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Family friendly feel

Commencements set from June 13 to June 19 for FHS, Bearden, HVA with 'guest' attendance; 'drive-bys' center stage

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While Farragut-area Class of 2020 seniors were honored with three special "drive-by" celebrations in the past week alone, Knox County School officials reversed themselves concerning commencement dates and public attendance.

KCS announced late last week that high schools would indeed be holding graduation ceremonies open to a limited number of family members and other guests beginning Monday, June 8 - most taking place on each school's respective football fields, including the

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'Live' CCS graduation 8th in school history

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Concord Christian School's 36 graduates got their day in the sun, literally, at the school's soccer field for CCS' eighth Commencement Service Saturday, morning, May 16.

Families and seniors donned masks as they entered the soccer field. Seats were situated so families sat safely apart, and temper-



Michelle Hollenhead

The front yard of Wade and Jennifer Cornelius' home was transformed into a Farragut High School Class of 2020 graduation simulation, not only for their daughter, Makayla Cornelius, second from right, but also for other FHS seniors to commemorate what would have been graduation night Saturday, May 16. From left are fellow graduates Samantha Garcia, Darby Schiek, Trey Croy and Aimee Wagner.



Door-to-door ceremony takes 3 days for CAK

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Unable to safely hold graduation ceremonies for its seniors due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Christian Academy of Knoxville administrators instead brought the ceremony to its students.

Over a three-day period last week, a CAK crew nicknamed the "Grad Squad" graduated 35 seniors "door to door," director



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Farragut's Board of Mayor and Aldermen — after repeatedly communicating to its citizens it has no authority or control over 5G implementation — is looking to state and federal officials to potentially intervene concerning health questions.

BOMA unanimously passed a two-page resolution during its regular Thursday meeting May 14, calling on the Federal

Communications Commission

and state legislators "to take action to halt the deployment of 5G wireless facilities within the rights of way of our community until further study has been conducted to ensure the health of the public will not be adversely im-



Povlin

pacted by long-term exposure to the radio frequency emissions of this facilities," according to a report submitted by Town administrator David Smoak.

"A resolution only serves to express policy or opinions in a non-binding manner," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin stated in a post addressing the resolution two days later on Nextdoor.com.

"As a local government, we do not have jurisdiction to prevent the implementation of 5G," she added.

"This is expressly stated in state and

atures were in the 80s — but the spirit of the day was undaunted.

"In deciding to do this, we got some pushback, but I'm glad we did it" Donald E. Snider Jr., CCS Head of School, told families.

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tian School, touched elbows with Grayson Petersen - as a coronavirus-era way of congratulations - during commencement exercises for 36 CCS high school seniors on the school's soccer field Saturday morning, May 16.

Angela Keathley said.

"The students loved it," she added.

Keathley was joined on the road by fellow "Grad Squad" members and school advisors Leslie Row,

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federal laws, both of which preempt our ability to prevent the implementation of 5G in our right-of-ways," she added. "We, as a Town, are still required to abide by both state and federal laws. The residents in Stonecrest, Farragut View, Woodland

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Stumping doctors, 85-year-old's kidneys working again

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A business owner and Vietnam veteran, Wayne Davis, 85, got a new lease on life when his kidneys — which failed when he had open-heart surgery in December 2018 - started functioning again.

Needing dialysis for more than 14 months, three times a week for three-anda-half hours each session at one point, "I was very elated, obviously, and thankful for my recovery," said Davis, a Farragut resident who celebrated his 85th birthday Friday, May 8, after getting news of his recovery in March.

"The good Lord is taking good care of me, obviously. He must have something else He wants me to do," added Davis, owner of Farragut Lawn & Tractor, a John Deere dealer at Dixie Lee Junction, and member of The Rotary Club of Farragut.

"I thought, 'I need to determine what that is."

He noted doctors did not know how his kidneys started functioning again.

"It's just that they said it's very rare that you come back online anyway, and also very rare at my age," Davis said.

"Based on monthly tests they did at the dialysis center and my renal doctor, they determined that my kidneys had come back online sufficient to stop the dialysis. . . So, I got a new lease



on life," he added. Davis recalled his wife, Patti Davis,

and four children were "probably more

excited than what I was.

"They were very thankful and pleased," he added. "It was a big relief, obviously, to my wife."

Not having to undergo dialysis "allows me to get to work. I enjoy what I do or I wouldn't be coming to work at my age," Davis said. "I enjoy the people I meet on a daily basis. ... This is part of the assets of this type of business."

Davis was a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army whose Vietnam tours of duty ran

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business

"Most of our customers live in West Knoxville, Farragut, Hardin Valley, and so it was a little bit of a drive for everybody. We decided to move there to be more convenient to where our customers are."

-Jennifer Cole Carr, trainer and manager of a unique business new to the area. (Read story beginning on page 6A)

community

"I don't think my children understood what this meant for E's family, and how big this gift is, until we all got together. My daughter overheard Missy telling me, 'You are my hero.' It was so emotional ...,"

- Farragut resident Tony Rogers, who is making a big sacrifice for a new friend. (Read story beginning on page 2B)

sports

"He talked to us for an hour, and some of the stuff was pretty deep. We wanted to have our kids take their minds off of things. ... We also wanted to give the kids something to remember,"

-Tyler Roach, HVA baseball head coach, about a "Major" Zoom visitor recently. (Read story on page 1B)



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To help Town lodging biz, 3-month delay to start hotel-motel tax passes 1st reading

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen cleared the first hurdle Thursday, May 14, toward offering a three-month delay on collecting the Town's 3 percent hotel/motel occupancy tax, which was originally set to begin June 1.

BOMA voted unanimously on first reading

Davis

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from 1966 into 1967 and from 1970 into 1971.

"I've been told my exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam probably contributed to my kidneys failing when I had the surgery," he said.

Davis had his first dialysis session on New Year's Eve 2018, when he was still in the hospital recovering from the surgery.

The three day a week, three-and-a-half-hour sessions changed to twice a week for four hours each session.

"They did that at my insistence so I could have my Wednesdays available to go to Rotary," he said.

Davis advised anyone about to go on dialysis to "get some good reading material" and laughed.

"You're lying in a lounge chair for three to four hours, so it gives you an opportunity to get caught up on your reading," he added.

Backgroud

Davis moved to Farragut in 1988, after retiring from a 25-year career in the Army, and bought Farragut Lawn & Tractor in 1991, partnering with a friend, Jim Montgomery of Farragut. Montgomery then retired in 1996.

"It's a great place to live," Davis said. "I enjoy doing business here."

during its regular meeting to approve an ordinance delaying collecting of the tax until Sept. 1, based on how hard the COVID-19 shutdowns had hit the hotel industry.

"Since the ordinance was enacted, the entire world has been reeling from the health and economic impact of the COVID-19 virus," Town administrator David Smoak noted in his report to the Board. "One sector of the economy that has been hit particularly hard

has been the hospitality industry. Through budget discussions ... it was proposed (to) delay implementation of the hotel/motel tax for an additional three months.

"This would give hotels more time to weather this economic crisis and give visitors more time to feel comfortable traveling again," he added.

While initial budget discussions estimated \$25,000 could be generated monthly from

CCS graduation From page 1A

"I was so proud of our entire graduating seniors," said Stephanie Mason, CCS director of marketing who filmed a live feed of the event for parents.

She added the school's community had shown support of the students, starting with visiting them at their homes to the commencement exercise itself.

"As you can tell, this graduation is, indeed, very different from what we are used to," valedictorian Nathan Armour said. "It brings many firsts for our school: Our first outside ceremony, our first live stream ceremony and our first masked ceremony.

"Our world wasn't necessarily turned upside-down, but it was, at least, turned sideways," Armour added. "I want us all to realize how fleeting time is, how quickly our plans for the future can change.

"We must take advantage of every day that we have and every moment that the Lord has given us. We just don't know what tomorrow will bring, so every morning, when we wake up, we should praise God and approach that day with an energy and determination

Tammy Cheek

the tax, the FY2021 Tourism Fund budget which the tax was earmarked to help fund - has been reconfigured from \$300,000 to \$225,000.

"I think this is the right move for our hotels and motels, and I agree with it," Alderman Scott Meyer said during discussion.

The ordinance would go into effect only after BOMA approves it on second reading at its Thursday, May 28, regular meeting.

that is greater than yesterday's."

Quoting the Apostle Peter from the New Testament, Armour said, "What Peter is telling us is we should accept all trials with joy and praise, or in other words, turn that frown upside down."

Along with Armour, Sierra Spalding ranked as salutatorian.

"What a blessing," State Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14) said in his invocation. "You have taken them on a journey no other class in the history of our country has gone through, Lord ... and they'll be better for it"

Whatever challenges lay before them, Zachary said they would pale in comparison to "what they've gone through at such a young age."

The Rev. Dr. John Mark Harrison, senior pastor of First Baptist Concord, challenged all the graduates to "walk worthy of the calling of Christ."

Before seniors walked across the stage, they were acknowledged for their accomplishments — \$3.2 million in scholarships going to this class.

Retiring teacher Jim Akins was praised for 50 years in education, 17 of which were at CCS — the rest in Loudon County Schools.

KCSOpolicereports

A request for reports from Knox County Sheriff's Office was not answered by deadline at noon, Tuesday, May 19. We will stay in contact with KCSO and hope to have reports in the May 28 issue.



The Villages Farragut Senior Living Community

We passed the test.





Farragut resident Wayne Davis, owner of Farragut Lawn & Trac-

tor, has received a new lease on life now that his kidneys started

functioning - no longer having to undergo dialysis. He got the

news in March and celebrated his 85th birthday Friday, May 8.

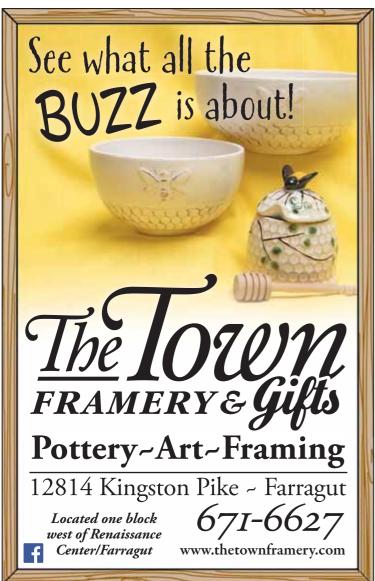
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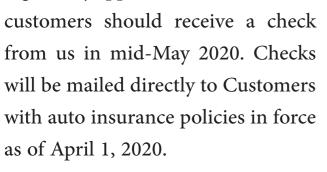
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lettertotheeditor Town's 5G 'health effects' resolution applauded by reader

Thanks to action taken by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on Thursday, May 14. 2020, Resolution R-2020-05, a resolution concerning 5G Wireless Communication, was passed unanimously.

This resolution could pave the way to help get independent health studies conducted on 5G. The entire resolution can be read at: townoffarragut.org/ AgendaCenter.

This resolution should be passed along to Gov. Bill Lee for executive action to halt 5G deployment until studies prove 5G installed in our neighborhoods is safe.

We need to protect our homes and families from being exposed to unknown health effects from deploying 5G antenna in our neighborhoods. These antenna could be installed about 500 feet apart or every two households. Installation of the 5G fiber optic cable has already incurred some damage to existing buried utilities thus increasing citizens' concerns.

Only independent health studies will be able to assure the citizens of Farragut that the electromagnetic field radiation transmitted by 5G antenna is safe.

Jerry Guthrie Farragut

Letters to the Editor: While we appreciate our readers contributing to our editorial content by submitting Letters to the Editor, we ask you keep your content to a maximum of 600 words. For us to properly verify if your submitted opinion is to be published, please e-mail your phone number (not published).

Drive-by, parades

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three area public high schools.

Farragut High School's graduation ceremony is set to begin at 7 p.m., Friday, June 19. Hardin Valley Academy commencement exercises will begin at 7 p.m., Monday, June 15. Graduation ceremony for Bearden High School will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13.

Previously, KCS officials indicated ceremonies would be held in July or August, while prohibiting any guests, and proposing ceremonies be live-streamed. Many parents in the community, along with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, objected to those plans - and within a week school officials had changed course.

According to an announcement on the KCS website, seniors will be allowed to bring up to four guests, but "attendees will be expected to follow precautionary guidelines, such as physical distancing among guests, wearing a mask or cloth face covering and staying home if experiencing (illness) symptoms."

FHS 2020 celebration Wade and Jennifer Cornelius, parents of FHS Class of 2020 senior Makayla Cornelius, were not go-

to Thompson Boling Arena for FHS graduation exercises if COVID-19 hadn't cancelled those plans. But Jennifer, who is described by

families would have been heading

her daughter's friends as "being a wonderful hostess," had an idea to open up her yard to others in Makayla's class and posted on Facebook the chance for other seniors and their families to visit.

"I just wanted to do something to help bring a little joy into their day ...," Jennifer said.

"At least we have gotten to spend the evening with friends," senior Darby Schiek said.

"We probably would have ended up right back here after graduation (had it been in Thompson-Boling Arena)," senior Aimee Wagner said.

Jennifer said she received "about 90 messages throughout the night thanking us."

Terri Tucker, parent of senior Garrett Tucker, said the Cornelius event "was super thoughtful."

HVA, Lakeridge parades

Enjoying parades were graduating seniors at Hardin Valley Academy and within Lakeridge subdivision (along Northshore Drive featuring Bearden High School honorees, but also seniors from three other schools).



tion gowns, along the road.

Class of 2020 graduates living in Lakeridge, about two miles west of Pellissippi Parkway, were honored with a parade Sunday evening.

With a caravan of about a dozen vehicles - about half decorated in BHS Bulldogs maroon — the parade featured nine seniors, six from Bearden: Grant Horton, Nicholas Doty, Luke Leveille, Katie Rogers, Gian Esposito and Jackson Fisher. Other parade honorees were Tyler Blair of Farragut High School, An na-leise Bradbury of Webb School of Knoxville and Gabel Fulford of Christian Academy of Knoxville.





READERS' Choice Awards Find this year's ballot on page 10B of this week's paper.

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

• Please keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week);

• Please keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@ farragutpress.com);

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• Names of individuals or businesses may not be published (including public figures) depending on the issue.

ing to let what was supposed to be Graduation Night go by unnoticed.

The family rented yard signs from Sign Gypsies congratulating Makayla, along with an oversized balloon decoration from Above the Rest Balloon and Event design spelling out "FHS" and "2020," and planned a drive-by celebration at their Brixworth home starting at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 16, then going "all day" Sunday, May 17 ----around the time seniors and their

Accompanied by an almost unbroken cascade of honking horns, traffic was at a snail's pace on Hardin Valley Road in front of HVA for about 45 minutes Thursday evening, May 14, the original class graduation date.

Scores of vehicles, many decorated to specifically recognize their HVA graduate, started west then circled back to the east to honor the entire Class of 2020, who were lined up, in blue gradua-

"The best part about organizing this parade was seeing so many neighbors out supporting all the seniors ... so heartwarming to watch," said Kari Hortson, parade organizer and Grant's mother.

Kari was quick to credit parents Kim Blair, Kim Bradbury and Tonja Doty for "helping this become a reality."

Photos by Alan Sloan

(Top) Parents from Lakeridge subdivision, along Northshore Drive about 2 miles west of Pellissippi Parkway, hosted a 12-vehicle parade for Class of 2020 seniors from Lakeridge - nine of which joined the parade — Sunday evening, May 17. It included a parade trio among those being greeted by Danny and Regina Morgan and family members. (Above) Among hundreds of Hardin Valley Academy Class of 2020 seniors lined up, in graduation gowns, along Hardin Valley Road was Jaylen Moore, left, who came out to greet his cousin, parade participant Jen Shepperd, during an HVA parents-relativesteacher parade in front of the school Thursday evening, May 14.



Resolution

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Trace and Sweet Briar have expressed concerns about the fact that the FCC has not updated its radio frequency emissions standards since 1996.

"This resolution requests that it would be prudent, given that the implementation of 5G requires many more poles in close proximity to each other and to the residents in residential neighborhoods."

As for the courts, "Currently, there is lawsuit in the Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit that is requesting the same review," she stated. "I believe our community, at least, deserves assurances that this technology is safe and operating at radiation levels as low as reasonable achievable."

The resolution was crafted by Town attorney Tom Hale, who began working on it after Farragut

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resident Mike Mitchell submitted his own to the Board last month.

However, at that time, Hale told the Board the submitted resolution could not be officially considered, as its information "could not be verified," but offered to craft one that could be considered by the Board.

(Link to resolution is online at farragutpress Facebook page)

Mayor Ron Williams and Povlin requested slight amendments last week, which Hale rewrote and incorporated into the resolution after a short recess.

Other business

The Board approved the Grigsby Chapel Road pedestrian crossing improvement contract with Stansell Electric Co. Inc. for \$40,120 and approved a professional services agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants for additional services regarding future stormwater pipe repairs and rehabilitation.

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CAK graduation From page 1A

Kim Hooks and Beth Peters, who brought cookies and yard signs, along with the student's diplomas for the abbreviated frontyard ceremonies.

"I cannot begin to tell you what a blessing each of you were today," said Sharon Roberts, whose son, Joseph Roberts, was among the graduates. "I cried again calling my husband and telling him about it, and he was so glad we took pics to photoshop him in.

"... Joseph was so happy and thought it was the coolest graduation ever. We've adjusted our dinner plans tonight ... so we can continue to celebrate that our baby has graduated high school"



Christian Academy of Knoxville Class of 2020 graduate Abigail Grace Dixon was among 35 seniors receiving a diploma at home, thanks to the efforts of administrators. including advisors Beth Peters, right, and Leslie Row.

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business briefs Horse biz moves to HValley

• Realtor Krista Bentley has joined Weichert, Realtors-Advantage Plus in Knoxville. She will join the team

assisting in home buyers and sellers in Knoxville and surrounding areas.

• Kim Miller has been named an equity partner with Tennes-Pension see Administra-

Bentley

She has tors. been a plan consultant with the firm since February 2015. Miller acts as a technical resource for plan sponsors, staff, advisors and auditors in overseeing compliance and retirement plan administration services.

• Lenoir City Utilities Board recently re-opened all of its customer service centers throughout West Knoxville and Lenoir City, effective Friday, May 1. LCUB customer service representatives ask customers to wear a protective mask when possible.

 Realtors Dan Pastor, Natalie Sanders and Kip Kirby recently were named the top agents in the Weichert Realtors Advantage Plus office for March. Pastor was named the overall Top Agent of the Month, while Sanders and Kirby were named Top Selling and Top Listing agents respectively.



Topline Equestrian student Ellie Cheung jumps with her pony, Half Pint, at the former Lenoir City Topline Equestrian facility, which moved in April to 1413 Cooper Lane in Hardin Valley.

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After many years in Lenoir City, Michael and Jennifer Cole Carr have moved their family-owned and operated business, Topline Equestrian, to Hardin Valley to be closer to customers.

"Most of our customers live in West Knoxville, Farragut, Hardin Valley, and so it was a little bit of a drive for everybody," said Jennifer, trainer and manager. "We decided to move there to be more convenient to where our customers are."

Topline Equestrian, established in 2009, is a fullservice hunter, jumper and equitation training business offering boarding and riding lessons for students of all ages and experience levels. The Carrs purchased the new facility, 1413 Cooper Lane, on the Farragut-Hardin Valley line, April 24.

"We are so excited about our new location and beautiful facility," Jennifer said. "We look forward to meeting new clients looking for a family-friendly environment to board, learn or participate in summer camp.

"I feel Hardin Valley has grown in these past years, and we have a family and two small children — those schools are really, really good," she added. "Getting them into that school district was really important to us."

The site also has the advantage of being centrally located.

"Topline Equestrian is known for tailoring lesson

See TOPLINE on Page 7A

As restrictions ease, Go Dance plans June 1 re-opening

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After being closed since mid-March, owner Sam Gordon of Go Dance | Knoxville, a ballroom studio at 1705 Schaeffer Road, has decided to re-open Monday, June 1.

Go Dance has been providing a place in West Knox County for those wishing to learn ballroom dancing for 16 years.

With Phase 2 to start Thursday, May 28, Brandon Belcher, Go Dance's marketing and communications coordinator, said June 1 was always a "soft target. We just finalized that (date) this week. "If everything goes well ... Phase 2 allows for gatherings of 50 people or more, travel restrictions are eased a little bit, so it would allow the studio to open and operate at a reduced level but still be open," he explained. Still, with students' concerns in mind, Gordon will be using stricter Phase 1 guidelines.

"We have daily conversations with all of our employees, make sure they're OK, checking on them financially, mentally," he added. "And, we stay engaged with our active students through our Facebook page, text messaging and phone calls."

The studio also has been offering free online classes three times a week.

"And I recently started a newsletter that goes out to everyone, and I follow up with them with email about classes," Belcher said.

Go Dance instructors teach all partnership-style ballroom and Latin dances, Gordon said. Those include waltzes, tangos, foxtrots, cha chas, rumbas, swings and even some country-Western dances.

After graduating from college with a bachelor's degree in robotics, he got a three-month contract job with "an almost guarantee with the contract to go permanent," he added.

However, at the end of the three months, Gordon was told the contract was not extended. "I was out of work and my trail

was cold," he said.

While perusing the newspaper for work, Gordon came across an ad for a dance studio in Nashville and decided to give it a try.

"I fell in love with it right away," he said. "I saw the potential in it to be a long-term career. It made me happy, so I never looked back."



"We're taking extra precautions to make sure our students and staff are safe," Belcher added.

Until then, Gordon said, "We stay engaged with our instructors.

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"Our demographic has changed quite a bit over the years," he added.

When he started teaching, the clientele usually was retirementaged, but Gordon said, with the popularity of two dance movies and "Dancing With the Stars" TV show on ABC, which started in 2005, the student demographic shifted to young to middle-aged

Gordon moved up from instructor to management before he transferred to Go Dance | Knoxville, which was started in 1984. He managed Go Dance for 10 years before he bought the business in 2004.

For more information, call 865-584-0009 or visit its website at www.GoDanceKnox.com

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Though Go Dance | Knoxville owner Sam Gordon awaits Phase 2 of Knox County's business re-opening plan, his ballroom dance studio at 1705 Schaeffer Road in West Knox County will re-open Monday, June. 1.



Topline

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plans that help riders achieve their goals in a safe, positive environment, and we plan on contributing to the growth of equestrian sports in Knoxville through lessons and teams," said Jennifer, who has more than 17 years of experience as a trainer for children and adults. Michael oversees the barn operations and care of horses and grounds.

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Jennifer Cole Carr, Topline Equestrian owner, trainer and manager, walks alongside student Madeline Waldman.

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for \$5,250,000. Additional property will not be sold prior to the main house closing. Buyer of the main house will have first right of refusal on all additional property. The main house and approximately 10 acres to be surveyed off the larger parcel. Sellers have been told there will be an exit off the Schaad Road connector behind the property. **\$3,250,000** (1099914)

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12725 EDGEBROOK WAY.

Master on the Main Plan, Two car side entry Garage, Brick foundation and Fiber cement siding, 9' ceilings on Floor 1, 8' ceilings on Floor 2, 30 Year Roof, 4 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry, Hardwood Flooring in on Floor 1 except for Master Bedroom, WIC, Master Bedroom, and Laundry, Ceramic Tile



Flooring in Master Bath, Bath 2, Bath 3, Laundry, Carpet Flooring in bedrooms, closets, staircase and bonus room., Hardwood Steps, Gas fireplace, Built ins, Shiplap Fireplace, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, His and Her Master Closets, High ceiling in Great Room, Bedroom 2 and 3 have WIC, Granite Kitchen Tops, Granite Bath Tops, Breakfast area, Sentricon Pest Control System, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Water Heater, Electric Range, Electric Dryer, Crown molding on Floor 1 except for vaulted ceiling areas and closets, 2-10 Home Warranty, Covered Porch. **\$549,900** (1114081)

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12643 PROVIDENCE GLEN LANE. Heart of Farragut with great curb appeal! Covered front porch brick, 3 Bedroom plus bonus room 3 1/2 bath 2 car garage with large concrete parking area. Sellers added hardwood in 2018 to kitchen and master bedroom. The majority of the home has been repainted since 2018. New carpet was added to upper level bedrooms and bonus



room. The entry, dining room, office with French doors, and 2 story great room are also hardwood. Detailed crown moldings and wide baseboards. Kitchen with off white cabinets, tile backsplash, island bar, stainless steel appliances and walk in pantry which is open to 2 story great room with a fireplace with gas logs. Guest bath with pedestal sink. Generous sized master bedroom on main level. Master bath with dual sinks, whirlpool tub with architectural block window, separate shower, and 2 walk in closets. Both bedrooms upstairs with adjoining baths. Fabulous walk up attic storage plus additional storage areas on the second floor. Large deck to enjoy ideal private level lot with mature landscaping backing up to a green space. Irrigation front and back. Security system. Built in cabinets in the garage. Plumbed for central vacuum. Convenient to schools, shopping, restaurants, and Turkey Creek. Farragut schools. **\$449,500** (1116435)

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12721 EDGEBROOK WAY. Master on the Main Plan, Two car side entry Garage, All Brick except for gables, 9' ceilings on Floor 1, 8' ceilings on Floor 2, 30 Year Roof, 2 1/2 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry, Hardwood Flooring in on Floor 1 except for Master Bedroom, WIC, Master Bedroom and Laundry, Ceramic Tile Flooring in



Master Bath, Bath 2, Bath 3, Laundry, Carpet Flooring in bedrooms, closets, Hardwood Steps, Gas fireplace, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, Vaulted ceiling in Great Room, Storage area in attic. Bedroom 2 and 3 have WIC, Granite Kitchen Tops, Granite Bath Tops, Breakfast area, Sentricon Pest Control System, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Water Heater, Electric Range, Electric Dryer, Crown molding on Floor 1 except for vault-ed ceiling areas and closets, 2-10 Home Warranty, Large Covered Porch. **\$539,400** (1114164)

WATTS BAR LAKEFRONT

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screen. Kitchen with island bar, tile back splash, farm sink, honed marble counter tops, dishwasher, microwave, and refrigerator which conveys. Spacious master bedroom with vaulted wood ceiling leading out to a 9.9x27.3 screened porch with ceiling fans and expansive lake view. Master bath with double sinks and ceramic tile shower. Second full bath with double sinks and tub. Guest bath with a pedestal sink. Massive stone fireplace in family room. House beautiful and move in ready. Laundry room with washer and dryer which remain with the property. Vinyl windows. Partially covered large patio ideal for entertaining. In a subdivision. Dredge and boat dock permits on file. **\$425,000** (1110425)

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tory pump), Hardwood on Floor 1 in Foyer, Hallway, Dining Room, Great Room, Kitchen, Breakfast, Sunroom Ceramic Tile Flooring in Master Bath, Bath 2, Bath 3, Laundry Carpet Flooring in all remaining finished areas. Hardwood Steps with wrought iron balusters Laundry Room Cabinets with Laundry Sink. Granite Kitchen Countertops Granite Bath Countertops Gas Heat Gas Tankless Water Heater with Circulatory Line BUILT-INS IN GREAT ROOM Stainless Steel Appliances Electric Range, Solid Custom Closet Shelving, Two car garage, 3 baths, 3 bedrooms, Gas fireplace, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, 11' Ceiling in Great Room and Kitchen, Sodded yard, All brick construction, Sentricon Pest Control System,Security System Pre-wire, 2-10 Home Warranty. **\$399,900** (1057152)

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World Series-winning manager, ex-Cub Maddon,

KEN LAY

Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — Since the coronavirus pandemic ended school and spring sports for high school athletes, coaches and players have only been able to meet remotely — and Hardin Valley Academy's baseball team has been doing that.

Zooms in on HVA baseball

But it can't make up for a lost season.

Area fields may be silent now as the season ended before it really got started, but that doesn't mean teams can't still make memories together. On Wednesday, May 6, HVA second-year head coach Tyler Roach had a surprise for his team at its Zoom online meeting.

When the team arrived, they got a visit from one of Major League Baseball's most successful managers.

Joe Maddon Jr., Los Angeles Angels skipper who, in 2016, led the Chicago Cubs to its first World Series win in 108 years, dropped in for a Zoom visit with the Hawks.

"We told the team that they were going to have a guest speaker and two weeks ago, we started giving clues," said Roach, who guided HVA to the 2019 Region 2-AAA championship. "But it wasn't until Joe popped up on the screen that they knew."

Maddon was hired by the Angels after the Cubs relieved him of his managerial duties following the 2019 season.

Having more time to visit after Spring Training, and the MLB season, was shut down in March, Maddon guided the Tampa Bay Rays to the 2008 World Series (lost to Philadelphia) and was a coach under Mike Scioscia when the Angels won their lone World Series in 2002.

"We were able to set up the meeting through the people at his (Respect 90) Foundation," said Roach, a Cubs fan who has a Joe Maddon Cubs jersey in his locker at HVA. "I figured that he wouldn't be as busy as he normally is, so I asked if we would be able to visit with us.

"He talked to us for an hour, and some of the stuff was pretty deep," Roach added. "We wanted to have our kids take their minds off of things and forget about the lost season. We also wanted to give the kids something to remember.

"You don't always remember your stats from your sophomore year or your batting average from your junior year. But you'll always remember getting to meet with a World Series manager."

Roach said Maddon was articulate and humble.

"Everything he says could be a slogan and could be put on a T-shirt," the HVA coach said. "For him to accomplish what he has, he's really down to earth."

Roach said his team will have more visitors and noted HVA Baseball will launch a podcast, "Unfinished Business," Monday, June 1.





Photo submitted

Lauren Loveday, middle, former Farragut High School volleyball standout, recently signed with Coker University (NCAA Division II, Hartsville, South Carolina). Celebrating her signing, from left, are Susan Davidson, former FHS volleyball head coach; Alyssas Andreno, K2 Volleyball coach; Brian Loveday, beside his daughter, followed by Lauren's mother, Myra Loveday, brother, Will Loveday; and Jo Ann Madden, Lauren's assistant coach at FHS who is now Lady Admirals head coach.

To have C-N as a rival, Loveday picks Coker U

All-Region 2-AAA, All-District 3-AAA standout to play in NCAA Division II

KEN LAY

Correspondent

Farragut High School senior volleyball player Lauren Loveday has decided where she will continue her academic pursuits and volleyball career: Coker University in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Loveday was a standout outside hitter for the Lady Admirals in 2019, and led FHS to a Region 2-AAA championship. She was an All-District 3-AAA standout who also earned 3-AAA All-Tournament and Region 2-AAA All-Tournament honors.

Susan Davidson, former Farragut High School head coach, said Loveday found a great fit at the NCAA Division II school, which competes in the "Lauren came in in 2016 and she was some of our young talent," Davidson said. "She saw some (playing) time at right side during her freshman year.

"Then as a sophomore, she played in the middle and on the right side," she added. "(In 2019), we primarily used here as an outside hitter, but we had a couple of rotations where we played her in other places on the floor."

Davidson said Loveday's presence was big both in the front and in the backcourt.

"She was always big for us up front," Davidson said. "But she had also become big for us with her backcourt play as her service game became more consistent.

"She could go on big runs for us and those runs

Photo submitted Joe Maddon Jr., L.A. Angels manager, Zooms with HVA team.

South Atlantic Conference along with Tusculum and Carson-Newman.

"They're happy to have her and she'll have a great career at Coker," said Davidson, who guided the Lady Admirals to a 22-17 record and a state sectional appearance in her final season as FHS coach in 2019. "She leads by example and she has great versatility.

"She gets it done on and off the court. She gets it done in the classroom too. She's won the TSSAA Academic Award for four years in a row."

Loveday, a four-year varsity player, was on the Lady Ads' last Class AAA state tournament team, which finished as state runner-up, in 2016.

were clutch," she added.

While Loveday had a stellar career on the volleyball court for Farragut, Davidson said she barely missed a last chance to go to Murfreesboro when the Lady Ads lost a five-set substate heartbreaker by two points against Daniel Boone.

"She knew how important it was for us to get back to state because she went during her freshman year," Davidson said. "She really wanted it."

Loveday committed to Coker earlier this month, and Davidson said her family had the signing ceremony in their yard with a few current and past teammates.

Ready for action despite virus, Farragut Middle School girls lacrosse 2020

Though losing its season due to the coronavirus pandemic, members of the 2020 Farragut Middle School lacrosse team were ready for action nonetheless. Team members, in no order, are Regan Corbett, Berlynn Elliot, Cailin Harrison, Maggie Raines, Jane Davanzo, Chandler Yates, Laney Buckner, Madison Andrews, Kirra Benchabbat, Bridget Hedinger, Morgan Switzer, Andrea Galloway, Julia Neibecker, Ransley Greenoe, Greer Butler, Sirilla Cretton-Gilbert, Caris Landis, Molly DeFranco, Alli Duenckel, Ella Morton, Carley Howe, Mackenna Hill, Kate Moss, Gwyneth Montgomery, Seneca Hill and Aubrey Witt.



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Jean, Floyd enjoy '90-club' front-yard birthdays

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Two Farragut nonagenarians (age 90 and above) were surprised earlier this month with front-yard celebrations as they commemo-

rated milestone birthdays. Jean McFadden, who lives in Kingsgate, celebrated her 90th

birthday Sunday, May 3. Many of her family and friends, equipped with signs and balloons, threw her a front yard party on that sunny day.

"It was a surprise," said her son, Greg McFadden, who also lives in Kingsgate. "She cried. By the time it was over, there must have been around 100 people who came to wish her a happy birthday."

Jean's husband, Bill McFadden, passed away several years ago. In addition to Greg, she has four other children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Just three days later, Floyd Cooper of Thornton Heights turned 95 on Wednesday, May 6. The World War II vet enjoyed a visit from his cousin, JoAnn Sims, also of Farragut, who had tried to plan a group celebration, which

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Sons of Revolution re-enactor 'passing on history to kids'

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While Tristan Cooper, who lives just outside of Farragut, graduated earlier this month from Knoxville Catholic High School, he plans to continue with his passion for history.

Tristan, 18, a member of the Sons of the Revolution, has been a re-enactor of 18th century battles since he was 6 years old, when he participated in a

Fort Loudoun visitor movie as a young lookout reporting to a raiding party of natives coming through his family's farm.

"I love passing on my history knowledge to kids and adults alike on how our great nation was formed," he said.

Tristan, the descendant of Henry Maine who fought at the Battle of King's Mountain, has re-enacted at Southwest Point

See RE-ENACTOR on Page 6B



Photo submitted



Two families will be forever united, as Farragut resident Tony Rogers, fifth from left, will be donating one of his kidneys to English Standifer, fourth from left, with surgery scheduled for Wednesday, June 3. Also pictured, from left, are Standifer's sons, Noah and Caleb, and his wife, Missy; Tony's wife, Monica; and his daughters, Kate and Caroline. Not pictured is Tony and Monica's son, Jake.

Rogers' kidney donation 'translates' to English

Farragut resident a perfect match for 'E' Standifer; surgery is June 3

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Farragut resident Tony Rogers is selflessly donating a kidney to a man he knew only in passing until

Both families' children attend Christian Academy of Knoxville: Tony's children with his wife, Monica Rogers, are Jake, Kate, and Caroline. E's sons, with wife, Missy Standifer, are Caleb and

come to our office to showcase new products," he added.

Additionally, Rogers's wife, Monica, had worked at CAK as director of special events and had hand-picked Missy to be her replacement during the summer of 2019.

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Tristan Cooper, then 17, impressed Tennessee Lt, Gov, Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) during a re-enactment of 18th Century history at a local historic site in Tennessee.

just a few months ago.

Rogers is a perfect match for West Knox County resident English Standifer — better known as "E" — who went public earlier this year about his need and hope of finding a kidney donor.

The surgery is set for Wednesday, June 3 — and while the pair and their families will be entwined for the rest of their lives, they had been in each other's orbit for some time.

Noah.

The two men also knew of each other through their respective careers.

"Tony works for Kendall Electric, one of my company's equipment suppliers," said E, who is a long-time Mesa Engineering, Inc. employee.

"I didn't know Tony well, but we had crossed paths over the years in work settings, probably a couple times when his team would

Monica was among those struck by E's story when she read it on social media.

E, diagnosed with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis as an adult, had hoped the disease could be managed "indefinitely," he said.

However, his kidney function

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• U.S. Census officials have put out a call for Farragut-area citizens to join its 2020 Census Team as a census taker. A team press release stated in Knox County, "The jobs pay \$19.50 per hour and 58 cents a mile. You work from home, set your own hours, are paid weekly and training is paid for." Those interested must be at least 18 years old, have a valid drivers license and access to a vehicle. Apply online at 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS. For more information or for help applying, call 1-855-JOB-2020.

• Knox County Health Department has launched a **COVID-19 Public Information** 865-215-5555, or call Line. toll-free at 888-288-6022, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• MEDIC Regional Blood Center has a critically low supply of O Negative, O Positive and A Positive blood. MEDIC officials urge donors to schedule an appointment at its downtown Knoxville or Farragut location. Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood.org and using the donate link. Appointments also can be made by calling 865-524-3074. MEDIC will continue to have an immediate need to supply products to regional hospitals. MEDIC continues to follow social distancing guidelines and will continue wellness checks upon entry at all locations and drives. For more information, visit www. medicblood.org/. Social media sites are Facebook: @medicblood, Twitter: @medicblood and Instagram: @medicregionalbloodcenter

• Annual Farragut High School Grand Reunion's new date is Saturday, June 27, at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. More details will be announced later.

• The Arts & Culture Alliance will present a special Summer Members Show featuring new works by local artists in the Greater Knoxville area. The fresh mix of two- and three-dimensional works created within the last two years encompasses a wide variety of media such as oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, photography, fine craft, sculpture, ceramics, fiber and more from artists who are all individual members of the Arts & Culture Alliance, which

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visit www.knoxalliance.com. • Annual Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo along the banks of Anchor Park in Fort Loudoun Lake (originally in May) is tentative set for Saturday, July 25 "dependent on Tennessee Wildlife Rescoures Agency and their ability to get us fish and, of course, COVID-19 restrictions," a Town of Farragut press released stated. "The format for this event will be different — the event will be available by pre-registration only and we will mark spots around the Anchor Park pond where each family group can fish from. We will probably have two sessions for one hour each and announce winners via social media."

• Health & Wellness Fair moved from March to Aug. 8 in Farragut Community Center, 254 Jamestowne Boulevard.

• Fun with Farragut's Fleet,

Campbell Station Plaza.

• Taste of Farragut, originally scheduled for May 1, now will run from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 (location still undetermined).

• Town of Farragut Beautification Awards are still begin finalized, "But it is likely the Arts & Beautification Committee will move this to a holiday decorations award for this year," a Town of Farragut press release stated.

• Town of Farragut officials recently said they are still uncertain about Committee & **Volunteer Banquet and "Birth** of a Town. The Incorporation of Farragut" Film Premier & 40th Celebration, which "are very important because of Farragut's 40th Anniversary," the release stated. "These are close proximity situations so we will need to see when that will be allowed."

• Annual BookFest each spring "is unlikely to be rescheduled for this year," a Town of Farragut press release stated.

• Status of annual Independence Day Parade is unknown, a Town of Farragut press release stated, "We are still taking registrations, although we have had some that have dropped out (one is the Farragut High School Marching Admirals band.)," the release stated. "... We will continue to monitor this and will have to make a decision by (Monday) June 13."

• Farragut Community Center will be hosting the Hobie

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'Caravan of Love' parade includes Avenir Farragut



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

(Above) Pinnacle Assisted Living was represented in the "Caravan of Love" parade Wednesday, May 6, by Dana Watkins, left, community relations director, and the community's executive director Beth Watts, who visited Avenir Memory Care in Farragut, (Below) Kim Olen, left, of Mac's Pharmacy, and her daughter, Karley Olen, of Avalon Hospice, participated in the parade. About a dozen festively decorated vehicles visited health care workers and residents in nearly 20 senior communities all over West Knox County.



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still on calendar for Aug. 15, "May end up being cancelled this year due to concerns over sterilizing the equipment," the release stated.

• Bluegrass Jam (new event Mamajam), originally from scheduled for May, will now be in October (date still tentative according to Town of Farragut officials) and may move to





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Before recognizing 36 high school graduates during its eighth commencement ceremony in school history Saturday morning, May 16 (see story beginning on page 1A), Concord Christian School went the extra mile.

Head of School Donald E. Snider joined Nathan Pifer, high school principal, and the CCS Lions mascot to visit every senior's home to place yard signs in their honor Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Josiah Pifer, second from right, with, from left, the CCS Lion mascot; his father, Andy, his brother, Noah, his mother, Hannah, and his brother, Paul.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Andrew Taylor, second from right, with, from left, his sister, Naomi; his mother, Mari and his father, Bill.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Carson McLeod, center, with his parents, Ryan, left, and Sherri McLeod.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Gracie Campbell, center, with her mother, Kendra, left, and father, Jerry.







CCS Class of 2020 graduate Ashley Penland, center, with her sister, Allie, left, and her mother, Nancy Taylor.

CCS Class of 2020 graduate Courtney Williams, second from left, with, from left, her father, John, brother, Conner and mother, Crystal.

CCS Class of 2020 graduate Josh Gilder, third from left, with, from left, his brother, Noah, his father, Jeremy, his mother, Andrea, and his sisters, Makayla and Sarah.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Noah Carney, second from right, with, from left, his brother, Jordan, his mother, Kat, and his father, Leon.



CCS class of 2020 graduate and valedictorian Nathan Armour, second from right, with, from left, his brother, Jacob, his father, Greg, and his mother, Kim.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Grayson Petersen, second from left, with, from left, his father Cary, mother, Stacey, and sister, Sydney.



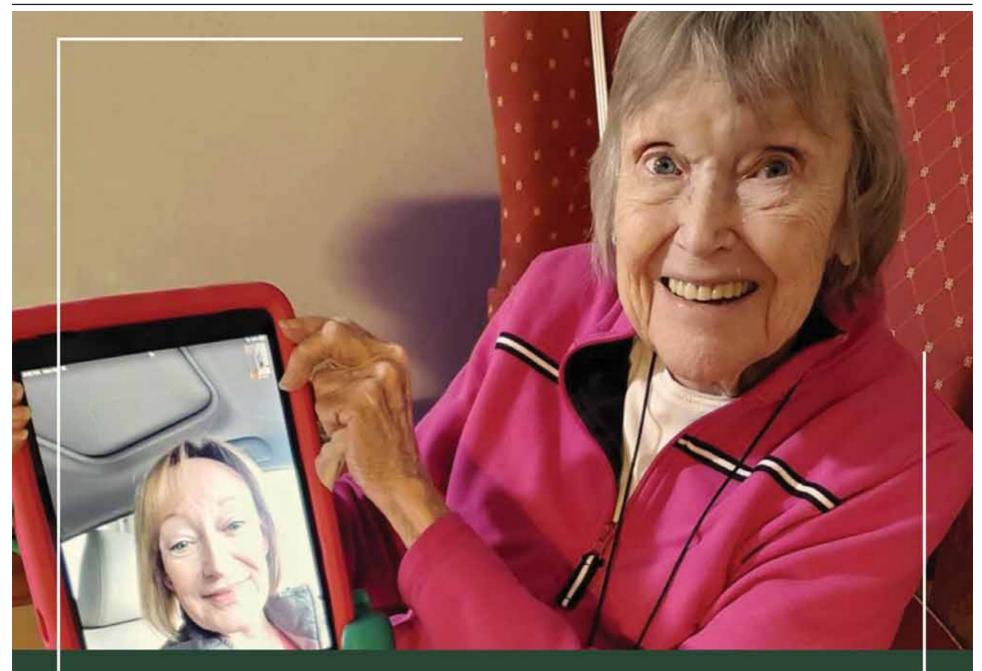
CCS Class of 2020 graduate Sky Gin, center, with her host parents, Carol, left, and Bill Evans.



CCS Class of 2020 graduate J.P. Bradley, center, with his parents, John and Kim Bradley. Photos Submitted



CCS Class of 2020 graduate Madi Mee and her parents, Shawn, left, and Misse Mee.



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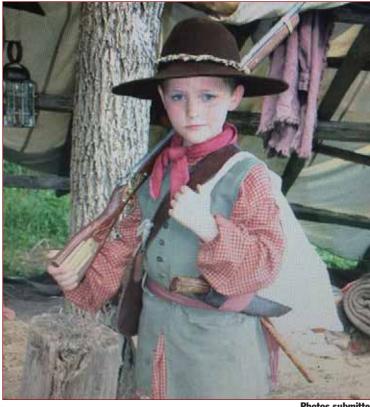
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(Above) Tristan Cooper started re-enacting 18th century life at age 6, when he participated in a Fort Loudoun visitor movie, portraying a young lookout reporting a raiding party of Native Americans coming through his family's farm. (Right) Cooper (facing camera) and his father, John Cooper, left, re-enact the Revolutionary War battle at Wilderness Park, Virginia, at Cumberland Gap.

Re-enactor

From page 2B

on the Clinch River, Tellico Plains. Knoxville's James White Fort, Martin's Station 1775 battle at Cumberland Gap's Wilderness Park, Virginia, and Hiawassee River Park, as well as numerous events over the years at Marble Springs (John Sevier homestead) in South Knoxville, where he represented a child in the frontier evolving into a member of Knox County Militia, and Sycamore Shoals State Park.

Tristan also had attended black powder workshops and helped instruct at Marble Springs.

He said his favorite aspects of re-enacting were being in the militia, primitive camping, black powder flintlock shooting and the camaraderie with fellow re-enactors.

"His ability to interact with high school and college history teachers has made friends he truly values," said Tristan's father, John Cooper, who also has been re-enacting history, between 1756 to 1814, for the past

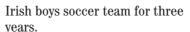
Tennessee Lt. Gov. Randy Mc-Nally and U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-2nd District), former Knox County Mayor and state representative, through his reenactment adventures.

"It was a pleasure watching Tristan gain the respect and friendship of fellow re-enactors, who are all independent souls walking the walk of the 18th century frontiersmen and frontier women," John said. "He is liked by all, a kind heart and startlingly mature for his age."

Tristan plans to continue with re-enacting while in college, attending Tennessee Technology University in Cookeville, but he said college is a priority. He will be studying finance and business, but he plans to continue his love of history in his free time.

Tristan's interests don't end with history, though. He also received the First-Degree black belt from Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts in Farragut.

As for KCHS and his religious duties, Tristan was on the Honor Roll his junior and senior years; was an altar boy at All Saints



Working at Harper Volkswagen along Kingston Pike, "He took a part time job this last month while being off from school, cleaning cars at Harper Volkswagen, and after two weeks he has been offered full-time employment this summer while still doing full-time classes online," John said about Tristan, his youngest of five children.

"I'm really impressed," the father added. "He has done everything right. He has been such a blessing. He has always had a very strong faith."



TAMMY CHEEK tcheek@farragutpress.com

Residents of Morning Pointe of Knoxville, 9647 Westland Drive, recently sent Knox County high school seniors sage advice in a video, "Senior to Senior."

In the video, eight residents — John Butler, Charles Dempsey, Ginger Elting, Betty Newby, Evelyn Pollard, Dot Steele, Helen Stewart and JoAnn Swallom - offered kind words to Knox County's seniors still waiting to graduate.

"We just got together and did the video to congratulate the seniors," said Kari Christopher, MPK activities director.

On the Knox County Schools web page, school officials stated. "We're grateful for these 'Senior to Senior' words of wisdom and for their support of our students!"

On the video, Pollard shared:"I just wish you the best and hope that you will be very, very successful in whatever you decide to

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10 years.

Tristan also has had the opportunity to meet local, state and national leaders such as

Catholic Church; was a member of Catholic High's band for four years, playing violin; and was a member of the Fighting

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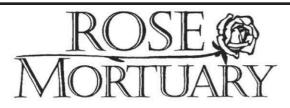
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Above photo Michelle Hollenhead/military photo submitted (Above) Floyd Cooper celebrated his 95th birthday Wednesday, May 6, with his cousin, JoAnn Sims, left, and his daughter, Melissa Cooper. (Above right) Floyd pictured during his service as a World War II paratrooper.

90 and above

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was thwarted by unseasonably cold weather.

Signs were placed in Floyd's yard, wishing him a happy birthday, and he waved an American Flag at friends who drove by.

Floyd, a Concord native, is the son of the late Minnie and Carl Cooper. Following the war, Floyd moved to Florida, where he was a security guard. Later in life he came back to Farragut to take care of his mother and began painting for a living, his daughter, Melissa Cooper, said.

in which he was a paratrooper,

He and his late wife, Helen Marie Cooper, have four sons and three daughters. He also has 18 grandchildren and 26 greatgrandchildren.

Kidney donor

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instead began declining, and he was placed on the kidney transplant list more than a year ago.

Initially, he hoped for a cadaver donor and also resisted Missy's requests he go public with his need.

"I asked her not to," E said. "I wanted to wait for a deceased donor so no one would have to go through transplant surgery and give up an organ for me.

"But, back in February my kidney function had dropped to 13 percent, and my doctor told me I needed to prepare for dialysis. I think it was that moment that the seriousness of my condition became real to me — hearing that news was enough for me to ask Missy to reach out for help on Living Donor coordinator. It came down to Tony and one other donor, and each was fully vetted and evaluated by UTMC doctors and specialists.

"When Tony confirmed that he was a match, we were overjoyed," E said. "But, before we could schedule the surgery, the transplant center shut down for eight weeks due to the pandemic.

"Despite all the ups and downs, we have held fast to our faith that the Lord's timing would be perfect and that I was safe in His hands. And, while we were met with disappointments along the way, it lifted my spirits to know that there were so many brave and selfless people willing to be tested."

Finally, Knox County Health Department unveiled its phased reopenings, allowing non-essen tial surgeries to resume as of Thursday, May 4, and both families met to share their joy. "I don't think my children understood what this meant for E's family, and how big this gift is, until we all got together," Tony said. "My daughter overheard Missy telling me, 'You are my hero. "It was so emotional, just to be part of that," he added. "Later, when we were back home, my oldest daughter, Kate, came and sat on my knee, and she said, 'You are my hero,' he emotionally recalled. "It has really brought us closer. too."



Jean McFadden celebrated her 90th birthday with a front-yard surprise party, thrown by family and friends, at her Kingsgate home Sunday, May 3.

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social media."

Monica was in tears as she read aloud Missy's post. Tony readily agreed to be tested even before he knew the intended recipient.

Then, seeing E's picture, Tony said, "I know him. I know him through Mesa."

It may have seemed off the cuff, but it was a thought that had been quietly ruminating in Tony's heart and mind for some time.

He said he was ready to make that kind of commitment for two reasons: first, he had been affected when a young girl was shot and killed during the 1999 Columbine School massacre for professing her Christian faith.

"That day I resolved to do the same thing — to profess my faith, and to grow in my relationship with Christ," he said.

A business client also had paved the way for Tony's decision.

"One of my customers works in Oak Ridge, but is a bi-vocational pastor in Grainger County and is a lineman by trade." Tony said. "He loves people, and donated a kidney last year to someone in his community who needed it. He had a heart for someone who needed help, and it just blew me away."

Tony started the testing process and was one of many who stepped up to offer the gift of life to E after his need became public.

"It's been an up and down journey," E said. "There were those who would pass the initial screening and call to share the good news, and then find out that they were not compatible due one biological marker or another."

All testing has been done through the University of Tennessee Medical Center, where Ashley Dennis has been serving as E's The families have gotten together a couple of times as the surgery date draws closer, and each knows they have made dear friends forever.

"Here, at the end of the process, as we look back it is clear to Missy and I that Tony was hand-picked by the Lord to be my kidney donor, and we couldn't be more thankful that it's him," E said. "He has never wavered, consistently checked in on me and kept us updated on where he was in the evaluation process."

E said he also is grateful to his employers with Mesa Associates, where he has worked for 18 years.

"They have been so understanding and supportive during this difficult time," he said. "They truly care about the well-being of their employees."

Additionally, both E and Missy hope their story will encourage others to consider the gift of living donations.

For more kidney donor information, contact Ashley Dennis at 865-305-5340 or e-mail at adennis@utmck.edu.

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it out for large cash payouts. Event is open to any angler age 16 years or older, and all brands of kayaks are welcome. Officials will be here starting Thursday, Nov. 12, and the competition will take place Sunday, Nov. 15. The tournament starts Friday, Nov. 13, with an open call

for anglers to fill the last spot in the championship – there could be 100 for that day's event (plus their families). The championship is the top 50 from the series, and they will fish on Saturday and Sunday.

• Lawn Chair Series' June June concert has been moved to Sept 19; concerts running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 18 and Aug. 15 remain in place, but alternative formats are planned.

• Due to COVID-19, Dogwood Arts has moved inaugural Southern Skies Music Festival to May 15, 2021.



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Senior to Senior

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"I did manage to get through high school, although it was difficult," Dempsey said in the video. "When you graduate from school, you're going to know where you're going, but look ahead, work hard and you can succeed."

"Even though it was a stressful time, everything worked out," Butler said.

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Morning Point of Knoxville resident JoAnn Swallom, 89, left, was videoed by Kari Christopher, the facility's activity director, as she shared her best wishes to Knox County graduating seniors.



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Tuesday, May 26, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

This meeting can be viewed live on Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3. There is currently no public access to Town Hall due to Governor Lee's orders and the Knox County Health Department's orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. A recording of the meeting can also be viewed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofFarragutTenn.

Meeting comments may be emailed to comments@townoffarragut.org and must be received by 12:00 pm on May 26 to be included in the record of the meeting. For questions please e-mail or Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org or Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org.

- 1. Approval of minutes for the April 28, 2020 meeting.
- 2. Review of an individual tenant panel for Concord Liquor and Wine to be located at 153 Brooklawn Street.
- Review and recommendation of Ordinance 20-04, an ordinance to replace the Town of Farragut's existing Sign Ordinance.

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Joining the Chamber has its benefits

Welcome promotion on Chamber social media, website, email & ChamberLife newsletter

Groundbreaking/Ribbon Cutting Services for New Business

Advertising Specials from Member Partners

Online Directory Profile with Visibility Reports

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TESTIMONIALS

"We are so thankful to FWKC for their continued support in serving East TN. The Chamber serves as a partnership organization linking businesses, individuals,



- Michael J. Torano, Donor Relations Coordinator, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee

"Positive and helpful energy exudes from Julie and each Farragut West Knox Chamber representative

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we have met. We have appreciated working with other local businesses, we've been inspired by the educational/motivational experts they bring to us as business owners, and we have experienced tremendous encouragement and support over these last couple of months during the Covid pandemic. This Chamber is tuned in to the needs and concerns of

its members and this community, and it shows?'

- Krista McGrath, Owner, Huntington Learning Center

"Julie and all the staff and members of the FWKC have

been so helpful during this Covid-19 outbreak. This has

been the most challenging time for me as a small business owner since we opened Fitness Together, but the Chamber's commitment to supporting their members through "Reopening" Ribbon Cuttings, virtual networking on Zoom, and timely communication to its members providing guidance has been invaluable. Thanks to every one at the Chamber - y'all are the best!"

- Andrew Henderson,



"Medi Spa at Choto has MEDI 🕖 SPA benefited from the Farragut Chamber events in

so many ways that helped us stay up to date and ahead of what was happening in the business world during COVID-19. Even before Corona hit, Medi Spa at Choto has met some amazing business people through the chamber that have developed in great partnerships. During the pandemic, the chamber did an amazing job in keeping us informed constantly. From webinars, to emails with attachments for loans and frequently asked questions, to all kinds of resources. They asked their most knowledgeable members during the zoom meetings to share their insights and these were unbiased and very helpful. Thank you Farragut Chamber for looking out for us!"

- Paola Nielsen-Lensgraf, Owner, MediSpa at Choto

"Julie and everyone at the Farragut Chamber have always been a pleasure to work with. They are constantly looking for ways to help their member **BBB** businesses and the community as a



whole. During this pandemic they have continually kept everyone up to date with all the rapidly changing federal, state, and local guidelines."

- Tony Binkley, President/CEO, BBB Serving Greater East TN



provided so many benefits to me, and other businesses in West Knoxville. Especially during these unprecedented times, they've set themselves up as an important resource - from the PPP loan information & webinars, to a continually updated list of restaurants and open businesses so that others could support them. Their work enabled me the opportunity to spotlight curbside pickup at restaurants on my social media accounts in order to help drive more business to our struggling area businesses. Thank you Julie and the whole Chamber team, for being such an important resource and advocate in our community!"

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"In these challenging times we have seen the leadership of the Farragut Chamber be a beacon of light guiding aus and navi- VILLAGES gating our community through OF FARRAGUT uncharted waters. The Villages of Farragut values our partnership with the Chamber now than ever. Thank you for keeping us all connected safely."

- The Villages of Farragut

"The Farragut Chamber created new ways to communicate with members and a new focus at the onset of Covid-19. They continue to provide support, relevant webinars, virtual networking opportunities, resources and information in every direction to members."

- Cindy Dodson,

Marketing and Special Events, Goodwill Industries-Knoxville

"Throughout the past two months, we heavily shifted our focus to drop-off catering. The staff at the Chamber has been so supportive by helping us promote our services to

businesses that are operating during the pandemic. They helped us connect with businesses by sharing contacts and posting about our catering services on Facebook and in their e-newsletter. We really appreciate everything they do for their members."

- Susan Rothchild, Owner, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce



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- Cindy Doyle, Owner/Agent, State Farm Insurance

The Farragut Chamber of Commerce has been terrific for our new business. I've been extremely impressed with how much useful



information they have provided us during this entire Covid19 situation. Help with the PPP loans and keeping us informed about what to expect from local, state & the federal government has been invaluable. They have remained active using technology to conduct "meet & greets" via ZOOM conferencing and have been proactive in promoting local, Farragut businesses. I can't say enough about Julie and the staff at the Farragut Chamber of Commerce, as well as so many of the active members

- Mike Maddux,

Co-Founder, President Moonshine Mountain Cookie Company

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