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## School board meets with state leaders prior to special session

**By Ken Lay**

In a Knox County Legislative Meeting hosted by State Senator Becky Duncan Massey and Knox County Board of Education Chairperson Susan Horn Friday, many board members and leaders discussed Knox County Schools' legislative priorities for the year.

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was attended by many city, county and state leaders.

The meeting was called to prepare for the state legislature's special session to begin on Jan. 18. The special session was called specifically to discuss the budget and other KCS needs that have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the education system.

One point of discussion was the need to alter or abolish standardized testing and evaluations of students and the need to hold schools harmless for the 2020-2021 academic year.

State Senator Jason Lafferty vowed that he would do what needed to be done for the schools in Knox County to remain open.

"We have a lot of problems and that is why we're having this special session to deal with education," Lafferty said. "We'll have a lot of these problems fixed. Is it going to be

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## Vaccination turnout larger than expected

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Recently a line of hopefuls stretched totally around the large Expo Center in North Knoxville. The facility wasn't hosting a flea market or political rally but a vaccination clinic for qualifying people to get the first of two COVID-19 shots.

Knox County has been a center for huge increases in positive testing and deaths in recent weeks and months.

The Knox County Health Department had announced the clinic days before the Saturday, January 2 event and quickly discovered that morning that there were more citizens there than the 500 shots available. As the 9 a.m. opening neared, the long line, which started before 7 a.m., stretched from the main entrance to around the large building with two or three loop-back lines and extended at one time to the front of the nearby Weigel's Store.

The clinic was open to medical professionals, like care-givers and first responders, and any senior 75 or over. Within the line were younger first responders and seniors who were on walkers, in camp chairs and wheelchairs and on foot. Although social distancing was tried it became apparent that many of the citizens, all who

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## Solway Veterans Memorial Park Opens



*The Solway Veterans Memorial Park began with an idea and is now open for anyone wanting to stop by and honor our nation's veterans. Photo courtesy of Reny McClain Lee.*

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Until two years ago 9014 Solway Ferry Road in northwest Knox County was just an empty lot between Oak Ridge Highway and Solway Baptist Church. Then Reny McClain Lee had an idea.

"I guess it was me" she said.

"That section of Highway 62 there is recognized as 'Veterans Memorial Mile' and it seemed only fitting to have a memorial site in that area," she told The Focus. Lee talked with state Representative Justin Lafferty and, after receiving his support, the process began with scheduling a meeting with TDOT.

"There was a project team established and we could not have asked for a more dedicated, hard-working and committed group of folks. Everyone was hands-on and there for every step of the way," Lee said. "Then I talked with Pastor Logan Parton from Solway Baptist Church about the idea and it met with immediate approval from the church leadership."

Lee said her father was a 22-year Army veteran and as a child she lived on numerous military bases in our nation and in Germany. Several other family members served the nation as well.

"I know the sacrifices the military and their families make and I have the utmost respect for those that serve," she said. She said the church supplied the land for the site and will maintain it in the future.

Reverend Doctor Pat Polis, president of the Capt. Bill Robinson Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, spoke at the quarterly meeting of the TVA Retirees Association a few weeks ago. "He reminded us that those who died in service to their country gave up two lives; the life they were living and the life they could have lived. He also reminded us that freedom comes with a very high price, his words were inspiring," she said.

Efforts to create the park memorial involved a partial closing of the Solway Ferry Road just beyond the park and that portion was turned over to the church. The park features a memorial brick wall with the emblems of all six military services, a flag pole, benches and a walkway from Solway Ferry Road to the monument, all enhanced with landscaping. A square is reserved on the wall for the Space Force plaque which will be added when its logo is available for public use.

Lee listed those involved including Debbie and Mike Rutherford of TVARA, Jay Ambrister of the Solway Baptist Church, retired Brig. General Jim Mungenast, the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council, Barbara Martocci, Barbara Franks, Sylvia Whitehouse, and many others.

Volunteers helped plant over 100 trees and shrubs, and the Karns High School Junior ROTC helped spread 50 bales of pine straw.

"So many people pitched in to make the Solway Veterans Memorial possible, everyone who participated played such an important role," Lee said. In addition to the volunteer workers, more than 25 area businesses and individuals provided labor and materials to make the Solway Veterans Memorial a reality. (Please see A6 for the list of those who helped make the memorial a reality.)

The public is invited to visit the site during daylight hours and the hope is that each visitor will find the site to be a place of respect and honor to all those that served in the armed forces.

## Board of Health final vote on Commission Agenda

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The Knox County Commission's work session next Monday has three agenda items dealing with their efforts concerning the health department. With the COVID-19 pandemic raging in the state and locally, the commissioners may vote to dissolve the Board of Health and make that overseeing body an advisory board only. The committee meets on Tuesday, January 19, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day falling on the regular Monday meeting date.

The motion to relieve the Board of Health from its powers and place the pandemic response solely in the hand of Health Director Dr. Martha Buchanan may pass in a split vote. Commissioner Kyle Ward has led the effort but Dr. Buchanan has said she relies on the board and may continue to meet with them for consultation should the effort pass.

Also on the agenda is a resolution from Mayor Glenn Jacobs to appoint members to the new Committee on Health and Economic Well-Being. The agenda, as released, has blanks in the slots for names. The appointments include two economists, an epidemiologist, a virologist, two business leaders, two medical professionals, a psychologist or social worker and one Knox County Commissioner.

Several commission members told The Focus they have not received the names of the applicants or those favored for the positions. The alternate committee would report to the commission, the mayor, and also advise the health director. Whether the new committee will replace the Board of Health is unknown but the Knox County Law Director has

said that Dr. Buchanan may appoint her own advisors.

Following the vote on the dissolution of the Board of Health, Dr. Buchanan is on the agenda to give a presentation on the Community Health Assessment. It is also possible that she will speak to the commission during Ward's ordinance to blunt the Board of Health.

The Health Department is also asking the commission for \$ 266,508 in funding for the Volunteer Ministry Center to manage and operate homeless housing for COVID-19 isolation and quarantine.

In other action the commission may discuss: honoring the late former Commissioner Wanda Moody; establishing a Fire and Technical Rescue Committee and appointing a commissioner to serve on that body; and quarterly or semi-annual funding for the Karns Fire Department, the Knox County Rescue Squad and the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department.

The commission may accept a \$250,000

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# Publisher's Positions



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## No More Gender

For some years, an element of the Democratic Party, especially those “woke” folks have told us there is no such thing as gender. One nutcake out there says parents who identify the gender of their unborn child are committing child abuse. The mere notion someone would call parents finding out the gender of their unborn child is some form of child abuse is deranged. I can’t imagine how anyone could even take that kind of nonsense seriously.

Now the Democrats in the U. S. House of Representatives are basically saying there are no fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, etc. There is no gender. Keep in mind, these are precisely the same loons who love to croon, “Follow the science!” or “The science is real!” Evidently biology must not be a science any longer because Virginia, yes there really are biological differences between men and women and boys and girls. If there are no longer any genders, is there even such a thing as gay people? Is there such a thing as straight people?

By definition, homosexuals are those who love people of the same gender, but uh oh, wait...there’s no such thing as genders. So if that’s true, we need to find a new word for it, because with no genders, we’re all in the same boat.

Can there be equal rights for women if there are no genders? Should the Gender Equality Act be repealed? Is there such a thing as “trans” people if there are no genders? Again, the very same people who say science is real are insisting there is no such thing as gender.

Maybe that means Joe Biden is the first lady president and Kamala Harris is the first man of Indian descent to be vice president?

The idea someone can identify as a man today and is a woman on Thursday is, to be polite about it, utterly ridiculous. More likely the people pushing this notion are just plain nuts. It will be a wonder if they aren’t collectively devoured by ravenous squirrels.

Yes, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, She-Who-Must-Be-Obedied, decided the biggest priority for the newly elected U.S. House of Representatives was eliminating “gendered language” from the rules. Not the COVID pandemic, not worrying about delivery of the vaccine to the American people, not repairing or helping the crippled economy caused by the coronavirus, or anything like that. Nope, Nancy and the House Democrats thought the most pressing problem in the country today is getting rid of gendered

language. That’s pretty much how the new session of Congress began.

The folks who purr “That’s not who we are” are so in touch with the feelings of Americans they aren’t that concerned about practical things like jobs or putting food on the table. The same woman who scoffed at the Trump tax cuts as “crumbs” yet termed the \$600 “stimulus” payments as “significant” is here to lead the way out of the wilderness. That Nancy Pelosi, she of the \$25,000 refrigerator who considers herself a connoisseur of dark chocolate and keeps a horde of \$90 per gallon ice cream in that fancy fridge, is apparently so in touch with what the American people need, want and demand. She’s still the same Nancy Pelosi who thought you ought to be locked down but the salon should be open for her. Nutty Nancy did achieve a new milestone, she’s the oldest person ever to be elected Speaker of the House.

Nope, no more “Mom” or “Dad”, there are no “uncles” or “aunts”, no “brothers” or “sisters”, only parent/s, sibling/s and “parent’s sibling.” So are you all ready to have your kids call you by your first name? No more, “Hey, Mom!” Get used to the far more inclusive, “Hey, Parent” or perhaps, “Hiya, Nadine.” “Hiya, Phil.”

Believe it or not, the Democrats are so delusional they are actually bragging about their “accomplishment.” Pelosi described the rule change as “the most inclusive in history.” I don’t know how inclusive is

unless just dumping things together is now the definition of inclusive.

Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts almost swooned as he Tweeted, “I’m proud to start the 117th Congress by drafting these historic rule changes.” I wonder if Pelosi still refers to herself by those awful discriminatory female pronouns? Do you reckon her grandchildren call her “Grandparent”?

Of course the change won the approval of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, but she’s a moron, so that can’t be a surprise to anyone. The idea for the change in the rules is supposed to have originated with the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Just think, somebody in Washington, D.C. is making something like \$150,000 annually (God knows it could be much more) to sit around and justify their job by thinking up stuff like this. The change in the rules also made the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion permanent. Aren’t you relieved? I imagine that’s been on the minds of tens of millions of Americans, changing the rules of the House of Representatives to eliminate gendered language. Yes, biology is still a science and the leftists and “woke” idiots can pretend there’s no such thing, which borders on insanity.

My dog is a girl and her name is Sophie, not Bob.

## Injustice?

David Hayes, who ran for City Council in 2019 and is likely to run against

Councilman Tommy Smith in South Knoxville again next year, has a hashtag #F---k thePolice”. It’s supposed to be part of “Knoxvillians Against Injustice” but the hashtag is a terrible injustice against the police, the great majority of whom are hard-working, fine people.

## KUB Blues

The recent snow-related power outage all across Knox County was an abject lesson that someone needs to send the Knoxville Utilities Board a message which needs to be heard loud and clear. In full disclosure, my wife and I sat in the dark for about five hours on Christmas Eve. At least one of my friends and his partner had no power (and no, they are close to downtown in the City of Knoxville) for about 2 1/2 days.

Have you noticed when you call to report a power outage, the KUB recorded message cheerfully tells you that you can go online and check your status, etc. The KUB Board needs to realize there are tens of thousands of people who don’t have smart phones, so no, they can’t go online when the power is out.

The folks out doing the actual hard work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (and for days afterward) deserve more appreciation and thanks than words will allow. All of us are grateful to you for your efforts on behalf of your customers. You folks at the top of the KUB food chain, however, are a bit of a different story. Not only doesn’t

everyone in the world use a “smart” phone, but there really is no substitute for having an actual human being answering the phone when the power is out. With a budget of almost \$1 BILLION (bet most of you readers didn’t know that), you can afford to have somebody answering your phones during emergencies. It provides comfort for many and the most vulnerable group without smartphones are almost always the elderly and the poor. Automation is never a real substitute for actual, real, live human beings.

KUB Board members think about your consumers and while you’ll never work as hard as the men and women of your workforce, do something for the people who pay for everything. You can afford it.

## Comparing Mayors

When our congressman, Tim Burchett, was Knox County mayor, he rode around everywhere with the road crews when it snowed. Burchett fielded questions, called to check on folks and stayed on the move. Tim Burchett never rested until the weather had passed. Indya Kincannon played in the snow with her family and posted pictures on social media. There’s a nice contrast in leadership styles and “hands on” government. That’s a big part of the reason why Tim Burchett is our congressman; he really does care about the people he represents and not just at election time. There isn’t an elitist bone in his body.

# Final funds for Jackson Avenue ramps before council

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The Jackson Avenue ramp replacement program gets a final vote when the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday. The council may vote to add almost \$188,000 to the contract with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers which would up the total sum to \$1.32 million to complete the historic project.

The 100-year-old ramps were totally rebuilt over the past 16 months in the style of the original structures and many of the original brick pavers were reused. The rebuild effort meant the relocation of utilities and securing the adjoining buildings’ facades. The end of January is the deadline for the project.

The ramps were built to join Jackson Avenue to Gay Street and connect at the bridge there spanning the railroad tracks. It completes one of the city’s projects in helping to rejuvenate Jackson Avenue and the Old City area.

Vaughn & Melton will also probably get approval for “as-needed” contract for future right-of-way acquisition, location and related services in a three-year agreement.

The Cumberland Avenue area may also get an “air rights easement” to allow a

proposed building on the 2100 block to span the public right-of-way in an alley between S. 21st Street and 22nd Street, on a request from the Department of Engineering. Council will also consider a proposed canopy encroachment on the 2100 block of Cumberland Avenue.

In other actions the council is being asked to allocate a subgrantee agreement with the Knoxville Area Urban League for homeless prevention. The \$225,000 grant is part of the city’s COVID-19 funding requested by the Community Development Department.

Habitat for Humanity may be able to purchase a lot at 3316 Thomas Street for \$1,500 under the city’s Homemakers Program. The council may also approve a grant application to the state for \$150,000 to go to the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency for salaries and operation expenses.

Another grant application for \$20,000 may be approved, with no city match, for a planning phase for equity and inclusion. The building at 410 Magnolia Avenue may be granted an encroachment on public right-of-way on Magnolia and Depot Avenues.

The Western Heights

Revitalization project may get \$500,000 for the Community Development Corporation in a request from that corporation. Ziggurat Development LLC may get an agreement of \$233,458 for the 2021 Curb Cuts Project. An application for \$161,500 from the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area may be approved as part of a multi-jurisdiction law enforcement effort.

A zoning change for several lots on Greenway Drive from RN-1 single family residential to RN2 may be approved. The change was approved in a 13-0 vote by Knoxville-Knox County Planning. Another section of Greenway Drive property, 2613, 2615 and 2625, may be rezoned from Office to Highway Commercial, following the split planning

committee vote of 8-6.

A lot at 8300 East Walker Springs Lane currently zoned for OP (Office Park) may be changed to RN-5 (General Residential Neighborhood) after a split planning vote of 8-6.

The council may also consider appointments by the mayor of Twanna Munroe to the City Pension Board, Natalia Almonacid and Charles Kwit to the Knoxville Tree Board and the reappointment of Robert Graves to that body.

# Special Committee on Sheriff and Merit Council called

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The division between the Knox County Sheriff’s Department and the Merit Council may get some additional attention Thursday when Knox County Commission Chairman Larsen Jay will host a combined meeting on Zoom.

The special called committee meeting at 5 p.m. will include a discussion on the re-application policies of former sheriff employees and review the military discharge policies. The

members will also discuss the governance of the Merit Council.

At the end of the special meeting the members may discuss their next step in the ongoing conflict between the sheriff’s administration and the council.

The special committee members include Jay as Chair, Commissioners Richie Beeler and Courtney Durrett, Lysette Aviles, Mike Ruble, Gina Oster, Paula Taylor, Lt. Krystal Gibson, Lt. Gabe Mullinax and Scott Broyles.



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# Knoxville, Home of the Sunsphere

Since 1982 it has been a landmark along Knoxville's beautiful skyline. The big, shiny ball sitting high in the air atop a pedestal is one of the most recognized symbols of the 1982 World's Fair. Postcards, pictures, and tiny replicas of the structure were sold during the fair. One floor of the Sunsphere was



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home to a restaurant. After the fair, Knoxville hosted the Miss USA Pageant. One of the opening scenes on the televised program showed the reigning Miss USA standing on top of the Sunsphere! My thoughts trail back to a time before construction began on the site that would become World's Fair

Park. I worked one summer as a college intern in the late Congressman John J. Duncan's Knoxville office which was located in the United States Post Office/Federal Building. Every day after class I walked from the Humanities Building on The University of Tennessee campus up to the Federal Building on Main Street. My route went up Cumberland Avenue. As I recall, Bradley's Steakhouse was on the left. I went passed Church Street

United Methodist Church on the right, crossed Henley Street, went past the Medical Arts Building on the left, and finally arrived at the Federal Building.

When work began on the World's Fair project, it was an exciting time to see the "scruffy little city" transform an area of downtown and welcome the world to Knoxville!

Words of Faith: Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7.

## Bad times and a bit of good

Good-bye 2020! I'm glad you're gone. The past year has been one of the worst that I have spent in my life. Others with whom I've talked feel the same way, and too many experienced the loss



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of loved ones to this pandemic during the year. That makes my squawking about being stuck at home sound more than a little petty. Still, I remember past winters that tried my patience and spirits as well.

The mumps was a disease with which we older folks dealt. My brother Jim and I had them at the same time, and our poor mother fell ill with them as well. A throat that was so sore it hurt just to swallow saliva was one downside. Daddy worked split shifts, so my mother's parents came to stay with us. I'm not sure how they kept from being infected. Having energy enough to play for a few

minutes quickly gave way to feeling tired, achy, and feverish.

Nearly every kid in school came down with cases of the measles, either the full-blown version or the 3-day variety. A rash covered our bodies, and a fever accompanied that. We were confined to bed and, in general, felt lousy. A young child can only lie in bed for just so long before he turns grumpy and moody. At that age, children still enjoy school and want to be in the classroom with friends every day. To make things even worse, no television or reading was recommended as those activities could cause harm to young eyes.

Jim contracted hepatitis when he was in elementary school. His eyes and skin both had a yellow tint, and he was a sick puppy. He had no appetite, and weight fell off him in no time. I realized the danger

of the disease by watching the faces of my parents. They were scared for Jim's return to good health and the lasting effects of hepatitis. All I knew is my best friend and playmate was confined to bed for weeks. I worried about him and missed my twin.

The winters of 1965, 1996, and 2003 were brutal. In those years, my dad, mother, and brother passed. Going through holidays without them for the first time brought nothing but heartbreak and a sense of pessimism. Watching those persons we loved waste away from the attacks of cancer eroded my faith in something bigger than myself. It was only as I got far enough away from the pain that I realized that, in fact, a God was walking with me every painful step.

The fact is that this shutdown of life that we've experienced for the last year hasn't been all bad. We've discovered that home is that safe place that we all need. The rest of the world might be

crawling with COVID-19, but home has, thus far, been a place where we can escape the danger.

Many families have strengthened during this time. Without a doubt, times have arisen when family members have driven each other crazy. However, when crises have arisen, it's those same people in the household that offer the support and comfort. Some parents and children have learned new respect for each other as they've been forced to remain in the close confines of home.

Let's hope 2021 sees the end of this cursed pandemic. At the same time, let's hope we have learned a bit more compassion and appreciation for each other. Bad things will continue to occur in our lives, but perhaps we learned to better handle them.

Be well this year, wear a mask, wash your hands, and defeat this killer once and for all. Then we can once again gather for fellowship and activities.

## Pandemic takes center stage at BoE work session

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education held its first work session meeting of 2021 Wednesday night and the COVID-19 pandemic again took center stage.

Superintendent Bob Thomas discussed his decision to switch exclusively to virtual learning for the final week of the recently completed fall semester and his decision to re-open the county's campuses last week.

School resumed on Monday, Jan. 4 with a teacher in-service day and Thomas said that the attendance rate was between 96-97 percent for teachers and that attendance had been at least 95 percent during the first two days of instruction on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"On Monday, it wasn't a student day but we had between 96-97 percent teachers' attendance rate," Thomas told the school board Wednesday night at the Andrew Johnson Building.

"We had an attendance rate of 95.17 percent on Wednesday and our substitute fill rate was at 67 percent, anything under 70 percent is red, but this was better."

While the coronavirus pandemic keeps things uncertain, Thomas said that he's committed to keeping schools open for as long as possible.

"We completed 70 of

75 days of instruction," he said. "We had some closures."

"We may have schools closed. They may be closed two at a time or it may be the whole district. (But) we made a commitment to the parents of 45,000 of our students that we would provide an opportunity for in-person learning, provided that we felt like we could safely do that."

Thomas also announced that teachers and other school personnel could receive the COVID-19 vaccine as early as late February or early March.

"Everyone will have the opportunity to be vaccinated as soon as it becomes available," Thomas said.

Also at the meeting, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Ron McPherson updated the tax revenue and the numbers for October were steady and above projections, he said.

"This continues to be positive," McPherson said. "We had a projection of \$22.2 million and we received \$22.7 million. November and December may not be as positive as we expected, but that doesn't mean that it's necessarily bad."

The board also received a Project GRAD update Wednesday night and graduation rates at both Fulton and Austin-East were higher than projected according to Executive Director Ronni Chandler.

## School board meets with state leaders prior to special session

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perfect? No.

"But we'll be able to resolve most of these issues."

Prior to the meeting, Horn said that she received news that the district stands to receive more than \$50 million in additional money.

"I just found out about this last night and I had to read it three or four times to make sure that I read it correctly," Horn said.

KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas was elated and said that the extra funding would be a big help as the district had to spend approximately \$10 million in unbudgeted expenditures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Near the end of the meeting, Lafferty said that he found that the funds were to be allocated for repairs and upgrades to ventilation and to help with the effort to reopen schools.

In regards to holding schools harmless, Thomas said that if the legislature chooses not to do so, Knox County Schools stands to

lose \$8 million in funding because the district is serving 2,200 less students than it did at this time last year.

Horn said that those students are now being home schooled.

"We have 2,200 students who are not in the building and not attending virtually because their parents are home schooling them," she said.

She noted that if the district loses funding, KCS would have to cut staff. She also said that she assumes that those students would return to the district at some point.

On testing, KCS Vice Chair Virginia Babb said that while she's not opposed to testing, this year has made things more difficult than usual.

"You may have students in and out of the classroom and TNReady is disruptive anyway," she said. "It's almost like students are on lockdown for two weeks."

"I support testing but with everything going on this year, it's just too much."

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Pages from the Past



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The fascination with royal families is hardly new. I well remember just how many people were caught up in the wedding of Prince Charles to Diana Spencer. Like every capitol of a civilized country, Washington, D.C. has a vibrant social life and the visit of King George VI and his queen, Elizabeth, to the United States captivated much of the country. Those folks who have watched The Crown on Netflix realize their daughter is Queen Elizabeth II.

The invitation to visit America had come from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and it was heralded throughout the media of the day for no reigning British monarch had ever trod on American soil. The United States and Great Britain had something of a checkered history since the Colonies broke away from the British Empire. The Capitol still carries scars from the War of 1812 when President James Madison and First Lady Dolly Madison had to flee before British troops burned down the White House. Relations between the two countries had not always been amicable and there were periods when it was downright tense. The United States had entered the first World War on the side of the Allies, which included Great Britain, but it was Franklin Roosevelt and his invitation, as well as King George's acceptance of that invitation, which ushered in a new era between our two nations. Since that time, Great Britain has always been the greatest ally of the United States and vice versa..

When President Roosevelt sent his invitation for the royal couple to visit America, Europe was under the dark clouds of war. Adolf Hitler, once Chancellor of Germany, now ruled as a supreme dictator. Allied with Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator of Italy, Hitler's appetite for expansion --- he had already annexed neighboring Austria and swallowed Czechoslovakia --- had not been appeased by Great Britain and France.

Franklin Roosevelt was one of the shrewdest politicians ever to occupy the White House. It was FDR who guided America through two of the greatest, almost certainly the greatest challenges, to face our nation in modern times: the Great Depression and World War II. Roosevelt realized the strength of isolationist sentiment in the country as Hitler threatened the peace of the world in Europe and the Japanese Empire gobbled up territory in the Far East. President

Roosevelt hoped a visit to the shores of America would allow Americans to have a better understanding of their British cousins. While it might seem ostensibly social in nature, FDR gambled it would help to foster a political bond between the United States and Great Britain.

King George VI wrote back, in responding to President Roosevelt's invitation to visit the United States, his acceptance. The King told the President he and the Queen could only manage a short visit to America as the British were living through "disturbed days" in Europe. William C. Bullitt, FDR's ambassador to France, had written the President, "The grand smash seems fairly imminent."

As President Roosevelt had calculated, the widely covered visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth was a rousing public relations success. The great-great-great grandson of King George III solemnly laid a wreath at the tomb of George Washington. Their Britannic Majesties enjoyed their first hot dogs at President Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park, much to the horror and dismay of his mother, Sara Roosevelt. The King ate his hot dog and immediately asked for another. The King and President Roosevelt sipped beers on a warm day with a variety of folks, including the great, near great, and plain, everyday people. Perhaps the only snag in the program was an overly long presentation of a Native American dance by performers selected by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

The royals had crossed the U. S. - Canadian border to enter Niagara Falls, New York. King George and Queen Elizabeth visited New York City, the site of the World's Fair before departing for Washington, D.C. where the couple was received formally as if it were an official State Visit. In New York, the King had sipped tea with J. P. Morgan, the American titan of finance.

A reception given by the King and Queen for official Washington caused a frenzy of activity, especially on the part of the Capitol's women folk, who hurried to select gowns. Initially, only a few ranking members of Congress were to be invited to a garden party at the British Embassy, but the outcry was so vociferous the Ambassador invited the congressmen and their wives. Senators and congressmen were deluged by most everyone they had ever known, along with those they had never met, all of whom were begging for tickets to the event.



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King George VI of Great Britain is in the center of the first row with his Queen, Elizabeth. On the far left is Congressman Sol Bloom of New York and the far right is Senator Key Pittman of Nevada as they walk down the steps of the American Capitol.

Fortunately, the British ambassador solved that problem by announcing the event was only for the Members of Congress.

Still, curious Tennesseans descended upon Washington, D.C. and the Volunteer State's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, threw open the doors of his office to his constituents. McKellar suite of offices in the old Senate Office Building afforded onlookers a particularly good view of Delaware Avenue, which was along the route of the parade for King George and Queen Elizabeth. According to the Chattanooga News, McKellar hosted more people from his home state than any other senator that day.

Tennessee's junior U.S. senator, Tom Stewart, found his own office abuzz with excitement. His staff members were all agog over the reception at the British Embassy and listened eagerly for tidbits about the apparel being selected by the wives of senators, including Mrs. Stewart. Like many senatorial wives, Helen Stewart had immediately gone shopping for a new dress as soon as she knew she would be attending the garden party at the British Embassy. Mrs. Stewart came back with a white and chartreuse dress bought especially for the occasion. Senator Stewart told a reporter he was in something of a quandary as to what to wear himself, confessing he owned a cutaway coat and striped trousers, which was considered formal wear for men at the time. Stewart confessed he also had his eye on "a neat, cool, white suit." "Senator Ellender (of Louisiana) and some of the others are going to wear white suits," Tom Stewart explained. "I might do it myself. I am giving it plenty of thought."

Senator McKellar, a bachelor, was not all atwitter over the impending party and said he would probably wear his cutaway coat unless he thought several of the gentlemen would be

turned out in an array of summer white suits. Fortunately, white suits had indeed been sanctioned by the British Embassy.

The only member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation who was not going to the garden party was Congressman Sam D. McReynolds of Chattanooga. McReynolds was ailing and had only been released from Bethesda Naval Hospital where he had been treated for a heart condition. Although the congressman's doctors thought McReynolds was doing "splendidly", they did not want him overly excited. In fact, Congressman McReynolds was not doing at all splendidly; he would die a month later from heart disease.

At the British Embassy, King George stood for a few moments, scanning the assembled congressman and senators and was then joined by his Queen, who was attired in white satin. Queen Elizabeth wore white shoes, a starched white lace hat and carried long lace gloves and a parasol. Senator McKellar, elegant in his black cutaway with braided edges, was the sixth senator to be presented to Their Majesties. McKellar later related the King had offered his hand "in regular Tennessee style." Senator McKellar took the King's hand and shook it, saying, "I am glad to welcome you to our country." The King quickly replied, "I am very happy to be here." McKellar, moving to shake hands with the Queen, said, "I am glad to greet you" and was pleased when she chirped, "I thank you ever so much."

Senator Tom Stewart was grinning when he approached, having decided upon a double-breasted summer suit instead of the more formal cutaway coat. The members of the House followed those of the Senate in the procession. Each came in the receiving line according to his or her seniority. J. Will Taylor, a Republican who represented the Second Congressional District, arrived wearing a blue serge business suit. Carroll Reece,

Walter Chandler of Memphis, and Jere Cooper of West Tennessee all opted for the more formal wear. Freshman congressman Albert Gore, Joe Byrns Jr., Wirt Courtney and Herron Pearson all wore their "every-day work clothes" which the media said didn't seem to make much difference to the royal pair. In fact, one reporter thought if expression was any measure, the King and Queen enjoyed "lawmakers so attired all the more." The King, who was about 6'2 and towered over his 5'2 Scottish wife, personally greeted every Member of Congress in the receiving line with grace, good cheer and impeccable manners.

Every member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation had something kind to say about the royal couple, save for one: Congress Joseph W. Byrns Jr. of Nashville. Returning to his office, Byrns complained, "What a couple of flat tires they turned out to be." Byrns was serving his first term in Congress and was the son and namesake of Joseph W. Byrns, the late Speaker of the House and for decades the congressman from Tennessee's "Hermitage District." Byrns added an uncomplimentary comment about the Queen's "wooden gestures."

Senator McKellar said, "I was impressed by their graciousness and friendliness and sociability." Senator Tom Stewart told reporters he, too, liked the royal couple and had been struck by the "Democratic" manner in which the British monarchs conducted themselves. Walter Chandler offered, "They're just folks." Congressman Wirt Courtney said, "The queen was lovely, and I was very much impressed with the king." Herron Pearson admitted his "estimate of them increased tremendously." Republican Carroll Reece of upper East Tennessee said he had been "particularly impressed with the charm of the queen." Congressman Jere Cooper, a high ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, gruffly told

a reporter he was far too busy working on social security matters to discuss social matters.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina quipped he had chosen not to attend the party as the king and queen could not vote in his home state. He remained at the Capitol, entertaining North Carolina visitors.

The lack of graciousness demonstrated by young Congressman Joe Byrns Jr. appalled a goodly number of the people he represented in the Hermitage District, which was famous for its hospitality. It was unthinkable to many of the folks he represented he would publicly say anything unkind about the British monarchs. It was a foolish statement, which he soon denied making. Byrns certainly had neither the courtliness or political acumen of his father. Joe Byrns Jr. was renominated in 1940 but lost to an Independent.

A formal dinner at the White House hosted by President Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt featured a menu of clam cocktail, calf's head soup, terrapin, boned capon (chicken), cranberry sauce, peas, buttered beets, sweet potato cones, cornbread, frozen cheese and cress salad. For dessert, the guests enjoyed maple and almond ice cream with white pound cake and coffee. The gold service used for the dinner for the King and Queen of Great Britain, ironically, dated back to the administration of James Madison. In his toast to the royal couple, FDR lifted his glass and said, "It is because each nation is lacking in fear of the other that we have unfortified borders between us. It is because neither of us fears aggression on the part of the other that we have entered no race of armaments the one against the other."

When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth returned to Britain in 1939, they took the good will and good wishes of millions of America back home with them to Buckingham Palace.



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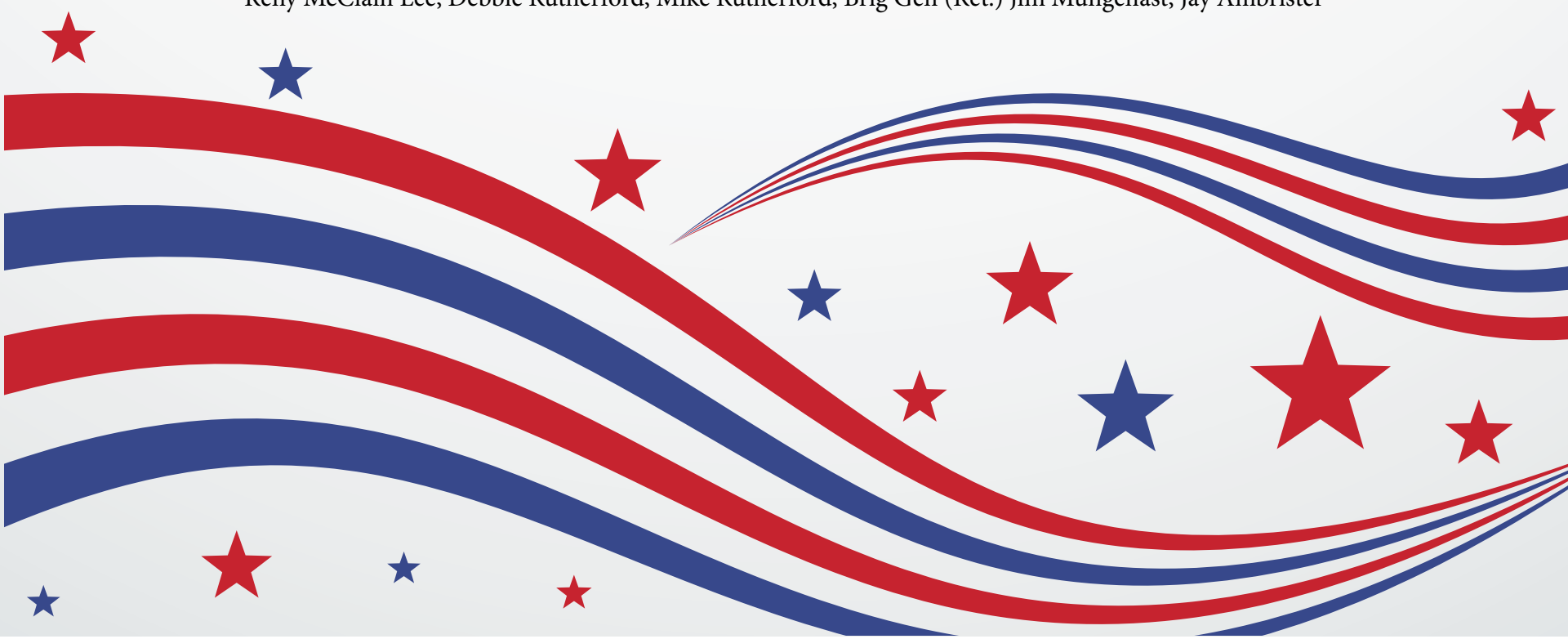
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DISTRICT 4 HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Lady Hornets take title and make history in bowling

By Steve Williams

It didn't take long for Carter High's girls bowling team to make its mark in District 4.

In just its second year of having a team, the Lady Hornets stung Bearden 20-7 in the championship match Friday at the Oak Ridge Bowling Center.

"I think it's really important because this is a big step for us in Carter (sports) history," said senior Elizabeth Umbarger. "It's our second year as a team and our first big win. It's really meaningful to all of us."

The Lady Hornets (13-1) will advance to the Region 2 tournament Tuesday at Crest Lanes in Maryville and roll against William Blount, the District 3 runner-up, at 11:30.

District 3 champion Sevier County tangles with Bearden at 1:30. The two winners automatically qualify for the Sub-State will battle for the region title at 3:30.

Carter's path to the district crown included a 25-2 win over Hardin Valley Academy in the first round and a 26-1 thumping of Career Magnet Academy in the semifinals.

Bearden had eliminated South-Doyle 21-6 in the opening round and got past L&N STEM Academy 16½ to 10½ in the semis.

Senior leadoff bowler Ava Brooks and No. 2 bowler Hallie



Carter captured the District 4 girls' team bowling championship Friday in just its second season of having a team. The Lady Hornets are (front row, left to right): Kayla Rucker, Brilee Kitts, Elizabeth Umbarger, Gracie Miller, Emma Henderson. Back row, left to right: Coach Ray Wynn, Tyra Eastridge, Hallie Lane, Kayli Altom, Ava Brooks.

Lane, a sophomore, got Carter off to a fast start by bowling 165 and 161, respectively, in the opening game of the three-game match.

Brooks added a 138 game and Umbarger a 132 in the middle game of the series.

Gracie Miller finished with a 149, Lane a 146 and Kayla Rucker a 131. Miller and Rucker are freshmen.

In total pin fall, Carter outscored the Lady Bulldogs 2,261

to 1,982.

"We just do what we do," said Carter Coach Ray Wynn. "We come out here, bowl and have a good time. Enjoy each other and have an opportunity to play."

"These girls are great friends. They love each other. A lot of them are on the softball and volleyball teams together, and so they know each other. They're always with each other."

Coach Wynn said his team got

rolling in the second half of the season.

"We lost early in the season to L&N STEM Academy and they had some really good bowlers," he said. "In the second half of the schedule, we played them again and we really started hitting our stride. Our girls started executing and having high scores. It's a tribute to these girls. They've put in a lot of work and dedication into this. It meant a lot to them."

DISTRICT 4 BOWLING

Top 10 averages in regular season

(Including those who bowled in at least 65 percent of team's games)

BOYS

- 1 – Devean Littlejohn, HVA, sr., 223
- 2 – Bryson Qualls, Karns, sr., 197
- 3 – Tyler Fries, Bearden, jr., 194
- 4 – Andrew D'Anna, Central, sr., 186
- 5 – Bryson Headrick, Karns, fr., 183
- 6 – Brayden Brown, Bearden, jr., 179
- 7 – Ethan Shaw, Bearden, jr., 172
- 8 – Noah Charlton, Karns, jr., 168
- 9 – Hogan Wayland, Gibbs, sr., 167
- 10 – Will Carter, Bearden, jr., 166

GIRLS

- 1 – Lucy Edwards, S-D, sr., 176
- 2 – Grace Brison, L&N, sr., 160
- 3 – Cori Plankers, HVA, sr., 145
- 4 – Rachel Fetzer, L&N, sr., 140
- 5 – Christina Bogart, Central, sr., 139
- 6 – Ava Brooks, Carter, sr., 135
- 7 – Kayla Rucker, Carter, fr., 131
- 8 – Savannah Price, CMA, sr., 128
- 9 – Naveah Miller, Carter, fr., 126
- 9 – Rachel Rice, Bearden, sr., 126

Carter teams honor "JH" by wearing memorial patches

By Steve Williams

John Howell Clift may have been looking down smiling Friday as Carter's girls bowling team won the school's first-ever district championship.

"JH," one of the biggest supporters of Carter High School athletics, was a victim of COVID-19 and passed away Jan. 2.

As the Lady Hornets won the District 4 title in just their second year of having a team, Clift's initials were patched onto their bowling shirts in his memory.

"On Christmas Eve, he was doing really badly with COVID," said senior bowler Ava Brooks. "He was in the hospital and he ended up passing away."

"The whole Carter community is disappointed, because he helped out a lot with a lot of sports," added Ava. "All of our sports teams have got his initials on our jerseys and we hung up his name on a banner in our gym."

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Littlejohn and Edwards post top averages in District 4

Four earn berths in state tourney

By Steve Williams

The first game Devean Littlejohn bowled in the 2020-21 regular season for Hardin Valley Academy was a 174 – a respectable score in high school competition.

For the Hawks' senior, however, it turned out to be his lowest game.

Littlejohn went on to scores between 243 and 266 in 11 of his 44 games and finished with a 223.05 average in regular season play – tops in District 4.

"Devean has been bowling for most of his life," said HVA Coach Terry Disney. "He's very good."

"He actually goes to Oak Ridge High School and we've had a couple of bowlers the last few years from Oak Ridge High, because they don't have a



The top two bowlers in District 4 -- boys and girls -- have qualified for the TSSAA state individual tournament later this month in Smyrna. Representing District 4 will be Grace Brison of L&N STEM Academy, Lucy Edwards of South-Doyle, Devean Littlejohn of Hardin Valley Academy and Bryson Qualls of Karns. All four are seniors.

bowling team. He bowls for Hardin Valley under the TSSAA's co-op program."

Karns senior Bryson Qualls ranked No. 2 with a 197 average in the Beavers' first season in the district.

For their performances, both Littlejohn and Qualls earned berths in this year's TSSAA state individual tournament in Smyrna.

"Bryson did so well in a first-year team because he brought a lot of skill into the program, and we will be

sorry to see him graduate this year," said Karns Coach Chris Milojevich.

"Bryson bowled from an early age and competed in many of the local youth programs, which is where he developed his skill as a bowler."

"On the KHS team he was a strong leader, keeping the other students motivated to succeed by teaching them good technique and encouraging them to do better. I am sure he will represent us well in the state

tournament in Smyrna."

District 4's female state qualifiers are senior Lucy Edwards of South-Doyle, who had a regular season average of 176 and L&N STEM Academy senior Grace Brison, who averaged 160.

The Bearden boys were the regular season team champions in District 4 with a 14-0 record. The Carter and L&N STEM Academy girls (each 10-1) were co-champions. Carter's girls won the tie-breaker for the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

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# Lady Falcons edge West to remain undefeated

By Ken Lay

Despite seeing his team keep its perfect record intact, Fulton High School girls basketball coach Tyler Howell wasn't happy Thursday night.

"We were sloppy pretty much the whole game," Howell said after the Lady Falcons edged West High 51-48 before a sparse crowd on Sutherland Avenue. "We were terrible from the free throw line and we're going to have to clean that up and in our offense, we were getting our close looks at the basket, but we weren't finishing them."

"I thought, defensively, that we bailed them out all night long."

The Lady Falcons (7-0) were an abysmal 15-for-34 from the foul line. But the free throws that plagued them all evening long fell late as Ranaisha Gates knocked down a pair of clutch foul shots to give Fulton a 49-48 lead with 50.3 seconds remaining.

Sammy Taylor would seal the victory when her shot with 16.1 seconds

remaining provided the winning margin.

The Lady Rebels (3-3) had one final gasp thwarted when Gates intercepted a pass with 2.5 seconds left.

The Lady Falcons took a 42-32 lead when Taylor made a free throw after she was fouled on the final play of the third quarter but the Lady Rebels opened the final frame with a 12-3 run to claw their way back into the contest.

West even took a 48-47 lead when Iesha Abdurraqueeb made a free throw with 1 minute, 9 seconds left to play before the Lady Falcons scored the final four points of the game to remain perfect on the season.

Gates and Taylor each had 13 points to pace the Lady Falcons.

West High senior point guard Kyra Buntyn had 17 points to lead all scorers despite being saddled with foul trouble throughout much of the second half.

Abdurraqueeb added 10 points for the Lady Rebels.

# Bulldog bowlers again too much for HVA

By Steve Williams

Bearden High's unbeaten boys bowling team extended its string of District 4 titles to three with a 21-6 win over Hardin Valley Academy Friday at the Oak Ridge Bowling Center.

"We've got a lot of weapons," said BHS Coach Jennifer Allen, after her team raised its record to 17-0. "We had three boys just today have a 600 series."

Zak Hubbs recorded a 614 series in the finals. Tyler Fries posted a 613 in the Bulldogs' 24-3 win over L&N STEM Academy in the semifinals, including a 233 game. Ethan Shaw had a 601 in the semis and a 232 game. All three are juniors.

Bearden also got a 187 game from Braden Brown in the finals and a 201 from him in the semifinals. Will Carter chipped in a 183 game in the semis.

"We struggled," said Hardin Valley Coach Terry Disney, regarding his team's showing in the finals. It was the Hawks' third loss to Bearden this season. They haven't lost to any other team.

Coach Disney was hoping the Oak Ridge lanes would give his team an advantage, since it is Hardin Valley's home alley. But it didn't.

"We had one of our lowest total match scores of the year," said Disney. "For the finals we were definitely off our game. Bearden is an excellent team and is excellently coached."

Even having the district's top bowler in senior Devean Littlejohn



**Bearden's unbeaten bowling team won its third straight District 4 tournament championship Friday and will go after region honors this week. Front row (left to right): Brayden Brown, Will Creasman, Michael Collins, Tyler Fries, Ethan Shaw, Ayden Miller. Back row (left to right): Zak Hubbs, Brandt Turrill, Jacob Norvell, Will Carter.**

couldn't make it close.

Littlejohn opened with his lowest game (158) of the season before finishing with a 176 and 230.

Fries, Bearden's leading bowler and No. 3 in the district, said: "We had a lot of people bowl consistently and it was really just keeping it close with Devean. As long as we could do that, we knew that we would get pin total and that we would win the rest of the games. We were focusing on beating the other people and not beating Devean."

Littlejohn had rolled a 278 – his best game of the year – to start the semifinals, a 16-11 win over Carter. He finished with games of 212 and 204 for a sparkling 694 series.

"We squeaked by Carter," said

Disney. "They brought their A game and did really well. It came right down to the last bowler in the last game. We ended up winning by 12 pins."

In first-round district matches, Bearden blasted Career Magnet Academy 25-2 and Hardin Valley ousted Gibbs 21-6.

Bearden advances to the Region 2 tourney at Crest Lanes in Maryville Thursday and will tangle with District 3 runner-up William Blount at 11:30. Hardin Valley will face District 3 champion and perennial power Sevier County at 1:30. The title match is slated for 3:30.

The Region 2 champion and runner-up will qualify for the Sub-State.

# Huge fourth quarter lifts Rebels past Falcons, 80-71

By Ken Lay

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown curves at every high school basketball team and Knoxville.

But perhaps no team has been more affected than the West High School boys basketball teams.

The Rebels, like every other team representing a school in Knox County Schools, had an extended Christmas Break after KCS switched exclusively to virtual learning for the final week of the fall semester.

The Rebels, who also have a new coach in Aubin

Goporo, had only four games before athletics were halted when campuses closed.

West, however, made the most of its opportunity to play Fulton and came away with an 80-71 victory over the Falcons before a sparse crowd at West High

School.

"We're a team that's still getting to know ourselves. A lot of teams have had more games than we did, so we're still just trying to get to know ourselves," Goporo said after the Rebels (3-2) rebounded from Tuesday night's District 4-AAA loss to Maryville Tuesday to take down coach Jody Wright's Falcons (8-3).

West and Fulton were locked in a tight game before the Rebels pulled away down the stretch, West outscored the Falcons 20-8 over the final five minutes of the contest after the game was tied 36-36 at halftime and knotted 58-58 headed to the fourth quarter.

Wright said that the Rebels were able to turn the tide in the final minutes.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

**Fulton's Sammy Taylor brings the ball upcourt while West High's Iesha Abdurraqueeb defends in a game won by the Lady Falcons 51-48 Thursday night.**

"West is good," Wright said. "We did some good things but we just didn't play well for the last five minutes. We played pretty well up until that point."

The Rebels had the big run down the stretch and had two players score more

than 20 points and Goporo said that he liked the way his team played against Fulton's pressure defense at times throughout the contest.

"We have to have discipline in our press offense because we want to use the other team's press against them," he said. "We want to score quick."

West was able to do that on this night but a young Fulton team had an answer for most of the punches that the Rebels threw early.

"We start four freshmen and a sophomore, but we don't use that as an excuse," Wright said. "But it just is what it is."

West High's Will Biven led all scorers with 29 points, including 15 after halftime. Gabe Pastrano added 23 and Taylor Preston finished with nine.

Marcellus Jackson paced the Falcons with 23 points. Taj Kimber had 13 points while Denaj Kimber chipped in with 11.

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Harry Kirby McClintock was one of the most unique of the Knoxville-born musicians, the son of a cabinet maker. He left home as a youth and joined a circus, worked on the railroad in Africa, was a mule-train packer in the Philippines, and supported American troops there with ammunition and food.

In China McClintock was an aide to news reporters covering the Boxer Rebellion and, returning to the United States, worked on the railroad in the Pittsburgh area. He became a railroad worker with a minstrel lifestyle. McClintock was said to have a very varied life and never lost his sense of humor.

His song, "Big Rock Candy Mountain" was a number one country music hit in 1928 and was featured in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Writer Jim Thompson used McClintock's character in stories in a character called "Strawlegs Martin." He is credited as being the first person to sing "The Preacher and the Slave," a song by Joe Hill, in public. He was a lifelong member of the Industrial Workers of the World. In the early 1920s he worked and organized union men in the oil fields of west Texas.

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# The Peyton Manning of his day

Over the course of the University of Tennessee football program's history, there are connections that aren't readily apparent, but they make sense once you realize what they are and how they manifest themselves.

These connections go back to the 1930s, to the horse-and-buggy days of Tennessee football, marked by the single-wing, leather helmets, and much smaller crowds at Shields-Watkins Field. The years 1938-40 are among the school's best, 11-0 in 1938, 10-1 in 1939, and 10-1 in 1940. Ed Molinski was a 1939-40 All-American guard who became team physician at Memphis State and Mississippi State as well as being a prominent physician in the Bluff City. Tennessee was 31-2 over the course of his career, winning two national titles. When he arrived in Knoxville, Molinski probably wasn't surprised at Maj. Robert R. Neyland's single-minded approach



The 1967 Tennessee Vol offensive unit was one of the best in school history, led by Bob Johnson (54) and John Boynton (75), both among Doug Dickey's first recruits after he arrived in Knoxville.

to football, because he had played his high school football in Massillon, Ohio, under the legendary Paul Brown, who later coached professionally at Cleveland and Cincinnati and was a founder of both teams. Molinski and Bob Suftridge, the latter being the only three-time All-American selection in school history, anchored the offensive and defensive lines in those days, although they weren't exactly buddies during their careers. Rumor has it they rarely spoke to each other. When Doug Dickey became head coach at Tennessee in December 1963, Cleveland's Bob Johnson

was one of the first players he visited, and eventually signed, along with John Boynton, an offensive tackle from nearby Pikeville. He had considerable help in this effort from Jim McDonald, his predecessor as head coach. Bob was the linchpin of Vol offensive lines from 1965-67, a two-time All-American selection and 1967 Jacobs Trophy winner as the SEC's best blocker. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting. Boynton was a steady offensive tackle who, as Dickey once said, "did his job and didn't say much." Johnson and Boynton joined Elliott Gammage,

Joe Graham, and Charley Rosenfelder as one of the great Tennessee offensive lines. Long-time Tennessee football observers would say Bob was the Peyton Manning of his day, with a significant number of honors listed next to his name in the record books. A similar number would also say Peyton Manning was the Bob Johnson of his day. Just before the 1965 season started, the News-Sentinel's Marvin West reported, "Bob Johnson, 225-pound sophomore, divided his time between defensive tackle and center."

Johnson found a home at center, good enough that no one thought about his potential defensive prowess again. Texas head coach Darrell Royal visited campus during Johnson's time in Knoxville and said he would be more than glad to take Bob back to Austin with him, if Dickey would let him. Dickey very politely told Royal he'd keep Johnson in Knoxville. He knew a good thing when he saw one. "Bob became a leader immediately," said Dickey. "There was never any doubt he was going to be a leader of whatever group he was a part of. There was a demeanor about him that let you know he was a leader. He had the brainpower as well as the muscle power to get the total scholar-athlete program done at the University of Tennessee." In 1968, after having starred for Dickey, Johnson was the No. 1 draft choice, No. 2 NFL selection overall, of the fledgling Cincinnati Bengals, playing for... Paul Brown. Brown also drafted Vol quarterback Dewey Warren in the sixth round. Dickey and Brown each built their offensive success, and the success of

their teams, around the center from Bradley County. "Coach Dickey had a lot in common with Coach Brown," Johnson said. "They both had backbones made of steel. If they thought something was right, there was no bending. They did not have unrealistic rules, and they didn't care who broke them-everybody was dealt with the same way." Neyland (1956), Johnson (1989), Molinski (1990), and Dickey (2003) are members of the College Football Hall of Fame. Brown was a 1967 inductee into the (Pre) Football Hall of Fame. The circle was complete. It started with Ed Molinski and was built from there over the years. For Tennessee fans who "know their stuff," this is a fascinating story, covering a 30-year time frame. Paul Brown was Ed Molinski's high school coach, and Neyland reaped the rewards of Brown's tutelage. When Brown was in charge of the Bengals, he reaped the rewards of Doug Dickey's work with Bob Johnson. It's a much different angle to the old expression, "What goes around, comes around."

## A look ahead at 2021 in the world of sports

By Mark Nagi

Well, it is that time again. Time to get out the crystal ball and make some predictions on the year ahead in sports. Some are actual predictions... some are tongue in cheek. It's a fun game figuring out which are which! Let's light this candle. In January, Tennessee football coach Jeremy Pruitt will be rumored to be in the witness relocation program, as he hadn't been seen or spoken publicly since the Vols lost in the 2020 season finale to Texas A&M. Pruitt is finally seen at Sam and Andy's in Farragut near the end of the month, unable to pay for his meal since he brought no cash and as we all know they take no credit cards. In February, the Buffalo Bills edge the Green Bay Packers 34-31 in Super Bowl LV. This sets off a celebration that lasts four months in western New York. Tennessee's men's basketball team rattles off a 14 game SEC win streak, putting them in position to win the conference for the first time since 2018. In March, the Vols win the SEC regular season and tournament titles, and advance to the Final Four for the first time in program history. Tennessee fans paint "Barnes4Life" on The Rock. In April, the Vols are eliminated in the national semifinals by eventual national champion Gonzaga. Tennessee's football team holds the annual Orange & White Game at Neyland

Stadium in front of friends and family. The Orange beats the White 24-21. Thanks to that result, Jeremy Pruitt is given a three-year contract extension. In May, the Lady Vols softball team returns to the College World Series. The Vols baseball team gets to the NCAA tournament, advancing to the Super Regionals. In June, the Los Angeles Lakers win their second straight NBA championship, the fifth title for LeBron James. At 58, Michael Jordan announces that he'll return to the association in the Fall. The Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup. In July, the Vols head to SEC Media Days. Pruitt makes waves with a statement that brought back memories of Derek Dooley's 2012 appearance. Pruitt says that the SEC won't have Tennessee to kick around anymore. The media picks the Vols to finish 12th in the conference. In August, the Vols football team is stunned to learn that Harrison Bailey, expected to be the starting quarterback, is quitting football to open a juice store. "It's been a lifelong dream," says Bailey. Pruitt considers playing the 2021 season without anyone lining up at quarterback. In September, the Vols open the season with a resounding 45-17 victory over Bowling Green. In response, Tennessee gives Pruitt a seven-year contract extension.

In October, with the Vols now in the middle of a five-game losing streak, UT announces that the 1998 Vols will take the field against Alabama. Vegas favors the Tide by 205 points. Alabama wins by 198. In November, Jeremy Pruitt is fired and receives a buyout worth more than the GNP of Peru. He is replaced by interim head coach Heath Shuler. Andy Kelly is installed as offensive coordinator with Carl Pickens hired as defensive coordinator. The Vols lose to Vanderbilt 75 to negative 10. The gritty underdog Yankees win the World Series.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

## FBA's busy Lady Eagles get a boost from transfer

By Steve Williams

The First Baptist Academy girls had to be the busiest basketball team on the local scene during the holidays.

The Lady Eagles played 10 games between Dec. 15 and Dec. 30 and went 7-3 during that stretch.

They played on the day before Christmas Eve and were back on the court the afternoon after New Year's Day.

The Division II Class A school in Powell defeated Kingston 61-57 in its first game in the new year and added a 69-51 victory over Sweetwater on Jan. 4.

"We have been very blessed to have played as many games as we have thus far," said Coach Freeman Pinkney, who is in his first season at First Baptist Academy.

"I credit a ton of our success to the way our girls prepare each day. As of today (Jan. 7), we have surpassed the most wins in school history."

Freeman said the key players that have made a huge impact in the team's 11-8 record have been Aaniyah Johnson, Canaan Chitwood and Catherine Hendershott, who transferred to the team in December.

Johnson was averaging 12 points and five assists going into Friday's scheduled district game at Berean Christian. Chitwood was averaging 10 points and eight rebounds and Hendershott 22 points, six rebounds and five assists in just 10 games.

"Catherine has been phenomenal for our team, providing a needed boost," added Freeman.

Also on the local girls' prep scene:

**UNDEFEATED:** Farragut picked



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Powell junior Cassie Sakhleh drives inside against Karns freshman Alyssa Maples in Thursday night's game. The Lady Panthers won on the road again, 75-37.

up where it left off after the holidays.

Sidelined since Dec. 12 by Knox County Schools' decision to shut down athletics during the winter break, the Lady Admirals notched an 81-48 district win at William Blount last Tuesday to raise their record to 8-0.

In its first seven games, Farragut had averaged scoring 74 points per game, while allowing only 33 points.

Coach Jason Mayfield's Lady Admirals were slated to host Lenoir City Friday and rival Bearden Saturday night. Farragut is scheduled to entertain district foe Maryville Tuesday.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** Powell also remains unbeaten but had played only three games, including two Hall of Fame contests in November, when the calendar flipped over to January. COVID-19 reasons had kept the Lady Panthers

off the court even before the KCS shutdown.

John Fisher's team returned to action with an 81-64 win at Hardin Valley after being idle for around a month and upped its record to 5-0 with a 75-37 win at Karns Thursday.

Powell was scheduled to play at Central Friday and has a district game this Tuesday at Oak Ridge.

All of the Lady Panthers' wins have been on the road.

**PERFECT SO FAR:** Fulton is having a perfect season and resumed play with a 59-46 win over Anderson County and a 51-48 victory at West Thursday to extend its record to 7-0.

**WINNING RECORDS:** Berean Christian went 3-0 over the holidays to up its record to 7-1. However, an 84-42 district loss to Lakeway Christian Academy quickly grounded the Lady Eagles.

CAK played seven games during

the holidays and rolled to a 56-18 win at Grace Christian last Tuesday to improve to 8-6.

Halls (5-3) resumed play with a 73-57 win over Clinton and was slated to host Karns Friday.

**A LITTLE RUSTY?** Bearden lost its first game back on the hardwood last Tuesday, falling at Alcoa 47-45. Ironically, the Lady Bulldogs had played Alcoa in their last game before the shutdown, toppling the Lady Tornadoes 54-42 to boost their record to 8-0.

Bearden is scheduled to host Heritage in a district game Tuesday.

**TOUGH SCHEDULE:** The King's Academy, which started the season 0-6 against a solid row of state-ranked teams, got its first win over Science Hill 38-29 in the Winterfest Shootout at Sevier County. The Lady Lions added a 63-47 win at FBA last Tuesday.

Carter High's bowling team and others are wearing "JH" patches in memory of COVID-19 victim John Howell Clift, a longtime supporter of the Hornets and Lady Hornets.

## Carter teams honor "JH"

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and on the football field and the softball and baseball fields in memory of him."

Clift, 64, was a 1974 Carter High graduate.

"He actually helped us create our bowling team," said senior Elizabeth Umbarger. "He was a really big part of pushing it and allowing us to have it last year."

Clift kept the scoreboard clock at Carter basketball and football games.

"He had done our basketball game on Dec. 8 against Austin-East and then contracted COVID shortly after that and passed away tragically on the second of January," said Ray Wynn, Carter's bowling coach and sports information director.

Wynn estimated Clift had kept the clock at Carter for at least 25 years.

"He was the nicest guy you would ever meet in your life," said Wynn. "If I could be like him, I would be doing all right."

Clift retired from Sun Trust Bank after 33 years. He was a reserve firefighter with the Rural Metro Fire Department for over 40 years.

## TSWA honors area football players

By Ken Lay

The 2020 football season was full of exciting games and big plays and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association honored several area players as it named its all-state teams recently.

In Class 5A, Karns sophomore running back De'Sean Bishop was named to the team.

Other selections in Class 5A included: Shawn Gray (running back, South-Doyle); Liam Fortner (wide receiver, Central); David Hull (offensive lineman, South-Doyle); Brady Cash (offensive lineman, Central); Brycen Hodges (offensive lineman, Powell); Jason Foust (athlete, Powell); Ewan Johnson (kicker, South-Doyle).

On defense in Class 5A, Central punter Ryan Bolton was selected, along with Levi Herald (defensive lineman, South-Doyle); Andrew Gilbert (defensive lineman, West); Kalib Fortner (linebacker,

Central); Ethan Scott (linebacker, West); Preston Sisler (defensive back, South-Doyle) and Shannon Blair (athlete, West).

In Division II-A: The King's Academy had three selections named to the team including; running back Nakelin McAfee, wide receiver Ja'Chim Williams and defensive back Garrett Weekly.

In Division II-AA: Grace Christian Academy was represented by quarterback Cooper Riggs and wide receiver Pierce Browning.

Christian Academy of Knoxville had Ross Badgett (kicker); J.D. Dunn (running back), Grant Sterchi (wide receiver) and Chi McNeil-Harrison (linebacker).

Webb School of Knoxville offensive lineman Jackson Bradley also received all-state honors.

In Division II-AAA, Catholic was represented by defensive back Javis Mynatt and athlete Hayden Todd.

## Five volleyball players honored by Tennessee Sports Writers

By Ken Lay

Five area high school volleyball players were honored recently by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association when it released its Division II all-state volleyball teams.

The King's Academy, which made its second consecutive trip to the Division II-A State Tournament in Murfreesboro, had two players named to the squad in senior Alexa Austin and senior Kolbie Green. Concord Christian School's Anabelle Sulish and Catholic High School's Grianne McGrath and Cassie Kuerschen also received all-state honors.

Austin, a middle blocker, was an all-district performer for the Lady Lions in Seymour. She was also the region tournament's Most Valuable player. She will helped the King's Academy finished third in the state

tournament and win 22 matches last season.

Green, a setter for the Lady Lions, was the district tournament's Most Valuable Player and an all-region standout. She'll continue her volleyball career at Emory & Henry.

Also in the Division II-A, Concord Christian School's Anabelle Sulish was named to the team.

Sulish, a junior outside hitter for Concord, was a driving force for the Lady Lions, who came up just shy of reaching the state tournament after reaching the state championship match in each of the last two seasons.

In 2020, CCS made it to regionals where they were eliminated by Goodpasture Christian.

The Lady Irish have become regulars in the Midstate over the last decade and they were

represented on the TSWA all-state team by McGrath and Kuerschen.

McGrath, a junior who plays both on the outside and in the middle, helped Catholic win 22 games and advance to the state tournament again where they brought home a third-place finish.

She was an all-region standout.

Kuerschen, a senior and four-year starter at libero for the Lady Irish, was the Knoxville Focus Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. She also won the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship for excellence on the court and in the classroom.

She was also the Division II-AA East Region's Most Valuable Player and she'll play college volleyball for Penn State.

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# Not A Day Away

**By Mike Steely**  
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Lots of us are using the isolation time during the pandemic to do things we've otherwise put off. For my family that includes inside home repairs and updates, outside brush removal, and catching up with hobbies and interests. These activities help take our minds off the growing number of infections and deaths from the virus, and encourage more attention to our household families.

My wife suggested I also turn my attention to completing a book I started years ago, a horror story about a small town called “Welcome to Smithboro.” I waded through my old chapters, which I finally located in a file cabinet in an outbuilding and put together 12 of 13 chapters. I wrestled with that final chapter, having lost the ending I wanted, and wrote a few drafts trying to recapture the flavor and tone of the book.

While catching up on the phone with my sister in California a month or so back, she mentioned that she had something I had written many years ago and would send it to me by snail mail. Shortly after Christmas, a manila envelope arrived and I was curious to open and find what she sent.

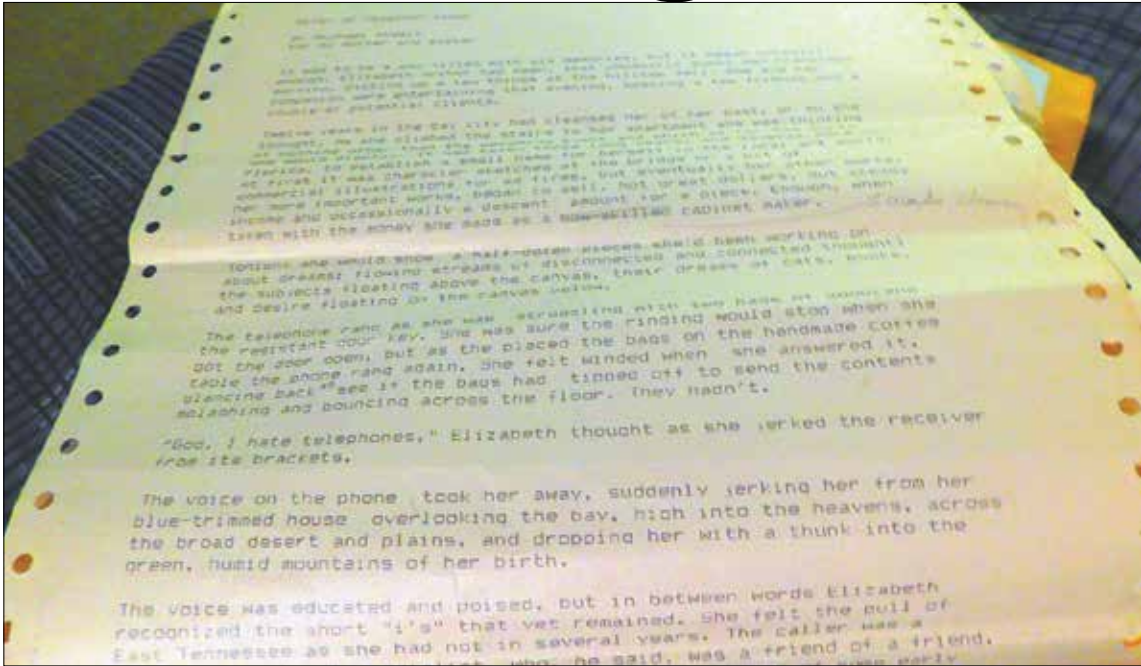


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*The yellowed scroll of old computer printer paper took me back to earlier days when I was writing stories for a manuscript about horrors in a small town. The scroll is obviously at least 30 years old or more and is an example of how home computers and printers have changed.*

My discovery was a short story that I had written for the book that was printed on a long scroll of early computer printer paper, the kind with round holes on each side and no breaks between pages. It was curious and took me back to many years ago when I was beginning the book.

All of the other chapters were on old computer papers, the 8 by 10 size, some by typewriter and some by early printers. But the

scroll made me wonder when I had started to write the forgotten story. While my treasure legend “Swift’s Silver Mines and Related Appalachian Treasures” was published by Overmountain Press in 1995 and there have been several other history-themed books I’d begun but left dormant over the years, the “Smithboro” manuscript may be the oldest of the lot. “Smithboro” contains several short stories revolving around

about a half-dozen characters including the little town’s police chief, a minister, the undertaker, and assorted characters who are, indeed, “characters.” Many are based on my own birth-town where I ran a newspaper for many years. I’ve passed a few chapters along to my friends via the internet and received some favorable comments and suggestions.

My sister’s contribution still puzzles me.

I remember writing several stories over a dozen years when I worked for a publishing company that served bookstores in the Southeast. During that time I started taking my Royal typewriter with me in my travels. I eventually upgraded to a Texas Instrument Computer and then a Commodore 64. I chanced to pick up a KAYPRO computer with a small green screen and an attached printer. It used a large floppy disc for saving files and, in every way, it was a true “floppy” disc.

The printer I was using then was an Epson Dot Matrix that used the scroll of paper with holes on each side. That was about 1985 or so and that must have been when I wrote and printed the story my sister sent me. I’m amazed the paper and the story survived.

So, I’m reading my old story and seeing how I can include it in the manuscript. I’m wondering if I’ll actually submit the book to someone who is interested in publishing it or if I’ll set it aside like I usually do and hope, sometime in the future, to get off my butt and do something with it.

If you’d like to see a chapter from the manuscript you can email me at steelym@knoxfocus.com and I’ll send it for your review and suggestions. If I ever go to print, I’ll get back to everyone.

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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

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### ESTATE OF MARGARET CECILIA PEEK MATTESON DOCKET NUMBER 83917-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET CECILIA PEEK MATTESON who died Nov 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 5 day of JANUARY, 2021.

### ESTATE OF MARGARET CECILIA PEEK MATTESON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MARGARET M LEGER; EXECUTRIX  
934 WILDACRE WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF STEPHEN WESTON MURRIAN DOCKET NUMBER 83887-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN WESTON MURRIAN who died Oct 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2021.

### ESTATE OF STEPHEN WESTON MURRIAN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
REBECCA MURRIAN  
HAWKINS; CO-EXECUTRIX  
5046 JENKINS ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

CYNTHIA MURRIAN  
FOWLER; CO-EXECUTRIX  
2542 KINGS MOUNTAIN LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

WILLIAM MYNATT, JR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF ELMA SUE DEBORD NARRAMORE DOCKET NUMBER 83905-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELMA SUE DEBORD NARRAMORE who died Aug 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

### ESTATE OF ELMA SUE DEBORD NARRAMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES A NARRAMORE; EXECUTOR  
10816 SONJA DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

CAROLYN GILLIAM  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10805 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 200  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF BIMAL C PAL DOCKET NUMBER 83909-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BIMAL C PAL who died Nov 20, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 31 day of DECEMBER, 2020

### ESTATE OF BIMAL C PAL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BHASWATI PAL BRINK; EXECUTRIX  
7819 SMALL LEAF CIRCLE  
HOUSTON, TX 77063

FIONA H HILL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF CYNTHIA QUICK DOCKET NUMBER 83900-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of DECEMBER 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CYNTHIA QUICK who died Oct 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death.

This the 30 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

### ESTATE OF CYNTHIA QUICK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KENDRA STRAUB; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
117 LAKE FOREST CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

SABRINA STRAUB; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX  
117 LAKE FOREST CIRCLE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### ESTATE OF DAVID JAY RAPER DOCKET NUMBER 83914-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of JANUARY 2021, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID JAY RAPER who died Nov 10, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent’s date of death. This the 4 day of JANUARY, 2021.

### ESTATE OF DAVID JAY RAPER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
WANDA ANN BRADY; EXECUTRIX  
7332 EMORY POINTE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

# MISC. NOTICES

## LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 3019, Mapping/Navigation System and Services for Helicopters, due 2-11-21

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: [www.knoxcounty.org/procurement](http://www.knoxcounty.org/procurement). To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE



# Nourish Knoxville's Winter Farmers' Market kicks off

Nourish Knoxville kicked off the 2021 Winter Farmers' Market on Saturday, January 9 and will continue every other Saturday through April 17 in a new location and with modified safe-shopping protocols as COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Tennessee. Modifications/changes include:

**LOCATION** – Nourish Knoxville will remain at Mary Costa Plaza to host the 2021 Winter Farmers' Market. Mary Costa Plaza served as the location of the 2020 Market Square Farmers' Market and is located outside the Knoxville Civic Auditorium & Coliseum at 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave.

**HOURS** – Winter hours will be in place for the 2021 Winter Farmers' Market, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (2 hours) every other Saturday: January 9 and 23. February 6 & 20. March 6 & 20. April 3 & 17.

**MASK REQUIREMENTS** – To protect staff, volunteers, vendors and customers, Nourish Knoxville will require all guests two years and older to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth while shopping on the Plaza. Nourish Knoxville will have free, disposable masks and gloves available to customers as well as reusable cloth masks for sale at the information booth. No unmasked person over two years old will be allowed to enter the market area during the Winter Farmers' Market.

**ONLINE ORDERING** – Nourish Knoxville

is teaming up with Grow Oak Ridge to offer Market To-Go, an online ordering system for curbside pickup at the Nourish Knoxville Winter Farmers' Market and the Grow Oak Ridge Winter Farmers' Market. How it works – customers create a free Local Food Marketplace account, select their pick-up location as either Knoxville or Oak Ridge, shop from approved market vendors during the ordering window (Mondays at noon through Thursdays at noon before a scheduled market date), then pick up their order curbside at the appropriate market during their scheduled pick-up time. Please visit [www.nourishknoxville.org/market-to-go](http://www.nourishknoxville.org/market-to-go) for more information.

Nourish Knoxville will continue to offer SNAP & P-EBT processing & doubling (Double Up Food Bucks) for all customers receiving benefits. SNAP & P-EBT purchases are doubled 1-for-1, up to \$20 per day in Double Up Food Bucks, redeemable at the market for free fresh fruits and vegetables.

Additionally, Nourish Kids activities will be offered at each of the scheduled markets. The free activities geared towards children ages 2 – 12 will be in a take-home format and will each include a unique activity, fruit or vegetable sample, and \$5 in Produce Bucks to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at the market!

# Update to Knoxville's One Year Plan

The annual update of the City of Knoxville's One Year Plan has begun, and the public is encouraged to participate. The One Year Plan serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City's long-range plans.

A Zoom meeting has been scheduled to give community members the opportunity to review and discuss recommended changes to the plan. The

meeting will be held on January 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. It will begin with a presentation covering all geographic areas of the city, followed by an open discussion.

The presentation will include:

- A general definition describing the One Year Plan,
- Plan amendments since the 2020 update, and
- Illustrations of differences between permitted land uses and

zoning.

For more information about the One Year Plan, please visit [www.knoxmpc.org/plans/one-year-plan](http://www.knoxmpc.org/plans/one-year-plan). If you have additional questions, contact Michelle Portier at 215-3821 or [michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org](mailto:michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org).

# Overcoming Temptation

If you are like most people, the New Year's resolutions you made have come and gone. Why do we have such a hard time keeping resolutions? The simple answer is that we give in to temptation. Where does temptation come from?



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

We can go all the way back to the scene in the Garden of Eden, when the deceiver tempted Eve and Adam to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The devil and his host of angels use temptation over and over again to destroy our relationship with God.

Everyone is a target for temptation, especially the body of Christ. For evidence of this, all we have to do is look at the church at Corinth, a church that was full of people who struggled with sin. Paul's words for them are words for us as well. Take a moment and read I Corinthians 10:12-14.

Corinth was a city known for its immorality in the first-century. The church was obviously made up of people who grew up in that indulgent culture. In order to follow Jesus, they were going to have to walk away from habits that were not consistent of living in God's kingdom. It is hard to change, but possible. Paul said that no temptation has seized you that is not common to others. This is Paul's way of saying that whatever you are going through right now, remember that you are not alone. Others have gone through the same thing as you. This is something we often forget. We feel like we are all alone in our temptation.

But Paul reminds us that temptation is one of the oldest tricks in the book. In fact, the Bible is full of men and women struggling with temptation.

Thankfully, Jesus knows what we go through in our times of temptation, for he was

tempted as well: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin" (Hebrews 4:15). This verse is amazing. This verse means that our savior felt every urge we have ever felt but did not give in. This verse shows us that temptation is not sin. Don't think that just because you are being tempted something is wrong with you. That is called being human. The sin comes when we yield to temptation.

Imagine for a moment that you are walking down the road. Temptation is like a fork in that road. You have two choices. We can

walk away and not yield to the temptation, or we can indulge and partake. I always thought that the older you got, the less temptation you would have to go through. That has not been my observation. In fact, in some ways the temptation is more difficult. The good news is that Jesus is with us every step of the way. We have been given the Spirit of God to help us and point out which direction to take.

Back to Paul's words: "But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able" (I Cor. 10:13). When you hear someone say, "It was more temptation than I was able to take," that is not true. If we choose to give in, that is our choice. Paul continues: "He [God] will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13). God will make a way for you. Rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit. Keep in the Word of God and quote Scripture when the attacks come like Jesus did during his temptations in the wilderness. God will give you everything you need to stand.

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