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Senior living shot down 3-2; lawsuit next?

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Threat of a lawsuit, which followed a 3-2 vote by Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen against a zoning change that would have allowed construction of a three-story Harmony at Farragut senior living center on 10 acres behind Ingles in Farragut, came from the property owner whose vision to bring Har-

mony to Town was shot down. “What this is going to do Mayor (Ron Williams) is we have to have a lawsuit ... to resolve it in court,” said owner/developer Doug Horne (also owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress), just moments after the vote, coming after lengthy discussion highlighting the Thursday evening, March 9, BOMA meeting in an almost full Town Hall boardroom.

Williams, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and North Ward Alderman Scott Meyer shot down the proposed zoning change, and the development, by voting no, while South Ward Aldermen Drew Burnette and David White voted in favor. “You all are totally unfair and unethical about this,” Horne said to the three voting no.

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‘Wrong land use,’ ‘plenty of senior space’ among anti re-zone views

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(The following anti re-zoning speakers are listed in order of appearance)

- **George Cooper** of Farragut said he also attended the recent Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting, where Commissioners voted 6-3 in favor of recommending the rezoning to BOMA. But Cooper said this three-story facility “would set a precedent” negatively affecting the Town. “This was the only area that was not updated, inexplicably, in the Land Use Plan to address community input. ... At this point, there is no objective, factual basis for approving this rezoning request.”
- Although “not directly impacted by this request,” **Diane Hall** of Farragut said such developments make it harder “for families to move to Farragut and build homes. Our Town has fewer and fewer undeveloped parcels of land.
- “... It makes perfect sense that the folks who bought homes in (Baldwin Park, about 430 feet north of the proposed development) felt confident that they would part of a much larger community,” she added.
- Hall also said a Harmony official who spoke during the FMPC meeting “failed to present any factual data showing the immediate need for this

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Citizens, 15, share strong re-zoning views

Fifteen citizens spoke, both for and against, a rezoning proposal — from Office (O-1), General Single-Family Residential (R-2) and Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Community Service (S-1) — for 10 acres behind Ingles for a three-story Har-

mony at Farragut senior living facility. This came during a Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting Thursday evening, March 9, in an almost full Town Hall boardroom. (Pro re-zoning views begin on the right, anti re-zoning views start on the left)

Jr. Commish joins Sr. Commish for BOMA meeting fireworks



Alan Sloan

John Schoonmaker, left, Knox County Commissioner representing the 5th District (including Farragut) introduces 5th District Junior Commissioner Anand Patel, a Farragut High School junior, during the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in Town Hall boardroom Thursday evening, March 9. “He’s a sharp young man,” Schoonmaker said about Patel.

‘Much needed,’ FMPC vote among pro re-zone points

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(The following pro re-zoning speakers are listed in order of appearance)

- **James Ferrell**, a U.S. Navy veteran and a Baldwin Park resident, spoke glowingly of Doug Horne, owner of the 10 acres who is a proponent of the zoning change/new development (also owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress). “Mr. Horne is a good man; he’s a good, patriotic American,” Ferrell said. “... I’m all for” Horne bringing Harmony at Farragut to the property in question.
- **Michael Wilson** of Farragut, also favoring the development/zoning change, said he wanted “to address the consistency of this proposal with our Town ordinances, plans and past Town decisions.
- “Many equate this proposal to high-density residential,” he added. “... This district also is intended as a transitional district by providing for low-impact quasi institutional/residential uses that have minimal traffic demands.
- “This district is clearly intended to be a transition between commercial/office space and lower density residential neighborhoods. This proposal clearly does that.”
- Wilson continued: “... Recently, the changes to the Future Land Use Map for this area were discussed. This parcel was not updated. The Municipal Planning Commissioners did not agree on lowering the density and how that density should be transitioned across this parcel.
- “In that meeting, Vice Mayor (Louise) Povlin also raised her concerns

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Mayor explains his Harmony re-zoning considerations

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The following is commentary from Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, who voted against allowing 10 acres of property behind Ingles to be re-zoned from Office (O-1), General Single-Family Residential (R-2) and Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Community Service (S-1). The vote was decisive in a 3-2 Board of Mayor and Aldermen vote against

re-zoning, during BOMA’s Thursday, March 9 meeting in Town Hall boardroom, which denied developer Doug Horne (owner of Republic Newspapers, LLC, parent company of farragutpress) to build a three-story Harmony at Farragut senior living community. (See related stories beginning on pages 1A, 2A)

- **Mayor Williams spoke, as all five BOMA reps did, before voting:** “There’s been a lot of good points made tonight. As you can see, I’ve made a tremendous amount of notes.

“I had four pages like this from the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission (which voted 6-3 in favor of recommending the re-zoning to BOMA). “I think (a citizen speaker earlier in the meeting) said something about working with some type of other development. I think (Alderman) Drew (Burnette) touched on that as well. And that certainly is an option. “I look at it as: ‘Is is a good fit?’ I look at it as: ‘Is is appropriate for this district?’

“And I look at it as: ‘Is 200 units (for Harmony) really a transition?’ “This what I have to decide on.” (Comments from Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and North Ward Alderman Scott Meyer can be found in next week’s farragutpress issue, along with Williams, Povlin and South Ward Alderman David White fighting back after strong citizen criticism during the public comment portion of the re-zoning meeting and during Citizen Forum)

business

“We are excited to begin serving patients at our new state-of-the-art hospital and renovated location ...” - **Jennifer Steely, CEO of two facilities designed to help patients recuperate quickly. (Read story beginning on page 5A)**

community

“You’ve got doctors and friends right here in Farragut who are addicts, and you don’t even know it,” - **Dr. Stephen Loyd, a Farragut internal medicine physician who spoke from experience — and the heart — to a local club. (Read story starting on Page 6B)**

sports

See 28 area high school student/athlete collegiate signees — **including one who will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy as a football player — plus two other seniors who won prestigious statewide honors, beginning on Page 1B.**



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3-2 vote
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The proposal was to go from Office (O-1), General Single-Family Residential (R-2) and Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoning to Community Service (S-1) zoning, which would have allowed construction of the development.

The Board heard from development officials and employees from Horne Properties, LLC., along with 15 citizens, including Horne himself, speaking for and against the development (see related stories beginning on pages 1A and 2A).

This discussion and vote highlighted an evening also filled with spirited comment from Williams, Povlin and White — all defending themselves in the face of comments made by citizens during the development discussion, and later during Citizens Forum (see story in next week's issue).

Harmony pitch
Speaking on behalf of Harmony first was Joe Conver, senior development manager with Smith/Packett, which has “developed over 150 senior living/long-term care communities over the last 40 years,” he said.

Harmony would have combined “independent living, assisted living and the memory care component; we do have that all (planned) under one roof,” Conver added. “... We would generate roughly 100 jobs.

“... This is a \$69 (million) investment.”
Conver gave an example of “three ladies” who he said had their lives greatly improved under the care and support of a Harmony center. “They were eating peanut butter and jelly, cheese and crackers, hard-boiled eggs, and now they’re three ladies who have met their best friends. They go to classes together, they go to church together, they go to swimming classes together. ...,” he said.

Other features mentioned included “having our beauty salons in-house,” he said.
As for health-related in-house features, “If a resident has a fall, or in a situation where they need physical therapy, we have the therapy on-site,” Conver said. “A nurse will bring them down.”
Town staff suggested Smith/Packett “go out to the local HOAs and do some studies,” Conver said, bringing the com-

pany’s “civil engineer, architect” to an “all day” meeting with HOA officials. “... We did have some positive feedback. ... They had a lot of questions.”
Collin Johnson, vice president of the Chattanooga office for RaganSmith (landscape architects), spoke to the Board “about the development plan — specifically the site plan, the zoning. Just generally how we approach this.”

The bottom line, he said, is that Harmony “is intended to be a one-stop shop for the whole continuum of care for seniors.”

Moreover, “From a city planning perspective, it makes all the sense in the world to put a facility like this right next to one similar to it (Villages of Farragut, about 100 yards to the west of the proposed property),” Johnson said.

He also pointed out “a 430-foot gap between the residential neighbors (Baldwin Park to the north) and our property.”

Winn Bishop, senior vice president for Smith/Packett, said he wanted to emphasize “the need for senior care in your community.”

However, Bishop addressed what he said were “very disingenuous” e-mail comments by development opponents about the development being “high density” and simply “apartments.”

Michelle Lauer, Harmony Senior Services director of sales and marketing (Mt. Juliet location), said Harmony would bring a much-needed “option” to seniors. “Without options, many seniors with the desire or need for senior living will have to move out of Farragut,” she said.

Without the supervision and fellowship Harmony could provide, she added, “There are seniors in Farragut right now who are not taking their medications correctly, not getting the proper nutrition and the majority of their socialization is sitting in front of a TV.”

Moreover, Lauer said seniors living alone locally “are falling in their homes — and at times not even telling it,” adding that Harmony partners with emergency response providers.

“... We have nurses and physicians ... in regard to these issues.”

In short, “Farragut seniors are one mishap away from needing a senior living community,” she added.

Reasons from BOMA re-zoning supporters

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The following are comments from the two Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen who voted in favor of allowing 10 acres of property behind Ingles to be re-zoned from Office (O-1), General Single-Family Residential (R-2) and Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Community Service (S-1).

Re-zoning would allow developer Doug Horne (owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress) to build a three-story Harmony at Farragut senior living community. (See related stories beginning on page 1A)

The comments of those voting in favor are listed in the order in which they were called upon to comment by Mayor Ron Williams:

• **Alderman David White:** “Yes, I am in favor of this facility for several reasons: and

mostly, it is the senior population. I’ve voted — (though) I’ve been here (as an alderman) a short time — on millions of dollars for ballparks, for soccer field, to re-do soccer fields, walking trails — everything for middle-aged people or for people who have good health.

“We’ve got the best facilities in the world right now for people who don’t have medical problems. But if you’ve got medical issues — unlike one of the (senior citizen resident) speakers who drove down here all by herself at night and works in her yard — this (facility) is not for those people.

“This is for the senior citizens who have medical issues that just want a better quality of life. If you’ve ever gone through that — and I hope you never do because I have — you have to take a person out of their home, away from every-

See BOMA-YES on Page 4A

KCSO reports
corrections

Though farragutpress requested Knox County Sheriff’s Office incident reports, none were received by deadline at 10 a.m., Tuesday morning, March 14. We regret this omission and will try to have them for our March 22 issue.

• Curtis Glover is among the team of Tennessee artists who painted murals in the new Condado Tacos for its April 16 opening in Turkey Creek. His name was misspelled in an article in the Business section on Page 3A of the Wednesday, March 8. We regret the error.

• Southeastern Fertility, 11126 Kingston Pike, is expanding with a proposed new medical building on a 1.69-acre vacant lot in Town. The name of the business was incorrect in an story in the Business section in our March 8 issue. We regret the error.

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Question: *My good friend was diagnosed with a disc herniation and developed “drop-foot”. He had to have surgery to fix his back. I have dealt with some back pain on and off recently. What can I do to help reduce my risk of herniating a disc?*

-Henry



Dr. John-Mark Chesney
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Answer: A herniated disc can occur in any part of our spine - but we often see it happening in the lower back.

This condition has also been known as a bulging, protruding, or ruptured disc. 80% of people will experience lower back pain at one point in their life - and for some this may be from a herniated disc.

Here are three reasons you might be at a greater risk of developing a herniated disc:

1. You’re sitting For Long Periods
When we sit for too long, the burden of our weight is placed abnormally on our spine and can cause damage over time. Before long, those small loads add up to real pain. It makes sense when you consider that our bodies were designed to stand, sit, crawl, run, kneel, bend and move through the world in many different ways. It was never designed to sit in one position for prolonged periods, day after day. Sit too long, too often, and it can lead to bulging discs and weak, brittle muscles that are prone to tearing and other damage.
The solution?
Limit your sitting to half-hour periods. Have a few minutes of standing in between, and you’ll reduce the uni-directional forces on your spine. If you sit for a long time at work or at home, stand up and walk around a little bit every thirty minutes. It’s one of the easiest ways for the average person to prevent a debilitating back problem over the long term.

2. You’re bending too much
Did you know that the average person bends or flexes forward between three and five thousand times per day?
That’s a lot of bending over time and eventually something will give – and it tends to be a disc in your lower back. Our spines crave balance, but unfortunately, our modern-day

lives are designed to have us bending forward more than we should. Sitting in front of a computer, putting shoes and socks on, driving, house and yard work, even brushing our teeth are all daily activities that involve bending forward in some way.
To combat this, we need to make a concerted effort to extend instead of bend. A really simple exercise you can do every day is to stand and extend your spine. Place your hands on your lower back for support and then arch back as far as you can go. Repeat this 10 times, at least once per day. If you’ve never arched your back like this before, it may feel stiff or even hurt a little at first. But with a gradual increase in frequency, it will feel less stiff and more natural over the course of a few days.

3. Your Age
Age is one of the most significant risk factors for developing back problems.
As we age, our muscles naturally weaken, including those in our back. This can make it harder for us to support our spine and maintain good posture.
As we get older, we may become less active, which can lead to unwanted weight gain and weaker muscles. This can cause a strain on our back and increase the chances of having a herniated disc. It is generally recommended to be active for around 150 minutes per week. Staying mobile and strong will delay the wear and tear on our bodies as we age.
The good news is - most herniated discs can be completely resolved without surgery.

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John-Mark Chesney is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio in Farragut. If you have a question you’d like him to answer, call Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at john-mark@simplypt.co or you can visit www.simplypt.com

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Anti re-zone

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in Farragut. She also failed to show why this is the best location for the facility.”

• **Another citizen** said she wanted to underline “two important points,” the first of which was “the proposed rezoning request is completely incompatible with the surrounding zoning. While I understand the importance of supporting the senior community with an assisted living center, this is — in both its form and function — nothing more than multi-family housing.”

Her second point, “and most importantly: the numerous community sessions to gain input from the affected residents gave a clear and overwhelming answer to Town staff,” she said. “Residents who reviewed the facts of the project, and who would be most affected, were absolutely opposed to this rezoning application.”

• **Pam Stephens** of Farragut reminded listeners that the nearby Villages of Farragut senior living community “is a 23-acre facility,” while also pointing out other senior living facilities in Town.

Moreover, “within a 10-mile radius of Farragut there’s at least nine senior living facilities,” she added.

Stephens also touted the

“numerous advantages to being able to stay in our own homes as we age. ... Roughly, you could spend \$4,000 to \$7,000 a month for a senior living facility.”

“I know from experience that we have an overwhelming, immediate need, developers, for homes that seniors can spend as much of our golden years at as possible ...,” she added.

She also pointed out Summit View, a former senior living center in Town, “sits empty.”

• **Don Mann** of Farragut, making it clear at the beginning he was against the rezoning, said the proposed facility “looks exactly like apartments and has a footprint that’s 50 percent larger than the neighboring S-1-zoned facility (Villages).”

Saying he attended “the last two Planning Commission meetings on this rezoning request,” Mann added, “the overwhelming majority of participants who spoke and wrote in were against it.”

• **One resident** said he didn’t know of “any documentation” indicating the need for another senior living community in Town. He pointed out “the emotional plea” by Harmony and other development proponents. ... “I discovered a different view of need for this facility. I researched supply and demand for the two largest providers in Farragut. ...

they are not full and they have no plans to expand anytime soon.”

Another such facility would “so dilute the already severely strained labor pool in this area, that every Farragut facility will risk plummeting quality of care.”

While saying FMPC reps were not “bad people,” he added that body “squandered a lot of citizen trust by not listening to the objective facts citizens presented to them.”

• **Ed Sharkey** of Farragut emphasized the importance of “transparency” in Town government.

“The recommendation by (F)MPC falls into that category of decisions that are not well-founded,” he added. “... In each

case, where need was the basis of recommendation, the members ignored the stated will of the community in order to favor (a) perceived need. I’m not aware of any object ground, in the record, to support a finding of need.

“Not one supporter on the (F)MPC referenced an objective criteria that would establish a need for this project.”

Sharkey also said this vote was “the most important land decision that’s faced the (F) MPC in five years.”

Among his departing questions was, “why will that demand not be met by available supply?”

• **Jeanne Brykalski** of Farragut, who is “definitely is a long-time resident,” said no

clear distinction was made among capable senior citizens, such as herself, and less capable senior citizens.

“I didn’t appreciate having a vibrant part of our community” wrongly labeled “and that we can no longer take care of ourselves,” she said.

About supply and demand, “there are senior centers in Farragut and near Farragut that have empty beds,” Brykalski said. “That is something that I already knew because my ... daughter works at a senior center.”

She also said Farragut “is mostly a middle-class community,” adding she “couldn’t afford the \$4,000 to \$7,000” monthly cost mentioned by another rezoning opponent.





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It’s ‘goodie bag time’ for Town’s public, private teachers: an ERC gift

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For the second year in a row, Farragut’s Education Relations Committee is looking to show their appreciation for Town school teachers and staff.

The committee, which met Monday, March 6, in Town Hall, will be giving goodie bags to every teacher and support staff member in Farragut Primary, Intermediate, Middle and High schools, along with Concord Christian School, Knoxville Christian School and St. John Neu-

mann Catholic School. Anyone in the community who would like to contribute is asked to donate items that would fit in a regular-sized sandwich baggie. “This could include candy, individual sized peanut butter crackers, gum or small bags of treats,” ERC committee member Mary Cook said. Items may be dropped off at either Town Hall or Farragut Community Center by Friday, March 31. They will then be assembled by ERC members during its regular April 3 meeting in preparation for the April 4 distribution.

Pro re-zone

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regarding form and function. “What I find interesting is from June to August 2016, Vice Mayor Povlin voted multiple times — three I believe — to approve an almost identical S-1 development approximately 100 yards to the west of this property (now Villages of Farragut senior living community),” he added. “On Aug. 25, 2016, both Mayor (Ron) Williams and Vice Mayor Povlin voted in favor of the Villages during the second reading. That development actually shares a property line with many residential parcels, including Baldwin Park. ... Back then there were no objections to form or function. There was also no compatibility objection from the community.”

Wilson continued: “There is one big difference in the Villages and this proposed development: unlike the Villages, there will be an additional residential development between (the proposed) project and Baldwin Park. That future development provides for the additional density transition and the appropriate protections for the existing neighborhoods called for in the Land Use Plan.” In total, Wilson said “over a dozen” FMPC and BOMA members covering almost seven years — including Williams and Povlin — have voted in favor of Villages and/or Harmony. “With these overwhelming support votes, one has to wonder: why are so many objecting today?” he asked. “... Are the current objections really based on compatibility or other development-related factors, or is all this based on a political promise a few years ago?”

- **Michael Patterson**, executive vice president with Horne Properties, LLC, said he “represents the land owner tonight.”

With the neighboring Villages of Farragut senior living facility about 100 yards west of the proposed new facility, “I would say everyone here

thinks (Villages is) a great addition,” he said. Earlier that day, Patterson said he received “the e-mails that had been sent to all these aldermen: 50 percent more of these e-mails are in favor of this project, much like the room here tonight.” He said the main point to remember is Harmony would be a “senior healthcare facility for an aging population” in Farragut.

- **Ben Mullins**, who said he lives “just outside of Farragut” while disclosing he was “an attorney for the property owner here (Horne),” said he and his family — mentioning family members with healthcare/senior living needs — “have not been overly happy with the choices that we have. This type of use, for me as a Knox County citizen, is desperately needed.”

Moreover, from his legal perspective, “There is no basis to deny saying something is incompatible with the neighborhood ... There’s S-1 directly there (Village of Farragut),” Mullins said.

“... You can’t base a decision to rezone or not rezone a property on neighborhood opposition alone,” he added. “... I think the evidence presented today is just fear of what could come in the future — not fear of what this is. ...”

- **Richard Duisen** of Farragut gave an especially passionate address in support of the rezoning, saying he has “lived here all of my life ... 70 years” while pointing out certain senior members of his family are struggling with health issues.

“I am in need of healthcare,” he said. “... I don’t want to take my father-in-law out of Town to die, and I don’t want to take my wife out of here. ... I don’t care how much money’s involved, I want to be able to live here long enough to die.

“... We need healthcare, and the way this world is changing, we can’t get good, quality help in here fast enough,” Duisen added.

- **Doug Horne** was the last to speak in this forum. “Winn (Bishop, senior vice president

for Smith/Packett) showed the analysis on why there is a need for assisted living and memory care,” he said. “(A citizen speaker) was incorrect on that: there is a great need.” Horne said “the people who make the investments should decide those things” because “they’ve made the analysis and they know there’s another need for assisted living and memory care.” Pointing to the Harmony, Smith/Packett (builder) and RaganSmith (landscaping architect) officials on hand, Horne said, “These gentlemen are putting \$60 million in Farragut ... because they made a good analysis. ... They haven’t asked for any subsidies from Farragut.” Horne said he was among those at the meeting who are long-time residents of what has been Town of Farragut since early 1980. “We’ve lived in this community for 65 years,” he said. “My wife (Brenda Horne) and I have owned this property for 41 years. We’re not going to put housing right behind Ingles. The real estate lady said that (would be) a bad move because houses wouldn’t sell very well right behind Ingles.” Among his Town developments over the years, Horne said, “We built Waverly Court. ... The Walmart (originally in Town) we first built; CVS, Ingles, Kohl’s. We’ve done Derby Run and Lanesborough apartments. We built Glen Abbey and Derby Chase. We gave land to Christ Covenant Church down at the end of Kingston Pike — 12 acres, a gift.

“We sold the land (for what is now Mayor) Bob Leonard Park, and we sold it cheap,” he added. “... The Post Office. I’d like to say we are a good corporate citizen.” He thanked FMPC for it’s 6-3 vote in favor of recommending the rezoning to BOMA.

Before finishing, Horne said, “We don’t want to use legal action to get” the development built and operating, unless forced to do so by BOMA rejecting the rezoning, which he later expressed.

(See related stories beginning on pages 1A and 2A)

presstalk

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While there were no Presstalks submitted for this week’s issue, we respectfully ask our readers to follow the following Presstalk rules when submitting their opinions:

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- Please keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com);
- Libelous and malicious comments will not be published;
- Profanity will be edited out;
- Comments will remain anonymous;

BOMA-yes

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thing that’s familiar to them — and away from their family — and put them in a place they’re not familiar with.

“And lo and behold their health gets worse. What are you going to do? You’ve got to put them through that trauma again. They’ve got to move out of there and go somewhere else and be away from their family, be away from their home and be away from everything.

“And lo and behold, if their health gets worse you’ve got to move them again.

“That’s not right; these people need help. If they didn’t need help they wouldn’t be in one of those. You’re not going to have a lot of people in those who work in their yard or use our walking trails or go play on our soccer fields or play tennis or play pickleball, which is a big thing. This is not who this is for.

“... Yes, I’m going to stand up for the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission who voted to approve this (6 to 3) and I’m going to stand up for the sick and disabled who want to stay in this community and stay around their family and their friends and their neighbors, and live out the rest of their life in the greatest comfort there is possible.”

- **Alderman Drew Burnette**: “... I can just tell you personally this has weighed about as heavily on me than any other decision I’ve made being a part of this Board because it affects residents, it affects our community in a big way.

“The two big factors I’ve been focusing on is resident input as well as alignment with the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

“As a resident I understand the frustrations of living next to vacant land that has the potential for development.

“... As we look at the property in question this evening, I’ve evaluated the public feedback along with our current

zoning regulations, and the question I’ve been deliberating on: how do we effectively transition from C-1 at Ingles down to an appropriate zoning level that abuts Baldwin Park and surrounding areas?

“An appropriate transition, in my mind, would go from high density/high impact at Ingles to a lesser land-use impact immediately to the north of Ingles, and then a less density and impact to the remaining property adjacent to Baldwin Park.

“... In a general sense, I think the S-1 zoning district is a nice potential fit for this property. This S-1 designation is a transitional district in nature, which could fit very well for the property behind C-1.

“My concern for the proposal in front of us is, I want to see a transition, in form and scale, from Ingles to the 10 acres under consideration. As I look at the current proposal, the intensity is in line with my expectations of transition.

“However, the form and scale are not as much.

“Transitioning from a one-and-a-half story shopping center to a three-story civic-use forum does not align with my view of a proper transition. While I understand the traffic impact to be manageable, and will only be funneled to Village Commons Boulevard, I’m not convinced wholly that a large, three-story building behind a one-and-a-half story C-1 shopping center is a transition I’m comfortable with.

“I think it could make sense to see a building with more form and scale that’s more compatible with the residential setting to the north. I could possibly get on board with a building in use that has a more residential feel. One example ... is Autumn Care (senior living) on Campbell Station Road (one story). ... It has a much more residential feel and transitions well with the neighboring residential homes.

“One way this could be accomplished ... use R-3 height restriction, like what’s already in place at Baldwin Park. ...”

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ProLift expands, serves Knox County

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ProLift Garage Doors, 533 Carrington Blvd. in Lenoir City, is expanding its services into Knox County.

“We provide garage door and opener repair, service and sales/new installation for all makes and models,” said Blake Shelton, co-owner. “We offer ProLift 270 and 370 openers that are branded and manufactured by Marantec.

“We sell Amarr brand doors and have a feature on our website that lets you design your door and superimpose it over a picture of your house,” he added.

The company also repairs doors.

“We guarantee our work, and doors and openers come with manufacturer warranties,” Shelton said.

“Our original plan was to purchase the Knoxville territory first then expand out, but it wasn’t available,” he added. “We were excited to find out we could purchase it early last year and began the process to complete the deal.

“The addition of Knox, Anderson and Loudon counties is huge for us. From a growth perspective, it has already paid dividends. We really look



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Duncan Shelton, lead tech for ProLift Garage Doors and son of owner Blake Shelton, installs a garage door for a client. The company, which recently joined Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, is expanding its services into Knox County.

forward to being an active part of the community.”

Hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 24/7 for emergency service. “We even come out on holidays,” Shelton said. “This year, we made an emergency call on New Year’s Day.”

Appointments can be made

through ProLift’s website, www.proliftdoors.com or by phone at 888-824-9947. There are no service call fees.

“We have a call center that handles scheduling most appointments and they answer even when we aren’t available,” Shelton said.

Patricia Neal Rehab Hospital now open in West Knox Co.

STAFF REPORTS

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KNOXVILLE — Covenant Health and Encompass Health recently announced the opening of Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Hospital West, a 51-bed inpatient facility at 101 Fort Sanders West Blvd. near Kingston Pike in West Knoxville.

It serves patients recovering from debilitating illnesses and injuries, including strokes and other neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopedic conditions, according to a PNRHW press release.

The new hospital features all-private patient rooms, a large therapy gym, an activities of daily living suite, a therapy courtyard, a cafeteria and two dayrooms.

“We are excited to begin serving patients at our new state-of-the-art hospital and renovated location at Fort Sanders, both of which will help patients recover from their injury or illness and find the confidence to move back to a more independent life,” stated Jennifer Steely, CEO of

both Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Hospital locations (also downtown Knoxville).

“The addition of this new hospital will allow even more individuals in the Knoxville area and beyond to receive specialized care close to home. Every detail was created with our patients in mind,” she added.

“The one-story building design helps with accessibility of getting patients to different treatment and non-treatment areas within the hospital, and our freestanding hospital allows for easier transfers from other facilities and more convenient access for families and visitors.”

Newly renovated downtown

In addition to the new hospital, the former Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center at Covenant Health’s Fort Sanders location in downtown Knoxville now serves patients in a newly renovated space.

“As part of the joint venture, Covenant Health and Encompass Health renovated the downtown rehabilitation center to become a 22-

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• Former Tennessee Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III recently joined the Knoxville law firm, Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, P.C., as principal.

Slatery held the attorney general position from October 2014 through August 2022 on appointment by the Tennessee Supreme Court.



Slatery

• Diana Chan recently joined Y-12 Federal Credit Union as vice president of risk management. Chan steps into this role with more than 10 years of experience in the financial services industry, including providing in-house legal counsel for a mortgage lending company for the last eight years.

• Weichert, Realtors — Advantage Plus recently was named to the Premier Client Group by Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc., earning distinction as one of the top-producing companies in the national franchise system in 2022.

The Weichert affiliate is one

of only 31 companies — out of more than 250 from the Weichert national franchise system — named to this elite group of real estate brokerages. PCG members are identified based on outstanding sales performance in 2022.

• Ed Shouse has joined FirstBank as relationship manager after serving 34 years in local government. He will focus on FirstBank’s relationships with local governments throughout Knoxville and East Tennessee in his new role.



Shouse

Shouse most recently served as Knox County Trustee, to which he was first elected in 2014. Before that, he spent 20 years on the Knoxville City Council, where he chaired the Audit Committee. Subsequently, Shouse served on Knox County Commission for six years.

• Bill Cashman, CFO at Global Systems International Inc., recently was selected as

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Artistic networking



Tammy Cheek

Marcia Shelly, left, Tennessee Artists Association show chair, and Carol King, TAA president, greeted Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members at a FWKCC networking hosted by TAA in the Chamber office, 11826 Kingston Pike, Feb. 16.

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— BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT —

Serenity Place

Serenity Place offers an alternative to living alone or moving to assisted living. Serenity Place is a residential home located in a quiet, safe neighborhood in



Powell, Tennessee, with private bedrooms for rent. Two main meals are provided daily, as well as housekeeping, laundry service, and local transportation as needed. Daily activities are included plus two evening events per month. Some examples of outings may be a trip to a museum, or a baseball game, boating on the lake, a day trip to Cades Cove, a luncheon with friends, the theater or symphony. Many seniors today have no choice but to live alone; they sometime go for days with little or no human interactions, and that isolation can have a negative impact on their physical and emotional well-being. Serenity Place enables seniors to live happy, full, and abundant lives in a residential setting where they can thrive; a place where they can continue to feel at home and part of a family.

Serenity Place is owned and operated by Michele Krohn. Seniors have always held a special place in her heart. Michele previously served as activities director at an upscale assisted living community before starting her own business caring for seniors one-on-one. Four and a half years later, she is now expanding her business to provide a loving and comfortable setting for seniors that they can call home. Serenity Place is ideal for seniors who are still independent but no longer wish to live alone. For more information, please contact Michele at 865-255-4848, serenityplace.home@gmail.com or visit https://tinyurl.com/595f4fus

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Covenant Health, Encompass Health and community leaders celebrated the new Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Hospital West, 101 Fort Sanders West Blvd., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the facility Feb. 15. From left are PNRH volunteer chaplain Dan Martin; Jim VanderSteege, Covenant Health president/CEO; Abe Sims, Encompass Health’s Mid-Atlantic Region president; Jane Jolley, Knox County Community Engagement director; City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon; Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay (At-Large Seat 11); and PNRH CEO Jennifer Steely.

Patricia Neal

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bed hospital-in-hospital structure, including converting all semi-private rooms to private rooms,” a hospital press release stated.

“It has been renamed Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Hospital Fort Sanders.”

Both locations will provide care in Knoxville, Farragut and the surrounding region through comprehensive physical rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech therapies, to restore functional ability and quality of life, Steely further stated in the release.

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a member of a chief executive peer advisory board in Knoxville by Vistage Worldwide Inc. He joins almost 400 senior executives, business owners and CEOs across the state who are Vistage members.

Cashman has more than 30 years of diverse business experience, including small-business ownership, finance, consulting and project management while working at J.D. Edwards and later at Oracle. He earned his certified public accountant degree while working at Ernst & Young. Membership is by invitation only and requires a nomination and a selection process.



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Supporting education at FHS Ed Foundation/FWKCC networking

The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, represented by co-owners Teri Fox, third from left, and Eric Whitener, right, has been among donors contributing to the Admiral Fund fundraiser, sponsored by Farragut High School Education Foundation. The company made a \$2,500 donation recently in the FHS library during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking held in the school. Also pictured, from left, are FHSEF board member Gene Perkins, FHSEF president Mary Cook, FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock and Shelby Gasche of The Knox Fox Real Estate Group.

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NEW LISTING

8405 Nubbin Ridge - Rare find in the heart of west Knoxville! Charm and character. Great privacy in a 4130 square foot 3 bedroom 4 1/2 bath 2 car garage home. Lots 1 and 2 are being sold together for a total of 2.09 acres. Kitchen with granite counter tops , island bar, tile back splash, new refrigerator, and Bosch dishwasher. Sunken formal dining room with built in China cabinet. Fabulous primary bedroom 17 x 19 with sitting area , coffered ceiling, large windows and large deck off the primary suite which has a sauna which was completed in 2002. primary bath with whirlpool plus additional bath in primary suite with a walk in ceramic tile shower and 2 walk in closets. Plumbing for additional half bath or laundry directly outside the primary master suite. Vaulted 21 x 18 great room with, crows nest loft, and deck, wet bar, marble surround wood burning fireplace with gas starter and built-in shelving. Ideal separate living downstairs includes an office, 13x26 room, full bath and exterior entrance with no steps. Many floors of tile and hardwood. Recessed lighting. 292 square feet of storage/workshop with garage door. Gutter guards. Total of 3 decks. Private wooded lot with views of the Smokies and Cumberland mountains. Apple, Pear, and Plum Trees ,Russian mulberries, and blackberries. Lot 2 has an easement allowing for a potential second dwelling. Lot 2 with a separate address of 8403 Nubbin Ridge (vacant land) is included on this listing and sales price. **\$799,500 (1219605)**



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1410 Turning Leaf Lane –Primary Suite on the Main Plan, two car court entry garage, brick and fiber cement siding, 9’ ceilings on Floor, 9’ ceilings on Floor 2, 30 Year Roof ,4 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry (Utility), Hardwood Flooring on Floor 1 except for Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Ceramic Tile Flooring in all Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Carpet Flooring on Floor 2 and Bonus Room. Epoxy Flooring on Garage Floor, Hardwood Steps, Gas fireplace with stone veneer from floor to ceiling, Built-ins in Great Room, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, His/Hers WIC Master Closets, 11’ ceiling in Great Room with coffer ceiling, Kitchen Tops: Quartz, Laundry Tops: Quartz, Master Bath & Bath 2 Tops: Quartz, Bath 3 & 4 Tops: Granite, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater, Gas or Electric Range, Electric Dryer connection, Crown molding on Floor 1 except for vaulted ceiling areas and closets, Home Warranty, Covered Porch Front Porch, Screen Back Porch. Amenities include: club house, exercise room, lawn care, sidewalks, swimming pool. **\$943,500 (1219625)**

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Andover Place - 832 Andover Boulevard. Classic elegant home with circular drive. 4 bedrooms plus bonus, 4 1/2 baths, and 3 car back entry garage. Dramatic double door entry with huge window above allowing natural light as you enter the 2 story foyer. Hardwood on the main in entry, office, kitchen, formal dining room. Detailed crown moldings, French doors, and transoms throughout. Extremely bright and gracious home ideal for entertaining. All rooms are a generous size. Large eat in kitchen with island, tile back splash, double ovens, pass through to family room. Huge family room with double tray ceiling and fireplace. French doors lead to screened porch with brick pavers and a ceiling fan. Master bedroom on the main with a lighted double tray ceiling. Master bath with dual sinks and make up area, whirlpool, and separate shower. All bedrooms are ensuite with walk in closets. 29 x 24 bonus with wet bar, refrigerator, and skylights. Granite counter tops in kitchen and guest bath. Unfinished walk up attic with great storage Level back yard. Marvin windows on the front of the house. Very well maintained with neutral tones. Dual staircase. Tankless water heater. Large deck off the screened porch. Harley Davidson light in bonus room does not convey. At the back of the subdivision close to the pool, pickle ball, and tennis courts. All Farragut schools. Minutes to Turkey Creek and the interstate. **\$850,000 (1212758)**



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Lukas Walls, a 6-foot-3 senior forward who led Webb School of Knoxville to the state semifinals, earned Division II-AA Mr. Basketball honors. Walls led the Spartans to an East Region title and a final 24-8 record.



Bearden High School athletic department welcomed 12 of its senior student-athletes into BHS Auditorium for a National Signing Day ceremony Wednesday morning, Feb. 1. Pictured below are Marcus Bishop, soccer, Berea College (Kentucky); Alyssa Campbell, volleyball, Walters State Community College; Cash Coggin, cross county and track, Lincoln Memorial University; Mary Sims Cross, swimming, Utah Tech; Jeb Cox, baseball, Southwest Community College (Memphis); Emma Coolie, cheerleading, Erskine College (South Carolina); Cayden Douglas, track and field, East Tennessee State University; Rayonna Greenlee, volleyball, Roane State Community College; Ayla Hauser, tennis, Smith College (Massachusetts); Lucas Nordin, soccer, ETSU; Laila Rudolph, track and field, Middle Tennessee State University; and Aiden Tipton, baseball, Tusculum University. **(Farragut, Webb, Catholic and CAK signees pages 2B-4B)**

Photos by Alan Sloan

Farragut and Webb School of Knoxville boys soccer will be two of 22 teams featured in next week's farragutpress Spring Sports Preview, which features eight schools in three sports: along with boys soccer are baseball and softball previews. Other high schools covered will be Hardin Valley Academy, Bearden, Knoxville Catholic, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Concord Christian School and Knoxville Christian School. **(Above)** Admiral senior Eric Sonnenschein (white uniform) battles a Spartan for ball possession during a Tuesday, March 7, scrimmage. **(Left)** Going high into the air looking to control the ball are Farragut freshman Lincoln Unger, left, and Webb senior Axel Mnzava.



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Ten ink from Farragut High on National Signing Day

Farragut High School celebrated 10 of its senior student/athletes who signed National Letter of Intent papers during a ceremony Wednesday morning, Feb. 1, in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium. Back row, from left, are track and cross country signees Riley Hanson (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga), Trevor Coggin (University of Tennessee) and Quinn DeGuira and Michael Mendonca (Middle Tennessee State University); along with Sammy Harvey (track, Tennessee Tech). Front row, from left, are Will Gallaher (soccer, Maryville College); and football Admirals John Duncan (Berry College, Georgia), Reese Keeney (Rice University, Houston), Elijah Gibbs (Georgetown College, Kentucky), and Ashton Auker (Campbellsville University, Kentucky).



Staying in state: CAK's 5 signees

Five Christian Academy of Knoxville senior student/athletes signed with a college or university during a ceremony in the CAK cafeteria during National Signing Day Wednesday morning, Feb. 1. From left are Keira Leffew, basketball, Lee University, Cleveland (Bradley County); Aaron Bobo, baseball, Carson-Newman University; JK Hamilton, baseball, Dyersburg State Community College (West Tennessee); Luke Jones, baseball, Lincoln Memorial University; and Josh Price, baseball, Roane State Community College.





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An Irish dozen signees at Knoxville Catholic on National Signing Day



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Twelve Knoxville Catholic seniors signed with universities or colleges during National Signing Day Wednesday morning, Feb. 1, in the school's St. Gregory the Great Auditorium. From left are Ella Jabaley, volleyball, Averett University (Virginia); Gigi Sompayrac, tennis, Anderson University (South Carolina); Will Ramsey, lacrosse, Young Harris College (Georgia); Henry Bertucci, football, Carson-Newman University; Richie DeLaCruz, baseball, Virginia Peninsula Community College;

Ryan Theobald and Evon Kolesar, baseball, King University (Bristol); Jacob Camfield, baseball, Asbury University (Kentucky); Miller Spence, baseball, Milligan University (Johnson City); Joey LaMattina, baseball, Lincoln Memorial University; Emma Ackermann, swimming, University of Mount Union (Ohio); and Evan Deichert, cross country/track, University of the Cumberlands (Kentucky).

Huge BHS comeback ties Bradley before state quarterfinal setback

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MURFREESBORO — In a fashion similar to what the Bearden boys team pulled off late in its 2022 state title game versus Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, the BHS Lady Bulldogs refused to lay down.

Things looked bad when fellow perennial power Bradley Central built a 16-point lead late in the third quarter of this TSSAA Class 4A quarterfinal showdown in Middle Tennessee State's Murphy Center late Wednesday morning, March 8.

But after all, there's a reason why coach Justin Underwood's maroon-clad girls, defending 4A state champions, were 35-0 with a 57-game winning streak spanning two seasons.

Slowly but surely, Bearden pulled close before tying the game 53-all on the second of freshman point guard Natalya Hodge's two successful jumpers in the final minute — the tying goal coming with 38 second left.

Stalling for the last shot of regulation, the Bearettes (35-1) missed a jumper but got a game-winning rebound basket from sophomore forward Harmonie Ware with just one second left.


For the game, Hodge led the Lady Bulldogs with 23 points. Senior standout post Avery Treadwell, recently named Tennessee Miss Basketball in Class 4A (**see related story on page 1B**), scored 12 points — all at the free throw line (12 of 14) — before fouling out with 2:22 remaining.

Lady Bulldogs Lindsay Wilson, junior guard, and Kendall Murphy, sophomore guard, each nailed key three-point baskets during the late Bearden run to tie. Murphy ended with nine points and Wilson seven points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Lainey Cox, a sophomore forward, scored two for BHS.

Freshman forward Kimora Fields' 22 points led Bradley Central, followed by Ware with 16. The Bearettes went on to win the state crown — the seventh in program history, most recently in 2019 — after decisive wins against Cookeville in the semifinals, 59-43, before whipping Bartlett in the championship game 58-49.

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‘Bloom Bash’ to help area ‘Mamas’ March 24

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An upcoming fundraiser for Helping Mamas Knoxville chapter will feature special cocktails, a fashion show and a silent auction when the 3rd Annual “Bloom Bash” is held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, March 24, at The Reserve at Bluebird Hill, 1411 Midway Road in Lenoir City.

Tickets are \$70 per person.

The event is planned as a “a fun evening out with ... girlfriends,” according to press release information provided by the organization.

“We will have a special cocktail provided by Sugarlands Distilling Company, hors d’oeuvres from Farm to Feast, dessert from Grizzly Bear Baking Company, silent auction items, Flourish Flower Truck, live



painting, spinning photo booth and a fashion show featuring our local boutiques Gather Knox, Retro Local, Joy in The Dawn, elle Boutique, Bliss and Tallulah’s,” the release further stated.

The clothing stores “will feature the upcoming styles of the season. You can even shop and buy your favorite looks right after the show, with a portion of those sales going back to HMK,” the release stated.

Floral décor provided by Vintage Floral Design and Maverick Floral Studio, and dress code is “casual cocktail” according to event officials.

Each ticket includes hors d’oeuvres, sweet treats, two drink tickets and a Bloom Bash swag bag.

All funds raised go right back into the community. Helping Mamas assists in a variety of ways, including: collecting essential items, such as diapers, pack n’ plays, new bottles, clothes, period supplies and new car seats, then distributing the donated items to case workers within its partner locations.

“All this allows our clients to focus on job training, parenting education and violence prevention instead of worrying about these essential items,” noted the organization’s website.

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Mechelke named new SJNCC principal; Derbyshire on campus

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St. John Neumann Catholic School search committee recently chose Dr. Kelly Mechelke as its new principal.

She replaces longtime principal Bill Derbyshire, who last year stepped into a new role leading a strategic planning process for the parish and school and assisting with special projects.

“Bill, our loving principal of 14 years, will remain on campus serving both the church and the school with his many gifts,” SJN Church and School pastor, the Rev. Joe Reed, stated in an e-mail to parishioners.

“Our new principal, Kelly, brings her own gifts to help us grow for the next several years,” he further stated.

“I feel blessed that I will be a part of St. John Neumann’s team,” Mechelke stated in Reed’s e-mail. “I am looking forward to adding to St. John



Mechelke

Neumann’s positive, faith-filled culture.”

“I know that she is eager to meet everyone,” Reed stated about the new principal. “Dr. Mechelke will be visiting SJNCS sometime in April and May. We will arrange an opportunity for the community to welcome her.

“SJNCS is such a wonderful place of blessing — and that has been on display in a special way throughout our Principal Search Process,” he further stated. “It has been a time of prayer, discernment and collaboration as we have talked with several wonderful candidates, any of whom could be a great principal.

“We are blessed to welcome to the St. John Neumann Catholic School family Dr. Kelly Mechelke. Kelly is a life-long learner.”

As for her education, “she has a bachelor’s degree in early education and special education,” Reed stated. “She holds a masters degree in administration and director of instruction.

“Most recently she earned a Ph.D. (degree) in educational leadership,” he added. “She has been a teacher in the

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New date set for FHS ‘Decision Height’

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Farragut High School’s Admiral Performing Arts Company Lab had to reschedule its first spring performance of the World War II drama “Decision Height.”

The show will now be presented starting at 7 p.m. each evening, Tuesday through Thursday, March 21-23, in the school’s Vickie B. Wells Auditorium.

It features an all-female cast telling the fictional story of

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Photo submitted

Farragut High School junior Lily McDonell, left, will perform as “Ariel” and FHS sophomore Lily Egner will be one of two dancers performing as “Ursula” in the upcoming Oak Ridge Civic Ballet Association production of “Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale” April 1-2.

Farragut dancers bring ‘Fairy Tales’ to life

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Oak Ridge Civic Ballet Association will present “Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale” in Oak Ridge Performing Arts Center, 1450 Oak Ridge Turnpike, beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 1, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

The ballet is comprised of scenes from four popular fairy tales: The Little Mermaid, Snow White, The Frog Prince and Beauty and the Beast, and in its cast are several members of the Farragut community in lead roles. Those include Farragut High School student Lily McDonnell as Ariel and Farragut Middle School student Henry Williams as Prince Eric and The Frog Prince.

Additionally, FHS students Lily Egner and Autumn Mullins will share the roles of Ursula and Snow White, while FHS student Addison Doss and Farragut resident Adalyn Garland will share the role of The Frog Princess.

Other Farragut residents performing in the ballet are Josie Braun, Elaina Conger, Sarah Egner, Henry Garland, William Garland, Patton Mullins, Addison O’Dell, Paige Stephens and Joseph Tobin.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20, and may be purchased online at orcba.org or at the door.

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• **Third Annual Breakfast Fundraiser benefitting Tennessee Children's Home** is from 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, March 18, in Aubrey's restaurant at the corner of Cedar Bluff Road and Middlebrook Pike. Tickets are \$5 per person. Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial will match donations up to \$1,000.

• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting starting at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 6,** at Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30 a.m. Published authors are invited to attend. AGT is

now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book but are not yet published. Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT website for updates and information: authorsguildoftn.org.

• **Featuring the Knoxville debut of Metropolitan Opera mezzosoprano Renée Tatum, Amadeus Chamber Ensemble** is coming to Farragut next month. Under the direction of former Knoxville Opera director Brian Salesky, ACE will present its next concert beginning at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 16, in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 633 St. John Court. Admission is free and the public is invited.

• **Knoxville area AARP Foundation will offer Tax-Aide**, a free tax preparation service, at Pellissippi State Community College this spring to taxpayers of all ages

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Doctor's own drug addiction shared as RCF featured speaker

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Rotary Club of Farragut addressed the opioid crisis in Tennessee and closer to home by inviting a Farragut doctor as its featured speaker who personally experienced drug addiction.

"You've got doctors and friends right here in Farragut who are addicts, and you don't even know it," said Dr. Stephen Loyd, a Farragut internal medicine physician, during his address to RCF at the club's weekly noon meeting Wednesday, March 1, in Fox Den Country Club. "The percentage of doctors who are addicted is higher than the general population."

Loyd "has walked the walk and he talks the talk as an addict, as a physician," said RCF member Dr. Charlie Barnett, a colleague of

Loyd's. "He is probably Tennessee's No. 1 physician when it comes to addiction, opiate use and chronic pain, guiding the judiciary in how to work with addicts."

"He's also one of our nation's leading doctors, too, when it comes to the huge opioid settlement. I don't think anyone in this region, state or nation knows more about addiction," Barnett added.

"Everyone in here has had friends, family affected by addiction. And if you try to deal with addiction, you know you can't help them. You cannot help them until you understand their brain."

Loyd was in his early 30s in the final year of his residency program at East Tennessee State

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nine women who trained as fighter pilots in World War II. The show is directed by senior Jasmyne Baker, and performers include Addison Garrett, Sheala Miller, Olivia Gnoth, Tiffany Guo, Ella Gruhn, Nika Ray, Jaclynn Robinson, Emily Maguire and Madelyn Henrie. “This is the first year this class has been offered,” a school press release stated, describing APAC Lab. “It is an audition class. It is also student-run, with the help of

(theater teacher) Dr. Anthony Wooley.” Additionally, the class “is responsible for putting on three productions per semester,” but is only offered in the spring. **Upcoming productions** The next production is “Noir Suspicions,” directed by Max Radtke, set for April 25–27, in the FHS library. With a smaller location, audience is limited to 50 per performance. Also featuring a cast of nine in what is described as an “interactive 1940s murder mystery,” performers are Hayden Toon, Cathlene Horwege, Cast Pappas, Coli Parris, Amzie

Beeler, Mason Cross, Anna-belle Garcia, Margaret Walter and Jesse Rawlings. The final production, directed by Wooley, will be “Pride and Prejudice,” May 10-12. The show is based on the classic Jane Austin novel, and will feature Mason Cross, Bryson Keasling, Madelyn Henrie, Emily Maguire, Jasmyne Baker, Morgan Studebaker, Maggie Raines, Eli Garrett, Adam Hooyman, Annabelle Garcia, Max Radtke, Margaret Walter, Tiffany Guo, Josie Braun and Elizabeth Langois. Cost for each show is \$5 per person.

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and accountability are what build a strong and caring culture.” Mechelke “is ecstatic to be a part of St. John Neumann’s community and is looking forward to meeting all of you,” the pastor also stated.



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From left, Farragut residents Addison Doss, Lily Egner, Lily McDonnell (all three Farragut High School students), Brielle Pinner and Elaina Cordray will be taking part in the Oak Ridge Civic Ballet Association's upcoming show "Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale" April 1-2 in Oak Ridge Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20, and may be purchased online at orcba.org or at the door.

Dancers

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Addiction

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University when he became addicted. He recalled it started when he took one half of a hydrocodone pill following a dentist appointment.

Within three years, he was taking 500 mg of Oxycotin a day.

However, he had a wake-up moment when a patient overdosed and he realized, "I was taking more milligrams of acetaminophen every day than my patient had overdosed on," Loyd said.

"A couple months after this, my dad noticed a big change in me and intervened," he added. "I was lucky. I was able to get world-class treatment" many people cannot afford.

Now 55 and in his 19th year of recovery, he talks to groups, such as Rotary Clubs, so people will understand addict's motivation to misuse drugs.

He said people are designed to survive and see food and air as survival.

But for drug addicts, drugs

are their food and air.

Loyd compared the factors — genetics, trauma and availability leading to addiction — to a slot machine.

His life had all three factors. He had family members who were addicted to drugs and alcohol; he was beaten by his mother, who was bipolar, and molested by his uncle as a child; and being a doctor, he had drugs readily available.

It also is characterized by the body's pleasure system.

Looking at Rotary's Four-Way Test, he said that is what he needs to teach his patients.

After his RCF visit, Loyd headed to Wilson County Jail. He goes to prisons and jails, working with inmates. "I'll try to save 'em where and when I can," Loyd replied.

The club then invited Karen Pershing, Metro Drug Coalition executive director, as its Wednesday, March 8, featured speaker.

(Part two on RCF's drug abuse focus, featuring Pershing's speech, will run in next week's issue).

Mamas

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

March 16, 2023 • Farragut Town Hall - Board Room • 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org or Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org.

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes - February 16, 2023
3. Discussion and public hearing on a request for a variance from the Subdivision Regulations from the requirement to construct a pedestrian facility along the frontage of a collector street associated with a final plat of resubdivision of Lot 2R of the final plat of resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2 of the Ben A. and Patricia Boring Estate Property and the Alga B. Sapps Boring Property, Parcel 074.01, Tax Map 142, 152 Boring Road, 2 Lots, 4.73 Acres, Zoned R-1 (Benchmark Associates, Applicant)
4. Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval of a final plat of resubdivision for Lots 23, 24, 204, and 205 in Phase 2 of the Brookmere Subdivision, 4 Lots, 2.53 Acres, Zoned R-1/OSR (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)
5. Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval of a final plat of resubdivision to modify the drainage easement on Lots 97-113 in Phase 3 of the Brookmere

Subdivision, 17 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)

6. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the Gordon Farragut Medical Office building east of Kiddie Cottage and west of the Chesney Dentist Office, Parcel 1.14, Tax Map 143H, Group A, 1.69 Acres, Zoned C-1 (Randolph Architecture, Applicant)

7. Discussion and public hearing on a land disturbance and grading plan for the West Mill Subdivision, Parcels 8.01, 9, and 10.02, Tax Map 152, north of the intersection of Kingston Pike and Old Stage Road, 14.5 Acres, Zoned C-1, R-1, and R-2 (BHN-P, Applicant)

8. Discussion on proposed facade modification concepts to the soil nail wall associated with Phase I of the Kingston Pike Village, 13120 Royal Palm Way, southwest intersection of S. Watt Road and Kingston Pike, Zoned PCD (SITE Inc., Applicant)

9. Approval of utilities

10. Citizen forum

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Father-Daughter Tea

Christ Covenant Church fathers and daughters enjoyed quality time when the church held its annual Father-Daughter Tea at The Venue in Lenoir City Sunday, Feb. 12. Dressed in their best attire, they enjoyed a buffet of treats, then headed for the dance floor for some one-on-one time for dads and their girls.

Photos by Tammy Cheek



From left, Ellie Kohlbusch, 8, dad, Tyler Kohlbusch and Livie Kohlbusch, 6



Taylor Weakley and Adaline, 4



Eric Miller with Charlotte, 3, left, and Everly, 4



Dad Derek Snyder with, from left, Ali, 12, Abigayle, 10, and Emma, 18



Brandon Burley dancing with daughter, Maya, 6



Jeremy Wolcot with daughters, Adeline, 4, left, and Amelia, 7



Left: Holis and Andy Huddleston



Above: The Rev. Seth Hammond with daughters, from left, Abby, 11, Sarah, 4, and Katie, 9



Right: Matt Cross and Heidi, 3



Left:
Andy and Drew
Huddleston



Right:
Wes Ingram and
Emmie Kate, 3

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MARCH 2023

Orientation on for March 21

The chamber will host one of its two larger bi-annual new member orientations on Tuesday, March 21st from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Farragut Community Center.

Unlike the monthly small-group orientations, both the Spring and Fall versions of this event are open to not only newly joined members, but also to longstanding members wanting a brush-up on benefits and to businesses interested in learning about joining the chamber. The program will include a lunch, networking, and the program.

The event is sponsored by Corrigan & Williams, Knox County and Town of Farragut. Attendees will get to meet sponsor representatives, as well as chamber board, ambassadors, young professionals, and other businesses. The farragutpress will again sponsor several of the door prizes in the form of complimentary color ads in the weekly farragutpress newspaper; other prizes will be awarded as well. Business cards are strongly recommended.

Attendees will hear about how to maximize their chamber benefits, get more involved in their community through programs, give back to other area businesses, and get the most visible ROI from their membership.

There is no charge for the event but RSVPs are strongly recommended. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch if needed. For attendee registration, go to farragutchamber.com > Events > Chamber Calendar.



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YPs Excited for April programs

The Chamber's YP contingency, West Young Professionals, are excited about the two programs they will offer in April!

The first will be a networking with the **Professional MBA (ProMBA) program at the Haslam College of Business** on Saturday, April 15, to kick off their "Day in the Life of Student." Attendees can meet other professionals and also participate in a real Professional MBA class, meet faculty, and meet other current students to find out if the Professional MBA program is for them.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this and all young professional events, as well as for their entire calendar year. Contact WYP@farragutchamber.com for details.

The second will be a service project and casual outdoor networking. Aptly named, "**Trash Talk**," attendees will gather on Earth Day, April 22 (Saturday), and participate in a cleanup of the **Seven Islands State Birding Park**. Known for its diverse aquatic and grassland habitats, the park is home to an impressive 190 species of birds, and is popular with paddlers, kayakers and other watersports enthusiasts.

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Networkings

Farragut High School Education Foundation February 9, 2023



Joe Leporati and Ingrid Adolphson, both with *Kona Ice* pause for a moment with Terry Smiley- *FirstBank Farragut*.



Kevin Garrett- *Bank of America*, Chuck Chalker- *FastSigns*, and Trevor Hobbs- *Town of Farragut Assistant Town Administrator* chat during the networking.

Tennessee Artists Association February 16, 2023



It was a packed house Thursday evening as the Tennessee Artists held their networking at the Chamber! Artists Betty Bullen and Marsha Shelly were pleased with the turnout.



Kim Fry- *Hilton Knoxville Airport* and Marianne Morse- *Mary Kay* get caught up during the networking.

A-Z Office Resource February 23, 2023



Tommy Keeler- *Baird Wealth Management* and Stephanie Erb- *Childhelp* look over a table of office-related products that A-Z Office Resource displays during the networking.



John Geer (center) *A-Z Office Resource* talks with Vince DePersio (left)- *StratPoint Solutions* and Caleb Johnson- (right)- *Graham & Cook Insurance*.

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in February!

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Ambassador of the Year AWARDED

After completing their first full calendar year in 2022 of a new points system intended to help Chamber Ambassador volunteers better track their engagement and be recognized for their efforts, the points have finally spoken.

It is with great joy that the Chamber announces **Terry Smiley of FirstBank** is the Ambassador of the Year for 2022.

Smiley applied for and was chosen to serve as an Ambassador in spring 2021. She currently works as the Financial Center Manager at FirstBank's Farragut branch handling all aspects of banking needs for clients and working with the team to obtain new business. She is also responsible for representing the branch and FirstBank within the community, which includes volunteering with ChildHelp in Knoxville, and as an Akima Club of Knoxville member. In both 2021 and 2022, Smiley served on and helped co-chair the chamber's signature annual Auction: Charity Gala & Dinner Affair.

Smiley will officially be recognized at the upcoming VIP Networking and Luncheon in April featuring keynote speaker Randy Boyd.



Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job?

Go to **www.farragutchamber.com** to see these and other member items!

The chamber congratulates these individuals who have been recognized in the Knoxville News Sentinel's 2023 40 Under 40: Deanna Unger-KUB, Georgi Gardner-University of Tennessee Knoxville, and Torrie Boggs-United Way of Greater Knoxville. Kudos to all of you for your accomplishments!

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West Young Professionals Breakfast Speaker Event

February 22, 2023 • "Emotional Intelligence"
Presented by Melissa Spangler from KEPA Counseling



Above: Meet the West Young Professionals Team! From left are Kaylor Hensley - Landry & Azevedo, Crystal Wicker - CertaPro Painters, Beth Ann Carter (Board Liaison) - MBI Companies, Devin Sellmer - Smart-Cruiser, Brytonie Brandel - Bank of America, and Cameron Nelson - Tennessee Pinnacle Group.

Left: Daniel Monday - Slamdor, Britney Sink - Pellissippi State Community College, and Mike Shaw - Morgan Stanley take a break during the presentation.

Below: Attendees listen as Ms. Spangler explains how thinking, reasoning and logic are all related.



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Welcome New Members!

New Members

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Welcome Back Renewing Members!

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A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:



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Calendar of Events: March/April 2023

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email Suzanne@farragutchamber.com for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar (www.farragutchamber.com > “Events”) and registering under “Not a member?”.

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Thursday, March 16, 2023 • 8-9am
Networking – Avenir Memory Care
901 Concord Rd., Knoxville 37934

Tuesday, March 21 • 11:30a-1pm
New Member Orientation
Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut 37934

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 • 3:30pm
Ribbon Cutting - AAA: Samar I. Insurance Agency
800 Concord Road, Farragut 37934

Thursday, March 23, 2023 • 8-9am
Networking – Pinnacle Financial Partners
241 Brooklawn St., Farragut 37934

Thursday, March 30, 2023
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Networking – SmartBank Farragut
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Wednesday, April 5, 2023
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