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## **FMPC** approves TDEC park upgrades

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Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved a park improvement projects, funded by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Local Parks and Recreation Funds matching grants, at McFee and Mayor Bob Leonard parks during its meeting Thursday, Feb. 15.

"This is fantastic," Planning Commission Chairman Scott Russ said.

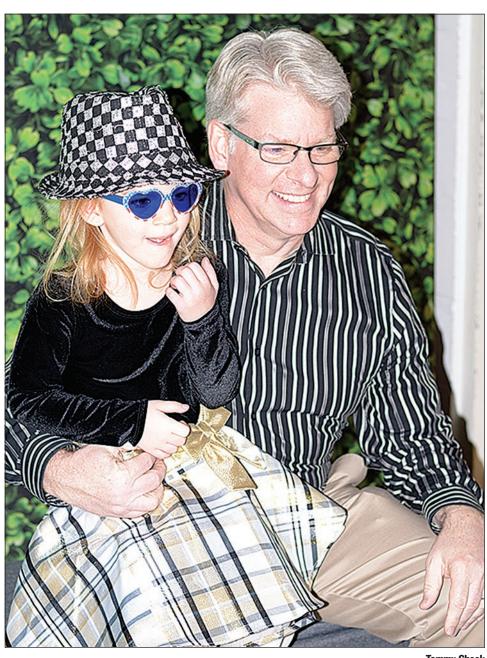
"I appreciate all the hard work you've done on these grants," Commissioner Noah Myers added.

"Thank you for the opportunity to present this exciting Local Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation Fund grant project to the Planning Commission," Parks & Rec director Ron Oestreich said. "As of the 2020 census, the Town of Farragut had 23,506 residents and 8,870 households.

Projects included in the grant at McFee Park include a 2-acre dog park with an Americans with Disabilities Act pathway to the dog park, plus a restroom facility and fenced-in elements. Total cost is \$465,366. He said the restroom would be a drop-in facility with the same design as the restroom at Town Hall

Projects at MBLP include replacement of synthetic turf on Fields 1 and 2 with a price tag of \$1.447,400; ADA path-

See PARKS UPGRADE, Page 4A



# Hats off — or On to SJN Daddy-Daughter Dance

Emily Claire Schott, 4, enjoyed making a memory with her father, Todd Schott, at St. John Neumann Catholic School and Church's Snow Ball, a Daddy-Daughter Dance, in SJN Catholic School gymnasium, Saturday evening, Feb. 24. They were among many daddies and daughters who enjoyed dancing, getting photos and enjoying

# **Town Center** slowly but surely coming along: Quinn

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Construction on Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms continues as building construction multiplies.

"Construction is going well now that we are up and moving," said Alex Quinn, leasing agent for CHM, LLC, developers for the project. "Steel is complete on some of the buildings and going up on others.

'We are looking at turning over the first spaces to some tenants to begin their buildout in the early parts of summer," he added. "Construction will continue into the fall with some tenants opening by end of the year and others first of next year.

Currently, three restaurants have committed to opening businesses in Town center: Tupelo Honey, Super Chix and Parlor

"We are still trying to attract the types of businesses you see in downtown markets, so we will have a variety of restaurants, workout spaces, lifestyle retail and shopping,' Quinn said. "We should have between four to six restaurants and another five to six retail tenants, depending on square footage requirements."

Regarding the "great lawn," "The Town Green is constructed, but we will not landscape it until all the construction is done to not damage it," Quinn said.

On the housing end, apartments are going well and are tracking the same timeline as the retail," Quinn said. "The townhouses are still in the planning stages on our end."

While CHM, LLC., is involved in the grocery store project along North Watt Road, "no work has commenced and no announcement has been made," Quinn added.

Watt Road-Kingston Pike apartments The apartment complex along South Watt

Road near the intersection of Kingston Pike is taking applications, with one building of apartments soon ready to be occupied, Town administrator David Smoak said.

### Town's Black History celebration; ugly scene at Concord AME Zion Church

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Resistance from repression did not begin with the Civil Rights era — it was there from the beginning in Africa, Dr. Cynthia Fleming, a University of Tennessee, Knoxville professor, told an audience during Town of Farragut Museum Committee's Black History Month Program in Farragut Community Center Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26.

(See related photos in West Side Faces, page 7B)

The program also featured the presentation of Colors by Sunsphere Squadron Civil Air Patrol, music by W. James Taylor and a reading of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s letter from a Birmingham jail by Edmund Terry, a student representative to the Farragut Museum Committee.

"...I am here in Birmingham because injustice is here," Terry read the late Rev. King's explanation in response to public clergymen's criticism of his methods of protest and resistance.

"'Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom be-

**See TOWN CELEBRATES on Page 4A** 



While Black History Month is about to conclude as a formal 29-day celebration, some events are anything but a celebration to Black Americans. Recent vandalism at Concord AME Zion Church, a predominantly Black church at 713 Loop Road, coincided with video images of youth hanging around the church (left) the same night as the vandalism. Knox County Sheriff's Office is investigating. No dollar amount of damage was made known.

Photo courtesy of Richard Maples/ **Concord AME Zion Church** 

#### a new advertising rep on board

Saying he's "never met a stranger in my life" and has developed customer service skills, Sam Birdwell has joined farragutpress as an advertising rep, effective Monday, Feb. 26.

"I think the strongest thing pulling me into this job is that I've spent years working in customer service," said Birdwell, 25, who will be servicing Farragut along with Loudon and Blount counties.

"Sam comes to us with a wonderful résumé of outstanding customer service and a keen understanding of the importance of not only acquiring new clients, but retaining and appreciating current clients," Charlene Waggoner,

farragutpress advertising manager, said.

"We are excited to add him to our team. I think his energy and fresh ideas will be a true asset to farragutpress," she added.

A native of Powell and a 2018 grad of Powell High School, Birdwell is engaged to Holly Bollmann. The couple will marry in May.





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· At 1:19 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office West Precinct to report theft from a Chapel Point Lane residence. Complainant advised she bought her 2019 Audi 07 in September 2023 and was advised by the dealership her new license plate would be mailed to her. Complainant said she never received her license plate and believes it might have been stolen due to her being out of town. At this time there are no known suspects. Total value of loss was listed at \$20.

• At 4:33 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve unit to report a forg**ery of checks** with a Sonja Drive resident as victim. Complainant said three checks totaling \$500 were mailed to Rural Metro. Complainant said she was notified they never received the checks, but when speaking with her bank, Y12 Federal Credit Union, it was confirmed the checks were cashed through Bank of America with the name Lackend Gtd.

The first check of \$100 was cashed on March 10,

# **KCSO**reports

2023, the second check of \$200 was cashed on April 22, 2023, and the third check of \$200 was cashed on June 20, 2023. She was advised by Y12 Federal Credit Union a report is needed for them to investigate.

· At 11:21 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, a complainant called KSCO Teleserve Unit to report a theft at a North Campbell Station Road business. Complainant said the suspect entered the store, went into the beer cooler and walked out with her trench coat pockets full of miscellaneous beer, passed the point of sale and exited the store.

Complainant said the suspect tried to flee in a 2011 Hyundai Elantra, "but it would not start and fled on foot," the report stated. Total value of loss was listed

• At 4:48 p.m., Feb. 20, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report identity theft at a Cashmere Lane residence. Victim said on Thursday, Feb. 1, an unknown suspect used his personal information to open a credit card in his name.

He received an alert on Sunday, Feb. 18, from credit monitoring, and when speaking with Five Star Credit Union they confirmed there was a fraudulent account opened in his name. He was advised by Five Star to make a report.

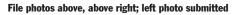
· At 10:54 a.m., Monday, Feb. 19, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a vehicle burglary at a Hampton Roads Drive residence. Complainant said he last parked the unlocked 2019 Dodge Ram pick-up at this location Sunday, Feb. 18.

His camera notified him of movement at 1:15 a.m., Feb. 19, where he then discovered the suspect ... had rummaged through his vehicle but did not steal anything. Complainant added he has the camera footage saved for review.



#### Lou LaMarche, Museum's Adm Farragut, veteran, dies







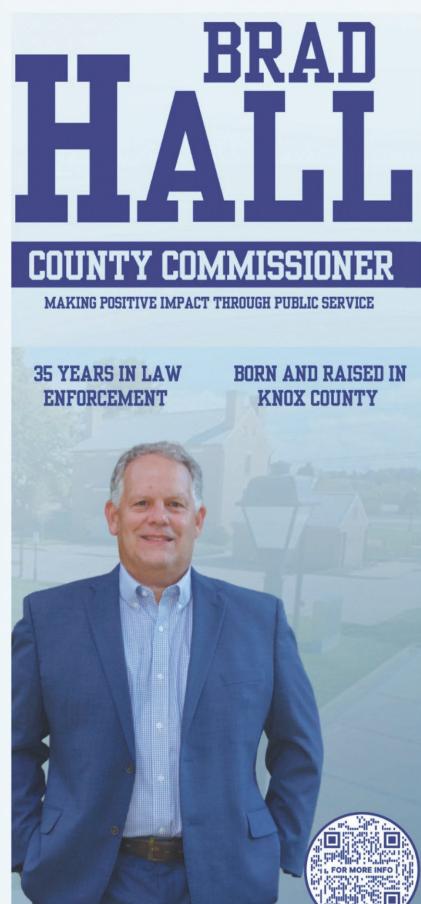
Known for bringing famed Adm. James David Glasgow Farragut to life in Farragut Museum events among his many Town volunteer contributions (center photo, '23 Independence Day Parade), Lou LaMarche, a U.S. Army veteran, died Saturday, Feb. 24. He was married for 64 years to former Town Vice Mayor/ Alderman Dorothy "Dot" LaMarche (wedding photo, 1960, left, and recent photo above). (Read his complete obituary on page 5B)







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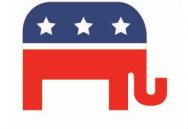
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#### FUD sewer line upgrades for Turkey Creek area start in July

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Town residents along portions of Turkey Creek and North Fork of Turkey Creek from Turkey Creek Road to Interstate 40/75 can expect to be affected by First Utility District's major sanitary sewer line upgrades, proposed to take place starting in July.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously during its meeting Thursday, Feb. 22, to approve the project. Farragut Municipal Planning Commission recommended approval during its meeting Thursday, Feb. 15.

During the FMPC meeting, FUD engineering supervisor Edwin Deyton requested rightof-way permits for the project, which "will affect a number of properties, including Townowned properties at Red Mill Dam, the Outdoor Classroom and Founders Park (at Campbell Station)," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "FUD will be working hard to coordinate their activities with all affected property owners to minimize disruptions."

Deyton said FUD has designed the replacement of a sanitary sewer "interceptor" line, which generally follows the Campbell Station Road between Turkey corridor Creek and Interstate 40/75 right-of-way. He explained the

work will be conducted in two phases. "Phase 1 includes approximately 11,000 feet of sewer replacement between Turkey Creek Road and south of Olde Colony Boulevard (in Village Green subdivision)," he said. "The intent of the project is to replace a 1970s concrete sewer main with a larger line to improve capacity and prevent overflows.

"The upgrade will allow to support develop-FUD ment, both current and future, within the community while preventing sanitary sewer overflows along creeks, commercial areas and neighborhoods," Deyton added.

Proposed project schedule:

- January through March: permitting from Town and other entities, such as TDOT
- March: final design completion;
- April: advertise for bids for
- Phase 1; July: begin construction on
- Phase 1; • Summer 2026: Complete construction of Phase 1;

• 2028-2029: Phase 2 construction with timing dependent on Campbell Station Road interchange project.

FMPC also approved a request from Knoxville Utilities Board to install 650 linear feet of a 2-inch gas line along a portion of Boring Road and Boring Lane to serve residents at 217 Boring Lane, which had a lightning strike.

Farragut resident David Haley Lauver (above) was part of a three-entertainer "Songwriters Showcase" at 35-North in Farragut Thursday evening, Feb. 22, joining Karen Bowles and Savannah Swatland. (Right) Oaklee Simpson, 3, and her dad, Joe Simpson, came forward to further entertain the gathering with some dancing.

## 35-N Showcase



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yond my own home town,"" Dr. King wrote in his letter as read by Terry. "Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid. ....I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny," King further stated as read by Terry. "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial 'outside agitator' idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

"I've experienced segrega-

tion, I know that what feels like," Fleming said.

While she has endured discrimination during her lifetime, she also has seen resistance.



**Fleming** 

Fleming took the audience on a journey from the 1600s, when Black people — mostly young men — were taken from their homes in the interior of West Africa, forced to march to the coast and then loaded on slave ships to either the Caribbean or North America.

"They did resist, but they were outgunned," she said. "They faced diseases, such as scurvy and fixed melancholia, on the slave ships; being bartered off to slave owners, beatings, rape, names changed and food deprivation as slaves; the refusal to allow them to hold land or vote after the Civil War - but they resisted.

"They found ingenious ways

"Many ran away with help of abolitionists. There were white people with a conscience who tried to help. The Quakers, a religious group, were among those who helped. Slaves, such as William and Ellen Craft, would save money from skilled work, or slaves would mail themselves to freedom like Henry Brown.'

Moreover, "Black cooks poisoned people," Fleming said. "Others pretended to be sick."

One woman, tired of being raped, killed her master and threw him into the fireplace of her cabin. "They never gave in completely," she said. Even with the Supreme Court ruling of Dred Scott vs. Sanford, which ruled "once a slave, always a slave."

In 1865, with the 13th Amendment, followed by the 14th and 15th Amendments that outlawed slavery and gave Black people the right to become citizens, then the right to vote, they faced oppression and the Ku Klux Klan — but she said they remained hopeful.

One of their biggest forms of resistance came with their drive to get an education. "They knew it was something that kept them from having, so they wanted it," Fleming said.

However, Fleming said World War II in the 1940s was a turning point in America, as the United States took the lead in foreign affairs and Black men fought along white men.

"Black men have fought in every single conflict, but they still were not allowed to vote,' she said. "They were seething with anger."

They faced "lynchings" but they were motivated to resist.

Fleming is the first Black woman to earn a doctorate in history from Duke University and the first Black woman hired as a flight attendant. She joined UT in 1982 as part of its history faculty, earning tenure in 1987 then spending the next 10 years overseeing the growth of UT's African-American

# Three Knox Primary election poll changes

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Three polling locations in the Farragut-West Knox County area have changed, with the upcoming Knox Primary election to be held Tuesday, March 5. These changes are as follows:

• Precinct 65W & 65SW - Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Bvld. In Farragut. (This replaces the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive. Farragut Town Hall is no longer a polling place).

• Precinct 64 - Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Road in Hardin Valley. (This replaces Solway Church of God, 3317 Solway Road. Solway Church of God is no longer a polling place).

• Precinct 65E & 65S - Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1001 Ebenezer Road in West Knoxville. (This replaces Shoreline Church, 9635 Westland Drive. Shoreline Church is no longer a polling place).

#### Parks upgrade

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way replacement, \$267,500, and a sand volleyball court renovation, \$50,000.

In addition to the LPRF grant, the Town also received a \$25,000 grant from the Boyd Foundation through its Dog Park Dash program that also will go toward the dog park construction.

"You all know we pride ourselves on our parks and our programs on our 133 acres dedicated to outdoor recreation," Oestreich said. "Our parks are a draw for people all over the Greater Knoxville area, and

 I just wanted to thank the Town of Farragut Public Works Department for the great job they did during this recent snowstorm. I know it was a challenging time for employees to get out in these conditions, but overall our main streets got claeared quite well.

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likewise, our athletic fields are a draw for teams throughout the region and teams across the country with tournaments to come."

In early 2023, "the Parks and Recreation Department applied for and received a \$2.73 million LPRF grant for several projects at Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee parks," the director said. "This is a 50 percent matching grant, so the actual grant amount received is \$1,365,000, which is the largest LPRF the Town has ever received.

Oestreich said the Parks and Recreation Department would manage each project.

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"The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved this grant and the 50 percent funding in the (Capital Investment Program), and we are set to begin design in February," he said.

Oestreich said the staff will prepare drawings for the dog park and ADA path, finalize bid documents and award bids for turf replacement projects - all in the spring.

The Town will start turf replacement and complete it in the summer.

It will finalize bid documents and award bids for the ADA path project in the fall. and then start the pathway project in winter/spring 2025.

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# Veteran receives gift of hearing

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Beltone in Farragut recently presented Navy veteran Joe Broadus with a set of free state-of-the-art hearing aids.

The veteran was fitted in the Farragut office Tuesday, Feb. 13.

"It's just a miracle," Broadus said. "Unless you're hard of hearing, you don't understand the difference.

"I can hear," he added. "And, I don't say 'huh?" all the time. I still say it because it's more of a habit than anything else."

About his quality of life now, Broadus replied, "I think it's really going to be remarkable. I can hear when I'm driving. My wife and I just sit around

"Joe was awarded the hearing aids through the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation," said Michael Murphy, hearing specialist in Beltone's office, 12744 Kingston Pike in Renaissance | Farragut.

"Joe has the current, top-of-the-line hearing aids, Serene 17. It's the most state-of-the-art in the country," the specialist added

Murphy also said the hearing aids are linked to Broadus' cell phone so he can use the phone through his hearing aids.

The foundation is a 50(c)3 charitable organization that donates hearing instruments to qualifying individuals in need of hearing help but cannot afford the cost of hearing aids, according to its website.

"Mr. Broadus was originally from Oklahoma where he was in the Naval Reserves and served active duty," Murphy said.

After retiring, he and his wife, Beth, moved to East Tennessee about six or seven years ago. "(Broadus) moved to Tennessee to be closer to his grandchildren," Murphy said. "Joe lives off only Social Security and is caretaker to his wife, who has been diagnosed with kidney disease and dementia."

When the veteran went to the Veterans Administration for help with hearing aids, he was denied because they couldn't find his original records.

'They said they're not going back that far," Broadus recalled. As such, he could not get veterans' benefits. While he already bought one hearing aid, Broadus couldn't afford another.

When Murphy saw his situation, he prepared an application to the foundation for Broadus and it was approved.



Beltone hearing specialist Michael Murphy, standing, fits Navy veteran Joe Broadus with a set of state-of-the-art hearing aids in the Beltone office at 12744 Kingston Pike in Renaissance | Farragut Tuesday, Feb. 13.

### New owner for Lace & Glam Bridal

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Farragut's Lace & Glam Bridal has a new owner, but she is not new to the shop, located at 145 West End Ave.

Rheaghan Haynes, who previously worked at the shop, bought out former owner Sherry Hovan Jan. 1, opening the shop Jan. 4.

"We really only sell bridal gowns, veils and hair accessories," Haynes said. Her main goal, as was former owner Hovan's, is to offer luxurious gowns at an affordable price

... because weddings are really expensive and not a lot of girls in Knoxville have \$5,000, \$6,000 to spend on a wedding dress to wear for one day.

"I think that we're a really small bridal boutique rather than a large store" sets apart Lace & Glam Bridal from larger shops, she added.

"I think girls enjoy a personal bridal boutique experi-

ence." Wedding dress shopping "is overwhelming as it is, so having a more condensed space to look, with not as many people looking around as well, I think, is a nice opportunity for

brides to have," Haynes said. At one point, the store sold bridesmaids' dresses. But Haynes decided to only focus



Rheaghan Haynes, new owner of Lace & Glam Bridals in West End Center, is ready to show the boutique's latest luxurious gowns.

on the bride "because of our small size, it's not really beneficial for us, as a business" to sell bridesmaids' dresses, she

Haynes added that bridal attendants' looking for their own dresses also detracted from the bride's experience.

"(Hovan) opened the store in 2019," she recalled. "She was looking for extra help. She asked around with ladies at my church if there was a young lady who was interested in working, and I was absolutely interested.

"She called me in May 2020, right when things started opening back up from COVID," Haynes added.

After just graduating from high school in June 2020, Haynes began working for Hovan. However, Hovan then moved with her family to Wilmington, North Carolina.

Hovan returned to Knoxville in June 2023, and she asked Haynes, now in her last semester at UT, if she would be interested in buying the store at the beginning of 2024.

Haynes is majoring in business management, "which I feel is very fitting for what I do now," she said.

Lace & Glam Bridals does business by appointment only.

To book an appointment, visit online at laceandglambridals.com or call 865-328-2251.

# businessbriefs

 Kelsey Galyon, co-owner of Terrain Wellness, recently was awarded the Terrain Advocate Badge by Metabolic Terrain Institute of Health, recognizing her dedication to guiding individuals toward cancer prevention and support.

Spectrum recently presented Boys & Girls Clubs in Tennessee with a \$30,000 Spectrum Digital Education Grant for its Spectrum Digital Connect Program. The \$30,000 grant is the fifth Spectrum Digital Education Grant awarded to Boys & Girls Clubs, bringing Spectrum's support for the organization to \$110,000 during the past five years.

Boys & Girls Clubs in Tennes-

vide equipment and software to create or expand technology labs at club sites. The program will serve more than 400 youth, ages 5 to 18, who regularly attend after-school and summer programs at five sites across the

· Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics in Knoxville and Mid-Tennessee Bone & Joint Clinic in Columbia have combined under the name Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance, making it one of the largest networks of orthopedic care in the country.

• UT Foundation and UT-Knoxville recently announced the appointment of Brian Broyles as senior vice chancellor for advancement for UT

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-Business Spotlight-





Watertown Bookkeeping, is a respected accounting and small business consulting firm. They've emerged as a beacon for entrepreneurs seeking financial solutions for their business and tax needs. As prior management at Intuit, founder, Laura Bytwerk's passion for helping small businesses thrive is evident. "We'll help you start

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2023 tax deadlines loom and Watertown Bookkeeping stands ready to ensure businesses are tax-ready with services including file clean-up, year-end close, and ongoing monthly bookkeeping. Watertown's Team includes Advanced Quick-Books ProAdvisors, EAs, CPBs, CPAs, and MBAs, guaranteeing expertise and reliability for your company's needs.

With remote or onsite services, Watertown offers QuickBooks training,

QuickBooks Online conversions, file clean up and comprehensive payroll services among others. Entrepreneurs can also benefit from marketing and lead generation programs, as well as small business growth consulting. "We've served over 1,000 clients, we've got your industry covered and can guide you quickly to accurate finances while you stay focused on what you do best...making money."

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# Fourth time is for region title: Lady Ads-BHS

FHS girls end Oak Ridge's season; Lady Dawgs roll

**BILL HOWARD** 

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**BEARDEN** — Exactly a year ago, Farragut High School's girls' basketball team ended its season with a loss to archrival Bearden in the semifinal round of the Region 2-4A Tournament.

Monday night, Feb. 26, on Bearden's home court, FHS — the second seed from District 4-4A — was again in a regional semi, this time against Oak Ridge, the top seed in District 3-4A.

A win would not only guarantee the Lady Admirals

at redemption against the Lady Bulldogs.

Mission accomplished.

In a less-than-pretty tale-of-two-halves game characterized largely by fouls and turnovers, FHS (20-11) used a strong third quarter to build a lead they wouldn't relinquish. The final was 48-36.

"It took us a while to get adjusted," FHS head coach Jason Mayfield said. "Once we got adjusted we got back at it.

The regional championship against the Lady Bulldogs (29-2) — the fourth match-up this year between the two — begins at 7 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 28, at BHS. Earlier in the evening, Bearden beat Maryville 67-48.

Up 9-2 early, Farragut trailed 13-11 after one, as the

a spot in the Sectionals, but would give them a chance Lady Wildcats (21-8) scored 10 straight to lead 12-9.

Despite poor free-throw shooting, the Lady Admirals led 21-20 at half. Freshman Regan Sheridan's three just before the buzzer created the lead. "It was a lack of focus, and nerves too," FHS sophomore wing KJ McNealy said about her team's first half.

Up 23-22 with 6:34 left in the third, Farragut scored seven straight to lead 30-22 en route to a 33-26 lead after three. ORHS wouldn't get closer than six the rest of the game.

"We started handling the ball correctly and not turning the ball over," Lady Admirals junior guard Annie Priest said.

McNealy led Farragut with 16 points, and was big on the boards. Point guard Jaci Neubert scored 12 and Priest added 11. Ze'Yana Stewart led ORHS with 10.

# Both Webbs, Lady Irish, CAK girls all in Final 4

Spartans control Catholic; girls win at Hutchison

this week.

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**KNOXVILLE** — Defeating rival Knoxville Catholic for the third time this season, the latest a 73-56 win in Webb's Lee Athletic Center that ended the Irish season Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24, vaulted Ricky Norris' Spartans (25-4) into the Division II-AA "Final Four" state tourney in Cookeville

KCHS girls look to repeat

**BILL HOWARD** 

Correspondent

Senior Wing Drake Ingram led Webb in scoring with 24, while junior point guard Jaylen Pompey added 20. Jason Gainey's game-high

26 points led Catholic (16-14).

Webb's Lady Spartans (20-8) also earned a "Final Four" trip after a 48-33 road win at No. 1 West seed Hutchison Friday, Feb. 23.

**KEN LAY** 

KNOXVILLE — It was a Sydney Mains showcase Friday night, Feb. 23, at home. In the quarterfinal round of the TSSAA Division II-AA

Girls' Basketball Tournament, the versatile Knoxville Catholic High School senior poured in 30 points in leading the

Lady Irish to a 55-37 over Harpeth Hall School.

KCHS, defending DIIstate champion, will play Christ Presbyterian

Academy



in a state semifinal in Cookeville at noon Thursday, Feb. 29. "Proud of her," grinned coach/father Travis Mains. "She plays hard all the time."

After falling behind 8-2 with 3:07 left in the first, Catholic scored the next 14 points 10 by Mains, which included a three at the first-quarter buzzer — to lead 16-8 with 5:28

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Young Lady Warriors shine

Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — After losing nine seniors following last season's run to the Division II-A State Semifinals, the Christian Academy girls basketball team felt overlooked and somewhat disrespected.

So the Lady Warriors entered their state quarterfinal showdown against Murfreesboro's Providence Christian Academy with a bit of a chip on their shoulders.

Well, CAK finally earned the respect it deserved as it edged the Lady Lion, 46-42 to punch its ticket back to Cookeville and the state semifinals.

"Nobody gave this team the love they deserved and I can't tell you how proud I am of them right now," CAK head coach Abby Williams said. "It feels good to be going back to state.

"Everybody kind of counted us out after we graduated nine girls last year, so to have a whole new group pretty much come in and keep going with what's a standard for us, I couldn't be prouder of them."

The Lady Warriors, who lost See CAK VICTORY on Page 2B

# Bearden Feb. 7 signees: 14 strong



Soccer signees, from left, are Nyla Blue (UT), Rylie Lucas (McKendree University, Illinois), Bre Mendoza (Dayton), Alivia Stott (UT), Anna Wyatt (Trevecca) and Jack Raulston (Berry College, Georgia).





Baseball signees Brooks Wright, left, (UT), and Rhys Thomas (Johnson University).





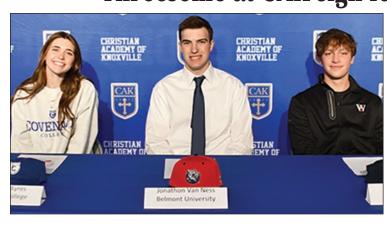


Golf signees Jaden Morrell, left, (UT-Martin) and Gray Loftin (Cleveland St. Comm. College).



Softball signees Allie Seritt, left, (Walters State) and Lauren Spainhower (Gardner-Webb).

# Threesome at CAK sign for college



Three Christian Academy of Knoxville National Letter of Intent senior signees at the school Wednesday, Feb. 7, from left, were Campbell Ayres, soccer, Covenant College; Jonathan Van Ness, baseball, Belmont University; and Alex Gaetz, golf, Walters State Community College.

**CAK/KCHS** photos, Tammy Cheek **BHS** photos, Alan Sloan

# Half-dozen at Knox Catholic are strong, signing-wise, with football



Knoxville Catholic High School hosted "National Signing Day" in KCHS's St. Gregory the Great Auditorium Wednesday morning, Feb. 7. Six student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent, all in football, "that will chart their academic and athletic careers in college," a KCHS press release stated. From left are Cooper Crook (Boston College), Braylon Harmon (Tennessee), Elijay Lindsey (Union College), Hayden Oliver (Maryville College), Connor Ruth (Tennessee State University) and Antori Hamilton (Austin-Peay State University).

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## **CAREacter honorees named** for FHS, HVA, BHS, CCS '23

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Chosen for their character, or more precisely their CAREacter - caring about others as high school football student/athletes — former football coach David "Truckster" Moore has named his CAREacter football honorees for the 2023 season representing Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Bearden and Concord Christian School.

on Collins, Kent Carbaugh, Gage Kirby, Cody Pinkston, Roger McNeer, Nathan Freeman, Nathan Harville and Grady Brown.

HVA Hawks earning recognition: Tommy Joseph, Pierce Palmer, Brady Hogrefe, Brady Miner, Ayden Turner, Josh Lay, Neal Henley, Michael Stewart, Nathan Holbrook and Evan Clarke.

Young, Isaac Taylor, Ethan Hill, Ethan Couvertiere, Isaiah Harvey, Jaxson Davis, Karnell Mills, Baylor Donald, Drew Parrott,

CCS Lions earning recognition are Austin Gomes, Zack Langley, Lane Lintner, Cade Harrison, Paul Ballast, Jude Wiggins

#### **CAK** victory

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four starters to graduation, were led by their lone senior starter, Izzy Proffitt/

"This game meant everything to me because I've been short twice in a row", said Proffitt, who scored 13 points to help the Lady Warriors (26-9) open an eight-point lead and withstand a late comeback effort from PCA. "People have been doubting us and people have been dissing us just because we're younger and smaller, but that's not going to stop us."

CAK darted out to a fast start

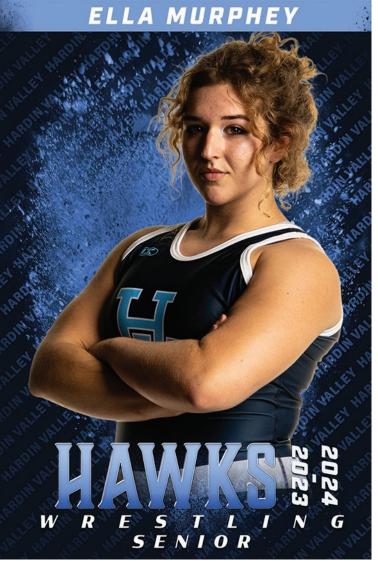
Providence Christian took a

The Lady Warriors responded by reeling off six straight

They never trailed again.

"Our kids never quit, even when they lost the lead," Williams said.

# Perfect finish at HVA



Murphey, 32-0, wins 4th state wrestling title; KCHS pair 2nd, Connatser 3rd

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FRANKLIN — Finishing off a near-perfect high school wrestling career, Hardin Valley Academy senior Ella Murphey captured her fourth TSSAA girls wrestling state crown — this season in the 185-pound class — finishing 2023-24 at 32-0 following state meet action Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25.

Murphey capped her sensational career with a pin (at 2:34) versus a senior with a final 30-3 record: Carter Grissom of Riverdale.

Elsewhere, a pair of Knoxville Catholic girls grapplers took second place at state: senior Rebecca Deyo (27-3) in the 165-class and freshman Delilah Queen (31-2) at 138.

On the boys side, HVA junior Brock Connatser (58-3) was third in the state at 113.





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BHS Bulldogs honorees are Preston Gould, Ross Elder, Kai Torian Riggins and Boston Yeager.

and Andrew Lumsdaine.

**KCHS** wins

left in the half. "We took over

then (after the early deficit),"

said Sydney Mains, whose

team improved to 26-5. "It

didn't matter who was scoring

the ball. We were all scoring it.

We were passing the ball re-

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ally well and playing defense." Caroline Kreuger got 10 points for KCHS. Taylor Mc-

and opened a 24-16 advantage against the Lady Lions (23-6) in a rematch of the 2018 state championship game..

30-29 lead as senior guard and Miss Basketball Finalist Daisy Gale buried a three-pointer with 7:26 left in the contest.

points to make it 36-30.

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# A quite visionary half-century of service: Farragut Lions



Farragut Lions Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in a Fox Den Country Club ballroom Friday evening, Feb. 23, with — in addition to FLC members — former Lions of East Tennessee District 12-N governors, the current governor and Lions from area clubs, including Karns, Loudon, Oak Ridge and Kingsport. Farragut Lion Tyler Hunsaker spoke about "The First 50 Years" before guest speaker Wendy Cain, a Past 12-N District Governor, addressed the gathering. Longtime FLC members Jim Hart and David Crawford, the latter a past 12-N District Governor, were awarded special pins for their decades of Lions Club service. Next came a brief address from District Gov. Frank McCall, who helped install new FLC member Laura Santana, along with her FLC sponsor Jerry Griffin. Farragut Lion Ashley Lynch then spoke about Club goals with a "Next 10 Years" address. Those seated, from left, are Janet Haws, Tom Haws, Janice Slyman, Kathy Burrow, Norvell Burrow, Julia Hart, Jim Hart, Pat Lipps, Crawford, Helen Myers and Marty Stormer. Standing, from left, are Tony Gross, Karen Gross, John Cecil, Jim McFarland, Griffin, Santana, Barry Cain, Charlene Hunsaker, Wendy Cain, Hunsaker, McCall, Adam Bowling, Carol Bowling, Lynch, Ann Raby Sanders, Wayne Stormer, Connie Emmons and Tom Nitz.

Alice Liu

#### **National Honor** Scholarship: Liu

**TAMMY CHEEK** tcheek@farragutpress.com

When Farragut High School senior Alice Liu graduates in May, she will leave behind a legacy as a National Honor Society Scholarship recipient and as a student of volunteer

everything I've done, it's accumulated to this award, es-

service.

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# One of 11 U.S. honorees

#### 'Lead. Learn. Proclaim.' Award to Sompayrac

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**KNOXVILLE** — Among the National Catholic Educational Association's 2024 honorees of its "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Awards" is Dickie Sompayrac, president of Knoxville Catholic High School — one of the 11 recipients nationwide this year.

"The LLP award highlights the outstanding work being done in Catholic education communities across the country," an NCEA press release stated.

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Dickie Sompayrac, president of Knoxville Catholic High students, the schools and their min- School, recently earned a "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award"

## 2 top Mock Trial teams from FHS

**TAMMY CHEEK** 

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Farragut High School's Mock Trial Blue Team recently took home first place, and its Gray Team placed second in the district Mock Trial tournament in the City County Building in Knoxville, with the final round at Lincoln Memorial University Law School in Knoxville Sunday, Feb. 18.

"I'm really excited because we didn't think it was possible to have teams from the same school win both first and second place," said Hannah Taylor, an FHS senior and Mock Trial president. "Both first- and second-place get to move on to the state competition. That means every single person that's part of the Mock Trial gets to go to state."

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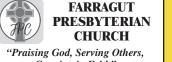
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The exhibition title was inspired by the late Floyd Whiteside, a retired pastor from Muscle Shoals, Alabama who resided in Chattanooga. Exhibiting artists are Kamau Bostic, Nikki Giovanni, Inez Gratten, Genesis The Greykid, Mikael Owunna, Travis Prince, Justin Rocha, RaMell Ross, Jessica Scott-Felder, Moses Sumnev and Raymond Thompson Jr.

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 Jubilee Community Arts presents Blakeley Burger at the Laurel Theater, beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, March 1.

Burger is a classically trained Louisville fiddler with roots in Lexington and Eastern Kentucky. She was a 2023 Berea College Media Archive Fellow, researching the musical techniques and lives of Kentucky fiddlers, such as Doc Roberts, Ed Haley, Emma Lee Dickerson, Lella Todd and Buddy Thomas, through field recordings and oral histories.

She performs nationally and in South America and has recorded on June Appal and Dolceola Recordings. She frequently performs with Kentucky Wild Horse and in a duo with banjo player/singer-songwriter Grace Rogers.

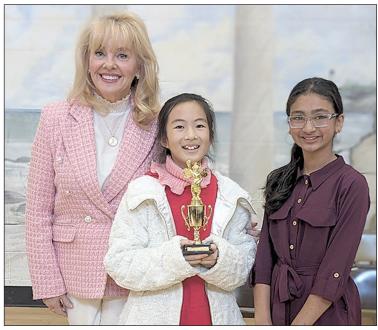
Burger also teaches fiddle for the Happy Hollow Hootenanny, the Kentucky Arts Council, Louisville Country Dancers and Cowan Creek Mountain Music School. She has studied with mentors such as John Harrod, Daniel and Amy Carwile and Jesse Wells.

She will be joined by Lexington-based banjo player Nadia Ramlagan, a documentarian and member of the Possum Queens, and Josh Oliver, a Knoxville-based songwriter and member of Watchouse.

• Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians has kicked off the first Great Cookie Competition that will crown "East Tennessee's Favorite Cookie." Local community and business leaders will represent one of the beloved cookie flavors to become a Cookie Competitor and will earn votes by raising money.

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## Top 2 in FIS Spelling Bee



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Retired Army Col. Louis Joseph LaMarche Jr., age 88 of Farragut, passed away Saturday, Feb, 24.

He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, grandfather and great grandfather who loved his faith, his family, his beloved city of Farragut, his Clemson Tigers and being a competitive runner. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Lou was born to the late Louis Joseph LaMarche Sr. and wife, Emma Helen (Faccenda) LaMarche in Worces-Massachusetts. spent his formative years in Charleston, South Carolina and graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of

Science degree in chemical engineering, which prepared Walter "Walt" B. Bigney,

aged 86, born in Flint, Michigan, went home to be with the Lord Monday, Feb. 25, in Knoxville. Walt, a steadfast husband to

his wife, Carolyn, leaves behind a legacy of integrity and love. He was a guiding force in the lives of his sons. Brian (Judith), Brad (Vicki) and Brent (Autumn), and a pillar of strength to his siblings. Kathleen, Rita and Dave.

His grandchildren, Josh (Haley), Lauren (Steven), Austin, Harrison (Sarina), Kelley (Ryan), Garrett, Sarah (Blake), Maclaine, Caleb, Breslyn and Caeden, along with his greatgrandchildren, Brooklyn, Baylor, Brady, Blair, Jack and Emmaline, will carry forward his memory. Walt was preceded in death by his parents, Walter

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Lou for his 42-year career in the paper industry.

Lou holds a U.S. Patent (4569069) for Drainage Profile Tests for papermaking. Lou became very involved in his

Farragut Community, where he spent 15 years serving on the Board Zoning Appeals as well as the Visual Resources Review



Board. He was the first man in the National League of Cities to receive the "Stand By Your Spouse" Award. He spoke at schools and clubs portray-

L.K. Bigney Ethyl Bigney, and his sis-

A proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Walt's service to his country was a pre-

ter, Marie.

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Mr. Bigney

lude to a distinguished career as a nuclear engineer in Oak Ridge. His scholarly pursuits at the University of Michigan laid the groundwork for thoughtful inquiry and professional excellence.

Walt's deep-rooted faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior was the compass by which he navigated life, finding joy and solace in the study

Committee and Docent of the Farragut Museum. For eight years he was a member of Senior Citizen

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Town of Farragut and repre-

sented him in the Indepen-

dence Day Parade for many

years. Lou served as the chair-

man of the Farragut Museum

Awareness Network. He served on the Patient/Family Advisory Council at Tennova Hospital and he proudly graduated from the Knox County Sheriff's Academy and the Citizens Fire and EMS Academy. Lou

Neumann Catholic Church. Lou was preceded in death

also was a member of St. John

of the Bible and the wonders of God's creation.

He was an avid outdoorsman, with a passion for camping, hiking and canoeing. His love for the foreign languages, space study and teaching English as a second language were reflections of his commitment to lifelong learning.

The Bigney family invites friends and loved ones to honor Walt's memory Saturday. March 2, at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church along Kingston Pike. Visitation will commence at 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m.

Walt's life, a testament to devotion, service and faith, will be remembered with fondness and respect by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cedar Springs Missions department.

by his parents and brother-inlaw, Lewis Nathanson.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary Dorothy Hughes; children and spouses, Michelle LaMarche Smith (Jaimie), Therese LaMarche Jones (Lane) and Denise LaMarche Heaney (Brian); grandchildren, Casey Michael Jones (Candace), Alexander Lane Jones, Bennett Patrick Heaney, Katherine Michelle Heaney, Matthew Louis Heaney and Cameron Grace Heaney; great-grandchildren, Amelia Grey Jones and Max Graham Jones; sisters and brother-inlaw, Carol LaMarche Nathanson and Barbara LaMarche Holst and husband, Tom.

The family requests in lieu

of flowers, please consider donating to one of his favorite charities: Tunnels to Towers Foundation (www.t2t.org), Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or to Tennessee Right to Life (www.tnrtl.org).

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29, in Click Funeral Home Chapel, Farragut.

A Rosary Ceremony will be held beginning at 7 p.m., Feb. 29. A Funeral Mass will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 1, in St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

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#### Liu

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pecially all the little successes that we've had in National Honor Society (at FHS) and the little things I've done for the school and for the clubs that I'm in," Liu said about her initial reaction upon receiving the news. "It just felt like 'OK, now I'm being recognized for my commitment to the pillars of National Honor Society scholarship, leadership, character, service, all that' — so, it felt really great."

"I really encourage these kids" to apply for the scholarship, said Allison Maldonado, world languages teacher who is an NHS co-faculty sponsor. had a lot of applicants apply.

"She's a student who not only takes rigorous classes of (Advanced Placement), but she also takes classes for enjoyment, which I love," Maldonado added about Liu. "She's a tremendous artist and a real academician.

"She sits in class, and she pays attention all the time. She asks questions for clarification, and she's incredibly humble, which is also super-nice."

Liu is president of NHS, president of the school's National Art Honor Society and a member of Spanish Honor Society — she's taken five Spanish classes from Maldonado.

"She does things that come from the heart," Maldonado said about Liu. "She's also up for the Presidential scholarship."

Last summer. Liu volunteered at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. She's involved with the NAHS Empty Bowls project, in which art students make bowls then serve soup at a local restaurant in the

Liu recalled she received an e-mail, the same one Señora Maldonado got, that said "Aloha, you're one of 600 students in the nation to win a National Honor Society scholarship.'

"That night when I got it, it was during Chinese New Year, and so we had called my grandparents and my distant relatives in China, and I was able to share the good news," Liu said. "It was such a lovely,

festive time to receive that sort of information ... it was just so exciting and it was something we could celebrate, as well, during the holidays.

While the scholarship award was for a few thousand dollars, she said what was more special about the award was, "I'm able to join a whole legacy of National Honor Society scholars ... there's so many accomplished people and there are so many projects and non-profits that everyone's doing. So, to be able to join that community is such a privilege."

Liu said her parents, Yaohua Liu and Inglong Gong, have supported her throughout her journey with the NHS, as well as her academic journey.

"They were, obviously, elat-

ed," she recalled. "... It was such a glorious time."

Liu was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by Maldonado and her parents.

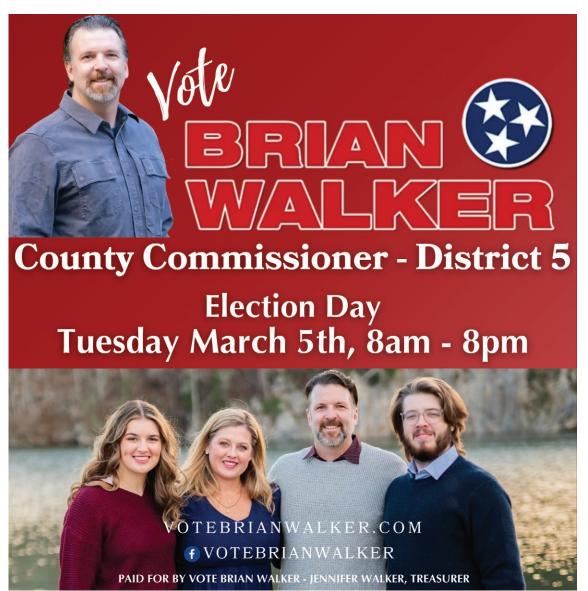
She remembered she submitted the application "pretty late in the day," and did not expect to be a recipient.

So, upon seeing the e-mail from Ronn Nozoe, CEO of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, who gave her the news of the scholarship, she said, "I was in shock."

Then, "wow, I really did win the scholarship."

While she has plans to attend college, seeking degrees for a career in social work or the medical field, Liu is undecided on a college.





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#### **Mock Trial 1-2**

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"We believed in our team, of course, but we just didn't think it was possible for both teams to go," said Vaishnavi Tathineni, also a senior and vice president of Mock Trial.

"Mock Trial is an academic competition in which students serve as legal trial attorneys and witnesses presenting a legal case to a judge and jury consisting of local attorneys and judges," said Nick Armes, a local attorney with the Legal Aid Society who is coaching FHS' Mock Trial teams.

"We are tremendously proud of our mock trial students.

"The tournament hosted 16 teams from across East Tennessee," which also included Blount, Jefferson, Sevier and Anderson counties, he added. "Farragut was one of the few public schools in Knox (County) to compete."

Additionally, Armes said one of the team members served as a witness and won Best Defense Witness out of 16 teams that each had six witnesses at the tournament.

This accomplishment "is the first time in school history, and perhaps East Tennessee history, the school will send two teams to state," Armes said.

"It says our students are made up of different stuff, better stuff," said Wesley Eke, an independent attorney who also coaches FHS' Mock Trial

"These kids are motivated; they're smart; they're driven to get the job done," he added.

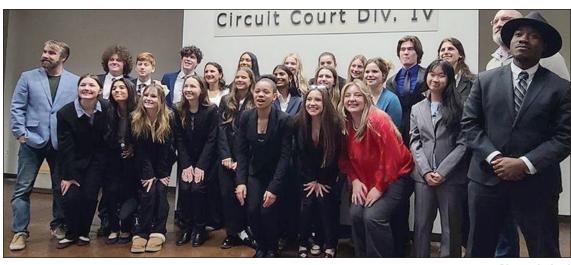


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Farragut High School's Mock Trial winning team members, front row from left, are Tiyanna Dudley, Sara Camacho, Natalie Wilson, Grace Feng and Wesley Eke (attorney coach). Second row, from left, are Nick Armes (attorney coach), Addie Richards, Rafika Amlani, Malia Sarat, Audrey Louden, Debbie Hill, Vishnavi Tathineni, Addie Bunch and Wren Vargas. Back row, from left, are Ethan Morrison, Connor Liuag, Tiago Phiellipp, Naddia Talo, Ananya Suresh, Martine Hughes, Hannah Taylor, Lennon Uhls, Carson McHale, Eden Talo and Chris Hampton (faulty coach).

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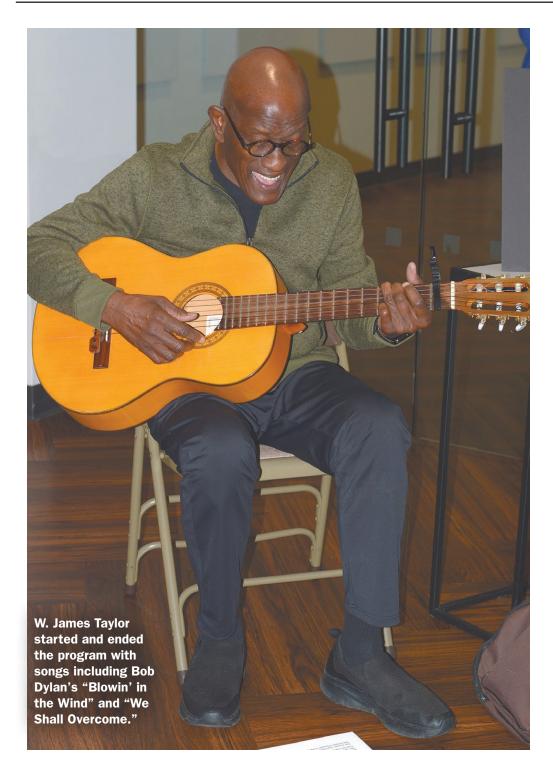


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From left, Sally Dickie, Jud Hightower and Arlene Atkinson

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-Dr. Cynthia Fleming — a UT-Knoxville professor who was the first Black woman to earn a doctorate degree in history at Duke University — about the fight to end slavery



# Town of Farragut Museum Committee's

# **Black History** Month program

Resistance from repression did not begin with the Civil Rights Act — it was there from the beginning in Africa, Dr. Cynthia Fleming, a University of Tennessee, Knoxville, professor told an audience during Town of Farragut Museum Committee's Black History Month program in Farragut Community Center Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26. (Read Program story beginning on page 1A)





Above: Among those representing the Town of Farragut was Mayor Ron Williams, with Dorothy Stone

Left: Donna Davis was among the guests during Farragut Museum Committee's **Black History** Month Program.

> **Photos by Tammy Cheek**



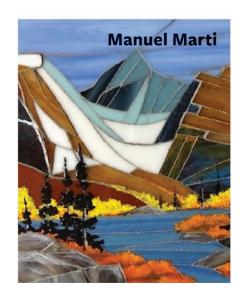
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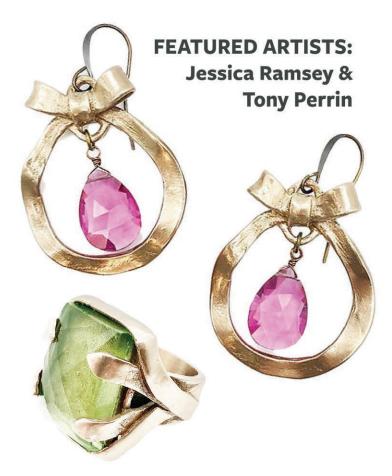
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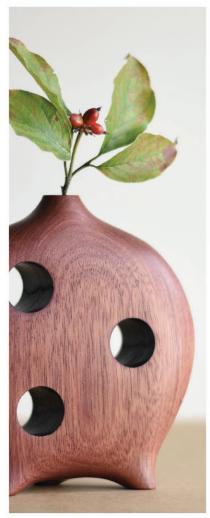












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joined Bishop England High School in Charleston, South Carolina, as a chemistry teacher before becoming dean of faculty and co-disciplinarian there.

He has been the president of KCHS since 2005.

This year's "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Awards" will be presented at the NCEA Convention in Pittsburgh April 22-24.

#### Planner

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Girl Scout experience funding gap, as well as enrich program offerings and support regional GSCSA camps and community troops.

East Tennessee Region competitors are Craig Pickett Jr., representing Thin Mints; Tavis Bailey, Samoas; Taylor Boyer

Redmond, Tagalongs; Colleen Cruze Bhatti, Do-si-dos; Kevin Swider, Trefoils; and Whitney Kent, Adventurefuls.

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The competition will wrap with The Great Cookie Tasting, at Yee-Haw Brewing Co., 745 N. Broadway in Knoxville, from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 26.

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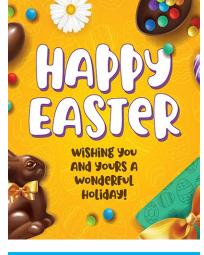
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# Celebrating school sports achievements of local young athletes

Thirty-one seniors connected with the basketball programs at Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden high schools were recognized individually, alongside family members, between varsity games late in the 2023-24 season.

Eight were highlighted in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Thursday night, Feb. 8, between varsity games versus Kingston: four boys and three girls basketball players plus one dance team member. Four others, all cheerleaders, were previous recognized at a late-season home game because they were involved in a competition Feb. 8.

Eleven HVA seniors took center court with their families — one boys basketball, seven cheerleaders and three dance team members (no senior girls basketball players) — Tuesday night, Feb. 6, between home varsity games against Knoxville West.

Eight were highlighted at BHS — all connected with Dawgs and Lady Bulldogs basketball — between varsity games versus William Blount Monday night, Feb. 5.

Also included in this Senior Night section are 7 senior wrestlers recognized at Hardin Valley Academy.

# FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL



FHS Basketball: Aiden VanAcker and family



FHS Dance Team: Whitney Gohn and family



FHS Basketball: Hannah Enderson and family

# **FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL**



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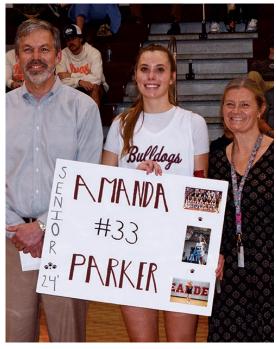
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(Left) BHS Basketball: Rachael Wilhoit and family

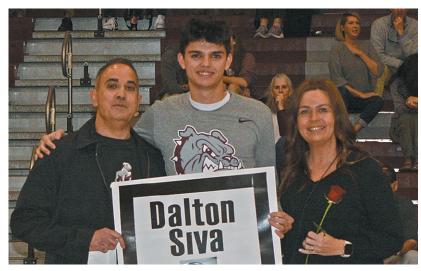




BHS Basketball: Braden Buchanan and family



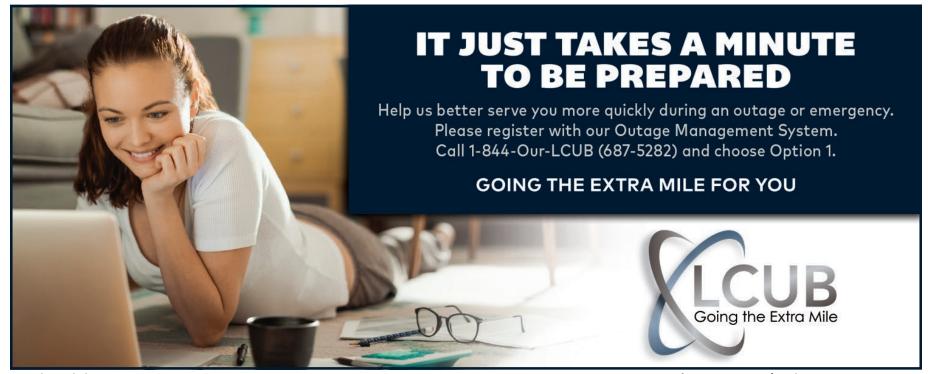
BHS Basketball: Drew Brillhart and family



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# **HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY**



HVA Wrestling: Adam Harre and family



HVA Wrestling: Sachaira Barnett and family



**HVA Wrestling:** Zachary Tuttle and family



HVA Wrestling: Ella Murphey and family



**HVA Wrestling:** Patrick Chainey and family



HVA Cheer: Brooke Donnachie and family



**HVA Cheer:** Chanley Nagle and family



HVA Dance Team: Jackie Pizzi and family



HVA Dance Team: Lucy Blair and family



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HVA Basketball: Tommy Joseph and family



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