of hundred federal and Congressional employees standing around outside, many looking to the sky.

As I drove to a house we then had in Alexandria, I went past the Pentagon. I will never forget the sight of the Pentagon in smoke and flames with TV trucks filming from the nearby interstate.

Soon there were reports about the crash of flight 93 in Pennsylvania, apparently caused when the passengers tried to stop the hijackers. Most people thought that plane was headed to the Capitol or the White House.

A short time later, since I was unexpectedly at home, I took a suit to the cleaners and got lunch at the drive-thru at McDonalds. This was in an area called Arlandria, just two or three miles from the Pentagon.

It was a beautiful sunny day, and it was amazing that almost everyone I saw was going about things just like it was a normal day. But it was far from normal and was a day that brought about drastic changes in the country.

A couple of days later, I attended a memorial service the Congress held on the grounds of the badly damaged Pentagon for those who had been killed.

One year later, I rode in a special train to New York City to attend the first session of Congress in over 200 years held outside Washington in a building next to the World Trade Center.

I believe that was the same day that I heard a report on NPR that over 3,000 companies and lobbying firms had already registered with the federal government as security companies.

It is sad that we have now spent hundreds of billions on security over the last 20 years that could have

gone toward curing cancer or many other things.

This spending has been both by government at all levels and by almost every private company. A Fed-Ex official once told me that their company had spent 200 million on security in the year after the events of that terrible day that they would have ordinarily spent on something else.

Much of this spending has been very unnecessary. Former Congressman Sonny Callahan from Alabama once told me we did everything we really needed to do at the airports simply by locking the cockpit doors.

Unfortunately, it seems there are always a few who get rich off of almost every tragedy.

## Crematorium on Western Avenue postponed again

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A rezoning request from Alliance Funeral Group LLC for a crematorium has been postponed once again for two weeks. Councilwoman Seema Singh asked for the action during the city council meeting Tuesday.

Singh said the time might give neighborhood residents and the company time to work out an agreement for the 2724 Western Avenue property near I-640. The company wants to build a crematorium on the grounds of the cemetery there and is requesting a zoning change from OS (Parks and Open Spaces) to CG-1 (General Commercial). The delay on a decision passed unanimously. The change had been previously approved by Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

City Attorney Charles Swanson warned the council that if no action is taken in two weeks the request would face the "120-day rule" and be automatically declined.

"I'm hoping people will get together on it," Singh said.

The council also voted to donate \$425,000 to the Knoxville Education Foundation to help fund the Community Schools Incentive. The foundation was formed in November when the Greater Schools Partnership and Project GRAD united. Chris Letus, president and CEO of the foundation, told the city council that the Community Schools program includes 16 schools, 15 of which are located inside the city.

Cheryl Ball, KEF executive director, said those schools include 12 elementary and three middle

schools and each school has a site coordinator. Ball said the group provides manpower, ongoing support to families and students, and health, referral and case management. She said different schools have different needs.

Councilwoman Lynne Fugate said the Girl Scouts partner with Community Schools to help provide services.

The council approved \$103,800 in a three-year agreement with Rock Solid Technologies to purchase and implement a mobile-smartphone application for online reporting to the city's 311 system. The app will be available to smart phones and permit citizens to contact the city as needed with questions or reports. Mayor Indya Kincannon said she is "really excited" about the idea

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## Home Sweet Home

### Knox County's home construction boom given green light by Planning Commission for subdivision along John Sevier

By Bill Howard

It seems that the construction of homes continues apace all over Knox County. On Thursday, September 10, before the monthly meeting of Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning, Perry Smith Development LLC sought approval to add to that growth.

Smith wanted permission to take 48.67 acres of vacant, forested land along Gov. John Sevier Highway and turn into a subdivision of 174 lots in commission District 9. The zoning would be Planned Residential. The zoning on the property is up to five dwelling units per acre; the proposed density is 3.58 dwelling units per acre.

Engineer/surveyor David Harbin spoke on behalf of Smith.

"We have two access points along John Sevier Highway with plenty of sight distance," he said. "We're providing a 50-foot tree buffer along the entire frontage. It will include a walking trail between the two main roads that connect to John Sevier Highway. There will be a gazebo and dog park and a parking area. This area will also serve as our mail kiosk area."

"We've had a couple community

meetings to discuss our proposal," Harbin went on. "We are in agreement with all the conditions that are required by staff. We would urge your approval on this application today."

Laura Wolfenbarger is CEO of Perry Smith Development. She argued for the importance of the development to the community.

"We started selling homes here as recently as January of this year, after having developed 35 acres probably two to three miles from this development," Wolfenbarger said. "We are seeing a tremendous demand for homes in this area. We are seeing physicians who are starting their internships at the UT Medical Center who believe that this is the part of town that they would like to stay in because they need to stay 15 minutes contiguous to the hospital. Young working professionals are moving into the area. And the realtors who are bringing those clients in are saying they're just seeing a famine of any other houses in the community."

Victoria Kaye spoke to the commission in opposition to the project.

"I was just calling to oppose this on matters of density," she said. "I know they have up to five, but the way they have to concentrate because of the obstacles on the front end it ends up being very dense, to 6.3 units per acre."

"There are several of us who are very concerned about the water runoff," Kaye continued. "I would like to ask for a major flooding mitigation, rather than just detention for this project. I'm very concerned

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## Biggs suggests adding restaurant owner to Board of Health

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Commissioner Justin Biggs has a resolution before the Knox County Commission's work session next Monday that would appoint a citizen representative to the Board of Health. He is suggesting approval for Randy Burleson, Aubrey's Restaurant founder and owner of Burlington Brands, for that new voting role.

The Board of Health is made up of medical professionals suggested by various medical organizations and approved by the Knox County Commission. There are three additional members that include Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Superintendent Bob Thomas and Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan.

Superintendent Thomas has not been attending Board of Health Meetings but is represented by Lisa Wagoner, who votes in his place.

Should the governor let the statewide mandates expire at the end of September the Board of Health may then fall under state regulations rather than set local rules. They may also need to find a place to hold in-person public meetings.

Current membership includes Chairman Dr. Jack Gotcher, University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; Pharmacist Dianna C. Drake; Maria C. Hurt, UT College of Nursing; Dr. Patrick O'Brien, Chief Medical Review Officer National Guard; Dr. James E. Shamiyeh, Chief Quality Officer University Health Systems; and

Martha J. Souza, Director of Veterinary Public Health, UT.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the board and Dr. Buchanan have taken the initiative to issue some public safety regulations toward controlling the outbreak, many of which Mayor Jacobs has opposed. Those include wearing a mask in public and private buildings, social distancing, washing of hands, sanitizing counters, etc.

The board has been publically chastised during recent public forums at the commission meetings and during the board's mandated public forum, demanded by the mayor. All board meetings thus far have been on the internet and CTV. The powers of the Board of Health and the Knox County Health Department

to issue restrictions and public health notices has been extended through September by Governor Bill Lee.

Some of the Knox County Commission members have quizzed Dr. Buchanan on decisions and policy.

The appointment of an additional member is permitted under the current guidelines which permits the naming of a veterinarian (Souza) and a citizen's representative to the board.

"The citizen appointee shall not have any affiliation with the medical field is what the code and the law director has stated," Biggs told The Focus.

Restaurants have been hard hit by the regulations established by the Board of Health that have limited the number of customers

inside, mandated the wearing of masks on entry and by the staff, and social distancing inside the restaurants. In the city the restaurants are now permitted to offer outside dining on public property, such as in Market Square. Adding a local restaurant chain owner to the Board of Health would apparently give a voice to those businesses during the meetings. Burlington Brands now owns more than 30 restaurants in East Tennessee.

A recent discussion of expanding the current 10 p.m. curfew of alcohol service to restaurants went nowhere during a Board of Health meeting. Bar owners have been complaining that the curfew is only driving partiers to restaurants that serve alcohol.



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# Publisher's Positions



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## Bought Jim Haslam's Book

Last Wednesday night, on the way home from the office, I stopped at a Pilot store and bought my personal copy of the book Jim Haslam has written, "Co-Piloting." The forward, written by Mr. Haslam's son, former governor Bill Haslam, was awesome. I spent the weekend reading the book and it really is a great read. I would recommend it to anyone interested in leadership, business, becoming an entrepreneur, or serving others. You can get your copy at any Pilot store or order from Amazon.

## Disparaging Troops Garbage Propaganda

The Atlantic magazine, which has been financially backed by Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of all-round nice billionaire Apple guy, Steve Jobs, has carried a column stating President Trump disparaged American troops as "suckers" and "losers" for joining the military. Naturally, the mainstream media has piled on and some have hysterically cried that Trump "appeared to suggest" his supporters harass the Widow Jobs. As the British would say, it just "rubbish."

Ask yourself, when was the last time anyone in the mainstream media lauded the military or anyone in it who wasn't opposed to Donald Trump. To remember that, you'd have to have been alive when John F. Kennedy was President of the United States. I am beginning to see why the socialists want to erase history, because then there'd be no point of reference for anybody about anything. Remember Tulsi Gabbard, the hard-hitting congresswoman from Hawaii who had been in the military who briefly ran for president? Jeez, fellow Democrats and the mainstream media made fun of Gabbard precisely for being in

the military. And people, it is possible to say something negative about the late John McCain without it applying to every person who has served in any branch of the military. I supported and voted for John McCain in 2008 when he lost to Barack Obama, but here's the unvarnished truth: John McCain never got over being upset by Donald Trump being Donald Trump and every single thing he did after that point in time was a reaction. It's precisely why John McCain betrayed his fellow Republicans in the Senate and the country by being the deciding vote in not repealing ObamaCare, as he had sworn he would do.

Usually, the only time you'd ever hear anything about the military come out of the mouths of Democrats was to complain and suggest the defense budget be cut.

As to the media's now frenzy of worry about Laurene Powell Jobs being harassed by those awful Trump supporters, keep in mind these are the same folks who don't give a hoot that people's businesses and homes are being burned to the ground by anarchists all over the country. These are the same people who steadfastly tell us each evening the "protest", the rioting, is "mostly peaceful." These are the same people who tried to burn the liberal mayor of Portland, Ted Wheeler, out of his condo, and didn't care about destroying the property, or even injuring or killing, women and children and men living in the same condo complex as Ted Wheeler. Not a word of concern about ORDINARY law-abiding Americans, but by golly, let's tear our hair out and swoon because it "appears" Trump is "suggesting" supporters harass Ms. Jobs.

By the way, Ms. Jobs has donated something like \$500,000 to Joe Biden's campaign thus far, so I reckon she and the Atlantic are pretty much impartial. Here's what Trump actually wrote on Twitter: "Steve Jobs would not be happy that his wife is wasting money he left her on a failing Radical Left Magazine that is run by a con man (Goldberg) and spews FAKE NEWS & HATE. Call her, write her, let her know how you feel!!!" Wow! Call her, write her, let her know how you feel is harassment? Yet burning and looting is

patriotic? And these patriots are now suddenly worried President Trump has sullied the good name of those who have served our country in the military.

John Bolton, the guy who looks like Chumlee from the old Tennessee Tuxedo cartoon, no Trump fan he, has attested to the fact the President said no such thing. But what can we expect from people who lie to our faces every single day? It's about the usual.

There isn't a Leftist on Earth who has a scintilla of respect for anyone who has served our country. These folks are just hypocrites.

## It's Alright to Kill "Fascists"

Did you know it's alright to kill someone if they are a "fascist"? At least it is from a moral perspective according to Erik Loomis, a Rhode Island professor opined it was just peachy keen for a Patriot Prayer supporter to be shot and killed in Portland, Oregon recently. Loomis, made his comments in response to the question, "Why was Michael Reinhoehl killed?", which had been posted on his blog. The post involved the subject of whether Reinhoehl, the self-confessed killer of Aaron "Jay" Danielson, had been deliberately murdered by the police. Danielson had been shot on the night supporters of President Trump clashed with protesters supporting Black Lives Matter.

Loomis wrote, "I am extremely anti-conspiracy theory. But it's not a conspiracy theory at this point in time to wonder if the cops simply murdered him. The police is shot through with fascists from stem to stern. They were openly working with the fascists in Portland, as they were in Kenosha which led to dead protestors."

If you're wondering who the fascists are, those would be anyone supporting Donald Trump or any person belonging to the Patriot Prayer group, which was founded by Joey Gibson, a former candidate for the Senate in Washington State and an outspoken conservative. Far-left groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center have tried to characterize the Patriot Prayer organization as an ultra-right hate group. Joey Gibson vehemently denies that accusation.

In his September 4 blog post, Professor Looney

wrote, "Michael Reinhoehl is the guy who killed the fascist in Portland last week. He admitted it and said he was scared the cops would kill him. Well, now the cops have killed him."

One person, in the comments section, protested, "Erik, he shot and killed a guy." Professor Looney replied, "[Reinhoehl] killed a fascist. I see nothing wrong with it, at least from a moral perspective."

Reinhoehl had described himself as "100% Antifa," but Professor Looney compared the admitted murderer to the abolitionist John Brown, who did his share of killing and burning. Brown justified his violent means as a way to end slavery.

Professor Looney huffed he would not be intimidated by fascists trying to "cancel" him.

I really can't see how any sane person could possibly think anything good could come of this. I can't see how any sane person could possibly approve of Professor Looney or his opinions. John Brown was hanged and America descended into the bloodiest war in its history: the Civil War.

## Joe Biden's Promises to Unions

Joe Biden has about broken the bank with his promises to organized labor. Truth be told, Donald Trump has delivered on about everything organized labor has said was important to it. Let's face it, the last two presidents unions helped to elect—Bill Clinton and Barack Obama—screwed union members every chance they got with trade treaties. Obama did kinda make it up to

them when he and Biden turned over much of the "infrastructure" money to unions, which were then recycled into campaign contributions. I don't recall any infrastructure work being done, do you? It was Trump who took America out of the dead end treaties that kicked American workers and union members right where it hurt the most.

Biden promised union members on video he would roll back the Right-to-Work laws in 27 states by fiat.

## McCormick says Biden not the same

Mike McCormick, was the White House stenographer who worked for Joe Biden from 2011-2017. McCormick told the Washington Free Beacon the ex-vice president doesn't seem to have the same "mental acuity." McCormick says the change is noticeable as the ex-vice president is "not the same Joe Biden."

"It's a complete difference from what he was in 2017," McCormick said. "He's lost a step and he doesn't seem to have the same mental acuity as he did four years ago." There were other differences Mike McCormick noticed. "He doesn't have the energy. He doesn't have the pace of his speaking. He's a different guy."

Apparently, McCormick traveled with the ex-vice president on foreign trips, transcribing Biden's speeches and certain conversations with foreign leaders. McCormick sadly noted now Biden seems to get "lost" during interviews.

## Trump Pulling More Troops Out of Iraq

President Donald Trump is pulling more troops out of Iraq, which is pretty much another thing Democrats talked about, but never did. This month the reduction in the number of troops in Iraq will go down from 5,200 to 3,000.

## Los Angeles Health Director Playing Politics

Dr. Barbara Ferrer is the Director of Public Health for Los Angeles and while she's a doctor, she doesn't seem all that bright. During a conference call, Dr. Ferrer said the schools wouldn't reopen in Los Angeles until "after the election." Wow. Really? Of course someone recorded the call, which ended up being played on a local radio show.

"We don't realistically anticipate that we would be moving to either tier 2 or to reopening schools until at least after the election, in early November," Ferrer told school officials and medical staff members. The recording promptly ended up on KFI's "John & Ken Show." One of the two hosts wondered what the election had to do with reopening schools? A very good question, John or Ken. The radio hosts speculated perhaps Dr. Ferrer was trying to manipulate the reopening to bolster Democrats in the area. Leftists have been resistant to the idea of reopening much of anything. Would they play politics with the economy and people's well-being? You betcha!

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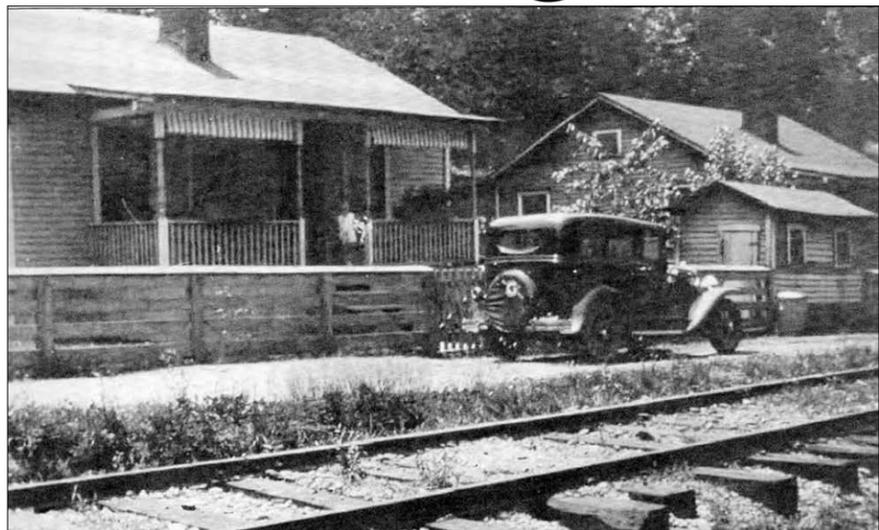


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a large part of Knoxville's business and political life. The opening words appear in a fascinating record Dwight Kessel prepared for his family in an effort to condense 90 plus years of his life. Kessel also poses several intriguing "What if?" questions about events that happened in his life, such as: (1) "What if we had moved somewhere other than Beckley, West Virginia; (2) What if I had gone to a school other than DUKE University as a civilian and joined the World War II Navy V5 program. (I was sent back to DUKE in V12A—a substitute program.) The

war was winding down and the Navy took the majority of the V12As and sent us to Bainbridge, Maryland Boot Camp; (3) What if Congressman Joe L. Smith from Beckley (1944) had not told Dad that he had a second alternate opening for the Naval Academy. (The principal failed the physical, the first alternate failed the written exam and I passed both and went to the Naval Academy.); (4) What if I had decided to stay in the Naval Academy instead of resigning in my second-class year (college junior)."

Pictured is the house at 182 Dehue, West Virginia, in 1930 where Wallace Dwight Kessel was born and lived for 13 years. The family's new Pontiac is in front. The framed photo



Picture of early home in West Virginia, courtesy of Dwight Kessel.

once occupied a prominent place in Kessel's office in the City-County Building in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was a quiet reminder of his early beginnings in the

coalfields of West Virginia. (To be continued)

Words of Faith: Matthew 6:34 (KJV) is a favorite scripture of Dwight Kessel's: "Take therefore no

thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

## On the Road

This past Wednesday was my wife's birthday. She enjoyed the presents, but most of all, Amy wanted to take a trip some place. She calls it a chance to let her eyes see something new. The treks we begin



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day hit and walked to top of the falls. The attempt to hike to the bottom began, but the trail was much more rugged than either of us was prepared to tackle. So, we hopped in the car and drove down

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote "the soul is no traveler." I heartily agree. All of my life, I've much rather stayed at home. Even as a boy, spending the night at someone's house wasn't so exciting. It never failed that as soon as I lay down for the night that my nose stopped up or I felt nauseous.

Our camping trips weren't any better. A pack of boys would pitch tents in back yards or in fields in the community. I never found a comfortable position for sleeping, and the best part of the whole event was arriving back

home where I could take a nap.

College proved to be a test of my distaste for traveling. I crashed into beds for sleep after hours of studying into the early morning. Those dorm rooms became my home enough where I could relax enough to sleep and find comfort.

Amy loves to travel to the beach for vacations, and I admit that I like trips to the ocean and sand and surf. However, I grumble during the planning process and fret about the drive. Of course, once the trip begins, I'm "the biggest

duck in the puddle." Still, I never sleep well on vacation, even though I take my own pillows to help. Eventually, I fall asleep but usually rise by 6:00 or 7:00 a.m. With a little luck, I'll sneak in a nap in a recliner or on the couch of the places where we are staying. I dread the drive home, but the thoughts of arriving home keep me focused on the road ahead.

Nothing is better to me than waking up at home each morning. I enjoy sitting by the pool in the summer or on the screened porch as the weather cools. Even sitting on the

couch with Amy and our dog Sadie during the coldest month is pure heaven to me. Home is where my heart is, and I don't much want to leave where I am most comfortable.

Now that we are both retired, I'm sure that travel will be something that occurs more often. I better get used to it. As much as I like lying down each night on my own bed with my head on my own pillow, I love my wife more and want to keep her happy, even if I wind up sleep deprived and grouzier than usual.



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## Home Sweet Home

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about the increased water from this project."

"With the widening of John Sevier Highway, there's currently not a plan in the Transportation Improvement Plan or the long-range plan," said Planning staffer Tarren Barrett. "There was a plan at some point but it is not currently (being considered)."

Commission member Sandra Kobelick asked Harbin both what impacts the development will have on the neighborhood now and in the future, and how the meeting with the neighborhood went. She wanted to know in particular if compromises were made in the interests of the neighborhood.

Said Harbin: "We had a couple of meetings. We presented a good plan that meets the requirements of the zone, and meets the requirements of the use on review, and it takes into account what's in the area. I think the plan speaks for itself. It meets the zoning and subdivision requirements."

For Smith to proceed, the commission had to approve the zoning, the alternative

design standards, and the Concept Plan. A number of legal and infrastructural requirements had to be met, and various alternative design standards also had to be approved. All passed easily by vote.

Earlier, the commission approved two cases with no input from either applicant or opposition. Applicant Georges Brandan sought an amendment to the Northwest County Sector Plan from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to LDR (Low Density Residential) / PR (Planned Residential). The rezoning would be from Neighborhood Commercial to Planned Residential. Brandan plans to build up to five dwelling units per acre on two acres at Dutchtown and Bob Kirby Roads in Commission District 3.

The other undebated case came from applicant Halls Centre LLC, which sought a change in the North County Sector Plan from GC (General Commercial) / SP (Stream Protection) to O (Office) / SP. The rezoning would be from CA (General Business) to OA (Office Park). The former Bi-Lo shopping center comprises 6.94 acres at 7326 Maynardville Pike in Commission District 7.

## Parents urge KCS to keep in-person learning in place

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burden is all on him."

Jenkins said that she doesn't blame the teachers, who have responded to her questions.

"I know this is not on the teachers," she said. "They have been very supportive and answered all of my questions. Gina Byrd, the principal at Farragut Primary School has also been very responsive."

Jenkins couldn't say the same about the administration at Farragut Middle School, including principal Weston Edmonds.

"I haven't been able to get in touch with any of the principals at Farragut Middle," Jenkins said.

"They have been completely unresponsive."

She said she received an e-mail from Edmonds after voicing her concerns saying only, "I'm sorry that you feel that way."

Howard, a practicing physician's assistant who also has two children attending Knox County Schools, agreed.

"I'm here, too, to speak on keeping the schools open," Howard said. "We have and are continuing to punish the least at-risk and the least vulnerable to COVID-19, our children."

"As a practicing PA, I've spoken to many parents, teachers and colleagues who feel the same way. Our

children are suffering dire consequences, and not from the virus."

She urged school to keep in-person learning going and also called for all COVID-19 restrictions to be lifted and gave a long list of opportunities missed by students when schools were closed in the spring.

Burns, who is also a health care worker, said she felt that teachers should be considered essential workers.

"Teachers and students should be deemed essential," she said. "I'm a health care worker and we've worked long hours every day."



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# The 1964 Senate Races in Tennessee, VI

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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The 1964 election in Tennessee centered around the presidential contest between incumbent Lyndon Johnson and Arizona senator Barry Goldwater. It also featured hard fought contests for both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate. Senator Albert Gore, Tennessee's "Old Gray Fox", was seeking a third term in the U. S. Senate, while Congressman Ross Bass of Pulaski, Tennessee, had won a hard fought contest with Governor Frank Clement for the Democratic nomination to serve the remaining two years of the term of the late Senator Estes Kefauver. Thirty years previously, both of Tennessee's seats in the U. S. Senate had been up for election, just as they would be thirty years later in 1994. Unlike 1934 when Tennessee was a solidly Democratic state, Republicans had fielded credible candidates for both seats. In fact, there was reason to believe the GOP candidates could win the general election.

Howard H. Baker, Jr. was the son of the late congressman of the same name, who had represented Tennessee's Second Congressional District since 1951 until his sudden death in January of 1964. The young senatorial candidate's step-mother Irene won the special election to succeed the elder Baker. While Howard Baker, Jr. had never before sought elective office, he was no political novice. Baker had run his father's successful 1950 congressional campaign when Howard, Sr. had defeated an incumbent in the GOP primary. Howard Baker, Jr. was also married to the daughter and only child of veteran Illinois U. S. senator Everett Dirksen, the Minority Leader of the Senate. Baker was a reasonably good speaker on the stump, met people well, had a good mind for politics and excelled at the intimate setting and relatively new medium of television which had transformed campaigning in the United States.

Frank Clement was a master of the stump speech, regaling audiences numbering in the thousands, but the governor did not come across as well on television. While personal campaigning was not yet a thing of the past, television and commercials revolutionized how candidates campaigned and how people responded to candidates for the future.

Dan Kuykendall, a thirty-nine year old businessman from Memphis, was the GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate seat held by Albert Gore. Like Howard Baker, Dan Kuykendall had never run for public office before, but he also had run the campaign of Republican Bob James, who had

quite nearly defeated Congressman Clifford Davis, the last vestige of the old Crump machine in Shelby County two years earlier. Kuykendall was perceived to be more conservative than Baker who cultivated a moderate image. Few thought Kuykendall could defeat Albert Gore, who was a shrewd practitioner of politics. Gore was also something of a political giant killer. It had been Albert Gore who had defeated Kenneth McKellar to get to the United States Senate in 1952. McKellar was the first United States senator to ever be popularly elected by the voters in Tennessee; K. D. McKellar was also Tennessee's longest serving U. S. senator, a record unbroken to this day. McKellar had been a deeply entrenched incumbent who achieved remarkable power in Washington, D. C. and enjoyed a well-deserved reputation for taking care of the folks back home. To be reelected to the United States Senate in 1958, Gore had to defeat former governor Prentice Cooper who was the first man in 100 years to be reelected to three consecutive two-year terms, which was allowed under Tennessee law at that time. Cooper was also personally wealthy and enjoyed a seemingly endless flow of campaign cash. As the Cooper campaign got under way, Albert Gore found himself looking at some 450 billboards promoting the former governor across Tennessee. Gore soundly defeated Prentice Cooper in 1958 to win a second term.

Still, Republicans in Tennessee were enthused about the presidential candidacy of Barry Goldwater, and the senatorial campaigns of Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall. Ross Bass was less certain of his own election to the Senate and campaigned hard. Bass enjoyed the all-out support of African-Americans, organized labor and the Nashville Tennessean. Campaigning in Chattanooga, Congressman Bass characterized Republicans as "destroyers" rather than "builders." Bass charged Republicans would destroy labor's right to collective bargaining, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the minimum wage, and Social Security. "I don't believe any one who understands the needs of his people could say 'wipe out these things,'" Bass said.

Avanell Bass had worked in her husband's congressional office for ten years, the entire time Bass had served in the House of Representatives. Mrs. Bass was an exceptionally lovely woman who understood politics. Avanell Bass was present, representing her husband, as Senator Albert Gore peeled the hide off the Republicans before a crowd of appreciative

Democrats. The gray haired senior senator from Tennessee derided GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater for running a campaign "too low for a race for constable." "Imagine calling President Johnson a liar," Gore cried. "If I had no more respect for the office than that, I would never seek it."

"And imagine Senator Goldwater wanting to sell TVA for \$1! Wouldn't that be a buy; last year it made a profit of \$55,000,000," Gore told his audience. The senator chortled at the discomfort of Tennessee Republicans. "They (GOP backers) thought he would come to Tennessee and set the record straight, but he didn't. He is serious about selling it."

Albert Gore went down a check list for his fellow Democrats, pointing out where Barry Goldwater stood on the issues. "And how does he stand on social security?" Gore wondered. "He wants it to be voluntary. How about medical care for the aged? He would do nothing. What about the federal regulatory agencies? He would abolish them."

Gore said the 1964 presidential election was "one of the most important in our history" and urged the crowd to vote for Lyndon Johnson. The senator also urged his listeners to vote for Ross Bass. "Sen. Bass and I will work together for the state and the nation," Gore promised.

Democrats certainly gave the appearance of unity as Lyndon Johnson came to Nashville to campaign. Congressman Joe L. Evins, the chairman of the Johnson campaign in Tennessee, was to greet the President when LBJ landed in Nashville. Twenty Tennesseans who had given \$1,000 or more to the campaign were to have a moment to greet President Johnson in the Iris Room in Nashville's Hermitage Hotel. A committee which included all the Democratic members of Congress from Tennessee would also attend, as well as former governors Gordon Browning, Prentice Cooper, Jim Nance McCord, Buford Ellington and their spouses. Governor and Mrs.

Frank Clement would naturally be present. No less than thirty-seven high school bands awaited the President's arrival in Nashville.

A smiling LBJ was escorted to the platform by Governor Frank Clement, who pointed the way with his Stetson hat, and a beaming Congressman Ross Bass. President Johnson stressed his theme of prosperity and peace while campaigning in Nashville. Johnson did not seem to overlook anyone, making mention of how grateful he was to have the support of former governors Browning, Cooper, and McCord. An extraordinary politician, LBJ gave a nod to Senator Gore, saying "the only one I know that fights harder and may have better judgment than Albert is his gracious wife, Pauline." Johnson thanked the people of Tennessee "in advance for producing that fighting young man you're going to send to the United States Senate, Congressman Ross Bass."

Howard Baker, out of both conviction and necessity, had to differentiate himself from GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater on the issue of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Baker illustrated his differences with Goldwater on the question of TVA, as well as his disagreement with his father-in-law Everett Dirksen on the Civil Rights bill. "I am firmly dedicated to the proposition that every man is entitled to equal political, economic and civil rights and opportunity," Baker said. "However, I am equally dedicated to the proposition that this aim cannot be realized through a single piece of inflexible federal legislation." Baker noted LBJ's Civil Rights Act had been amended by the Senate some 56 times. The Tennessean thought Baker's political philosophy fell somewhere between that of Barry Goldwater and Baker's father-in-law Everett Dirksen. Baker eagerly discussed his differences with the congressional record of Ross Bass on farm policy in mid-October. Baker was critical of the congressman for not discussing farm policy issues and the Tennessean

was careful to point out Bass had yet to "formally" launch his general election campaign. Baker noted Bass had dropped off the House Agriculture Committee to serve on the Ways and Means Committee. "Had I served on the agriculture committee and helped to bring all this (parity drop and beef imports) on the Tennessee farmer, I'd want off, too," Baker quipped. Increased beef imports from Australia caused Baker to refer to Ross Bass as "the Sixth District congressman from Australia."

Speaking at the dedication of the new Gallatin Junior High School in Sumner County, Ross Bass cited the new construction as evidence America was a nation of people committed to education and expanding educational facilities in spite of "dire prophecies of gloom and doom." Bass told the 400 people gathered, "Witnessing the dedication of Gallatin Junior High School provides me with an occasion to renew my faith in the ability of Americans to build and progress." Completely air-conditioned with room for 750 students, the new facility cost \$742,000 to build.

As Bass campaigned in Blountville, Tennessee, he urged voters to "listen to the voice of common sense" and vote for President Johnson. "On the one hand, we have a man who says government is bad, that it is wrong, and we should not have the sort of government that has built the strongest defense in the world, and the highest standard of living ever attained in the history of civilization," Bass said.

As Congressman Ross Bass campaigned in East Tennessee, Senator Albert Gore stormed Middle Tennessee. Gore, like Bass, seemed to be taking no notice of his opponent. Dan Kuykendall lobbed a charge, demanding to know if the senator had received any campaign contributions from "The Council for a Liveable World", which was described by the Memphis Republican as "a left wing sinister group" which reputedly favored disarmament by the United States,

as well as granting admission of Communist China to the United Nations and allowing American citizens to travel freely back and forth between Cuba and Red China. The Gore campaign headquarters sniffed it would have no comment to Kuykendall's query. Senator Gore, after opening his campaign for the general election, insisted "the over-riding issue today is the preservation of peace with freedom." Gore swept through Fayetteville, Winchester, Manchester and Shelbyville during the second week of October.

Howard Baker, Ross Bass' Republican opponent, continued to fume the congressman refused to discuss the issues. In the Nashville Tennessean was the campaign organ for Ross Bass, then the Knoxville Journal was the campaign mouthpiece for Howard Baker. According to the Journal, Baker was receiving an outpouring of support from farmers who had backed the candidacy of Governor Frank Clement in the Democratic primary as the young Republican candidate campaigned in Rhea, Marion, Bledsoe and Sequatchie counties. "I've been a life long Democrat but I'm a farmer," one Pikeville resident told Baker. "Ross Bass told the Farm Bureau he didn't need the farm vote to win and as far as I'm concerned he's not going to get it. And he ain't going to win either."

There were just weeks to go before Tennesseans went to the polls to decide the outcome of elections for the United States Senate and the presidency.



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Tennessee's U.S. senator Albert Gore in 1964.



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## Sheriff's merit board, ethics committee on commission agenda

By Mike Steely  
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The process of hiring new Knox County Sheriff Department Employees may be adopted by the Knox County Commission. In the past the policy had been to send applicants through a physical and mental evaluation. The cost of doing the evaluations of every potential hire had been great and the policy basically has been abandoned.

The current unofficial policy being used is to send vetted employees to evaluation and then, if they pass, to offer employment. The Knox County Commission, in a request from the Merit System Council, is being asked to make the changes official by amending Chapter 42 of the Knox County Code.

Deferred in August the Second and Final Reading may be discussed during the Commission Work Session next Monday.

Along with that discussion an ad hoc committee is being named to study and evaluate the composition and structure of the sheriff's Merit System Council. Chairman Larsen Jay is requesting a discussion on that issue.

The Merit System Council consists of community volunteers appointed by the Knox County Sheriff's

Department. The purpose of the Merit Council is "To set forth and enforce a structured set of rules and guidelines to favorably influence the professionalism of law enforcement in Knox County through fair hiring, promotion and management practices: and to protect law enforcement personnel from coercion or loss of employment because of political activities of the administration."

The merit council employs a staff to assist them in these duties.

The current merit council consists of Chairman Jim Jennings, council members Jim Wright Jr. and Regina Oster, alternate council member Laschinski Emerson and executive director Paula M. Taylor.

Harrell Road Stormwater Park may be renamed Roy Arthur Stormwater Park. Vice Chairman John Schoonmaker wants a discussion on the ethics committee's non-voting members and Commissioner Justin Biggs wants a chat about zoning to allow planned development within the Rural Growth Area. Commissioner Charles Busler wants to talk about applauding Three Ridges Golf Course during COVID-19 and also Governor Lee's executive order during the pandemic.

## Crematorium on Western Ave. postponed again

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which would permit 24/7 reporting.

Russ Jensen, director of 311 and 211, said the current 311 call system was "built around senior citizens" but the new system will be "much more technically savvy" and permit point, click and send input that will also be geo-coded.

The issuance of \$30 million in Wastewater System Revenue Bonds was approved by the council as was Water System Revenue Bonds of \$17 million. Councilwoman Amelia Parker questioned the agenda items regarding the city and KUB. Mark Walker, chief financial officer of KUB, answered her question about unpaid utility bills during COVID-19. He said the utility system has lost about \$1.6 million in revenue but plans to absorb the loss. He said that KUB has \$4 million available to qualified customers and that the Community Action Committee has granted \$600,000 to help. He also said that TVA has pledged \$7 million in pandemic relief.

Asked when the new KUB Advisory Council will meet and who will be members of that group Walker said former Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons has been named as the facilitator and in January the Advisory Group will be meeting with the mayor to discuss the member selection.

Councilman Andrew Roberto had questions concerning the renewal of a contract with Waste Connections of Tennessee for the disposal of solid wastes at a Class I Land Field. Roberto asked why the cost is estimated as being less than the current contract. Chad West, public service director, said that two bids were received and the amount of solid waste being picked up has decreased.

West credited the decline in waste to the city's residential recycling program, which he said now serves 50% of the homes.

Patience Melnik, waste and resources manager, said recycling containers are available to everyone in the city but that the COVID-19 pandemic has hurt the container provider and there's a 4- to 12-week wait for container delivery to households.

The council also approved a request to up the amount by \$503,250 for the Jackson Avenue Bridge Ramps Project, bringing the total to about \$6.9 million.

Harold Cannon, director of engineering, said unexpected things came up during the rebuilding that could not have been foreseen. He said that unsuitable soil was found beneath the old ramps which needs to be replaced. He also said that the bridge supports uncovered were in poor condition and the foundation of the Armature Building is faulty and needs to be fixed. He also said that the project is being funded with federal dollars.

A rezoning request from the Piney Grove Condominium Association was approved for property at 942 Piney Grove Church Road, changing the zone from RN-1, Single Family Residential, to RN-2, General Residential.

The council approved the mayor's appointment of Beth Eason to the Historic Zoning Commission and Mary Thom Adams, Kiame Biandudi, Jasmine Newton, Brigid Oesterling, Marshall Prado, Kelly Sullivan and Marcus Wilson to the Maker Council. Reappointed to that group were Marianne Canada, Barron Hall, Forrest Kirkpatrick and Haseeb Qureshi.

# Madden earns fourth-degree black belt in taekwondo

By Ken Lay

Conner Madden has practiced martial arts for a decade and his dedication and hard work paid dividends for him again recently.

A little more than three years ago, at age 10, Madden became the youngest martial arts student in East Tennessee to earn a third-degree black belt in taekwondo.

Now, the 13-year old Powell resident and Grace Christian Academy student who studies taekwondo at Eun's Martial Arts, a dojo in Farragut, is a fourth-degree black belt.

He tested and earned the promotion on Saturday, Sept. 5 and was awarded his belt Tuesday night.

Madden, had to endure a multitude of tests including wood breaking and a multitude of sparring styles.

He was also required to compose a paper on the philosophy of the sport, which includes five tenets (Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit).

Those tenets of the martial arts have taught him much over the last 10 years, as he began studying taekwondo when he was only three.

He currently trains on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday.

"Taekwondo has taught me discipline and

patience," Madden said. "Taekwondo is to be used only in self-defense. You don't go around starting fights. You use it to protect yourself.

"If you see somebody getting mugged, you try to stop it by using your words first. But if you get attacked, you use it to protect and defend yourself and protect the victim, the person being mugged. This (the fourth-degree paper and testing) has taught me more about when, where and how to use (taekwondo)."

As a fourth-degree black belt, Madden can teach taekwondo to others and he said that's one of the areas where patience comes in.

"I like to teach others but you have to understand that some people may pick a move up faster than you and slower than you," he said. "Taekwondo has really helped me with my patience."

Madden also plays baseball and said that the martial arts has helped him there. Baseball is a humbling game and can really test a player's patience and perseverance.

"It helps when you're out there for a long time in the infield." Madden said about the connection between martial arts and baseball. "It helps when you're playing shortstop and you're doing hard work in long games."



Conner Madden, a martial artist from Powell, recently earned a fourth-degree black belt in taekwondo. Madden is a student at Euns Martial Arts Center in Farragut. Photo submitted.

Upon getting his third-degree black belt three years ago, he said that martial arts taught him humility. Taekwondo testing, Madden said,

has helped him develop his endurance.

"Before you test, you have to do a lot of push-ups and jumping jacks," he said. "So, it's helped me with my endurance."

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## Marcellus takes it to the house in Fulton's first win

By Steve Williams

Home sweet home never felt so good.

After losing three tough road games, Fulton made its 2020 debut at the friendly confines of Bob Black Field Friday night and got rid of some frustration with a 37-7 thumping of rival Austin-East.

The Falcons (1-3) will host Karns this Friday and then have a week off before continuing their five-game homestand against mighty Maryville.

Needless to say, Fulton still has plenty of work to do if it wants to avoid having back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since the mid-1990s.

"A win in this game was important to us," said Coach Rob Black. "We really needed one. I thought our guys were up for it. They had a good week of preparation."



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With teammates looking on, Marcellus Jackson does a back-flip as he leads the Fulton Falcons onto the field for the start of the game Friday night. Marcellus also had the Play of the Game in Fulton's 37-7 win over Austin-East.

"This is a rivalry game and means so much to our community because we are so close."

Fulton dominated the first half but only had a 14-0 lead to show for it. Electrifying Marcellus Jackson

quickly changed that by returning the second half kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown and giving the

Falcons some extra breathing room.

Fulton stretched its lead to 34-0 before the

Roadrunners got on the scoreboard on the last play of the third quarter.

Austin-East, which blasted Fulton 70-36 last year, is now 0-4 and struggling under first-year head coach Antonio Mays.

"I've got to do a better job at organizing," said Mays after the game. "That's not on the kids. That's on me."

"They (Fulton) played hard. I felt our running backs ran hard. I felt they fought to the end."

"This is a community game and right now I let our community down."

Due to mistakes and poor punting, the entire first quarter was played inside A-E's 30-yard line.

Quarterback Tommy Sweat easily scored on a 1-yard keeper around right end with 7:21 on the clock. Joseph Mojica added the PAT kick.

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

#### WEEK 4 SCORES

Bradley Central 35, Bearden 20  
Campbell Co. 34, Seymour 12  
David Crockett 31, Webb 7  
Farragut 45, Oak Ridge 25  
Gibbs 39, Morristown East 14  
TKA 54, Mt. Juliet Christian 7  
Carter 48, Lenoir City 28  
Central 53, Hardin Valley 21  
Fulton 37, Austin-East 7  
GCA 35, York Institute 0  
West 42, Jefferson Co. 0  
Powell 43, Karns 7  
South-Doyle 22,  
Anderson Co. 21  
CAK 45, Stone Memorial 0

#### WEEK 5 SCHEDULE

(Games start at 7:30 unless noted)

##### Thursday

Oak Ridge at West, 7

##### Friday

Greeneville at Austin-East

Maryville at Bearden

Gibbs at Campbell Co.

Morristown West

at Farragut

Dobyns-Bennett at HVA

Webb at TKA

McCallie at Catholic

Karns at Fulton

Carter at Halls, ppd.

GCA at Notre Dame

Central at Seymour

CAK at Silverdale

Sevier Co. at South-Doyle

## Bobcats come back to remain unbeaten in 2020

By Ken Lay

Heading into Friday night's football game, Central High School and Hardin Valley Academy were going in opposite directions. The Bobcats were undefeated while the Hawks were looking for their first victory in 2020.

And early on, it looked like they might have a chance to get it.

But after falling behind, Central roared back to nab a 53-21 win Friday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium.

But this was a close one early as the Hawks took a 6-0 lead when quarterback Caleb Smith scored on a 1-yard touchdown plunge with 8 minutes, 55 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

In the opening frame, Central, the two-time defending Class 5A State Champion, lost two fumbles and the first helped HVA (0-4) take the early lead.

The Bobcats (4-0) would rally back to take a 7-6 lead by the end of the quarter.

HVA would retake the lead early in the second stanza when Smith connected with Ian Salyer on a 20-yard scoring strike.

But then, the game would



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

With Hardin Valley defenders in his wake, Central senior Liam Fortner is off to the races for one of his five touchdowns in the Bobcats' 53-21 romp past the Hawks Friday night.

belong to the Bobcats and Liam Fortner.

Fortner would be the biggest star on this night as he would score five touchdowns. He rushed for 165 yards and four touchdowns on nine carries. He also had four receptions and a touchdown while accumulating

70 yards.

Central quarterback Ryan Bolton went 11-for-20 and amassed 227 yards and threw four touchdown passes.

Will Sliway had two catches, both touchdowns, and Deonte White caught a touchdown pass for Central,

which led 20-14 at halftime.

Hardin Valley did pull to within 27-21 on a 3-yard scoring run by Smith with 7:49 remaining in the third quarter before the Bobcats closed the game with a flourish, scoring 26 unanswered points.

Central coach Nick

Craney was pleased to see his team pick up another win. He, however, said that the Bobcats are a long way from where they would like to be.

"I thought the kids did a good job in the second half," Craney said. "But we

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## A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

## Powell has had plenty of success with its air attack

By Steve Williams

The passing game was clearly the strength of Powell High's football team through its first three wins over Beech, Anderson County and Fulton.

Sophomore quarterback Jordyn Potts completed 57 of 91 attempts (63 percent) for 976 yards and 11 touchdowns as the Panthers won two of the three in exciting comeback fashion.

Top receivers included sophomore Ayden Greene (18 catches, 281 yards and four TDs), sophomore J.J. Foust (13 catches, 226 yards and two TDs), junior Jayden Collins (12 catches, 212 yards and three TDs)

and sophomore Adarius Redmond (nine catches, 155 yards and one TD).

Senior Fernando Frances was the team's leading rusher with 95 yards and one TD in 20 attempts.

Defensive leaders included junior Cannon Lusby (32 tackles), junior Carson Whitehead (30 tackles) and junior Owen Peterson (28 tackles).

Junior Daniel Stanford had 20 stops plus three tackles for loss for minus 14 yards and one sack for minus nine yards. Freshman Steve Soles had eight stops



PHOTO BY CASSIE VAUGHN / FUL.COM

**Fulton defenders converge to stop an Austin-East Roadrunner Friday night. The Falcons notched their first win of the season, while A-E dropped to 0-4.**

and three TFL for minus five yards. Senior Jordan Brown made 15 tackles and pressured the quarterback four times.

Powell improved to 4-0 with a 43-7 win over Karns in Week 4.

For the second time this season, Powell has had an upcoming opponent have to shut down football activities due to COVID-19 concerns. This time it is Clinton.

Earlier, Greeneville canceled its Week 1 home game against Powell. The Panthers replaced Greeneville with Beech for a season

opener at home.

As of Saturday afternoon, Powell had not found a replacement for Clinton.

**COVID HITS AGAIN:** Halls did not play its game Friday against Tennessee High because multiple Halls players were quarantined due to potential COVID-19 exposure, Halls principal Spencer Long told families in an email Thursday.

Halls had lined up Tennessee High as a replacement foe for Week 4 after Union County announced Sept. 1 it was suspending

football operations for two weeks.

Halls also won't play Carter on Sept. 18. That region game is expected to be rescheduled. While games won't happen for two weeks for the Red Devils, limited practice will continue, Knox County Schools spokeswoman Carly Harrington said.

Just before the season was scheduled to kick off, Bearden had to shut down for two weeks and cancel its games against West and Maryville.

Karns also had to cancel

its first game at Walker Valley but was cleared by the Knox County Health Department to return in Week 2 after a player had a false positive test.

**KICK-OFF ALL-STARS:** The preseason honorees in this year's pocket-size Knoxville Area High School Kick-Off book are WR/DB Keon Smith of Austin-East, OL/DL Jalen Nevels of Bearden, TE/DE Noah Olsen of CAK, OL/DL Tim Flack of Carter, WR/DB Tommy Winton of Catholic, OLB Kalib Fortner of Central, TE/OLB Eli Percel of Farragut, QB/S Tommy Sweat of Fulton, LB/RB Bryon Shown of Gibbs, RB/LB Caleb Curico of Grace Christian, OL/DL Trevor Linderman of Halls, WR/DB Michael Spurgeon of HVA, RB DeSean Bishop of Karns, LB Cannon Lusby of Powell, RB/LB Noah Myers of South-Doyle, RB/DB Elijah Bane of Webb and RB Isaiah Mattress of West.

Central senior cheerleader Maddy Dishner also is honored as Miss High School Kick-Off.

**COMPUTER RATINGS:** Maryville (158.85) was the state's No. 1 team in the Sonny Moore Computer Power Ratings through Week 3 games. The Top 5

also included Ravenwood (157.01), McCallie (156.97), Oakland (155.13) and Alcoa (154.81).

Top-rated teams in The Focus's coverage area included No. 8 West (147.90), No. 17 Powell (142.17) and No. 30 Central (137.26).

**PREPS OF THE PAST:** Ten years ago on Sept. 10, 2010 – Unbeaten Bearden made its first road trip of the season and tight end Drew Williamson said after the game "we're not used to an hour and a half bus ride," giving a reason for the 3-0 Bulldogs' sluggish start.

Kyle Riemer hooked up with Williamson for TD passes of 48 and 28 yards in the first half to give Bearden a 13-0 halftime lead over Rhea County at Evansville.

Samuel Manuel intercepted a screen pass early in the third quarter and ran it back 37 yards for a TD to widen the lead. Then senior tailback Devrin Young tackled on TD runs of 51 and 85 yards later in the quarter as Bearden pulled away to the 33-0 victory.

You might say the game started as a yawner and ended as a yawner!

## South-Doyle rallies to win on 2-point conversion

By David Klein

The South-Doyle Cherokees did not quit Friday night after spotting the Anderson County Mavericks a 21-7 lead. The Cherokees' Noah Myers converted a two-point conversion try with 27 seconds remaining Friday to beat the visiting 4A Anderson County Mavericks 22-21. Myers had just scored on a 2-yard touchdown run to cut the Mavericks' lead to one. Down one, 21-20, and just aided by an offside penalty on the Mavericks, the Cherokees opted to go for the win rather than kick the game-tying extra point.

Initially, South-Doyle was going to go for the game-tying extra point. "We decided we had been running the football so well and stopping them the last few drives so we said let's just kick it and go to overtime," South-Doyle Head Coach Clark Duncan said. "And then they jumped offside. And they put it on the 1 and a half (yard line); so let's just go. It's one of those things where you just put it out on the table. Somebody's going to win, somebody's going to lose. Rusty Partin

(offensive coordinator) made a great call. Noah Myers, he's a stud, just stuck it up in there and offensive line did a great job. They grew up a lot tonight too."

Anderson County took an early 14-0 lead over the Cherokees on a 48-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Stone Hatmaker to running back Gavin Noe and a 5-yard touchdown run by Hatmaker.

The Cherokees showed signs of life in the second quarter when cornerback Preston Sisler intercepted a Hatmaker pass and returned the football 87 yards for a touchdown to cut the Mavericks' lead to 14-7.

However, the momentum was short-lived as Anderson County got the ball back and marched down the field to score on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Hatmaker to Joshua Godwin Miller to increase the Mavericks' lead to 21-7 as the first half ended. The Mavericks had forced three turnovers, two fumbles and an interception, in taking the 21-7 lead.

The Cherokees' offensive line was

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## Third-quarter romp: GCA pulls away from York after sluggish first half

## Rams' defense stifles Dragons entire game

By Bill Howard

With barely a minute left in the first half Friday night at home, Grace Christian Academy led York Institute 7-0. York had the ball in its own territory, and it seemed the half would end with that score. It appeared the second half would be another grind-it-out, defensive battle.

Then a fumble recovery by the Rams' Devan Coffey, put Grace in business on the Dragons' 40. A quick-strike pass from quarterback Cooper Riggs to Michael Human put the ball on the four. Another Riggs-to-Human hookup gave GCA a 14-0 halftime lead.

The Rams carried the momentum into the third quarter, scoring on all three possessions and pulling away for an easy 35-0 non-region win. Grace stayed perfect at 4-0; York, which plays in Region 4-3A, fell to 1-2.

"We started off slow offensively, but honestly it's good for us to have to work through that," said Rams' head coach Rusty Bradley. "And, you know, our defense was able to limit them, keep them out of the end zone and limit their ability to make plays on offense until we could get going. I was definitely pleased and excited and it was great to get the win."

After a subpar first half - seven of 17 for 89 yards - Riggs lit it up in the third

quarter, going 11 of 14 for 162 yards and three scores. For the game, he was 18 of 31, with four touchdowns and one pick. He didn't play in the fourth.

"I think it just being senior night...I think wanting to have a big night on senior night I think he was just pressing," said Bradley. "Once he relaxed and calmed down he was fine. I think that last drive in the first half helped. But just being able to get out there and relax and go play was big for him."

"Just changed my mechanics a little, just got more on my feet, and delivered the ball better," said Riggs, of his second-half improvement. "I was just missing throws in the first

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## Farragut upends Oak Ridge, 45-25

By Mark Nagi

It was a battle of two East Tennessee rivals with points and yards aplenty on both sides.

But it was one player in particular that stole the show.

Farragut got three touchdown receptions and two hundred total yards of offense out of senior Matt White as they defeated Oak Ridge 45-25 on Thursday, September 10.

"We knew that he is capable of a lot," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney. "We've had to put him in different places. But now our quarterback is coming on and our receivers made some plays, which took some pressure off of him. And our offensive line has gotten better, and we were concerned about that."

The game got off to a terrific start for the visitors. Mitchell Gibbons hit freshman Brandon Hayward on a short pass near the sideline. Hayward made a defender miss, then galloped down that same sideline for a 43-yard score. The game was barely two minutes old, and the Wildcats were up 6-0.

Farragut (2-1) responded with an impressive nine play, 74-yard touchdown drive. They stayed mostly on the ground, but the big play was when Dawson Moore zipped a pass to Matt White, good for 29 yards down to the Oak Ridge six-yard line. Three plays later, Eli Purcell pounded it into

the end zone from a yard out, giving Farragut a 7-6 advantage.

The Wildcats didn't have to break much of a sweat on this steamy night to take the lead right back. A five play, 78-yard drive was finished off when the Gibbons to Hayward combination worked again. Gibbons threw the football into double coverage. Hayward adjusted to the ball, took a hit as he grabbed the football, kept his feet, and finished off a 34-yard touchdown. It was 12-7 Wildcats with 4:39 to go in the first quarter.

The game swung back into Farragut's favor on their next drive. A 30-yard pass from Moore to White brought the Ads down to the Wildcats six-yard line. Two plays later, Moore hit White on a six-yard hookup, making it 14-12 Farragut, now with 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

Oak Ridge (2-2) converted on a fake punt as Preston Turner ran 26 yards to the Admirals 19. But the

Farragut defense kept the Wildcats out of the end zone. Then the Admirals offense kept on clicking. A 39-yard touchdown pass from Moore to (guess who) Matt White put Farragut up 21-12 with 3:30 to go in the first half.

The Wildcats cut into that deficit in the final seconds of the half when Gibbons found Preston Turner for a 15-yard touchdown with 17 seconds to go in the second quarter. The ensuing two-point conversion was no good. Farragut led 21-18 at intermission.

The Admirals accepted the second half kickoff and the offense wasn't slowing down. They marched 71 yards down the field and eventually Moore ran it in from a yard away. Farragut was up 28-18 with 8:27 remaining in the third quarter.

The Admirals couldn't keep Oak Ridge out of the end zone as Gibbons scrambled 25 yards for a score, cutting the deficit to 28-25.

But Oak Ridge had a

problem. They couldn't stop Matt White. A 24-yard touchdown reception by White made it 35-25 with 2:37 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter the Wildcats drove to the Farragut 20, but turned the football over on downs. Farragut's defense, under pressure most of the night, held the Wildcats to only seven points in the second half.

"We had to come up with some big stops," said Courtney. "Their quarterback is better than people give credit. He made some accurate passes. They are a good football team. We have a couple of things we have to clear up in the secondary but that's doable, fundamental stuff. We'll be ok."

The scoring was complete when Farragut's Schumann Xie broke free from the Wildcats 46-yard line. The ball was popped free at the 10, but took a perfect hop back into Zie's hands as he crossed the goal line for a touchdown.

The win was a sweet



PHOTO BY DAN HARRALSON.

**Farragut's Matt White (20) and Eli Purcell celebrate a touchdown in the Admirals' 45-25 victory at Bill Claiborne Field Thursday night.**

one for Farragut. Not only because it was against their rivals, but because it helped dull the bad taste of a 30-7 loss to West on August 29.

"I made it hard on us the last week and a half," said Courtney. "We didn't play like Farragut plays. We got down and dirty with it. I challenged them and they responded. I'm so proud of how they did respond because we had to play well to beat a good Oak Ridge team."

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# 'A Point of Pride'



By Tom Mattingly

It was on a Sunday night, Dec. 1, 1963, and into the wee hours of Monday morning, Dec. 2, that sportswriters, such as the News-Sentinel's Marvin West, were doing everything they could to find out about Arkansas assistant coach Doug Dickey. Dickey, six months past his 31st birthday, was apparently Bob Woodruff's choice to lead the Vols back to gridiron glory.

Never mind that News-Sentinel sports editor Tom Siler had assessed the coaching possibilities very differently in that Sunday's sports section. Siler had projected four candidates for the job, with none of them being Dickey. Siler wrote that Paul Davis, a Knoxville coaching at Mississippi State, Jim Owens at Washington, Clay Stapleton at Iowa State, and Murray Warmath at Minnesota were the likely candidates. Stapleton and Warmath were former Vols. A day later, Army's Paul Dietzel's name was also mentioned. It's amazing, even looking back today, that there

were no leaks up until the final hours, a bunch of smoke but very little fire. Nothing in the media reports had suggested Dickey was the man, even though more than one media member knew that Woodruff had had his eye on Dickey since their days at Florida. Media members seemed convinced some other, bigger name coach would get the job.

A standard research tool, the telephone, finally yielded the lead they needed.

A phone call to the Dickey home in Fayetteville, Ark., revealed that Dickey was on his way to Knoxville to become Tennessee's new head coach. It was a circuitous route, first by private plane to Memphis, thence by train overnight to Knoxville. (Yes, coaches, and other people as well, rode trains in those days.)

It was a hush-hush plan designed to keep Dickey away from all those nosy sportswriters.

Dickey was to arrive in Knoxville at 6 a.m. at the Southern Railway station, meet briefly with U. T. president Andy Holt, then meet the media later that morning.

It was a good plan, but there were several intervening factors. Dickey recalled

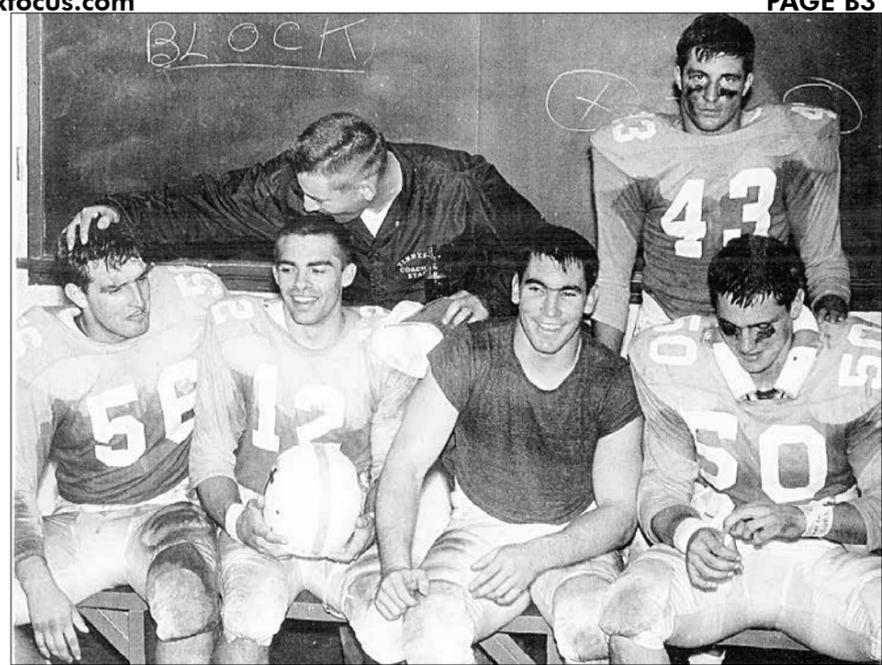
meeting media representatives either at the train station or on the train once it left the station. The Knoxville Journal had the first hit on the story that morning, a front-page story "above the fold," complete with file photo of Dickey.

Not to be outdone, the News-Sentinel had reporter Marvin West, then all of 29 years old, at the train station with his trusty Rollicord camera, and he managed to get a photo of Dickey and Woodruff once Dickey disembarked from the train. It was just a matter of persistence.

"At maybe 5:15 a.m., I go to the Southern Railway Station, and I'm waiting for the train," Marvin said. "I've been there 30 or 45 minutes, and Coach Woodruff shows up. Coach Dickey bounds off the train onto the platform with an overcoat on, maybe a 42 triple long."

Even at that early hour, Dickey had an impressive bearing.

"Dickey was tall, military erect, serious as all get-out," he said. "I have my little camera, and I'm going to make a picture for that day's News-Sentinel, before he's presented to the board, before he's formally hired. I'm going to get



Vol players Reggie Jellicorse (56), Charlie Fulton (12), Stan Mitchell, Frank Emanuel (50), and Harold Stancell (43) join head coach Doug Dickey in celebrating a 21-7 victory over No. 7 Georgia Tech on Nov. 6, 1965. Photo courtesy of the University of Tennessee Sports Information Office.

it in the paper somehow."

Then came an interesting little incident for posterity.

"Woodruff tried twice to get between Dickey and the camera to keep the news from getting out. Everybody in the world knew Dickey was the football coach. It just hadn't been rubber-stamped yet. I'm dodging one way, and Woodruff's moving the other, and I manage to get one or two shots."

"They confirmed Dickey as coach at 10 a.m., and we changed the outline between editions. That's

the story." The headline on the front page read, "Dickey Gets 4-Year Contract as U-T Grid Coach" and referred the reader to p. 1B for story and pictures.

Dickey signed a four-year contract at \$16,000 per year, a princely sum in those days, and equivalent to \$135,477.65 today.

"I should hope that within the four-year contract we could have a program U-T would be proud of," Dickey said, confidently and prophetically.

He began getting to that point of pride a year later.

Over the next six years, there would be a national title (1967), two SEC titles (1967 and 1969), and Jacobs Trophy blocking winners Hal Wantland (1965), Bob Johnson (1967), and Chip Kell (1969-70). There were also seven College Football Hall of Fame members (players Johnson, Steve DeLong, Steve Kiner, Frank Emanuel, and Kell. Dickey and Phillip Fulmer were honored as coaches). Dickey's overall record was 46-15-4.

That's a record any coach could be proud of.

## Lady Bulldogs find shooting touch against Oak Ridge, 9-0

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's girls soccer team entered the week in the midst of a blazing start to the 2020 season.

The Lady Bulldogs have lost just one game this year despite not being able to find their consistent shooting touch. But Bearden kept its winning ways going Tuesday night against a traditional soccer power.

And this time they buried their shots into the back of the net.

"I thought that we were really going to be in for a battle tonight," Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe said after the Lady Bulldogs routed Oak Ridge 9-0 early last week in a match at Turner-Allender Field. "The one thing that we've had trouble doing is finishing."

There were certainly no complaints about that, as the Lady Bulldogs (7-1) scored early and often against the defending District 3-AAA Champion Lady Wildcats.

Bearden's Janie Lewis started the scoring parade when she tallied twice in the first goals of the match. Her markers came in the eighth and ninth minutes respectively.

From there, the rout was on and they only thing that appeared to stop the Lady Bulldogs from scoring at will was the TSSAA's 9-goal mercy rule, which brought an end to this match, just after halftime, in the 51st minute.

Becca Roth made it 3-0 in the 13th minute when she scored on a left-footed shot from approximately 30 yards out.

"That was a shot, and sometimes, teams just don't recover from that," Radcliffe said. "Oak Ridge is a good team that battled with Greeneville (in the recent Bearden Invitational)."

The game might have possibly been called at halftime but the Lady Bulldogs, who scored eight goals before the break,



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS.

Bearden High's Hali Parker eludes Oak Ridge defenders Lilah Brown (24) and Aniya Fisher in a soccer game Tuesday at Turner-Allender Field. The Lady Bulldogs won 9-0 in a match called due to the TSSAA's mercy rule.

had several scoring chances go awry in the waning moments of the opening half. Still, they scored eight times and got tallies from Jordan Hellman, Brinley Murphy, Anna Biechler, Alivia Stott and Andrea Adkins before halftime.

Kenslie Myers ended things early in the second half for the Lady Bulldogs, who face a pair of traditional rivals this week.

Bearden opens the District 2-AAA portion of its schedule Tuesday when it hosts West High School in a showdown against two favorites to capture the league title.

The Lady Bulldogs host Kingston Pike rival Farragut Thursday night.

Kickoff for both games is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## Third-quarter romp: GCA pulls away from York after sluggish first half

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half. I played better in the second half."

While it took the Rams' offense most of a half to get going, its defense was virtually impenetrable throughout. GCA gave up only 56 yards to the Dragons for the game, a mere four in the second half. In the entire game, York did not complete a pass, and

three times turned the ball over on downs. Leading the Rams' D was linebacker Johnny Eller, who had 17 tackles through three quarters.

"Johnny's our leader," said Bradley. "He's a great player and I'm proud of him. He's been a great player for us for four years."

GCA took a 7-0 lead with 5:25 left in the first when running back Caleb Curcio

took the handoff, went right, cut up the sideline, then juke a defender at the five to score. Curcio, who carried only twice in the second half, had 66 yards and a score on nine carries in the first half.

The third quarter was a GCA Ram-rod, as Riggs finished each of three possessions with touchdown passes. The first was a 31-yard toss to Pierce

Browning with 10 minutes left in the quarter to make it 21-0.

Ronen McCarthy's interception of Dalton Barger gave the Rams a first down on York's 31. On third and goal from the 20, Riggs connected with Grant Warwick, and with 7:14 left, the score was 28-0. Riggs's 13-yard strike to Jared Long at the end of the quarter completed the scoring.

Grace now begins regional play (Division II, AA, East Region) Friday night, as they'll travel to Chattanooga to play Notre Dame. Bradley likes where his team is.

"We're where we wanted to be, we wanted to be undefeated," he said. "It'll be great to get into region play. We can't get complacent, and realizing that the real season now starts. It's about region play and

getting those wins. They traditionally have a good program. We were fortunate enough to beat 'em last year so they're gonna come in hungry and ready to play."

"We haven't had a good offensive game yet, and it's good to see our offense play well in the second half," Riggs said. "Our defense is playing very well. I think we'll be ready."

## Just too good for either to pass up

By Steve Williams

There was a mutual appreciation on both sides.

Needing a volleyball coach after Chris Hames resigned in December of 2019, Webb School Athletic Director David Meske was aware of Jerilynn Carroll's long coaching career at Halls High, and Carroll knew about Webb and its athletics program.

Carroll taught for 35 years and coached volleyball at Halls for 33 of those years before retiring in May of 2019.

"I really had no intention of getting back into coaching," she recalled recently. "My husband Randy has coached football at Webb for years. He has always talked about what a great place it is to coach."

"Webb has such a rich tradition and reputation for both academics and athletics, and the kids are awesome. So, when Coach Meske approached me about the position, I just couldn't say no."

And with that, a brief retirement from coaching ended for Carroll and a new era in Lady Spartans volleyball began.

Meske said last week that Carroll "was an outstanding hire" for Webb School volleyball. "She brings over 30 years of experience to our program."

"Jerilynn is an outstanding teacher who represents everything important to our



Webb volleyball program wanted Jerilynn Carroll and she couldn't say 'no'.

school," added the Webb AD. "She is hard working, intense and at the same time caring."

Coach Carroll set high and worthy objectives for her program at Webb.

"I hope to continue the strong volleyball tradition set by those before me," she said. "I want to establish a climate for working hard, being prepared and having fun playing the game."

Jerilynn pointed out this is the first time she and her husband had both coached at the same school in their careers and "that's been a lot of fun."

Randy Carroll was head football coach at Gibbs High for 27 years before joining the Webb staff.

Jerilynn also coached basketball and track during her time at Halls.

And for the record, Carroll - then Jerilynn Harper - was one of the best prep basketball players to ever play in the state of

Tennessee and went on to lead the nation in scoring in her junior season at Tennessee Tech. The New Market product was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

Carroll is one of eight new volleyball coaches on the local prep scene this season.

The others are Summer Roper at Austin-East, Susan Davidson at Central, Jo Madden at Farragut, Amy Herrington at Fulton, Maddi Trent at Grace Christian Academy, Kim Jenkins at Karns and Haven Anderson at South-Doyle.

Other new head coaches in fall sports this year:

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Ashley Schott at Bearden, Doug Cross at CAK, Nic Rizzi at First Baptist Academy, Jeremiah Tener at Karns and Marty Sonnenfeldt at West.

**FOOTBALL:** Antonio Mays at Austin-East, Justin Pressley at Carter and Nick Craney at Central.

**GIRLS' SOCCER:** Kiah Shaffer at Berean Christian, Jason Jennings at Concord Christian and Kristen Lyons at Farragut.

**GOLF:** Matt Grabowski at Berean Christian, Patrick Carter at Career Magnet Academy and Donnie Cooper at CAK (added boys' golf this year).

# Prep cross country meets adjusting to pandemic, too

By Steve Williams

Like for most sports, the coronavirus pandemic has presented a challenge for scheduling high school cross country meets this year.

"Right now COVID-19 guidelines have us limited to waves of 50 runners, but we are hoping conditions improve and allow us to run a full varsity race in the annual KIL meet," said Don Madgett of the Metro Knoxville Cross Country Coaches Association recently. "I support the cautious approach but hope things turn around."

The first of three weeks of smaller meets was held last week.

"We plan to have four meets a week to provide smaller meets during the pandemic," said Madgett. "We plan to run at Melton Hill Park, Johnson University, Knoxville Livestock Center and William Blount High School."

The first "smaller meet" was held last Thursday at the Knoxville



Livestock Center in Mascot, a new cross country course.

"The Metro Knoxville Association is doing a great job at offering a selection of meets with lower number of participants," said Tracy Peevy, coach of the Knoxville Ambassadors Homeschool team.

"Instead of the usual three to four meets offered in September, they are offering 10 to 12 meets with fewer teams."

The KIL meet is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10.

"We are waiting and seeing regarding the KIL," said Madgett, as far as the number of runners that will be allowed to run at the same time.

"Fall break starts October 12. That Saturday is our traditional date. We definitely plan to run then."

Riley Smith, Catholic senior, was the boys' individual winner in the first "smaller meet," running a 17:45 in the 5K distance at the Stockyard course. Webb (30) edged Catholic (38) in boys' team scoring.

Freshman Anna Graves of Webb was the girls' winner, posting a time of 21:09 as she led the Lady Spartans to the team victory.

Races are scheduled this week at Johnson University and Melton Hill Park on Thursday and at the Stockyard and Johnson University on Saturday.

## Eagles soar above Hawks 54-38 in MAC play

Gibbs and Hardin Valley had a shootout in their MAC football contest Thursday night.

The host Eagles came out on

top 54-38 over the Hawks in the Varsity Division of the Middle School Age conference. The win lifted Gibbs to 3-1, while HVA dropped to 0-3.

In other Week 4 games, Farragut sailed past Carter 46-6, West turned back Karns 32-12 and Alcoa crushed Halls 52-6.

In JV action, unbeaten Farragut defeated Carter 24-12, West topped Karns 16-6, Alcoa beat Halls 25-14 and Gibbs and Hardin Valley battled to a 6-6 tie.

Bearden, which is undefeated in both divisions, had an open date.

Week 5 games Thursday will match up West at Farragut, Bearden at Karns, Carter at Halls and Alcoa at Hardin Valley.

JV games start at 6:30 and varsity play at 8 on the high school fields.

## Youth football kicks off in Knoxville

The Knoxville Metro Youth

Football League started Saturday with 14 flag football teams, ages 6U, seeing their first game action at John Tarleton Park.

The KMYFL's tackle teams, with age divisions for 7U through 14U, kick off this week, starting tonight at Tarleton Park.

The KMYFL usually begins in August, but was delayed by about a month this year due to the pandemic.

"I believe we have 63 total teams this year across all divisions," said Nathan Nease, Athletics Coordinator for the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department. "We normally run between 110 to 120 teams."

"I think it (fewer teams) is mainly COVID-19 related. The only program we lost to the MAC (Middle School Age Conference) was West."

"We had some programs that aren't playing this fall and a couple of others joined other conferences that are closer to where they are located."

## South-Doyle rallies to win

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getting beat up early Duncan said. "We were getting beat up in the first half," he said. "Our offensive line was getting beat up. In the second half, we grew up. It was amazing."

"After halftime, our coaches got onto us about not giving our full potential," Myers said. "They said if you give me your full potential, eventually they (Mavericks defense) will get tired. Ya'll just gotta keep fighting. Can't stop throwing punches, can't stop fighting, can't stop running your feet, and that's what we did."

In the second half, the Cherokees' made a concerted effort to run the ball. Shawn Gary had several powerful runs that gained first downs for the Cherokees. The Cherokees' cut the Mavericks' lead to seven on Terrell Brown's touchdown run with 11:53 left in the fourth quarter.

From there, the Cherokees' defense did its part, keeping the Mavericks from getting another score and getting the ball back for the offense with 3:04 left in the game and the ball on their own 42-yard line. That set the stage for Myers' touchdown and go-ahead two-point

conversion as the Cherokees picked up three first downs and Myers converted a 4th-and-3 to keep the drive going.

Brown said, "Our offensive line really is what did it all. We just hit holes. We used our speed. They (Anderson County) just game planned correctly in the first half. Going forward, we need to start better in the first half. That's all it really is."

South-Doyle improved to 3-1 and hosts Region 2-5A foe Sevier County Friday night. Anderson County fell to 2-2 and hosts Region 2-4A opponent Howard Tech.

## Marcellus takes it to the house

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The Falcons used some trickery to tally on the first play of the second quarter. Sweat threw a backward pass to halfback Raysean Jackson, who passed to Jayden Jenkins for a 14-yard scoring play.

Austin-East moved the chains for the first time when Markeyis Billingsley gained 14 yards around left end. But A-E would end up punting after a six-yard tackle for loss by senior linebacker CJ Roach.

The Roadrunners threatened late in the quarter, getting a 12-yard run by Jon Jon Mathis to the Fulton 25. A fourth down pass,

however, was intercepted by Raysean Jackson at the 12 as the half ended.

After Marcellus' play of the game to start the second half, Sweat hit Daveon Shenault with a 25-yard pass to set up Jerison Gibson's 2-yard TD run at 9:14 and it was 27-0.

Catches by Adrian Roberson and De'Rondre Peebles moved the Falcons to the A-E 5 late in the third quarter and Mac McCovery took it in from there. Mojica's kick made it 34-0.

The Roadrunners got on the scoreboard on the last play of the third quarter when Keon Smith spun loose from defenders and

raced 81 yards to paydirt. Ezzulddin Fawwaz kicked the PAT.

Fulton put together a 12-play, 61-yard drive that culminated with Mojica's 30-yard FG with 5:18 to go.

The Vaughn brothers - Keenan and Seth - made some big defensive plays in the game for the Falcons. Keenan's night included a nine-yard sack and a five-yard tackle for loss. Seth also had a five yard TFL.

Daveon Shenault had a key interception after A-E recovered an onside kick after its lone score.

It doesn't get any easier for the Roadrunners, who host Greenville this week.

## Bobcats come back

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had too many mistakes in the first half.

"We also had a few mistakes early in the second half and if we're going to be the team that we want to be, we have to clean up those mistakes. You can't have the penalties and you can't have the turnovers."

For Hawks' coach Mike Potter, it was another tough loss. But he would find some positives.

"I felt really good in the

first half," Potter said. "We battled with them and we hung in there. We gave up a few big plays in the first half and gave up a lot of big plays in the second half."

"We don't have a lot of guys playing, so we just can't make that many mistakes. I'm not taking anything away from Central. They have a good team and they did what champions do. We just have to play like we played in the first half."

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## The Doctor is in

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### Alliteration

“Those who say they have no interest in the affairs of the polis (city-state), we say they have no business here at all.” (paraphrased from The Funeral Oration)  
Pericles of Athens 490 BC

I like alliteration and lately I have been considering words beginning with the letter “L.” Last week leadership came to mind in my spiritual journaling, even before the article in last week’s Knoxville Focus regarding Jim Haslam’s new book. Mr. Haslam is indisputably a Leader, but he writes that Luck played a part in his success. Respectfully, I take issue with that perspective. Luck is a mechanism to explain the inexplicable or, as I suspect in Mr. Haslam’s case, an expression of humility.

Several years ago, I described an old professor’s perspective of the leadership qualities of

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill. Professor Rufus Fears said a leader has bedrock principles, a moral compass of what is right, a clear vision and is able to gain consensus to achieve that vision. The success of Pilot Oil is strong evidence that Mr. Haslam exemplifies Dr. Fears qualities.

I remain intrigued why some people command the allegiance of followers. Charisma and communication skills are certainly important. Energy and optimism are also critical factors.

Teachers are leaders. We’ve all experienced good and bad teachers. Professor Fears did not possess GQ qualities, but I’d show up to hear him lecture on woodworking. His energy, command of subject and his storytelling, rather than dry lecturing, were unparalleled. It may trigger snowflakes and those driven by hatred, but President Trump has

the qualities of successful teachers and leadership qualities that Joe Biden does not possess.

In my opinion, Trump’s Achilles Heel is not his sometimes-indelicate speech; it is his optimism. I’ll offer two examples. After Trump’s election he thought passions would subside and left many Obama holdovers in government. They did not accept the 2016 election and continue in the “deep state” to sabotage his Presidency and administration.

And more recently are the extensive interviews with the journalistic guttersnipe, Bob Woodward. What could possibly go wrong interacting with such a Trump hater? Or, what benefit could be served? Perhaps the president has the optimistic perspective that reasonable people will be persuaded by Logic to be fair and do what is best for the country. This is not the case with the journalistic class who actually function as a Lying and subversive “fifth column” (look it up if you’re not familiar with the Spanish Civil War idiom). Fair and balanced is not the modus operandi of the journalistic class.

We are in the season to choose our Leader and the leader of the free world. Unfortunately, the qualities of leadership are not on the ballot. Actually, the

choice of president has never been more simple or clear-cut, and never more crucial as Communist China strives for hegemony and Democrat mayors allow their cities to burn and be Looted. Hatred is one choice. MAGA is the other.

As Pericles observed, politics is in everything. We are struggling to hold our church community together despite our bishop’s Locks on the sanctuary doors. I wonder if Liberty has been Lost to proclamations of “safety.” Methodism was in the throes of schism before COVID-19 and the proscriptions against corporate worship, singing and fellowship have accelerated the rupture. The Methodist bishop of a friend’s congregation even outlawed collectively reciting the Lord’s Prayer (while social distancing with masks). What manner of free man would follow such an infamous dictate under the ruse of safety? Thomas Paine once asked, “Is Life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?”

Livelihood is another L word under assault. All Senate Democrats received their marching orders and blocked a recent COVID-19 relief bill. The Dems were mad Trump opposed recent House measures to bail out profligate Blue states

and cities. But don’t worry folks, Congress and Government workers will get their paychecks; John Q Public can just “eat cake” as Marie Antoinette once callously opined. After her wash and blow dry, Pelosi flaunted much the same attitude.

It is Lunacy to think any Democrat or Joe Biden are political “moderates.” They have all made “Faustian bargains” with Leftists (not to be confused with modern Liberals, who are actually progressives). Make no mistake, the Democrat socialists, Bernie, AOC and her “squad,” now run the revolutionary Democrat party.

As I pen this polemic, I Lament the death of sports, politicized with baseball games played in stadiums devoid of people, in front of cardboard cutouts. There is a symbiosis between crowds and sports, analogous to students and teachers. Youthful students bring idealism and energy to the table, whereas professors add wisdom and insight to the learning milieu. Just as fans add their special enthusiasm to the expertise of athletes. Empty Neyland stadium and football is gone. Piped in fan noise to simulate an NFL crowd is a deceitful ruse, and virtue signaling/kneeling athletes kill their golden goose by insulting the flag and our country.

Lockdowns have not stopped the CCCP (Chinese Communist COVID-19 Pandemic). At the start of the pandemic, Trump listened to the scientists and experts and together we sheltered in place. But that was not enough just as leftists will never be happy with any concession because they are generally angry and miserable. We bent the curve by foregoing our Liberty, closing our economy, destroying livelihoods and accepting the estimated one hundred and fifty thousand excess deaths as consequences of the shut-down (drug & alcohol abuse, depression, suicide and avoidance of medical care). At this writing, deaths from COVID-19 stand at one hundred ninety thousand, if you accept the statistics.

Someday, I hope to be able to write again as an apologist for America. Someday, the war will be over because wars always end. The ancient prophet Micah wrote that we are “To act justly and to love mercy, [but always] walk humbly with your Lord” (Micah 6:8). In my opinion this passage implies a sequence to the affairs of mankind, including wars. We are to act justly and then behave mercifully and always walk humbly with the Lord.

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## Compassionate care is key at Smoky Mountain Hospice

Inspired to serve as a role model to others, Dr. Evelyne M. Davidson forged for herself a notable career in medicine. She currently excels as a medical director of the Knoxville office of Smoky Mountain Hospice and principal investigator for New Phase R&D. “Hospice work is best done by a team, and here at Smoky Mountain Hospice, I enjoy working with each team member to provide compassionate and comprehensive care to patients at the end of life’s journey,” said Dr. Davidson.

With New Phase, Dr. Davidson remains actively involved in the care of all clinical research subjects. She also presents informed consent discussions, evaluates inclusion and exclusion criteria, performs protocol dictated examinations, and oversees the coordination of each trial. Previously, she gained

valuable experience as a physician with Baptist Primary Care System from 1994 to 1998, and in private practice from 1990 to 1994.

Dr. Davidson served as an intern at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in 1987 and 1988 and completed a residency in internal medicine at the hospital in 1990. Though her career has been filled with highlights, she is especially proud to have joined her father in his private practice.

**How have you navigated disruptions in your industry to remain a top professional?**

I changed career focus in 2009. This allowed me to avoid a lot of the Medicare disruptions and the insurance industry shakeup. I focused first on nursing homes and then transitioned to where I am now in hospice and clinical research. Hospice is a

Medicare covered entity, and we don’t have to worry about insurance in clinical research. This makes my current positions much less stressful.

**What are two key behaviors/personality traits that allow you to be effective in your role?**

I think that I truly care about other people and I want them to feel better. I guess that involves a lot of empathy, compassion, and perseverance, too.

**What is the most important issue/challenge you are dealing with in your industry right now?**

Reimbursement from the insurance companies and the government.

**How do you feel your industry has changed/evolved over time?**

Physicians need to see more patients in less time in order to maintain their incomes, which is not an ideal situation.

**What new innovations or**

**technologies do you feel will shape the future of your industry?**

Electronic medical records have changed our industry tremendously, and we need improved office electronic medical records to help practicing physicians be more efficient. Also, I think, basically technology. We have a lot of tests available to diagnose illnesses, but the problem is getting reimbursement for those tests or permission to perform them. You have to get prior approval for so many things these days — insurance companies call it saving money, but the physicians don’t think like that. We have to try to explain to clerical people what is going on with patients’ cases, and these people have no medical knowledge. It is very frustrating for physicians.

**What excites you the most about your industry?**



Evelyne M. Davidson, MD  
Internist, Principal Investigator

The development of new medications. Hopefully, we are on the cusp of finding out what causes cancer. Once we find out what causes cancer, then we will have a much better chance of finding a cure, and that excites me.

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# Pondering Appalachian words

Appalachia is a curious place to many people with its own language of sorts. Being somewhat isolated from the rest of the nation mostly because of topography the region's dialect developed somewhat unchanged among the Scotch-Irish settlers.

## More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

You don't have to travel very far out of Knoxville to hear words that "harking back" to our Appalachian forefathers.

My early years were spent on Crouches Creek in Campbell County where my family had lived since before the 1780s. Today the area is a subdivision of Jellico, Tn., but distant members of my family still reside there. My family moved 12 miles away to Williamsburg, Ky., and later to Florida, but the words and twists in the English language I encountered in my early years stay with me.

When I moved back years later and ran the local newspaper, my sons and I would often visit my elderly grandmother on Crouches Creek. Occasionally I would have to interpret her words for my sons, who grew up around the nation as I moved from reporting jobs here and there.

"Harking back" or "Harkin" means to remember or looking back.

"Foundering" was one of those words she and my mom would use to mean to overdo a food or

habit to a point of exhaustion. Eat beans everyday and getting tired of beans was to "founder" on them. The regular definition usually means water overtaking a boat and it sinking slowly.

"Ponder" is

to think deeply on a subject or wonder, such as, "I ponder if Cousin Dennis is coming in for the holidays."

"Reckon" means I think so, as in "I reckon the snow is waiting for a patching."

"Patching" as in repairing a cloth or clothing, means just that, as in a slight snow stopping with a heavier snow on the way.

"Narry" or "Nairy" means none as in "I don't believe narry one of them politicians."

"Britches" means pants, "Fixin" is to get ready for, "Poke" is a bag or wild salad plant, and "Pop or Sody Pop" means a soft drink. Usually "Coke" cover all Sody Pops.

"Allow" means to suppose, as in, "I allow the truth will be this holler will disappear into a subdivision."

"A coon's age" simply means in a long time, such as, "We ain't see your sorry uncle in a coon's age." "Sorry" means something of very little value.

"Leather Britches" are dried green beans.

"Mess" is a batch, as in cooking, like "I'll rustle you up a mess of leather britches," and "rustle up" means to prepare a food.

"Blue Streak" means very fast as in talking. "Green with envy" means very envious and "purple passion" means with a intense emotion. Such as, "He talked in a blue streak and I was green with envy but really I hated him with a purple passion."

"Festering" means to become infected or get worse, such as "That argument between them neighbors is festering."

The language and word usage is changing quickly in our region because of new people, television, internet and education. The disappearance

of some words and meanings is being lost as our older population passes on.

*As a young man I listened to my grandmother's stories and interpreted her Appalachian terms for my two sons.*



# What You Need to Know When Considering Senior Living

Senior Living is a healthy choice older adults make to achieve greater opportunities to extend life, help reduce stress, and make life more meaningful as we age. Research shows that older adults who live in a community setting live longer and experience a greater sense of well-being than those who are isolated by living alone. Isolated Seniors are among the least healthy of all older adults.

There are many benefits to choosing a Senior Living community. The most valuable include maintaining independence that facilitates staying active while discovering new interests, cultivating networks of new friendships, and gaining support that reduces the stress of day to day living.

How we age can be determined by the lifestyle choices we make. Choosing a Senior Living lifestyle to maintain independence enhances many aspects of wellness. Physical wellness is an active part of the Senior Living Lifestyle offered through communities. Physical activities such as daily exercise classes, walking groups, and games supporting fitness keep seniors moving, reduce depression and anxiety, and helps manage stress. Ensuring proper nutrition and a daily balanced diet contributes to healthy bones, controlled diabetes, and maintaining muscle strength. Communities can provide a variety of healthy meal options to support physical well-being.

Daily opportunities to engage in social, cultural and educational events give Seniors the much-needed social wellness benefit of Senior Living. As Seniors age, the natural process of

losing social connections due to the loss of friends and loved ones has a tremendous impact on a Senior's progression to increased isolation. At any age, people need people! Strong social networks promote proper balance with Blood Pressure, better sleep patterns, improved mood and positive emotional well-being. The Senior Living Lifestyle offers valuable companionship and the opportunity for new friends in a community setting.

Having a sense of purpose cultivates the benefit of spiritual wellness in Senior Living Communities. Purpose and connectivity within a Senior Community allow the aging person to discover those things that are most meaningful in life. Elderly people who use their spiritual connections as a valuable tool when making decisions, coping with stress, or healing from disease and illness, find greater peace, happiness, and a healthy positivity in life.

Now that you have a better understanding about considering Senior Living, you can take your next steps. Enlist the help of trusted family members or a friend who can help you make this decision. Schedule tours with potential Senior Living communities and find out which setting is the best choice for you. Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Long Term Care or even short stay respite are options to consider for living an exceptional life now. You can call us today at 865-675-7050 or 865-687-0033 and let us help you explore the best choices for your future lifestyle.

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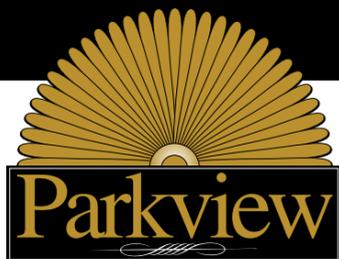
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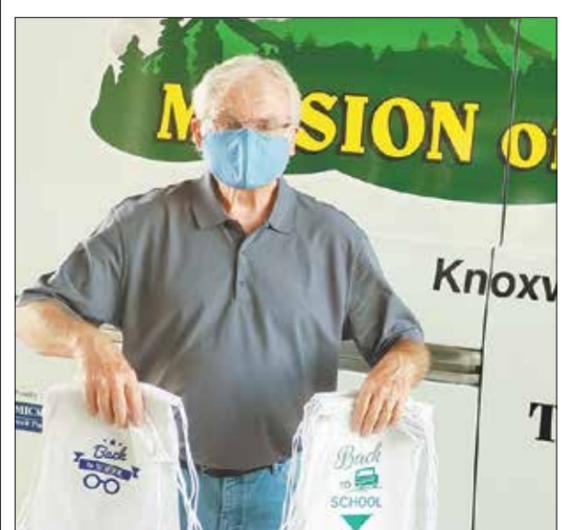
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or too expensive. Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs October 15 through December 7. Whether you are a new enrollee or have been on Medicare for years, AEP is a critical time to evaluate

all the Medicare options available to you and make changes to your plan without penalty.

Even if you're happy with your coverage, Medicare plans change every year. Are your healthcare providers still in your network? Does your plan cover you when you travel? With several types of plans, supplements and degrees of coverage, deciding on the Medicare plan that meets your needs can be overwhelming. This is where Senior Financial Group can help. Our local, independent agents can provide you with a free

personalized plan comparison that reviews all your health coverage options and helps you determine which Medicare Insurance Plan provides the right amount coverage, at the right price.

Senior Financial Group offers our services at no cost and we offer individual appointments by phone or by virtual meeting. We also hold free monthly webinars to educate individuals turning 65 to help simplify the Medicare enrollment process. Our next online Medicare Education workshop is September 17, with two more

in October. Call (865) 777-0153 to reserve your spot.

If you're not ready for a free consultation, consider Senior Financial Group's Medicare coverage checklist to see if any adjustments should be made during AEP.

- Effectiveness of your Current Plan: Is your current plan offering you the best coverage at the best price? Are your current prescription medications still covered by your Part D plan? During AEP, current Medicare beneficiaries can change their plan to one that better meets their needs.

- Costs: Costs will fluctuate between plans and it is important to understand the out-of-pocket expense associated with each. Does your plan limit your annual out-of-pocket costs? Original Medicare does not have a cap on out-of-pocket spending each year and does not cover prescription drugs, vision, hearing or dental.

- Prescription Drug Coverage: Prescription drugs can be one of the largest expenses during retirement. Not only could you pay thousands in out-of-pocket costs without the right coverage, many people don't realize that drug premiums and approved drug formularies change annually. If you don't check your current medications against the plans approved for the upcoming year, you could be stuck with an overpriced plan. AEP is the ONLY opportunity to update your drug plan without a penalty.

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### COURT NOTICES

#### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. CE-29119

In Re: Peyton Alexis Willis  
Errica Monique Willis Parks and Dustin Dewayne Parks Petitioner(s)

vs.  
Darren Tarveres Filer Respondent(s)

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition, which is sworn to, that the respondent, Darren Tarveres Filer is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee or whose whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary process cannot be served upon her. Said respondent must file an Answer in the Circuit Court for Blount County, at Maryville, Tennessee, and with plaintiffs attorney, W. Phillip Reed whose address is 202 S. Washington Street, Maryville, TN 37804 within 30 days of the last date of publication or a Judgment by Default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to respondent.

This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four successive weeks.

This the 5th day of August, 2020.

STEPHEN S. OGLE, CLERK & MASTER  
Selena Sutura-Strong, Deputy Clerk

Attorney: W. Phillip Reed

#### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TIMOTHY F. BESHEA AND MARC ERIC SPEARS;  
IN RE: YVONNE S. BESHEA v. UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TIMOTHY F. BESHEA AND MARC ERIC SPEARS  
NO. 200865-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TIMOTHY F. BESHEA AND MARC ERIC SPEARS are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TIMOTHY F. BESHEA AND MARC ERIC SPEARS it is ordered that said defendants UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TIMOTHY F. BESHEA AND MARC ERIC SPEARS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark, an Attorneys whose address is, 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore,

Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 24th day of August, 2020.

Clerk and Master

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EMMA ALMEDA PARTAIN  
DOCKET NUMBER 83265-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EMMA ALMEDA PARTAIN who died Jun 21, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25 day of AUGUST, 2020

ESTATE OF EMMA ALMEDA PARTAIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MINDA STURM; EXECUTRIX  
444 TUDOR BOULEVARD  
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CHARLES M FINN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
P.O. BOX 629  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH PHIPPS  
DOCKET NUMBER 83275-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRIAN KEITH PHIPPS who died Jul 13, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 17 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH PHIPPS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KERRI PHIPPS; ADMINISTRATRIX 2508 MAPLE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ROBIN MCNABB ATTORNEY AT LAW  
625 S GAY STREET, SUITE 160  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN PONCE  
DOCKET NUMBER 83312-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN PONCE who died Jun 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 17 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF EVELYN PONCE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARK A PONCE; EXECUTOR  
1540 PINE SPRINGS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

GREGORY C LOGUE  
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P.O. BOX 900  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK A RAGAN, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 83331-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARK A RAGAN, SR. who died May 2, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates

prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 13 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARK A RAGAN, SR.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BEATRICE SELLERS  
DOCKET NUMBER 83393-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEATRICE SELLERS who died Apr 17, 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 26 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF BEATRICE SELLERS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GREGORY JASON DYER; CO-EXECUTOR 165 LENZ DRIVE KODAK, TN. 37764

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R SINGLETON  
DOCKET NUMBER 83383-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELIZABETH R SINGLETON who died Jul 15, 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 24 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH R SINGLETON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PAMELA M SINGLETON; ADMINISTRATRIX 1860 HIGHWAY 230 WAVERLY, TN. 37185

P NEWMAN BANKSTON ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2047 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD "DICK" TOWE  
DOCKET NUMBER 83190-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLARENCE RICHARD "DICK" TOWE who died Jun 23, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 17 day of AUGUST, 2020

ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD "DICK" TOWE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BARBARA JEAN LEECH DAVIDSON; 2911 SCOTTISH PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

EXECUTRIX M SUE WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RANDALL COREY VESS

DOCKET NUMBER 83360-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RANDALL COREY VESS who died Jun 3, 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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(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 20 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF RANDALL COREY VESS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JANE B VESS; ADMINISTRATRIX 551 ENGLISH VILLAGE WAY, UNIT 911 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER WADE  
DOCKET NUMBER 83343-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of AUGUST 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN CHRISTOPHER WADE 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 17 day of AUGUST, 2020.

ESTATE OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER WADE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) CHRISTOPHER GAGE WADE; ADMINISTRATOR 1152 N UNION GROVE ROAD MARYVILLE, TN. 37701

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