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‘Bubbleicious’ McFee celebration



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

(Above) Siblings Florence and Whitt Burgio enjoyed playing with bubbles during McFee Park Grand Opening festivities celebrating Phase 3 updates Saturday, June 11. (Left) Dominic Geller plays cornhole on McFee Park’s Great Lawn during Grand Opening festivities. (Below) Retiring Farragut Alderman Ron Pinchok, seated center, was honored with a park bench in his name in McFee Park Saturday, on behalf of his family, which included his wife, Debbie, standing, center. Seated, from left, are grandchildren Caroline Pinchok, Evie Galli, Miles Galli and Blake Pinchok. Also pictured are two of the Pinchok’s three sons and daughters-in-law: Jason and Shannon Pinchok, left, and Josh Pinchok and GinaRose Galli.



business

“I think it’s going to be fun to go out there and get to know the community. It’s a fun little business that my husband and I can do together, so I’m excited to get it going.”

- Kristen Salyards, co-owner of a Farragut business combining mobility and a sweet tooth. (Read story starting on page 6A)

community

“We wanted to bring the whole community together. We are all doing what we can to be there for each other and show others how to respond when their friends or peers are in need.”

- Laura Gilliard, a high school student among peers looking to bond students into a special network. (Read story beginning on page 5B)

sports

“Really, really hard-working kids. Really, really small when they were young. ...And then they grew a ton, and by the time they were seniors they were really good on the mound.”

- Matt Buckner, former coach of twins, one of whom made national news recently for a record-breaking feat. (Read story starting on page 1B)

Intersection turn-lane plans questioned: BOMA ‘got ahead of itself?’

TAMMY CHEEK

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What started as a seemingly simple Capital Outlay Program and State Street Aid budget amendments by Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, during its meeting Thursday, June 9, led to a lengthy discussion when resident Adam Atherton contested the Board’s plans to add another left-turn lane from Campbell Station, in both directions, onto Kingston Pike.

While Atherton expressed appreciation for the Town’s efforts regarding the sidewalk along Smith Road near Andover subdivision and the Board’s acknowledgement of the “traffic mess” in Farragut — “it’s going to require significant efforts between BOMA, staff, consultants and residents to get this right” — he said he had concerns about the planned improvements at the Campbell Station/Kingston Pike intersection.

“It appears to me that BOMA got ahead of itself with the decision to fund reducing a lane width (to 10 feet) and having additional left turn lanes at Kingston Pike and Campbell Station,” he said. “It may be a good idea, but I doubt it’s an ideal solution because of a lack of input from Town of Farragut residents and businesses.

“Where was the opportunity provided for residents and bus-

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McKelvey’s 35 years



Tammy Cheek

Bud McKelvey, left, Town of Farragut Public Works director, was presented with a certificate acknowledging his 35 years of service by Town administrator David Smoak during Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen’s meeting Thursday, June 9. “Bud is our longest-serving member of our team,” Smoak said.

Town biz vacancies

Roughly 80 percent occupancy ‘a positive thing:’ Povlin, Hobbs

ALAN SLOAN

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Discussing the status of vacant business space in the Town of Farragut turned into “a positive thing,” as characterized by a pair of key Town officials last week.

Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin advised her fellow members of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance she wanted to turn talk about empty business spaces in Town “into a positive thing.

“We have no more old Phillips 66 ... we have no more old Kroger-

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Sampler champ Brown finds no sand traps at Farragut Golf-Games

Kandy Brown, center, West Knoxville resident and East Tennessee Children's Hospital employee, was May winner of Shop Farragut's monthly Town SAMPLER contest. She received her winnings at Farragut Golf & Games flanked by owner Matthew Jones and front desk team member Aaron Boehm. She takes home a goodie bag with assorted paraphernalia from Farragut shops plus \$200 in gift cards and gift certificates, bringing the total to more than \$225: \$25 gift cards from Farragut Golf & Games, The Shrimp Dock, Marshalls, At Home, Men's Wearhouse and Longhorn Steakhouse, plus \$25 gift certificate from Potrillos Taquerja and Apple Cake Tea Room. A similar package is up for grabs in this month's contest at: <https://wfiv.com/contests/26/shop-farragut-june-2022>

Intro to Farragut applications accepted starting June 20; program starts Aug. 10

Applications will be accepted for the 2022 Introduction to Farragut program beginning Monday, June 20. Introduction to Farragut is a unique way to connect participants with the Town, providing information on its history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about Farragut. Residency is not required. The program begins with a reception and program kickoff at

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Hy-Vee supermarket brass to meet with citizens June 16

The public is invited to an "Open House" meeting with Hy-Vee supermarkets officials for a discussion of this Des Moines, Iowa-based supermarket chain's plans to possibly open a store in Farragut. Meeting is set from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 16, in Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

KCSO reports

• **At 1:28 p.m., Thursday, June 9, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit was dispatched to the T-Mobile store along Parkside Drive for a disturbance call.** Complainant/victim said "an unknown older white female with blonde hair, blue eyes, wearing a gray shirt caused a disturbance inside the store," a KCSO report stated. Victim said she asked the unknown suspect "to leave the store, but the suspect refused." Victim called 911, and the unknown suspect "threw a calculator toward the victim while she was on the phone with dispatch. The calculator struck the wall near the victim and broke into pieces. Victim was recording video on her cellphone during the disturbance of the suspect. The unknown suspect was seen on video walking toward a gray and orange Nissan. The victim (said) she saw a large Trump sticker on the back window of the vehicle as it drove away." Value of the calculator was listed at \$10.

At 2:02 p.m., later that day, an officer located a Nissan Kick, grey and orange in color with a large Trump sticker on the back window, in the parking lot of a Parkside Drive business. "The driver ... had blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a grey shirt sitting in the driver's seat," the report stated. Arrestee confirmed she was inside the T-Mobile store "and openly admitted

to throwing the calculator." Arrestee said she "waited over an hour inside the store for help. An argument occurred between the arrestee and the victim over replacing arrestee's cellphone." Arrestee was issued misdemeanor citations for vandalism and simple assault, with a booking date of June 23. Arrestee was issued a criminal trespass warning for all T-Mobile stores.

• **At 11:09 a.m., June 9, a victim filed a report regarding a theft, which occurred at a Singing Hills Point residence.** According to the victim, between May 26 and June 4, person(s) unknown obtained her business American Express Card number and ordered items online. Victim said the order showed the delivery address. She said the first charge was Thursday, May 26, with Build.com in the amount of \$657.52. The second charge was Friday, June 3, with Apple.com for a computer valued more than \$1,000, and the third charge was Saturday, June 4, with Build.com again, valued at \$1,574.83.

According to the victim, the first charge May 26 was processed and the order was delivered. Victim said she has a notification set-up on her American Express card to alert her when a charge is made for \$1,000 or more. According to the victim, she was able to cancel both of those orders before they were processed.

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Knee Pain: Top 5 Exercises To Eliminate Knee Pain

By - *Leading Physical Therapist, Dr. John-Mark Chesney*

This article is the first in a series on overcoming knee pain. It is Knee-Pain Awareness month at Simply Physio and as such, we wanted to help you understand more about this commonly injured joint. We're going to dive into what will be a detailed discussion about knee pain, the most common causes of pain, and effective treatment strategies!



Overall, knee pain is a bit like lower back pain: it seems like everyone has it, and not many people really understand what they can do about it. Many people are under the impression, often via trusted advice from a physician or a friend, that they "just have to live with it because they're "getting older." I could write an entire article about how much that advice riles me up, but I'll stay focused!

For now...If you've struggled with knee pain and you've heard similar advice, I think you're really going to enjoy the upcoming series of articles.

The next most important thing you should know at this point is this: when your knee hurts there is usually an alignment issue or a weakness/ tightness in your hip or foot/ ankle.

The alignment of your hip directly impacts the alignment of your knee. And if you have a weakness in your hip muscles, your knee will tend to move more towards your midline (think of being knock-kneed). Your hip alignment is also why knee pain is so much more common in females: since women tend to have wider hips, they're more knock-kneed on average to begin with. They also tend to have less muscle development in their quads, which is another factor.

Now that you understand the importance of knee and hip strength, and its relationships to controlling the alignment of the joint, let me share with you the top 5 exercises that you can try today to start improving your strength.

Top 5 Exercises for Knee & Hip Strengthening

1. **Quad Sets:** sit on the edge of your chair with your knee straight (or sit on your bed with your leg supported). Squeeze the quad muscles along the front of your thigh by pushing your knee as straight as possible. You should be able to feel and see the muscles tighten up. Hold for 10 seconds, and perform several sets of 5 reps throughout the day.

2. **Straight Leg Raises (SLRs):** lying on your back with your opposite knee bent, tighten your quad mus-

cles and lock your knee into a straight position. Then lift your leg off the ground, about 12 inches, keeping your knee locked. Repeat 2 sets of 10 reps, once a day.

3. **Side Leg Raises:** lie on your side with your bottom knee bent. Straighten out your top leg and move it back so that it's in line with your body. Keeping your pelvis rolled forward, lift your top leg towards the ceiling as far as you can comfortably. Try not to let your leg come out in front of your body. This exercise should be harder than the first 2 if you do it correctly. Repeat 2 sets of 10 reps, once a day.

4. **Clam-shells:** lie on your side with both knees bent forward and stacked on top of each other. Keeping your pelvis rolled forward and your feet touching. Lift your top knee away from the bottom one, similar to the motion of a clamshell opening. Repeat 2 sets of 15 reps, once a day.

5. **Mini-squats:** stand in front of a counter or railing, using your hands for support and balance (for safety, you can place a chair behind you). With your feet shoulder width apart, Perform a shallow knee bend. Make sure you keep your weight back towards your heels, and don't let your knees move in front of your toes (think of pushing your bottom back and hinging forward at the hips). Only go down as far as comfortable. Repeat 2 sets of 10 reps, once a day.

Since I do not know anything about your medical state or condition, please consult with your healthcare provider if you're uncertain if these exercises are appropriate for you.

All exercises should be performed comfortably and should never make your pain worse. ("no pain, no gain" **does not apply!**). These exercises should help you start to strengthen your muscles and reduce pain around the knee. **If the description of these exercises is at all confusing, you can check a video of me demonstrating them by visiting www.simplypt.com/top-5-knee-exercises/**

And if you have any difficulty with exercises, or would like more specific advice, **please feel free to reach out to me by text, phone, or email.** Next week we'll continue our discussion about knee pain and how it can lead to pain in other parts of your body. Talk to you again soon!

The author, John-Mark Chesney, is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio, in Farragut. He's happy to answer any questions about knee pain by phone or text at (865) 351-0615 or by email at john-mark@simplypt.co

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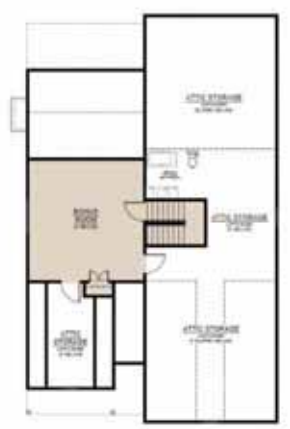
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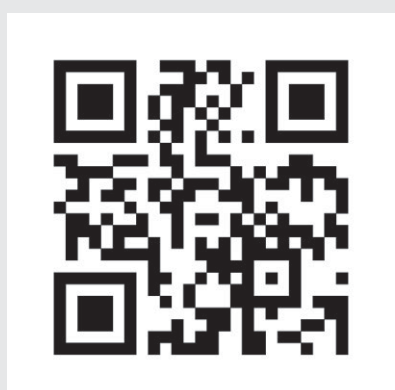
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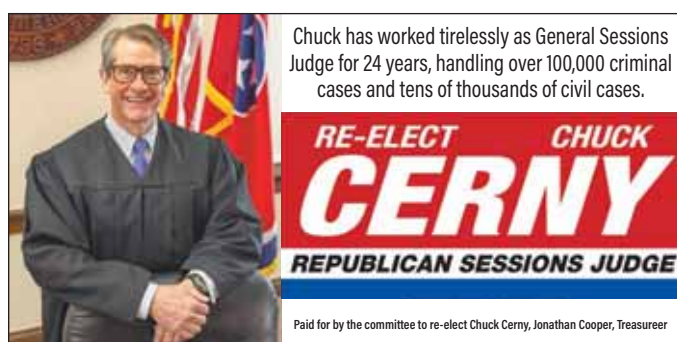
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letter to the editor

Endorsement of incumbent Town mayor

Four years ago, I met then Alderman Ron Williams when I was an HOA president advocating for a local sidewalk and crosswalk. To be candid, I was a little skeptical that Alderman Williams would be helpful because he didn't speak up for my little project.

Now, four years later, I understand. He was simply collecting information to perform his "process."

Having watched now Mayor Ron Williams over the past four years, I have learned firsthand that he is honest to a fault, competent, honorable, unbelievably hard working and has a prodigious recall of all things Farragut. Now let me explain my view of his "process."

The "process" is Mayor Williams' earnest and sincere method to evaluate each issue before him and reach an informed decision in the best interest for the whole town of Farragut. I have heard him say "I start with a blank sheet of paper with two headings, pros and cons." Let's look at a couple of examples.

Example 1— The development of the Biddle property under the "Old Kroger building": During Mayor Williams' 2018 election campaign, the leading complaint from residents was "help us get rid of our old eyesores, such as the old Kroger building, the old Ingles building, the old Texaco building," and so on. For years, Farragut had been searching for potential developers to transform the old Kroger land into a suitable development. Finally, the present ongoing commercial/housing development was proposed.

Although not a perfect fit, it met almost all of the Town objectives with less negative impacts than other proposals such as big box stores.

Mayor Williams considered the compelling voice of the people, "get rid of the eyesores," and he evaluated Farragut's fiscal needs, the long-range goals of the Town's future vision for a Town Center and for housing goals, local resident's objections, business needs, the Town's ordinances and the negative impacts compared

to other proposals for the area.

He filled out his pros and cons list with facts and evidence and performed his "process" to reach a decision in the overall best interest of the Town of Farragut. He became a supporter of the project.

Example 2— A proposed development of the Ford property, the open land adjacent to the Kohl's shopping center: Farragut received a proposal for the development of this large, commercially attractive land space. This time however, Mayor Williams had not received compelling public sentiment to develop this land, and once presented, this project received public opposition from the residents in neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the property.

In addition, the proposal did not fit with Farragut ordinances or planning documents. Once again, Mayor Williams considered the voice of the people, Farragut's fiscal needs, the Town's ordinances and so on, just as before, and with his "process" he arrived at a different conclusion. He did not support this project.

The examples above cite two of many, many issues that have come before the Town of Farragut in the last four years. Some issues had to do with residential or business developments, others with roads, a few stormwater issues, along with future planning and a myriad of other Town issues.

Each time, Mayor Williams considered the issues with facts and evidence and then performed his "process" in the best interest for the whole town of Farragut, both present and future.

Without any doubt, Farragut is fortunate to have Mayor Ron Williams working on behalf of our Town. I hope this letter helps to inform your decision for the upcoming mayoral election this August.

Jon Greene,
Farragut

Reader ask mayoral candidate for 'the details'

I am a 30-year Farragut resident and have indeed seen many changes in our community in that time. As such, I was disappointed in the letter from Bill Johns (candidate for Farragut mayor) that appeared in your June 8 issue. Mr. Johns seems to look at the dark side of the community, and, indeed, lists some community problems that I do not recognize.

Yes, traffic has become heavier with the growth of our population, but many of our roads have been significantly improved over what we had 30 years ago. Campbell Station, Smith, Grigsby Chapel, Concord, McFee and even Turkey Creek roads are far better due to major reconstruction efforts in the years I have lived in Farragut. If safety is an issue (other than that associated with increased traffic), I don't see it.

We enjoy a level of safety here in Farragut that other parts of the Knoxville metropolitan area would covet. Just look at the sparse items in the KCSO Reports column in this weekly paper to gauge.

I can't speak to the community vision, sound proactive planning and execution referred to

by Mr. Johns, as I am not an expert as he purports to be, but I do see community direction, leadership and positive results that he seems to ignore.

Three times in his letter he speaks to actions and plans that he, if elected, will implement "beginning on Day 1 of being elected." Well, Mr. Johns, I am not one to be comfortable buying a pig in a poke. If indeed you have plans to change the community, improve it, don't make us wait until that "Day 1" after you are elected. These plans should be the platform on which you run for election and should be clearly communicated in the sunup to the election.

Give us the details, and let us, the voters judge whether that is the direction we wish our community to take. Please don't ask us to buy that pig in a poke and hope all works out in the end.

If this is how you ran your two previous campaigns for mayor, then I can understand why you were not elected by the voters.

David Rea,
Farragut

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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:

- Names of individuals will not be published (including public figures).
- 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);
- Libelous and malicious comments will not be published;
 - Profanity will be edited out;
 - Comments will remain anonymous;

• This week's Presstalk (June 8 issue) had a comment from someone who was talking about all the open business space in the old Ingles shopping center, and seems to be blaming it on the Town of Farragut for not being business friendly. I think people should know that there's a good reason for a lot of vacancies in that building. It's because (an official not connected with Town of Farragut) does not return the phone calls of people who want to rent there. I have a good friend who has been trying to reach (the official) for quite some time, and (the official) will not return her phone calls. ...

• (Editor's Note: the following Presstalk caller (below) incorrectly attributes a road median problem to Town of Farragut, given the issue presented is occurring outside Town limits in Knox County, and should be addressed to those officials). I am calling about the roundabout and the new construction and the medians on Concord Road to Northshore (Drive), that's what I'm addressing. The grass is growing high and really looks ugly. I didn't understand why you put grass in the median there on Concord Road when it is not taken care of at Northshore. It's really an eyesore, and if the Town of Farragut is not able to keep it up regularly, then why do we not get it cemented in? It would look really beautiful to have flowers or something nice, but if we're not going to do that, can we take care of the eyesore?

Vacancy

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er; Ingles has been rehabbed, and all the old, ugly buildings that were decaying and decrepit are gone," she said during the Alliance's most recent monthly meeting, Wednesday, June 8, in the Town Hall Community Room. "So we have much to celebrate.

"And we have much to grow into."

"Actually, not that much to grow into," said Trevor Hobbs, assistant to the Town administrator. "There was this, I guess, feeling or perspective in the community that we have rampant vacancies throughout the Town. And that's just not the case.

"We have some vacancy in our shopping centers, but as of last summer we did an audit and we estimated about 80 percent occupancy," he added. "We're talking 20, 30 spaces that are available. Some of

those are not in our shopping centers; some of those are internal to office buildings.

"And then we did it again this spring: it was increased — occupancy had increased significantly. There's not a ton of vacancy out there, so we are moving in a good direction."

Moreover, Hobbs reminded the Board that although occupancy "is not a hundred percent," that "also was good because it allows us to recruit businesses. If someone comes to me and says, 'Hey, I want to come to Farragut,' I actually have some things (where) I can say, 'Hey, look at these options.'"

Povlin then asked Board member Jim Nixon, a Turkey Creek/Farragut Land Partner who is an expert in tenant/business relationships, "What is a good goal, generally speaking, where you are not nervous about" vacant spaces.

Nixon responded, "75, 80 percent is probably OK."



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Turn-lane issue

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nesses to provide comments on the now funded proposal?" Atherton added. "I assume BOMA is aware of the concerns to reduce lane widths at the I-40 and Campbell Station overpass. Naturally, people are concerned with safety because their car would be 2 feet closer to other cars.

"Is BOMA aware of the minimum lane widths of 11 feet for truck turning radiuses? Did BOMA fund additional turn lanes without public having the chance to be part of the discussion?"

If so, "where was the opportunity provided?" Atherton

asked. "I just want transparency. It just seems like, sometimes, BOMA is in a big hurry. They may be great ideas, but I think there needs to be a concerted effort ... to get residents' and businesses' input."

I-40/75-Campbell Station

As the budget amendment was for a traffic flow improvement project at North Campbell Station and the Interstate 40/75 interchange, the board initially focused on that project.

"We've been getting an awful lot of complaints about the traffic backing up on Campbell Station Road because of how hard it is to get underneath the Interstate and people from Hardin Valley trying to get west-

bound," Alderman Ron P i n c h o k said. "There is a fix coming, we hope, within the five to 10 years, with the new interchange, (but) we had come up with something now.

"We looked at a lot of different alternatives," he added. "There wasn't much we could do — it's just so narrow. We had to get a second turn lane ... it's just a short-term fix with hopefully a long-term fix coming down the road."



Povlin

"There's been a lot about the 10-foot lanes," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. "Given the limited opportunities we have there with the bridges and seeing that there was space there, we worked with our engineers to work through this, and we're in the design process.

"If we could not put that lane in and be safe, we would not do it," Povlin added. "This project was discussed in public-noticed meetings.

"It was on the agenda; there are drawings. There were opportunities for people to come in and give their input."

Regarding the Campbell Station/Kingston Pike improvements, Town administrator David Smoak said it is on the

CIP for the 2023 fiscal year starting July 1.

"What happens at that point is it gets put in the budget, and during the next fiscal year, staff will work toward getting a design and plan for the project that would come to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen," Smoak said. "People can make comments at that time."

"All we have funded is the right-of-way and design. The construction will be funded the following year," he added.

The Board voted unanimously to approve, on second reading, increasing the CIP fund by \$17,538, a \$250,000 increase to the Campbell Station Road/I-40 improvements and \$67,538 for McFee Park Phase 3.

Intro to Farragut

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Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10. Class dates are the following Wednesdays: Aug. 18 and 31, Sept. 14 and 28 and Oct. 12. Classes begin at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and will last about two hours.

Graduation will be held at 6 p.m., Oct. 19, in Farragut Community Center.

Participants can choose an optional tour day of the Town, with Town administrator David Smoak Sept. 23.

Program requirements include attending the kickoff re-

ception, at least four of the five classes, one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (second and fourth Thursdays of each month), one Municipal Planning Commission meeting (third Thursday of each month) and completing at least four volunteer hours at Farragut Primary School.

Up to 20 participants will be selected. Accepted applicants will be notified within 10 days of the application deadline, which is 4 p.m. Friday, July 22.

Register at townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut, in person at Town Hall or by e-mail to Jennifer Hatmaker at jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org.

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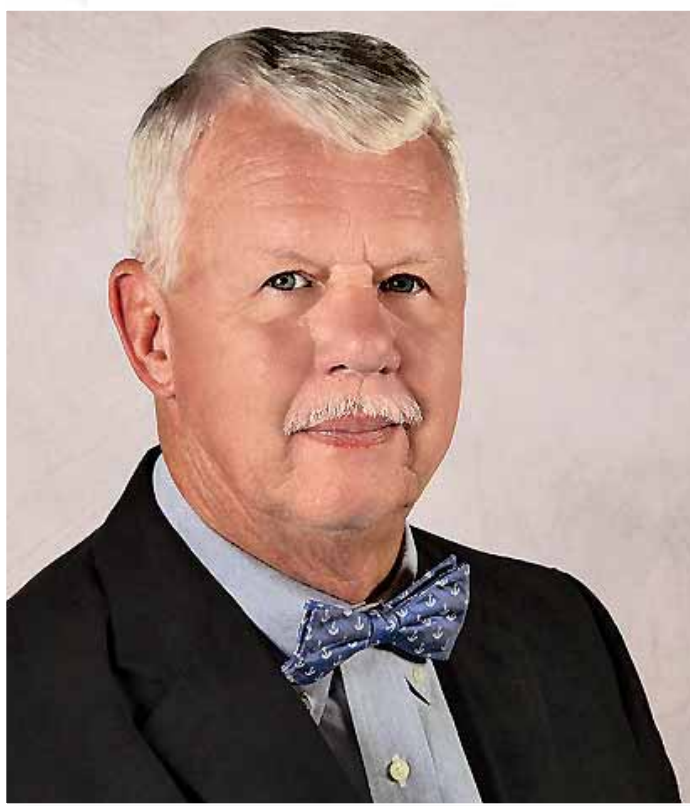
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‘My happy place,’ The Shoppes at Homespun, celebrates 30 years

biz briefs

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Nestled between Fresh Market and the former Steinmart in Village Green shopping center, The Shoppes at Homespun has endured as a “happy place” for the Farragut community for 30 years.

To mark that milestone, owner Beverly Sellars is celebrating with an anniversary event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, and from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at the shop, 11523 Kingston Pike, featuring a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., June 24, with food vendors and sales discounts.

Along the storefront, the community can expect to find tents and tables laden with vendors’ merchandise, and she is planning craft demonstrations.

“Everything inside and outside will be at least 10 percent off with many vendors offering higher discounts,” Sellars said.

Bunnz food truck will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, and Snow Daddy’s food truck will be at the shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

“We’re going to have hidden discounts throughout the store,” she added.

Since the 30th anniversary gift traditionally is pearls, “We’re going to hide oyster shells with small faux pearls and another prize” inside the shells, Sellars said.

“We have little pieces of paper in the shell telling customers what the prize is. And we’ll have door prizes and serve cupcakes each day,” she added.

About the business operating for 30 years, “I actually think it’s amazing,” Sellars said. “As things have come and gone, Homespun has always been a constant.



Tammy Cheek

Beverly Sellars, who has owned The Shoppes at Homespun for the past 13 years, is marking the shop’s 30 years in operation with a celebration event June 24 through June 26 at Homespun, 11523 Kingston Pike, in Village Green shopping center.

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“I guess the thing I enjoy most is when a customer comes in and is just in awe and says, ‘This is my happy place ... I love this store,’” she added.

“That makes me feel really good, really proud.”

Another thing Sellars said she enjoys is

meeting new vendors.

“They become friends and we become like a family,” she said. “We’ve made some special relationships.

“I truly believe it’s due to the loyal customers and the quality of our vendors,”

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• Paul Leaf recently joined The Christman Company, a construction, management and real estate development firm, as senior superintendent. He brings with him extensive construction leadership expertise to deliver projects within expectations.



Leaf

• Langston Dailey, an architectural student working at Barber McMurry, recently won first prize in Lyceum Fellowship, which comes with \$12,000 for three months studying abroad. The Lyceum Fellowship is an international design competition. Each year, it holds a student-only competition, convening a jury of industrial professionals and bestowing a travel grant upon a winning entrant.



Dailey

• Sheila Mayes and R. Scott Smith Jr. recently joined Weichert Realtors-Advantage Plus, 10160 Parkside Drive, as agents.

Mobile mini doughnuts made by Town couple for community’s special events

TAMMY CHEEK
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Farragut residents Carl and Kristen Salyards recently have taken their mini doughnut business on the road with a mobile “shop,” Madnbo’s.

“It’s hard to beat a fresh doughnut,” Carl said. “It is really a joy to be in the trailer and watch the community come out and eat fresh doughnuts, and it’s hard to eat just one.

“We have powdered doughnuts, we have plain doughnuts and we have cinnamon doughnuts,” he added.

The Salyards take their food truck to special events, such as weddings, graduation par-

ties and much more.

“I think it’s going to be fun to go out there and get to know the community,” Kristen said. “It’s a fun little business that my husband and I can do together, so I’m excited to get it going.”

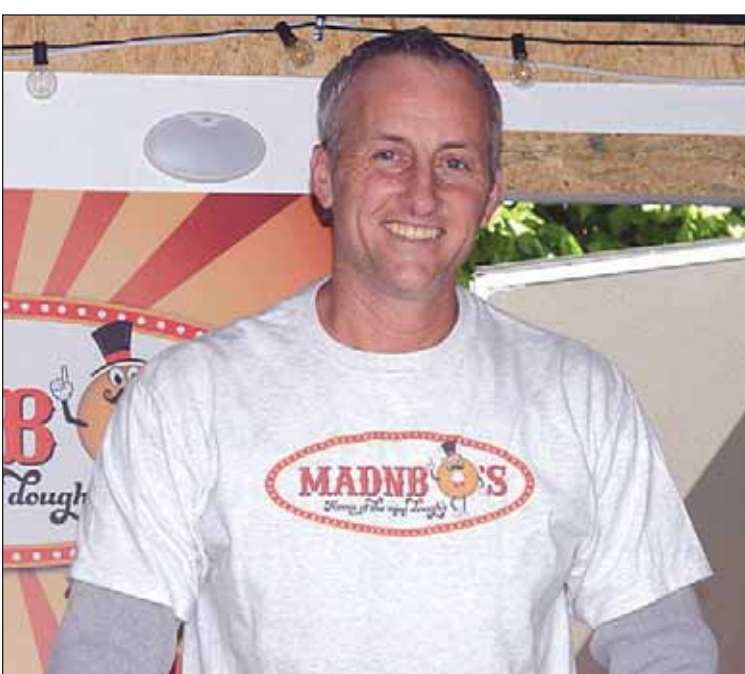
“We make the doughnuts, and we’ll do a bar so people can put their own toppings on them — chocolates, caramel and whipped cream and other

different toppings,” Carl said.

The business’ name is a combination of the Salyards’ two children, Madison and Bowen. When not taking their trailer to events, Carl is a full-time service supervisor at Cintas, a uniform company, and Kristen is a nurse practitioner.

“The mobile business will be something we do on week-

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Tammy Cheek

Madnbo’s co-owner Carl Salyards is ready to serve up mini doughnuts, which customers can customize with toppings, for special events in his food truck/trailer.



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Dr. Richards received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Roseman University College of Dental Medicine in South Jordan, Utah, and went on to serve as a Captain in the United States Army Dental Corps. This experience has allowed him to focus on high-quality, family-oriented, multi-disciplinary and comprehensive dental care for his patients.

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Tammy Cheek

Nancy Davis, left, and Vicki Drane enjoyed refreshments during The Shoppes at Homespun's Brunch & Browse event in the shop, 11523 Kingston Pike in Village Green shopping center, Friday, May 6.

Homespun

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Sellers added. "We have vendors who are very talented. I realize without the vendors and the customers, Homespun would not be here."

Currently, the Farragut store has about 60 vendors offering "something different, something new all the time," she said.

It carries a plethora of items: handmade crafts, antiques, unique home decors and artworks, jewelry, clothing and accessories and gift items.

"We have a lot of seasonal decors, and we always have a lot of everyday home decors," Sellars said. "There are some Civil War items. We carry Di-

xie Belle and Fusion paints, collectibles and lots of vintage and farmhouse decors and primitives."

Sellars is the third owner of the shop, having bought it in May 2009 from the second owner, Gene Wessel. The shop, with its 9,000 square feet housing vendors of antiques and crafts, first opened its doors in 1992.

"After my kids all went to college, I started making jewelry and rented a booth (at Homespun) to sell my jewelry, then I became an employee a couple days a week for about two years," the new owner recalled. "I decided I wanted to open a store like this."

At the time, Sellars thought the idea of starting such as

business was too expensive, but Wessel mentioned he wanted to sell Homespun.

"I felt like that was the best opportunity since it was already established," she said. "I had had this store for five years before opening up my second store (at 1410 Sevierville Road) in Maryville.

"I kept having people in Blount County request another store there," Sellars added. "We just thought about it a lot and decided we would give it a try. It's been very good."

The Farragut location is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. For more information, call 865-671-3444, visit www.theshoppesathomespun.com or Facebook.

Madnbo's

From page 6A

ends," Carl said. "Typically, (special events) don't happen during the day or weekdays.

"We will be able to take care of anybody who has special events going on," he added.

The idea for the business emerged from a "need for something different," Carl said. "We wanted to have something we could offer to the community. You see full-sized doughnuts everywhere — shops on every

corner — but you don't see mini doughnuts."

In addition, "there're ice cream trucks; there're food trucks, as far as tacos and barbecue, but there're no doughnut trucks," he added. "As long as we're providing a different alternative for snacks for the community, hopefully we're doing lots of weddings, graduation parties and corporate events."

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Due to the parade, Kingston Pike will be closed on Monday, July 4, from Concord Road to Boring Road from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon. Kingston Pike will re-open to Campbell Station Road approximately 15 minutes after the last parade participant has gone through the intersection. Kingston Pike will fully re-open once all participants are off the road.

PARADE DETOURS:

- NORTH SIDE: Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east)
- SOUTH SIDE: Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Concord Road to Kingston Pike (going east). S. Campbell Station Road will be open to the private road just south of Kingston Pike for access to the bank, post office, etc. (after 9:15 a.m.)
- FREEDOM RUNS: S. Campbell Station Road from Kingston Pike to Brooklawn Boulevard and Municipal Center Drive will be closed from 8:30-9:15 a.m.



FWKCC celebrates members with ribbon cutting, networking



Tammy Cheek

Stretch Fusion LLX Health Spa, 11533 Kingston Pike, celebrated its opening with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-hosted ribbon cutting Wednesday, May 11. Attending the event included co-owners, Suzanne Becker, sixth from left, beside husband/co-owner Chad Becker (with scissors); Tara Breland with son, Kashus, third from left; and Bearden Stretch Fusion co-owners Robin Cox, fifth from right, and husband, Shane Cox, fourth from right. Others attending included Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, fourth from right, and a host of FWKCC members.



Tammy Cheek

Stephanie Erb, left, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce ambassador and Childhelp annual gift officer, is one of the FWKCC members greeted by JCPenney general manager Michelle Austin during a Chamber networking hosted by JCPenney in Farragut, 11534 Parkside Drive, Thursday, May 26.



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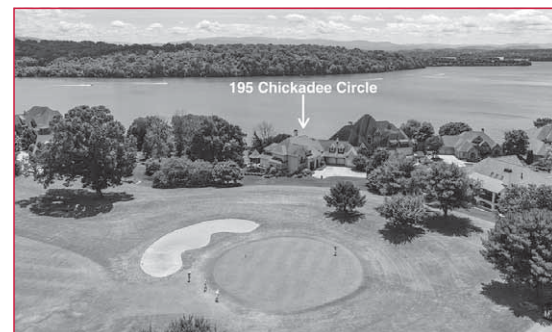
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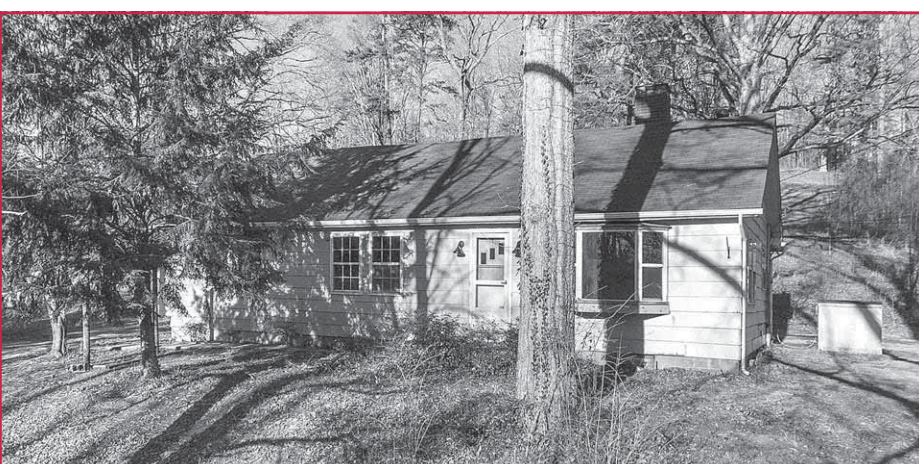
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From 5-foot-5 to 105.5: Joyce

Former FHS standout grows, sets college baseball mph pitch record

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

When Farragut High School baseball head coach Matt Buckner first encountered Ben Joyce, little did he imagine he was looking at a kid who might be a Major League pitcher.

Making national news a few years after his playing days as a Farragut Admiral, Joyce became a college baseball record-breaking relief pitcher for a Tennessee Vols team ranked No. 1 in the nation for a majority of the 2022 season.

Even less did Buckner know that on May 1 against Auburn in UT's Lindsey Nelson Stadium, Joyce threw the fastest recorded pitch in the history of college baseball — 105.5 mph — the second fastest in the history of the game, including the Major Leagues.

“Actually, I didn't know until after (the game) ...,” Joyce said about his 105.5 mph record while helping the Vols win the game, and the series, versus Auburn. “It's crazy to think about afterwards. I tried not to think about it during the game.”

“I met them (Joyce and his twin brother, Zach Joyce) when they were in middle school,” Buckner said. “Really, really hard-working kids. Really, really small when they were young.”

However, “They really weren't all that good when they were young,” the Admirals coach added with a laugh. “And then they grew a ton, and by the time they were seniors they were really good on the mound.”

Joyce added another record



Photo courtesy of UT Sports Information

Ben Joyce, former Farragut Admirals pitcher (Class of 2018), fires plateward as a Tennessee Volunteers reliever during his college baseball record-breaking 105.5 mph pitch season, helping UT attain the nation's No. 1 rank it held for much of the '22 campaign.

on a huge stage late last week.

Though the Vols' season came to an end Sunday, June 12, in the Super Regionals at home versus Notre Dame, in the first game Friday night, June 10, Joyce pitched three-and-a-third innings in relief, giving up just two hits and no runs.

In so doing, he threw 29 pitches clocked at 101 mph or faster. No pitcher in baseball history has ever done that.

For the season, Joyce threw

32.1 innings (2-1 record), compiling a 2.23 earned-run average (eight earned runs) with 53 strikeouts and just 14 walks and 18 hits allowed.

Growth, then Walters State

As for needing to grow, when Joyce entered FHS as a freshman in 2014, he was, to put it mildly, not an imposing prospect.

He stood 5-feet-5 and weighed 100 pounds.

But by the time Joyce graduated in 2018, he stood more

than 6 feet tall. He's currently 6-foot-5.

Joyce played mostly his junior and senior years in high school because of some injuries.

“Senior year he pitched a good bit ... did a good job,” Buckner said.

However, “He wasn't, like, your high-level prospect that was going to an SEC school,” he added. “He went to Walters State (Community College). There he emerged as a pros-

pect to go to Tennessee.”

According to Buckner, his velocity started to approach triple digits at Walters State.

After two years at WSCC, Joyce transferred to UT but missed all of his first season there because of an injury requiring Tommy John surgery.

Major League chances

Tennessee head coach Tony Vitello believes Joyce's ability to throw the high heat gives

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Photo submitted

Flight Two winners of the Westgate Christian Fellowship Golf Tournament, from left, were David Mayberry and his son, Nathan Mayberry; and Houston Mountain and his father, Brian Mountain.

\$6,000+ for Convoy of Hope at 1st WCF Golf Tournament

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Westgate Christian Fellowship, 416 N. Campbell Station Road, sponsored a Golf Tournament for Convoy of Hope Friday, June 10, raising more than \$6,000.

Inaugural WCF Golf Tournament was held at Patriot Hills Golf Club in Jefferson City, with 45 golfers participating. Pastor Mark Steinbach, lead pastor at Westgate Christian, told those at the tournament, “We really want to thank all of the wonderful sponsors that helped make this tourna-

ment a success, as well as the golfers, volunteers and Patriot Hills for their help and support.”

Bruce Headley, a lead representative for Convoy of Hope, attended the tournament. “Convoy of Hope not only provides disaster relief around the world, but they also provide over 450,000 meals for children, assistance in Ukraine, empowering women as entrepreneurs, teaching better agricultural skills, providing clean water and much more,” Headley said. “I invite you to

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Flight One winners of the Westgate Christian Fellowship Golf Tournament, from left, were Pete Wolfenbarger, Jake Gardner, Jeremy Bailey and Daniel Stiles.



Pastor Mark Steinbach, left, lead pastor at Westgate Christian Fellowship, and Matt Jackson were directors of inaugural WCF Golf Tournament, which raised more than \$6,000 for Convoy of Hope Friday, June 10, as 45 golfers participated at Patriot Hills Golf Club in Jefferson City.

WCF fundraiser

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go to www.convoyofhope.org, and see all that this ministry is doing in the U.S., and around the world.” Plans already are under way

for the 2023 WCF Golf Tournament, which will be held at one of the Knoxville area golf courses.

For more information about Convoy of Hope, or about the 2023 tournament, contact Steinbach at 865-392-1101.

Joyce

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him a good chance to make a Major League roster. “I don’t want to tell scouts how to do their job, but I hope whoever drafts Ben will give

him an opportunity to be a starter,” Vitello said May 14. “I think he can do it.”

Buckner said of Joyce’s likelihood to be a successful pro, “Hardest thrower in the history of college baseball, so I’d say pretty good.”

Final look: '22 h-school spring

Irish baseball 3rd in II-AA state

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Though it fell short of winning a state title, Knoxville Catholic High School’s baseball team had its best post-season finish under seventh-year head coach Caleb Moore.

The Fighting Irish (26-14) ended the season third at the Division II-AA State Tournament in Murfreesboro.

Junior Daniel Parris, a Mr. Baseball finalist and Tennessee Vols commit, played both shortstop and pitched. He led the team in home runs and RBI while hitting above .400 for the season.

“He did really, really well for us,” Moore said. “He pitched a complete game against Briarcrest (a 5-2 road win in the substate best-of three series), then turned right around and pitched a complete game shut-out against Lipscomb (3-0 in the state tourney).”

Other top KCHS players this year, according to Moore, were junior centerfielder Ian Hubbard, who missed the state tournament, and senior outfielder Nate Breeden.

“He had a really good series (at state) and played really well down the stretch,” Moore said of Breeden.



Alan Sloan

In accepting his 2022 Farragut High Sports Hall of Fame Service Award, Ralph Skinner, the “Voice of FHS baseball,” also was part of honoring 2021 Service Award honoree, the late Ray Watson, whose volunteer service heavily involved his work supporting FHS Lady Admirals softball. Because Mr. Watson’s award was not part of an in-person ceremony last year due to COVID-19, his daughter, Cathy Riesen, helped to “combine” the honors by presenting this year’s award to Skinner during the April 23 ceremony in FHS Commons. “This award is given in honor of four men who epitomized service to Farragut High School — (the late) Clyde Floyd, Glen Darnbush, Charlie Harmon and Tucker Schmollinger ...,” ceremony emcee Erik Gerhardt announced.

Young CAK boys tennis reached II-A final four

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Christian Academy of Knoxville’s boys tennis team this year was young. To put it mildly.

The top four single players were a sophomore, two freshmen and an eighth-grader.

Despite the youth, CAK still made it to the Division II-A State Tournament in late May. “Considering that we’re so young, the team exceeded my expectations,” head coach Mike Davis said.

CAK won its District 1 East Region in the regular season, then defeated Silverdale 4-0 in

a post-season regional. In the Sectional round, CAK beat Westminster Academy, Memphis, 4-1.

The Warriors’ two individual wins, despite a 4-2 state semifinal team loss to University School of Jackson, came at No. 1 singles from freshman Quinn Campbell, 6-7, 6-0, 6-3; and senior David Cotton at No. 5 singles, 6-3, 7-5. “Quinn played one his best matches of the year against USJ,” Davis said. “He had a great finish.” Cotton, meanwhile, “has gotten better every year.”

Sophomore Hayden Brady played No. 2 singles, eighth-grader Caleb Climer played No. 3 and freshman Sam Duzan was No. 4.

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FHS's McFall earns 4-year \$20k Rotary scholarship

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Recent Farragut High School graduate Esther McFall was among four Rotary Club of Knoxville scholarship recipients honored during the organization's Tuesday, June 7, regular meeting.

McFall, along with recent Powell High School graduate Regan Wright (winner of the Townes L. Osborn Scholarship) and recent Grace Christian Academy graduate Noah Bruhin each received a four-year \$2,000 Robert and Diana Samples Community School of the Arts Scholarship to recent West High graduate Joshua Washington, according to a Rotary Club of Knoxville press release.

McFall graduated from Farragut High School with

a 3.97 GPA and a 29 on the ACT. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, where she will study environmental science. McFall's family has spent a lot of time enjoying nature, and she is interested in clean air and water projects and preserving safe habitats for wildlife, the release stated.

She is the ninth of 10 children. Two of her older siblings were awarded Rotary college scholarships in Aiken, South Carolina and her father recently retired from the Department of Energy after 40 years of employment.

Additionally, McFall is described as being "very handy around her house and neighborhood," the re-



McFall

lease continued. "She takes care of her family's and her neighbor's yards and she recently replaced her father's car's passenger side view mirror."

McFall also has been actively involved in youth ministry at her church and at church camps and has devoted many hours of community service to her local library and her church's food pantry. McFall was her school's girls' cross country team captain, and she has been involved in a stagecraft class that allowed her to create theatrical space designs.

Jennifer Sepaniak, who chairs RCK's Scholarship Awards Committee, said, "This year we reviewed 31 scholarship applications.

"We are very pleased to be able to award scholarships to such worthy young people."

Founded in 1915, RCK is among the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in Tennessee.



Photo submitted

Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Guannan Zhang and Elizabeth Herndon were two of three selected to receive Department of Energy's Early Career Research Awards.

DOE clean energy research awards earned by locals

STAFF REPORTS

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The Department of Energy's Office of Science has selected three Oak Ridge National Laboratory scientists for Early Career Research Program awards, including two from the Farragut area: Guannan Zhang and Elizabeth Herndon.

"These ORNL researchers exemplify the groundbreaking work done by DOE to advance clean energy technologies and scientific discovery," ORNL director Thomas Zacharia said. "Supporting these scientists as they begin their careers will have a lasting impact on ORNL's and the nation's research efforts in critical fields."

Zhang, a computational mathematician in the Computer Science and Mathematics Division, was selected by the Advanced Scientific Computing Research Program for his proposal, "Advanced Uncertainty Quantification Methods for Scientific Inverse Problems."

"Zhang's research will address ... challenges in inverse sampling by building deep neural networks, a type of artificial intelligence," an ORNL press release stated. "... Ultimately, the networks will improve efficiency and ac-

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Michelle Hollenhead

Talent show's skillful youngsters

Nazaket Oguz played "Gavotte" on her violin, one of many young students performing during Farragut Intermediate School's Talent Show Thursday, May 12, in Farragut Middle School's Bobby Henry Gymnasium. More than two dozen performances also included piano playing, singing, authentic Indian dance and Hip Hop — and even animation and a comedy routine. (See related photos on page 6B)

Xperience Tour set for Faith Lutheran

XPERIENCE Tour, a popular Christian Youth group spreading God's message at a number of stops, is scheduled to stop in Farragut early next week. The group will visit Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd., for a multi-media, youth-led presentation of music, testimony and skits starting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 20. The event is free and open to the public.

Photo/graphic submitted



Outdoor Summer Music area events announced

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As temperatures have increased, so have the live music options in and around Farragut.

Summer listings

The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek offers its **Summer Nights Music** series on alternating Thursdays, with the next event from 6 to 9 p.m., June 16, and continuing July 7, July 21 and Aug. 4.

Concerts are located on the outdoor patio portion of the development, near the newly-opened Nike store.

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• From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 25, East Tennessee Historical Society will host “Canada Day” at the Museum of East Tennessee History.

Canada Day is an opportunity to celebrate when Canada came to the 1982 World’s Fair. “The Canada Pavilion was fun for all, and we want to thank our neighbors to the North for being part of the World’s Fair. Join us as we travel to Canada by way of Knoxville,” a press release stated.

Family friendly games, trivia, and prizes will be offered with special appearances by the Knoxville Ice Bears and the American Museum of Science and Energy. To wrap-up the day, a Canada Day puppet show is set for 1 p.m. for children and families.

Canada Day is one of several “community days” with free admission to the Museum of East Tennessee History throughout the summer, sponsored by Tennessee Valley Authority.

• **Knoxville Opera Guild’s Annual Signature Martini, “A Midsummer Night’s Martini,”** will be performed from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, June 25, at 5105 Holston Hills Road in Knoxville.

Tickets are \$150; Sponsorships are available.

Music performances by Knoxville Artists including Soprano Jaqueline Brecheen and tenor Tim Pope, under the artistic direction of Maestro Brian Salesky. Momentum Dance Lab, Kukuly and the Gypsy Fuego also are featured. Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, June 21.

• **Flying Anvil Theatre,**

1300 Rocky Hill Road in Bearden, is preparing to present “A Kid Like Jake” from Thursday, June 16, through Sunday, June 26. Tickets start at \$27 for adults and \$15 for students, and can be purchased at www.flyinganviltheatre.com. The play tells the story of parents Alex and Greg as they attempt to navigate enrolling their 4-year old into the competitive New York City kindergarten landscape. Jake has an affinity to take on the role of “princess” during playtime, and matters are complicated when he starts showing aggressive behaviors at school interviews.

• **Knox Area Rescue Ministries presents its 2nd Annual KARM Pickleball Tournament Saturday, July 16,** at the Pavilion of Pickleball, 685 Racquet Club Way in Knoxville. All proceeds from the event will support the men, women and children seeking shelter and safety, hope and restoration through ministry services.

KARM’s tournament format will be round-robin play for doubles. Registration is \$50 for your first division. If eligible, you may add on any other division for only \$20. There are 12 divisions to compete in with each first- and second-place winners taking home a cash prize.

Sponsorships with team options are also available for a limited time. For more information and/or to register, contact Mark Roberts at 865-230-3398 or visit mroberts@karm.org.

• **Eight performances of**

the Tony-award winning musical farce “Something Rotten!” will be presented by Tennessee Valley Players through Sunday, June 19, in Ula Love Doughty Carousel Theatre on the University of Tennessee campus, 1714 Andy Holt Ave.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening June 9 through Saturday, June 11, and also beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening Thursday, June 16, through Saturday, June 18. Sunday performance begins at 3 p.m., June 19.

An annual summer collaboration between TVP and the University of Tennessee School of Music Chorale, these performances return after a two-year hiatus.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office as early as 45 minutes prior to the show or online through Eventbrite. Prices are \$25 ages 12 and up, and \$15 for ages 11 and under.

• **A free Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic for pre-screened individuals,** which is sponsored by Knoxville Bar Association and the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in partnership with Legal Aid of East Tennessee, begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 25, in the Public Defender’s Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville.

The clinic will be available to qualified individuals in Knox, Blount, Loudon and Sevier counties. Attorneys will volunteer to discuss clients’ situations and options.

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President’s List, Dean’s List, graduates from Farragut told

President’s List

• Four students from Farragut have been named to the Winter 2022 President’s List at Southern New Hampshire University as full-time undergraduate students (12 credits) earning a minimum grade-point average of 3.7: Cameron Santos-Silva, Todd Thomson, Mackenzie Arlington and Anna Reese.

Graduates/Dean’s List

• Five students from Farragut have achieved Dean’s List honors at Belmont University for Spring 2022 semester based on a minimum course load of 12 hours (exclusive of audit and pass/fail courses this semester) with a minimum quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C (inclusive of audit, pass/fail courses and zero-credit courses): Franke Bugarino, Molly Deakins, Elizabeth Phillips, Olivia Feiten and Joshua Whited.

• Edmond Ceausu of Farragut, a recent graduate of University of the Cumberland who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and information technology, joined Robert Wilkinson of Farragut as Dean’s List honorees for Spring 2022 semester at the Williamsburg, Kentucky, university.

• Madison Buchter of Farragut recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in supply chain management from the College of Charleston (South Carolina).

• Jonathan Buchanan of Farragut recently earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

• Katherine Lin and Loralai Stevenson of Farragut earned Dean’s List honors at Lee University in Cleveland (Bradley County) during Spring 2022 semester. Dean’s List recognition is earned by full-time students with a semester grade-point average between 3.7 and 4.

• John Timm and Shelby Justice of Farragut have been named to Samford University’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

DOE awardees

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curacy while solving inverse sampling problems relevant to DOE research.”

Herndon, a senior Research & Development staff member in the Environmental Sciences Division, was selected by the Biological and Environmental Research program for her proposal, “Biogeochemical Controls on Phosphorus Cycling in Urban-influenced Coastal Ecosystems.”

“Coastal river deltas, home to more than 300 million people worldwide, are experiencing significant degradation and erosion as a result of human activities,” the release stated.

“This, in conjunction with

chronic sea level rise, has made low-lying coastal communities more vulnerable to the effects of flooding and increased salinization,” the release added. “The Louisiana Gulf Coast, for example, has experienced significant land loss as a result of urban flood prevention measures.”

“... Herndon’s research will examine how flooding by freshwater and seawater affect interactions between the nutrient phosphorus and the elements iron and manganese in coastal river deltas in order to improve predictive modeling capabilities.”

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Rival schools drawn to FHS Squad's Hope & Health Fair

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Farragut High School's Hope Squad hosted its first Hope and Health Fair Monday, May 9, an event drawing students and community members from Farragut, Hardin Valley and Bearden.

"We wanted to bring the whole community together," said FHS Hope Squad president Laura Gilliard, who noted the event was held the week following "Hope Week," which promoted a variety of mental health options and ideas.

"We are all doing what we can to be there for each other and show others how to respond when their friends or peers are in need."

About a dozen local organizations and agencies set up booths at the fair, including Shoreline Church, Tennessee Department of Children's Services, Metro Drug Coalition, University of Tennessee Center for Financial Wellness and FHS's Future Farmers of America.

A student and mental health expert panel, consisting of Hope Squad members Kate Ford and Howie Sentell, along with Cristina Moorehead of Insightful Journey Therapy and Caitlyn Ensley, of Mental Health Associates of East Tennessee, took questions from moderator Emily Hager, a Farragut High School alumna who now works with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network.

Ensley noted the prevalence of anxiety among teenagers.

"It is so common," she said. "A lot of times, people might see it as a 'good thing,' or a 'personality trait,' but it can be a cause of significant distress."

Moorehead said a variety of resources can help

See HOPE-HEALTH FAIR on Page 9B



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

(Top) Student director Turner Matthews of Shoreline Church, seated, represented the church during the May 9 Hope & Health Fair, along with church members, standing from left, Ocean Edwards, Carly Akins and brothers, Will and Banks Duncan. (Above left) Hope Squad members Kate Bruce, left, and Molly DeFranco helped welcome guests. (Above right) Star Starks from Girl Talk Inc. manned one of about a dozen booths in the Farragut High School gymnasium. (Left) Emma Helton of FHS Future Farmers of America Club holds Brownie the bunny.



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(Right) Farragut Intermediate School third-grade teacher Niki Adams led her class in a group performance to the country music song "Fancy Like" to close out Farragut Intermediate School Talent Show Thursday, May 12, in Farragut Middle School's Bobby Henry Gymnasium. Talent was displayed in more than two dozen performances, from piano playing and singing to authentic Indian dance, Hip Hop, animation and a comedy routine.

(Below) Ruthie Burnette, who sang "Rolling in the Deep," was among several singers who performed. (See related photo on page 3B)



Another vocalist was Eva Quesenberry, who sang "In My Own Little Corner."



Meera Mehta performed an authentic Indian dance. Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

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(Above right) Nicholls, right, is pictured with fellow volunteer Jane Bolus with just a few of the plants that were available for sale.

(Top) Sisters Caroline Dabbs, left, and Amelia Dabbs enjoyed making paper flowers and other crafts during Posies for the Pantry activities.

(Above) Mindy Houlihan of Bound and Determined Journals, shows off one of her handmade journal options she was selling to help benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry.



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'Dr. Al' conjures magic from science for area libraries

Hazari still going strong after 30 years

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For the past 20 years, retired University of Tennessee chemistry professor, Dr. Al Hazari, has been entertaining — while educating — children of all ages with science in Knox County Public Libraries. His local science outreach has lasted more than 30 years.

Hazari, co-owner of Postal Annex with wife, Marcelle, in Cedar Bluff, is bringing the wonder of science with a "chemistry magic show" to county library branches now through June 30.

"It may look like magic, but we know they are actually science," Hazari said. "Basically, I share simple science activities with anybody. The audience could be toddlers all the way to grandparents."

"You want to improve the science literacy of the public," he added. "I do it in such a way that I always connect everyday life activities with science."

For example, when Hazari talks about density, he shows, in the kitchen, how oil and water do not mix in a salad dressing.

"That's something they can connect to," he said. "It's not totally out of context or experience ... I connect science with daily stuff so they say, 'Ah, this is science.'"

"We have science all around us," Hazari added. "We have science every day, and the last thing I stress is 'everybody can do science.'"

"At the end of the presentation, everyone walks away with a little booklet that has some science activities the parents, the grandparents or siblings can do with the kiddies. Everybody learns and has fun."

There were no presentations for the past couple of years because of COVID, but he said the Harriman Public Library did have some shows the past two summers.

"I actually branch out to other communities," Hazari said.

He started with the library summer presentations 20 years ago when he was asked by the library system to do them after learning about him from schools and a reading festival, which Knox County Libraries hosts every year at the downtown World's Fair Park, where Hazari usually does two to three presentations.

"The public library's summer reading program starts in May at the festival," Hazari said. Then, Hazari visits libraries with his science magic shows.

"I love the ones that are close, but I also love the ones farther away ... you go all the way to Mascot, for example, or Coryton," he added. "You don't see much action in the libraries there. It's not just in the city of Knoxville, it goes beyond."

While Hazari retired seven years ago from UT, he had been a chemistry professor for 45 years. Prior to UT, he was at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi.

"I came to UT in 1991 to teach chemistry, and that is the same year I started my science outreach program to the community, to the schools," he said. "I have been working, over the years, with teachers, students, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, public libraries, The Muse, the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, and I go to assisted living centers to do some science programs for the elderly."

"They enjoy themselves," Hazari added about the seniors. "They have fun with some simple activities."

Hazari also does science birthdays. "I can do anybody's birthday," he said. "Most of my demonstrations do not require elaborate equipment or chemicals. (The experiments) can be duplicated at home with some simple grocery store-type substances."

Planner

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Dr. Al Hazari, retired University of Tennessee chemistry professor and co-owner of Postal Annex, demonstrates the "magic" of science during a presentation at a Knox County Public Libraries summer reading kick-off festival last month at the World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville. Every summer, Hazari conducts similar science demonstrations at libraries throughout the region.

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(Above) Making up a Hope & Health Fair discussion panel were, from left, Cristina Moorehead of Insightful Journey Therapy, Caitlyn Ensley of Mental Health Associates of East Tennessee and Farragut High School Hope Squad members Kate Ford and Howie Sentell. (Left) Asheton Casey of the Metro Drug Coalition was among the booth participants (Below left) Jennifer Walker and Michael Bowling of Tiger-Rock Martial Arts demonstrate a defensive pose.

Hope-Health Fair
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both parents and teens to address issues, long before needing to seek professional help. "But by the time it comes to us, sometimes situations are really far gone, so it's really good to use the resources available to help teens be able to talk about what they are facing," she said. "Parents also need to know it is not their fault if their kids don't initially come to them," Ford said. "At the end of the day, par-

ents can just show they are there and be willing to engage," Moorehead added. "Students can be so hard on themselves. I don't think parents realize how much pressure students put on themselves." The group also discussed effective strategies for mental health wellness. Sentell said being outdoors is a great stress reliever for him, while Ford said spending time with friends and not focusing on depression is sometimes helpful. "Sometimes it's just good to find a good distraction and space to breathe," Ensley said.

"It really important of find something that works for you," Moorehead added. Several breakout sessions

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Webb investment club donates to Boys & Girls branch

STAFF REPORTS

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Marking its third year, Webb School of Knoxville's student-driven Philanthropic Investment Group club recently presented a check for \$500 — part of PIG's latest investment profits — to Haslam Family Club University branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley.

Founded by Webb Class of 2021 alumni Crawford Hovis, Sam Beall, Eli Mayes and Harrison McCollum in the fall of 2019, Webb's PIG is a charity-focused investment club. Its mission is to support local, national and global communities through charitable giving while also teaching and inspiring Webb students to invest in the stock market, providing real-world skills and experience.

The PIG club's latest donation was made in memory of Patricia "Patti" Collins Moran, who was named the first executive director of the Girls Club of Knoxville in 1963. Patti, who

passed away on April 18, 2022, also was the grandmother of Webb rising senior Molly Crawford, PIG vice president and head of philanthropy.

For Crawford, PIG's decision to donate its latest earnings through trade in honor of her grandmother was especially significant. "It meant a tremendous amount to me," she said.

"My grandmother always told me about how impactful and important the job was to her, so it was amazing to see this come full circle with our club giving back in her name."

PIG structure

Boasting more than 25 Webb high school students, PIG manages a real financial portfolio, including the researching, buying and selling of stocks. Members can become voting partners with an investment of \$50 or more and/or by participating in a series of fundraising efforts. Any PIG member can pitch stock options and the voting partners then vote to buy or sell. At their meetings, the students discuss the



Photo courtesy of Cathy Dowhos-O'Gorman/Webb School

Webb School of Knoxville Philanthropic Investment Group club members recently presented a \$500 donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. PIG members, from left, Winston Hovis, Molly Crawford and Rose Beall join, from left, Webb School president and PIG advisor Michael McBrien; Samantha Revell, director of Haslam Family Club University branch of BGCTV; Louis S. Moran III; Staci Moran Crawford; and Bart McFadden, president/CEO of BGCTV.

current status of their investments, present new trade ideas and consider where they can donate next.

Connection to founder

Patti Moran's two children,

Staci Moran Crawford, Molly's mother, and Louis S. Moran III, Molly's uncle, also attended the presentation ceremony at the Boys & Girls Club.

"I was so happy that my

mother and my uncle — both of whom are Webb alumni — were able to attend the presentation, because I know how special it was for them as well," Molly Crawford said.

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

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes – May 19, 2022
3. Appointment of youth representative
4. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for Phase 2 of the Meadows on McFee Subdivision, Parcels 019 and 014.04, Tax Map 162, 26.44 Acres, 48 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Homestead Land Holdings, Applicant) - **This item will be requested for removal from the agenda due to incomplete field items**
5. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat for the Westerly Subdivision, Parcels 8.01, 9, and 10.02, Tax Map 152, 8.74 Acres, 12 Lots, Zoned R-1 and R-2 (BHN-P, Applicant)
6. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a site plan associated with a remodel of and expansion to the Casey's Convenience Store, 701 N. Campbell Station Road, .92 Acres, Zoned C- 2 (CESO, Applicant)
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8. Approval of utilities
9. Citizen forum

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Despite rain, about \$40,000 raised for Bearden High School Foundation

Although Bearden High School Foundation's 20th Bulldog Classic, its top fundraiser each year annually hosted by Willow Creek Golf Club, was rained out Friday, May 6, almost \$40,000 was raised according to Janene Nordin (third from right), Tournament chair and Foundation board member. Despite the rain, "Most all the participants showed up to enjoy the lunch and fellowship," said Buddy Heins, far left, BHS Class of 1978, former Foundation president and golf committee rep. A silent auction was held. "... Over 70 companies, alumni and supporters of Bearden sponsored hole signs and raised a significant amount of money for the Foundation," led by top sponsors Cherokee Distributing Company, University Eye Specialists and The Heins Family. From left alongside Heins are his sister, Sue Anne Heins-Perry (volunteer); their mother, Margaret Heins (BHS Foundation founding member and golf committee rep); Nordin; Joni Price (BHS mom, Foundation member and golf committee rep); and Scott Elder (BHS Class of 1988, Foundation member and golf committee rep). Event host was Bert Bertelkamp (not pictured), former BHS hoops star (Class of 1976) who is UT Men's Basketball's color commentator for the Vol Network.

Summer music

From page 3B

MusicFest in West End Center, will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday, July 9, and from 3 to 10 p.m., Saturday, July 10 (see Planner, page 3B, for more details).

Knox County's Parks and Recreation Department is again overseeing the

county's annual **Second Saturday Concert Series**, which kicked off Saturday, June 11, and will continue July 9, with Leftfoot Dave and the Magic Hats then Rockinfellerz Aug. 13 in The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive.

All concerts will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and are free of charge. Those at-

tending encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and food.

No alcohol is permitted.

Mamajam's Lawn Chair Concert Series returns at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 16, in Founder's Park at Campbell Station, 405 N. Campbell Station Road, and also will be held Aug. 13 and Aug. 27.

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FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation 2022

Hot weather didn't dampen enthusiasm as Farragut High School graduated 473 seniors Sunday, May 22, on the school's Bill Clabo Field in front of a packed crowd. Class valedictorian was Raymond Jin, and Alice Tang was salutatorian. Jin spoke, as did fellow graduate Rena Liu. Here are just a few photos from that momentous occasion showcasing the Class of 2022.

All photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Among those celebrating their graduation following the ceremony were, from left, Madison Foshie, Mary Claire Carter, Esther McFall, Sarah Carter and Meghan Tucker.



FHS had two U.S. Air Force Academy appointments this year: Cade Austin, left, and Paul Kronzer, who were introduced by retired USAF Col. Rick Kuhlman.



Jami Holder waits her turn before the ceremony begins.



Kaspen Serama



FHS 12th-Grade principal Cara Vaughn gave out many hugs during graduation ceremonies.



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Rena Liu was one of two Class of 2022 speakers for Commencement.



Graduate Addie Grace Fields shows off her diploma cover.



Valedictorian Raymond Jin encouraged his fellow graduates as one of two Class of 2022 speakers.



Vivian Boles



Jamie Duenckel, left, celebrates with her former teacher and advisor, Holly Kelly.