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Eddie Mannis ‘ready to go to work’ in state house



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Republican Eddie Mannis makes his victory speech after winning the District 18 Seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives Tuesday night at the Crowne Plaza.

By Ken Lay

Eddie Mannis has had very little time off recently and his hard work paid off Tuesday night. Mannis is headed to Nashville to represent District 18 in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Mannis defeated Democrat Virginia Couch and his victory culminates a stint of more than a year on the campaign trail.

Mannis, a Knoxville business man, entered the house race after a failed attempt to become city mayor. Three months after losing that race to Democrat Indya Kincannon, he set his sights on the state house.

“I’ve always wanted to help my community,” Mannis said during

his acceptance speech Tuesday night at the Republican watch party at the Crowne Plaza in Downtown Knoxville. “This is the second campaign that I’ve been involved in over the last year-and-a-half and I can tell you that it’s been hard. I’ve been working 60 hours a week at my day job and we had about a three-month break (between) campaigns.

“The unfortunate thing about politics and political races is that you have a first-place finisher and a second-place finisher and I’ve now finished in both first and second place. This feels a lot better. I congratulate Virginia Couch on running a great race.”

Political campaigns are never easy

but during the August primary, it was obvious that Mannis didn’t have the full support of his political party.

When Mannis defeated Gina Oster over the summer, Knox County Republican Party Chairman Randy Pace labeled Mannis “a Democrat.”

Fast forward a few months and Pace and Mannis embraced on the stage before Mannis addressed the crowd full of cheering well-wishers. He won the seat previously occupied by Martin Daniel.

“I’m just glad that the voters spoke and we’ll do anything we can,” Mannis said. “It’s been challenging at times. It’s been discouraging at times and it’s been exciting at times.

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PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

Two rezoning notification signs mark the front of the former East Towne Mall. The abandoned mall property is being bought with plans for an e-commerce distribution center and the idea passed first reading at the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

E-commerce facility at East Towne approved on first vote

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The proposal to turn former East Towne Mall into an e-commerce distribution center received unanimous approval from the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening. Councilwoman Lauren Rider and Vice Chair Gwen McKenzie moved for approval after hearing from the developer, the Knoxville Chamber and others.

Community activists Kevin Murphy and Ronnie Collins were praised for their efforts to include neighborhoods in discussions about the project.

Doug Lawyer of the Chamber said the Hillwood Enterprises LP development, dubbed “Project Malibu,” will be a \$30 to \$40 million investment, and employ 370 high-paid employees and 370 contract employees. The design has been revamped in



Abandoned for years and a neighborhood eyesore, the former motel property along Asheville Highway will come down and be replaced with affordable apartments if plans pass a second reading next week at the Knoxville City Council meeting.

cooperation with nearby residents to become one and not two buildings, rework parking for tractor trailers, include Knoxville bus service, and rework the main entrance.

Ben Mullins, representing Hillwood, said the community is being

consulted and the new single-building design is less intrusive on the apartment complex above the abandoned mall. He said the plans for the 219,000-square foot structure would include a buffer, and will

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Veterans Day Parade cancelled but other events planned

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Wednesday is Veterans Day but, this year in Knoxville, there will be no parade. The social distancing required during the COVID-19 pandemic could not be followed and the local sponsors of the hugely popular parade have cancelled the event.

Annually thousands of people gather along Gay Street as various veteran groups, individuals, and supporters march down the street. The streets will be empty this year. Knoxville’s Veteran Day Parade is usually one of the largest such

events in the nation.

The American Legion Post 2, which organizes the annual event, notes that the parade has only been cancelled two other times during World War II. One local television station, WBIR Channel 10, is planning to air last year’s parade.

The ringing of church bells, eleven times at 11 a.m., is being requested.

American Legion Post 2 invites all local veterans to join with their motorcycles or other vehicles for a Veterans Day Ride/Drive through East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

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Some students struggle in Virtual Learning Program

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools recently announced that it would continue to offer both virtual and in-person learning for the spring semester, which begins Jan. 5.

But the first nine-week quarterly grading period recently ended and KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas looked at the grades assigned to virtual students and 21.5 percent of the grades assigned were Fs.

“We looked at the grades assigned at the 4.5-week mark and 9.4 percent of the grades assigned were Fs,” Thomas said during his report at the school board’s work session meeting Wednesday night at the Andrew Johnson Building. “At the end of the nine-week grading period, 21.5 percent of the grades

assigned were Fs, so that number actually widened.

“But the teachers in our virtual program are doing a great job. Virtual learning favors those students who have a strong support system at home and those who are disciplined and motivated.”

Thomas said that he looked at the grades and made his observations, but they results were not scientifically analyzed.

“I looked at the grades but this was in no way scientific,” he said.

Students and parents had the option to change their learning model but that window was closed at the Nov. 6 deadline. But as of Wednesday, Thomas said that 3,700 students had chosen to switch from the virtual learning model to the in-person model

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Loyalty to My Party

From a distance



By John J. Duncan Jr.
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The day before the second presidential debate – the one in Nashville – I got a call from the White House. The caller said his name was Brian Jack and that he was the political director at the White House.

He said, “Of all the former members of Congress, the

president thinks of you the most.”

This was a shock to me. Then he said the president got only 30 tickets to the debate and 15 were reserved for his family and close family friends.

But he said the president wanted to invite me to be his guest at the debate with one of the other 15 tickets.

I told him I was shocked, I was thrilled, and I was very grateful. He told me I would get a call about a time later with instructions.

One instruction was to go to the J.W. Marriott Hotel in downtown Nashville to be tested for the virus.

At that point, I had never been tested, and as I drove

to Nashville the next day, I hoped I was not going to drive over, get a positive test, and just have to turn around and drive back.

I was put in a group with Lee Greenwood and his wife who told me they had never been tested either, so we all sweated it out those few minutes until we got good results.

Lee Greenwood had come to the Duncan Family Barbecue in 1988 during my first race for Congress. Even though we had always said there would be no speeches in that event, he gave a great speech and ended up by singing “God Bless the USA”. He was a big hit.

Others in the group with

me were golfer John Daley, Kid Rock, who I heard of but know nothing about, and Mrs. Vince McMahon, the wrestling promoter and Chairwoman of the President’s Political Action Committee.

I know that millions hate the president, but he and Joe Biden have both been very nice to me.

But I have never voted for a Democrat for president and feel fairly certain I never will.

It may shock some of the haters, but President Trump is a very likable man. He grew up in the rough and tumble world of New York construction, and he is a very tough street fighter.

If you cross him, he fights back hard.

But I never had a reason to cross him. The president has said and done some things that even his strongest supporters wish he had not said or done.

But his policies are ones that over 90% of Republicans and probably half of Independents agree with and support.

Some Republicans did not support the president because of his personality and that is their right.

But I do not think highly of former Republican members of Congress who sought publicity to tell people they were opposed to President Trump.

They would never have been in office in the first place if the Republican Party had not given them their nominations.

I think they owe some loyalty to the Party that was good to them. It is all right to fight in a primary, but in the general election, if they cannot support the nominee of their Party, they should keep their mouths shut.

My Dad told me many years ago that once you leave office, people forget you about as soon as the ripples disappear after you throw a rock in the water.

It was nice to know that President Trump has not forgotten me.

Knox voters keep an elected law director

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“All politics is local” the saying goes and Knox County basically voted as expected even with a huge turnout of early and absentee voters. The deep red county went for President Donald Trump, new U. S. Senator Bill Hagerty, Congressman Tim Burchett and state Senator Becky Duncan Massey.

The county voters in both parties gave a huge “No” vote on Proposed Charter Amendment #1, with 169,498 over 39,538 voters wanting to keep the Knox County Law Director an elected position. That was a defeat for Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and his forces who wanted to allow the mayor,

commission and school board to hire their own attorneys.

Oddly the same voters defeated Amendment #2, which would have mandated a report from Mayor Glenn Jacobs to the Knox County Commission on any expenditure by his office exceeding \$ 100,000. Fifty-three percent of the votes were “No” votes with little publicity on the ballot measure.

In the 18th house District local businessman and founder of Honor Air, Eddie Mannis, had about 3,070 more votes than Democrat Virginia Couch. The race drew attention when some local Republican leaders challenged his primary win but the party apparently returned to him in the final voting. He got

54.85% of the vote.

Former Commission Vice Chair Michele Carringer bested Elizabeth Rowland handily, 21,420 to 9,506. She will be a new face in the Tennessee legislature representing the 16th District.

Another new face in Nashville will be former Commissioner Sam McKenzie, husband of current Knoxville City Council Vice Chair Gwen McKenzie. The victorious Democrat narrowly defeated two challengers in his primary but Tuesday he defeated Independent Troy B. Jones with almost 73% of the vote.

The other lone Democrat to see victory was incumbent state Representative Gloria Johnson who edged out Republican Elaine Davis by about 1,500

votes. Johnson won with about 53% of the vote.

Republican incumbent State Representative Justin Lafferty handily defeated Democrat Greg Mills with almost 72% of the vote in the 89th District.

State Representative in the 19th District, Dave Wright, ran unopposed and returns to Nashville.

District 18’s Republican incumbent Jason Zachary easily defeated Democrat Justin Davis with about 65% of the vote.

In the 6th District school board election Betsy Henderson won with 44% of the vote over Hannah Kirby and Rob Gray. She replaced Terry Hill who resigned school board to take her seat on the Knox County Commission.

Rules, CARES funds, appointments on commission agenda

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New rules for county meetings are on the Knox County Health Commission’s agenda for its work session today.

The Rules Committee has proposed various procedural amendments touching on public forum, order of business and the addition of agenda items. Another motion encourages applicants to appear during zoning sessions.

An ordinance to require the Board of Health to require a public forum during every meeting has been withdrawn by Commissioner Kyle Ward. The formation of a Committee on Health and Economic Well-Being, another effort by Ward, was approved at the last commission meeting to advise the county government.

Among other items that may be discussed are appointments to the Knox County Ethics Committee and the Sheriff’s Merit Board. Mayor Glenn Jacobs may honor firefighters for their heroic actions.

The Knox County Sheriff’s Department is asking the commission to authorize the acceptance of about \$5,000 for armored vests.

Whaley Construction LLC may be awarded a \$1.8 million construction

contract for Bishop Road at the Emory Road Realignment Project.

A company and a contract amount may be announced for repairs at Yarnell Road Bridge and \$122,200 may be approved for a survey and design by Cannon & Cannon for a roundabout intersection at Hickory Creek Road and Hardin Valley Road.

The Knox County Health Department is asking the county for an amended contract with the Cherokee Health System as Primary Care Provider for Children on TennCare. The health department is also asking for an agreement with the Metro Drug Coalition, approval of a contract for chronic disease prevention and management services, and an agreement with the state for immunizations.

The Finance Department is asking for acceptance of the federal government’s CARES Act for funding thorough December.

Also on the agenda is a resolution to extend the purchase agreement deadline with BNA Associates for the purchase of the Andrew Johnson Building through December.

Public forum may again take up most of the meeting with opponents and proponents speaking about the Board of Health and the mask requirement. Governor Bill Lee has extended the state emergency order until the end of the year which apparently empowers the Board of Health to continue issuing safety regulations for the campaign against COVID-19.

Changes in rules proposed for county commission

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The Knox County Commission’s Rules Committee met Thursday afternoon and discussed several possible changes to procedures and rules. One of the changes being passed onto the commission’s Work Session today includes the use of discretionary funds by outgoing members.

Discretionary funds are allocated every July and a commissioner may donate the funds to non-profit organizations or causes. The new rule, adopted by the Rules Committee, would limit the remaining funds of someone leaving the commission

during their last two months.

Committee Chairman Charles Busler told of two incidents where leaving commissioners donated all of their remaining funds, leaving the new commissioners with little or no funding. The commissioners are allocated \$5,000 each fiscal year.

Busler stated at the beginning of the meeting that, as chairman, he was going to hold the meeting to one hour. Members of the Rules Committee include Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Carson Dailey, Terry Hill and Larsen Jay.

The committee, in a split vote, also recommended to the full commission that emergency meetings be called only by the chairman.

Currently the county mayor or the commission chairman may call special meetings and the Rule Committee supports the mayor contacting the chairman to ask the chair to call the meeting.

Both suggested rule changes will appear on the agenda for the commission’s regular meeting in December.

Busler also suggested that the public forum in meetings be set at the beginning of the meeting of the full commission. Speakers during public forum will be asked to give their name and address. Some commissioners have suggested that local residents get priority.

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Publisher's Position 2020 Election in Knox County



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The 2020 election is history, at least here in Knox County, yet there are some interesting things to ponder in the vote totals. Who was the night's biggest winner locally? My answer would be Tim Burchett. The freshman congressman did even better than he did two years ago when he was first elected to the U. S. House of Representatives and that was after a brutal and hard fought primary contest. Burchett faced the same opponent, Rene Hoyos, and despite the mainstream media's and pollsters repeated assertion there was to be a "Blue Wave," it never came. Apparently political polling is soon to be a thing of the past as it was about as inaccurate as it was four years ago. Hoyos, who had told a meeting of Democratic women she and Burchett must have a pretty bad pollster herself. Hoyos had no trouble raising money and in fact appears to have out-raised Burchett. Two years ago, Hoyos won 33% of the vote; this year she won 31% of the vote. I like the direction Rene is headed.

Rene's idea the Second Congressional District is turning blue hasn't proved to be true and let's not forget, we saw a record turnout in voters. Burchett excels at one-on-one campaigning and has an able young campaign manager in Andrew Davis.

Rene might keep running for Congress every two years --- she pays herself out of her campaign treasury --- until some enterprising Democrat beats her in a primary, although I suppose she could go out and get a real job.

The biggest loser of the night wasn't even on the ballot: Mayor Glenn Jacobs. It was Jacobs and his cronies who prompted the failed ballot referendum on whether or not the law director's office should be appointed or continue to be elected. The result was about as unanimous a verdict as is possible in any election contest with more than 81% of Knox Countians voting against an appointed law director. That is actually a higher percentage of voters than it was ten years ago when roughly 73% of folks voted against it. Jacobs was likely urged on by his now former Chief of Staff Bryan "Let-Me-Borrow-Your-Golf-Cart" Hair and Mike Arms, who held the same position under former county mayor Mike Ragsdale. The Ragsdale administration wasn't the high mark of ethics in Knox County's history and "Golf Cart" Hair apparently read the How-To manual scribbled by Mike Arms. I've said it before and I'll say it one

more time: Mike Arms is to good government what Colonel Sanders was to the welfare of chickens. And with the Charter Review Committee being inappropriately stacked in favor of the point of view advocated by Glenn Jacobs --- appointing the law director --- it made it to the ballot. Of course, the Jacobians, led by that self-proclaimed genius of government and political strategy, Mike Arms, didn't realize the law director actually wrote the language for the ballot. Bud Armstrong, then law director, wrote the ballot question in language a three year-old could understand. I'm pretty sure our dog Sophie could understand it. Yet Arms, who was on the county's payroll as chief of staff for eight years, overlooked that essential part of the equation. Arms went from pillar to post to complain Armstrong's language was "misleading," which is akin to accusing someone of lying when they said it is dark outside at midnight. Arms, trailed by developer Scott Davis and political fixer John Valliant trudged across the street in an attempt to beguile the members of the board of education of the wonders they could work if they only had an attorney of their very own. As it turns out, the board won't be getting its own attorney for Christmas after all. Yes, Mikie, there is a Santa Claus and he put coal in your stocking.

The ballot question was posed simply and accurately and the voters responded accordingly. That 81% represented a

majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents in Knox County. That same 81% had to represent every voting demographic in the county and it certainly lost in the Black wards heavily, and was thoroughly rejected by everybody. It takes real talent to come up with something to which over 81% of the people are opposed. (Haha)

The esoteric arguments about saving money by giving the county commission and board of education their own lawyers --- and allowing the county mayor to make the law director his own personal and political attorney --- are going to sound pretty feeble for those politicians and would-be politicians who supported placing the Charter amendment on the ballot. The only halfway decent, albeit admittedly lame, argument anyone can make is they thought the voters had a right to decide the question for themselves. Well, decide it they did and it was defeated by a higher percentage than eight years ago.

Glenn Jacobs is a very personable man, but he has no institutional memory, nor does he seem to have a grasp of how to get things done. Virtually everything he has tried to do has not gone all that well. Leftists, angered by the mayor's stand on the county Health Department, sport signs in their yards stating, "The Wrestler Mayor is a Moron," while many Republicans are aghast as Jacobs careens from

one thing to the next. Just how much of Glenn Jacobs' administration's political failures are due to "Golf Cart" Hair and Mike Arms and company, only the mayor knows, but he needs to clean house before his friends burn it down around his head. That's where all that smoke is coming from, Glenn.

Another big winner on election night was Eddie Mannis, who was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives to replace Martin Daniel, who is retiring. Martin Daniel was a good legislator and Eddie Mannis really worked hard to win the seat to represent Tennessee's 18th District. Mannis had to overcome an tough primary with Gina Oster and a handful of Republican Party officials who questioned his GOP credentials despite Republicans like Tim Burchett and former governor Bill Haslam vouching for him. Mannis lost a hotly contested race for mayor of Knoxville last year and rebounded with a decisive victory over attorney Virginia Couch. It is my own opinion Eddie Mannis was the strongest candidate Republicans could have run for the 18th House District seat.

Elaine Davis ran a very good, although ultimately losing race, against Democrat Gloria Johnson, while GOP incumbents Dave Wright, Jason Zachary, and Justin Lafferty were easily reelected. Former County Commissioner Michele Carringer was elected to take the place of the retiring Bill Dunn,

defeating Elizabeth Rowland. Becky Duncan Massey was reelected to the Tennessee State Senate, beating Jane George, she of the unusual round yard signs. Sam McKenzie won the general election to fill the seat of Representative Rick Staples, whom he defeated in the Democratic primary. McKenzie romped to a big win in a decidedly Democratic district over Independent candidate Troy Jones, even though he didn't have the endorsement of Matthew Park, the runner-up to McKenzie in the Democratic primary.

Bill Hagerty won the United States Senate seat held by the retiring Senator Lamar Alexander, beating activist Marquita Bradshaw. Evidently Marquita knows something the rest of us don't know, as she's refusing to concede the election. Perhaps she is taking a page from the book penned by Stacy Abrams, the former candidate for governor of Georgia who insists she is the legitimate governor, despite losing by some 50,000 votes. The margin between Hagerty and Bradshaw was enormous, although the first Black woman candidate for the U. S. Senate as a Democrat carried Shelby County with 61% of the vote. Look at the bright side Marquita, it gives you more time to go sky diving with Matthew Park.

Eddie Mannis 'ready to go to work' in state house

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"But I'll go to Nashville and I will work hard for the people of District 18 every day. I'm ready to go to work. For the people of District 18, I look forward to being your voice in Nashville."

"I will empower and encourage young people to and welcome them to the party and we must work across the board for mental health and to combat problems like

opioids and suicide," Mannis said. "We must treat everyone equally."

Mannis was one of several Knox County Republicans who celebrated victories downtown on Election Day, 2020.

Becky Duncan-Massey was re-elected for her seat representing District 6 in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Jason Zachary will return to represent District 14.

Justin Lafferty will return to the state house to represent District 89.

In District 16, Michele Carringer defeated Elizabeth Rowland, winning the seat previously held by Bill Dunn.

On the national scene, former Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett won his re-election bid to the United States House of Representatives to represent Tennessee's District 2.

Sheriff employee loses county retirement

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Ronnie Kidd, director of the Fleet Service division of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, plead guilty to a felony in September. The employee was dismissed and he submitted a retirement request.

Attorney John Owings told the October meeting of the Knox County Pension and Retirement Board that Kidd, as a convicted felon, forfeits the county's portion of his retirement although he still qualifies for that portion he put in for his retirement plan.

Kidd plead guilty to conspiring with an inmate in a scheme to steal an \$80,000 Bentley but the thief was pulled over and confessed.

Owings said he had contacted Kidd's

attorney and confirmed the guilty plea. A sentence has yet to be announced in a plea deal. Kidd submitted an unsigned retirement request, it was returned, and then submitted a signed request. Kidd has 60 days to appeal.

Owings said that the pension board director has notified Kidd he would not include the county portion of his retirement. He said withholding the county portion is spelled out in the Knox County Charter and also said that Kidd is not eligible to retire.

"It an act of dishonesty," Owings told the board. He added that no action is required by the board on the matter. The guilty plea, Owings said, "made it easy for us."

"He was involved with planning a criminal act," Owings said.

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The Falling Leaves

Last fall, the leaves cooperated by falling from the trees early.



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I know that folks didn't appreciate that, but my work was cut in half.

This year's outlook is a bit dimmer. A couple of gusts have knocked some leaves from their

branches, but too many trees still hold leaves that are green and healthy looking. That means that I'll be working on blowing and mowing them until the end of the year when, once again, I'll run out of energy and surrender the war to Mother Nature.

The fact this year is that I don't mind the leaves so much. For one thing, I'm not working. The coronavirus has kept me from feeling safe inside school buildings this semester. The extra time keeps me from feeling rushed to get the piles of brown detritus from the yard. The rain has held off for the most part, so I don't feel compelled to remove the soaked stuff before it smothers the grass.

I like leaves much more now. For one thing, the fall smells from wooded areas are more acute this year. The combination of leaves and pine needles remind me of times so many years ago when Jim and I would play outside. A subdivision sits now where we roamed in the woods with other boys in search of adventures. We'd waded through knee-deep waves of leaves made by winds and time. At some point, one of us would let loose a loud squawk as a foot sank into wet ground that oozed up over shoes and soaked socks. That mattered little at the time as we concentrated more on the game we played or the imaginary war we fought with opposing

armies.

For some reason, I'm a much mellowed guy these days. The afternoons find me content to sit in a rocker on the front porch while I read a book, listen to the songs I've discovered by Keb Mo, or just rock and simply enjoy the weather and view. Leaves might be blowing across the front yard or through the woods on either side, but I just don't care. They'll be there waiting for me another day. Our dog Sadie pokes her head close to the bottom rail of the bannister to keep watch for critters that intrude or cars that pull in the driveway. She walks over to my rocker for a pat on the head before returning to her

sentry duties. Fall life brings a slower pace that leaves no longer spoil.

No, I'll never enjoy the worst fall chore of all: ridding the yard of leaves. Before that job is completed, I'll have gone through one prescription for an upper respiratory infection caused by the mold and dust from the decaying things. I'll have lost half a dozen or more golf balls in the middle of fairway as they hide in plain sight under leaves. Maybe a maturing mind and more contented spirit keep me from obsessing so much to never have a single floating leaf sitting atop my grass.

Happy fall!

Some students struggle

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and that 700 students had opted to change from the in-person model to the virtual model.

At this week's regular session Wednesday, the board will vote on whether or not to approve the schematic building plan for the new Lonsdale Elementary School campus, which is set to open in the fall of 2022.

Last week's work session meeting was the first for new school board member Betsy Henderson.

Henderson won an election Tuesday night to replace Terry Hill in District 6. Hill left the Board of Education and now represents the district on the Knox County Commission.

Thomas welcomed Henderson to the board.

"I would like to welcome Mrs. Betsy Henderson to the board," he said. "I know that she'll do a great job."

Veterans, We Thank You!

2020 brought us the coronavirus pandemic. It brought a presidential election. On November 11, it brings us Veterans' Day--the national holiday set aside to honor those who serve or have served in the armed forces.



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United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marines--we honor you!

I was intrigued by a 1944 photograph of a veteran--a young Dwight Kessel in Gulfport, Mississippi, Navy Diesel School. Kessel is the West Virginia native who eventually made his way to Knoxville, Tennessee. His fascinating story will resume in several upcoming segments.

With so much facing America in these turbulent times, it is more important than ever that her people pause to pray for veterans and their families who have often sacrificed so much for our nation, for our freedoms, and for a way of life we hold dear. Veterans, thank you!

Words of Faith: As our nation faces



Picture of Dwight Kessel, 1944, Navy Diesel School, Gulfport, Mississippi, courtesy of Dwight Kessel

discord and unprecedented challenges from many areas of our democracy, the often quoted scripture of II Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV) seems appropriate: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

What is an Annulment?

You may have heard of the legal term, annulment, as a way to end a marriage, but what does the term actually mean.

An annulment differs from a divorce, in that a divorce is a proceeding to terminate a marriage, while an annulment is a proceeding to end a marriage because the marriage was invalid from its beginning.

It is rare that people have the grounds available to them to have a marriage annulled. The grounds that would allow someone to request an annulment of a marriage are:

Insanity - a spouse was insane or unable to understand the nature of



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marriage when the spouses married

Underage - one or both spouses was too young to be married

Incest - the spouses are related, closer than first cousin

Bigamy - a spouse has a living husband or wife at the time of marriage

Duress - a spouse only married because they were coerced

Fraud - one spouse defrauded the other into getting married

Impotence - one spouse physically cannot have sexual intercourse, and

Denial of marital rights - one spouse refuses to live with the other or have

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council agreed to repay Middlebrook Farm LLC about \$450,000 for roadway safety improvements around Middlebrook Farm Lane and Ed Shouse Drive.

The council approved all three ordinances on first reading, amending the North City Sector Plan, approving Light Industrial for the site and rezoning the property from Regional Commercial to General Industrial.

The fate of a 67-year old hotel on Asheville Highway received a split vote but development plans passed 6-3 with Councilmembers Rider, Amelia Parker and Tommy Smith voting "No."

Developer Benjamin Mullins said plans call for the demolition of the old motel in order to build "workforce housing" with units aimed at people with about \$36,000 annual income.

The project needs one more vote by council to change the zoning there from Office to General Commercial.

The council also approved the issuance of \$130,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Part of the money will pay for previously-approved projects and \$60 million will simply go to refinancing. Councilwoman Seema Singh asked that the bond sales be divided and presented by category in the future.

In other business the

council agreed to repay Middlebrook Farm LLC about \$450,000 for roadway safety improvements around Middlebrook Farm Lane and Ed Shouse Drive. The council also approved hiring Pharmacy Services for the city's self-insured worker's compensation program.

The city code was amended to address limitations on the maximum sign size in Office Park Districts. National Building Service was hired to clean outdoor restrooms in city parks and the city government agreed to take part in a county school violence prevention program, kicking in \$464,624 with the county picking up 25% of the amount. The program includes installing blast resistant film on school buildings and renewing the at-school visitor management.

Zoning changes were approved for properties at 3110 Greenway and 1718 Whittle Springs Road.

Lynne Randazzo's appointment to the Historic Zoning Commission was approved and Rick Blackburn was named to the Downtown Design Review Board. Both were nominated by Mayor Indya Kincannon.

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Congressman William Anderson of Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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William Anderson was a rare commodity in Tennessee: a military hero who was a liberal, representing a largely rural district. After commanding the submarine Nautilus and making the first successful run under the polar ice cap surrounding the North Pole, Bill Anderson came home to Tennessee and entered politics. From the very beginning, Anderson was a political maverick. Anderson made an Independent bid for governor in 1962, rejecting the leadership of former governor Frank Clement who was making a political comeback. Anderson surprised Tennessee Democrats when he announced in September of 1962 he was rising above partisanship to run for governor. "I am a Democrat, committed to the principles of that party," Anderson said, "but the reins of government have been wrested from the hands of the people." In his announcement, William Anderson condemned "fraudulent polling practices and self-perpetuating leap frog government" during the Clement and Ellington administrations, which the candidate believed "have brought shame to the state" of Tennessee. Anderson had briefly pondered entering the Democratic primary, but thought better of it. Eventually, William Anderson changed his mind due to what he referred to as "grass roots level talks" with people all across Tennessee. The former Navy captain acknowledged the odds were long in winning the general election, but felt Tennesseans were more focused on genuine issues in the month before voting began. Anderson said he would kick off his gubernatorial campaign in his hometown of Waverly. Flanked by his wife, son, Michael, and father, the forty-one year-old candidate addressed the fact he had been away from Tennessee for sometime. "I do not believe that sweat and grime collected at a lumber rail in Waynesboro followed by 20 years in the Navy necessarily qualifies a man for governor."

"On the other hand, I do not believe these disqualify him. Nor do I believe anyone expects a man to give up his citizenship in order to serve his country. I am a Tennessean and my roots have always been here," Anderson said. William Anderson had been born on a farm in Bakerville, Tennessee, which his parents still operated when he announced his candidacy for governor. Appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy in 1939, William Anderson entered the submarine service and was decorated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for

his North Pole mission. Anderson saw action in both World War II and the Korean conflict before being named commander of the Nautilus and serving the last three years of his time as an assistant to the Secretary of the Navy.

With little more than a month before the general election, William Anderson began his quixotic campaign for the governorship of Tennessee, facing Republican attorney Hubert Patty who would become a perennial candidate for public office and Frank Clement who had been elected to two terms as governor in 1952 and 1954. Clement had been the first man in Tennessee to serve a four-year term as governor after the state's Constitution had been changed in 1953. Anderson campaigned gamely and surprisingly came in ahead of Patty, winning more than 32% of the vote, but ran far behind Clement, who won just over 50% of the ballots cast.

Bill Anderson was not done with politics and the death of Senator Estes Kefauver offered him a new political opportunity. Sixth District Congressman Ross Bass became a candidate for the United States Senate seat held by the late Estes Kefauver. Governor Clement had appointed Tennessee's "Mr. Democrat", Herbert S. "Hub" Walters, to fill the vacancy and promptly became a candidate for the Senate seat himself. Clement was challenged by Congressman Bass and William Anderson ran to succeed Bass. Ross Bass had been in Congress since 1954 when the incumbent, Pat Sutton, had run against Estes Kefauver. Anderson was one of seven candidates inside the Democratic primary and his most serious opponent was veteran Democratic candidate John R. Long, who had once been Tennessee's Commissioner of Insurance and Banking. Long, referring to Anderson's absence from the state while serving in the Navy, sniffed, some candidates "are such strangers to the Sixth they can't stand on the courthouse steps of any county in this district and know more than a handful of people." As it happened, a handful of people proved to be enough for William Anderson, who barely scraped by John R. Long in the Democratic primary. Anderson won by 317 votes.

The general election was merely a formality and Anderson defeated his Republican opponent, Cecil Hill, with almost 77% of the vote. William R. Anderson was returning to Washington, D. C. as a member of Congress. Almost immediately, Bill Anderson surprised some



Autographed photo of Congressman William Anderson of Tennessee.

by his liberalism and offering strong support to the presidential administration of Lyndon Johnson and his Great Society. Ross Bass had demonstrated some distinctly liberal tendencies, being the only Democrat representing a rural district who had voted for Johnson's Civil Rights Act of 1964. Congressman Anderson worked hard to represent the people of Tennessee's Sixth District, but many Democrats were never entirely comfortable with his political philosophy. Anderson faced a serious challenge inside the Democratic primary in 1968 when he faced John T. Bragg of Murfreesboro. Bragg won almost 42% of the vote and Anderson's percentage in the general election dipped almost twenty points from quite nearly 80% to less than 60%. Anderson's campaign was certainly affected by the three-way presidential race between Republican Richard Nixon, Democrat Hubert Humphrey and Independent, George Wallace. The former Alabama governor ran well in Tennessee, actually placing second behind Nixon with 34% of the vote. Nixon was less than 50,000 votes ahead, while Humphrey ran third with 28% of the vote. Clearly there were more than a few Democrats inside Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District who wanted a more conservative congressman. Yet William R. Anderson made no effort to moderate his stands on issues; if anything, he became more liberal.

By 1970, William R. Anderson appeared to be in good political shape, winning his primary with better than 90% of the vote and the general election with a whopping 82%. In 1971 the legislature had to redistrict Tennessee's Congressional districts and the Volunteer State was losing a seat in the House of Representatives. For a while, it appeared Anderson might be placed in the same district with Congressman Ray Blanton and things were changing

politically in Tennessee. 1970 had brought the election of Winfield Dunn as governor and three-term U. S. senator Albert Gore had lost his seat to GOP Congressman Bill Brock of Chattanooga. Republicans held both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate and the governorship. Anderson's dilemma of being placed in the same district with another Democratic incumbent disappeared when Blanton opted to run against Senator Howard Baker. Still, Anderson faced a determined challenge inside the Democratic primary from state representative Carter Witt. More ominous was the emergence of young Robin Beard, Commissioner of Personnel in Governor Winfield Dunn's administration. Youthful, vigorous, and a highly attractive candidate, Beard demonstrated a knack for campaigning. Anderson immediately realized his liberalism was a liability during a year when Tennesseans were aghast at the notion of George McGovern's presidential candidacy; there was every reason to believe President Richard Nixon would sweep the state. Indeed, Richard Nixon carried Tennessee five times; twice as Dwight Eisenhower's vice-presidential running mate in 1952 and 1956, and three times as a presidential candidate: 1960, 1968 and 1972. Worse still, there was reason to believe the size and dimension of Nixon's victory in Tennessee would be of epic proportions. Congressman Anderson had his photograph taken after obtaining a lifetime membership in the National Rifle Association. Nor had redistricting done Anderson any favors; several conservatives counties were added to the district, while others the Congressman had represented for years were shifted elsewhere. Republicans also realized Anderson was in trouble and immediately began planning to bring Vice

President Spiro Agnew to Tennessee to campaign for Robin Beard.

Anderson's opponent inside the Democratic primary sounded more like a Republican than a Democrat, thundering, "I think George McGovern and William R. Anderson are going to get a message when Tennesseans go to the polls." Witt warned, "There is a very definite danger that the Democrats will lose the seat in November if Congressman Anderson is renominated. They have to have a moderate candidate to win this district." Anderson won the primary with just over 58% of the vote and Carter Witt tried to remain a loyal Democrat by backing his former opponent in the general election. Naturally, Witt's comments about the Congressman had changed substantially. Witt said Anderson "is a man of integrity who is not afraid to speak his mind. I know from personal experience he is a courageous and tenacious fighter." Witt urged his supporters to vote for Anderson in the general election. It likely did Anderson little good when Massachusetts senator and liberal icon Edward "Teddy" Kennedy made his second pilgrimage to Tennessee to campaign for George McGovern. Many Democrats inside the Sixth Congressional District had not forgotten the inference in Carter Witt's campaign billboard, which had been plastered all across rural areas, stating simply: "Carter Witt - American."

According to the Jackson Sun, Congressman Anderson's reelection campaign in 1972 got off to a "slow start." Almost immediately, Anderson encountered hostility from some inside his own party. While touring the Hickman County Courthouse, Anderson encountered County Court Clerk Ed Dotson, who snarled, "I had two boys in Vietnam while you were helping to burn draft cards with the Berrigans," referring to the Berrigan brothers.


"You were defending them Berrigans when J. Edgar Hoover was trying to indict them." Anderson, "visibly" shaken "by the argumentative Dotson," managed to reply, "Somebody's got his facts wrong" before quickly moving on past the Court Clerk. A "dove" on the Vietnam War, Congressman Anderson later admitted to a reporter he had been the "target of much criticism for his support of the Berrigan brothers", Roman Catholic priests who had been accused of "subversive anti-Vietnam demonstrations."

Robin Beard hammered at Anderson's liberal record in Congress and stressed he would back the Nixon administration, not hamper it in Congress. Beard charged Anderson had voted against President Nixon's plan to bring about an "acceptable conclusion" to the war in Vietnam. "He voted in favor of letting the Jane Fondas and her un-American friends run at will to give aid to the enemy," Beard said.

The new Sixth District ran from the Nashville suburbs to those of Memphis. Beard swept the Memphis suburbs on Election Day, which had been included in the newly configured Sixth Congressional District. Beard won a convincing victory, taking almost 57% of the vote. Beard proved to be a highly popular congressman and eventually was the GOP nominee for the U. S. Senate against Senator Jim Sasser in 1982.

William R. Anderson remained in Washington, D. C. working with a technology company that specialized in helping congressmen better individualize and assist constituents. Described by his second wife as essentially a "shy" man who loved Tennessee and his country, William R. Anderson remained true to his own beliefs and tried hard to represent his people in Congress. Anderson's beliefs did not change with the political winds and tides. In the face of a surging Republican tide in his district and Tennessee, William R. Anderson remained a liberal Democrat.

By the time he died on February 25, 2007, William R. Anderson had been so long removed from Tennessee and politics he was little remembered, save for his having commanded the Nautilus. Surrounded by his wife and sons, William R. Anderson passed away peacefully at a hospital from kidney failure. There were no editorials lauding his service to his country and to Tennessee; there should have been.



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Thanksgiving Pie Drop needs your help

By Mike Steely
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The InterFaith Health Clinic's Foundation Board of Directors is reaching out to citizens and organizations to get involved in the "Thanksgiving Pie Drop" campaign.

The November fundraising campaign is selling gourmet 9" pies from Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop that will be delivered to anyone in Knox County. You can order a pecan pie or the "famous" I-40 pie. The pie or pies will be delivered on Monday, November 23 in a sealed box with a note. The donation per pie is \$100 and, for every pie ordered, two low-income people get free medical care.

The Interfaith Clinic is comprised of clinicians, business leaders and community

volunteers who work together to ensure uninsured working people in East Tennessee have access to affordable health care..

Formed in 1989 by Mary Leslie Dotson when she called together medical and professional people of all denominations, the InterFaith Health Clinic seeks to uphold the values of compassion, dignity excellence, integrity and stewardship. The group received a state grant and purchased the 2115 Gill Avenue clinic in the inner city, one-half block from the city bus station. With help from the former Baptist Hospital's renovation efforts a former meat market building turned into a medical care facility.

You can call (865) 546-7330 or visit www.interfaithhealthclinic.org/pie-drop.html.

By Mike Steely
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Kenneth Ford of Powell is proud of his family's military service.

Kenneth was the youngest son of grocery, furniture store and construction company owner Edgar Ford. During World War II his brother James, now 95, joined the Army. His brother Edgar (Junior) joined the Navy and his brother Elmer also joined the Army. James was wounded in Italy. Kenneth followed them into the service, serving during the Korean Conflict.

"I joined the Air Force in 1952 and was a flight mechanic on B-26s. I sat right next to the pilot on combat missions," Ford told The Focus.

"After that I served in the Air Force Reserve until 1957 and came to McGhee Tyson Airfield and started the 134th there. I joined the Air Guard full time



Three of the Ford family brothers were WWII veterans and Kenneth followed as a Korean War veteran. The Ford Brothers are, left to right, Elmer, Junior, James and Kenneth. With them in the photo are sisters Eva, Helen and Irene.

and served there until 1998 as the aircraft maintenance superintendent," he said.

"I served in the military for 37 years and seven months," Ford said.

"They were a wonderful family," said Kim Massey,

Kenneth's daughter.

Many men and women in our area are veterans with honorable military service. The idea that in a time of international war that four Ford family men would volunteer and serve is a notable and noble memory.

Veterans Day Parade cancelled *Cont. from page 1*

It will stage at American Legion Post 2, 5700 Old Rutledge Pike, at 11 a.m.. It will depart for the cemetery at 11:30 and return to Post 2 for a catered picnic at 1 p.m.

Local veterans are also being encouraged to contact their local schools and make an appearance there to encourage patriotism and military service.

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association will honor all military veterans at its meeting Wednesday at noon. Pat Polis, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, will be the guest speaker.

Pat Polis served two tours in Vietnam. He is the president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 in Knoxville. He is a member of the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame and a retired

minister. He and his wife, Gayle, live in Fountain City.

Veterans are admitted free to the luncheon and other visitors will pay \$10. Social distancing is recommended and anyone wanting to attend should RSVP to Sharon Jennings at (865) 531-9165 or email info@fountaincitybusiness.com. The meeting is at Central Baptist Church, 5364 North Broadway.

Various restaurants in the Knoxville area are offering free lunches or appetizers to local veterans. Some convenience stores will have free coffee on Veterans Day. Restaurants taking part in a free meal or courtesy card for a free meal include Pilot Flying Js, Calhoun's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Roadhouse, Shoney's, Red Robin, O'Charley's, Little Caesar's, Golden Corral, and Chili's. Some are serving breakfast or special menu items, some are

offering the appetizers or drinks, and some are extending the free meals for several days beyond Veterans Day. Most will require a military or veteran ID card.

Wreaths Across America and sponsoring organizations are also planning to be at some restaurants taking donations.

Veteran cemeteries still need donations for wreaths. Chris Albrecht, coordinator of the Knox County Wreaths Across America, told The Focus that of the 4,000 wreaths needed at the Governor John Sevier Cemetery only 1,299 have been purchased. At the downtown cemetery, 9,000 are needed but only 1,205 are purchased and at Lyons View Cemetery only 2,642 of the needed 5,000 wreaths have been funded.

Donations for wreaths can be mailed to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 50054, Knoxville, Tn., 37950.

What is an Annulment?

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sexual relations during the marriage

Of those grounds, I want to touch on the fraud ground. It is not enough for you to say, "well, I got married based on fraud, he hid from me that he was a total jerk and he also has been arrested."

I am sorry, that is not enough to get you an annulment. The fraud would have to apply to some key part of the marriage. Such as, one spouse cannot have kids, and they purposely hid that from the other spouse before the marriage.

As part of an annulment proceeding, you would file a complaint just like a divorce and list out the parties assets, their children, etc. You would do many of the same steps in an annulment case you would do in a divorce case. However, the main

difference, is that at the end of an annulment, you can say you were never married to the other person because the marriage has been deemed to have never occurred.

Now, in reality, the outcome of what happens, whether you get a divorce or an annulment, probably will not be that much different, but to some people, they would prefer an annulment as opposed to a divorce if they have the grounds for one. This can be because of religious reasons, or simply a personal preference.

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TSSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hardin Valley could be one of state's best ever

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley Academy's boys cross country team had already made a statement this season that it was the best team in Knoxville Interscholastic League history when it posted a perfect team score of 15 in the KIL meet.

The impressive numbers the Hawks put up Thursday at the state meet in Hendersonville make a strong case that they may also be one of the best ever to run in the TSSAA.

Hardin Valley blew away the Division I Large field with its 33-point total. Franklin came in a distant second over 101 points away at 134.

With three of the top five finishers running as individuals and not figuring in the team totals, Hardin Valley had the "2, 3, 4, 7 and 17" point-getters to cross the finish line. That adds up to 33.

Counting all runners, HVA junior Kaden Keller came in fourth place with a time

15:52.61 over the 5,000-meter course at Sanders Ferry Park.

Then followed senior Andrew Schultz in sixth (16:12.83) and junior Nathan Hillis in seventh (16:13.85).

After Farragut sophomore Trevor Coggin's ninth place showing (16:14.80), the Hawks had junior Mitchell McCown to come in 10th (16:15.19) and senior Alex Brittain 23rd (16:43.80)

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Hardin Valley Academy turned in a dominating performance in winning the 2020 TSSAA Large Class boys' state championship Thursday in Hendersonville.



Farragut quarterback Dawson Moore prepares to pass against Bradley Central in Friday night's Division I Class 6A first round playoff game at Bill Clabo Field. The Bears eliminated the Admirals 17-14.

Farragut falls to Bradley Central 17-14

By Mark Nagi

Back on August 21, Farragut edged Bradley Central in the season opener.

On November 6, the Bears got their revenge with a 17-14 victory in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs.

"Tonight is a big disappointment for all of us," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney, finishing up his 4th year in charge of that program. "We felt like we could have made a bigger run in the playoffs. But I love these guys and appreciate all the effort they have given, not only this year but when (the seniors) have done the last four years of our program."

The Bears accepted the opening kickoff and started their first drive at the Farragut 18. Javon Burke carried the football seven straight times, down to the Farragut 25-yard line. But the Admirals defense would hold after that, forcing them to turn the football over on downs. The Admirals got a couple of first downs on their first drive but had to punt the football away.

On the next drive for Bradley Central (8-3), Burke sprinted 76 yards down the sideline to the Farragut 5. Three plays later he ran it into the end zone from three yards away. It was his eleventh touchdown of the season, and Bradley Central was on top 7-0 with

less than a minute to go in the first quarter.

It didn't take the Admirals long to respond. Farragut quarterback Dawson Moore found Matt White down the middle of the field for a 65-yard touchdown only 14 seconds later to tie the game.

Defenses ruled over the next four combined drives with neither team moving past their opponent's 36-yard line. But on the Bears' final possession of the first half, they advanced to the Admirals' 16. A 33-yard field goal by Grant Haney put Bradley Central on top 10-7 at intermission.

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Gary scores three touchdowns in South-Doyle rout

By David Klein

It was the Shawn Gary show Friday night at South-Doyle. The South-Doyle Cherokee running back ran for 161 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns to propel the Cherokees to a 48-19 win over the visiting Daniel Boone Trailblazers in a Class 5A first round playoff game. South-Doyle will play at Davey Crockett Friday night in the second round of the playoffs.

"All week we were just really working on finding the holes, like working on how we were going to block them out," Gary said.

Following an early field goal from the Cherokees' Ewan Johnson, South-Doyle got its first touchdown of the game on a 38-yard run by quarterback Nick Martin. The score put South-Doyle up 10-0 in the second quarter.

Daniel Boone countered with a 58-yard touchdown run from Brennan Blair to cut the lead to 10-6. The defensive slugfest continued. Neither team could put any distance between the other before Gary ran for his first touchdown, a 9-yard run up the middle to give the Cherokees a 17-7 lead with 2:21 left in the first half.

Just when it looked like the Trailblazers were coming back to narrow South-Doyle's lead, South-Doyle linebacker Noah Myers intercepted a Jackson Jenkins pass and returned it 73 yards for a touchdown. The turnover broke open a close game and put the Cherokees up 24-6 at halftime.

"Noah's a stud," South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan said. "He's been a great player for us for four years. He said tonight I don't want this to be my last game and he played like that."

South-Doyle padded its lead in the second half. The Cherokees took the second half kickoff and marched down the field, aided by a 63-yard Gary run. He scored his second touchdown on a 4-yard run to put South-Doyle up 31-6 with 9:35 left in the third quarter.

Two minutes and five seconds later, the Cherokees scored again as Martin threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Berrier. The one-play drive made it 38-6 South-Doyle.

"Nick Martin has just come on to be a beast at quarterback for us," Duncan said. "He's throwing the ball with a lot of

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A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Halls wins in Cummings' return to Stone Castle

By Steve Williams

Halls High's football team notched a huge TSSAA first-round play-off win with a 22-15 victory over Tennessee High Friday night on the road.

Coach Scott Cummings' Red Devils came into contest as the No. 3 seed in Region 2-5A, while the host Vikings were the No. 2 seed.

The game was played at what is known as Stone Castle Stadium in Bristol, one of the state's most historic prep football venues. Cummings, however, was very familiar with Stone Castle.

"Tennessee High was my first teaching and coaching job," he said. "So I used to live there. Lots of history for me personally."

Halls' win sets up a rematch with Black Oak Ridge rival Central this Friday night at 7 at Dan Y. Boring Stadium and Joel Helton Field in Fountain City.

The Red Devils handed the Bobcats a 20-16 loss Oct. 15 in Week 9 of the regular season.

Cummings said the key to his team's win over Tennessee High (5-6) was "big plays. Our defense came up huge with an interception at the 1-yard line to put the game away with 55 seconds left."

Senior linebacker Sawyer Adams made the game-clinching pick.

While Halls (8-3) won a close one, No. 1 seed Central rolled to a 48-7 win over No. 4 seed Morristown East, a team that came into the game averaging 32 points.

The win lifted Coach Nick Craney's Bobcats, the two-time defending state champions, to 9-2 on the year.

"I expect, even with COVID restrictions, a sell out and electric atmosphere," said Cummings. "Central will have some revenge on their minds with us beating them a few weeks ago."

NO REMATCH: Powell vs. West II is off. The Rebels rolled to a 65-20 first-round win over Lenoir City, but the Panthers were sidetracked at Walker Valley 21-16.

STILL ROLLING: CAK improved to 11-0 with a 52-12 win over Boyd Buchanan in a Division II-AA playoff opener. Grace Christian and Webb, however, were eliminated.

PERFECTION: Christian Academy of Knoxville was one of 13 teams in the state that posted a 10-0 regular season record. It was CAK's first in school history.

The others were Maryville, Murfreesboro Oakland, Elizabethton, Davidson Academy,



PHOTO BY ELLA WILDS

Central's Melvin Kyle III celebrates a 'no good' field goal attempt by Morristown East in the Bobcats' 48-7 Class 5A playoff win Friday night.

Brentwood Academy, Tulsa, Peabody, Meigs County, Bledsoe County, Lewis County, Donelson Christian Academy and South Greene.

TOP TEN: Maryville and Alcoa were 1-2 in the Sonny Moore Power Ratings at the end of Week 11 and going into the playoffs. Moore's ratings include the state's 347 teams in

both Divisions I and II.

Others in the Top 10 were (in order): Murfreesboro Oakland, Lipscomb Academy, McMinn County, Elizabethton, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, Brentwood, Nashville Pearl Cohn and Davidson Academy.

Teams in Knox County and surrounding counties rated in the Top 50 were No. 14 Powell, No. 17 West, No. 21 Farragut,

No. 27 Oak Ridge, No. 30 Anderson County, No. 43 Central, No. 45 CAK and No. 47 South-Doyle.

GOOD FINISH: For the first time since 2012, Knoxville Catholic didn't make the playoffs this season, but the Irishmen ended their regular season with a 43-20 win over visiting Ensworth Friday to finish 5-4.

Five locals in running for Mr. Football award

The Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards will be presented to the top football players in nine classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Nissan Stadium in Nashville. For the 19th consecutive year, the top kicker in the state also will be recognized with a Mr. Football Award, regardless of classification.

Five semifinalists were announced for each classification and the Kicker of the Year category last week, and five players from The Focus' coverage area are among the group.

They include Kalib Fortner, Central senior outside linebacker, and Jordyn Potts, Powell sophomore quarterback, in Division I Class 5A; Webb School senior lineman Jackson Bradley and CAK junior running back James "JD" Dunn in Division II-AA; and Na'Kelin McAfee, The King's Academy junior running back and defensive back in Division II-A.

It could be an unforgettable season in more ways than one

Governor Bill Lee gave Tennessee high school football the "green light" to start practice on July 31.

A season that once seemed like it would never begin

because of the coronavirus pandemic ended regular season play for Division I teams three months later on Oct. 30.

But it wasn't without interruption or changes in schedule for many teams along the way.

In Week 1, five Knox County teams – Bearden, West, Powell, CAK and Karns – were sidelined or had their schedule altered by COVID-19.

Halls kicked off to visiting Gibbs on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:07 p.m., giving those two teams the distinction of being the first to play in Tennessee in 2020. When it was over, just getting to play



By Steve Williams

the game was celebrated more than winning.

And how long the season would continue was still uncertain.

In fact, Halls' season was halted

two weeks later after its game at Clinton on Sept. 4. The Red Devils wouldn't play again until hosting South-Doyle on Oct. 9 – over four weeks later.

The TSSAA reported 201 "COVID-19 wins" were awarded in instances where one team could not play a scheduled game due to the virus and the remaining team was not able to schedule a different opponent. That included 105 region games.

TSSAA staff members logged nearly 750 schedule changes going back to July 30. All changes to the schedules were monitored to track the games canceled, added

or rescheduled over the previous three months.

At least 14 of the 20 football teams in The Focus' coverage area had games affected by COVID-19 one way or the other during the regular season.

"We were not able to play two games this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and being on two-week quarantine," said Austin-East Athletic Director Alvin Armstead. "Those two games were our Homecoming game versus Scott County (Oct. 2) and our Senior Night recognition and last home game versus Gatlinburg-Pittman (Oct. 9)."

Fulton was one of the last local teams that had to suspend football operations as its final games against West and Oak Ridge (Oct. 23 and 30) were cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. The Falcons resumed workouts last Monday prior to the opening week of the TSSAA playoffs.

The post-season is underway now, but games could still be altered at anytime.

Travis Mazingo, whose CAK Warriors completed a 10-0 regular season and are state title hopefuls, deals with that feeling every day.

"Every time the assistant principal walks in my classroom or knocks on the door or catches me in the cafeteria and says 'hey' (and motions his index figure in a come here motion), I think he's going to tell me X, Y, or Z are all quarantined or contact traced."

In the opening round of the playoffs Friday, six games were not played due to "COVID-19 cancellation" and six teams advanced to the second round as a result. One of those included Maryville getting a "win" over Science Hill. Greeneville and Meigs County also advanced this way.

All in all, East Tennessee has dealt with the pandemic

better than any other area in the state as far as its prep football teams getting to play this season. You can see that by taking a look at the state's playoff brackets, where there were many "byes" in the bottom half of the Class 5A and Class 6A brackets.

These empty slots were created by Memphis area teams predominantly that did not play this season. On one list I counted at least 35 schools that played three or fewer games, including Whitehaven, Kirby, Memphis Central, White Station, Southwind, Wooddale, Germantown and Fairley – teams that have good football programs. Some didn't get to play at all.

Four weeks remain before nine state champions can hoist the gold football in the BlueCross Bowl at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

If the 2020 season indeed goes the distance,

state championship seasons for those nine teams will be unforgettable in more ways than one.

Gary scores three touchdowns in South-Doyle rout

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confidence and strength and accuracy. It's opening our running game up for him to be able to throw it like he did and has been, it's just going to continue to help us be a better football team."

Daniel Boone temporarily stopped the bleeding with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Jenkins to wide receiver Phillip Page with 3:35 left in the third quarter. The touchdown cut the lead to 38-12, but Gary shut down any possibility of a comeback with his third touchdown run of the game from three yards out as South-Doyle went up 45-12.

After Daniel Boone scored a touchdown, Johnson kicked his second field goal of the game from 32 yards to make the final score 48-19 South-Doyle.

Duncan talked about South-Doyle's upcoming second round playoff game. "We've seen Davey Crockett on film. We know we're going to play a really good football team. We're excited about traveling, love a good road trip."

Farragut falls to Bradley Central 17-14

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Farragut (7-4) fought back, taking the opening kickoff of the second half, and going 61 yards on six plays to the end zone. Schumann Xie took a handoff around the left side, then cut back and scored the go-ahead touchdown. That 17-yard carry, and the extra point that followed, put Farragut up 14-10.

After forcing a three and out, the Admirals had a golden opportunity to extend the lead, starting their next drive at the Bears' 23. But the drive went nowhere, a field goal was missed, and the cushion was still four points.

At this point in the game the Farragut defense was stepping up, forcing another three and out. The offense stalled again,

but a Brady Hodge punt pinned the Bears at their own one-yard line.

The Bears moved into Farragut territory, but an ill-advised trick play resulted in an interception by Farragut's Logan Foody.

The Bears' next drive though would not end early. A seven-yard keeper by quarterback Aiden McClary put Bradley Central back in front 17-14 with 5:29 left in the game.

The Admirals would move the football as far as the Bradley Central 15, but on fourth-and-5, Moore's pass sailed incomplete. Farragut would get the football back once last time. A pass from Moore to White on fourth down was good for a first down inside the Bears' 25, but White fumbled

and Bradley Central recovered. That sealed the win for the Bears with eighteen seconds left.

It was the most challenging season of these coaches' and players' lives. But the Admirals played all ten regular season games and one playoff game. Back in the spring, that looked to be a long shot.

"We were just hoping to get the season started," said Courtney. "Hopefully get two of three games into the season before they shut us down. But our guys did everything they could to play. We never had to not play a game because of COVID. We did everything we could. I'm so proud of them for trying to be persistent and the perseverance they had through all of this."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

FIRST ROUND DIVISION I CLASS 5A

David Crockett 63, Sevier Co. 35
South-Doyle 48, Daniel Boone 19
Halls 22, Tennessee High 15
Central 48,
Morristown East 7
West 65, Lenoir City 20
Walker Valley 21, Powell 16
Oak Ridge 30,
Soddy-Daisy 7

Rhea County 14, Fulton 0 CLASS 6A

Dobyns-Bennett 42, Cleveland 35
McMinn County 28, Bearden 7
Bradley Central 17, Farragut 14
Maryville 1, Science Hill 0
DIVISION II-AA
CAK 55, Boyd Buchanan 12
Goodpasture 28, Webb 21
CPA 50, Silverdale Acad. 14
Chatt. Christian 56, GCA 42

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

(Kickoff at 7 p.m. local time)
SECOND ROUND
DIVISION I CLASS 5A
South-Doyle at David Crockett
Halls at Central
Walker Valley at West
Oak Ridge at Rhea County
CLASS 6A
McMinn Co. at D-Bennett
Bradley Central at Maryville
DIVISION II-AA
Goodpasture at CAK
Chatt. Christian at CPA
DIVISION II-A
Nash. Christian at TKA

Time heals all wounds

The passage of time has a way of defusing nearly any controversy, particularly in athletics. Fans often look back at “hot button” athletic issues of the past, many times wondering what the fuss was about.

At the time these controversies arose, they were “white-hot” issues that engendered passionate debate.

Consider, for example, in the late 1980s, that Alabama and Auburn were squabbling over the venue of the “Iron Bowl.”

Finally, Auburn drew a line in the sand. Auburn would play its “home games” at Jordan-Hare Stadium, a seemingly reasonable request in some circles, an unreasonable one in others. Alabama threatened all kinds of repercussions, including canceling the series, and strongly supported keeping the game at Birmingham’s Legion Field, a venue seemingly ordained by higher powers.

The games are now being played on each campus at stadiums much larger than Legion Field, and the

rivalry hasn’t suffered one iota. Alabama partisans had once said “Never” to playing at Auburn, but the Tide now heads to Lee County every other year. Kirk McNair, long-time publisher of ‘Bama Magazine, wrote that, “It wasn’t every Alabama fan who had to go to Auburn, just 9,000 of them,” the number specified in the game contract.

The rivalry may be more competitive and intense than ever now, if that’s humanly possible.

Alabama fans did get in one last shot at the Auburn folks before the 1989 game, raising the specter of a Tide win in the first game between the two rivals at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

As expressed on bumper stickers and in other media, their sentiment was to the point: “Your ass on your grass.”

That didn’t happen. Auburn won, 30-20, but whole history of the “debate” is the stuff of which great rivalries are made. That victory was also loudly cheered in Big Orange Country, giving the Vols a share of the SEC title.

Closer to home, there were fans across the expanse of Big Orange Country who expressed concern and trepidation relative to trips to Auburn, Starkville, Oxford, and

Athens, instead of Birmingham and Memphis, or in the case of the Georgia game, not playing the Bulldogs at all between 1938 and 1967.

It always seemed more convenient to go to Memphis to play Mississippi State or Ole Miss instead of Starkville or Oxford, whether at Crump Stadium or Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. All three teams have strong fan bases in Memphis and West Tennessee, but there’s always been something surreal about Tennessee being the visiting team against a Mississippi school in Memphis.

It took the Vols until 1974 to play in Auburn, after years playing the Tigers at Legion Field. They’ve been there to stay since 1980, with the two schools playing at Jordan-Hare Stadium 11 times between 1980 and this season.

Tennessee returned to Starkville in 1987 and Oxford in 1988 after a game at each venue in the early 1950s. Tennessee had never played in Oxford before 1951 and had played in Starkville only three times (1910, 1920, and 1926).

The series with Georgia was resumed in 1968, and with the advent of divisional play in 1992, the series between the two

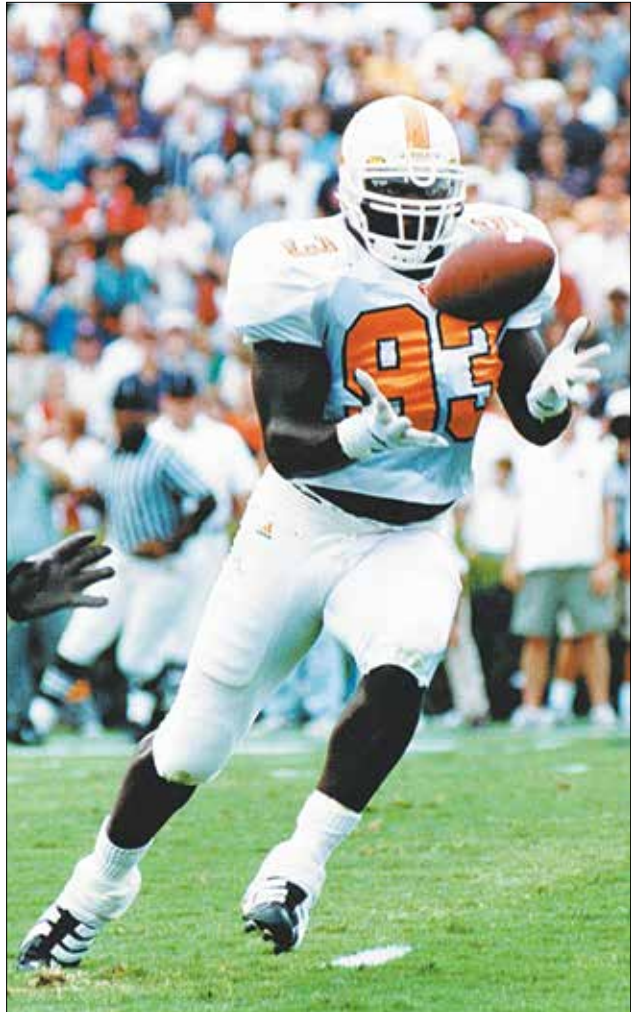
neighboring states is as hot and heavy as any series Tennessee has played in recent years.

The first two games were classics. Tennessee stole a 17-17 tie on Sept. 14, 1968, when Bubba Wyche tossed a TD pass to Gary Kreis and a two-point conversion pass to Ken DeLong well after the clock had hit double zeroes. That was the day Tennessee unveiled a new artificial playing surface, Tartan Turf, one of several fake surfaces that would adorn Shields-Watkins Field the next 25 years. The Vols were defending conference champions, while Georgia would win the 1968 title.

Georgia folks thought they had Tennessee right where they wanted them on a rainy Nov. 1, 1969, in Athens. In a game played between the legendary hedges, the Vols won 17-3, as Curt Watson (199 yards) and Don McLeary (100) left Bulldog tacklers in their wake.

Vol fans also worried about having to play Memphis State (later Memphis), in one of those “nothing to gain, everything to lose” games.

That series began in Knoxville in 1968, after some indelicate political wrangling and the construction of a new stadium in the



Tennessee didn’t play at Auburn until 1974, but one of the key victories in the 1998 national championship season came when defensive end Shaun Ellis (93) returned an interception 90 yards for a score in a 17-9 victory. Photo courtesy of University of Tennessee Sports Information Office.

Bluff City. The Vols have won 22 of the 23 games played, but the 1996 game, homestanding Memphis 21, No. 6 Tennessee 17, still rankles Vol fans.

Someday, game issues

that might be controversial today will be safely consigned to history, and new controversies will arise.

What does all this prove? Merely, that time heals all wounds.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Farragut’s Dominic Vanacker looks to inbound the ball in a middle school basketball game Thursday. Vanacker scored 21 points to lead the Admirals to a 61-19 victory over Carter at the Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

Farragut runs past Hornets in MS hoops

By Ken Lay

A fast start propelled the Farragut Middle School boys basketball team to an easy victory in its Knox County Middle School Basketball home opener Thursday night. But after the blazing beginning, the Admirals never really took their foot off the throttle.

Their relentless defensive pressure kept Carter at bay all evening and resulted in a 61-19 victory at the Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

The Admirals (2-0) opened a 22-8 lead by the end of the first quarter and never looked back. The Hornets (0-2) did manage to play Farragut evenly in the second stanza with both teams scoring eight points in the frame and that helped Carter remain somewhat in striking distance with the Admirals leading 30-16 at halftime.

The Hornets were able to hang around despite six field goals over the first 12 minutes. Four of those shots were converted from beyond the 3-point arc. Luke Cannon and Ty Wilson each made a pair of long-range jumpers while Luke Burnette and Brody Martin each hit to-point shots.

But if the Hornets had any hopes of getting back into the game, they were dashed when Farragut opened the third quarter with a 12-0 run.

Defensively, the Admirals were even stingier after halftime as they surrendered just three points over the final 12 minutes. Meanwhile, Farragut had no problems manufacturing offense.

The Admirals outscored the Hornets 22-1 in the third quarter and picked up some offense from some of their reserves.

“That was a great half,” said Farragut first-year head coach Lynn Allen.

Dominic Vanacker was an offensive force for Farragut all night as he finished the contest with 21 points to lead all scorers. Cooper Edwards scored all 11 of his points after halftime and knocked down three 3-pointers. Kent Carbaugh and Banks Duncan each scored eight points.

Parker Lane chipped in with six points while Carson MacTavish and Brodie Roberts finished with two points each.

Cannon led Carter with eight points and Wilson added six.

By Ken Lay

Farragut Middle School’s girls basketball team picked up its first win of the season Thursday night. The Lady Admirals notched a victory despite some early offensive struggles.

“It feels good to get our first win,” Farragut coach Devan McIntyre said after the Lady Admirals defeated Carter 40-28 at the Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

Farragut (1-1) opened its season on Monday, Nov. 9 against Gresham in Fountain City and the Lady Gladiators used some tenacious defense to beat the Lady Admirals 40-30.

“Gresham is a good team and they really brought pressure,” McIntyre said. “We just couldn’t handle it.”

Farragut opened an 8-6 lead early Thursday against the Lady Hornets but Carter (1-1) held a slim 9-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter thanks to a free throw by Blakely Shiveldecker with 13.8 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

The Lady Admirals got their defense in gear in the second stanza and surrendered just two points in



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Farragut Middle School basketball player Sydney English attempts a shot over a pair of Carter defenders in a game Thursday night. English scored 21 points to lead the Lady Admirals past the Lady Hornets 40-28 in West Knox County.

the quarter. Carter scored on a pair of foul shots by Marah Yeo.

Over the first 12 minutes, Farragut, which led 14-11 at halftime, got most of its offense from Sydney English. She had 12 of the Lady Admirals’ points in the first half.

Anna Corum converted a pair of free throws for Farragut late in the second quarter.

After halftime, English, a three-year player for the Lady Admirals, stayed hot and she would score a game-high 21 points in the contest. Corum finished the game with seven points.

Another veteran, Annie Priest, added six points after the break and McIntyre commended the two veteran and savvy eighth graders for their performance against the Lady Hornets.

“Annie and Sydney both really stepped up their game over the offseason in preparation for their eighth-grade year and tonight, we got what we needed from them.

The Lady Admirals’ second-year head coach also lauded her squad’s defense.

“We’re working on getting more of a defensive mentality and turning that defense into offense,” McIntyre said.

Shiveldecker led the Lady Hornets with 12 points. Yeo added 11.

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Runner-up Lady Admirals had the best seven

By Steve Williams

If the team scoring had included seven runners instead of five at this year's TSSAA girls' state cross country meet, Farragut would have brought home gold instead of silver.

But that wasn't the scoring procedure and Brentwood had the best five in the Division I Large Class Thursday at Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville.

The Lady Bruins totaled 101 points to take the title. Farragut was a close second with 112 points.

But the Lady Admirals did have the best seven on this day, if it's any consolation.

Juniors Grace Lathrop and Camryn Johnson led Farragut. Lathrop was 19th (19:20.65) and Johnson 23rd (19:24.91). The rest of the Lady Admirals' top seven (in finishing order) were freshman Melanie Hayman, junior Lexi Foley, sophomore Kennedy Reynolds and seniors Caroline Carr and Cathy Hu.

Farragut had a 37-second 1-5 split and their sixth and their seventh runners trailed by only 10 and 12 seconds.

"Overall, it was a great day," said Farragut Coach Chelsea

Osborne. "We went in with the plan to be aggressive and run as a pack and they executed that.

"This team has risen to each challenge I've presented them this season and I couldn't be prouder of them. I love that they really want to work together in races and having that close pack really helps."

Jenna Hutchins, a junior from Science Hill, was the best individual by far, posting a time of 16:30.84 over the 5,000-meter course. She reached the finish line 90 seconds sooner than runner-up Landri Wilcox of Cookeville.

Freshman standout Maddie Archdale of Hardin Valley Academy was Knox County's top finisher, coming in 12th with a time of 18:36.34.

"Maddie had a great season," said Hardin Valley Coach Bryan Brown. "Winning KIL and Region put her in position to be with the state's top girls and she did just that, was in the Top 15 the whole race and ran her race.

"I think she will be even better the next three and a half years!"

Archdale called it a "tough race with lots of competition!"

She said the course "unexpectedly" tired her out by the

end of the race.

"I'm exceedingly happy with my finish, since my goal was to get All-State honors.

"This season has been a blessing and I'm so sad it's over, but I am really looking forward to next year."

Maddie also sent out "thanks" to her coaches, teammates, friends and family for their support throughout the season.

In other girls' highlights:

In Division II-A, Webb freshman Anna Graves took third place (19:46.34). Abby Fai Cheeseman, an eighth grader from Webb-Bell Buckle, won in 18:45.90.

Saint George's Independent nipped the Lady Spartans 64-66 to take the team title.

Baylor School freshman Mae Mae Powe took top honors in Division II-AA with a time of 19:02.12. Sophomore Kaylee Estridge of Knoxville Catholic finished seventh. Girls Preparatory School took the team title.

Signal Mountain had a 1-5 split of 21.06 seconds and totaled 37 points in winning the Division I Small Class team championship. Fairview sophomore Alyssa Andrea was the individual winner in 20:04.62.



Hardin Valley freshman Maddie Archdale runs up a hill on the Sanders Ferry Park course in the Division I Large Class state cross country meet last week in Hendersonville. Maddie's 12th place showing earned her All-State honors.

Hardin Valley could be one of state's best ever

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just behind Farragut sophomore Riley Hanson (16:42.21).

"Our kids ran a great race," said Coach Bryan Brown. "They were focused on having a tight pack and getting out front and controlling the race. We led at the mile and two-mile, and held on for the victory.

"The team this year worked extremely hard. We have 14 boys that could have been on the line today. Our depth is very strong."

The total time of its top five runners was 1:21:18.28 and they averaged a time of 16:15.66 on the peninsula that is bordered by Old Hickory Lake.

Rounding out the top five teams were Houston (162 points), Farragut (164) and Siegel (193).

Lebanon senior Aiden Britt was the individual winner in 15:29.69.

The Top 15 finishers

receive All-State recognition.

Other boys' highlights:

Webb School captured the Division II-A title, totaling 45 points to Harding Academy's 60.

Columbia Academy's Connor Henson won the race in 16:08.33. Senior Austin Rhea (16:52.23) came in third to lead Webb.

First Baptist Academy's Colten Lee placed fourth, Webb's Kaden Narayani fifth and GCA's Reilly Mehegan seventh.

Knoxville Catholic senior Riley Smith came in third place in Division II-AA with a time of 16:30.55. Chattanooga Christian's Jack Cottrell was the winner in 16:18.09. McCallie took top team honors.

Signal Mountain was team champion in Division I Small. Will Douglas posted a winning time of 16:01.78.

Junior Dwayne Morris and senior Shawn Prater led Austin-East to 11th place in the 22-team field.

CCS girls' basketball coach has impressive background

Allen among nine new local coaches

By Steve Williams

Concord Christian School's new head coach in girls' basketball played on two TSSAA state championship teams and was a two-year team captain in college.

Now Angel Allen is sharing her basketball knowledge and leadership qualities with the Lady Lions.

The TSSAA's first official practice day for the 2020-21 basketball season was Monday, Nov. 2.

Allen is one of four new head coaches on the local girls' prep scene. The others are Blake Derrick at The King's Academy, Travis Mains at Knoxville Catholic and First Baptist Academy's Freeman Pinkney, who was previously at Catholic.

"I'm excited to be here," said Allen, who was hired at Concord Christian in early September. "I'm looking forward to challenging these young ladies to strive for excellence in whatever they do."

Allen graduated in 2015 from Blackman High in Murfreesboro, where she played on two state championship teams. She was team captain her junior and senior seasons at Western Carolina University.

Prior to coming to CCS, she was the assistant women's coach at



Kylie Phillips, a guard on last season's team, watches new Concord Christian coach Angel Allen at basketball practice Thursday.

Roane State Community College.

Concord Christian also has a new girls' middle school coach in Patrick Davis, who also will be associate head coach for the high school program. He previously was head varsity coach at Knoxville Christian School for three years.

There are also five new boys' head basketball coaches on the local scene this season: Aubin Goporo at West, JD Johnson at Christian Academy of Knoxville, Sean Jones at The King's Academy, JP Payne at Grace

Christian Academy and Ryan Ross at South-Doyle.

In other TSSAA winter sports, Jeremy Andrews is the new girls' wrestling coach at Bearden. Anthony Carmody (TKA), Chris Milojovich (Karns) and Sam Mitchell (South-Doyle) are new bowling coaches.

Tennessee School for the Deaf Athletic Director Rene Skelton said her school will not play basketball this season due to COVID-19.

"We will be hiring a new girls' basketball coach next year," she added.



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The Darkest Hours

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

Ronald Reagan

So, who won America’s Armageddon (election battle)? We might as well be a third world country because as I write this article we still don’t know. Covid fear mongering by the left with mail-in voting has played especially well with those identifying as Democrats, who in reality are progressive democratic-socialists in the mold of

AOC and her Squad. As a result, the voting war has been extended from traditional polling sites to problematic mail-in and drop-off ballots. These are vastly different from voting by legal and verifiable absentee ballots which have been used for decades.

Recently, I wrote about the battle at Marathon in 490 BC where the Greeks won a pivotal victory over Persian invaders enabling the foundations of Western Civilization. Typical battles in antiquity resulted in a winner and a loser in one day. Apparently spears, arrows and swords result in a quick and decisive victory and slaughter or enslavement of the loser. Surprisingly, the Greeks lost only a few hundred soldiers to the Persians’ 6000.

Modern warfare is different, though no less savage.

A momentous battle was fought in Pennsylvania at Gettysburg during the first three days of July, 1863. It was the bloodiest battle of the Civil War and resulted in 50,000 combined casualties, but stopped Robert E Lee’s Confederate invasion of the Union north. Simultaneously, Vicksburg (Mississippi) fell, securing the Mississippi River and cutting the Confederacy in half. Together, these battles turned the tide of the Civil War.

As I researched battles, I learned of the WWII battle of the Hurtgen Forest which lasted six months in 1944-45 at a cost of 30,000 American casualties. Many others were lost to “combat exhaustion.”

As I consider the election battle, I recall the 2000 Presidential election imbroglio with “dangling chads” which lasted five weeks and was decided in the Supreme Court. Sadly, the 2016 election victory of Trump was never accepted by Democrats who then moved to undermine the President with the false Russian collusion investigation, the Ukrainian impeachment farce as well as scurrilous assaults on Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barret. I’m not surprised that the self-described Democrat

“Resistance” which is a war on Trump and his supporters continues in this election cycle with the 2020 voting debacle.

Trust in government, the media and now the election process has been destroyed. I just learned that there are approximately 120,000 more votes in Wisconsin than registered voters. And Michigan just found 100,000 early ballots, 100% with Joe Biden’s name. Recall the election of Al Franken as Senator of Minnesota when a car trunkful of ballots was discovered post-election. This is what happens in a banana republic. I’m ashamed of what my country has become.

The Blue Wave predicted by the manipulative pollsters did not occur. We can now add the polling industry to the deceitful column. Pollster Frank Luntz mused that his industry’s downfall was perhaps due to deplorable Trump voters who were not cooperative with his queries. Apparently, Mr. Luntz and his ilk do not have to deal with Democrat crazies. I had two Trump signs stolen from my property and my wife’s car with Trump stickers was keyed. Too bad this pugnacious writer did not see the cowardly thieves or anarchists

because we never leave our property unarmed.

I’ve been wondering how you can make people insane. Apparently, four years of incessant Big Lies by the media and Democrats may have generated enough insane hatred to elect a demented stooge as President.

Tennessee is a notable exception to the national insanity. We live in an oasis of sanity, but no matter, we will go down in the sinking ship of state. All that was needed to tip the balance and put America on the road to destruction was the catalytic Chinese virus which killed hundreds of thousands of Americans, destroyed our economy and took away our freedom. Stauss and Howe were correct in their prediction (see last week’s essay, Seeing).

I’m working through the Elizabeth Kubler Ross stages of grief. Disbelief/denial that America could vote for a pawn of China is now a reality. Bargaining for justice in the judicial system is perilous. You realize there is a separate definition for “legal justice” and it is not the common man’s definition. Jesus knew this when told of the judge “who neither feared God nor respected man” (Luke 18:2-5). I now vacillate between

sadness/depression and anger. I don’t believe I can ever accept what America has become.

The battle rages on as Democrats continue to find ballots everywhere. One wonders why this never seems to happen with Republicans. You realize a “ballot” is not the same as a “legal vote.” I fight on for my children and grandkids. I fight on for the eighteen-year-old girl we met hobbling in to vote for the first time five days after her thirty-second leg operation. And I fight on to resist the Democrat’s Marxist BLM, Antifa and for all those who pledged their “lives, fortunes and sacred honor” to Make America Great.

I will not submit to fraud and tyranny. I will not go along to get along. I identify with Captain von Trapp in The Sound of Music who resisted the Nazi invasion of Austria. The Captain escaped with his family across the mountains. The problem is I’ve searched the world for a refuge, and found none. To quote Abraham Lincoln, America is the “last best hope of Earth.”

We can only hope our “barely” civil war will not become another shooting war as in 1861.

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

What do you collect?

For more than 50 years my wife and I have been collecting things. As a reporter and an advertising representative we’ve moved around a lot, visited every state except Alaska, and we’ve collected mementos of places such as cups, photos, postcards and buttons.

Not sewing buttons but buttons from places, events, slogans and politicians. I recently posted a photo of my wife dressed as Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Behind her was one of the button collections and those buttons got some comments on Facebook.

So, here’s some button history.

More Than A Day Away



By Mike Steely

When George McGovern was running for president he chose Senator Thomas Eagleton, only to have to replace him on the very unsuccessful campaign. Back then singer John Denver was appearing in a political rally in Johnson City. My wife and I stood in line to meet Denver after the concert

and I gave him a McGovern/Eagleton button. He looked at it and said, “It should have been.”

I have a Berry Goldwater button I bought after the former Senator and presidential candidate passed away. I never met him but admired his spunk. I have an Eisenhower/Nixon button and was fortunate to have seen President Eisenhower when he was campaigning for

re-election when he visited Kentucky. I stood in dress uniform at the Eisenhower funeral, holding the door for the U. S. Senate members.

We saw Senator Hubert Humphrey as he addressed a meeting in Louisville, Ky. and I’ve chatted briefly with Senator Lamar Alexander.

Granted our collection tilts more to one party than the other but we have buttons from both parties. One of my favorite buttons says “Re-elect Senator Howard Baker” whom I have always admired.

We have buttons from tourist attractions, places like Gatlinburg and Hollywood, and buttons for causes like Women’s Rights. We have buttons from the World Trade Center visitor center, the White House, The Virgin Islands, Canada and a “Mind the Gap” button from London..

Other buttons include one

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My wife and I collect campaign buttons, cause buttons, attraction buttons, etc. Every button holds a memory for us of events, causes and places we’ve visited. It is a growing collection that we’ve been adding to casually for many years. Photo by Mike Steely.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS.
IN RE: CARLIE JUNE DIGBY HARRIS
v. PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS
NO. 200358-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS. It is ordered that said defendant PRESTON TROY KEITH HARRIS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Curtis W. Isabell, an Attorneys whose address is, 251 Short Trest Clinton, TN 37716, within thirty (30) days of the latest 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, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 15th day of October, 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS
IN RE: JAVIER DEBE MATTHEWS
D.O.B. 06/15/2011
NO. 200927-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS it is ordered that said defendant JOSHUA DEWAYNE MATTHEWS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jenae A. Easterly an, Attorneys whose address is 118 Parliament Drive Maryville, TN 37804, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication. It is further Ordered that if the defendant fails to appear and answer of the complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication, the Plaintiff shall be permitted to file a Motion and Notice for Judgment by Default and you the defendant will be served by leaving a copies of the Notice and Motion for Default Judgment with the Clerk & Master of this court. This cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 12th day of October 2020

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG
DOCKET NUMBER 82310-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG who died Dec 4, 2018, 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 5 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF GLEN EDWARD ARMSTRONG
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MACIE C ARMSTRONG;
ADMINISTRATRIX 1804 JIM ARMSTRONG
ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED L BARNARD
DOCKET NUMBER 83632-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED L BARNARD who died Aug 14, 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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILDRED L BARNARD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
D SCOTT BARNARD; ADMINISTRATOR
P.O. BOX 14412 KNOXVILLE, TN, 37914

STEPHEN GARRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW

7838 BARKER ROAD
CORYRTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL
DOCKET NUMBER 83641-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL who died Apr 3, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY CURREY CARMICHAEL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNE
SWARTZ; EXECUTRIX 1123 ANTHEM
VIEW LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JULIA LEE CLARK
DOCKET NUMBER 82880-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of SEPTEMBER 2020, LIMITED letters administration in respect of the Estate of JULIA LEE CLARK who died Jan 19, 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 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JULIA LEE CLARK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DEE DAVID GAY;
ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM
117 WEST SMITH STREET,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING SUITE
105 GALLATIN, TN. 37066

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY ANN FERGUSON
DOCKET NUMBER 83633-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY ANN FERGUSON who died Sep 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.

(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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY ANN FERGUSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VIRGINIA E ROACH; EXECUTRIX 1508 CELLA
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAY W FISHER, JR.
DOCKET NUMBER 83631-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAY W FISHER, JR. who died Sep 30, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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 21 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF RAY W FISHER, JR.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JACQUELINE FISHER; EXECUTRIX

1648 HARBOR CREST WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

MACK GENTRY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
900 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2300
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES RUTH FULTON
DOCKET NUMBER 83636-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES RUTH FULTON who died Jul 12, 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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF FRANCES RUTH FULTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CELESTE MICHELLE WATSON; EXECUTRIX
P.O. BOX 52386
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37950

CAROLE LYNCH WORTHINGTON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
861 EBENZER ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KELLYE HORNER
DOCKET NUMBER 83649-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KELLYE HORNER who died Apr 11, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF KELLYE HORNER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNA J GRISSOM; EXECUTRIX
8032 VERONA LANE
POWELL, TN. 37849

FIONA HILL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KENNETH B JACKSON
DOCKET NUMBER 83594-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH B JACKSON who died Aug 24, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF KENNETH B JACKSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELIZBETH BARTLETT HARRIS; EXECUTRIX
5429 MOCKINGBIRD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

ROBERT LEWIS STRAIGHT, III
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P.O. BOX 11521
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37939

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANET I RUST LARSON
DOCKET NUMBER 83646-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANET I RUST LARSON who died Jul 14, 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

(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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF JANET I RUST LARSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RICHARD E LARSON; EXECUTOR
8412 IVY GREEN WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHILIP J LAWSON
DOCKET NUMBER 83634-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHILIP J LAWSON who died Aug 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:

(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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF PHILIP J LAWSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NEVILLE K LAWSON; EXECUTRIX
7120 E EMORY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

MICHAEL CROWDER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 442
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER
DOCKET NUMBER 83520-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER who died Jun 30, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 22 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARY KATHERINE WADE LETSINGER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SAMUELE LETSINGER; ADMINISTRATOR
5535 KESTERBROOKE BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED B PORTERFIELD
DOCKET NUMBER 83629-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters of administration c.l.a. in respect of the Estate of MILDRED B PORTERFIELD who died May 25, 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 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.
This the 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILDRED B PORTERFIELD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RUBY COCHRAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
CTA 5916 WINDTACE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN
DOCKET NUMBER 83639-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN 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:

(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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF MILTON CLAY SWEARENGIN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN CLAY SWEARENGIN;
ADMINISTRATOR 6618 KERN ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT S VAN FLEET
DOCKET NUMBER 83642-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT S VAN FLEET who died Sep 22, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 23 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF ROBERT S VAN FLEET

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT S VAN FLEET, JR.; EXECUTOR
5414 COLONIAL CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

JAMES T NORMAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
30 KENTUCKY AVENUE
OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY JO WINSTEAD
DOCKET NUMBER 83647-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY JO WINSTEAD who died Aug 31, 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 26 day of OCTOBER, 2020.

ESTATE OF BETTY JO WINSTEAD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBERT EARL PATTERSON; EXECUTOR
133 BROMLEY PARK LANE
FRANKLIN, TN. 37069

PHILIP CRYE, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
125 N MAIN STREET CLINTON, TN. 37716

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MEYER XIE
DOCKET NUMBER 83637-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MEYER XIE who died Aug 24, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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What do you collect?

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from Alcatraz, Brushy Mountain Prison, and Alcatraz East. I have a smaller collection pinned on two big neck ties that features local political campaigns for congress, the state house and senate and even local county and city candidates.

Just about any time we go to flea markets or yard sales I am on the watch for buttons I don't have, especially those of places or people I had met or visited.

My wife has accused me of also collecting ball caps. I took a peek at my hat rack and the top of the bedroom closet and, I must admit,

she's right. So I teased her of collecting red shoes and purses.

I also collect history books about our region and state and books written by friends and folks I know. I collect any book written by my friend, Bill Landry of the Heartland Series, and by fellow treasure hunting friends who write on that subject.

And, oh yea, I collect U. S. Coast Guard items like light-houses, emblems, figurines, and such.

I guess my wife and I have other collections like graduation certificates for our

sons and grandchildren, awards and recognitions, membership certificates, news stories about us, relatives or people we know. I'm also collecting genealogy of my family and my wife has her genealogy and family history complete.

I feel like I'm reluctantly collecting power tools from our home, a holiday home we sold, and our two sons who have left tools here. I told my wife I think I have four power drills, three sanders, two pool pumps and six power saws.

I could go on and on but I'm wondering now what you collect? You can email me at The Focus at steelym@knoxfocus.com. I'd like to hear from you about your collection. It's a mania, isn't it?

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