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# Nurses applaud

Prayers answered for Webb as kidney found; surgeon labels it a ‘perfect’ match

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A week and a day after being placed back on the national kidney transplant list — and just after deadline of the July 15 farragutpress story detailing his steadfast faith in God despite near misses at receiving a kidney — Roy Webb got the call he had long awaited.

“The hospital (University of Tennessee Medical Center) called at 6:45 that morning (Tuesday, July 13), telling us they had a kidney coming from out of state, ‘but not to get too excited until he woke up and actually had a new kidney because anything could go wrong,’” his wife, Vicki Webb, explained.

It was a call the couple had waited on for little more than six years.

“They told him to pack his bags and keep his phone nearby,” Vicki added. “Three hours later, they called to say they were preparing a bed for him; then an hour later they told us to come on.”

As they entered the ninth floor and notified the nursing staff why they were there, “all of the nurses stood up and clapped at the news,” she said.

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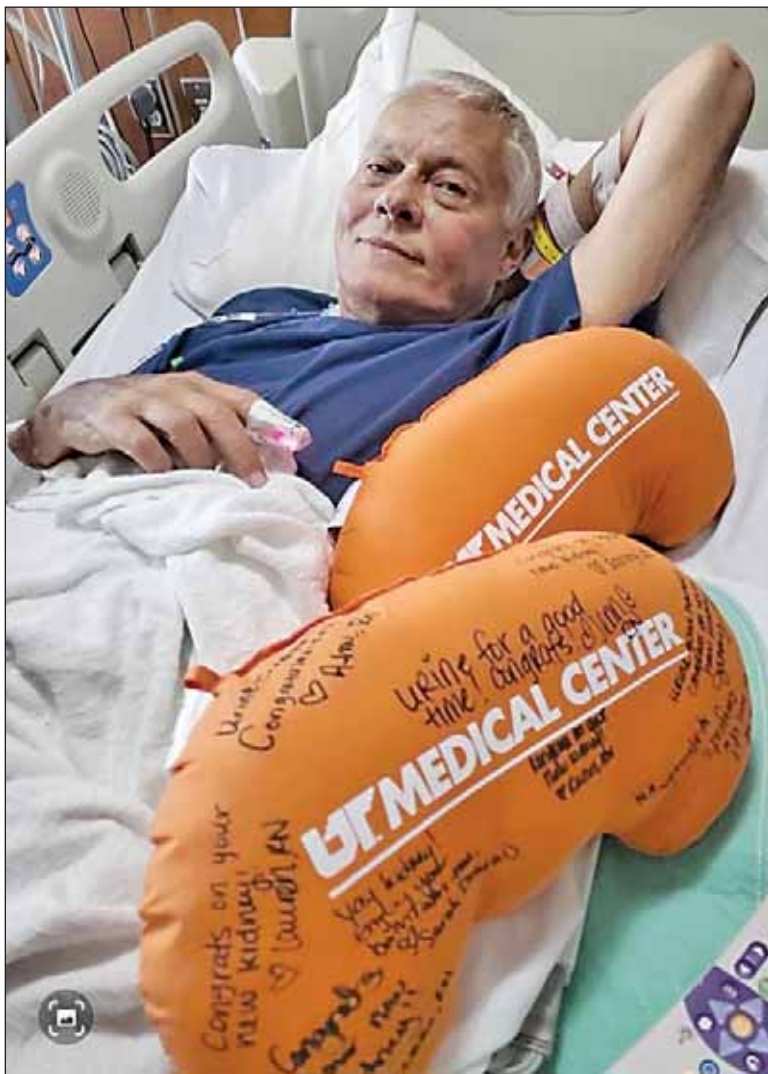


Photo submitted

Roy Webb is pictured after his successful kidney transplant surgery Tuesday, July 13, in the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

# With U-40 age growth, Town needs new school soon: FBA

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School options in Farragut, without children enduring overcrowding at the primary and intermediate levels, for parents under age 40 with elementary-aged boys and girls — a quickly growing demographic in Town — was a hot topic at Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance’s latest meeting.

As with meeting topics before, Alliance chair Candace Viox shared her observations as a Farragut business owner to get the ball rolling during its monthly meeting Wednesday morning, July 14, in Town Hall Conference Room.

At Water into Wine bistro & lounge during the span of a few years, “The amount of under-40s has tripled in my restaurant,” she said.

“They’re concerned (that) we don’t have a plan to expand the schools, or we don’t have the money,” she added.

In short, “Are there some other options for these highly educated, six-figure-income families, to put their kids in the Farragut schools?” Viox asked. “We’re completely overrun with all this housing.”

Fearing even more overcrowding for the Town’s public schools — especially at Farragut

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# Rezoning denied by FMPC, killing senior housing

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Despite an impassioned plea from Farragut resident Michael Wilson, the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission voted 8-1 Thursday, July 15, to deny developer Doug Horne a Future Land Use map amendment and a zoning map amendment that would have allowed him to construct 240 senior living apartments on 20 acres behind Ingles grocery store.



Horne

Horne, who also owns Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress, requested a future land map amendment within the Town’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan from Medium Density to High Density residential, and the second request was to rezone the same parcel from R-1 rural single family residential to R-6 multi family residential.

Citing “inconsistency with the CLUP,” Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, also a commissioner, made both motions to deny the requests. Commissioner Noah Myers was the lone supporting vote.

Unlike previous meetings on the development, Horne was

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Michelle Hollenhead

## Pinnacle’s Pavement Performers come in all sizes

Farragut resident Rich Dickinson — with a little help from his 2-year-old daughter, Catalina — performed Thursday, July 8, at the newly-opened and renovated Pinnacle at Turkey Creek Plaza as part of the company’s ongoing Pavement Performers series running from 5 to 8 p.m. every Thursday through October. Other ongoing events include weekly Food Truck Fridays and a “Sweat Series,” offering free yoga classes, starting at 6 p.m., every Wednesday. A new Pop Up Marketplace, kicking off July 10, also is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 2.

## business

“They have sold 16 million doses worldwide. ... It’s the substance that holds the body together (and) forms a scaffold to provide strength and structure. ... It is sourced in Scandinavia,”

- Kristin Williams of Farragut, a partner in a special product they tout as helping people feel better in a number of ways. (Read story beginning on page 3A)

## community

“I consider myself to be very lucky. There aren’t too many people whose jobs are to make people smile for a living. ... I love to go to the library and say ‘hi’ to people I’ve seen for years and years ...,”

- Michael Messing, who entertains thousands of children and adults each year in the Farragut area and beyond. (Read story on page 7B)

## sports

“My walk with Christ is at the core of everything I do, both on and off the field. I coach my players the same way I teach my own children: with discipline, attention to detail and unconditional love,”

- Mitch Turner, a new coach stressing that winning games, while desired, is not the most important thing in life. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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# Tax-Free Holiday popularity reflected by Briggs, Massey

Holidays run a week: July 30 through Aug. 5

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State Sen. Richard Briggs (R-District 7, including Farragut) and state Sen. Becky Massey (R-District 6, including a portion of West Knox County west of Pellissippi Parkway) joined Lt. Gov. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) “to encourage citizens to take advantage of Tennessee’s new and traditional sales tax holidays, which are set to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 30,” a state of Tennessee press release stated.

The 16th Annual Tax-Free Holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers will extend through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; while a new sales tax holiday on food, food ingredients and prepared food will remain in effect through the end of the day Thursday, Aug. 5. The new holiday includes the qualified sales of prepared food by restaurants, food trucks, caterers and grocery stores.

“Many Tennesseans have realized savings from the annual sales tax holiday, which takes place each year before school starts,” Briggs said. “Although it targets back-to-school items, all Tennesseans can enjoy sales tax-exempt purchases on clothing, computers, tablets and other supplies. The new sales tax holiday casts a wider net by providing sales tax relief on food items, which is something just about everyone purchases. It also extends for a full week.”

“Both of these sales tax holidays give Knox Countians the opportunity to keep more of their hard-earned money,” Massey said. “I hope that many citizens will shop local while taking advantage of these savings, and that it will positively impact Tennessee businesses.”

Among local businesses the lawmakers hope would be positively impacted are restaurants, which were significantly affected by the pandemic. “We hope this will give them a boost after a very tough year,” Massey said.

In addition, the Knox County lawmakers said legislation passed by the General Assembly this year provided a sales tax holiday on gun safes and safety devices. The year-long holiday began July 1 and ends on June 30, 2022 to help encourage safe storage of firearms.

For more information, visit [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com).

## BlueCross all-inclusive Town playground well under way

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It’s Christmas in July for the Town of Farragut, as workers have begun preparing space behind Town Hall for its new all-inclusive playground.

While Town Parks & Recreation director Sue Stuhl said the playground — named the BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall Park as it was awarded through a BlueCross BlueShield grant late last year — is anticipated to be completed sometime in late summer, employees from Copponex Group had begun initial site prep following equipment delivery earlier this month.

Many Town officials praised Stuhl’s diligence and grant-writing capabilities that resulted in Farragut receiving one of 10

# KCSOreports

• At 8:38 a.m., Saturday, July 17, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy responded to Country Inn and Suites, 805 N. Campbell Station Road. Eventual arrestee “was impaired and running at other guests,” the deputy’s report stated. Complainant, a front desk clerk, said she received complaints noticing the eventual arrestee “was ‘acting strange, taking his clothes off, hands down his pants’ and running at guests,” the report stated. Officer contact was made with eventual arrestee on the second floor of the hotel, noting “he was very unsteady on his feet and unable to answer simple questions.” After a brief investigation, it was made known that eventual arrestee’s room number.

“We then made contact with the occupant of (that) room ... , arrestee number two ... who did consent to letting deputies in the room,” the report stated. “In plain view on the nightstand was a small baggie of meth. Both individuals were then detained and the immediate area was searched. A search of the area revealed three small sheets of acid, a small baggie of meth totaling approximately 1.2 grams and a baggie of marijuana totaling approximately 4.9 grams. Both individuals were then taken into custody.”

While going to jail, the first arrestee’s leg

“began oozing from an infection,” the report stated. He was taken to University of Tennessee Medical Center and cited in lieu of arrest. His court date was set for 7:30 a.m., July 30. He was transported to Knox County Detention facility without incident.

• At 3:26 p.m., July 17, officers responded to the Interstate-40/75 west ramp onto Campbell Station Road in regard to a suspicious person. Officers observed eventual arrestee “in his underwear dancing in the grass on the side of roadway, acting very erratic,” their report stated, adding he “was unsteady on his feet and his speech was very slurred. He did state that he had used meth earlier in the day and was a danger to himself and others.” He was arrested, charged with public intoxication and was transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention facility without further incident.

• At 8:25 p.m., Friday, July 16, an officer responded to Campbell Station Road at Campbell Lakes Drive in reference to a traffic accident. Officer made contact with eventual arrestee, the passenger in one of the vehicles involved. A records check revealed eventual arrestee to have warrants out of Loudon County (theft) and Roane County (child Support). He was taken into custody without incident.

## Overcrowding

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Primary and Farragut Intermediate — “They’re asking me where their kids are going to school, and I’m telling them I don’t know,” Viox said.

“Farragut Intermediate and Farragut Primary are very overcrowded — they are busting at the seams,” said Susan Horn, chair of Knox County Board of Education and District 5 representative (including Farragut schools), in a separate interview. “... Both schools have several portable buildings that have already been there for several years. Those were always intended just to be a temporary fix.

“Even though birth rates are

decreasing overall, with the amount of families moving to Farragut, with the number of neighborhoods being built, I think it’s vital” to build a new school, she added. “We really just have no choice.”

As for solutions from the School Board, David Smoak, Town administrator, said during the meeting, “it’s in the budget for them to buy property and build an elementary school in the next few years.”

Horn said a new K-5 public school in Farragut was approved, with funding, “in late April,” though property is still being sought.

Town Mayor Ron Williams pointed out what he labeled as “the Coward Mill School, which is an elementary school

(K-5) being built out in Hardin Valley. “That’s going to change the whole metrics of Farragut schools. It will pull a lot of students out of the north side of our Town into the Hardin Valley schools.”

Horn said “the northwest sector school — it doesn’t have a name yet — that school was delayed because of a purchasing issue. They were supposed to start and build it this year, to open in the fall of 2022, but it’s actually been pushed out (to open) in the fall of 2023.”

However, as for helping to lessen Farragut’s K-5 overcrowding, “We haven’t had rezoning conversations on that yet,” Horn said. “It’s possible it might take some of that area, but I really can’t say for sure.”

# towncalendar

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‘The Auction’ returns this fall to FWKCC

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce once again is hosting its auction, which is labeled “33rd Auction: An Evening Under the Stars.”

“We’re really, really excited to get to change some things up, and we’re excited to hopefully make the auction impact even bigger than it has been before,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “Because of the pandemic, we ended up having to go two whole fiscal years without the auction, which is our one signature fundraiser event that we host.

“That’s impactful to any organization, when you have to skip two years without a fundraiser of that level,” she added.

“We’re fortunate that we were able to go this long without it, but we’re definitely thrilled to be able to have it back.”

Previously held on a Friday in spring at Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, it now will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, at The Venue at Lenoir City, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.

Tickets are \$60 apiece for members, \$70 apiece for non-members, and members can purchase a table for 10 for \$550. Sponsors can enjoy multiple benefits,

which include tickets in different amounts.

To register, visit the Chamber’s website at farragut-chamber.com.

Blaylock said the date changed as “we didn’t foresee a way to bring it back in the springtime because there was too much uncertainty, so we planned to have it in the fall of 2021 because we felt that would give us enough time to see how things would resolve regarding the pandemic.

“Originally, we planned to have the auction entirely outdoors, if need be,” she added. And organizers came

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Photo submitted

Angie Brown, left, and Kristin Williams are distributors of Isagenix and promote liquid collagen, one of its newest health products.

No. 1 ‘Collagen Elixir’ shared by Farragut duo

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The health benefits of collagen have been in the news for some time, with celebrities and health gurus touting its impact, but two local women are sharing a new product revolutionizing the movement.

Kristin Williams and Angie Brown of Farragut are partners and distributors for Isagenix, which earlier this year launched its new Collagen Elixir, which already is the No. 1 collagen product on the market today.

“They have sold 16 million doses worldwide,” said Williams, noting the product is a mixture of vitamins, botanicals and 5 grams of marine collagen and only sold online.

“People start losing collagen around age 25,” Brown said of the protein, which is the most abundant in the human body and is found in the bones, muscles, skin and tendons.

Medicalnewstoday.com describes it as, “The substance that holds the body together ... (and)

forms a scaffold to provide strength and structure.”

“Replacing collagen can have a number of benefits, from healthier hair, skin and nails to helping ease joint pain,” Williams said.

However, most supplements are in powdered form. The pair noted a key difference between powder and the Isagenix liquid product.

“A powdered collagen product degrades due to oxidation when it’s opened repeatedly,” Brown noted.

Marine collagen was discovered to be a close relative of human collagen, which is why it has been utilized in creating the Elixir and “why it works,” Brown said.

“It is sourced in Scandinavia, which has the cleanest fish of the highest quality,” Williams added. “It has been described as the ‘Mercedes’ of collagen.”

She noted her own experience with the product “has made my lips fuller, evened out my skin tone, my sunspots have faded, my

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businessbriefs

• **Mary Katsikas recently was promoted to regional clinical vice president at The McNabb Center.** She will oversee nearly half of the center’s clinical services, including the children and youth continuum in Knox County, co-occurring family treatment services and all services in Blount, Cocke, Hamblen and Sevier counties.

Katsikas has been with the McNabb Center for 20 years, and in that time she has created, developed and implemented new programming through new funding avenues. In addition, she has overseen the expansion of programming dedicated to families, children and young adults.

• **Pellissippi State Community College Media Technologies majors, Tom Sidorski and Josh Wilson,** recently won the bronze medal for Television (Video) Production at SkillsUSA

National Leadership and Skills Conference this summer. Despite this being the first year Pellissippi State has participated in SkillsUSA, Sidorski and Wilson also won gold at the state competition in March.

• **Jennifer Enderson, president of Emory Valley Center,** recently was selected by Vistage Worldwide Inc. to be a member of a chief executive peer advisory board in Knoxville. She joins more than 300 senior executives, business owners and CEOs across Tennessee who are Vistage members. A Memphis native, Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Tennessee and has been employed with Emory Valley Center since 2001.

• **The Christman Company,** with a regional office in



Katsikas



Enderson

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Cook Out moves to Turkey Creek

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Cook Out fast-food restaurant opened Wednesday, July 14, at 11113 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek.

The chain’s soft opening was Tuesday, July 13.

“I feel what will make the difference (with Cook Out) is we have so many options for a cheap price,” said Cheyenne Turner, a trainer who is part of the travel team of the franchise. “We have a big variety of foods.

“That’s why Cook Out is really growing big,” she added.

The chain, founded in the 1980s in North Carolina, has almost 300 restaurants, mostly in the Southeastern U.S.: Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia,



Tammy Cheek

Cheyenne Turner, trainer with Cook Out at its new 11113 Parkside Drive location in Turkey Creek. The fast food restaurant offers a multitude of options for lunch and dinner.

Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

“They know where to put their locations, like college towns, where there are teenagers with just a few dollars,” Turner said.

Cook Out serves up the tra-

ditional “cook out” fare: burgers, quesadillas and hot dogs, along with BLTs, wraps, chicken nuggets and chicken strips. Customers can choose a “tray,” starting at \$5.99, that includes one of the main (meat)

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A match

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“It nearly brought tears to our eyes.” Roy was prepped for surgery that afternoon, and when he was being transported into the pre-surgery area, “nurses played the ‘Rocky’ theme and did a little dance of encouragement as he was being wheeled by,” Vicki added. Surgery began at 7:20 p.m. Although the family was advised it could take as long as four hours, “after a little more than 90 minutes the surgeon came out,” she said about Dr. Oscar Grandas. “I was concerned just for an instant because we didn’t expect to see him that quickly. “But he started talking and said, ‘He’s doing great,’” Vicki added. “He said the kidney ‘was perfect,’ and since Roy was thin and in such good health, it went very well. The kidney pinked up and started producing urine within just a few hours. “Roy has gotten his miracle and has a second chance for a healthy life.” Although his entire family is overjoyed, they realized someone in another state lost a loved one, and wanted to be respectful of that loss. “We are so grateful that the decision had been made for him to be a donor,” Vicki said, adding all they knew of the donor was that he was 55 and from an unnamed state. The family is hopeful they will be able to send a note, thanking the donor’s family for their sacrifice and selflessness sometime in the future. After being hospitalized for four days, Roy was able to return to the couple’s Hardin Val-

ley home Saturday, July 17, with a list of new medicines and dietary constraints as his body and new kidney adjust. “We met with a nurse, a pharmacist and a dietician who educated us before he left the hospital,” Vicki said. “Of course the most important new medicines are ones which have to be given at an exact time to keep Roy’s body from rejecting the new kidney.” Roy will have several weeks of follow-up “clinic” visits, during which his blood and creatine levels will be thoroughly checked. He also is limited on what he can eat to stave off food-born illnesses, and for the time being there are stringent restrictions on visitors. “He’s in a lot of pain from the incision, which is to be expected,” Vicki said in a telephone interview Sunday, July 18. “But he has said when the pain subsides, he does feel better already. “This has been life-changing for us and has opened up the possibilities for the future we weren’t always sure of,” she added. “But we have prayed all along for God’s perfect timing and for Roy to get the perfect kidney, and He did not disappoint. “We are just so grateful for everyone who has prayed for us and shared our (Facebook) posts and our story. .... We are also thankful for the excellent nurses and doctors and care Roy has received. I know he will be feeling better soon, and we will be able to embark on our new life together that we had only dreamed about.” The couple continues to encourage “everyone to please consider marking ‘donor’ on their driver’s licenses.”

All-inclusive

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\$750,000 BlueCross BlueShield playground grants awarded statewide. That amount covers not only the equipment, but also installation costs. “... They have done the design work already, and will be installing it,” she said. Nearly-completed McFee Park was eyed at one time to be the site of a future all-inclusive playground, but the site plan for the new grant-awarded playground required a “fairly level spot, which was perfect for the land behind Town Hall,” Stuhl said in an earlier interview. Officials also have discussed the need to eventually construct an adjacent restroom, likely between July 2022 and June 2023 — although once the playground is open, its users would have access to Town Hall restrooms during regular business hours. “The grant also comes with \$100,000, which will be placed in a local 501c(3) fund for us to be able to draw off of in the future, for equipment replacements costs or updates,” Stuhl said. “That never happens. Never do you see receiving additional funds to help in the future, but they will do that,” she added.

Rezoning denied

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not present but sent Michael Patterson, Horne Properties executive vice president, and John Wright, Horne Properties Development manager, in his stead. Patterson discussed the need for Horne’s multi-family project, and also said they would not be utilizing the rezoning, if approved, for more than 10 units per acre. The R-6 designation allows for up to 12 units per acre. “If it was me, I would meet with some of the HOAs and see what they might support,” Myers said. “To me, it meets the transitional zone. But there is some fear here, by some of the residents, that this is just the beginning. Just food for thought that might make it more palatable for residents nearby. “As a Planing Commissioner, its not about a popularity contest, its about what’s fair,” he added. “I’m one Planning Commissioner, and I don’t think the consensus of this Board will support what you guys are proposing tonight. “Maybe you’ve got to give a little to get a little.” Patterson said he was willing to meet with homeowners and HOA to discuss the development.

Jon Holztrager of nearby Baldwin Park wore a “No Apartments” decal on his shirt, as did about a dozen other citizens opposing the development. “I’ll be ‘Captain Obvious’ tonight. With my sticker on, I think you know where I stand,” he said. “There are several other residents (here tonight) opposed to high density in this area. “There are three elephants in the room,” Holztrager added. “The traffic studies we’ve seen are not very believable. If we were in a town where we were well under our capacity, I might believe that. Another one is, what Horne Properties is proposing doesn’t make sense — something very high density in an area surrounded primarily with low density. “The last thing I want to say is the community is worn out over this topic. Horne Properties has been telling us for six years that we need multi-family in Farragut. We’ve played this back to BOMA and to the FMPC for many years now — we do not want multi-family in this area. You can deed restrict it, fancy it up and it will still be a property area not owner-occupied — which is what neighboring citizens are concerned with that I’ve talked to. Based on his read, “No one it the HOA community (that I

have talked to) is supportive of this,” Holztrager said. “I’m not saying they won’t listen to Horne Properties if they wanted to talk to us. Personally, ... I would support a low-density single-family home development here, and if Doug were standing here I would tell him the same thing.” Wilson — who as founder of Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development, noted he previously had fought against Horne’s multi-family rezoning requests citing inconsistencies with the CLUP — said he appeared at the meeting as a private citizen, not representing any group. He argued the FMPC “approved similar transitions in density or no transitions in density,” as he made the case to approve Horne’s latest requests, and presented four handouts to FMPC members to accompany his remarks. “In 2015, I led the arguments against the Smith Road apartments, namely (because of) the development’s inconsistency with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Ultimately that request was denied due to these inconsistencies. To me, the fundamental question is, ‘can this 20-acre parcel be changed to High Density Residential while protecting existing neighborhoods through the appropriate density transition?’

“Recent history shows that the FMPC and BOMA have liberally applied the transition requirements to different situations,” he added. “In January 2016, the FMPC approved a recommendation allowing 150 feet of open space and Union Road to be an appropriate transition between properties zoned Commercial (C-1) and very Low Density Residential (R-2). This recommendation was for a prior Swan Farm development that never came to fruition. ... “Second, the Overlook Apartment property was rezoned R-6 and is adjacent to an existing R-2 parcel that contains a private school. Finally, the FMPC and Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the Kingston Pike Village request that placed a Planned Commercial Development District adjacent to property currently zoned very Low Density Residential (R-1).” Based on those previous approvals, “It seems reasonable that surrounding this high-density residential development with a road and then a subsequent Medium Density Residential development is a suitable transition and consistent with the CLUP and recent FMPC decisions. Unlike 2015, I don’t believe that transition should be a reason to deny this request,” Wilson said.

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Brian Gill had a Letter to the Editor last week, and I think he is exactly right. We need to revisit the cut-through road part of the subdivision ordinance. There’s a poll on Next-door and over 50 people have applied, and 55 percent of the people want to see this brought back for new discussion. I think Mr. Gill wrote a very good letter. We need to really think about what we are doing with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Town of Farragut subdivision regulations. This cut-through road idea is the worst idea I have ever seen. The public really needs to have this looked at again with more public participation.

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# \$100,000 give-back milestone reached by Blue Ridge Yoga

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Family, patrons and Town officials gathered at Blue Ridge Yoga & Wellness Center, 623 N. Campbell Station Road, Wednesday, July 14, to surprise its owner and celebrate its milestone in giving back \$100,000 to its community.

Using yoga classes and other fundraisers, owner Jessica Mishu and her staff have raised funds for such organizations as Girls on the Run, American Cancer Society, Hoops for Hearing for Tennessee School for the Deaf, Shangri-La Therapeutic Riding Academy, The Muse and many more since it opened six years ago.

“We’re giving this (ribbon cutting) to celebrate a very special milestone of them giving back over \$100,000, including during COVID, and never stopping that service leadership spirit,” said Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/

CEO. “And a Chamber event is never a Chamber event, when we can pull it off, without a surprise the business owner knows nothing about.”

Mishu was taken aback and brought to tears as Blaylock introduced Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, who read a proclamation that he “hereby recognizes Blue Ridge Yoga’s generosity among our community, and on behalf of the Town of Farragut extend congratulations to owner Jessica Mishu and staff, and express our pride in their accomplishments as a model of servant leadership within a small business in Farragut.”

Since the center’s opening, Mishu and her staff “have committed themselves to supporting the community and caring for those around them,” Williams also read in the proclamation

“Blue Ridge Yoga, as a local small business, clearly dem-

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Tammy Cheek

Blue Ridge Yoga & Wellness Center celebrated giving back more than \$100,000 to its community with a ribbon cutting, hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, July 14. On hand for the event, from left, were Linda Clinger (Reiki teacher), in back, third from left; teacher Kris Evans, in front, fourth from left holding baby Raven; studio manager Caitlyn Phelps, fifth from left; assistant manager Sarah Hlatky, sixth from left beside Phelps; owner Jessica Mishu, with scissors; Kimberly Longstreet, Blue Ridge ambassador in back beside Mishu; and Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, holding ribbon; along with Chamber members, family, Town officials and patrons.

## Cook Out

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items with two side items, which can include fries, onion rings, hush puppies or one of the other choices.

“I believe the store is also going to have okra,” Turner added. “I think that’s going to be big because a lot of people have asked for it.

“I think one (other) store has okra, and that’s in Greenville.”

Customers also can “choose two and double up (a side order),” she added. “We have eight or nine options you can choose for the sides.”

Additionally, Cook Out has 40-plus flavors of milkshakes, one of which one is a watermelon shake.

“You can literally mix any flavor you want,” Turner said. “It’s the same price.

“We also have the floats and cheesecake slices.”

Turner said she thinks the

owners chose Turkey Creek because it has good visibility along Parkside Drive with shops and other businesses surrounding it.

“You have four entrances that come in here,” she added. “They thought it would be a nice place where people could stop in quick and get a little tray cheap.

“I like this area,” Turner added. “It’s a good area to put it.”

Customers can utilize both drive-through service and the lobby service.

While opening last week, Turner said the restaurant still is looking for employees. Those interested can come to one of the area Cook Out stores.

Cook Out is open from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday and on Sunday; from 10:30 a.m. to 4 a.m., Friday and Saturday; and closed on Sunday.

For more information, call 432-327-1547.

## Collagen

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eyelashes have grown and I have healthier hair and longer nails.

“It’s an inside/out product” said Brown, who added, “everyone” in her family is taking the Elixir. “Results can vary, but my daughter has seen significant improvement in her acne and my husband and son have noticed skin and

joint improvement. My oldest son had knee surgery and had significant joint pain before he started taking it, and said it has helped a great deal. In addition to those mentioned, it’s also helped me with a chronic dry eye condition.”

Williams said her 78-year-old mother also noticed positive changes after taking the Elixir.

“She really noticed how much better the arthritis in

her hands felt,” she said. “It has been life changing for her, to be almost pain-free.”

“Most people begin with two doses a day to accelerate results,” Brown said.

“Isagenix offers a 100 percent money back guarantee if people don’t love it,” she added.

For more information, contact Kristin Williams at <https://williams-kristin.isagenix.com/collagen> or call 865-323-9813.

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Auction

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up with an “Evening Under the Stars” theme, “which we’re sticking with even though we are moving the event back inside.”

This year’s event will “bring the outdoors inside.”

Guests will enter a venue that will be “decked out in rustic glamour,” she added. “There will be a lot of woodsy, natural elements.

“We really want it to have that upscale camping feel. We’re going to welcome guests to dress like they would to go camping, but maybe kick it up a notch or two.

However, “guests will still be treated to the same upscale experience they are used to with our auction, in terms of food and beverage and setting,” Blaylock said. “We’re just going to give them the option to come a little more comfortable and casual if they like.”

Regarding the location, she said, “We now have multiple event venues that are members of ours, and it’s the duty of the Chamber of Commerce to patronize as many members as we can.

“Rothchild’s has been a wonderful member — still is; they’ve been a great venue — they are going to be catering the event, but The Venue at Lenoir City has been a member now for five years, and we just thought it was a good opportunity to spread the love.”

Additionally, the event will benefit the American Cancer

Society of Knoxville and Volunteer Ministry Center.

“It is an honor to be chosen as a beneficiary, and it speaks to the passion from the community to continue to support the fight against cancer,” said Kayla Shelby, ACS senior community development manager.

“Fundraisers like this allow the American Cancer Society to bring awareness to our mission and to continue to provide lifesaving research and programs and services free of charge to cancer patients and their families in the community,” she added.

“We’ve always donated a portion of our ticket sales to a charity or a non-profit,” Blaylock said.

ACS as beneficiary was carried over from their selection in 2020.

“They certainly understood ... but their Knoxville office really struggled through the pandemic,” Blaylock said.

Volunteer Ministry Center was chosen as a first-time FWKCC event beneficiary, she added.

The event committee decided 20 percent of ticket sales and 20 percent of the night’s silent and live auction item sales would be split between the two organizations.

The committee also simplified the event’s name to “The Auction.”

Sponsors include TDS Telecom (presenting); farragutpress and Via Media (media); SunTrust (Now Truist), Town of Farragut and Knox County government (event).



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Jesi Crane was among those dressed for the Roaring ’20s during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s 2019 Auction and Dinner. After the 2020 auction was cancelled due to COVID-19, FWKCC brings back the popular fundraising event with “An Evening Under the Stars” theme from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, at The Venue at Lenoir City, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.

Blue Ridge Yoga

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onstrates a specific passion for supporting both other area small businesses and organizations; and ... consistently exhibits the holistic yoga practice of ‘seva’ (‘service’) in the way they do business.”

Mishu opened the business in 2015 and has been a member of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce since its inception.

“I am so honored,” Mishu said following the proclamation. “This studio was started in service to give back, and I just feel like I picked the perfect place in the world.

“I lived in a lot of different countries and a lot of different places, and the generosity that you find in East Tennessee is unmatched,” she added. “I’m so grateful for everyone that we partnered with, all our students, all our staff.

“I appreciate that so much. I love that we all come together as a community to make Knoxville the best place to live.”

“As your very humble Chamber of Commerce, we’re very proud of you,” Blaylock told Mishu. “It’s hard to open a small business, it’s hard to keep a small business sustainable and it certainly was never tougher than it had been in the past year.

“But Jessica has always been a light in this community,” she added.

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- loss of balance and falling

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# Recent Sting of Sugarwood



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In its two most recent meets before entering this week, the Sugarwood Stingrays swim team claimed a third-place finish (1,096 points) among a 24-team field in the annual Smoky Mountain Invitational Swim Meet at Springbrook Pool in Alcoa Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11. The Rays then raced past the Peninsula Club Pirates 421-262 in a Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association League 1 dual meet at the Sugarwood pool Thursday afternoon and evening, July 15. The roughly 120-person team pictured above, ages 4-19, is lead by head coach Jodi Vineyard and team representative/assistant coach Ryan Bell.



Photos by Alan Sloan

**(Left)** Making quite a splash was Sage Carbaugh while competing in the Girls 15-to-18 50-yard freestyle for the Sugarwood Stingrays swim team versus the Peninsula Club Pirates Thursday afternoon, July 15, at the Sugarwood Pool. The Stingrays beat the Pirates 421-262.  
**(Above)** Alongside lifeguard Paul Hester, 19, third from left, a Sugarwood resident, were Boys 15-18 Stingray swimmers who helped their team win July 15. From left are Connor Peeke, 17; Jackson Vineyard, 16; and Alex DeRose, 16.

# CCS baseball, golf coaching changes highlighted by state champ Turner at helm

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Concord Christian School’s new coaching hires in baseball and golf center around a proven winner who has earned a state championship.  
Mitch Turner, hired as Lions baseball and golf head coach —

along with hiring his three assistant coaches — was a highly successful baseball head coach at Grace Christian Academy from 2014 through 2018.  
He lead the Rams to four TSSAA state tournaments, with one ending in a state championship (2015) and two others ending as state runners-

up. He also led GCA to five district crowns and three region titles.  
Most recently, from 2019 through 2021, Turner was head coach at The King’s Academy, leading his 2021 team to a 21-18 overall record and fifth-place state finish.  
An avid and talented golfer

for more than 30 years, Turner played high school golf at Bearden, but chose to play baseball in college. He is on the Ambassadors Committee at Gettysvue Country Club and recently was invited to play in the U.S. Open Qualifier.  
“My walk with Christ is at the core of everything I do,

both on and off the field,” he said. “I coach my players the same way I teach my own children: with discipline, attention to detail and unconditional



Turner

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New coaches

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love. Ask my children or any of my former players, and they will tell you my love for them has never been measured by their stats in a game or their grades on a report card.

"I am excited to be joining the Concord community," he added. "I love to build and see things grow, and I love to watch young men develop into disciples that will share the Gospel with the world."



Fee

Colton Sweet and Tanner Fee join former CCS baseball head coach Shane Mynatt as assistant coaches.

Sweet, a Hendersonville native who graduated from Goodpasture Christian School in 2012, was a part of that school's 2012 state championship baseball team. He played at the collegiate level as a pitcher at Bethel University.

He has coached at Grace Christian Academy and with Pro-Hitting (Knoxville), Next Level (Nashville) and Tennessee Nationals (Knoxville).

"Life is a lot like baseball: win some, lose some, but you should never lose faith in your teammates, coaches, yourself and, most importantly, in God," Sweet said. "Student athletes live for 'wins,' and I try to show them that it's not the win or loss, but the lessons learned that are most impor-

tant. Having faith is the basis for everything."

Fee's high school baseball accolades at Grace Christian featured being named 2015 Player of the Year in Class A by Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association as a star pitcher with a 0.69 ERA, 113 strike outs, 11-2 record and two saves, one of which resulted in a state championship. He also was All-State, All-Region, All-District — all in 2014 and 2015.

Fee has coached at Brett Carroll Academy and The King's Academy, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

"My mission is to provide leadership and mentoring, spiritually and athletically, to young athletes in the same manner that I was awarded in my high school career," he said. "I take pride in the process, knowing that what I do in the process will lead me to be the best example for the Lord on the field."

Mynatt, a four-year, three-sport letterman at Fulton in football, basketball and baseball, continued his athletic career at Carson-Newman University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Media Day '21 at Three Ridges



(Left) Offensive lineman Carlos Parker, left, and tight-end/linebacker Jacob Greene, both seniors, were spokesmen for Hardin Valley Academy's football outlook during annual Knoxville Football Officials Association-sponsored Media Day at Three Ridges Golf Club Friday morning, July 16. They were joined by Hawks third-year head coach Mike Potter. HVA kicks off its 2021 season Friday, Aug. 20, with a home game against neighborhood rival Karns.

(Right) Senior wide receiver Trace Corum, left, and senior quarterback Dawson Moore represented Farragut High School football during Media Day at Three Ridges July 16. Adding to the analysis was head coach Eddie Courtney, who has begun his 26th season as Admirals skipper leading FHS varsity football. Farragut kicks off its 2021 slate Friday, Aug. 20, at Beech in Hendersonville. Read the comments of Courtney, Corum and Moore in the Admirals' preview, one of six featured in farragutpress' 2021 "How the West Was Won" Football Preview coming, in a new magazine format, in our Thursday, Aug. 19, issue.

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# Sir Goony's start pays off

Homegrown author credits career to imaginative beginnings

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Growing up amid Sir Goony's Family Fun Center's whimsical golf course made for more than just a magical childhood for Shelby Rae Stringfield — it spoke to her very soul.

Now a competition-winning writer and soon-to-be doctoral student, she credits her upbringing and storytelling influences from her father, Johnnie Stringfield, with laying a foundation and sparking her creativity.

"I always knew I wanted to be a writer," Stringfield said earlier this summer, helping out and working where it all began 24 years ago, when her father bought the property that was originally constructed in 1987.

She was 4 years old when she came to know and love the oversized characters that make up the 18-hole putt-putt course, ranging from a veritable zoo with a friendly dinosaur, a gorilla, a giraffe and an elephant, as well as nursery rhyme characters and beloved icons, including Humpty Dumpty, Cinderella's carriage — and even a fairy tale-inspired castle among them.

"It was a fun and imaginative place to grow up," Stringfield said. "I always wanted to be involved here, and still do when I'm home."

Her parents homeschooled Stringfield, and along the way her father's retelling of his own experiences growing up in rural Sunbright on the northern tip of Morgan County made quite an impression.

"He's had an interesting life, and he always told me stories about his childhood," she said. "They didn't have plumbing or electricity. Hearing those stories, I thought he grew up in the



Michelle Hollenhead

same time period as Tom Sawyer."

By age 15, Stringfield was attending Pellissippi State Community College as a dually-enrolled student. It was her first real taste of a classroom setting, and she admits initially it was a struggle.

"I think I got all C+'s my first semester," she said. "I think that's an important part of my story because it shows that you don't have to be good at something from the beginning to get to where you want to end up. I got a C+ in my first college English course, and now I'm starting a PhD in the English department and have taught college English classes.

"I like to talk about that because I think young students can get discouraged, feeling that a 'bad grade' is the end of the world when it's not," she added.

Writer Shelby Rae Stringfield's imagination was first piqued at Sir Goony's Family Fun Center along Kingston Pike in Farragut, a veritable playland her father bought when she was only 4 year old. She is holding her constant companion, Gavin, in front of Sir Goony's new sign, installed earlier this year.

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# Introducing drama to youth is FHS camp goal



Photo submitted

A few of Farragut High School's Drama Camp counselors and theater students include, front row from left, Kate Bruce and Meghan Tucker. Back row, from left, are Mary Claire Carter, Bryson Keasling, Madison Foshie, Virginia Klenske and Jasmyne Baker.

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Farragut and other area youths have an opportunity to let their dramatic side shine when Farragut High School's Admirals Performing Arts Company hosts its annual FHS Drama Camp for rising-kindergartners through rising ninth-graders from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30, in the Commons at the school, 11237 Kingston Pike.

Dr. Anthony Wooley, FHS theater teacher who runs the camp — which is open to any rising first- through ninth-grader — will be assisted by 17 Farragut theater student counselors.

"Some children tell us it's the most fun they have the entire summer," said Angie Liske, Theater Arts Boosters president.

She pointed out there is talk about how youths do not contribute, but "this is an example where a department of students love theater so much they share an entire week, plus extra activities, just to bring the theater to these youngsters who may not know how awesome being part of the theater world is."

Camp participants "will learn all the basics of all the different theater elements, including acting, singing and dancing," said Aimee Klenske, TAB vice president. "It just provides a glimpse of what theater is like at the high school level."

The camp, which costs \$125 per child, will culminate with a rummage sale, which is open to the public, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 31, on the front sidewalk area of the school.

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## New FPS administrators welcome students July 26

**STAFF REPORTS**  
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Incoming Farragut Primary students will have the opportunity to meet their new principal, Lynn White, and new assistant principal Dr. Annie Riley, when the school hosts “Pop By and Say Hi” Monday, July 26.  
White comes to FPS from Sterchi Elementary School, while Riley comes to from Carter Elementary.  
Along with assistant prin-

cipal Jaleece Clark, these administrators will be standing in front of the school, 509 N. Campbell Station Road, to greet the students and their parents in the car rider line.  
Kindergarteners and their parents can come by beginning at 1 p.m.; first-graders are scheduled to begin arriving at 2 p.m.; and second-graders are to come beginning at 3 p.m., according to a flyer distributed late last week.  
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Inspiration

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She then applied and was accepted to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she received her undergraduate degree in English with a concentration in creative writing in 2014.

“I am very much a people person, which is why I picked UT: so I could be around people everyday,” she said. “I really enjoyed it there. I had amazing teachers, especially in the English department.”

Her next stop was Iowa State University, where she spent three years “and very cold winters” before graduating in 2019 with a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing & Environment.

Along the way, she wrote numerous short stories with a focus on fiction, publishing under her middle name. “I loved the idea of a pen name when I found out about the concept as a kid,” she said. “And I always loved my middle name.”

Stringfield has edited several magazines and publications and currently serves as assistant editor for Newfound Journal.

Earlier this year, she discovered she had won the prestigious NYC Midnight competition, a short story contest, which began with 4,700 writers and lasted four rounds until Stringfield’s work was judged



Stringfield

the champion entry.

According to the NYC Midnight website, the competition has been around since 2002 and “participants are challenged to create original stories, screenplays or films using assigned elements under time constraints.”

In each round, writers are expected to write a completely different story based on specific criteria. “The first round lasted eight days,” she said. “By the last round, we were only given 24 hours to complete our stories, and it was down to only 40 writers,” Stringfield said, noting she had taken part in the competition previously in grad school “but only made it to the second round.”

When she was notified of her award, she said, “I had to read (the announcement) four times just to make sure. It was really exciting, and really I was just thrilled to get through the rounds.”

She received \$6,000 for winning with her story, “Bird,” “which is the most anyone will ever be paid for a short story,” she said with a laugh.

“This was my first story acceptance, and I was shocked, but it is definitely my favorite short story I have ever written — although I am in love with the novel I wrote in grad school,” she added.

“Bird” was published online, and she offers it on her website, raestringfield.com, along with her other publications and additional information about her editorial services.

Stringfield said she also discovered an enthusiasm for rhetoric as a student teacher, and hopes to teach undergraduates after completing her Ph.D.

Drama Camp

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The sale, scheduled to take place rain or shine, will feature tools, furniture, clothing, electronics, books, toys, home décor items and include more.

“We’re raising money for APAC,” Klenske said. “We put on a huge musical theater production every year. This year, we’re doing ‘Nine to Five’ Dec. 9 through Dec. 11.”

The proceeds also raise money so FHS theater students can take part in the Comedy Improve Team, forensics and debate competitions.

The camp also is a way to “bring in lots of children so they can see how exciting and fun it is to be in theater in high school,” Klenske said.

“The kids will be split up into two groups: primary through intermediate and middle and rising freshmen,” she added. “The younger two groups and the older two groups will each put on a musical production at the end of the week. Plus they will put on little skits and things and a parent show.”



Photo submitted

Farragut High School Drama Camp head counselors Sophia Cook, left, and Hannah Liske are ready to teach youngsters about the world of drama at FHS Drama Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30, in the school’s Commons.

As for responding to the opportunity, “We are shocked at how many kids have signed up, and we’re so excited to share this with everyone,” Liske said.

While organizers prefer sign-ups before the event, Liske said children could sign up the first

day of camp.

For more information about the camp and to sign up, call Wooley at anthonywooley@knoxschools.org.

For more information about the sale, contact Liske at angieliskefhs@gmail.com

Morning Pointe adds memory care

STAFF REPORTS

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Morning Pointe of Powell Senior Living will add a new Alzheimer’s memory care facility to its campus. Construction is scheduled to be completed in early 2022 on The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer’s Center of Excellence, the second phase of its state-of-the-art alzheimer’s

care at this location, 7710 Dan-naher Drive on the Tennova Healthcare campus.

To provide specialized assisted living and memory care for more than 120 seniors, MPPSL will be a 33,000-square-foot community consists of 44 apartments created specifically to meet the needs of residents with Alzheimer’s and other memory disorders. “... Innovative therapies, such

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000 LEGALS FARRAGUT BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA July 28, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. Farragut Town Hall Board Room 1. Election of Officers 2. Approval of Minutes for the February 24, 2021 meeting 3. Public hearing on a request for an administrative interpretation of staffs' denial of a site plan for a covered structure constructed within a 50-foot peripheral building setback at 736 Harbor Way in the Turkey Creek Harbor Subdivision (Bobby Sanford, Applicant).

000 LEGALS FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive July 22, 2021 • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM I. Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. July 8, 2021 IV. Mayor's Report V. Business Items A. Approval of Appointment to the Farragut Museum Committee B. Approval of Resolution R-2021-07 authorizing the town to participate in the Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program C. Approval of Sourcewell Bids for Two (2) 4wd Lawn-mowers D. Approval of Request for Supplement from Qk4, Inc. for Engineering Services for Intersection Improvements at Watt Road/Kingston Pike E. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Farragut and the Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce VI. Town Administrator's Report VII. Town Attorney's Report VIII. Citizens Forum This meeting can be viewed live on the Farragut YouTube Channel and the Town of Farragut website www.townoffarragut.org/livestream. The meeting will be held at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive.





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Local magician Michael Messing always has lots of tricks up his sleeve.

# ‘Magic’ is Messing’s message

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Michael Messing has been bringing magic wherever he goes — literally — for decades.

The West Knox County magician performs locally for area children and adults, most recently in various branches of Knox County’s Public Libraries.

He said he receives much more than he gives.

“I get to make people smile,” Messing said. “That’s what it’s all about — it’s about making people have a good time, enjoying what they’re doing, taking their minds off everyday troubles — if they’re an adult. If they’re kids, just make them laugh, and occasionally say ‘wow.’”

“I consider myself to be very lucky,” he added. “There aren’t too many people whose jobs are to make people smile for a living. It’s rewarding for me to see kids line up to check out (magic) books” in the Farragut library.

Messing first started practicing magic at age 12.

“I always wanted to be an entertainer,” the New Jersey native said. “When I was 8 years old, I attended a birthday party. There was a clown that did magic there ... (his friend’s parents) saw how fascinated I was by it and so they bought me three magic books for my birthday.”

While he conceded he couldn’t comprehend the books then, he would later rediscover that fascination. When Messing was 10, his family moved from North Bergen,

New Jersey, to LaFollette in Campbell County.

Then, “when I was 12, I was trying to figure out what to do one day, and I pulled the (magic) book off the shelf, and I’ve been doing it ever since.”

He initially learned from books and later incorporated videos, magic organizations and clubs, instruction from other magicians and conventions.

Messing did his first paid performance at 15, but backed off while attending college. After college, he worked as a reporter/photographer for a few years in Lenoir City.

But in 1986, he accepted a job at a Kentucky theme park, where he performed three shows a day, seven days a week. “I went full time after that,” he recalled.

Along with birthdays and other shows, he has performed for Knox County Public Libraries, starting about 20 years ago, and at Town of Farragut’s Book Fests starting seven years ago. “Magic has been my primary income since then until the pandemic,” Messing said. After events shut down, he worked at an insurance company, but he added the events are “coming back.”

Having been a magician for more than 30 years, he said, “... I get to go back to the same places on a regular basis ... I love to go to the library and say ‘hi’ to people I’ve seen for years and years, and I’ve really enjoyed doing Book Fest,” Messing said.

He can be contacted at 865-690-7377, [www.greatmagic-shows.com](http://www.greatmagic-shows.com) or [mmessing@greatmagicshows.com](mailto:mmessing@greatmagicshows.com)

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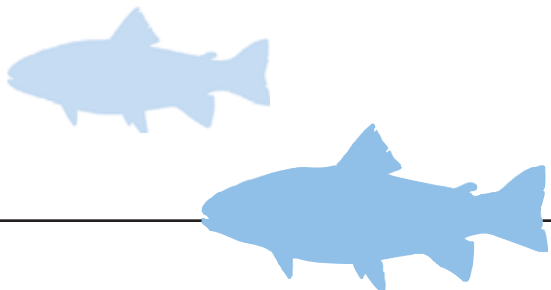
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- 1. Mackenzie Vineyard, 8, with fish
- 2. Nathaline and Grant Hansard with their children, from left, Nathaniel, 12, Natalia, 14, and Jumarious, 10
- 3. Shlonda and Danny Ledford with daughters, Aubree, left, 7, and Reese, 6
- 4. Kristof Sikicka, 11
- 5. Ada Young with fish
- 6. Jeremiah Kreigler, 10
- 7. Ollie Chandler, 5, with grandpa, Gary Tucker of Concord
- 8. Kylan Percer, 7, and dad, Dagon Percer of Farragut



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