

Big view of Town Center

Farragut, area fallen hero salute

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Farragut's Municipal Planning Commission was treated to several new drawings during its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 21 — its second held electronically — as plans for the old Kroger development Town Center continue to unfold.

The renderings — proposed building elevations, streetscapes and even a concept master plan — were just the latest offered by Budd Cullom of CHM Development. Along with his design team, Cullom plans to create a bustling Town Center on the 40-plus acre property, complete with retail, restaurants, multi-family housing, office space and parks.

"As they are doing more research, they are trying to get as much feedback as possible from the FMPC as early as possible," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "There is a lot of green space, and certainly it has a lot of good elements here."

The property, with a street address of 11238 Kingston Pike, is located directly across the street from Farragut High School's Lendon Welch Way main entrance, which would align with the development's Main Street.

The front portion would offer retail shops and restaurants — including not yet officially an Aldi's — before transitioning to multi-family housing, proposed parks and/or walking trails — and, according to Thursday's plans, possibly an assisted living community.

Cullom discussed several aspects of the plans, including how to transition from retail to residential.

"Our plan is to create a small, almost park-like setting, to gather ... then transition, (with) people coming from their residences or people

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(Above) Ken DeBoer, Commandant of the Marine Corps League Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment 924, and Charlene Cotton, president of Marine Corps League Auxiliary of Knoxville, presented the Marine Corps Wreath Monday, May 25, during the annual Memorial Day Service in Virtue Cemetery at the Sgt. Mitchell W. Stout Medal of Honor Memorial.

(Left) Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Young Marine Lance Cpl. Luke Jones simulates "Taps" while in the background the 924 Detachment's Marine Corps Honor Guard Rifle Team, having just performed a 21-gun salute, stands at attention during the ceremony. **(See related story and photo, page 5A)**

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Citing 10 incidents, FMPC denies latest MCI/Verizon installation bid

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In the wake of numerous utility breaks and unclear about the direction MCI/Verizon is taking as it pursues fiber installation throughout Town, Farragut's Municipal Planning Commission — still meeting electronically by Gov. Bill Lee's orders — denied

the company's latest application Thursday, May 21.

MasTec, a subcontractor for MCI/Verizon, had requested permits allowing it to install underground fiber along North Campbell Station Road, Herron Road, Cottage Creek subdivision, portions of The Cove at Turkey Creek, Stonecrest and Sweet Briar subdivisions, as well

as West End Avenue.

The agenda item appeared to be a continuation of a six-phase project first approved last year by the FMPC, although Mike Majka of Verizon told commissioners last week the project is not an expansion — the application was simply a new one. MasTec received approval for permits in December to install underground fiber

throughout Farragut in both commercial and residential areas.

As it progressed this calendar year, subcontractors have broken at least three water lines, two sewer lines and a gas line, hit a fire plug, knocked over a mailbox and had damaged at least two segments of Town sidewalks, with numerous residents reporting problems and outages.

"I've got a question for (Town Attorney) Tom (Hale) — is he on here," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said before the group deliberated the application.

"If we don't feel comfortable with what we see here, with what we have in front of us, is there a way to ask them to give us a little

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business

"The funny thing is out of all four of my siblings, my parents always laughed that they would never expect me to be the one to do this,"

- Debby Funk, speaking about a Farragut business she recently purchased from someone she knows quite well. (Read story beginning on page 6A)

community

"He's a very talented actor. ... I really wanted to work with him and find an avenue that would allow him to shine. ... I think he's a very dedicated writer,"

- Dr. Jerod Hollyfield, an associate professor of Film and Communication at Carson-Newman University, about his talented best friend. (Read story beginning on page 2B)

sports

"This is a trust thing, and I know the guys don't know me. And I need to get to know them. ... I need to see who can play and who will work hard,"

- Shane Wells, former CAK boys varsity basketball head coach whose new job also is in the Farragut area. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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Concerning our continuing issues communicating with Knox County Sheriff's Office records personnel to receive "Police Reports" came the following from Hillary Martin, KCSO Public Records Request coordinator: "we've been receiving a lot of similar complaints, so we let our IT Department know yesterday (May 20) that the website isn't working." We apologize for the continuing issues.

Town calendar

July 4 Parade is cancelled; Center to open

- Per Knox County Health Department guidelines on Phase 2 Re-opening, Town of Farragut announces its **annual Independence Day Parade has been cancelled, along with Fun with Farragut's Fleet.**
- However, Farragut Community Center and Town Hall will re-open next week.
- **Details, other events**
- In lieu of the parade, the **Town is asking businesses and neighborhoods to participate in Festive Fourth at Home.** This event, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, July 4, encourages residents to decorate yards, houses, cars, trucks, etc. and dress in festive attire for drive-by viewing. The Town asks participants to send their location to media@townof-farragut.org by 5 p.m., Thursday, July 2, for inclusion on a map of participating locations.
- Fun with Farragut's Fleet has been cancelled for 2020 due to an inability to properly sanitize surfaces.
- **Farragut Town Hall and Community Center will open to the public Monday, June 1,** with regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). Masks and social distancing are required.

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Photo submitted

Jake Presley, a staff member at Little Joe's Pizza (13100 Kingston Pike in Farragut), shows the Community Commitment certificate Little Joe's recently received from Knox County Health Department.

'COVID-19 safe' awards earned by Town, area biz

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As businesses re-open, Knox County Health Department is issuing certificates to those meeting COVID-19 guidelines that they can display in their workplaces. "Based on these three zip codes (37932, 37933 and 37934) we have 58 businesses that have received their 'Community Commitment' certificate," Deborah Crouse, Knox County COVID-19 Joint Information Center Media

Relations and Project director, stated in a Thursday, May 21, e-mail. Local honorees were Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, OsteoStrong Farragut, Little Joe's Pizza, Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio and the Southern Market, 5400 Homberg Drive in Bearden. "Businesses receive the certificate through completing the following actions: identifying a

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Ben Boring, wounded vet, salesman of 52 years from prominent Town family, dies



File photo

Ben Boring with daughter, Benna Boring, in June 2018 holding a contract from the Civil War, dated 1862, where Confederate Soldiers made a deal with Boring family members to eventually render payment in exchange for food and other items.

STAFF REPORTS
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A military veteran wounded in battle serving his country in the Korean War, a highly respected furniture salesman of 52 years while able to mow his property into his 90s — from one of Farragut's most prominent families — has passed. Ben Boring, 91, died Friday, May 22. "Called to into service for the Korean War, as a corporal in the 101st Airborne, Ben Boring went overseas and joined the 1st Calvary where he was wounded by friendly fire in Japan," his obituary read. "After three months of rehabilitation, he went to Korea participating in the mock invasion that helped end the Korean War. Ben has recalled he thought he would be part of the actual invasion until 24 hours before, and remembers thinking it would be his last day on earth."

The following is a tribute to Mr. Boring from Mona Smith, an active

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The Town of Farragut, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget in accordance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 6-56-206. There will be a public hearing and meeting concerning the budget at the Farragut Town Hall on May 28 and June 11, 2020, at 7:00 PM. All citizens are welcome to participate. The draft budget and all supporting data is available at townoffarragut.org/financials for public inspection. Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, 865-966-7057

GENERAL FUND		Actual FY 2019	Estimated Actual FY 2020	Budget FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
Local Sales Tax		\$6,306,005	\$5,926,734	\$5,926,734
State Sales Tax		2,006,408	2,040,840	2,091,861
Hall Income Tax		955,913	990,877	400,000
Wholesale Beer, Liquor & Mixed Drink		1,259,943	1,031,705	1,052,000
Intergovernmental		720,612	728,497	677,112
Building Permits & Licenses		607,237	381,235	257,200
Recreation Fees		249,939	168,120	235,000
Traffic Enforcement Program & Fines		117,410	108,310	60,200
Rent		90,504	85,985	85,972
Miscellaneous		391,075	276,253	104,800
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Total Cash Receipts		\$12,705,046	\$11,738,556	\$10,890,879
Appropriations				
Legislative		\$31,672	\$29,250	\$39,900
Town Court		41,733	51,170	54,570
Administration		642,182	699,821	685,428
Human Resources		183,392	201,048	176,317
Information Technology		365,466	420,716	377,016
Engineering		683,322	633,583	763,617
Community Development		841,806	929,180	941,032
General Government		175,109	270,000	197,600
Parks & Recreation		1,080,247	1,137,443	1,140,287
Public Works		1,721,349	1,905,565	1,999,118
Non-Departmental		440,439	454,468	436,000
Community Center		50,051	244,500	385,343
Economic Development		120,724	126,000	90,000
Transfers Out - to other funds		3,750,000	7,575,000	307,500
Total Appropriations		\$10,127,492	\$14,677,744	\$7,593,728
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		2,577,554	(2,939,188)	3,297,151
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		16,999,175	19,576,729	16,637,541
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$19,576,729	\$16,637,541	\$19,934,692
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		193.3%	113.4%	262.5%

STATE STREET AID FUND		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
State Gas and Motor Fuel Taxes		\$793,941	\$850,000	\$850,000
Interest		37,589	22,493	5,000
Transfers In - from other funds		100,000	-	-
Total Cash Receipts		\$931,530	\$872,493	\$855,000
Appropriations				
Street Maintenance		\$66,890	\$60,000	\$75,000
Resurfacing		716,765	1,287,859	800,000
Street Striping		33,922	45,000	50,000
Guardrails		0	5,000	15,000
Traffic Calming		3,540	7,000	25,000
Sidewalks/Greenways		931	50,000	50,500
-		-	-	-
Total Appropriations		\$822,048	\$1,454,859	\$1,015,500
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		109,482	(582,366)	(160,500)
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		1,790,415	1,899,897	1,317,531
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$1,899,897	\$1,317,531	\$1,157,031
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		231.1%	90.6%	113.9%

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
Interest		\$17,347	\$11,949	\$7,500
Sale of Equipment		5,978	31,543	-
Transfers In - from other funds		150,000	175,000	157,500
Total Cash Receipts		\$173,325	\$218,492	\$165,000
Appropriations				
Major Equipment		\$57,150	\$192,000	\$208,240
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Total Appropriations		\$57,150	\$192,000	\$208,240
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		116,175	26,492	(43,240)
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		791,926	908,101	934,593
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$908,101	\$934,593	\$891,353
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		1589.0%	486.8%	428.0%

ADA CAPTIAL PROJECTS FUND		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
Interest Earnings		\$-	\$1,500	\$1,500
Transfers In - from other funds		-	150,000	50,000
Total Cash Receipts		\$-	\$151,500	\$51,500
Appropriations				
Improvement Projects		\$-	\$150,000	\$-
-		-	-	-
Total Appropriations		\$-	\$150,000	\$-
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		-	1,500	51,500
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		-	-	1,500
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$-	\$1,500	\$53,000
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		0.0%	1.0%	0.0%

TOURISM FUND		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
Room Occupancy Tax		\$-	\$-	\$225,000
Interest Earnings		-	-	1,000
Total Cash Receipts		\$-	\$-	\$226,000
Appropriations				
Personnel		\$-	\$-	\$69,388
Operating Expenditures		-	-	144,350
Total Appropriations		\$-	\$-	\$213,738
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		-	-	12,262
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		-	-	-
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$-	\$-	\$12,262
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		0.0%	0.0%	5.7%

INSURANCE FUND		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash Receipts				
Interest		\$2,278	\$1,370	\$600
-		-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts		\$2,278	\$1,370	\$600
Appropriations				
Retirement Benefits		-	-	-
Total Appropriations		\$-	\$-	\$-
Change in Cash (Receipts - Appropriations)		2,278	1,370	600
Beginning Cash Balance July 1		101,724	104,002	105,372
Ending Cash Balance June 30		\$104,002	\$105,372	\$105,972
Ending Cash as a % of Total Cash Payments/Appropriations		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Proposed Capital Investment Program Projects	Proposed Amount Financed by Appropriations	Proposed Capital Investment Program Projects	Proposed Amount Financed by Appropriations
Watt Road Sidewalk/Grigsby Chapel	100,000	Funding Sources	
Smith Road Sidewalk	650,000	FEMA Reimbursement	272,980
Stormwater Improvements	350,000	Interest Earnings	20,000
		Transfer from General Fund	100,000
Total Project Costs	\$1,100,000	Total Funding Sources	\$392,980
Beginning Fund Balance: \$4,470,347		Assigned Fund Balance: \$3,507,928	
		Ending Fund Balance: \$255,399	

Ben Boring

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Farragut High School alumnae quite involved in keeping up with graduates of the FHS “Old School,” those from 1976 and prior, about Mr. Boring’s life, as sent to various FHS alumni. Mr. Boring was from the FHS Class of 1946.

• Friday, May 22, 2020, was a sad day in the lives of family and friends of Ben Boring, Class of 1946, as he peacefully transitioned to his heavenly home. Ben Boring was an exceptional man, loved by all. What a

full, interesting life he led.

It seems that I have always known Mr. Ben and loved getting a “hello sweetie” and big hug from him. As far as I can remember, he has always been a well-known figure in the Concord/Farragut community and, after his elders had passed, he stepped into the role of patriarch of the Boring family.

When you read his obituary, you will find it touches on the exemplary life that he led. He was always active in his church and the community. And active he was. It seems it was only a month or so ago

he was still mowing his beautiful yard and taking care of his horse.

The Boring family and their ties to Farragut High School are numerous. His siblings were the late William Ray (Buddy) Boring, Ross (Class of 1954), Kathlyn Boring Davis (Class of 1936) and Dixie Boring Cox (Class of 1937).

He leaves his children, Van Boring (Class of 1975), Brad Boring (Class of 1978) and Benna Kay Hughes (Class of 1981).

To his children, my heart is heavy with them during this hour.

I am thankful that they were

able to bring their father home (along Boring Road) so that he could peacefully live out his last days looking from a bed thoughtfully placed in his living room, so that he could see his beautiful farm and the old home place where he was born. That is a comfort to many who loved him.

... Mr. Ben loved his horses and was very active in training and working with the American Saddlebred breed, often referred to as the “Horse America Made,” which has descended from the time of the American Revolution.

So, in keeping with Mr. Ben’s Christian faith and his love for horses, I feel it fitting to close with this verse from the Apostle Paul:

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

... Yes, Mr. Ben, you have fought the good fight.

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Above photo submitted (Above) Julie Blaylock, CEO/president of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, 11826 Kingston Pike Suite 110 in Farragut, holds the Community Commitment certificate the Chamber recently received from Knox County Health Department.

(Below) Kat Mahn, owner of Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Boutique, 11410 Kingston Pike Suite 300, displays her Community Commitment certificate at her front door.

Below photo by Tammy Cheek

Awards

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COVID-19 coordinator, displaying COVID-19 safety signage at employee/public entrances and enrolling in the COVID-19 communication listserv,” Crouse said.

“I was tickled to be certified,” said FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock, who received her certificate Wednesday, May 13. “I think it’s important for any business, but especially as the Chamber, to publicly be able to show that we’re doing our part to flatten the curve and keep everyone we come into contact with safe, including ourselves.

Blaylock said she was told there were 700 applicants in the first round of sign-ups. “A lot of (the requirements) is common sense and a lot of it is also self-policing,” she said. “The health department did not come out, nor did they have the time to come out and visit every single business.

OsteoStrong Farragut, 11110 Kingston Pike, received its Community Commitment certificate Tuesday, May 19.

“It’s on the front door,” said Dee Matchett, OsteoStrong owner and certified osteogenic technician.

“... We want to let our clients know that we are CDC compliant and staying

abreast of all the latest guidelines available from the Knox Co Board of Health, which has done an excellent job protecting our community,” she added.

Little Joe’s Pizza, at the intersection of Watt Road and Kingston Pike, received its certificate Friday, May 8, said Laura Presley, co-owner with her husband, Travis Presley. “Getting the certificate was important to us to show that, not only are we excited to see our customers and get our employees back to work, but it is important to us to do so safely and under the guidance that has been set forth by Knox County,” she said.

Another Community Commitment certificate went to Kat’s Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, 11410 Kingston Pike.

“... I feel like it shows our commitment to the community that we are definitely trying to do everything to make sure we are keeping our guests safe,” owner Kat Mahn said.

As for Zaxby’s, 11636 Parkside Drive in Farragut, “We’re very proud of (getting the certificate),” said Pamela Milliken, Zaxby’s marketing specialist. “It shows that we’ve done our job. We’re ready to serve our customers when we decide to open our doors.”

In March, Zaxby’s closed its dining room, offering only drive-through service, and does not have an opening date set.

“Two days ago, we finished up the COVID-19 training that was offered through one of the restaurant safety sites and yesterday we had a manager’s meeting,



(Above) Pamela Milliken, marketing specialist for Zaxby’s at 11636 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek, shows the Community Commitment certificate Zaxby’s received from Knox County Health Department. While no re-opening date is set for its dining room, Milliken said changes are still being made in the restaurant. **(Left)** Susan Worthington, co-owner of The Southern Market at 5400 Homberg Drive in Bearden, proudly displays her business Community Commitment certificate.

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Center

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coming from the restaurants or shops.”

Additionally, “a high-level road system” is planned thanks to the guidance of architect Bob Koch, who, Cullom notes, “has a lot of experience in designing town centers.”

“One of the thoughts was, we have an arterial-type road with Brooklawn (which abuts the property), maybe not an arterial (street) but a collector [street],” he added. “And we want to try to create a Town Center grid, not just for the commercial, but for the entire development.”

However, “I will admit, on this plan you see a lot of green and blue,” Cullom said. “We’re not saying that’s how it will look, but just haven’t gotten to the point of getting input and truly knowing what space we need for detention area, or how to lay the park out.

“But, the idea is to (provide) a true urban feel from Kingston Pike and from Brooklawn. . . . Tie the commercial and housing together, then flow, from the small park around roundabout, then tie to the public park, in the rear,” he added.

Overall, commissioners contin-

ue to be pleased with the plans.

“I like what I am hearing and seeing,” Commissioner Betty Dick said.

“It looks really great to me,” Commissioner Jon Greene said.

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin asked about the pedestrian aspects of the plans.

“I’ve done a lot of reading on pedestrian friendliness, and we have a typical suburban car-centric community,” she said. “But we are looking to create walkability. That is something we have not always been good at. But to do that, you will need quite a few residents. . . . And you will need to make it a place where if people who don’t live there are going to want to be there.

“Hopefully, there will be more residential (options), not just apartment-style, but single-family attached,” Polvin added. “I think this is one of the keys to getting this right, is providing an atmosphere that people actually want to walk in.”

While Povlin said, “I appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing a vision of that,” she added, “I’m not a fan of the proposed assisted living development.

“I would love to see opportunities for home ownership. Could it be medium density? I’m just thinking outside the box here.”

5G update

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more clarity on what they are doing, what they are planning on doing for residents where they’ve had water line breaks?

“I’ve talked to some residents on Dineen Drive (in Stonecrest); part of them, not all of them, but they’ve not been notified or had anyone knocked on their door and ask if there has been any damage,” he added.

“If there has been any, I think this company needs to pay for it. From what I can tell, they’ve not done that and I’m not very comfortable going much further.”

Hale provided a rather lengthy response — noting that despite State Law, which governs 5G roll-out and implementation — it is his interpretation of statute that “it does not apply to this particular application.

“The reason I say that is because this does not involve small cell

tower facilities, which are specifically regulated by the statute,” he added. “Those types of infrastructure are referred to but differentiated from small wireless facilities.

“The long and the short, I think, since this application is not governed by that statute, you can deal with it the same way you deal with First Utility, KUB or any other party that wants to use our right-of-way.”

“I think they need to clean up their act with the residents before we go any further,” Williams said.

Majka told FMPC he was “gonna pause” on the residential portion of the new fiber application, adding, “In our defense, we feel we’ve done an outstanding job. “Sometimes lines get hit, and damage happens, which we try to avoid at all costs.”

FMPC voted unanimously against approving the application, with Majka and a MasTec representative indicating a new one would be forthcoming, possibly in time for the June meeting.

Fox, Nagy, Veigth, Guinn honor our fallen veterans

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While many Memorial Day activities were cancelled or relegated to online status, a call to participate in the nationally socially-distant movement “Taps Across America” was met by four Farragut High School marching band students.

Mason Fox, a rising sophomore, eagerly agreed to participate after FHS band director Kenneth L. Carrico III posted about the event, which asked buglers and trumpet players to perform “Taps” at exactly 3 p.m., Monday, May 25.

“(Carrico) put it up on the Band Facebook page,” said Mason’s mother, Tina Fox. “He didn’t say why, but it was really up to the kids to make the decision to participate or not.

“I’m so proud of Mason for doing it.”

Tina promoted Mason’s participation on her own Facebook page, then recorded it and posted as Mason went live.



Photo submitted

Mason Fox, Farragut High School rising sophomore, was one of four FHS Marching Admirals band students who participated in Taps Across America on Memorial Day.

She said the other FHS marching band students she knew participated included Thomas Nagy, Adam Veigth and Lee Guinn.

“He was really nervous about it, but our neighbor’s father, who is an Army veteran, heard him play and came over and thanked him,

and said it made his day.

“It was very emotional once he came over,” she added. “I was crying, but I told Mason they were proud mom tears, and that is what it’s all about. It is all about respect.”

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Calendar

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ing are requested. Virtual public meetings will continue during Phase 2. Knox County Clerk office in Town Hall will remain closed through Phase 2. Call 865-215-2385 for information about other offices.

Classes and gym time at the Community Center will be restructured to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Athletic fields in Farragut parks are opening with specific regulations. For up-to-date information about Community Center programs and field use,

visit farragutparksandrec.org.

• **McFee Park Splashpad and all park playgrounds remain closed** during Phase 2. Per health department guidelines, splashpads can only open if social distancing and crowd control can be enforced. Because of the open structure of Farragut’s splashpad, it is not conducive to social distancing. Town will release additional information regarding the splashpad after Knox County announces guidelines for Phase 3.

• **Annual Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo will be Saturday, July 25**, at Anchor Park. The event will include two rounds of fishing

from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required, and families will be assigned a location upon arrival. Register for one session only at townoffarragut.org/register. Participants need to bring their own poles. Bait will be provided or participants can bring their own.

For more information on Town Hall re-opening, including courts and public meetings, visit townoffarragut.org. For complete details on the reopening of Town’s parks, Community Center and athletic fields, see “Phase 2 reopening plan” on the homepage of farragutparksandrec.org.

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Chamber Breakfast Series re-convenes online

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce is bringing back online its Breakfast Speaker Series online, FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock has announced.

This series, "Outlook on East Tennessee," will be online from 8 to 9 a.m., tomorrow, Friday, May 29, via Zoom.

Moderated by Hallerin Hilton

Hill, talk show host with WOKI-FM - News-Talk 98.7, the panel for this event consists of U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R - 2nd District), Lt. Gov. Randy Mc-



Zachary

Nally (R-Oak Ridge), state Sen. Dr. Richard Briggs (R-District 7, which includes Farragut) and state Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14).

"The premise behind (the theme) is that the pandemic in the last several months now has just created so much uncertainty about the future," Blaylock said. "We're happy to see businesses getting back to work. We're happy to see businesses starting to ex-

perience some sense of recovery; but there are still a lot of questions that are up in the air for all of us, as citizens, as businesses, as Tennesseans."

As such, "We wanted to provide a forum where our businesses and guests can get an update from their elected officials who are representing them here in East Tennessee," she added. "We also wanted to provide a forum where they can ask questions."

The series is "going to be a webinar (format) in the sense that the only people you see on the screen will be the panelists and the moderator," Blaylock said.

"Unlike a regular Zoom meeting, most of which have become accustomed to, (people logging into the series) will be able to see and hear everything, but attendees' video and audio will not be

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Tammy Cheek

Debby Funk took over ownership of the family-owned and operated Embroidery Boutique by Designs for You, at 141 Brooklawn St., Farragut, Jan. 1, when her mother, Laurae Hathaway, retired.

Funk keeps it in the family

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Debby Funk is carrying on her mother's 30-year enterprise as the new owner of Embroidery Boutique by Designs For You in Kroger Marketplace, 141 Brooklawn St., in Farragut.

"I'm excited to be able to carry on what my mom started so many years ago — like a second generation," Funk said. "The funny thing is, out of all four of my siblings my parents always laughed that they would never expected me to be the one to do this.

"So, it's funny how it all worked out," she added. "This is actually 30 years in business this year."

Funk bought the business from her mother, Laurae Hathaway, Jan. 1. After being closed since March 16 because of COVID-19, Funk re-opened the family-run

business Friday, May 1.

"It's very exciting," she said. "And I am such a people person, so it makes me happy to see my customers."

"I was very blessed my employees were super excited to come back," Funk added. "As soon as I called them back, they were here the next day."

Also, "I feel like everyone is super excited to be shopping and out and about," she said. "Everyone is excited to get back to some sort of normalcy."

"We basically do monogramming, embroidery, laser etching, company logos, corporate gifts," Funk added, also noting Embroidery Boutique is a gift shop. Shoppers can come in and find gifts for anyone, from child to woman or man, and have it monogrammed or embroidered.

However, Funk said customers

also could bring in items to be embroidered or monogrammed.

Laurae Hathaway started the business in August 1989, when the family was living in Boca Raton, Florida.

"My mom started the business in our house," Funk said. "It was very exciting watching how far my mom was able to take this from our loft in our house to a business of 30 years and then for me to be able to carry that on."

She remembered, as a 13-year-old, her mother retiring as a postal carrier and buying her first machine with her retirement money.

"That's how she started the business," Funk said. "My parents worked hard for so many years."

"The amazing thing is we still have some of the same customers

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Tammy Cheek

NTY Clothing Exchange owners Robert and Jennifer Lebus soon will be adding another 2,500 to 3,000 feet of showroom floor space to their store in the Lovell Heights Shopping Center. They also are starting a Hot Worx fitness studio franchise in Hardin Valley.

NTY CE growing

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NTY Clothing Exchange franchise owners, Robert and Jennifer Lebus, are expanding and branching out into new territory.

The Lebus are adding onto their shop at 10420 Kingston Pike in Lovell Heights shopping center, by taking down a wall and moving into the adjacent mattress store.

"We're going to double our space, so we're going to have another 2,500 to 3,000 square feet of sales floor (space)," Jennifer said. "And, we're going to put in

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activated,” she added. While a question-and-answer segment will be offered at the end, there will be an iChat option. “Attendees can put their questions into the iChat,” Blaylock said, noting the questions being asked during the series came from local businesses. “The questions we’re going to

ask the panelists, we really wanted those to come from our businesses,” she added. “It’s really not a whole lot different from how we did our in-person Breakfast Speaker Series. Obviously, we’re



Briggs

cutting out the 30-minute breakfast and networking portion that occurs beforehand. “We spend roughly 45 minutes with the panel, asking those questions that we’ve come up with beforehand,



Burchett

Embroidery

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we had from then,” she added. The Hathaways moved the business from Florida to Tellico Village in 2005. “(Laurae) had a successful business in South Florida, and we also sew nationwide for some companies, so they would ask us to move to a more central location in the United States,” Funk said. “That’s how we got to Knoxville.” Funk came to Tennessee in 2006 at the urging of her parents. “I kind of had a different life before,” she said. “I worked a little bit in the entertainment industry — I did hair and make up. “My parents were setting themselves up for retirement, and asked all my siblings and I if anyone was interested in taking this over,” Funk added. She made the jump to managing the family business with the plan for her to take over when her parents retired.

The family moved the business to Kroger Marketplace in Farragut in 2014. “I wasn’t sure how people would support it,” Funk said. “Farragut’s been great, the support they’ve given us since the beginning.” After her stepfather, Gary Hathaway, unexpectedly died Jan. 1, 2018, her mother came back into the business — but then decided she wanted to retire permanently and turned over the business to Funk. In retrospect, “(The business) just evolved over the years,” Funk said. “It’s an exciting business. People don’t realize the work that goes into it. “We try really hard to stick with a quick turn-around time, customer service is important to us, and our customers — we like to say they — enter as strangers and leave as friends,” she added. “So our customers have become our friends. “Farragut’s been a great place to have a business.”

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a store within a store. “We’re going to have a specific area, which is our street ware and sneakers, because that’s a huge ticket item here, and we need more space for it,” she said. “It’s a very popular culture,” Robert added. Additionally, the Lebuses are adding another venture to their repertoire. “We’re actually about to open a Hot Worx, an exercise studio (in Hardin Valley),” Robert said, adding that business probably will be open in late August or September at 10839 Hardin Valley Road. “That will coincide with the expansion here, too,” he said. “(The fitness studio) also is a franchise, and it’s an infrared studio that allows two or three people at a time to be in it,” Jennifer said. “It’s a very intimate, almost individual workout.” “It’s a virtual trainer, so it’s 24-7, too,” Robert said. “We’re going to open two more

then we will open up the last 10 or 15 minutes for Q and A.” There is no charge for Chamber members to attend the event, presented by First Utility District, Knox County Government and Town of Farragut. However, there is a \$10 charge for non-members and \$5 for students not affiliated with FWKCC. farragutpress also is a sponsor of the series. For more information, visit farragutchamber.com or email Suzanne@farragutchamber.com

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Players said to be much tougher ‘back in the day’

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TOM HECK

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As a high school football coach, I attended many coaching clinics. Those clinics had many formal sessions in which Xs and Os were presented by distinguished speakers.

My coaching mentor, Don Ward, always guided me to the informal sessions where coaches conversed about the Jimmies and Joes and the puzzles that coaches face. These gatherings opened my young coaching eyes to the challenges of the profession.

In 1987 I was in Atlanta at a coaching clinic sipping an adult beverage in an informal session when an older gentleman, sitting on the stool next to me, began a conversation. We exchanged a little of our backgrounds and began to talk football.

As the conversation grew deeper, he revealed that in the ’40s and ’50s he had coached college foot-

ball in the Big Ten and told stories about strategies of the victories and losses in his career.

I was locked in.

He also talked about the days that he played in the 1930s and how he has no patience with the brittleness of the modern-day players. He went on to explain how the men he coached and played with were tougher than the generation that was then playing: “Any boy in proper condition can play a full game of football,” he said. “They speak of a 60-minute player as if he were an iron man. There isn’t any such thing as a 60-minute player.”

“A man who plays through an entire game is a 14-minute player because that is the average time during the game that the ball is in play. Anyone in shape should be able to play that long, especially when he has two hours and a half or so to spread it over,” he continued. “All I know is that in the old days we didn’t have the 10,001 injuries that we have today.”

“If we had had, we simply couldn’t have played football because we didn’t have so many substitutes. Football was just as bruising and just as rugged as it is today. Moreover, equipment then wasn’t



Maj. Neyland

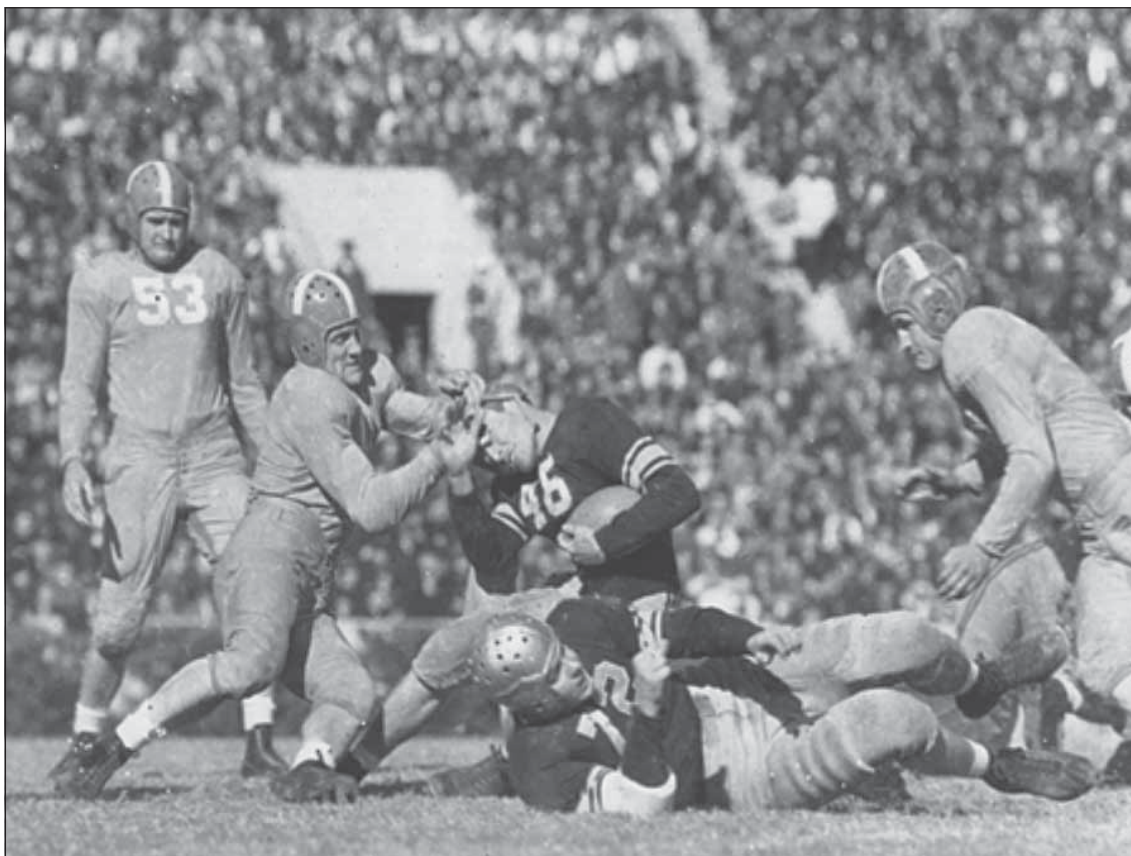


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In front of a packed house in Tiger Stadium (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) on Nov. 4, 1939, Tennessee’s Len Coffman tackles LSU’s Charles Anastasio surrounded by a host of Volunteers defenders. Led by Maj. Robert Neyland as head coach (from 1936 through 1940, then earning the rank of Gen. Neyland during his U.S. Army service in World War II before returning to coach UT from 1946 through 1952), the Vols blanked the Tigers 20-0. En-route to not only a perfect 10-0 regular season and No. 2 final AP national ranking in 1939, this Tennessee team also was unscored upon in the regular season (212-0).

as good as it is now. But the boys didn’t seem to mind it.”

I had many interesting conversations at coaching clinics and watering holes — unfortunately never the fiction described above.

The conversation did occur, though, when famed UPS sports-writer Henry McLeMore was at the Rose Bowl Luncheon Dec. 30, 1939, in Pasadena, California, listening to speakers describing the toughness of the Southern Cal Trojans and the Tennessee Vols, which

were led by then Maj. Robert Neyland (The Trojans won that Rose Bowl 14-0).

The man sitting next to Mr. McLeMore was the coaching icon Fielding Yost.

Yost showed the sports writer a photo of his 1902 University of Michigan football team that defeated Stanford in the first Rose Bowl. The coaching legend then went on to describe his lack of patience for the “modern” player in the words I quoted above.

Those of us in modern times have always talked about how much tougher play was in our day. We go from generation to generation describing “back in the day.”

Coach Yost said it 80 years ago, describing his rugged 15 Michigan players who traveled to California more than what is now 100 years ago to win that first Rose Bowl.

We reach back in time to when we were young to the fantasy of how much tougher we were.

It will never end.

Private-to-public switch: Wells leaves CAK for HVA

KEN LAY

Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — A new era for Hardin Valley Academy boys basketball has begun.

The school has hired former Christian Academy of Knoxville head coach Shane Wells to take the reins of its boys program.

Wells was introduced as Hawks’ coach Monday, May 18. He replaces Shane Chambers, who resigned earlier this spring.

“One of the things that appealed to me about Hardin Valley was, I think that it’s one of the few places in Knoxville where you have a community school because Knoxville is so big,” Wells said. “Knoxville is so big, so you’re just in Knoxville.”

“Hardin Valley is kind of by itself and you know where your kids are coming from,” he added. “They’re coming from Hardin Valley Middle School, they’re coming from Cedar Bluff Middle School

and you get one or two from Karns (Middle) and one or two from Farragut (Middle). You have an elementary school, a middle school and a high school on the same campus, and being at CAK really prepared me for that.”

Shortly after he was hired by HVA, Wells received some good news, along with the rest of the coaches in Knox County Schools. KCS superintendent Bob Thomas announced athletes could begin conditioning after the Memorial Day holiday.

KCS allowed its student-athletes to return for conditioning Tuesday, May 26, and Wells said that will give him and his team a chance to get to know each other.



Wells

“This is a trust thing, and I know the guys don’t know me,” Wells said. “And I need to get to know them and they need to get to know me. I need to see them. I need to see who can play and who will work hard.”

“You can’t tell that by Zoom meetings, so I’m excited and I’m ready to get started,” he added.

About leaving the Warriors program, “I’ve been at CAK for 11 years, and that’s a quarter of my life,” said Wells, who also will teach physical education at HVA. “What a great place. There are so many great people there.”

“And I’m going to miss working with (baseball head coach and assistant athletic director Tommy) Pharr. Tommy is my guy.”

Wells, 45, won 204 games in 11 seasons as coach of the Warriors. Under his guidance, CAK made the state tournament in 2016 and 2020.

Having previously coached at Lenoir City High School, Wells is no stranger to the competition he’ll face in District 4-AAA. “Another thing that appealed to me is the district that I’ll be in,” he said.

FHS sports programs to wait until June 1

While Farragut area high school sports programs had the green light to begin COVID-19-sensitive workouts Tuesday, May 26, for the 2020-21 season, Farragut High School teams will wait until Monday, June 1, “to make certain we’re ready to go,” Donald Dodgen, FHS athletic director, said.

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Half-century of teaching

Cheering goodbyes for popular Akins, capping 50-year career with final 17 at Concord Christian

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Concord Christian School fifth-grade teacher Jim Akins directed car-line traffic throughout the 17 years he spent at the school, so it was only fitting that a “Final Car-Line Salute” honored him as he retired last week following 50 years in the profession he described as “a calling.”

“Every single day he came to the lot and directed the traffic through,” said Stephanie Mason, marketing director for CCS. “This just seemed like the perfect way to say goodbye.”

Akins wholeheartedly agreed. “I loved it,” he said. “I always directed traffic, and because of COVID-19, we couldn’t have all gotten together.”

“I thought it was much better, the way they did it, and it was an awesome thing they did,” Akins added.

The salute was a surprise to Akins, who was greeted by dozens

of cars filled with current and former students, parents and well-wishers, many of whom began lining up more than an hour ahead of his arrival. Many decorated their cars with posters and balloons, saluting not only Akins and his five decades of teaching, but also his life-long love for the University of Tennessee, his alma mater.

“One family who came through (the line) was originally from Georgia, and they continued to be Georgia fans, even after they moved up here,” Akins said. “I always kidded them about that, but when they came through, they decorated their car with UT colors just for me.”

“What a tribute that was.” Akins also was presented with many gifts. A fellow teacher quickly rolled out a cart to gather the overflow.

“He was really an inspiration to us all,” said Melanie Smith, who teaches in the CCS preschool and

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(Above) Jim Akins, now retired Concord Christian School fifth-grade teacher, greeted students, parents and other well-wishers during his “Final Car-Line Salute” Wednesday, May 20. (Left) Trent Gibbs was among the well-wishers for the retiring Akins after 50 years as a teacher, the final 17 at CCS, during the May 20 salute.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Photos submitted courtesy of FHS librarian Emily Swearingen

Farragut High School students Kat Ferguson, left, and Samantha Garcia enjoyed the library exercise bicycles as part of the now nearly completed renovations (\$135,000), thanks primarily to fundraising by the school’s Library Committee and Education Foundation.

New \$135,000 FHS library to welcome 2020-21 students

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When students return to Farragut High School — hopefully this fall, although no official announcement has been made — they will see a brand new library thanks to a \$135,000 face-lift.

At least three years of fundraising efforts led to the refurbishing,

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Story-film duo shine nationally

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With both a passion and God-given talent to write short stories, as evidenced by having various works published in book-form in recent years, Trey Anderson also has a celebrated film background.

In fact, his full-time job at Ingles in Farragut has been the subject of one of those more celebrated short films, produced by a best friend from high school.

Dr. Jerod Hollyfield, an associate professor of Film and Communication at Carson-Newman University, got to know Trey while they were students at Farragut High School (Anderson is a 2001 graduate, Hollyfield a 2002 grad).

“He was in a lot of film projects that I made in high school,” Hollyfield said. “.... He’s a very talented actor. He was in a play that I directed in high school and just blew everybody away with his performance.”

“So I really wanted to work with him and find an avenue that would



Trey Anderson, right, and Jerod Hollyfield discussed a scene on the “Goodfriends” set in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Photo submitted courtesy of Dr. Jerod Hollyfield

allow him to shine,” he added.

Anderson “shined” professionally “about eight years ago. I made a short film that he starred in,” Hollyfield said about projects that began with the duo working at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge,

where Hollyfield earned his doctorate degree.

Though “Goodfriends,” produced in Baton Rouge, was only 10 minutes long, “We ended up playing

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Mothers Day Parade

The Villages of Farragut came up with a nice alternative to direct contact with mothers, on Mothers Day, at its senior living residence — which, of course, was due to COVID-19 concerns.

An eight-vehicle parade, which gathered in the parking lot of farragutpress, proceeded up Village Commons Blvd. to honor their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother — all Villages residents — Sunday morning, May 10.

Parade vehicles were decorated with posters, balloons and other festive markings as relatives gave enthusiastic waves, cheers and “I love you” shout-outs to their mothers, and other Villages mothers, who gathered in the front decks and porches of the facility to enjoy the attention.

The parade made three passes along the gathering of mothers and other seniors.



Melody Matney, Villages of Farragut executive director, was in the parade “pace car.”



Lisa Padgett prepares her parade vehicle to honor her mother, Connie Bucca.



Kari Smith and her son, Walker, 3, look to honor Joanna Link, Smith's grandmother and Walker's great-grandmother.



John and Chris Scurlock honored Chris' mother, Joanna Link.



Above: The Franks family makes one of its three parade passes in front of Village of Farragut seniors to honor resident Marion Franks. Her son, Peter Franks, was joined in the family's red Toyota pick-up by his wife, Sherry Franks; their daughter, Stephani; and their son, Cooper.

Above right: Jim Simpson, far left, joined his son, daughter, grandchildren and son-in-law in preparation to honor all Villages mothers on behalf of Jim's wife, Sandi Simpson, Villages resident events director (not pictured). Jim's family, from left, are his son, Graham Simpson; his daughter, Stephanie Jenkins, and her husband, Josh Jenkins, and their children, Jax, 5 (No. 16), and Eli, 3.

Right: Tamichael Brown, Villages of Farragut maintenance director, was part of the parade.



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- **Knox County Health Department has launched a COVID-19 Public Information Line**, 865-215-5555, or call toll-free at 888-288-6022, from **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday**.
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- **Annual Farragut High School Grand Reunion**, celebrated the first Saturday in May at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has been cancelled for 2020.
- **Lawn Chair Series' 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.
- **Knox County Public Library will open eight** of its 19 locations beginning **Friday, May 29** as part of the Phase Two Reopening Plan put forth by the Knox County Health Department. That includes Farragut Branch, 417 Campbell Station Road, which will resume its

- regular schedule. Each library has been fully sanitized and equipped with plexiglass sneeze shields at service counters. Available seating will be arranged to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. No public computers will be available. However, every location is equipped with Wifi. Library will isolate all returned materials for 48 hours to ensure the safe handling of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. Storytimes, other programs and meeting room use will be suspended until further notice.
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 - **Local theatres are struggling to connect with audiences** due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Flying Anvil Theatre is adapting to this challenge by offering on-line entertainment and summer camps. First up is a virtual play, "Do You Read Me?," by Katherine Funkhauser, beginning at **8 p.m., Friday, May 29**, and beginning at **3 p.m., Sunday, May 31**. Do You Read Me? is being offered as a pay-what-you-can performance, and reservations can be made now at flyinganviltheatre.com. For more information, go to flyinganviltheatre.com.
 - **Due to COVID-19, Dogwood Arts has moved** inaugural Southern Skies Music Festival to **May 15, 2021**.



Shannon Exum, left, Farragut High School Health science teacher, and Ryan Milani, assistant principal for the Class of 2022, took a break Wednesday, May 20, on a brand-new high-top desk in the school's library (also seen below), which was just one small part of a \$135,000 library renovation.
Left photo by Michelle Hollenhead/ Below photo submitted



New library

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which not only includes replacing tables and chairs from the 1980s, but also provides some exercise equipment and a new sound system.

While a recent-years fundraising Gala was presented by FHS Library Committee, additional funds have been raised over the last several years by FHS Education Foundation. Donations also were received from Faith Promise Church and the Pilot Foundation.

The furniture started being delivered in the weeks before spring break, and since the COVID-19 shutdown, the library has been transformed. New couches — some of which are built into the wall — and new chairs will give students comfortable places to study or even quietly socialize. High-top desk areas, study carrels, and both elongated and traditionally sized tables — some featuring built-in lighting options — will provide many opportunities for students to focus on school work.

FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett, who oversaw a similar transfor-

mation at Bearden High School's library during his almost decade-long tenure there, said, "We wanted to break it up, so it will feel like three separate spaces."

"We wanted to be able to have flexibility in what we are able to have in the library, including common spaces, areas for testing, and even resource space the staff could use," he added.

A new new built-in sound system "gives us a place to meet that does not echo like the Commons, and looks professional for our outside guests," Education Foundation member Holly Barrett said.

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Allstate	4	✓	15% refund	2 months				\$600M	\$35	2.50%
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whose children, Jackson and Kaylee were taught by Akins. “He was always smiling and encouraging. We were hoping that (youngest daughter) Brooklyn would get to have him, but it just wasn’t meant to be.”

Akins was honored in other ways for his milestone achievement, from being singled out during CCS’s graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 16, to being the guest of honor during a faculty send-off following the Car-Line Salute.

At CCS, he capped a career that began in Loudon County, where he was born and raised and where he still lives today with his wife, Sally Akins, to whom he has been married nearly 41 years.

Akins said simply that “God called me to be a teacher,” although a poor upbringing initially pushed him to “want to make lots of money.”

He studied engineering at UT, but during the summer between his freshman and sophomore year, Akins taught a Vacation Bible School class, which changed his life and career path.

“God worked on my heart that summer, and I changed my major to education,” he said. “The longer I taught, the more I could see how God worked in my life to place me where He wanted me, and I am so thankful for that.”

He taught in Loudon County Schools, primarily at Fort Loudoun Middle School, where he taught then served in administrative roles, including as principal for 12 years. He retired after 34 years there, then came to CCS in 2002 when he “felt God had something more for me.”

“Mr. Akins has made an eternal impact on countless children and families,” said Dawn McGuire, fellow CCS instructor. “He would



gently pat their back every time they entered and left his classroom while commenting on their smile or hair bow, letting them know that they were seen and loved.”

“One of my favorite things has always been recess,” he said. “I always played with my kids, and liked to joke I was ‘the best quarterback in the fifth grade.’ I refereed their football games and kickball games, and was the pitcher for kickball, too.

“A lot of the kids liked that, but I enjoyed it so much, too. It was my way of getting to know the kids, and spend more time with them.”

He said he is looking forward to spending time with Sally during retirement, and they have some travelling planned. The retiree also enjoys antiques, and has a booth at the Shoppes at Loudon County, so he plans to work there a few times a week.

With Jim and Sally having attended First Baptist Concord in the years since he began teaching at CCS, “It was where my heart and my work was, so it made sense to go to church there,” he said.

“I’ve had a lot of students and their parents tell me they are looking forward to seeing me there.”

(Left) Helping honor Jim Akins with a “Final Car-Line Salute” Wednesday, May 20, are Concord Christian School teachers and administrators, from left, fifth-grade teachers Angela Thaller and Debra Pedicord; kindergarten-through-8th-grade principal Leigh Ledet; and fifth-grade teacher Dawn McGuire. Akins retired last week after 50 years in the teaching profession, his final 17 at CCS.

(Below) Melanie Smith and her daughter, Brooklyn, were lined up and ready to say one last goodbye to Akins, who retired Friday, May 22.

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Trey-Jerod

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14 film festivals across the United States," he added. "And it was also a film that the Sundance Institute invited us to apply for, by 'invitation only,' because they had heard about the film. ... We played the National Film Festival in Fort Lauderdale and a bunch of festivals that were Oscar qualifiers.

"It was a pretty big success, and he was really well-received."

The film, which took "only about three days" to shoot, "Is basically about a grocery store bagger, and it's based on some of Trey's real life experiences," Hollyfield said about Anderson's starring role.

In keeping with Anderson's talents, "Trey has a story credit on the film as well," his best friend said.

"I think he's more settled on being a writer — and maybe being an extra in some of the movies here and there," the professor added about Anderson, 37. "... I think he's a very dedicated writer. ... He writes every single day."

Anderson's perspective

"I started writing short stories in the eighth grade," Anderson said. "... In high school I took creative writing classes. It taught me a lot.

"And then, when I graduated high school, I started working on books and short stories more often," he added. "And then I started looking around for publishers."

About Hollyfield, "He's given me tips and advice about different things," Anderson said.

After his first book, "Twist in the Dark," which was a collection of short stories, "I published a chil-

dren's book a few years later. ... about 70 pages," Anderson said.

Also among his works, "I've published a suspense book and a poetry book," he added.

"Becky Collins," his latest book, "Is about a runaway teenager (who), after her parents die, is a depressed teenager," Anderson said. "... It's a dark turn from there; it's a suspense.

"My first book and my latest book are on Amazon," he added.

C-N student involvement

Having an influence academically, "Last fall my video production class at Carson-Newman ended up turning one of his five-minute-long scripts into a semester-long project," Hollyfield said. "He wrote a script called 'Sarah's Mansion' that was based on a short story he published about '10 or 15 years ago.'"



Photo submitted courtesy of Dr. Jerod Hollyfield

Trey Anderson and Kara Jackson, a Franklin-based actress with Williams syndrome, in a cut scene from "Goodfriends."

"It's a five-minute short (film). The class got together and filmed it. They worked with Trey."

Latest works, goals

Though Anderson hasn't made a lot of money publishing his works, "I'm just going to keep on working at it and try to find the right pub-

lisher that will get me in that right direction," he said.

His latest short story, "Mr. Orange and the Science Project," can be obtained by e-mailing Anderson at treyandersonk@aol.com/.

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JUNE 11	JUNE 4	CAMPBELL STATION SHOPPING DISTRICT - (west side of Campbell Station Road south from I-40/75 to Kingston Pike; north side of Kingston Pike west from Campbell Station Road to Town limits)
JUNE 25	JUNE 18	FARRAGUT WEST SHOPPING DISTRICT - (south side of Kingston Pike west from Peterson to Town limits)
JULY 9	JULY 1	FARRAGUT EAST SHOPPING DISTRICT - (east side of Campbell Station Road from Sonja to Kingston Pike; north side of Kingston Pike east from Campbell Station Road to Lovell)
JULY 23	JULY 16	FARRAGUT TOWN CENTER SHOPPING DISTRICT - (south side of Kingston Pike from Peterson east to Town limits)
AUGUST 6	JULY 30	TURKEY CREEK SHOPPING DISTRICT - (north side of I-40/75; east side of Campbell Station Road from I-40/75 south to Sonja; north and south side Parkside to Town limit)

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