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Murphy responds; Davis sticks with 1 ‘no malice’ mayor camp violation

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Responding to allegations made by Farragut Mayor Ron Williams in a July 27 farragutpress story — saying political blogger Sean Murphy confronted him on Town Hall grounds Saturday, July 23 — Murphy has responded with a statement.

It includes pointing to accusations of polling site violations, the publicity from which would be intended to benefit Williams’ campaign for re-election, and refutes charges that Murphy disrupts Town meetings.

To clarify polling location law and any possible violations, Chris Davis, Knox County Election Commis-

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Back to school clean-up time

Little FPS helpers

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Jonah Frazier (**right**) and his siblings, Daphne (**below left**) and Henry, 2, (**below right**), joined their mother, Misti Frazier, to help clean up the grounds at Farragut Primary School Wednesday, July 27, in preparation for the new school year. Teachers were welcomed back Monday, Aug. 1, while the first day for students is Monday, Aug. 8. FPS’s Parent Teacher Organization oversaw the cleanup efforts. *(See related photos in Community, page 4B)*



Aug. 12 given as Topgolf Town opening: mayor

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Topgolf Knoxville is tentatively set to open next week, according to Farragut Mayor Ron Williams.

“I have been told it will open Friday, Aug. 12, unless something drastic happens,” he said Monday, Aug. 1, about the new Farragut location at 11400 Outlet Drive.

The global entertainment attraction has been under construction since last year and will be the first new construction located in Farragut’s Entertainment district.

With a capacity of around 600 guests, the venue features two floors, more than 70 all-weather bays, a restaurant and bar area plus a rooftop terrace with fire pits.

Attempts to reach Topgolf officials for additional confirmation were unsuccessful at press deadline.

Aug. 4 Election Day details spelled out for local voters

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Election Day is Thursday, Aug. 4, when those who did not take advantage of early voting opportunities July 15-30 have the final say.

This election consists of Town of Farragut non-partisan elections for Mayor and aldermen seats in both the North Ward (Ward I) and South (Ward II), along with Knox County General Election, as well as Federal and State Primaries, Democratic and Republican committee men and women and a number of statewide judgeships.

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Looking to ease N. Campbell congestion, extra lanes onto 40/75 ‘well-received’

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New lane configurations at the North Campbell Station Road/Interstate-40/75 interchange were unveiled Saturday, July 23 — and so far, reactions have been positive.

Assistant Town engineer Brannon Tupper — who came up with the idea — said Friday, July 29, the changes “have

been well-received And we’ve had no issues so far.”

The design “widened Campbell Station Road, south of the bridge, allowing for dedicated turn-lanes for I-40/75 traffic,” he said.

Additionally, safety enhancements, including identifying Interstate shields on the roadway, along with extra signage overhead and on each sides of the interchange, were added.

“We wanted drivers to be (fully) aware of what lane they needed to be in” to access the Interstate, Tupper added.

The problem has been made worse, some Town officials say, by out-of-state motorists encountering an Interstate back-up heading westward who, instead of knowing it isn’t that bad as with local and area motorists, detour at Lovell Road then attempt to get back on the Interstate on North Campbell Station.

The idea of making interchange improvements — budgeted for a complete overhaul by Tennessee Department of Transportation in the 2022-23 fiscal year — began formulating during Tupper’s work commute one afternoon.

“I sat in traffic one day and just started thinking, ‘What can we do to make it better?’” he recalled saying.

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business

A sibling trio of teenagers has been getting green this summer in the Farragut area. Meanwhile, a Town resident is giving new meaning to the complimentary term “sharp businessman.” **(Read these stories beginning on page 9A)**

community

A local school exemplifies a fast riser, as a new principal takes over. Meanwhile, a Farragut resident is giving back to her community in downtown Knoxville — and in Chattanooga. **(Read these stories beginning on page 4B)**

sports

Among Farragut-area youth, there’s lots of talent on the field and talent on the court. Well, how about a more slippery surface, where this kind of talent can be found this week in Florida? A slightly older set of competitors, meanwhile, are club champs. **(See photos on page 1B)**

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County Profiles: Battle for Trustee

Dave “Caz” Cazalet
Democrat candidate

Why should you be elected Trustee?
“On any given day, the Knox County Trustee’s Office has approximately \$200 million sitting idle in local banks. It earns only .65 percent interest. My opponent told WBIR (Inside TN: J. Biggs, D. Cazalet, K. Kristy, A. Henley, Part 1 | wbir.com) he was satisfied with this low return. I am not.
“I will invest the taxpayers’ money in federal bonds, one of the safest investments available and currently earning 3.3 percent interest, and interest rates are rising. The additional interest would earn an additional \$5 million annually for the taxpayers.



Cazalet

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Justin Biggs
Republican candidate

Why should you be elected Trustee?
“The Office of Trustee has many functions, but none more important than collecting your tax dollars and investing these dollars wisely. The office plays a major role in maintaining and keeping your tax rate as low as possible. Our team chooses only the most qualified investors to ensure your tax dollars are safe and invested to maximize the return.
“Once elected, I plan to expand our delinquent tax team. I think it is important to hold larger tax sales, which equates to more tax dollars, back into the General Fund. I also will begin enlisting folks for seasonal positions. These



Biggs

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County Profiles: Register of Deeds

Scott Crammond
Democrat challenger

• Why do we need a change in this office, and how will you, based on accomplishments, qualifications and experience, be able to better serve the people?
“My background in real estate and history make me uniquely qualified for this office.
“I know the nuts and bolts of what it takes to transfer residential and commercial property. I also have worked in archival research at Ohio State University, so I understand the nuance and delicacy it takes to archive and maintain archival records.
“I have professional relationships with many of the Title agencies in Knox County. I will be able to rely on those relationships as the Register of Deeds.



Crammond

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Nick McBride
Incumbent Republican

• Explain why you should be re-elected Register of Deeds?
“The Register of Deeds office in Knox County is tasked with the responsibility of providing the safety and security for the records of your largest investments and assets – your home and property. It is a critical position in local government, as it affects more than \$10 billion in our local Knox County economy annually.
“Any mistake in this office could have a tremendous impact on a property owner, so this position is not the place for on-the-job training.”
McBride lists the following accomplishments and honors:
• has worked in the Register of Deeds office for more than 30 years, starting as an intern, to Register of Deeds since 2018,



McBride

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KCSOreports

• At 6:34 p.m., Saturday, July 30, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office unit was dispatched to a Herron Road address for a domestic matter. Arrestee met officers in the driveway of her residence with a bloody right nostril. She refused medical treatment and stated her husband, the victim, “hit her and shoved her down in the garage,” the report stated.
The arrestee had slurred speech, red watery eyes, was unsteady on her feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her breath. Arrestee had no other obvious signs of injury other than her nose.
Victim “stated his wife was ‘three sheets to the wind’ and was attempting to transplant trees in the heat with a shovel,” the report further stated. “The victim stated he was assisting

(eventual arrestee) into the garage when she fell and then began to hit him twice in the back of the head.”
The victim did admit he restrained the arrestee in fear he would be hit with the shovel. The victim had redness on the back of his head and neck consistent with his story. The victim stated the arrestee fell next to the garage entry door and hit her nose on the side of the refrigerator causing it to bleed.”
Although there was not an witness to the incident in the garage, a witness stated the arrestee “was upset with the victim for not helping her transplant trees before he went into the residence,” the report also stated.

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Leilani, Bill, and Margaret Johns Having a Great Time on the 4th of July.

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▪ PROVEN CONSERVATIVE!

35 years supporting GOP clubs and conservative causes, endorsed by the founders of the Concord-Farragut GOP club, Chairman – Knox County GOP, and Chairman – Tennessee Conservative Union / President - West Knox GOP club
(Opponent has no leadership record with GOP/conservative entities or initiatives)

▪ EXECUTIVE EDUCATION!

Master of Business Administration (MBA),
Master of Public Administration (MPA), Bachelor of Arts (BA)
(Opponent does not hold an undergraduate degree or state license)

▪ EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP!

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When Ralph McGill was elected mayor in 2009, he made it a priority to attract small businesses to our Town and build a supportive business environment where all businesses can thrive. Due to our demographics and location, we are on the radar of many national retailers.

Attracting small businesses requires a little more effort. Small business owners need to know that there is a network of support for them and that they are valued. Town residents have long advocated that they would like to see more small businesses.

Slowly, but surely, we have been successful in building a supportive business environment. In my opinion, one of the most significant steps toward providing support for small businesses in our Town was the addition of a business liaison to our staff in 2018.

The business liaison serves a critical role in assisting small business owners as they prepare to navigate the buildout of their brick-and-mortar businesses. The business liaison smooths a complicated process with direct and timely communication.

Time is money, and our small businesses need every opportunity to build out their businesses in as timely a manner as possible. In the four years that our business liaison has been on staff, he has interacted with at least 51 businesses, most of which are small businesses. The feedback from new business owners has



Vice Mayor
Louise Povlin
Town of Farragut

been overwhelmingly positive. Beyond his outreach to assist new businesses, the business liaison is responsible for hosting pre-project consultations for new business owners, preparing and updating the business development guide to help small business owners interested in starting a business, hosting “How to Build a Business in Farragut” seminars and maintaining contact with business owners through buildout.

A codes business liaison was also added to in 2018. The responsibilities of the codes business liaison include providing on-site pre-project consultation and giving guidance/assistance to business owners during buildout.

The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1987. It hosts networking events and ribbon cuttings. The organization supports the Town’s business recruitment efforts, connects business owners with the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, SCORE and the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center, and provides educational opportunities.

The Farragut Business Alliance’s mission is to positively impact Farragut’s economic growth by assisting new businesses, supporting and promoting existing businesses and, in coordination with the Town of Farragut, aiding in the economic development and promotion of the community.

It does this by managing the Shop Farragut program, which includes many annual events and programs. Specifically, it coordinates grand opening signage for new businesses and hosts

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Murphy-Mayor II

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sion administrator, has been quoted again this week.

Murphy’s opening response to July 27 story

“I am writing this in response to the article published on July 27.

“I have not been contacted by any member of law enforcement.

“I was at Farragut Town Hall on Saturday, July 23, to confirm that the vehicle with Ron Williams’s signs on them was no longer inside the 100-foot zone. The signs were gone.

“I drove out (to) the back of the building where I saw Mr. Williams leaving Town Hall. I pulled into the closest parking spot to document this. At no point did I ever drive at Mr. or Mrs. Williams.”

Davis confirmed the legitimacy of the complaint Murphy made concerning signage mentioned above, “which regarded an election worker’s car having magnetic ‘Ron Williams’ stickers on it,” which the KCEC administrator noted was parked

too close to the polling location.

“I talked to the election worker, and it was unintentional on her part,” Davis further stated. “... there was no malice involved ... ”

The July 27 story’s headline included the phrase ‘No polling violations cited,’ which was inaccurate,” Murphy stated.

That, of course, is correct (We regret the error).

Accusations, responses

Murphy also stated “two residents ... witnessed a polling site violation inside Farragut Town Hall on Friday (July) 15 and Tuesday (July) 19.”

Murphy said he then called Davis “to report this on Thursday (July) 21. He left me a voicemail after 5 p.m. stating he spoke to Mr. Williams regarding things he cannot do inside Town Hall while voting is going on.”

Murphy released an audio recording of the conversation he had with Davis:

“Mayor Williams was in the building Tuesday afternoon (July 19) to vote, and he did go in the room, obviously, to vote,”

Davis said in the recording.

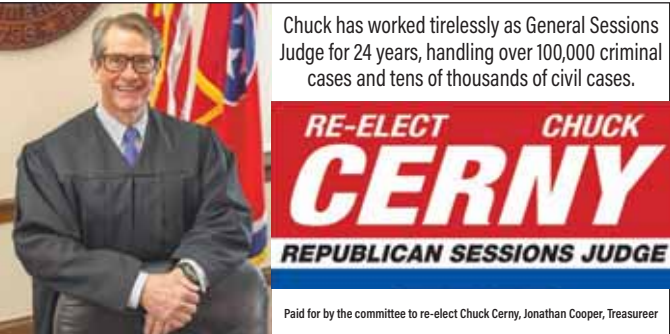
While pointing out Williams has an office in Town Hall, the KCEC administrator added, “But I did advise him that, ‘you probably want to come in the back door; you don’t want to get anywhere near the line where people vote; and you don’t want to be caught on camera shaking hands or glad-handing or anything like that – politicking.’

“... He has to stay away from the voters. He has been informed of that. I had a conversation with him about 15 minutes (before Murphy called).”

However, when presented Murphy’s statement and asked if Williams violated any election laws inside Town Hall, Davis responded via e-mail, “No. As I have stated previously, I will stick with my answer to the farragutpress in a previous edition (July 27).

“... Another example of this is (Williams’) campaign sign in a booth paid for by Farragut at the April WOW event, which was covered in a July 27 ad,” Murphy further stated.

“I reviewed the Town cal-



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Biggs

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jobs will be created during our busiest time for tax collections, from late September through July. This ensures that we don’t have down time and waste taxpayer dollars because of the slowdown in work during these times.

“It will also enable my office to fund the additional headcount to hold the larger tax sales that creates more tax dollars into he general fund.

“I plan to make it easier to

do business with my office with drive-through collection sites for your safety and convenience.

“I also will keep you informed during tax time (October-April) with a monthly newsletter highlighting the successes and key information on investments of your tax dollars.

“I also will create a quarterly ‘Toast with the Trustee.’ I will hold informal breakfast meetings in all quadrants of the County so you can meet with me and my staff for questions pertinent to the Office.”

Additional comments pertaining to the report were sought by farragutpress after the alleged incident, which Williams answered for our July 27 story.

Murphy, however, could not be reached for comment on the July 27 story despite repeated attempts by farragutpress.

“I have to believe if Mr. Williams (spoke) to the police that it would be in the report and the police would have contacted me,” Murphy also stated.

Answering Williams’ charge “that the suspect has a history of disrupting Open Forum Town meetings,” Murphy stated, “I have only attended two Town meetings in person: March 10 and March 24.

“Mr. Williams’ assertion that I have a history of disrupting Town meetings is false. I encourage all readers to go and watch the unedited videos of those meetings on Farragut’s website or at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMjfy58_thM&t=1668s (or) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUOW84B8z2U&t=2704s>

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"THERE YOU GO AGAIN..." – PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

My opponent's July 11th reporting period financial disclosure revealed vigorous support from Vice Mayor Povlin. The disclosure also listed a \$4,000 loan with the address of Vice Mayor Povlin's business. Per a text conversation with the administrator of the Knox County Election Commission (KCEC) on July 16th, the administrator was under the impression from my opponent that this was a personal loan made to his campaign, though it was not listed as such. It was expected that the address and identity of the person(s) of the loan would have been made transparent in a future addendum. The July 11th financial disclosure had an addendum, but not for transparency of the \$4K loan. The administrator of the KCEC also confirmed that "Re-Elect Mayor Ron Williams" is not a registered political action committee (PAC) with his office which this loan seemed to be if not a personal loan. In addition, it is not a registered PAC with the Tennessee Division of Elections either!

My opponent's July 28th reporting period financial disclosure was even less transparent and was submitted incomplete (no date, no witness signatures, etc.) in addition to NOT providing any required detail per the \$4K loan. The loan section of the form requires that the candidate identify the loan and carry it forward from each financial disclosure until settled. There are many examples of how to properly list a personal loan by other candidates as found on the KCEC's website. Another observation from my opponent's financial disclosure is that there are large donations from the "development community" in addition to a \$250 donation from current Alderman Ron Pinchok. Most alarming from the review of my opponent's financial disclosures is that there are ZERO expenditures listed for advertisements in this very paper. My opponent has been advertising since early June and ALL political advertising is pre-paid. However, there is NOT a single expenditure in the financial disclosures of my opponent to the farragutpress.

The "Re-Elect Mayor Ron Williams" \$4K loan associated with Vice Mayor Povlin's business address appears to be "DARK MONEY". The definition of Dark Money is spending meant to influence political outcomes where the source of the money is not disclosed. Per a conversation I had on August 1st with the General Counsel of the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, the concerns of we the people with regard to the ambiguity surrounding this \$4k loan are legitimate.

Transparency matters! I humbly offer that should I be elected as Farragut Mayor, I will strive to make our community the most transparent and ethical local government in the great State of Tennessee!

Please do your part in protecting our precious democracy and let's make Farragut friendly again! – Bill Johns

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Cazalet

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“I would set up an advisory council to advise me on how best to invest tax money.

“I would re-start the monthly reports that stopped in January 2022. Under my management, the Trustee’s office would be the most transparent in the county.

“As a newspaper editor and publisher, I managed 30 or more employees. I am a seasoned administrator.

“In managing \$30 million federal grant money, the agen-

cies providing the grants were looking over my shoulder. My grants were never questioned because they were well-managed. I am qualified to be the county’s banker.

“The current Trustee, Ed Shouse, has done a good job. Two previous Republican Trustees were charged with crimes. ... My opponent was an employee of the Trustee’s office during part of the fraud.

“He told WBIR he had learned what not to do. He didn’t know it was illegal to pay phony employees?”

Crammond

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“I want to promote the digitization of the historical deeds in Knox County.

“I will make sure those stay

transparent and open to the residents of Knox County.

“I also want to promote public history using those documents through community outreach.

“That will come by promot-

ing this digital archive to local high schools and the University of Tennessee.

“I have made a career of helping the people of Knox County and this will be the next step.”

McBride

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2018, who “will ensure that property owners’ most important records are safeguarded and protected,” he said.

McBride said he has implemented several new programs

since being elected in 2018, including the following: a free property fraud alert system; digitized records from 1968 back to the mid-1700s; E-recording and new computer system; Top Lender Report; and turned over \$6 million in excess fees.

McBride also points out his service as president of the Tennessee Register’s Association and as first vice-president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee, saying he has been endorsed by the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors.

Election Day

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A total of 32,970 Knox County residents cast ballots during Early Voting, according to Knox County Election Commission records.

Farragut and Farragut-area precincts are listed below; those who do not know their voting precincts may visit <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voter-lookup/> for confirmation.

65E, Concord East: Shoreline Church, 9635 Westland Drive;

65N, Concord North: Farragut Primary School, 509 N Campbell Station Road;

65S, Concord South: Shore-

line Church, Westland Drive; 65SW, Concord Southwest: Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive;

65W, Concord West: Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive;

66NE, East Farragut: Farragut Middle School, 200 West End Ave.;

66NW, West Farragut Middle School: 200 West End Ave.;

66SE, East Farragut High School: 11237 Kingston Pike; and

66SW, West Farragut High: Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike.

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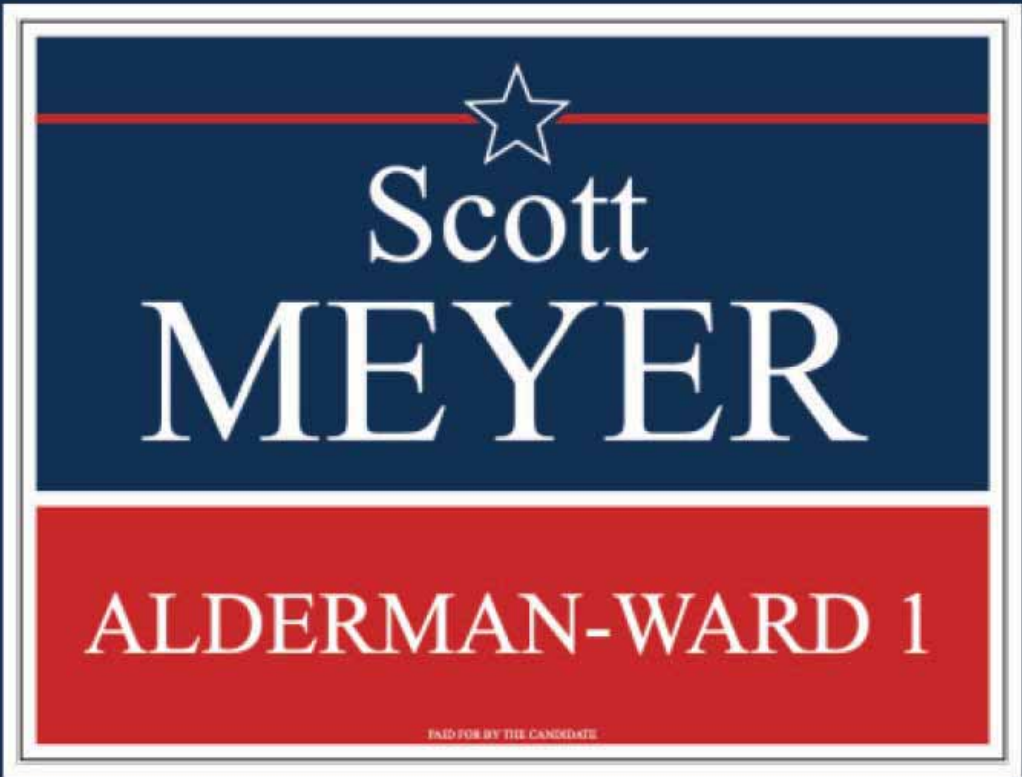
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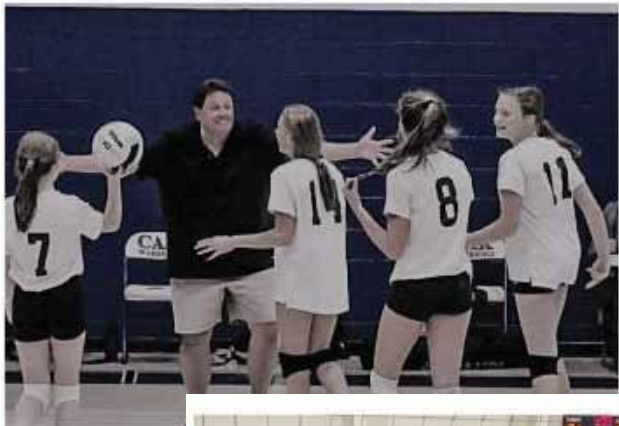
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- Alderman Meyer

“I will bring to my second term the same transparency, fiscal conservatism, and passion for protecting neighborhoods from high impact development of my first term. I am committed to reducing traffic congestion and expanding town amenities for all Farragut residents.”

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County Profiles: At-Large Commission Seat 10

Despite repeated attempts to contact Democrat Dylan Earley, Knox County Commission At-Large Seat 10 candidate, for weeks, no communication was established.

We regret not being able to share his platforms.

Larsen Jay
Incumbent GOP candidate
• **Based on what you’ve accomplished in office, and your qualifications, experience and any other positive quality, why should you be re-elected?**

“I am asking the people of Knox County to re-elect me as their At-Large Commissioner because of my track record as a public servant and relative experience in the private sector.

“In my first term, I’ve diligently supported public education, including funding for three new elementary schools, while also relocating the KCS administration offices and putting the AJ Building back on the tax rolls.

“Additionally, I have been an ardent supporter of our law enforcement professionals by advocating for bonuses and raises, reformed the protection program, provided funding for new Sheriff’s Office initiatives and continued to ride with officers in the field to better understand their roles and responsibilities.

“And finally, I’ve spear-

headed several impactful community projects, including the Beaver Creek watershed cleanup, Mental Health and Housing State-of-the-County reports, Corryton Helipad installation and the Northshore Greenway and Pedestrian Safety improvements. I believe I’ve demonstrated my ability to serve constituents with distinction while accomplishing meaningful projects across the County.”

• **What are three things you hope Commission, with your help and leadership, need to help Knox County accomplish in the next four years if re-elected?**

“If given the opportunity to serve in a second term on Commission, three efforts I would like to complete include the AdvanceKnox land-use and transportation planning project, direct more focus on critical infrastructure needs, and continue efforts of our law enforcement professionals to bolster recruitment and retain our best officers with competitive pay.”

• **What is at least one thing needed in the 5th District that you support to accom-**

plish with funding?

“I have been working for four years on the Northshore Greenway and Pedestrian Safety Project and am proud to have the support of Mayor Jacobs and my fellow Commissioners.

“This effort includes four distinct phases that will dramatically improve access to parks and trails and offers over 25,000 neighbors safe opportunities to walk, bike or run throughout the Northshore corridor. Phase I (Callaway Ridge Trailhead) was completed in 2021; Phase II

(Greenway from Concord Road roundabout west to the bridge plus improvements to Concord Park) was completed in 2022; Phase III (boardwalk under both bridges) will be completed later this year.

“Phase IV (greenway extension from the Cove Park to Choto Road roundabout) is in the planning stages.

“When funding is secured for the final phase and construction is complete in 2023, this new pedestrian corridor will help save lives and bring new pedestrian connectivity throughout the 5th District.”

KCSO Report

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The witness “also stated the arrestee had been drinking since approximately (2:30 p.m.) and (victim) had to catch the arrestee multiple times from falling near their pool earlier today,” the report further stated.

The victim was advised of his rights under the Tennessee Domestic Violence Law and was given a family crisis card. The victim refused medical treatment and refused transportation to a safe place.

Arrestee was transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility.



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business briefs

Parsons trio go Clean Green

• **Thrive was named as Knox News Top Workplace 2022** at a recent event at The Foundry on World's Fair Site. Additionally, Thrive was presented the award for "Meaningfulness" for its work investing spiritually, emotionally, academically and physically in students who attend Thriveprogramming.

This year's survey consisted of 89 companies surveyed, and more than 12,000 employees completed the survey. From this, Thrive was given the Gold Star of Recognition "for the culture, work-life balance and overall feeling of meaningful work" within the organization.

• **Megan Hutson, Samuel Valley, Carrie Valley, Nicholas Humensky and Sandra Allen** have joined EXIT Realty Pros' growing team of dedicated real estate sales professionals.

• A group of 25 law enforcement officers, first responders and medical staff recently graduated from **Crisis Intervention Team training**. The class included staff from the University of Tennessee Police Department, Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville Sheriff's Office, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville Fire Department, Lenoir City Police Department, Morristown Police Department and American Medical Response.

CIT-trained officers underwent 40 hours of intensive training, which helps them identify mental health resources to assist people in crisis and connects officers with mental health professionals and other community agencies.

• **Shultz Pediatrics, which is part of Summit Medical Group at 9142 S. Northshore Drive, has partnered with Mothers' Milk Bank of Tennessee** to become the nonprofit's 13th Milk Drop Depot in Tennessee. The pediatric office will provide a convenient place for pre-screened and approved donors of frozen milk.

• **Brooke Sinclair of Knoxville Utilities Board** recently was re-appointed to American Public Gas Association Board of Directors, where she began another three-year term. APGA is a national, not-for-profit association representing more than 700 publicly-owned natural gas distribution systems in 38 states. It is the only trade association solely representing the interests of public natural gas systems at the federal, legislative and regulatory level.

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Not yet legally able to drive, three Kingsgate brothers have started their own lawn care business in Farragut.

Joe, Landon and Shae Parsons — ages 14, 13 and 15 respectively — actually began mowing yards within their neighborhood four years ago, but earlier this year they incorporated as Clean Green Lawn Pros LLC, after converting to all-electric equipment.

"In the past they were just a few kids mowing lawns, but now they have an LLC," remarked their father, Matthew Parsons, a Realtor who helps out with their transportation needs when necessary.

Joe has been the driving force of what is now Clean Green Lawn Pros. In 2018 — the year Joe turned 11 — Matthew asked his sons what their goals were.

"I told him I wanted to make \$1,000," Joe recalled. "So Dad taught me how to mow and weed whack, and I started mowing."

"My goal was not to do it for him," said Matthew, who also has four older children with his wife, Janice. "Really, it was all on him."



Michelle Hollenhead

Brothers, from left, Shea, Joe and Landon Parsons own and operate their own lawn care business, Clean Green Lawn Pros, LLC.

"I started getting jobs, and asked Landon and Shae if they wanted to join me," Joe added. "People started donating equipment to them, which they started using, too," Matthew said.

At first they had two push

mowers, and their father was driving them to different job sites. But once they were able to save enough money to secure a riding mower, they also could use it to reach their customers, especially since most of their initial clientele was lo-

cated within their own neighborhood.

Adding a work cart, which could be pulled by the mower, helped transport equipment, too.

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Tammy Cheek

Moe Alush of Farragut recently opened Tennessee Cutlery, a retail shop at 11414 Kingston Pike in Farragut specializing in knives, from pocket to hunting and kitchen.

Knives for a lifetime at Tennessee Cutlery

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Pocket knives, specialty collector's and hunting knives — among many others — are featured in a new shop in Farragut.

Farragut resident Moe Alush, president/CEO/owner of Tennessee Cutlery, LLC., opened the business a month ago at 11414 Kingston Pike, Suite C in the alcove.

Customers will find knives signifying holidays, such as Father's Day or Christmas; other events, such as weddings, graduations or birthdays; religious; wildlife; licensed, such as John Deere, Boy Scouts, Ford or Chevy, etc.; and patriotic and military.

As a master dealer for the Case brand, the store carries

more than 2,000 different knives, which includes Case's entire line and special factory order products or exclusives. There are different sizes, handle materials and boxes.

"Some of them are pocket knives, and some of them are for hunting — fixed blade," Alush said. "Some of them are just collectibles. Some of them have exotic materials, and some of them are for everyday carry."

"I have a special relationship with Case because I started my business with Case," he added. "So, my success story started with Case. I remember the first time I saw a Case knife, I didn't know anything about it."

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New lanes

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Armed with Tupper’s idea, officials worked with engineering firm Cannon & Cannon on the design, presented to and approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen earlier this year.

Cost was \$22,000 for design and \$513,695 for construction.

Farragut resident Sara Klisz, who also experienced the traffic issues first-hand during her own work commute, said she

has been pleased with the resulting changes.

“Looking at the published renderings, I was skeptical the reconfiguration would make a difference in traffic flow,” Klisz said.

“I’m happy to say I was wrong!

“... The new, dedicated turn lanes have alleviated the risk of a single-lane head-on collision,” she added. “I hope traffic continues to flow smoothly through the underpass when school is back in session.”

TN Cutlery

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it. I understood it’s a sign of pride — people pass their knives from one generation to another.

“Some people like to collect knives. I have some people who buy knives (but) they don’t use them. They just appreciate the workmanship and details.”

Alush also carries Buck, Hen & Roster, Buck Creek and German Bull knives.

Modern knives they carry are Benchmade, Fox, Esse, Cold Steel, Hinderer, Ontario,

Liomsteel, Kershaw, SOG, Spyderco., We Knife, Zero Tolerance, Civivi, Protech and QSB. “And we are in the process of carrying Microtech, a modern knife,” Alush added.

Kitchen knives also are included in the mix, along with laser engraving on a knife blade. Alush also is looking into implementation of a knife sharpening service.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, For more information, call 865-223-5448, e-mail Alush at moe@tennessee.cutlery.com or visit DeadwoodKnives.com

Column

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community events that offer booth space for local businesses. In the case of MusicFest and Dog Daze, multi-day events held in West End and Village Green shopping centers, respectively, shops in those centers gained exposure as well.

The Shop Farragut for the Holidays campaign and the monthly Town Sampler promotional campaign are additional opportunities for businesses, particularly small businesses, to gain publicity.

Visit Farragut, which was established in 2018,

Clean Green

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“They were able to go from house to house to house,” Matthew said. World of mouth and social media quickly built their business, and they have been working on updating and changing their model.

An injury for Shea, who broke his thumb in May and was unable to work, pointed the brothers in a different direction.

“He had zero money because he couldn’t do his part, so they started thinking about what it might look like to own a business with employees, where

they could get paid, even if they couldn’t work,” Matthew said.

Armed with new electrical equipment, “which has no air or noise pollution,” Landon said, along with insurance and the LLC — which was official as of July 1 — the brothers branched out into nearby Brookmere earlier this year.

Moreover, Brookmere now has a connector road into Kingsgate.

“Part of our goal is to be using solar panels to power our equipment and have three crews by the end of 2024,” Landon said.

While their goal is to mow 200 lawns a month, the trio are now in a position to take on new clientele. Clean Green also will spread mulch and rake — and even remove snow.

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Tops in 18-Hole, 9-Hole FDCC Ladies Golf

(Left group photo) Pam Schaffer, right, was crowned Fox Den Country Club 9-Hole Ladies Club Champion for 2022 (98), as competition concluded Wednesday, July 20. Also joining Danny Ackerman, FDCC head golf professional, is Kim Matthews, 9-Hole Ladies Golf Net Champion (108). Gross Runner-up was Jane Martin (101), **headshot top left**, with Susan Laine, **headshot above left**, Net Runner-up (114). **(Right group photo)** Lynna Rader, left, was crowned 18-Hole Ladies Club Champion for 2022 after defeating runner-up Jillian King 6-and-5 during the Championship Flight Match Play final Thursday morning, July 21. Flight 1 top finisher was Donna Farinella, winning 6-and-5 versus runner-up Kathy Jackson. Flight 2 champ was Whitney Childers, with Karen Jones runner-up. Flight 3 winner was Marty Cox, edging runner-up Jill Tomlinson 2-and-1. On top in Flight 1 Consolation Bracket was Traci Smith, topping Judy Strandquist 5-and-4.

Cool Sports’ Smoky Mtn. Ice Theatre Group competing at US Figure Skating Showcase

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead
A special group of skaters from Cool Sports Home of the Icearium, comprising the Smoky Mountain Ice Theatre Group, is competing this week (Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 2-6) in Winter Chapel, Florida, during the United States Figure Skating National Showcase. **(Above)** Jade Aubuchon, center, SMI Theater member — who will be joining “Feld Entertainment Presents Disney on Ice Road Trip Adventures” two days after competing in Florida — is pictured during a dress rehearsal of the group’s competition piece Saturday, July 30, at Cool Sports. **(Above left)** Kylee Pace, SMI Theatre member, during the group’s dress rehearsal. **(Left)** Campbell Thornton, also an SMI Theatre member, performed his solo competition piece July 30.

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Concord United Methodist Church’s United Women in Faith garden party

Concord United Methodist Church’s United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) gathered for an outdoor garden party in June on the church grounds. The heat index was high, but the ladies and their guests enjoyed Popsicles, and electric fans were distributed to help form gentle breezes while they met, talked, prayed and heard from church members Sue Dempsey, who is in charge of the church’s flower ministry, and Mike Smith, who is in charge of the church’s community garden.



Monica Viator brought her puppy, Finnegan.



Margaret Ashworth posed beside the church’s “Little Lending Library.”



Mike Smith, who oversees the church’s community garden, was among the speakers.



Taylor Russell was among the ladies enjoying a cooling Popsicle.



Sue Dempsey, who is over the church’s flower ministry, was among the speakers.



Donna Brown, left, and Frances Bogan.



Megan Wood, left, and Jenny Gergely tried to beat the heat near the fans.



Christine Bolme enjoyed a cooling beverage.



Ginny Thurston wore a festive hat.

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David Eldridge
"I have had the opportunity to know and work with Judge Cerny for over 30 years, first as an Assistant District Attorney and for the last 24 years as one of our General Sessions Court Judges. I have always found him to be fair and respectful to all those citizens who appear before him as well as the lawyers, law enforcement and court personnel who work in his Court. I have long admired the work he has done with Recovery Court and witnessed his commitment to the success of the participants in that Court while balancing that interest with the important need for the safety of the public. I strongly urge you to vote to reelect him to this position."

Jim Gore
"I have known Judge Cerny and practiced in his court for over 20 years. I

know him to be a good person and judge who treats all parties and attorneys fairly and with respect, a trait that is both admirable and more and more difficult to find these days in our society."

Wesley D. Stone, Attorney
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Jeff Whitt
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Ossoli Circle ‘Tea’ a big draw

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Ossoli Circle is hosting its 38th Annual “I Love Ossoli Tea” from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug 8, in the Ossoli Circle Clubhouse, 2511 Kingston Pike.

Although this event is for members only, Ossoli Circle will host an “Opening Members Coffee” beginning at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 12.

For more details, prospective members may call said Jan Coley, Ossoli Circle publicity chair, at 865-248-9206 or e-mail coleyjan@gmail.com

“I Love Ossoli Tea”

As for what prospective members might look forward to, the “I Love Ossoli Tea” party “is a way for our members to celebrate the club,” Coley said. “It is one of the highlights of the year.”

“I Love Ossoli Tea” chair Sherry Hillis noted the first tea was held in August 1984 in the home of her late mother-in-law and past president Florence Hillis.

“Florence gave an elegant tea for Ossoli Circle members, and she hoped it would motivate everyone to shower the club with donations for the upcoming Centennial Celebration,” Hillis said. “We have had the tea at various locations over the years, including back at the Hillis home in 2018 (Florence died in 2009) and Historic Westwood in 2019.

“This year the committee wanted to return to our clubhouse for afternoon tea,” she added. “It is also a fun time to wear our pretty dresses and hats and see each other after the summer break.”



Back-to-school prep locally

(Right) Farragut High School Class of 2022 graduates Austin Sexton, left, and Tyler Rasasy helped with grounds clean-up on the Farragut Intermediate School and Farragut Middle School campuses Wednesday, July 27, at the request of both schools’ Parent Teacher Organizations.

(Above) Amie Abram helped lead a similar effort at Farragut Primary School, as the school’s PTO Grounds co-chair, during the same time frame, all of which helped ready the grounds for teaching staff who returned Monday, Aug. 1. Students’ first day back is Monday, Aug. 8. (See related photos on page 1A)

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From third grade to boss at CCS

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A familiar face will be welcoming Concord Christian School’s kindergarten-through fifth-grade students back to school Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Jen Studt, who taught third grade at CCS last year, is the school’s new elementary school principal, taking over after former CCS Elementary principal Leigh Ledet retired. The two women were able to work together for two months before the 2021-22 school year ended.



Studt

“It was really nice to be able to work with her before she left,” Studt said. “I also loved working with assistant principal Karen Littleton.”

While Studt has more than a dozen years of teaching experience, this will be her first administrative role.

“I had always been content to be a teacher, but the Lord laid it on my heart last year to apply for the principal’s position,” she said. “I am humbled the Lord chose me for this position and know this is exactly where He wants me to be.

“I want our parents to know how excited I am to serve and

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Making a difference at ETCH, in Chattanooga: Paraskevi

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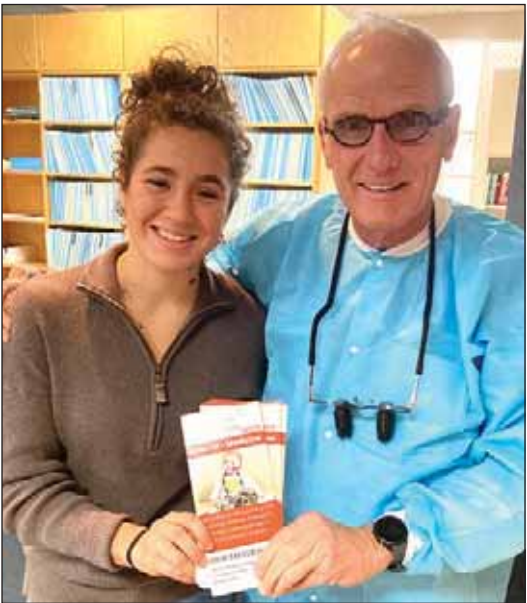
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For teenager Paraskevi Christopoulos of Farragut, there’s never a dull moment.

Earlier this summer, “I completed my Girl Scout Gold Award, ‘Beads of Courage NICU.’ After our family experienced the challenges of having a baby in the NICU, I decided to help other families going through the difficult time of having a baby admitted into the NICU,” Christopoulos said.

“I used textile arts to make bags to give to families being

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(Far left) Paraskevi Christopoulos, Baylor School of Chattanooga varsity crew team member, displays the Carry a Beads during a national competition, where the team participated in the Beads of Courage Carry a Bead program.

(Left) Christopoulos delivered Beads of Courage NICU information cards to local Farragut orthodontist Dr. Christopher O’Rourke.

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Baylor girl
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supported through the Beads of Courage project. “Project Beads of Courage NICU stitches bags that are given to families at East Ten-

nessee Children’s Hospital to contain the numerous amounts of beads received during treatments and procedures,” she added. “The mission of my Gold Award project is to bring awareness to Arts-in-Medicine programs.”

High school is, perhaps, another adventure. Although a resident of Farragut, “I attend the Baylor School in Chattanooga, where I am currently a member of the varsity crew team,” Christopoulos said. “The girls crew team at-

tended nationals on May 28, where the team participated in the Beads of Courage Carry a Bead program. “The Carry a Bead program allows teams to share their courage to care and allows teams to take the children

on an adventure,” she added. “Each athlete wore two beads. After nationals, each athlete kept one bead and the other bead was mailed back to the Beads of Courage organization to be distributed to the children at their bedside.”

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• **Join Maggie Blake Bailey** — a graduate of Stanford, Oxford, Brown, and Sewanee universities — **in an exploration of poetic craft and inspiration** has poems published or forthcoming in “Rust + Moth, Foundry, Psalter & Lyre” and elsewhere. Knoxville Writers’ Guild offers this program via Zoom beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4. Register by 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3, to receive a Zoom link at the KWG website or via this link: <https://knoxvillewritersguild.org/events/>.

• **More than 200 quilts will be on display Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6**, in Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway (at Merchant Drive). Hosted by the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee, the show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

Merikay Waldvogel, a 2009 Quilters Hall of Fame inductee, will present an antique quilt-turning and discuss the history of the quilts beginning at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday. Throughout the show, attendees may shop vendors’ booths and the SMQ Boutique, which offers a unique selection of items handcrafted by guild members.

Other attractions include scavenger hunts for young ones and quilt appraisals by appointment with certified ap-

praiser Cindy Stuart by calling 865-386-0940.

Admission is \$7, or \$10 for 2-day pass; \$6 for veterans, active military and first responders (fire, police and EMS) with ID, and free for children under age 12. The Expo Center has free parking and is accessible to the disabled. For more information about the show and the guild, visit www.smokymtnquilters.com, follow on Facebook, e-mail info@smokymtnquilters.com or call 865-213-2335.

• **MEDIC is working with local community groups and leaders to bring awareness** to sickle cell disease and the ongoing need for blood products as the primary treatment for patients. For more information, visit the MEDIC website at www.medicblood.org or contact director of communications Kristy Altman at Kaltman@medicblood.org or by phone at 865-805-2008.

• **Knoxville Civil War Roundtable features Kent Masterson Brown analyzing Gen. George Meade’s decisions and conduct** during the Gettysburg campaign, which begins at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9, in Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. Cost is \$8, or \$20 with dinner; students are free. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by 11 a.m., Mon-

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Tammy Cheek

Megan Belcher, middle front, 2022-23 Rotary Club of Farragut president, joins new Rotary year RCF officers and directors during its Changing of the Guard ceremony in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, June 29. Other officers, in no order, are president-elect, Val Privett; vice president, Teri Jo Fox; secretary, Sonya Ford; treasurer, Steve Krempasky; Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard Fass; Family of Rotary

chair, Cindy Krauss; Service Projects chairs, Scott Bertini and Julie Blaylock; fundraising chairs, Scott Brockamp and Jerry Schwallier; membership chairs, Larry Sheumaker and Doug Powell; Foundation chairman, Bill Rice; International Service chairwoman, Becky Duncan; Youth Services chairs, Bill Nichols and Tory Kinson; Public Image chairman, Tom King; and past president the Rev. David Bluford.

Studd

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that I don't, and have not, taken on this job lightly. Their children will be prayed for and loved by all of us here, every day."

Studd followed in her educator parents' footsteps, becoming a teacher where her mother taught and later became an administrator for a Syracuse, New York-based Christian school.

"All of my parents' children and grandchildren went to school where she taught," she said.

Studd moved to Farragut with her husband, Daniel, their two sons, Elijah and Jacob, and her parents just last year from Syracuse when Daniel was named president of Freedom in Christ Ministries, which is headquartered in Knoxville.

The couple has been married 30 years, and have two

married daughters. "Being here has been amazing," she said of their move. "Just being able to see so much sunshine — I tell people I never knew I could tan!"

"My husband and I both just marvel almost every day that we can't believe we get to live here," Studd added with a wide smile.

When they first came to Farragut, Studd began teaching at CCS, where Jacob attended classes as a junior.

"I love this school," she said. "I love its partnership with (First Baptist Concord), I love the leadership and I love how our school teaches everything from a Biblical world view."

"I'm just so excited to be there and I feel so blessed, every day."

Another exciting chapter for Studd and her husband is their project, a series of Christian books, starting with "Extraordinary Max," which will be published later this year.

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day, Aug. 8, at 865-671-9001.

• **Knoxville Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee are offering an in-person free Legal Advice Clinic** from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10, in Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville.

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