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‘Hard on my family:’ Lafferty on national criticism

Knoxville’s McKenzie on House speech: ‘it was an eerie and sad feeling’

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Admitting the past week-plus of racially charged criticism “has been hard on my family” — reaching national levels as stories ran on CNN and in The New York Times among many other worldwide media outlets — state Rep. Justin Lafferty (R-District 89 including Hardin Valley) stated to farragutpress he needs “a little time” to properly respond to the criticism and give clarification to his “Three-Fifths Compromise” speech on the House floor of Tennessee General Assembly Tuesday afternoon, May 4.

“Thankfully we have many friends in our lives that

have reached out to us,” he added in an e-mailed statement to farragutpress Sunday, May 9, in response to a series of questions sent to Lafferty late last week.

“Please allow me a little time and I will try to address your questions in a follow-up e-mail.”

Lafferty defended the Compromise, where Northern and Southern states agreed to Constitutionally label African-Americans as three-fifths of a person — the South originally wanting slaves counted fully but Northern states not wanting slaves counted at all — to ensure national unity in the fight for independence against “world power” Great Britain, along with representation considerations during the 1787



Lafferty

Constitutional Convention.

He did, however, reference what “our Founders ... wrote frequently, and for long times, about what this stain of slavery would do to our country.”

That led to another point of criticism from Lafferty’s speech, when he said the Compromise had a noble purpose concerning abolishment of slavery:

“... The Three-Fifths Compromise was a direct effort to ensure that Southern states never got the population necessary to continue the practice of slavery everywhere else in the country. What does that mean? Appropriation based on population.”

He continued: “... By limiting the number of population in the count, they specifically limited the number of representatives that would be available in the slave-holding states, and they did it for the purpose of

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‘I just wanted to thank him’



Michelle Hollenhead

Papa John’s employee Bob McGee gets a hug from Concord resident Lauren Beck Friday, May 7, after Beck presented him with a Thank You card, nearly \$900 in community donations and a gift pack from Buff City Soap for a kindness McGee performed earlier that week.

Reward is \$900+ for going ‘out of his way’

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A selfless act by a Papa John’s employee led to an outpouring of love and unexpected monetary blessings Friday, May 7.

Lauren Beck of Concord presented a card, nearly \$900 raised by the community and a gift box from Buff City Soap to Bob McGee, a long-time Papa John’s worker who had aired up Beck’s low tire earlier in the week.

McGee was tearful and thankful for the gifts. “It means a whole lot that people would take the time to let you know you are appreciated,” he said.

“I just wanted to thank him and show him how much it meant to me, for him to have gone out of his way to help

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Family’s ‘dream come true’ at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza

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Town of Farragut, state and Knox County officials joined Farragut residents and family of the late Ralph McGill as they dedicated Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza Friday evening, May 7.

“We dedicate this to a great man, great mayor, Ralph

McGill,” Town administrator David Smoak said.

The plaza, located behind the restored Campbell Station Inn at the corner of Kingston Pike and North Campbell Station Road, was named for Dr. McGill, Farragut’s third mayor and a Town founder (Farragut Community Group) who wanted to save the Inn, previously known as Russell House,

as the Russell family sold the property to the Town.

“This is, indeed, a dream come true,” said Marianne McGill, Ralph’s wife and fellow Town founder (FCG member) who was one of Farragut’s first elected officials, about the plaza. “Ralph and David and Jim Nixon (Farragut real

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Tammy Cheek

Dignitaries and McGill family members were on hand for the dedication of Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza, located at the corner of Kingston Pike and North Campbell Station Road, Friday, May 7. From left were Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; India McGill, the late Ralph McGill and Marianne McGill’s daughter-in-law, and India’s daughter, Mabel; India’s husband and the McGills’ son, Norman McGill; the McGills’ daughter, Kim Pratt; Kim’s daughters, Ellasyn (front left), 9, Emerson (front), 7, and Shayleigh, 13 (beside Kim); Vice Mayor Louise Povlin (back row); Marianne McGill; and Alderman Drew Burnette and Alderman Ron Pinchok. Although the Plaza plaque reads “Dedicated December 2020,” the dedication had been postponed.

business

“He inspired me because I heard about his struggles. ... I felt like if he could endure setback after setback then I could get through my bad days as well.”

- Mason Motley, a high school senior inspired by how another student handled severe adversity.
(Read story beginning on page 9A)

community

“it was a very male-dominated industry, which was to be expected. ... it wasn’t until the 1990s that we had our first female board chair,”

- Julie Blaylock, leader of a business group having come a long way in more than three decades.
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sports

“I am very proud of the improvements we made as a team this season. Having a winning record and making the region were big steps and one of our goals,”

- David Moore, coach of a team taking major strides in 2021 despite not having a huge roster numbers-wise.
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Dedication

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estate broker/land partner) spoke and worked tirelessly trying to purchase this property so it wouldn't be gone to waste ... it's turned out to be a beautiful place and also the Community Center ... I just wish that he were here tonight.

"I just thank you for all you've done," she added before breaking into tears. As the dedication plaque was unveiled, she again broke into tears. Before the unveiling, she and the crowd heard from her granddaughters, Shayleigh, Ellasyn and Emerson Pratt, who sang the late mayor's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

"We would not be standing here today if it were not for the vision and perseverance of Mayor McGill," current Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "My work with Ralph has been many years through the (Sugarwood), Homeowners Association projects all the way to the Campbell Station Inn vision.

"Usually we would arrive at church early, and I was able to sit with Ralph and talk about his vision for this particular piece of property and what he thought it could turn out to be, and we see it today," Williams added. "This is a wonderful development that bears his name, and I think his family

can be really proud that he had the forethought to get started with this."

"It is truly an honor to be here," Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioner Betty Dick said as her voice broke with emotion.

Another Town founder/FCG member, Dick related Mayor McGill's and Marianne's special issues.

During the struggles of forming the town, she remembered, "Ralph received most of the harassment and criticism from the anti-incorporation crowd."

Dick described Mayor McGill as a "very accomplished and compassionate person. He cared for people; he loved his family ... he cared about where he lived.

"Without Ralph McGill, there would be no Farragut," she added.

"He was everybody's mayor," Eric Johnson, yet another founder/FCG member, said of Mayor McGill.

Johnson, who also served on the first elected Board of May-

or and Aldermen and 10 years on the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals, remembered questioning Dr. McGill's leadership skills as fellow FCG members, but watched him become a strong leader in working to incorporate the Town.

"Since (the founding) and until his death, he was like Admiral Farragut — always full speed ahead," former Farragut Vice Mayor Dot LaMarche said.

"The Russell House and land are what it is today because of Ralph's vision," Nixon said. "His vision was to save this home in perpetuity, and that has been accomplished today in a great manner.

"I talked to Charlie Russell. He is absolutely elated at the way this looks," Nixon added. "He's elated that his family home is restored in the condition it's in right now; and could there be a better plaza anywhere than the McGill Plaza? And certainly Ralph McGill, it's proper to honor him today for his vision for this place."

"We truly would not be standing here today and seeing the amazing things happening without the vision of Ralph McGill," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said.

She recalled becoming involved with the Town "because Mayor McGill invited me in and encouraged me to get involved."



Mayor McGill

Kind act

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me," Beck said. "He was just so kind."

Beck had taken her boyfriend, Jonathan King, to the Summit Medical Walk-in Clinic in Century Plaza Sunday, May 2, and while waiting for him in the parking lot, McGee — who had just finished his Papa John's shift — noticed one of her rear tires "was almost flat," he said.

"I am notorious for not taking care of my car," Beck said. "And it had been a crazy day for me. I had coached my (CBFO) softball team, then had to take my boyfriend to the clinic because he was really sick and couldn't drive himself.

"Bob told me I needed air and suggested I go immediately and get some, but I told him I would go as soon as my boyfriend came out."

McGee left to run an errand, and realizing he had an air compressor in his own vehicle, he re-appeared within 10 minutes to take care of Beck's tire.

"I didn't want anything to happen to her out on the road,

or anything," he said.

"I was just so surprised," she said. "You don't see a lot of that going on. Here he had just gotten off work and he was so, so sweet to be worried about me."

Beyond thanking McGee on the spot, Beck took to social media to post about the experience and said she had found out McGee would be retiring at the end of the month.

After first suggesting that readers make donations during May to contribute toward McGee's retirement, at the suggestion of Julie Switzer of Thornton Heights, Beck decided to gather donations from the community and surprise McGee with them during his work day.

Melissa Parker made the card, which contained the cash donations, Beck said, and in it Beck wrote, "Thank you for always showing kindness! Love,



Beck

Your community."

"You just never know what someone is going through," Beck said. "Sometimes it is just one simple thing that can make all the difference to someone."

In addition to sharing news of the selfless gesture, Beck's post turned into a loving tribute to McGee, who currently lives in Halls but formerly lived in historic Concord.

KCSO reports

• **At 5 p.m., Saturday, May 8, Knox County Sheriff's Office units responded to a Ackley Road address on a report of a possible burglary.** Officer spoke with complainant/victim, who said a traffic cone was in her backyard, her ladder was propped up against her privacy fence and her back door onto the screened-in porch was unlocked. Victim said she knew for sure she had locked her door before leaving the house about eight hours prior to officers' arrival.

Victim looked through her home, but there was nothing missing, she said. Upon closer inspection of the back door, it appeared it had been popped open. There were dents on the door consistent with a tool such as a screwdriver. Weather stripping on the frame of the door also was damaged. Total value of damage was estimated in the report to be \$50.

• **At 11:17 p.m., Friday, May 7, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report fraud** at an Oak Landing Lane residence. Complainant advised she received a notification that someone claiming to be the suspect accessed her CashApp account and withdrew \$42, happening around 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 5. She contacted who she claimed was a CashApp representative that advised her to download an app for assistance called "Click Support Team Viewer."

After downloading this app, she advised her phone became hacked and she lost control over its actions. Total loss due to theft was reported to be \$199. Complainant said she also lost access to her original Amazon account and opened a second after contacting Amazon. Amazon was able to gain access to her account, and she realized a transaction had been made for \$157 she did not make or authorize. Complainant advised she does not know who gained access to her accounts and used her money.

• **At 2:52 p.m., May 7, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report the theft of a catalytic converter**, off of her 2015 Ford 450, at a Kingston Pike address. Value of loss was listed at \$2,000. Complainant said the theft took place between 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, and 1:30 p.m., May 7. Complainant was advised to call or e-mail the Tennessee-registered license plate and VIN number for the listed vehicle, as she did not have it at the time of this report.

"I have met him," commented Robyn Walker of Choto. "He has delivered for me. A wonderful person who I try to tip above and beyond.

"Thank you for sharing."

Anita Baumiller of Westland Acres stated, "That is such a sweet thing of him to do. I'll contribute to your gift for Bob."

"What bright stars of neigh-

bors Lauren and Bob are," stated Carla Loveday of Lovell Hills after witnessing the presentation.

"It's so touching to see how everyone used Nextdoor to reach out to love and build up, instead of bickering and tearing down."

McGee said he has been employed by Papa John's nearly seven years.

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Gutted home along Virtue; none hurt

An early morning house fire Wednesday, May 5, heavily damaged a residence at 827 Virtue Road. Rural Metro Fire responded around 6:30 a.m. to the address and found “heavy fire from the front of the house, spreading rapidly,” stated Jeff Bagwell, Rural Metro Public Information officer in a press release. “All occupants and pets had self-evacuated prior to the fire department arrival. Occupants heard noises in the garage and thought someone was breaking in, only to find a fire in the garage.” While the home suffered major damage, no injuries were reported. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

Photo courtesy of Rural Metro Fire



letter to the editor

Vice Mayor wants to clarify CLUP/Horne-Ford situation

At the risk of contradicting the gentleman who buys the ink for this newspaper, the main issues regarding Doug Horne’s proposal for (former) Mayor (Eddy) Ford’s property, which were discussed during the January 2021 and March 2021 Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meetings, were not related to the amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in October of 2020, as stated in last week’s edition of the farragutpress and in a narrative pushed on social media by a private citizen.

Specifically, the Planning Commissioners’ discussion was centered on the protections built into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to protect existing neighborhoods from incompatible new development. Those protections are explained in the Transitions policy on page 12 of the CLUP.

The representatives from the HOAs of Park Place and Glen Abbey presented a well-thought-out, pertinent and effective argument as to why Mr. Horne’s proposal did not and cannot meet the standards of the Transitions policy. You may view the Planning Commission meetings on the Town’s Youtube channel.

With regard to the portion of the Ford property where Mr. Horne proposed multi-family development, the Transitions policy requires that the periphery of the property match the density of the existing adjacent development and gradually increase density as the development moves away from the common boundary.

Given the narrowness of the Ford property between these existing residential neighborhoods, it is not possible to gradually increase density from slightly less than 3 units/acre (the approximate density of both Park Place and Glen Abbey) to 12 units/acre and back to slightly less than 3 units/acre in this narrow space.

According to the Transitions policy, which has been a policy in Comprehensive Land Use Plan since it was adopted in December 2012, high-density multi-family was never going to be an appropriate form of the development between Park Place and Glen Abbey, regardless of the recent amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Certainly, we owe Doug Horne and Mayor Ford a debt of gratitude for their years of service to our Town.

However, that debt should not be paid by imposing incompatible development on the homeowners of Glen Abbey and Park Place.

One final thought: this community should be concerned that the private citizen on social media would be advocating for incompatible development between two existing neighborhoods, neither of which is he a resident; particularly in light of the fact that he fought a similar battle against the Smith Road apartments in 2015 in order to prevent such a development from being built adjacent to a neighborhood in which he was a resident.

**Vice Mayor Louise Povlin
Town of Farragut**

(Editor’s Note: Doug Horne is owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress)

letter to the editor

KCS ‘foolish spending’ is label for FHS softball upgrade

Several weeks ago the farragutpress published a story that the parents of two Farragut High School softball players had filed suit against Knox County Schools because the Farragut softball field was not as nice as the Farragut baseball field. They were awarded a judgement for \$1,385,000 (+/-) and KCS had awarded a contract to Rouse Construction for work to improve the facility. I later learned that KCS “settled” the action.

First of all, every taxpayer in Knox County needs to know how foolishly KSC is willing to spend \$1.3 million of their money on a softball facility. The reason the FHS baseball facility is one of the nicest in the state is due to a lot of hard work by the baseball parents to raise money through local businesses to fund improvements each year.

The same goes for all extracurricular activities at FHS, and I suppose every school in Knox County. I know this to be the case, as I’ve been involved in these projects since 1998: from the school monument at Kingston Pike and Lendon Welch Way to the Karen Beam Memorial in front of the main building — ball-

fields, band rooms, memorials and monuments.

Any money that was paid for these things DID NOT come from the KCS budget, but from funds raised by the participants and their parents.

So what’s next — are all KCS athletic facilities to be improved to equal the Farragut or Bearden baseball facilities? Should every playing field be as nice as the turf fields the Haslam family so generously supplied to every KCS high school?

A few schools may have to start from scratch, since they don’t have on-campus fields.

I’ve always heard you can find an attorney to sue anyone for anything. This proved that to be true. The person(s) at KCS that made the decision to allot this money should be held accountable and probably fired.

The next time KCS finds an extra million lying around, it should be spent in the pursuit of reading, writing and arithmetic.

**W. David Smith
West Knoxville**

both from the same county. ... There is nothing right about his conclusion. And to hear the round of applause just spoke to the lack of knowledge of the people who are elected to write laws for our state. ...”

Saying he spoke to Lafferty after the speech, McKenzie described it as “uncomfortable at first; but he and I have a relationship and a dialogue. We had a very collegial conversation” despite their differences.

Attempts to contact Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP and a Constitutional expert at the University of Tennessee for comment were unsuccessful.

House Bill 0580

His Three-Fifths Compromise speech came during debate on House Bill 0580, which sponsor John Ragan (R-District 33, Oak Ridge) said was “to add clarity to our state standards for education.” Opponents said the bill sought to limit the teaching of “Critical Race Theory,” systemic racism, in schools. The bill passed.

Lafferty

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ending slavery. ...”

Criticism

Many African-American leaders and politicians have been front-and-center among those criticizing Lafferty for a lack of sensitivity in the speech.

State Rep. Torrey C. Harris (D-District 90, West Tennessee) stated Lafferty’s comments “implied the Three-Fifths Compromise was a good thing and something we should celebrate. ... As a black man, resident of Tennessee and lawmaker, I am disgusted we have a state governed by some lawmakers who would uphold a claim that my ancestors aren’t fully human. ...”

State Rep. Sam McKenzie (D-District 15, Knoxville) said during an appearance on CNN, “it was an eerie and sad feeling” to hear the speech “because we’re

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businessbriefs

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville recently announced Elizabeth McDaniel, Adam Hatmaker, Michael Wood, Kim Ailor and Tracy Laudermilk have been named the top agents in the office for April. McDaniel earned the overall Top Agent Award; Hatmaker and Wood were named the Top Selling Agents, and Ailor and Laudermilk the Top Listing Agents.



McDaniel

celebrated 35 years with McNabb Center. She has been recognized by Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations with the Dorothea Dix Professional Service Award for her career accomplishments. During the course of her career with the center, she has overseen an expansive array of services and clinics across 29 East Tennessee counties. Her entrepreneurial approach has been a catalyst for much of the center's growth.



Blanton-Kitts

• Mona Blanton-Kitts, McNabb Center senior regional vice president, recently was promoted to president of the center. Blanton-Kitts recently

• Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic

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34 years, gender shift

Female power grows through time with FWK Chamber



Photo submitted

As Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce reflects on its 34th anniversary, its staff looks back at news clippings, such as this one from Oct. 8, 1997, a ribbon cutting for the Chamber's "new location" in Farragut Crossroads Professional Building, 11826 Kingston Pike, its current location. Among those on hand for the ceremony were: from left, Dan Olsen, then Town of Farragut administrator; Linda Ford, representing then Mayor Eddy Ford; Michael Bates, facility builder and tenant; Kasi Southard, then Chamber president; and Marilyn Cobble, then Chamber past president.

TAMMY CHEEK

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As Farragut West Knox County Chamber president/CEO Julie Blaylock reflected on this year's 34th anniversary — and the Chamber's upcoming 35th — she remembered the challenges it faced and inroads its female staff have made.

"We're really excited," Blaylock said.

The Chamber was officially started May 1, 1987, seven years after the incorporation of the Town of Farragut. Blaylock has been serving FWKCC since November 2011, first as executive assistant before taking the reins in as president/CEO in February 2017, when then president/CEO Bettye Sisco, who started at the Chamber in 2001, retired.

Blaylock noted she is the Chamber's fifth president/CEO — also the fifth female to hold that staff leader position, which, she added, "is also kind of impressive. At the beginning (of the organization), they were called executive directors.

"Chambers of Commerce,

as an industry — especially if you talk to the Tennessee State Chamber, which is connected to the hundred-plus Chambers in the state — definitely has trended more toward female in terms of its leadership over the years."

Going back a few decades, "it was a very male-dominated industry, which was to be expected," Blaylock said. "Going through our news clippings and archives ... it wasn't until the 1990s that we had our first female board chair (Patty Beaty with Waste Connections from 1994 to 1995), and that was a big deal for us.

"Once upon a time, this role that I'm in now was called the Secretary to the Board," she added. "The chair was called the president."

The "secretary" was not given any leadership title," Blaylock said.

She also noted FWKCC's office "has tended to be female staffed for at least 20 years now."

The changes in female roles at the Chamber mirrored "a lot of the same advances women have gotten to make across a lot of different industries ...

just making inroads into industries where they never had before," Blaylock said.

"We're seeing women in leadership across the country now at all different levels," she added.

Blaylock also reported an increase in membership and Chamber activities, going from seven networkings a year in 2001 to 40 or 45 a year at present, as well as improvements in technology and services, such as continuing education scholarships.

Despite the pandemic — and while some businesses have come and gone — she said FWKCC continues to have supportive members.

Although she acknowledged 34 is not a milestone year, "I'm sure we'll do something really big for 35 next year," Blaylock added. "Every year that an organization or business survives and thrives, especially amid the climate and circumstances we've all dealt with this past year, that's something to celebrate."

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Tammy Cheek

Amy Shewmake, center with scissors (teal dress), owner of Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, is alongside her husband, Tripp Shewmake, with Farragut West Chamber of Commerce members and other supporters at a FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting, which commemorated the re-opening of this home-based business at the Chamber office Tuesday, May 4.

Simply Magical Vacations re-opens travel business

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce recently helped Amy Shewmake of Hardin Valley re-open her home-based Simply Magical Vacations by Amy travel agency with a Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting at the FWKCC office Tuesday, May 4.

Shewmake first opened her business in 2014. However, while she technically remained in business to help clients can-

cel reservations due to COVID-19, "the travel world closed" last year, she said.

Now, however, Shewmake, is "re-opening" to promote "that travel is opening back up," having personal relationships with the Disney company, Universal, Sandals, Beaches and Royal Caribbean cruise lines.

"We're seeing things looking up," Shewmake added, referring to travel restrictions lifting and cruises restarting

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Knox Room networking



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Haley Krotz, managing owner of Knoxville Room Service, shows her membership sign during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking Thursday, April 22, which she hosted at her business, 10670 Parkside Drive near Farragut.

Simply Magical

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while the European Union is preparing to allow visitors to return.

"They just announced with cruising that it looks like mid-July," she said. "Disney opened up last summer, but they just re-opened Disneyland because California just recently opened up.

"(Disney in) Europe hasn't given us an official date yet, but it's more that things are getting into a place (where) they can open. They just have to get some steps in place first," Shewmake added.

Besides theme park packages, she can book cruises and other packages. However, she said, "I do try to focus on those big packages that could cause a lot of stress for (clients)."

Using her connections with travel providers, "I can reach out to them if I need something, which is great for my clients because then, when we have a pandemic and things start shutting down, I can call (a representative) instead of a 1-800 number to get help for

my client," Shewmake said.

"Who likes waiting on (a telephone line) for eight hours for a person who may or may not be able to help you?" she added, also noting with a laugh, "I have connections. I know people."

While providing concierge service, Shewmake said she saves clients time, money and helps them relieve stress.

"I'm booking everything for them, making sure that they know about all the regulations that are out there – and there's quite a few, and they change all the time," she said. "I'm the one who's just making sure that everything's taking care of so they can just show up.

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Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO, talks to members before introducing Alan Hill, regional director of ATT&T, which hosted a Chamber networking at the AT&T store, 11555 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek, Thursday, April 29. As one of its many services, the Chamber has been holding such networkings for years so business people can share information and ideas, while having a good time as they mingle.

Tammy Cheek

Chamber's 34th

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ward to bringing back its annual auction this year.

"After concluding this fis-

cal year, we would have gone two fiscal years without having our auction, which is our biggest fundraiser, because of COVID," Blaylock said.

"So, we're going to host it

in September, which is what we had planned to do late last year, to make sure that we would be able to have an event of that size and scale safely," she added.

Briefs

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and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe recently announced Lending Solutions Inc. will establish new operations in Knoxville. LSI will invest \$2 million and create 265 new jobs to open a call center, which will operate primarily as a training center for new employees. Once trained, the new employees will be approved to

work from home. LSI is a provider of lending center services and consulting programs for financial institutions across North America.

• **UScellular recently donated \$30,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs** of the Tennessee Valley to provide educational opportunities and experiences to local youth. UScellular's investment supports kindergarten through 12th-grade science, technology, engineering and mathematics

(STEM) education and academic enrichment programs for club members.

• **Brad Bales and Jaden Goodman are the first graduates** of Pellissippi State Community College's original Water Quality Technology program, "the only one of its kind in Tennessee," a PSCC press release stated. They started the program with five other students in fall 2019, four of whom are still on track to graduate.



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An eye on region, beyond

Strong 2-0 postseason start for red-hot Lady Ads softball

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For most of this season, rainy weather or the school's prom have been the only things slowing down the Farragut Lady Ads' softball express.

Winning its first two District 4-AAA Tournament games by a combined 31-0, the last being a 9-0 victory against No. 4 seed Heritage Thursday, May 6, the top-seeded Lady Ads — still unbeaten as press deadline against 4-AAA opponents this season at 16-0 (28-2 overall) — look to add a district tourney title to its league crown by week's end.

"We're doing pretty good," said FHS head coach Nick Green, 4-AAA Coach of the Year. "We're hitting the ball, pitching great, playing good defense."

Next up: a winner's bracket game versus No. 3-seed William Blount Tuesday, May 11, at Bearden (after deadline).

Against the Lady Mountaineers, junior lefty and staff ace Avery Flatford, 4-AAA Pitcher of the Year, went the distance, allowing just two hits and three walks with 12 strikeouts — setting down 12 of the final 13 HHS batters.

A nice diving grab by catcher Autumn Caywood was a defensive highlight.

Offensively, Avery "Ace" Strickland led with three hits, including a double. Ava Guzowski added two hits, including a double, while Lauren Brakovec blasted a two-run homer. Single hits came from Young, Hannah Pfeifer (RBI), Caywood, Sarah Livingston (RBI), Emily Musco and Jordan Kanipe (RBI).



Alan Sloan

Junior Avery Flatford, Farragut staff ace and District 4-AAA Pitcher of the Year, fires plateward against Heritage Thursday, May 6, as Cameron Young, District 4-AAA MVP, prepares defensively at third base. The Lady Ads blanked HHS 9-0 in second-round District 4-AAA tourney play at FHS's Bellamy Field.

Jumping out early, HVA sought tourney title

Admirals fought to keep their season afloat

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Tyler Roach and his Hardin Valley Academy Hawks found another way to defeat Farragut baseball, which came in a huge postseason game on the road Monday evening, May 10.

Pulling off the so-called miracle comeback at HVA earlier this season — overcoming a 12-5 seventh-inning deficit to score eight runs and actually claim a 13-12 walk-off win — the Hawks struck fast this time.

"That's the first time we've done that (versus FHS) since I've been here, two years," HVA head coach Tyler Roach said of his team scoring three first-inning runs while taking advantage of Ads errors, four overall, and walks with clutch hitting and stellar pitching from junior starter Connor O'Donnell (4 2/3 innings) and sophomore Adam Baker (2 1/3).

The result was a 7-2 victory in this District 4-AAA tourney winner's bracket game at John Heatherly Field/The Ballpark at Farragut.

O'Donnell allowed one earned run, five hits, two walks and one hit batter with four strikeouts. Baker allowed no earned runs, one hit, no walks with three strikeouts.

The junior pitcher "was awesome today, he threw strikes. He velocity was 86, 87 (mph)," Roach said, as the No. 2-seeded Hawks (27-6) are guaranteed a Region 2-AAA berth.

Baker "wanted this game, threw great," the HVA coach added. "I was extremely proud of him."

Meanwhile, the top-seeded Ads fell to 31-5 and were playing to keep their season alive Tuesday evening, May 11 (after press deadline) against the loser's bracket winner. A champ was crowned, weather permitting, Wednesday, May 12.

"They played well and we didn't play very well," FHS head coach Matt Buckner said.

A error, two walks and a Ty Denton single came before an RBI walk from Austin Bolding and an RBI single from Austin King. A Brycen Denton RBI groundout made it 3-0 quickly.

A Brycen Denton single, plus an error to keep the HVA fourth alive, ended with a two-RBI single from Carson Hoffmeister making it 5-1.

Another infield error resulted in another unearned run in the fifth, as Logan Ozias' doubled off the left-center field wall. It was now 6-1.

Yet another Ads error turned into a run in the seventh. Jaylen Jones' double upped the lead to 7-2.

Farragut's first run came after Tanner Kim's RBI single in the third, scoring right fielder Bryce Burkety — 4-AAA MVP — who singled.

Sloppy Hawks defense, along with two walks, allowed an Ads run in the fifth. Brennon Seigler and Angus Pence led FHS with two hits each.



Top-seeded FHS boys soccer eyed tourney title

Capping off the 2021 boys soccer regular season with a 4-1 win versus East Hamilton in Farragut Soccer Stadium Thursday evening, May 6, the Admirals and first-year head coach Bradley Culbreth also capped the regular season with a District 4-AAA league crown and top seed for this week's 4-AAA tourney. Farragut was a heavy favorite to reach, and host, the tourney title game starting at 7 p.m., Friday, May 14, having played a must-win district tourney semifinal Wednesday, May 12 (after press deadline). (Left) Junior Joshua Holas out-battles an EHHS player for possession, as Farragut offensive stars Timi Omitaomu (three goals) and Jake Lowe (one goal) provided all necessary scoring in this match-up.

Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Tuning up for big things? Senior Night SoccerDawgs roll past Oak Ridge 2-0

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — The Bearden High School boys soccer team concluded its 2021 regular season on a victorious note at home during Senior Night late last week.

The Bulldogs honored their seniors before outlasting Oak Ridge 2-0 Thursday, May 6, at Turner-Allender Field.

They have now turned their attention to the postseason, as the top-seeded team in this week's District 2-AAA Tournament, which will serve as their swan song from the district.

Bearden has never lost a regular-season or tournament match while a member of that league.

In their final regular-season match, the SoccerDawgs (13-3-1) outshot the Wildcats 21-5. Bearden had 14 shots land on target while Oak Ridge (7-5-2) managed to muster just three of its scoring opportunities on goal.

"Our finishing was the best tonight," BHS head coach



Radcliffe

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Reg 1-AAA readiness

Among the Farragut track and field athletes preparing for the Region 1-AAA meet — and a potential state meet berth — at Johnson City Science Hill Saturday, May 15, Laura Cunningham of Farragut ran the 1600-meter during Last Chance Meet at Knoxville West High School Saturday, May 8.

Photo courtesy Tony Cox



Four sports, four FHS signees



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS sports information

Four Farragut High School student-athletes signed with colleges/universities during a ceremony in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Wednesday, April 14. From left are Shayne King, soccer, Motlow State Community College; Mara Spadafora, track & field, Wofford College (South Carolina); Frankie Musco, baseball, Roane State Community College; and Ira Au, volleyball, Tusculum University (Greeneville).

SoccerDawgs

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Ryan Radcliffe said. “It seems like we’ve struggled with that all year.”

The SoccerDawgs received a huge break early, as Oak Ridge surrendered an own-goal in the 28th minute.

Bearden, which controlled

the tempo of the game throughout, applied pressure to the Wildcats’ back line and fired a shot on goal. On an attempt to make a save, ORHS goalkeeper Bryson Brown deflected the ball into the back of his own net.

The SoccerDawgs would extend their edge to 2-0 when freshman forward Dillion Sims

Strong Foundation, ‘Bulldog Classic-wise,’ at Willow Creek



Alan Sloan

Key officials and volunteers of 19th Annual Bearden High School Foundation Golf Classic — a four-person scramble, 18-hole BHSF fundraiser held annually at Willow Creek Golf Club — were on hand to run this year’s “Bulldog Classic” Friday, May 7. From left are Tammy LaFaver-Ellison (BHS Class of 78) volunteer; Tracey Snyder-Podsobinski (BHS Class of 78) volunteer; Margaret Heins, founder of BHSF and golf committee member; Sue Anne Heins-Perry, volunteer; Buddy Heins (BHS Class of 1978), former Foundation president, golf committee member; Debbie Sayers, BHS principal; event host Bert Bertelkamp, former Bulldogs basketball star (Class of 1976), University of Tennessee hoops standout and long-time Vol Network color commentator for Men’s Basketball; Janene Nordin, Bulldog Classic chair and Foundation Board member; Scott Elder (BHS Class of 1988), Foundation member, golf committee member; and Jenny Fogarty, Foundation member, golf committee member. “Preliminary numbers show we raised close to \$40,000,” Nordin said.

Moore ‘very proud’ of Webb softball after locking up a winning ’21 season

STAFF REPORTS

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Webb School of Knoxville softball guaranteed a winning 2021 season (a final 11-9 record) by beating Grace Christian Chattanooga 16-5 Wednesday, May 4, in a region battle.

Grace Geneva Mitchell was four-of-four at the plate, including a double, while knocking home two runs and stealing two bases. Taryn Breeden scored three times and had for two hits, including a triple.

Megan Gilbert connected for a single and double, producing two RBI, and scored two runs. Hannah Bruce and Madelyn Ladd had three

RBI each in the one-sided victory.

Despite a season-ending 15-1 loss to Lakeway Christian Academy in the playoffs, “I am very proud of the improvements we made as a team this season,” Lady Spartans head coach David Moore said. “Having a winning record and making the region were big steps and two of our goals. Thank you to all my players for their hard work.”

“Good luck to Jamie Sharp, our only senior,” he added. “We look forward to having everyone else back.”

“Also thanks to coaches (Susie) Skinner, (Margaret) Baudendistel and (Hannah) Stephenson for all their help and hard work.”

fired a left-footed shot past Brown in the 66th minute.

Bearden netminder Jonathan Diaz made three saves.

“Oak Ridge is a tough team. They’re probably the toughest team that we’ve faced all year,” Radcliffe said. “They were very physical. They were able to match our physicality.”

“This was a good test for us heading to the postseason.”

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CCC, FBC among churches offering treatment help

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When state, federal and Knox County officials asked Knox County church leaders to help fight the opioid epidemic two years ago, senior pastors formed the Knox County Church Network, which in turn, opened Renew Clinic, a church-based outpatient treatment facility at 1601 Western Ave. Monday, May 3.

Of the 18 churches now in the Network, at least four Farragut-area churches — Christ Covenant PCA, First Baptist Concord, Shoreline Baptist and Faith Promise — are key players in its initiative, providing both financial and volunteer support to the clinic.

“(The public officials) expressed to us the need for help regarding the opioid and drug crisis in our community,” recalled the Rev. Seth Hammond, senior pastor of Christ Covenant and chairman of the Network. “They said they had kind of hit a wall regarding how to address this complex issue and (said), ‘we are calling on you, faith-based leaders, to help us.’”

Since that meeting, Hammond said the pas-

tors continued to meet and pray.

“We came up with the Knox County Church Network,” he said. “The Network had been working for that two years on what would become the best solution that we could offer to help with the drug and opioid crisis, and we came up with the new clinic, which is an intensive outpatient treatment center.”

“Renew Clinic is Christ-centered and clinically-informed,” said Sarah Keel, Renew executive director. “We believe Christ is the answer to addiction and He is Lord and Savior.

“We know that it is very spiritual in nature, but we also understand through the scientific and medical communities and research that there are biological components as well as spiritual,” Keel added.

“I am very grateful for churches to be involved. There needs to be a level of accountability since it is Christ-centered.”

“I believe (the center) is a huge win that our community has needed for a long time, and the fact that you have churches of different denominations that are willing to unite together and

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Photo submitted

During a Saturday, April 24, ribbon cutting for Renew Clinic, 1601 Western Ave., Sarah Keel, the clinic’s executive director, mingled with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, center, and the Rev. Seth Hammond, senior pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Farragut and chairman of Knox County Church Network, which founded the clinic that officially opened Monday, May 3.

Feeding the Blue



Michelle Hollenhead

On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Patricia Chambers, second from left, and her husband, Gary Chambers, second from right, recently brought Domino’s Pizza to Knox County Sheriff’s Office Patrolmen Shawn Short, left, and Talyr Bercaw, right, at the KCSO West precinct along Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek. Both Short and Bercaw work as resource officers in Farragut schools. Also pictured is KCSO Capt. Brad Hall, center, who said they “were honored they would think of us.” Gary Chambers, who also is a veteran and former chaplain for Knoxville Police Department, said, “We support our police as much as we can.”

‘Sedes Sapientiae’ from KCHS: female, Despard; male, Carroll

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Knoxville Catholic High School has chosen its Sedes Sapientiae award female and male recipients for 2021 — Dylan Carroll and Grace Despard.

“Our school doesn’t name valedictorians, just the (Sedes Sapientiae) “Seat of Wisdom,” Carroll said.

Pam Rhoades, KCHS director of marketing and communications, explained that “rather than a valedictorian and a salutatorian, Knoxville Catholic bestows the Sedes Sapientiae award ... voted on by the faculty and administration; presented to two seniors who best epitomize loyalty, service, scholarship and authentic Christian leadership.”

Despard

“I am humbled and honored to know that I have made an impact on my school community,” said Despard, daughter of Bobbi and John Despard and sister of Tyler Despard.

“The people whom I have so much gratitude and respect for chose me to re-

ceive this award,” she added.

“My reflections on my four years in high school are that the Lord has blessed me with an amazing school community, friends, teachers, siblings and parents that want the best for me and those around me and to achieve my full potential in life.”

Despard was a member of the KCHS Lady Fighting Irish basketball team for two years, a member of the Irish Media Network for four years, student leader of Irish Disciples Club and volunteer at Ladies of Charity.

She has won the Career Star-Athlete Award, President’s List and Honor Roll, Religion II and III Awards and Mother Theresa Outstanding Witness Award. Despard was awarded the Chancellor



Despard

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Motley’s fight motivated by Evan’s example: Richey Scholars Part 2

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Two Farragut High School students were among three seniors from area Knox County Schools recently chosen as recipients of the Evan Richey Memorial Scholarship.

Tina Richey, mother of the namesake, the late Hardin Valley Academy graduate Evan Richey, said this year four \$2,000 scholarships were awarded, three of which went to Mason Motley and Christine Sprague of Farragut High School and Linnea Johnsen of HVA.

This week focuses is on Motley; Johnsen was profiled in the May 6 issue.

Background

Tina and Mark Richey established the scholarship in memory of their son, who lost

his life to osteosarcoma on the day he received his high school diploma in 2019.

Two additional scholarships were awarded this year, in part due to proceeds raised from mask sales made by Tina Richey.

Motley

“I felt honored to have been chosen to receive the scholarship,” said Motley, son of Tim and Kristin Motley and brother of Carson and Cali Motley. “It means a lot that I was recognized as someone deserving of this scholarship.

“I was so happy for Mason when we found out that he had won the scholarship, but it was also a little bittersweet,” his mother said. “In Mason’s essay, he talked about how much Evan inspired him while they were both fighting cancer. What I wanted most out of

Mason applying for this scholarship was for the Richey family to know how much of an impact their son had on our family,” Kristin Motley added. “They have turned their loss into something really special.”

“I think I received this scholarship because I feel like my essay related to the Richey family in a meaningful way,”



Motley

Mason Motley said. “They understood what I went through first hand.”

“Mason wrote about his (own) battle with osteosarcoma and was at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital at the same time as Evan,” Richey said. “Mason described how Evan motivated him to stay positive and appreciate the little victories.”

Motley said he is in remission, has been cancer free for two years and is “doing great.”

“I was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in May 2018, the summer going into my sophomore year of high school,” he added.

Evan’s example

“My mom told me about Evan when we were both in the hospital,” Motley said.

“He inspired me because I heard about his struggles and all of the rounds of chemo that he had to do,” he added. “I felt like if he could endure setback after setback then I could get through my bad days as well.

“The fact that he went to a high school right near me, was around my age and had the same cancer just made it more personal. I felt like I knew him even though we never met.”

Motley will attend the University of Tennessee and major in sports management.



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• **WordPlayers presents Knoxville Freedom Songs & Stories** starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 20, in Homer Hamilton Amphitheater in Chilhowee Park, 3301 E Magnolia Ave. Admission is free; donations optional. For more information: wordplayers.org

Geriatric Vestibular has a good prognosis

Q: My Golden Retriever, “Rosie,” was just diagnosed with Geriatric Vestibular Disease. I’ve had dogs all my life and never heard of this. I thought your readers would be interested to hear more about this disease. **W.R., Farragut**
A: Absolutely. Geriatric Vestibular Disease is an uncommon but interesting condition, and thankfully has a good prognosis.

As the name implies, this condition generally occurs in older dogs (rarely cats) with the vestibular part of the brain being affected. The vestibular apparatus is located in the middle ear, and it is what allows us to balance and orient ourselves. It allows us to walk on uneven surfaces without falling and lets us know up from down. Dogs with vestibular

disease have a head tilt, often quite severe, to one side. Some dogs will walk in circles and occasionally fall, while others have involuntary eye movements called nystagmus. Affected pets often have difficulty with simple tasks: walking or eating, as their balance and spatial orientation is abnormal.

The most common cause is idiopathic, which simply means the cause is unknown. There are no breed or sex predilections, and symptoms typically come on suddenly. Middle or inner ear infections



Stephanie Myers
Ask the Vet

could also cause these symptoms. Stroke or brain lesions are less common, and an MRI can be helpful if those causes are suspected.

There is no specific treatment for Geriatric Vestibular Disease. Occasionally, a pet may have slight residual head tilt, but most resolve completely with time. Most dogs will require medication for nausea, secondary to dizziness (like motion sickness). General nursing care may also be needed, such as hand-feeding or assistance with walking. Affected pets should be restricted to a safe area in the home, away from stairs to prevent falling.

The good news is that most pets will make a full recovery. The long-term prognosis is good. Hopefully, Rosie will continue to improve as well.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of agenda 2. Approval of minutes – April 15, 2021 3. Discussion and public hearing on a preliminary plat for the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision, Parcels 50, 50.01, 9.01, and 54.01, Tax Map 162, 12611 Boyd Station Road, 132 Acres, 285 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSMR (Rackley Engineering, Applicant) 4. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan (including updates to the site plan approved in April and building elevations for the multi-family buildings) for the Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms, Parcels 3.02, 3.03, 3.10, and a portion of 3.19, Tax Map 143, 11230 Kingston Pike, 11240 Kingston Pike, 133 Concord Road, 37.08 Acres, Zoned PCD and FPD (CHM, LLC, Applicant) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Discussion and public hearing on a request to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 3, Section IV., Open Space Mixed Residential (OSMR), to require a concept plan in association with a rezoning request to establish the distribution of attached vs. detached dwelling units (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 6. Discussion on updates to the Major Road Plan and potential cross sections for local and major collector streets (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 7. Discussion on amending the starting time for the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 8. Approval of utilities 9. Citizen Forum |
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. April 22, 2021 Workshop Minutes B. April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes C. April 28, 2021 Workshop Minutes IV. Mayor’s Report V. Ordinances A. First Reading 1. Ordinance 21-10, Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee Amending Farragut Municipal Code Chapter 12, Sec. 12-11, (a), (1), and (2), Court Cost 2. Ordinance 21-11, Ordinance of The Town of Farragut, Tennessee Amending Farragut Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 2, Board of Mayor and Aldermen Sec. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2-20, Time and Place of Regular Meetings 3. Ordinance 21-12, Ordinance to Amend the Capital Investment Program and the Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, passed by Ordinance 20-07 VI. Business Items A. Approval of Change Order 1 for Contract 2021-08, Watt Road Pedestrian Crossing B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Tennessee and the Town of Farragut for Employee Medical Insurance VII. Town Administrator’s Report VIII. Town Attorney’s Report IX. Citizens Forum
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Scholarship for Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio), where she plans to attend and study theology and Catechetics.

"I aspire to teach high school religion," Despard said. "The love and support in my faith that I have received over my four years at Catholic and the teachers have inspired me to pass on that same love and inspiration to future students."

Carroll

"It is an honor to be chosen to represent my school, a place that I am able to call home," said Carroll, son of Jay and Wendy Carroll. "Knoxville

Catholic welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to flourish as a student and leader.

"Growing up (around) the Air Force, I moved around everywhere and never really felt settled, but those experiences allowed me to become the outgoing person I am today," he added.

While at Catholic, Carroll earned the Foreign Language Department Award, AP Physics C Award, AP English IV



Carroll

Award, AP Biology Award, Spanish 4H Award and was a Commended National Merit Scholar. He also has been chosen for the Presidential scholarships at both Clemson and University of Georgia.

Carroll was a lead Irish Ambassador, involved in transitioning and recruiting students to Catholic, captain of Scholar's Bowl Team, was on the varsity basketball team for three years and on varsity golf for one year.

After graduation, he said, "I would love some day to incorporate a love of science into a career working with people.

"That doesn't necessarily mean (being) a doctor ... there are countless ways to do so."

Center

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serve together and gather our resources — share our staff and our volunteers — that speaks volumes," Hammond said.

The Rev. Dr. John Mark Harrison, senior pastor of FBC, and the Rev. Dr. Chris Stephens were unavailable for comment.

Hammond said the Network's church members have raised more than \$225,000 as of the second week in May.

At Christ Covenant, he said his whole church congregation has been involved, giving both time and money.

"Several (CCC church mem-

bers/volunteers) have had previous experience with drugs or opioids, whether themselves or family members, who had struggled with it," Hammond said. "Those folks have definitely been a part of this.

"We also have others who just have a heart for the struggle of addiction, and they want to help," he added. "We have 20 people who have been involved in the volunteer capacity so far ... that's only going to grow."

For more information on the Network, visit knoxcountychurchnetwork.org or e-mail knoxcountychurchnetwork@gmail.com. For more information on Renew, e-mail Sarah-Keel@RenewKnoxville.com.

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1. Grace Trospen, 10, left, and sister, Jane, 9
2. Quinn Wolf, 7
3. Dominic Geller, 2
4. Lilianna Meier, 9
5. Wyatt Fleming, 8
6. Logan Monroe and daughter, Presley, 2
7. Devon Graham
8. Ella Dalton, 5

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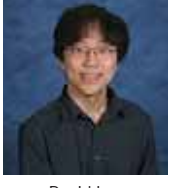
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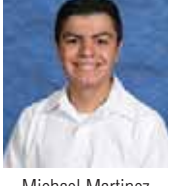
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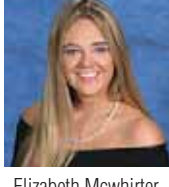
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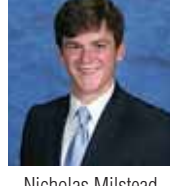
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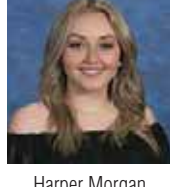
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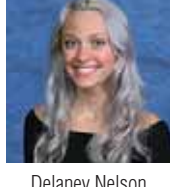
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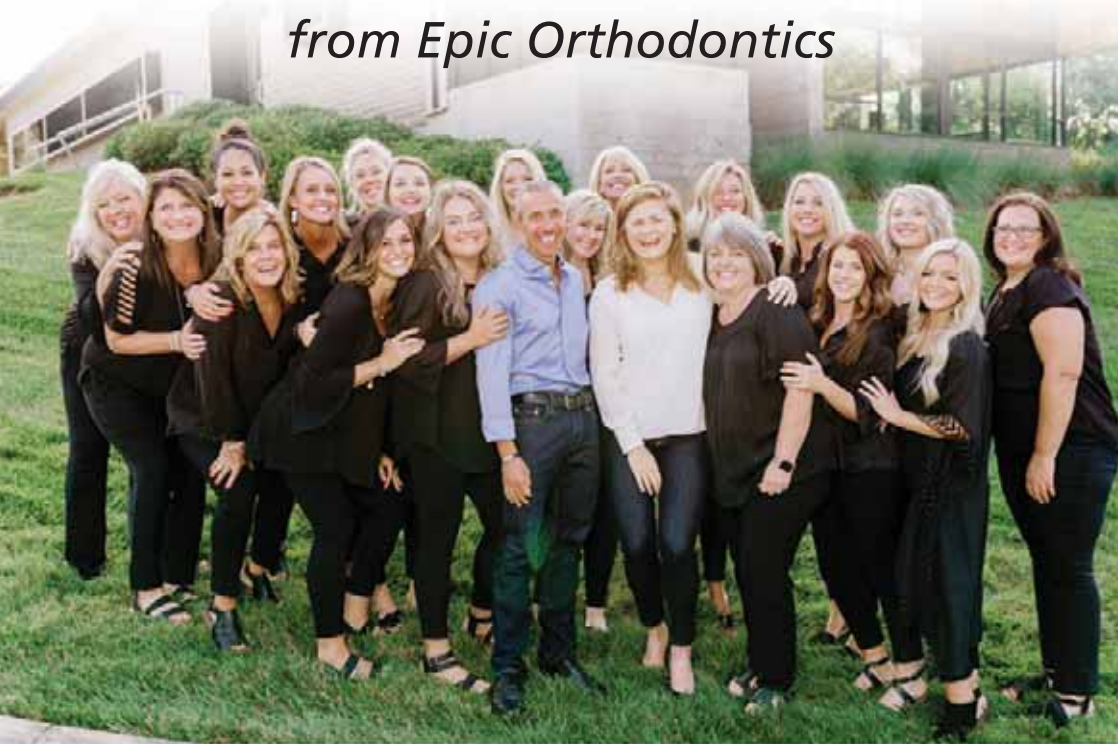


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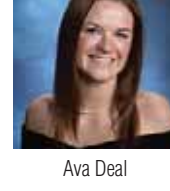
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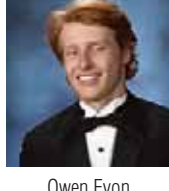
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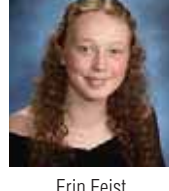
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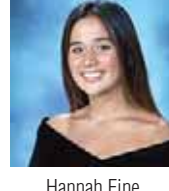
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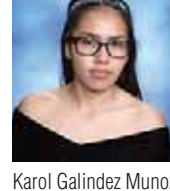
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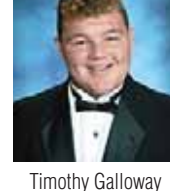
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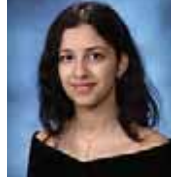
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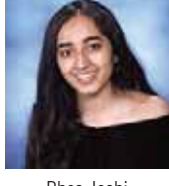
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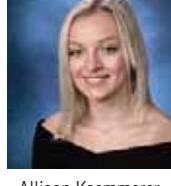
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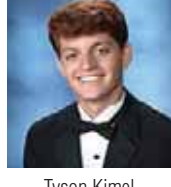
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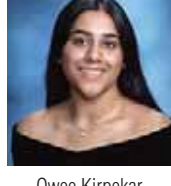
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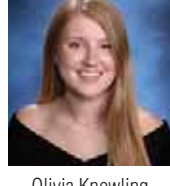
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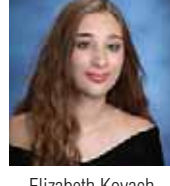
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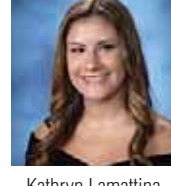
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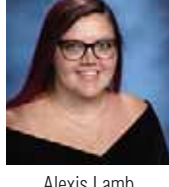
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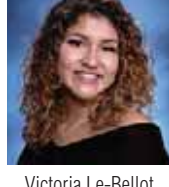
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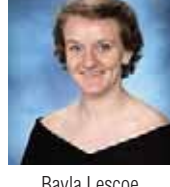
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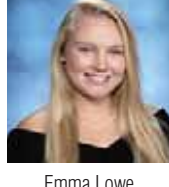
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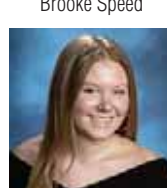
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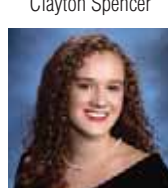
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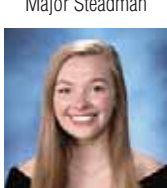
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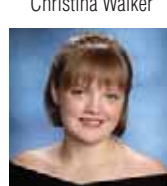
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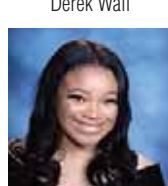
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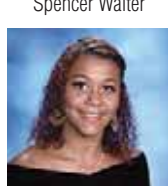
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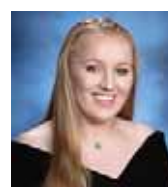
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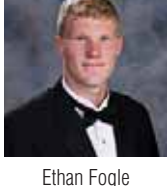
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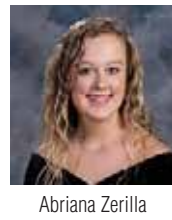
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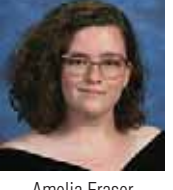
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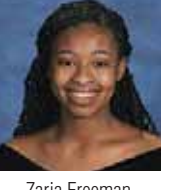
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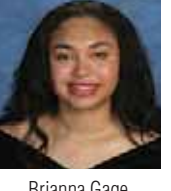
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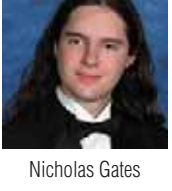
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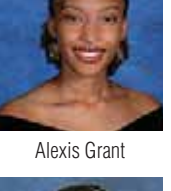
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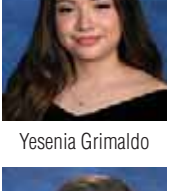
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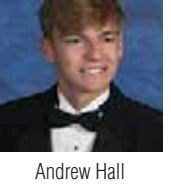
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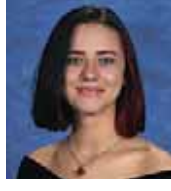
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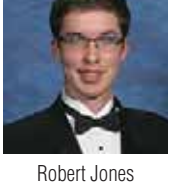
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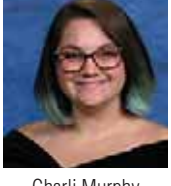
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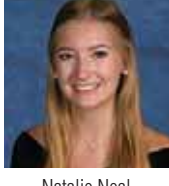
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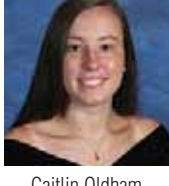
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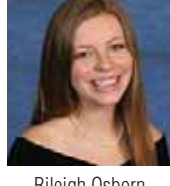
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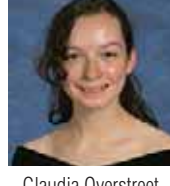
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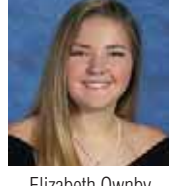
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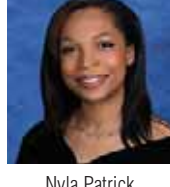
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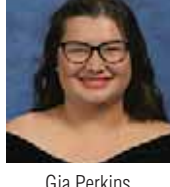
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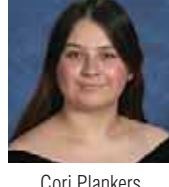
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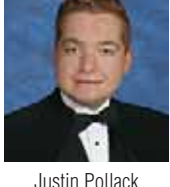
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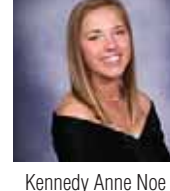
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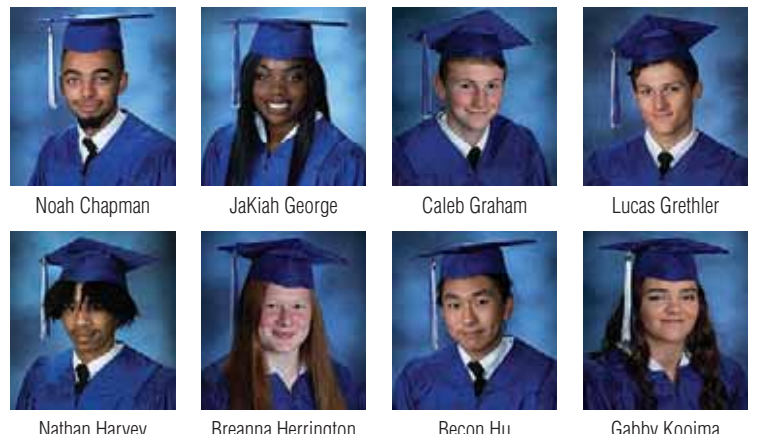


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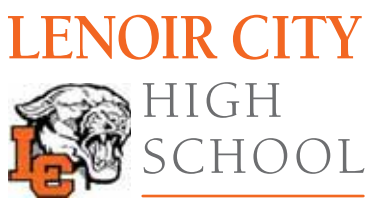
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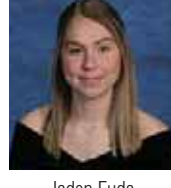
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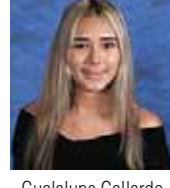
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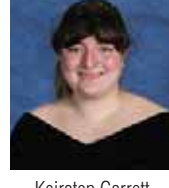
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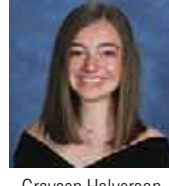
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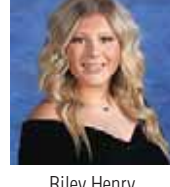
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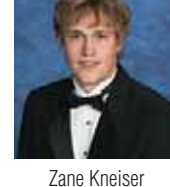
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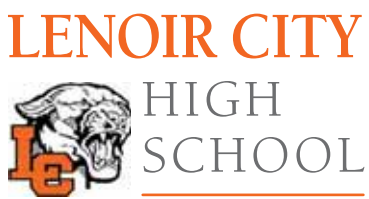
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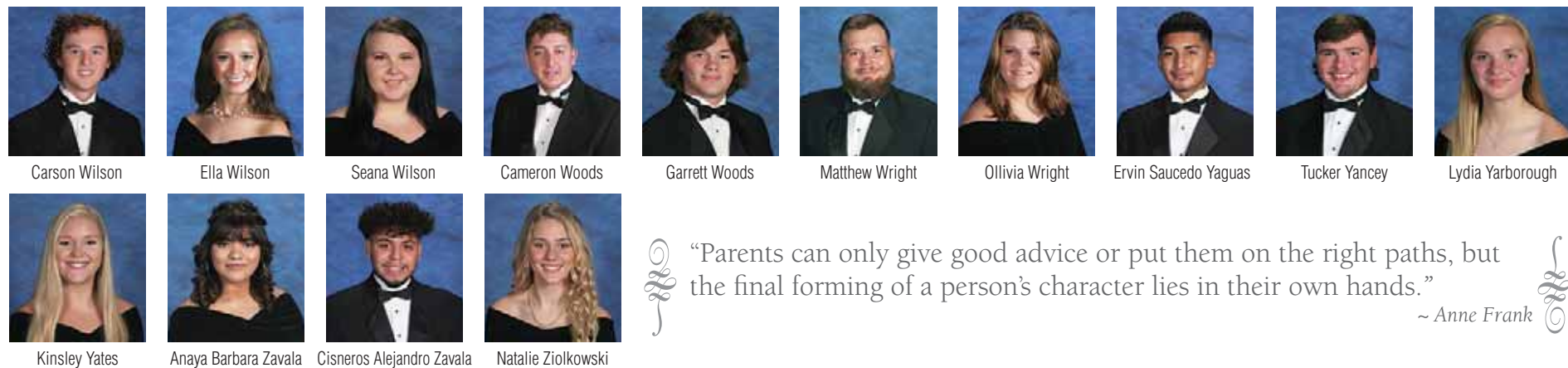
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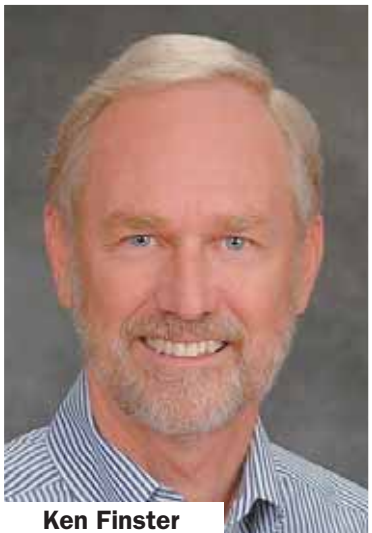


Aaron Spencer



Benjamin Ridder

New Directors and Vice-Chair start serving



Ken Finster



Christine Dean

The Chamber is pleased to officially welcome three new faces to its Board of Directors, as well as a newly appointed Vice-Chair to the Executive Board. The nominating committee worked hard throughout the first quarter of 2021 vetting applicants through a multi-step process. Per the Chamber's by-laws, the committee was composed of three existing board members—Christine Dean-AA Air Co., Beth Ann Cater-MBI Companies, Dick Qulia-Richard F. Qulia Polygraph Co.—and two non-board representatives from member businesses—Cara Knapp-oysk3 architects (and former 2020 Ambassador Chair) and Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage (also a founding member of the West Under 40 young professionals

group). The committee was tasked with creating the recommended slate, which ultimately gained board and membership approval.

The new board roles include: Aaron Spencer-Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC (director, 3-year term); Benjamin Ridder-Tennova Healthcare: Turkey Creek Medical Center (director, 2-year term); Ken Finster-Cyan Insurance Solutions (director, 3-year term); and Christine Dean-AA-Air Co. (Vice Chair, 2021-22).

Aaron Spencer is an attorney whose primary areas of practice include commercial litigation and representation of

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Wondering Who's Hiring???

Check out our new **JOBS** section on page 3 to see Member Businesses hiring right now!

Chamber Tech Scholarship Helps Members; Has More to Give!

Starting in late April, the Chamber began accepting and approving scholarship reimbursements up to \$250 for members, and want to make sure members know that funds are still available for them!

The first recipients have included Emerald Youth Foundation, Senior Financial Group, Thomas Tuning and Service and others! Thus far, all applicants have provided complete materials and been approved for the full amount, totaling nine businesses.

Recognizing that visibility and hiring are each a struggle for businesses this year, the Chamber created a unique opportunity to reimburse busi-

ness members up to \$250 for costs associated with hiring or updating their Google 360 photography. The key difference between this new Technology Scholarship Program and the Chamber's longstanding Continuing Education Scholarship benefit is that it is open to ANY chamber member, even those with less than one year of membership.

Businesses who chose the Google 360 path were surprised to learn how inaccurately Google had labeled photos of their business, sometimes indicating that a side-alley or parallel road showed

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Enterprise Club

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continuing Education Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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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!

Bin There Dump That, a residential dumpster rental franchise company with locations in the U.S. and Canada, is a network of small businesses on the rise, according to CEO Mike Kernaghan. "Already in 2021, we reached and passed the 200-franchisee milestone. Overall, the number of active Bin There Dump That franchises is up by 53.7% over the past three years," says Kernaghan. Local entrepreneur Bradley Spencer of Bin There Dump That of Knoxville is proud to be part of that success story. "We offer home and business owners in the Knoxville area a unique dumpster rental experience with an attention to detail which is not common in the dumpster rental industry. We know that our customer-focused approach works, because our business and our franchise network continue to grow." For more information call (865) 689-1010.

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First Horizon Bank was named "Best Bank" of 2020 by Readers Polls in major markets across East Tennessee. Congratulations First Horizon Bank!

United Community Bank was named to Forbes magazine's list of America's Best 100 Banks for the eighth consecutive year, maintaining its top 25 ranking. The bank was also named to Forbes' list of America's Best Midsize Employers, where it ranked in the top 20. Congratulations United Community Bank!

Board

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creditors and litigants in the United States Bankruptcy Courts. Prior to joining Woolf McClane, he worked for a private practice in Tampa, Florida, and another Knoxville firm where he primarily represented Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees and creditors in the United States Bankruptcy Courts.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Spencer graduated from The University of Tennessee in 2006 with a B.A. in political science. He earned his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 2009 and attained membership in Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

Ben Ridder currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Tennova Healthcare - Turkey Creek Medical Center. He is responsible for operational and strategic priorities of the organization, and providing leadership oversight to the multiple support departments of the hospital. Ridder is also responsible for administrative manage-

Networkings

Huntington Learning Center - April 8, 2021



Left: Math Instructor Garrett, along with owners Krista and Matthew McGrath gather outside for a team photo just before the start of their morning networking. Huntington Learning Centers celebrates 40 years of excellence in educations since 1977!

Right: Cody Barnes- *First Citizens Bank Turkey Creek*, Brandon Gilstrap- *Epic Nine*, and Carly Ferrell- *Pioneer Heating & Air* are all smiles for the camera as they catch up in one of the classrooms



oysk3 architects - April 15, 2021



Left: Partners Seth Schweitzer, Jim Odle, Cara Knapp, and Steve Young await guests to arrive at their evening event. This team of design professionals reflect their commitment to the highest quality in design and attention to clients. Each of them contributes a vital knowledge of architecture, construction, and interior design to deliver the product.

Right: FWKCC Board Member Christine Dean- *AA Air Co.*, George Bove- *LCUB Board Member*, and Mikel Davis- *Fox 43Lockwood Media* pause for a photo before they enter the event.



Knoxville Room Service - April 22, 2021



Left: Jennifer Langhammer and proprietor Haley Krotz pose near the entrance of the specialty shop. A boutique liquor store that delivers beer, wine, spirits, and amenities, specializing in catering and mobile bartending.

Right: Cassidy Peterson- *Rodan + Fields* and Board Member Cory Beilharz- *Christian Brothers Automotive* enjoy conversation and the shop's ambience.



AT&T Turkey Creek - April 29, 2021



Left: Jessi Sturdivant, Robbie McBee, Alan Hill, and Zachery Hawk comprise the AT&T A-Team of professionals where their goal is to provide customers with exceptional service and products!

Right: Hotelier Tiarra Knipp, *Holiday Inn Knoxville West Cedar Bluff* and Nina Qiu- *New York Life* get acquainted during the morning networking.



ment of hospital construction projects along with the development of the Tennova Health Park on Middlebrook Pike. He joined Tennova Healthcare in 2016 and has served in multiple leadership roles within the organization.

Prior to Tennova Healthcare, Ridder worked for the University of Kentucky Healthcare in Lexington, Kentucky. Prior to healthcare he worked for Fidelity Investments providing wealth management solutions to clients. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Kentucky. Ridder and his wife Jordan live in the Bearden area of Knoxville and have a son, Harrison. Outside of work he enjoys outdoor activities like hiking and boating, and is an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Ken Finster landed in East Tennessee in 2018 and has thanked his lucky stars ever since. He spent years as an engineer designing factory automation products for the first company he

founded. That was followed by a foray into microchip manufacturing when he started his second company. His MBA degree has been valuable in developing, funding, and managing his companies. His career moved to the financial world in 2010 as an independent insurance agent focusing on Medicare, Long Term Care, and Life insurance planning. He and wife April opened their Farragut office in early 2019 and enjoy serving clients from Knox and surrounding counties, and from other states.

Ken has served on numerous Boards, including chamber of commerce, community endowment foundation, and classical music performance society. He enjoys teaching and has taught a wide range of topics, from antisubmarine electronics to college financial planning. He says, "I believe that businesses create immense benefits to a community, not only with the products and services they offer, but also through employment opportunities and community support through charities and non-profits. A strong business

community builds a stronger community."

Christine Dean has served on the board as a director since 2018. Prior to that, she actively served as an Ambassador, and participates in multiple other organizations and networking groups. With a role in marketing and business development for her employer, AA-Air Company, and a long career in both marketing and graphic design, she engages regularly in developing relationships with local media and advertising entities, as well as various other businesses.

Dean was named 2018 Strategic Partner of the Year by the Women's Council of Realtors, Knoxville chapter, and has been involved in multiple area fundraising efforts and projects. As Vice-Chair, she will provide direct support to Chairman, Terry Rutherford-Regions, and be part of the committee which is the guiding force of the Board of Directors.

Ribbon Cuttings

3 to 99 Benefits - April 14, 2021



3 to 99 Benefits opens their new office located at 201 N. Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville with Chamber members Jeff Bagwell- AMR-Rural Metro Fire, Damaris McGinnis- M Force, Brian Little- 3 to 99, Kevin Kragenbrink (green mask)- 3 to 99, Jessica Almeida- 3 to 99, Ambassador Cara Knapp- oysk3 architects. 2nd row: Tyler Radford- United Community Bank, Brandon Gilstrap- Epic Nine, Max Wegzyn- FWKCC, Burt Burgett- Bank of England Mortgage, Ambassador Stephanie Erb- Emerald Youth Foundation, and Ambassador Marianne Morse- Mary Kay.

Rhodes-Tec, LLC - April 20, 2021



Entrepreneur Dylan Rhodes (black shirt)- Rhodes- Tec, LLC is celebrated with Chamber members Tyler Radford- United Community Bank, Brandon Gilstrap- Epic Nine, Trevor Hobbs- Farragut Town Assistant Administrator, Ambassador Stephanie Erb- Emerald Youth Foundation, Ambassador Tom Sharp- viamedia, Ambassador Angela Bridges- Cumulus Media. Back row: Dale Tresize- TNBank, Cody Barnes- First Citizens Bank, Ambassador Marianne Morse- Mary Kay, and Ambassador Adam Freitag- Liberty Mutual.

Special Event

Spring New Member Orientation



The chamber held two orientations this spring, one virtually on March 30 and another in-person on April 13 at Farragut Community Center. Members Euphoric Cheese Shop and Maple Street Biscuit Company of Hardin Valley provided lunch refreshments, and just under 50 attended the program that offered a chance to network and learn about all the chamber offers business members.



Top photo: Attendees wait for the orientation program to start at the Farragut Community Center's Assembly Hall.

Bottom Left: Steve Krempasky-Shop Farragut catches up with Jessica Mishu-Blue Ridge Yoga & Wellness.

Bottom Right: Chamber president, Julie Blaylock, presents a farragutpress advertising certificate prize to lucky winner Stacey McDonald-Signature Storage at Choto.

Scholarship

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the location when it did not at all. They were equally surprised that packages through member Photografee started at only \$350.

Recipients have told the chamber through video interviews that they plan to reinvest the funds into things like purchasing more hiring advertising or other marketing, or spending the money on employees in the form of

bonuses or team-building retreats that did not happen in 2020.

Existing AND new members can still choose to apply for reimbursement through one of two paths:

Path (1) reimburses them for updated Google 360 Photos. Unlike the photos provided by the Google Maps vehicles, 360° photographs of a business improve its visibility in several ways. Besides being fully updated, and taken when the business owner chooses (with current signage, good weather/lighting

and clean landscaping), consumer data is showing that high quality 360° photos of a business on Google Maps build trust and inspire consumer confidence letting people experience both outdoor AND indoor views/spaces of a location before they arrive. On average, 41% of business searches on Google Maps result in an on-site visit, but listings with 360° photos are twice as likely to generate user interest.

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- Marketing Coordinator

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- Staff Accountant

- Designer (Remote F/T)

Josh Ellis Agency

- Sales Representative/Team Member

W2W

- Front of House Manager (F/T)

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TSBDC

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Registration link can be found on our main event page: <https://clients.tsbdc.org/Events.aspx?mode=4&area=Alamo+TN&zip=&miles=25¢er=47021&topicnum=0&days=360&sort=M&layout=0>

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Check our website for more training events: www.tsbdc.org

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of April!

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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:



Thank you for your Captain Enterprise Membership!



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May / June 2021 Calendar of Events

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?".

Please NOTE: The chamber returned to in-person events as of April 8th. Events which are virtual will be listed as such with the online platform being used.

May 12 3:30pm	Ribbon Cutting: The Trusty Notary, A Mobile Notary Service 11826 Kingston Pike, Ste 110, 37934 (Chamber office)	June 3 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Pinnacle Assisted Living 10520 Waterville Lane, 37932
May 13 8:00-9:00am	Networking – AMR Rural Metro Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd, 37934	June 9 4:30pm	West Under 40 Monthly Networking: Open Mic Night Hexagon Brewery: 1002 Dutch Valley Drive, 37918
May 20 8:00-9:00am	Networking – CBD American Shaman 150 Lovell Road, 37934	June 15 3:30pm	Ribbon Cutting: Pinnacle at Turkey Creek – Fountain Remodel 11251 Parkside Drive, 37934
May 21 11:00am	Ribbon Cutting: Rural Metro – Fire Station #16 1106 Lake Heritage Drive, 37922	June 17 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Volunteer Ministry Center 511 N. Broadway, 37917
May 27 8:00-9:00am	Networking – Prime West Knoxville 932 Falling Waters Road, 37922		



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