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'No more apartments' is FMPC workshop call

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Farragut government looks like it will be shutting the door on future apartments.

Between a public workshop and additional discussion among commissioners during Farragut Municipal Planning Commission's Thursday, Aug. 19 meeting, consensus seemed to be "no more apartments," as officials are working to update a portion of the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan pertaining to high- and medium-density residential use.

### Workshop feedback

Community Development director Mark Shipley led the workshop for around 30 residents along with elected and appointed officials who evaluated Undeveloped Land and Housing Considerations prior to the regular FMPC meeting.

Shipley began by pointing out very few areas in Farragut have yet to be developed, with exceptions including north of Interstate 40/75, in the southwest sector and around Ingles along Kingston Pike.

"The Town is approaching build out," Shipley said. "Something we have never really looked at is visioning — how you want the undeveloped land to look." Among the Town's current zoning/housing options that might work best in those locations is a

"missing middle" component, he explained. "Side-by-side duplexes, stacked duplexes and

triplexes are some we don't allow currently," Shipley said.

He also mentioned a new zoning district, a transitional overlay, might help provide for a variety of housing types.

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# \$1.5 mil upgrade moves stadium entrance

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A roughly \$1.5 million renovation, stemming from a successful Title IX lawsuit and funded by Knox County Government, is well under way for Bellamy Field, home of the 2021 TSSAA Class AAA state champion Farragut High School softball team.

It features a new "L-shaped" clubhouse building, batting cage and pitching area along the left field line and behind the left field fence, and will house "locker rooms, concession stand, restrooms and a coaches office," FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett said.

"There's also going to be improvements to dugout areas, seating and handicap accessibility," he added. "It's going to be a beautiful place."

The resulting construction



# 'Chair' of kids



# Online survey: 10-year vision

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Town Parks and Recreation staff are about midway through the process of seeking community input as its 10-Year Master Plan will be updated next year.

Volunteers manned a pavilion at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Saturday, Aug. 14 where area residents could fill out surveys asking participants to evaluate current and future Town amenities.

Then last Friday, Aug. 20, an on-line version was released, containing about 15 questions "with the focus being what our community wants to see in the future — both facilities and programs/ initiatives," said Parks and Recreation Director Sue Stuhl.

"It will be available via a survey monkey link (there will also be a QR code that will take you to the survey) and everyone is invited and encouraged to participate," she added. "So you don't have to be a citizen of Farragut to com-

has created a need to re-route students, parents and other fans of FHS athletic events at Bill Clabo Field/Bill Parker Track — including Admirals football — who enter on the "home-side" of the stadium along Lendon Welch Way.

A new 8-foot "crushed rock" pathway — roughly halfway between the former entrance and the track's "after-school hours" entrance behind the east end zone — is set to be ready for the varsity football home opener Friday, Aug. 27, also dubbed "Toga Night," with opening kickoff at 7 p.m. versus Knoxville West.

The rock path entrance "will be smoothed-out" for handicapped accessibility and easier walkability, athletic director Donald Dodgen said.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Part of the kid scene among hundreds enjoying LawnChair Series Saturday evening, Aug. 21, at Founders Park at Campbell Station were (top) sisters Eleanor Welch, left, and Olivia Welch, plus (above) Ryker Anderson with his grandmother, Tiffany Hargis.

### business

"A majority of them last about four weeks to a month, maybe longer even if you freeze them. ... The frosting is ... actually made from yogurt chips,"

- Colleen Sturdevan, about her unique home-based business inspired by her own household experience. (Read story on page 5A)

### community

"I'm proud of (my) gardens. I'm one of the youngest ones. My mother brought me in ... all these seasoned women took me under their wings,"

- Julia Shiflett, a member of a special club — for 40 years — that is preparing to host a special event. (Read story beginning on page 4B)

### sports

"We're excited to get this win. We got down but we really responded tonight. We came in focused on playing well together and playing for each other,"

- Jo Madden, whose team overcame a slow start to the season, and in this match. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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plete the survey.

She said the deadline is Sunday, Sept.

While "the survey is anonymous ... we will have a drawing for 2 free fullday picnic pavilion rentals for those who are comfortable adding their name and email address," Stuhl said, adding, "This drawing is an enticement to complete the survey. "

She said staff and volunteers "will continue to do short intercept surveys in person throughout the fall - at Lawn Chair in September, at the parks at random times and possibly at other events."

The process began earlier this spring, when all four Parks and Rec Committees — Tourism Advisory Board, Arts and Beautification, Museum and Park and Rec — served as "focus groups," Stuhl said.

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Michelle Hollenhead

A retirement reception was held Thursday, Aug. 12, in honor of Town of Farragut Human Resources director Janet Curry, left, who had been with the Town for 13 years. Among those attending was her daughter, Renee Curry, who traveled from Indianapolis for the farewell celebration.

# With daughter on hand from Indianapolis, Curry celebrated for 13

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After serving the Town of Farragut for the last 13 years, Human Resources director Janet Curry has retired.

Her last day was Friday, Aug. 20, but she was treated to a goingaway reception Thursday, Aug. 12, prior to the Board of Mayor and Alderman's regular meeting.

"It's just time," she said, adding the last year helped her realize, "life is too short and I need to be enjoying it with my grandchildren."

Altogether, Curry said she had worked in the HR field "for 30 years."

One well-wisher was Judy Housley, who also retired earlier this year from Public Entity Partners, which provides risk management products and services to municipalities —including Farragut.

"I think the world of her," said Housley, who also worked with Curry when she was with the City of Gatlinburg. "She did an amazing job in Gatlinburg, and has done great for Farragut, too.

"I always like people who make things better," she added.

Curry's daughter, Renee Curry of Indianapolis, also attended the reception.

"I had to tell her a little fib, about needing a get-a-way, but really I wanted to be here for her," Renee said.

"Janet has been great for the Town of Farragut," Town administrator David Smoak said. "She was always level headed, and good at what she does.

"She will be missed."

During her last week, Curry was scheduled to train her replacement, Michelle Pence, according to Smoak.

### Click J Funeral Home Farragut Chapel

# **KCSO**reports

• At 12:11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 23, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft at 401 N. Campbell Station Road (Pilot). Complainant advised he last saw his vehicle at 11:55 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, "when he went to purchase an item in the Pilot for the passenger in the vehicle for whom he had purchased a meal," the report stated.

Complainant said when he returned to the parking lot about five minutes later, he realized both the suspect and vehicle were missing. "Complainant advised he does not know the suspect, he was just trying to help him out," the report stated.

• At 8:46 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, an officer responded to Farragut Presbyterian Church for a possible domestic dispute. Victim said during the previous day "she was downtown driving around a parking lot when she saw her ex-boyfriend/suspect," a report stated. "She said the suspect immediately began to record her, and left the parking lot at the same time she did. She then continued on her way and he turned down another street. Victim also said she attempted to go to her 'friend's' house, who just happened to live on the same street as the suspect. As she was sitting outside her friend's house, she noticed that the suspect drove by her and was still recording."

The victim said she did not speak to the suspect and nothing physical took place yesterday. "She just felt that him 'following' and recording her was enough for her to request a report," the report stated. A domestic blue card was given and explained.

• At 6:16 p.m., Aug. 22, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft of merchandise from Walgreens, 601

N. Campbell Station Road. She advised a suspect came into the business with a "Happy Birthday" bag and "proceeded to put (various brands of electronic shaving razors) in the bag and then ran out the door," the report stated. Estimated retail value of stolen items was listed at \$300. Complainant advised she tried stopping the suspect before the suspect left the property in a four-door black vehicle (no other details listed).

• At 9:05 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, an officer responded to 11220 Outlet Drive (Cotton Eyed Joe's) for a domestic matter. Complainant/victim said she saw her ex-boyfriend, the suspect/eventual arrestee, who she has an order of protection against at the location. Officer "then made contact with the eventual arrestee, who said he had been at the establishment for more than an hour and did not know the victim was at the location," the report stated.

The arrestee also said this has been an ongoing issue, pointing out the victim will contact the arrestee's friends to see if he is at the bar so she can go and get the arrestee in trouble with law enforcement. "Employees and the owner of the Cotton Eyed Joe backed up the arrestee's accusations, saying the victim arrived the night before after the arrestee had already been at the bar and started causing a scene wanting the arrestee to be arrested the night before."

However, "a records check confirmed the arrestee had an active Instanter Attachment ... failure to obey court orders. ... Arrestee was taken into custody for the active warrant," the report further stated. "Victim was issued a trespass warning upon the business' request due to her continually causing issues at the establishment. The victim was advised of her domestic rights."

# towncalendar

• Art Fest returns to Town of Farragut in 2021 with fresh, new fun. Enjoy indoor and outdoor interactive art activities from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

Activities are geared toward kids, but anyone can participate. Crafts include monster straw

Survey From page 1A

Committee members were asked to name strengths and weaknesses, threats and opportunities. "From these focus groups, an Insider Survey was created," Stuhl said. "This survey went to all Town elected officials, staff, committee members and volunteers."

The results will be used by

art, a group art mural and more. This free event is sponsored by Farragut Arts & Beautification Committee. For more informa-

tion, contact Special Event and Program coordinator Brittany Spencer at 865-218-3378 or bspencer@townoffarragut.org.

painting, Q-tip art, squirt gun painting, spin

the Parks and Athletics Council to develop a plan, with that body serving as Steering Committee for the Master Plan.

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# letterstotheeditor 'Much needed' Town outreach 'applauded'

On Aug. 19, the Town of Farragut held a workshop to discuss the High-Density and Medium-Density Land Use Descriptions.

Mark Shipley (Community Development director) provided an in-depth background on some of the challenges in our current Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. His presentation showed how the form of development is just as important as actual density (units per acre). Use of form helps ensure abutting properties are compatible even though their densities might be different.

Mr. Shipley provided several slides of "missing middle housing" types not typically found in Farragut. These include duplex, triplex, courtyard apartments, bungalow court, townhouse, multiplex and live/work. You can find these photos on the Town of Farragut Agenda Center: look for Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Agenda of Aug. 19, Item No.10.

Many of these housing types provide for a Medium- to High-Density residential development that look like a more traditional (single family home) neighborhood. There were several residents and at least one developer in the room. Overwhelming, the voices of the citizens were clear — no more apartments in Farragut.

A Horne Properties representative stated that they are no longer seeking apartments on the property behind the old Ingles building. Their desire is to develop the property in a manner consistent with the "missing middle housing" type of properties. Local neighbors felt this was a more desirable type of development than apartments. Mr. Shipley advised that there would need to be changes made to the existing zoning ordinance and the Land Use Plan.

A recommendation was made to use a collaborative approach including the Town, local residents and Horne Properties, Inc. to create a development behind the old Ingles while assisting the Town with creation of the proper zoning ordinance. This is the process that was used to

successfully create the S-1 Zoning Ordinance for The Villages of Farragut assisted living facility.

The results of this collaborative effort could then be replicated in other locations such as the 100-acres around the Town Hall. The "missing middle housing" types are what one thinks of when you envision a "Town Center." These developments create a sense of place by being close to the road with large front porches and other distinctive features.

One can picture a main street coming off of Kingston Pike meandering through high-glass store fronts and restaurants leading to a large green space (Battle of Campbell Station Park). Beyond the park would be these downtown style homes providing for a medium density residential community within walking distance of the town center. This type of development will create a true sense of a downtown area. By including all parties, the Town, residents and developers, we can ensure we design a desirable area that a developer can and will be willing to build.

I applaud the Town for conducting this much needed outreach. This is what the Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development have called for since last October. It appears there will likely be another workshop before the next Planning Commission Meeting (Sept. 16) to discuss the initial changes to the High-Density and Medium-Density Land Use Descriptions. The Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development thanks the Town for conducting this initial outreach.

In particular, we appreciate Mayor (Ron) Williams comments during the FMPC meeting regarding continued community engagement regarding these changes. We look forward to working together to create a positive change in our community.

### ~ Michael Wilson Farragut

### Taking issue, in 5 parts, with Aug. 19 Letter

After reading the letter from Mary Phillips (Aug. 19 issue) I felt I had to respond, because much of what she asserts is either unknown or simply not true.

1. We don't actually know if there really is a Delta variant. When the deputy White House press secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre, was asked how they test for it, her response was that "they are the experts and we trust them." As fast as coronaviruses mutate, we are probably way past a Delta variant. We may have even passed the Omega variant.

There is no test.

2. In decades there has never been a suc-

ever variant we are up to." After all, the FDA only approved the vaccines as experimental.

4. She mentioned the test. Has anyone asked why they are still testing for COVID when the CDC has admitted that the PCR test can't tell the difference between COVID, the flu and the common cold? Why is anyone performing tests and why is anyone bothering to get tested?

5. Ms. Phillips asserts that the unvaccinated are going to die. That simply isn't true. The vast majority of those who become infected make a complete recovery. Even in nursing homes the majority get better.

I'm sorry that Ms. Phillips and her loved one

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• The Farragut (Municipal) Planning Commission's workshop recently held concerning higher density, multi-family (dwellings) and apartments is interesting to me. I wonder if the Board of Mayor and Aldermen — and the two members of the Board that's on the Planning Commission, Mayor (Ron) Williams and (Vice Mayor) Louise Povlin — I wonder if they'll decide that they don't want homes in Farragut under a certain price range. We probably have too many homes in the upper range. What about if they decide they don't want homes below \$350,000?

Also, what if the Board and its two members on the Planning Commission decided they didn't want any more churches? I wonder if they would say, "you know, we've got too many churches in Farragut, we don't need any more, so we're going to do an amendment to the Ordinance (stating) 'no more churches and no more houses below a certain price range." What is going to happen is Farragut is going to be sued for discriminatory housing practices in the future, I would say, because we don't have enough affordable housing. So I think they'll be sued by someone that wants to do affordable housing. We're not an elite, "better than everyone else" community. We're supposed to be a diverse community, or is that not what America is all about? Think about it.

### Workshop

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### **Citizens respond**

Citizens comments were mostly positive.

"I've made a scene sometimes, saying we don't want apartment buildings - and I still don't, but you have done a good job of showing us what we don't have," Baldwin Park resident Jon Holztrager said.

"I don't want apartment buildings," Chris DiMauro said. "I don't want something large, looks good in first five years, then what happens? They sell off, and slowly but surely they decline."

"The Homeowners Associations (I work with), what they care about is no more apartments," Town Alderman Scott Meyer said. "It's not ownership or rental. They don't want 12 units per acre — it needs to be capped at eight. Nobody wants apartments.'

### **Developer's view**

Michael Patterson, executive vice president of Horne Properties — which is looking to develop the property just north and west of Ingles, and had considered developing former Town Mayor Eddy's Ford's 68.31 acres along Kingston Pike earlier this year also weighed in. "You know we have presented apartment-type developments in the past, and been turned down," he said. "We are stepping away for that, and this is the exact type of development we are looking at right now, behind the Ingles.

"I've been meeting with staff, commissioners, going to meet with HOAs," Patterson added. "(We) are going a little slower, will be more receptive to these types of ideas. This is the kind of stuff I have been talking about."

### **Commissioners' views**

'After being an advocate in the past, I am ready to throw in the towel on high density designation," Commissioner Noah Myers said. "I have talked to a lot of folks, and it is absolutely overwhelming how many folks are opposed to apartments.

"There are plenty of apartments," he added. "The reality is, it's time. The public has spoken. I am ready to take it out and be done with it."

"Like Noah, I have gone back and forth on this," FMPC vice chair Ed St. Clair. "We need to have accessible housing, but with (apartments) at Watt Road and Campbell Station, and the Town Center, I think that will be enough." Commission consensus was to direct Shipley to begin drafting language in the ordinance that would either grandfather current high-density projects, or have it be reflected in existing development only. Shipley also said there would be at least two additional public-input workshops.

cessful vaccine developed for any coronavirus. There's a reason for that. The viruses are very unstable and they mutate faster than rabbits reproduce. But we are supposed to believe that in nine months that three different companies developed vaccines that are 90-to-95-percent effective in preventing COVID-19. Pardon me if I'm just a little bit skeptical.

3. For all we know, the vaccine could be what is making people susceptible to COVID, "what-

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are sick, and I wish them a speedy recovery. I feel even more sorry for her because she is living in fear and she is projecting that fear on to others. I hope she can find her way out of her fear

In the meantime, hopefully others will not succumb to the fear she is projecting.

We need to think sensibly about this.

~ Grant King, Mascot



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# **Spoiled Dog Pupcakery** homemade, home-based

### TAMMY CHEEK

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Colleen Sturdevan of Fox Den subdivision in Farragut has just launched a new homebased business, Spoiled Dog Pupcakery, baking made-toorder homemade dog treats using natural ingredients.

Since the treats have no preservatives, she noted they do not last as long as storebought treats — "a majority of them last about four weeks to a month, maybe longer even if you freeze them.

"But I just love all the decorating things," Sturdevan added. "With the dog treats, I'm going to do dog birthday cakes. I remember my black Lab, when she was our only dog, she was invited to a friend's dog's birthday party ... there's a market for it. People love their dogs and want to celebrate them, too.'

The treats may be as simple as a small, bone-shaped treat, to more elaborate, decorated human-shaped ones such as s'mores, soft pretzels, mini donuts and pupcakes — cupcakes made with applesauce, flour and other ingredients.

They're all in the base of these crunchy dog treats but they're in the shape of these people-looking foods," Sturdevan said. "You can choose whether you want frosting on them or not.

"The frosting is dog safe. It's actually made from yogurt chips that can be colored," she added.

The treats also are safe for humans, she noted.

And, Sturdevan said, "I plan on doing treats for different holidays.'

She is selling them online through Etsy by visiting spoileddogpupcakery.com, which links customers to her Etsy page. She also plans to set up a booth at local events. For more information about the treats, call Sturdevan at 865-407-0665 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

When you place an order, it's going to be at least five to seven days until your order is ready to be shipped," she said.

Sturdevan also is considering having pick-up service for local customers.

How it started

The idea for the business started with her own interest in baking, and was eventually inspired by her own three dogs – all now deceased.

"I would make treats for them, just randomly, not very often," she said. "I bake cakes. I've done that for 12 years for friends and family."

While adopting Barkley — a Red Merle Australian Shepherd also welcomed into the family by her husband, Danny - Sturdevan looked on the Internet and saw a site for how to start a dog treat business.

"I started researching about it, and it sort of clicked with me," she said. "This whole course was about natural ingredients and doing things the right way."

The treats are then sent to an agricultural facility to be tested and provide a guaranteed analysis "to let (customers) know it's healthy for the dog," Sturdevan added.



Tammy Cheek

Barkley, a Red Merle Australian Shepherd, gets his choice of a s'mores treat from "mom," Spoiled Dog Pupcakery owner Colleen Sturdevan, who has made it her business to bake made-toorder, homemade dog treats.

# **Abuelo's closes**

Management and staff filled a U-Haul with equipment Thursday, Aug. 19, at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant, 11299 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek, after it permanently closed its doors Wednesday, Aug. 18. The business was in operation since July 4, 2006. "In between not doing the business we needed to do and renegotiating the lease, corporate decided to close," Abuelo's general manager John Volpe said. "Everybody is pretty torn up." He noted, however, other Abuelo's locations, such as Chattanooga, are still open.







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• PYA, a healthcare consulting and certified public accounting firm, recently announced three team members have taken on new responsibilities. A firm owner, Mouzhan Mangum, assumed the role of chief operating officer; Bill Price has been named corporate counsel; and Brad Leskoven was named senior manager and

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Four recent events in the Farragut area, three of which we're revisiting with more photos, marked the past month and involved children, teenagers, pets and talented performers







# More Fun w/Farragut Fleet

More children experiencing Town of Farragut's fleet of work vehicles plus Knox County emergency equipment — getting behind the wheel — at Mayor Bob Leonard Park Saturday morning, Aug. 14.

(Left) Owen Woods. (Above left) Kamila Tymoshchuk. (Above right) Reese Wilgus. (Right) Mark Tymoshchuk with Sgt. Mark Harper of the Knox County Sheriff's Office.



## Cove Concert Series finale

The final of three annual Second Saturday concerts at The Cove at Concord Park featured "Leftfoot Dave & The Magic Hats" Aug. 14. **(Right)** Tony Dixon with River, 6, and wife, Trish Minnich, with Rocket, 4, and their children, Piper, 9, and Finley, 12.





(Left) Ni Qiu and husband, Miguel Fuentes with Lilo, a 1-yearold "mix."

(Right) Sherry Williams shakes hand-to-paw with Wojo, "a part huskypart Aussie



Fun With Farragut Fleet photos by Michelle Hollenhead

> All others by Alan Sloan

Shepherd" she rescued in January.



### 'Poorch Plunge' part of Dog Daze

Another look at both the action, and the family side, among the dogs taking a fun plunge during day 1 of third annual Dog Daze regional competition in Farragut Friday, Aug. 13. (Left) Bear, a 3-year-old Lab Retriever owned by Heather Tackett. (**Right**) Sam, a 1-year-old Dutch Shepherd, with owner Mark Hoel and daughters, Rylee, 7, and Emily, 4.



# Spirit of Valley ...





Hardin Valley Academy's Spirit of the Valley Marching Band performed its end-of-camp "These Four Walls" 2021 program for band parents Friday, July 30.

**(Left)** Marnasia England, left, a junior in the color guard, with mom, Taneka Domio. **(Above)** Freshman Logan Rhodes, flute, alongside his mom, Angela Rhodes, and sister, Madison, a Hardin Valley Middle School student. **(Right)** Sophomore Landon Gibbs, drum set player, with his mom, Gretchen Gibbs.

# ... camp finale





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# Silver linings at stormy Beech

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### ALAN SLOAN

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### HENDERSONVILLE

For the first 45-plus minutes against Class 5A power Hendersonville Beech, Farragut played turnover free offensively, while the Ads' defense held the homestanding Buccaneers to just one score.

What's more, the Admirals' offense was on the march late, near midfield with less than three minutes to play and tied 7-7, when their first turnover turned the game.

A pass reception fumble around the FHS 45 was scooped up by Buccaneer Tyler Nix, who raced 45 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with just 2:24 left.

Farragut re-grouped and drove to the FHS 46 with 1:30 to play, but an interception and 30-yard TD run from running back Patrick Hill sealed the deal, 20-7, in both teams' season opener Friday, Aug. 20.

"We played, at times, well enough defensively, but we gave up third downs in the first half," FHS head coach Eddie Courtney said, which was especially evident on Beech's touchdown march to begin the game — allowing three Bucs third-down chances to become first downs.

He also pointed to "missed tackles and penalties" plaguing his Admirals, but added, "These are all things we can control and get better on."

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On the good side for FHS was two interceptions by John Duncan, junior defensive back, both killing Bucs scoring drives. Junior linebacker Jay Smiley recovered a Beech fumble.

Corey Walker, senior defensive tackle, had a pair of minus-5 hits, while sophomore defensive lineman Ulysses Hull had three stops for 0 or minus yardage. Junior linemen Brice Fontenot and Howie



(Above) One of two interceptions by Farragut defensive back John Duncan at Beech Friday evening, Aug. 20. (Below left) Admirals Jerome Brekken and Jack Alley make a tackle. (Below right) FHS running back Schumann Xie gets good blocking and finds a hole.



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# 1st Farragut 'W' a tough 5-setter vs. Lady Lions

**KEN LAY** Correspondent

After losing its first two matches of the 2021 season, the Farragut High School volleyball team notched its first victory Thursday, Aug 19.

But it didn't come easily for the Lady Ads. It was, however, a win they sorely needed.

"It feels awesome," FHS head coach Jo Madden said after watching her team capture a 26-28, 25-22, 20-25, 25-18, 15-13 decision versus Concord Christian School in Farragut's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. "We really needed this win. We needed it for our momentum.

"We're excited to get this win. We got down but we really responded tonight," she added. "We came in focused on playing well together and playing for each other."

Early on, it appeared the losing trend would continue against the Lady Lions (1-2).

Concord Christian darted out to a fast start in the first set, opening an 8-3 advantage on a service ace by libero Anna Birling.

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# Shutout win starts FHS soccer season

### KEN LAY

Correspondent

A long wait finally came to an end for the Farragut High School girls soccer team over the weekend. After their scheduled opener at Lenoir City was rained out Tuesday, Aug. 17, the Lady Ads played their season opener Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21.

### Photo courtesy Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Farragut's Brady Livingston (26) battles a GPS player for ball possession during this match Saturday, Aug. 21, in-Farragut Soccer Stadium. And it couldn't have gone much better, as FHS notched a 2-0 victory over Chattanooga Girls Preparatory School at Farragut Soccer Stadium.

Photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto,com

It didn't take FHS long to find the back of the Bruisers' net — 40 seconds to be exact as Lexi Foley, a senior forward, gave Farragut a 1-0 lead.

"It's great just to get the season started," Foley said. "Our goal has been to keep possession, and we've been working really hard at that for the last couple of weeks.

"We've been working on keeping the ball in the middle

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# **Quick HVA** start fades; 4 turnovers vs. Karns

**KEN LAY** Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — The 2021 football season opened on a losing note for Hardin Valley Academy.

The Hawks were bitten by the turnover bug, and that would prove costly as they came up on the short end of a 21-7 decision against Karns Friday night, Aug. 20, at HVA.

The Hawks had four turnovers in their first game against Karns since 2014.

"The big thing was the turnovers," Hardin Valley thirdyear head coach Mike Potter said. "I told the kids that you can't come out and turn the ball over four or five times against a good club.'

But HVA would benefit from a Beavers' mistake out of the gate.

Hardin Valley's Ryan Nichol recovered a fumble early in the first quarter.

The Hawks then engineered an 11-play, 35-yard drive that culminated in the game's first score.

Hardin Valley took a 6-0 lead on Tavon Morelan's 2-yard

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The Lady Lions never relinquished the upper hand in the first game, opening a 23-14 lead, but Farragut came alive and clawed their way back into the set thanks to six consecutive service points by Kate

Priest. Her run pulled FHS to within 23-22 before Concord scored five of the next nine points.

In Game 2, it was the Lady Admirals who prevailed. CCS took the third set before Farragut cruised in the fourth game setting the stage for a fifth and deciding set.

The Lady Lions took control early, opening a 6-2 advantage on a service point by Juliana Kuhn.

But FHS would wrestle the upper hand from Concord and take a 10-8 lead on an ace by Livingston Holley, who also had a solid defensive match with 16 digs. From there, Farragut would never trail again. Priest had 15 kills and 20 digs. Ellie Ackermann recorded 14 kills and Kennedy Holley posted 12 kills and 16 digs. "I think we let this one get away," longtime CCS head coach Carmen Hochevar said. "I thought we played really good defense and I was pleased with our attacks.



Hardin Valley's Brady Hogrefe (13) seeks yardage versus Karns' defense Friday, Aug. 20, at HVA.

touchdown plunge. John Ara-

gon added the extra point. Overall, though, "We moved the ball pretty well but we just couldn't finish our drives," Potter said. "We missed several opportunities to get points on the board."

Meanwhile, the Hawks had just 202 yards of total offense. However. "I thought our

guys played hard. They played hard from start to finish," the

Sentell joined senior defensive end Will Chan-

gas to also record minus-yards stops. Defensive

back Sam Moses, a senior, recorded a sack and

Offensively, senior quarterback Dawson

Moore's favorite target was fellow senior Trace

Corum, especially on sideline routes. Corum's

nine catches included those for 23, 13 and 11

yards — but the highlight was his 5-yard TD

Ads-Beech

deflected a pass.

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Hawks coach added.

Karns' DeShawn Bishop, a Tennessee Vols recruiting target, would rush for 274 yards on 31 carries, in addition to catching a pass from quarterback Cassen Huffaker and scampering 49 yards to the end zone to tie the game with 4:54 left in the opening frame.

The Beavers would take the lead for good early in the second stanza on Bishop's second touchdown, a 58-yard scamper that gave Karns the 14-7 lead that it enjoyed at the half.

The visitors closed the scoring on a 1-yard plunge by Darius Huckleby in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense has improved so much, and I'm just so proud of those guys," Karns head coach Brad Taylor said.

"This was a big win for our kids. This one's special."

grab over the middle, tying the game with 19 seconds to play in the third quarter.

Sophomore Ben Reed added one catch over the middle for 27 yards, while junior Hudson Kraemer had three catches, one for 13 yards. Senior receiver Zach Keasling caught one ball for 21 yards.

While Moore ran several option keepers, the Ads' top rushing effort was 21 yards by senior running back Schumann Xie.

Senior kicker/punter Reese Keeney added the extra-point, while also booting a 52-yard punt.

# BHS 'played hard' despite loss at West

### **ALAN SLOAN**

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KNOXVILLE — A lost fumble on a kickoff return late in the third quarter, which quickly turned into a Knoxville West touchdown, was a critical blow to a Bearden team whose defense had just completed a goal-line stand, allowing just a field goal.

Losing 24-2 Saturday evening, Aug. 21, in a rivalry showdown at West against the perennial Class 5A power Runnin' Rebels, "That was a very pivotal point in the game," Bulldogs head coach Morgan Shinlever said about the turnover. "... We gave opportunities away, and West capitalized on opportunities."

Although saying his defense "didn't tackle well at times" and his offense "didn't finish blocks," the coach added, "Our kids played really hard. The scoreboard said 24 points up there, but our defense played a lot better than that."

Individually, "Sam Tummins played a really good ballgame. He was on offense, defense and special teams. He was probably our most productive offensive player," Shinlever said about the Bulldogs' sophomore receiver/defensive back. "On defense he was always around the ball."

As for BHS quarterbacking, "both are either young or new to the program, so they're growing," Shinlever said of senior transfer John Harrison and freshman Drew Parrott. "We saw some good things from them here and there."

Bearden travels to Oak Ridge (0-1) Friday, Aug. 27. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

### Soccer

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of the field, and that's how we got both of our goals, by keeping the ball in our attacking third (of the field).'

The Lady Ads controlled the tempo throughout much of the first half of the game while outshooting GPS 6-3.

Farragut goalkeeper Caroline Ekern made all three saves during the opening 40 minutes of the match. Enjoying multiple scoring chances throughout the afternoon, Farragut added a second marker in the 36th minute off the foot of Brady Livingston. Lady Admirals' second-year head coach Kristen Lyons was pleased with her squad's effort. "We got scoring chances," she said. "To me, it's about performance and putting everything together. We got chances and we played well against a really good, really tough team. "I'm really happy with our bench players and the way they came in and made an impact," the coach added. "On this team, anybody can make an impact, it's not just two or three players. This

game had all the things that define who we are, what our team is."

Lyons also said she wasn't surprised to see her side dart out to an early lead.

"We've been doing that," she said. "We've been getting chances.'

Overall, Ekern, a senior, made six point-blank saves to keep GPS off the scoreboard.

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"But we're losing points at crucial times, and that happens early in the season," she added.

Concord's Annabelle Sulish led all hitters with 24 kills. She also had 11 digs and a pair of aces. Mady Sulish finished 12 kills while Katie Cooper had 11 kills, four digs and an ace.



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# Farragut High School's Admirals Performing Arts Company drama camp

Fifty-six area youths, from rising first- through rising ninth- graders, discovered the theater world during Farragut High School's Admirals Performing Arts Company Drama Camp at FHS from Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30.

Eighteen high school counselors helped the campers learn about musical theater, characterization, tech (behind-the-scenes work) and improv.

"The attitude is so nice," Theater Arts Boosters president Angie Liske said.

The camp "is really a great way to get funds for the department," FHS theater teacher Anthony Wooley said, adding there were more campers this year. "I think everyone is glad to get out and do something."

The week ended with campers' performances for family members and friends in the school's Lovada P. Ferguson Theatre.







**1.** Catherine Langlois, 12

2. From left, Kendall Hasan, 8; Fiona Spahr, 7; and Khilna Nooralli, 8

**3.** BaileyAnn Smith, 10

**4.** Charlie Batts as "King" in performance

**5.** Henry Williams, 12









**6.** From left, FHS rising senior counselor Hannah Liske, left, with campers Davis Smith, 11, and Annie Duncan, 10

- 7. Narrator Colin Parrish on a platform
- **8.** Mattey Beil, 13, creating a scene on paper
- 9. Alexis Croy, 12





# community



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# **Dixie Highway Gardeners bloom**

Sept. 9 National Flower Show set with 'Alice in Wonderland' theme

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Dixie Highway Garden Club is welcoming everyone to step "into Wonderland" as it presents a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show with an Alice in Wonderland flair.

"We're all geared up to go," said Linda Ford, who is co-chairing the event with Connie Wallace.

The show, which is free and open to the public — and is handicap accessible — will take place from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at the home of George and Julia Shiflett, 9000 Madison Lane. Masks will be required.

"We appreciate the Shifletts for sharing their house," Ford said.

"I'm proud of (my) gardens," said Julia Shiflett, who has been a DHGC member for 40 years.

"I'm one of the youngest ones," she added. "My mother brought me in ... all these seasoned women took me under their wings."

"Dixie Highway, when they do a flower show, it is so up front. It is always an awesome affair," said Rose Moseley, the show publicity chair. "All of our club members strive to make it the best show possible."

"This has been kind of a fun show,"



Photo submitted

Dixie Highway Garden Club members are hosting a National Garden Club Standard Flower Show Thursday, Sept. 9, in the home of member Julia Shiflett. Pictured from an earlier meeting, seated from left, are Judy James, Yvonne Coulson, LaQuita Misner, Kay Stokely, Charlotte Brown and Donna Brown. Standing in the second row, from left, are Kathy Lasater, Trisha Michaels, Laura McElroy. Linda Ford, Shiflett, Ruth Ann Fowler, Elaine Clarke, Becky Durrance and Connie Wallace. Standing in the back row, from left, are Janet Underwood, Rose Moseley and Glenda Mabry.

Ford said. "It's different for our club. We're really enjoying doing it."

Clubb officials say the public will enjoy looking at the educational exhibits, flower designs, botanical art, horticultural exhibits and a photography class exhibit.

Farragut Ladies Soc

In addition to Ford and Wallace, Ja-

net Underwood and Yvonne Coulson wrote the show's schedule. "It's very intricately written," Ford said. "They have been working on it together since 2019. The time they have put in is just incredible."

This will be a juried show with 12 national federated judges from Tennessee Garden Club and National Federation Garden Club. "Flower shows are few and far between because of the pandemic," Ford said. "We are one of the few clubs that have staged a show this year."

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# Gathering for a cause: Farragut Ladies Society

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COVID-19 may have eliminated last year's fun, but members of the Farragut Ladies Society more than made up for it Saturday, Aug. 14, at Fox Den Country Club during the group's annual black-tie cotillion and fundraiser. "We had a great turnout, and everything went as planned," FLS President Arrington Russell said. "Everyone looked amazing, and it was a great night for celebrating and giving back."

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Wendy and Jason Stiles, **above**, and Town Alderman Drew Burnette and his wife, Brooke Burnette, **below**, were among those attending Farragut Ladies Society cotillion Saturday, Aug. 14.



Farragut Ladies Society's directors include, from left, Arrington Russell, Kathryn Phillips, Stacey Hall and Ashley Holmes.



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• Pellissippi State Community College is launching a free, noncredit training program designed for individuals whose finances or job outlook were negatively impacted by COVID-19. The two-part Reimagine Your Career program is for anyone who, at any time since March 2020, has been let go from a job, laid off permanently or temporarily, experienced a reduction in hours or wages, or has had to take a new job that pays less due to the pandemic. Reimagine Your Career stresses foundational career skills and career-specific training. Participants choose the career track they'd like to pursue from options such as customer service, information technology and manufacturing.

While the Reimagine Your Career program is provided at no cost to the participants, there is an investment of time. The career foundations training is a 36-hour commitment, while the training in specific career tracks vary from 36 to 140 hours.

Fall sessions are scheduled at the following times at the PSCC Hardin Valley campus: from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 14; and the same times and days of the week Nov. 2 through Dec. 14.

For more information, or to apply for the Reimagine Your Career program, visit www.pstcc.edu/reimagine or call Business and Community Services at 865-539-7167.

• Tennessee Valley Fair has returned, and MEDIC donors Thursday, Aug. 26, and Friday, Aug. 27, will receive an admission ticket when they donate. Donors also receive a tie-dye T-shirt, \$5 coupon for The Axe House and a coupon for a Texas Roadhouse appetizer. All donors also are entered to win the August \$1,000 e-gift card as part of the Save Our Summer campaign. Appointments are preferred. Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood.org. Walk-in donors are allowed.

• Beginning, Tuesday, Sept. 7, MEDIC Regional Blood Center will restart COVID Convalescent Plasma collections. As COVID numbers rise again, there are now less than 10,000 units in the national supply. MEDIC will collect, proces and distribute CCP for its 24 hospitals in the region. Potential

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Described by Russell as "unifying the Farragut community (with) amazing women while supporting local charities," the non-profit group kicked off its inaugural year in 2019 with a cotillion that benefitted Restoration House.

This year, the charity recipient was Compassion Closet, with co-founder Julie Gillen speaking at the Aug. 14 event.

"Compassion Closet exists to show the love of Christ by providing quality clothing and tangible goods to foster children and their families," Russell explained. "They serve birth families, aging-out youth, kinship placements and domestic/international adoptive families as God allows and the needs arise.

"It was started in 2013 by an adoptive and foster care family as a means of helping oth-

### Flower show

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There will be a number of classes being judged. Wallace said in horticulture alone, the club will have 50 classes.

There also will be classes for herbs; annuals (cut blooms); roses; container-grown (or potted) plants; and succulents. You have a design division in this show," Wallace said. "Those are the floral designs ... sculptures of flowers."

Additionally, the show will

feature botanical classes. information, For more call Ford at 865-306-4853.

er families as they had been helped."

Compassion Closet has four locations, including one in Farragut.

The evening also included a sit-down dinner and dancing, with music provided by local band Teen Spirit.

The group's 2020-21 Patrons include: Shanan Boyd, Sarah Buchanan, Allison Butturini, Jillina Cabaniss, Whitney Childers, Lauren Clarke, Leigh Ann Fink, Michelle Geller, Hollie Hissam, Sheryl Houston, Sarah Johnson, Emily Justice, Suzi Kiger, Amanda Kincaid, Cammy Kromer, Cassie Lockhart, Valarie Mills, Christina Mollenhour, Paige Morgan, Brittany Payne, Jennifer Phillips, Kelly Pohl, Allison Prosan, Tricia Stevens, Keri Stickley, Anne Warren, Meredith Whitehead, Brittany Woodard and Kellie Hudgens.

In addition to Russell, FLS's founding patrons are Jessica Barksdale, Lauren Bickford, Meg Brown, Brooke Burnette, Courtney Childers, Taylor Clement, Meredith Crawford, Megan Culbreth, Lindsay Curtas, Kristin Farr, Connie French, Robin French, Kim Goldsborough, Julie Goodrich, Stacey Hall, Charity Heatherly, Mary Kate Helton, Ashley Holmes, Meredith Hulette, Ashley Johnson, Emily Johnson and Lori Johnson.

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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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**Ronald Edwin Parkinson** Sr., 85, of Knoxville, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. Ron was born in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Warren Parkinson and Lucille Gibson Parkinson.

Ron graduated from The Ohio State University and began a career in sales and marketing. He married Barbara Jo Summers, and they had two children, Cindy and Ron Jr.

He was a single engine aircraft pilot and served as a Combat Air Crew Member, **Electronic Counter Measures** in the United States Naval Reserves for eight years.

Some of Ron's fondest memories were participating in Cub Scouts with his mother and brother, Boy Scout camping with his father and brothobituary

er, sharing anniversaries with his wife, flying small aircraft with his son, and swim meets his

with daughter.

He had many accomplishments over the years: Eagle Scout with Order of the Arrow; Master Councilor of DeMo-



lav Columbus Chapter; president and board member of the National Wood Flooring Association; vice president and National Sales manager for Hartco Wood Flooring: vice president of marketing and member of Knoxville Symphony Board; HDI board member at St. Mary's Hospital; Cokesbury United Methodist Church finance chairman for four years, chairman of the administrative board for nine years and choir member since 1981; director of First National Bank of Oneida serving various committees since 1985; and a six-year board member of Wesley House Community Center.

Ron mostly enjoyed flying airplanes, boating with his family and singing in the church choir.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, Warren and Lucille Parkinson. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Barbara Parkinson; daughter, Cindy Webb and husband, Rod, of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Ron Parkinson Jr.; grandchildren, Cody, Raleigh and Zoe Webb; brother, James Parkinson and wife, Doris, of Malta, Ohio; and nieces, nephews and friends.

Ron's family will gather with friends for a Memorial Service at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 9919 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.

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# Two-of-a-kind during PureMagic HWWW first week

Two routs, two nailbiters and two losses to rivals sum up Week 1 in Farragut-area high school football, as PureMagic's How the West Was Won Scoreboard reflects the 2021 season kicking off Friday, Aug. 20 (see above).

Knoxville Catholic and Christian Academy of Knoxville breezed to home-opening victories, while Farragut and Webb School of Knoxville lost close games.

Leading the way in CAK's 33-6 win against The Kings Academy, from the stop side, was defensive tackle Malachi Harrison. The senior had 11 total tackles (solo and assisted), which included eight minusyardage stops.

Offensively, quarterback Thomas Simpson completed 14-of-25 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns. Davis Frost caught nine passes for 95 yards. Grant Sherchi and Chi McNeil-Harrison each grabbed a touchdown pass.

Rushing-wise, JD Dunn Jr. ran 20 times for 98 yards and two scores, while Dario Love rushed seven times for 95 yards.

The KCHS Fighting Irish ripped Chuckey-Doak 63-7 led by Keondré Jarmon's two rushing touchdowns, and one receiving TD each from Tommy Winton and Javis Mynatt.

Winton also returned a punt 55 yards for six points. Meanwhile, Sam O'Leary returned a kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown.

Spencer Margolis added a 25-yard TD run, while Emmitt Newman ran for a score from 6 yards out.

Defensively, Irish linebacker Eli Jones led in tackles with nine. JaVaree Roebuck grabbed an interception.

Dave Meske's Spartans, meanwhile, let a 14-0 halftime lead slip away and fell 26-21 in Strawberry Plains against Carter. "I think the lack of depth hurt us, especially in the offensive line," Meske said. "We got tired.

"But we didn't make plays, either," he added.

Top tacklers were all linebackers. "Joey Bonifacio was in on 22 tackles (12 solo)," Meske said about his standout junior.

Ari Klasky ended with 16 (seven solo including a minus-9-yard sack), while Cooper Cameron added 13 (seven solo).

Webb quarterback Charlie Robinson fired three touchdown passes: 60 yards to Markeis Barrett, 48 yards to Brandon Winton and 11 yards to Jalen Hill.

The Admirals' 13-point loss at Class 5A perennial power Hendersonville Beech was deceptive: the game was tied 7-7 with less than three minutes to play (read story beginning on page 1B).

Hardin Valley Academy's



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Corey Walker, Farragut senoir defensive tackle, brings down Beech running back Patrick Hill during the Admirals' season opener in Hendersonville Friday evening, Aug. 20. (*Read story beginning on page 1B*)

Hawks revived its rivalry with Karns after the series was dropped for six seasons.

Though hosting the Beavers, HVA came up short 21-7 (read story beginning on page 1B).

Bearden traveled east to play annual rival Knoxville West,

but had only a safety to show for its efforts scoring-wise.

The Runnin' Rebels gained control early and pulled away late in the third quarter to win 24-2 (read story beginning on page 1B).

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Euphoric Cheese Shop co-owners Amy Burritt, left, and Cheri Intveld in front of their business.

# Close friends, Close challenges

Amy Burritt and Cheri Intveld became close friends as students at Michigan State University in the early 2000s. Close enough, in fact, for Burritt to follow Intveld to East Tennessee when the latter became a graduate student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

They have grown even closer thanks to a joint business venture in Farragut — and through the challenges of both battling breast cancer within the past 13 months.

"As God has led one or the other of us to a new job in a new town, we have each moved and supported the other," said Burritt, as this religious pair met "through a campus ministry" at MSU. "... I wanted to be in the mountains, and in the southeast area. I have family in Asheville."

Though experienced businesswomen in having run home-operated businesses — pet sitting among Intveld's ventures and graphic design for Burritt — neither had owned a retail "brick-and-mortar" business.

That changed late last winter, as the pair — feeding off the inspiration of Burritt's parents in Asheville — opened Euphoric Cheese Shop, 139 West End Ave., Feb. 18.

"It was kind of a big leap of faith to do something that we felt was so big," Burritt said about the 1,200-square-foot building offering anywhere from 75 to 100 cheeses, both domestic and international — some on a rotating basis — plus crackers, nuts, chocolates and jams among their snack-related foods. "We saw what my parents were doing and it looked like fun. ... Bring something new to the area.

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"... We really saw food as a connection for people on the way to gathering together; share stories and laughs," she added.

Signing the lease in November 2020, "We took the next few months to kind of build up the space and figure out what it was going to look like," Burritt said.

"We do have some really great supporters and examples in Amy's parents — they own a cheese shop in Asheville, and they had opened it a year, year-and-a-half before us," Intveld said.

"My parents have done specialty food businesses practically my entire life," Burritt said. "I did get the opportunity to work with them last year, kind of in the fall, as I was recovering from my own breast cancer journey."

Diagnosed in July 2020, "the surgery that I had was a double mastectomy without reconstruction, and that was in August (2020)," Burritt said about a successful surgery leaving this native of northern Michigan and a Farragut resident — cancer-free without needing chemotherapy and/or radiation.

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"On Tuesday (Aug. 24, was) my one-year anniversary of being cancer free," she added.

But roughly two months into Euphoric Cheese Shop's opening, Intveld also was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It shocked me because after Amy had her experience last year, I just thought, 'There's no possible way it could be cancer; it had to be something else, because what are the odds," said Intveld, who is scheduled to complete 16 rounds of chemotherapy "this fall, and then I'll have surgery; and then most likely radiation after that.

"I'll end up in treatment for eight or nine months," she added, with the prognosis being "really good."

"But I also think with Amy having gone through it the year before, I had some context for it. She just did so well as she went through it, and handled it with such grace and poise."

However, "I've had a little bit more involved process than she had," said Intveld, a native of Lansing, Michigan. "... Whatever challenge comes your way, you find a way to rise and meet it."

However, beyond the physical challenges, "It's just the emotional and mental energy you spend dealing with cancer. ... How draining it can be," Intveld said. "It's a challenge; it's something I wish I'd known more about when I started."

Among her many levels of support, "There's people that come into the shop every day and ask how I'm doing," she added.

"We have been completely blown away by the community's support," Burritt said.

"We've put out a box on the counter where people could write notes to me when I wasn't at the shop," Intveld said. "They've written encourag-



Customer well-wishes as Euphoric Cheese Shop co-owner Cheri Intveld battles breast cancer

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ing things, like 'you've got this' and 'you can do this,' 'kick cancer's butt.'"

Though the business partners originally said they wanted to make it "at least six months" before hiring help according to Burritt, Intveld's cancer — and specifically the harsh effects of chemotherapy — has left her unable to work at times, prompting the need to hire a part-time employee in April.

A little extra help for two tough business women whose bond has grown much stronger through support for each other's cancer — who also have an even deeper appreciation for their customers.

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### Anita Estes

Anita Estes, LPN has followed her passion for healthcare for the past 20 years. 13 years ago, she began working in a senior care community as nurse. She joined the team at Morning Pointe of Knoxville when the community opened in 2018. With the opening of The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, Anita was promoted to executive director. Her clinical background as a nurse and a certified dementia practitioner allow her to provide a bridge between families and care staff.

"There is still such a stigma with mental health. The embarrassment

and fear felt by residents and families is heartbreaking," Anita says. "My goal is to help explain the disease process and assist families in making those quality of life decisions. We want them to feel we are a partner, part of the village caring for their loved one. Our Meaningful Day program provides structure and security for people who struggle with executive function, that ability to make the decisions we take for granted every day."

# Kristy Ritch

Kristy Ritch's career in senior care began over 27 years ago. Since the age of 17, she has passionately followed in her grandmother's and mother's footsteps by serving Knoxville seniors. As a certified nursing assistant at a skilled care facility, she served in many roles, including activities director, business office director, and community relations director. In 2010, she applied all these skills to the role of executive director. She joined Morning Pointe of Knoxville as executive director in 2018, successfully launching their new community located on Westland Drive. Kristy is now senior executive director



over the Morning Pointe of Knoxville campus, which consists of the Morning Pointe of Knoxville assisted living community and The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, Knoxville.

"Loving and caring for our seniors is the greatest honor. It is a blessing to help them live their best lives," Kristy says.

When Kristy is not at work, she enjoys hiking and traveling with her husband of 24 years and their two children, Ethan and Makayla.

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## Kelli Johnson

Kelli Johnson, CDP, is the executive director for The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, Lenoir City.

A caregiver by nature, Johnson has been in the senior living industry for over 23 years. She got her start as a social worker performing case management in nursing homes – but a few years into this career she discovered her calling in assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care, where she has been ever since.

As an executive director, Kelli loves being an active part of her associates' lives, helping to teach, nurture, and grow those under her care.

"Every day I come to work with the mentality of, 'how can I help my residents and staff live their best lives?' I love helping people make the most of every day!"

Kelli and her husband enjoy spending free time in the mountains of east Tennessee hiking, exploring, and horseback riding.

## Lindsay Williams

Lindsay Williams is the executive director at the Morning Pointe of Lenoir City assisted living community. With over 11 years of experience in the senior living industry, she brings a wealth of knowledge to her role. She graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and minor in business management. She is also a certified dementia practitioner. Lindsay has been married to her husband, Mark Williams, since 2004. They have a 13-year-old daughter, Holland, who plays basketball for West Valley Middle School. Lindsay's hobbies in-



clude spending time with family and friends, lake days, snow skiing, and UT football!

"There is nothing more rewarding than serving and providing care for seniors. Providing a listening ear, assisting with everyday tasks that may not be so easy anymore—those are the things that bring me joy," said Lindsay.

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# Harriet Amonette

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### Connecting with people

Harriet Amonette has been in the Senior Care Industry her entire career, but has worked as the Director of Marketing Services at NHC Place Farragut for the past eight years. Nine years ago, she started at NHC as a nurse in rehabilitation before discovering her knack for marketing. Harriet's experience in direct patient care has shaped the way in which she can connect with coworkers, families of residents, and the residents themselves. As a nurse, she realized the exceptional joy that caring for others gave her every day. Today, she continues to embrace the senior care culture in marketing, utilizing her medical background to provide additional insight to families. Her favorite part of the job is assisting families with the "next steps" on NHC Place Farragut's CCRC campus. For the past four years, Harriet has been heavily involved in the CAC Office on Aging's annual "Power of the Purse" event, a fundraiser for their Mobile Meals program. Harriet enjoys giving back to the senior care community in all aspects, making it her mission to empower her community in all walks of life.



### Katy Bagdon General Manager The Farragut Table 865-675-8660 thefarraguttable.com

Katy Bagdon grew up outside of Detroit and moved to Chattanooga five years ago. In November 2019, she and her husband -- her grade school sweetheart -- purchased the Mario's Pizza and Grill that was formerly located at 10943 Kingston Pike.

Bagdon spent months commuting back and forth from Chattanooga to Farragut until the couple decided to move their family to the area. And when the pandemic hit, the Bagdons gave the restaurant a facelift and a new name.

"I named that restaurant The Farragut Table because a table is the place where people meet and come together," said Bagdon, the restaurant's general manager. "They have family dinners, play board games and have conversations."

The vision was to transform the space into "a restaurant for the community."

"It's a place where we really do remember our customers," she said. "I try to make all my customers feel comfortable and give them a feeling of 'home.' Being able to do this for people is what truly brings me joy."

Bagdon, a mother of six, added that the transition from stay-at-home-mom to General Manager has been quite the challenge, but also a role that she's been accustomed to since the birth of her first child.

"Unofficially, I have been in this industry of serving and waiting on people since my first son was born in 2007," she said.



### Ginger Cannon

Dixie Lee Farmers Market 865-643-5333 gocannon133@gmail.com

### Healthy Diet Leads To Local Market

Ginger Cannon and her husband Jeff started the Dixie Lee Farmers Market almost out of necessity.

"I have rheumatoid arthritis and I wanted to change my diet and I went to another local farmers market in Oak Ridge," Ginger said. "This inspired us to come up with the idea for the Dixie Lee Farmers Market. I worked in a law office so I got the permits."

Dixie Lee Farmers Market is open from May until November on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon and Ginger relishes the opportunity to give local growers and local artisans the chance to showcase and sell their goods.

"Jeff and I have always had an interest in gardening and this gives local growers the chance to sell and it may also give the garage carpenter a chance to sell the things that he likes to make," Cannon said. "We also have a bakery and we sell grass-fed meats."

She noted that the biggest challenge that she faces is the weather both on market days and throughout the year.



## Amanda Dagnan

Owner

### Factory Carpet Warehouse

(865) 689-6740 factorycarpet@yahoo.com www.factorycarpet.net/ Originally from Nashville, Amanda Dagnan moved to Knoxville in 1998 and began working for Willow Creek Golf Course, where she met her husband Dennis, who opened Factory Carpet Warehouse in 1979.

"After working at the golf course for two years, and a baby later, I decided that I wanted something different," explained Dagnan, noting that she began working as a secretary at the warehouse in 2002, but soon realized that she'd be better suited for a position in sales. "I believe my specialty is being able to help customers choose the right flooring for their situation and budget. I love talking to people and learning everyday."

But when Dennis retired in 2009, Dagnan said he gave her two options -- "sell it or keep it."

"I decided to keep it and run it myself," she said. "It has been so rewarding at times and so draining at times, but being able to make customers happy with their new flooring makes my days better."

With a bachelor's in Education and Health K-12 and a master's in Sports Management, Dagnan said she's still most proud of serving as owner of the Knoxville staple.

"My favorite accomplishment is that I have kept my husband's business running strong for the last 12 years without him," she added. "I still have his support at home, but I have been able to manage customers, salespeople and installers through some of the hardest times we have seen, economically."

# Beautique a unique anti-aging, wellness experience for WOMEN

Shara LaTorre, RN, owner of Beautique Medical aAnti -Aging Clinic at 10542 Kingston Pike, seeks to offer a unique anti-aging and Wellness experience for women.

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Cindy Doyle

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State Farm 865-690-6300 www.cindydoyle.com Cindy Doyle joined State Farm as an insurance agent in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1988, and was promoted to a leadership position in 1995.

The graduate of Auburn University spent nearly a decade serving the company in a variety of capacities, including as the assigned project chair for the President's Office and Chairman's Council in Bloomington, Ill., and Vice President - Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio, before deciding to return to her role and passion as an agent in 2004, when she settled in Knoxville.

In addition to working as an insurance agent, Doyle is securities and mortgage licensed.

"Everybody knows me as a State Farm agent who helps them with home and car insurance, but I also help people plan for retirement and do a lot in the financial services arena," she said.

In her 33-year career, Doyle has successfully run one of the largest State Farm agencies in the state of Tennessee and has been a continual qualifier for the highest level of the company's Ambassador Club, as well as for Chairman's Circle (top 2 percent) and President's Club (top 50 of 19,200 agencies).

Doyle attributes this success to her habit of focusing first on others' success and needs.

"I think if we all, as women business leaders, continue to put others first and have an outward focus in serving our customers, in serving our employees and serving our community, as well as serving our families, then our own mental health and success falls into place," she said. "Because when you focus more on other people and helping others, it's so satisfying. It's so personally gratifying and you find the purpose in your life."



# Penny Ellison

Owner

Mr. Handyman (865) 293-0080 mrhandyman.com Penny Ellison worked in the flooring industry before she and her husband Allen decided to open a Mr. Handyman franchise in Knoxville when the economy tanked in 2009.

"Knoxville's been really good to us," said Ellison. "We're going into our 13th year now so we've grown every year because basically we didn't have any other choice but to grow."

Initially, Ellison focused on the behind-thescenes aspects of the business, but when her husband passed in 2019, she said she found herself in "uncharted territory."

"I decided I was going to keep this business because it's like family," she said. "It feels like I started a new business because I'm still learning how to do all the things that it takes to run a business."

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"There was no Mr. Handyman in this area at all and we took it from the beginning to now and we're still thriving and Knoxville has made that happen for us," noted Ellison. "We just strive to make sure that we do everything that we possibly can to make our customers happy."

Wikki Felts has been selling real estate in East Tennessee full-time for the past 16 years. In 2005 Vikki became a REALTOR, and in 2012 she received her Brokers License. Before that, she worked in Richmond, VA, with onsite sales. Vikki has earned the accredited "Buyers Agent Rep" designation; and has also received the GRI designation, which is in-depth laws & business practices. Vikki is also a relocation specialist. "Growing up in East Tennessee & getting the opportunity to come backhere to sell this beautiful land that I grew up around has been such a blessing. Daily I get to interact with the people who also love Knoxville and its surrounding areas." states Vikki.

Hearing why they love the richness of these valleys and mountains makes her proud to be a homegrown real estate broker in this area. Vikki understands the community and the people who call it home. From the UT football games to the local bookstores and coffee shops around town to the Buddy's Race for the Cure downtown Knoxville is a special place that she is proud to call home. That's what it takes to be a local Real Estate expert truly. Not just expertise in negotiation & marketing, but a love & understanding of our community & the people who live here. When Vikki is not working, she loves to be outdoors in this beautiful area. Growing up with a large family, they lived on a tight budget which meant finding things to do that didn't cost money. All of her life, Vikki has loved hiking these mountains. Boating these lakes. Camping these back hills. Riding horses on the farms & picnics in the valleys. As an adult, she still loves those same things. I love to take long, slow runs when time allows & RVing when more time allows. Vikki loves her home & landscaping. Flower gardening is a passion that she is also in love with! Vikki also has a love for dogs & yes, she also loves cats, her faith, her family, and traveling this beautiful country that she states, "We all seem to take for granted." One thing Vikki has learned in this life is to find people who inspire you & spend time with them. If you are looking to buy or sell real estate in Knoxville or the surrounding area, call Vikki Felts to help Inspire you to fulfill your goals & dreams.

"Experience, dedication & a commitment to love what I do. That is just one reason to choose me to stand by your side – it's the foundation of everything I do."



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KIM FRAZIER

# COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY



"From the very beginning, we are meant to help each other, need one another, and be in a community," says local citizen advocate and servant leader, Kim Frazier and that is exactly what Kim has been doing for most of her adult life...committing her time to strengthen communities in Knox County.

From the day that Kim Frazier unloaded her car at the University of Tennessee's married student housing with little more than her orange-loving husband Russ, and 20 copies of her young, yet extensive, resume, she has been finding ways to connect.

Kim longed for ways to contribute to her new hometown. So, Kim did what she was built to do...looked for ways to connect, grow, and succeed, and now 25 years later, she is still connecting, growing, and learning how to define her own success in helping others.

For Kim, that means committing her full attention to addressing community needs and concerns. "Taking care of the people and place I call home has given me great joy and fulfilled my life in ways that I can't explain. Helping folks replace a stop sign, initiating efforts to build new schools, coordinating events for local nonprofits, assisting a neighbor resolve a stormwater issue, bringing attention to road conditions, or expanding career readiness for our youth...we can help each other and strengthen our communities by simply doing our part, and then doing a little more." Kim's idea of 'pressing in' and 'doing a little more' has taken her all over Knox County.

"Our great county is made up of dozens of unique communities with differing needs and visions...and sometimes, they just need someone to shine a light on them. I have connected with citizens in every corner of our county by facilitating relationships, helping communities understand local government processes and capabilities, and assisting them in advancing their initiatives. Listening is critical." As the founder of several organized community groups, Kim Frazier has made helping people a way of life.

Kim has experienced community in friendships, family, career, neighborhood, our schools, and so many other places. "We can find community everywhere if we just look. We find community in the places we work, or the recreational areas that we visit, even the places that we eat. Being part of your community connects us with others, provides us with opportunities, gifts us with a sense of responsibility, and gives us a sense of belonging."

"Whether you are looking for ways to share your time and talents or starting your own business, Knox County is full of incredible ways to serve and strive for personal and professional growth. The important thing is to actively look for ways that you can contribute, and in return grow the community you live in."

After meeting Kim, you know she firmly believes in sharing ideas, lending a hand, getting involved, and that Knox County has a place for everyone!



# April Finster

Specialist / Agent / Owner

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### Help navigating medicare and long term care insurance

You can be confident that you've selected the right Medicare plan by meeting with April. For over 20 years, she has assisted clients with Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Prescription Drug Plans.

"People often remark that they're highly educated, but they can't figure out Medicare", comments Finster. "I always reassure them that it's not them – it's just inherently complicated!"

April first explains how these programs work. Then she outlines alternatives so that you can make informed choices. Once Medicare is taken care of, it's good to review Long Term Care (LTC) options, as Medicare does not cover most LTC costs.

As an independent agent, April offers many high-quality plans. She does not charge for her services, as insurance carriers compensate her for time spent. April welcomes new clients and offers appointments either virtually or in her Farragut office at 11826 Kingston Pike, Suite 230.

"It's a family business," says April. "We love helping people, and this is a business where we can do just that."



# Angela Floyd

Angela Floyd Schools 865-675-9894 angela@ angelafloydschools.com With passion and a dream to share her lifelong love of music and dance, Angela Floyd opened Angela Floyd Schools in 1997 in West Knoxville and expanded in 2008 with a second school in North Knoxville, both offering a full music program.

"My parents put me in ballet and tap lessons at the age of three knowing it was my passion, but probably not knowing it would be my life," she said. Angela Floyd Schools is more than just great dancing, it is a full music and performing arts school offering classes to students from preschool to adult. This year it has expanded the Performing Arts Program, a fine arts-based curriculum for ages 3-5 preparing children for kindergarten.

Her recipe for success: "Be prepared, have experienced mentors to guide you and give the exceptional customer experience if planning to open a business."

For information call 865-675-9894 and visit www.angelafloydschools.com.



Debby Funk

Owner

Embroidery Boutique (865) 392-1024 embroideryboutiqueknox.com Debby Funk spent years as a hair and makeup artist in South Florida, Atlanta and New York City before taking over her parents' embroidery business in 2020.

Originally from Florida, Funk, who first started working for the Embroidery Boutique in 2006, said her parents opened the business in Boca Raton in 1989, and relocated it to Tellico Village in 2005. In 2014, the business relocated again to its current storefront at 141 Brooklawn St. in Farragut.

"I am very honored to be able to carry on my mother's legacy," said Funk. "I am eager to see where I can take this company in years to come."

So far, Funk said the best part of ownership is collaborating with customers.

"We love making everything more personal with a personalized gift," she said, noting that Embroidery Boutique can do anything from monogramming and embroidery to laser etching and engraving. "We specialize in company logos, but also allow one item orders."

In addition to the boutique, Funk said she also plans to launch a new beef jerky business, Funky's Meat Snacks, next year.



# Carolyn Levy Gilliam

Attorney

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### A Top Attorney in her field

Carolyn Levy Gilliam is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. She primarily practices in the areas of wills, trusts, elder law, conservatorships, probates, business matters, and litigation regarding these areas. She was named as a Top Attorney for 2021 in the Knoxville Cityview Magazine in Social Security Disability, Elder Law, and Adoption, as well as a Best Lawyer: Ones to Watch in America for Elder Law, Litigation - Trusts and Estates and Trusts and Estates.

She and her husband, Eric, and two young kids live in Farragut. Carolyn is a Board Member of the Dream Connection, Inc., an all-volunteer organization that fulfills the dreams of children that have life-threatening illnesses. She is also the President and Chair of Legacy Housing Foundation which provides services, support and community for affordable housing. She is also an active partner of Shoreline Church.



# Haley Green

Knoxville Afterschool Director

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# Sharing her love for Christ in an open environment

Haley Green served in the Marine Corps before relocating to Knoxville and taking a job as the Knoxville Campus Director of the afterschool program at Camp Big Fish.

Green says a major perk of the job is being able to share her love for Christ in an open, faith-based environment.

"It's just a different world these days so it's good to be able to have a job where you can openly talk about your faith and Christ and all the things that He's done and not get in trouble for it or have to be shunned for it," she said.

In addition to her career with Camp Big Fish, Green, who received an Environmental Science degree from the University of Tennessee, is a mother to 9-year-old Noah, which is her greatest achievement of all.

"I did 4 years in the Marine Corps, became a mother, had a home built and have a career and I just turned 30 this year, so I'm pretty proud of myself for accomplishing all that before 30," she noted. "I feel good about my life and what I've done."



# Stephanie Grubbs

Realtor

Heritage Realty 865-803-9304 stephanie@ heritagerealtyknox.com Stephanie Grubbs spent over 20 years as a hairdresser and salon owner before joining the real estate industry 7 years ago.

Grubbs, who's worked as a real estate agent and property manager at Heritage Realty for the last 5 years, specializes in residential sales across Knox County. Several of her rentals are located in the downtown area.

"I manage numerous properties there," she said. "I help people new to the area and familiarize them with our city."

Grubbs noted that she spends extra time staging the home and making it look its best for showings.

"I work closely with a contractor and often we can get homes fixed up and ready for the market," she added.

The best part of the job, Grubbs said, is helping clients navigate through the process of real estate transactions.

"Managing property and buying or selling a home can be very stressful and that is part of my job to take on that stress so my clients don't have to," she said.

A native East Tennessean, Grubbs attended East Tennessee State University and moved to the Knoxville area 23 years ago. She has two teenage sons and enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, running, kayaking and biking.





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# Rachel Hacker

Co-Owner, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor

Creekside Capital, Inc. (865) 693-5300 www.creeksidecapitalinc.com Rachel J. Hacker is a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and co-owner of Creekside Capital, Inc.. With more than 20 years of financial services experience, Rachel has an intricate understanding of wealth management and retirement planning. She understands that each client is unique and that each stage of life calls for a different financial strategy. She creates strong trusting relationships with each client, develops a tailored financial plan that is specific to them, and aligns the plan with the clients' individual goals and values. Rachel's dedication, sincerity, and precision add promise to her service and grant financial confidence for her clients.

A native of Michigan, Rachel earned her Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Finance from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to co-founding Creekside Capital in 2000, Rachel worked for Merrill Lynch in Brentwood, Tennessee and Raymond James in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Rachel is an active member inside and outside of her community. She is a member of the National Association for Women Business Owners and the Treasurer for the Board of Trustees at The Episcopal School of Knoxville. Rachel supports Girls Inc., the Friends of the Knox County Public Library, Knoxville Opera and many other local organizations.

Rachel is an avid reader and enjoys exploring with her family and her two big yellow dogs. Her favorite places include the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya and the South West Coast Path in England. Her favorite book is Factfulness, by Hans Rosling.



# Stacey M. Handel

Owner

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### Hair & Scalp Hair Loss Specialist

Handel's career spans over 40 years as a top hair makeover expert. Her entire career focus has been on the betterment of women. In addition to Garde Bien's full service salon the business specialize in 100% human hair wigs, partials and wearable solutions for women with temporary or permanent alopecia. Offering wearable day & night solutions for active women in sports, swimming and can rock a great ponytail. For extreme or total hair loss the CNC custom-made prosthetic is exclusive to Garde Bien; created for a perfect fit with a 3-D printer by Cesare Ragazzi of Italy.

Introducing this fall: Trichology; providing unique scalp and hair treatments to Tennessee. Certified Trichologist Jenn Crews will be scheduling consults at the first Knoxville Hair & Scalp Clinic opening in Farragut Tennessee this fall.

Handel is a published author and public speaker on solutions for hair loss and national educator, a Certified Master thru The American Hair Loss Counsel.

"We have a passion for women who are loosing hair for any reason".

Affiliations: AHLC, PBA, NAAF, CWHL and Wig-s4kids.

If you or someone you love has thinning hair, visit their web site to get started by completing a consult form. Garde Bien SpaSalon is located at 12752 Kingston Pike, or visit the website www.gardebienhairloss.com



### Zenia Hartsfield

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# Offering bilingual assistance

Josh Hemphill's State Farm Office Manager Assistant, Zenia Hartsfield, has been in the office since it opened six years ago. She loves the flexibility her position allows her to have so she can spend time with her three children, Jacob, Daniel and Maya. "Josh is awesome," she says about her boss. "He has two kids of his own so he understands the need to be flexible."

As a State Farm Representative, Zenia helps people with services in all areas. This give us an opportunity to really help clients in areas they never expected. Such as life insurance and income protection! But Zenia is even more talented as a bilingual asset in the office. "We are getting more and more business from the Spanish-speaking community, and I love having the ability to help whoever I can."



## Marcelle Hazari

Owner/Operator

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### A Unique One-Stop Shop

Following retirement from Walmart after working in management for 31 years in three states, Marcelle Hazari's dream was to own and operate her own business. In April 2015, she opened Postal Annex store in the Cedar Springs Shopping Center in Knoxville. With her extensive experience in retail and in customer service, it was not hard for her to select the right national and local merchandise to carry in her store.

Postal Annex is an authorized shipper for DHL, FedEx, UPS and USPS. The store offers private mailboxes, passport photos, various greeting cards, Naked Bee products, Melissa & Doug toys, Z's soaps and candles, notary public and digital fingerprinting. The store IS a one-stop shop for a wide variety of services and gifts for anyone from newborns to 107 years old!

After more than six years, "I personally know and appreciate all my customers as I always offer them smiles and helpful assistance," Marcelle said. She and husband Al, who helps in the store, are blessed and are especially proud of their three adult children. Finally, the Hazaris invite you all to come by and be surprised by the extra care, excellent personal touch and genuine friendship!



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## Robin Bingham

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18 Women in Business

### Service with a SMILE

Robin Ann Aggers has been a top-producing Realtor for Coldwell Banker year after year. She has a positive and "get it done attitude". No Excuses. Robin loves sharing her knowledge, leadership, and communication skills with everyone she meets.

Robin continues to educate herself in her profession by adding designations and certifications to her portfolio. She is the past President of the Women's Council Knoxville Network, on the Realtor Party committee as a major contributor, and a committee member of Child's Help Knoxville!

She loves serving her clients with impeccable service. It is easy to see Robin truly enjoys her job and you will always get amazing Service with a SMILE.

In addition to her life in real estate and her community, Robin Ann is very proud of her family life. She is married to her husband Ken for 28 years and enjoys time with both of her adult children and her adorable grandson Theodore Jedison Aggers. She is blessed with all the wonderful things God has offered her. She is always giving back to the world and lifting people up to their highest potential. All with a big SMILE on her face."

Robin Bingham spent 25 years as a tax accountant before deciding to embark on a new career in real estate.

In the two years since joining Coldwell Banker Wallace, Bingham has received the Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) designation and was named a Top Producer in 2020.

The best parts of the job, she says, are having the opportunity to meet new people and helping clients land in their next stop on life's journey.

"I will do my very best to help you find what you are looking for, no matter how long it takes," said Bingham. "I will make it an easier, less stressful process. I will hold your hand through every detail and answer every question. I am with you in the beginning, during the process and the end. And anytime you have a question after, I will be there. I love this chance I have been blessed with."

Born and raised in Knoxville, Bingham, a mother of two grown boys, is a graduate of Farragut High School and Pellissippi State University.



# Caroline Badgett

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### Who cares? Caroline does!

It is a crazy world right now and the housing market is no exception. The unprecedented market and the challenge of finding competent professionals make many people feel like they are in the middle of the ocean in a flamingo raft! When it comes to the biggest investment you will probably make, you will want to make sure you have someone who not only has an exceptional track record but who also looks out for your interests!

Caroline Badgett stands out among the many agents in the area. The people voted her as their Realtor of choice in this year's farragutpress Reader's Choice awards and she remains the #1 Coldwell Banker Wallace agent for the second year in a row. Caroline is competent, knows, and retains the best relationships in the business (lenders, inspectors, handyman/contractors, etc) AND she cares about her clients! She would love to help you with any of your Real Estate needs.

Rossy Casillas was born and raised in California with Mexican parents. She is the mother of 4 amazing kiddos. Rossy speaks fluent Spanish and English. She has been in Knoxville since 2003 and loves Knoxville; Rossy believes that it is the best place to raise your children and start a family. She loves the hospitality, Church, and familyoriented people. Rossy is passionate about Real Estate, and it gives her so much pleasure and satisfaction when families reach their goals.

She has been working at family businesses since a very early age. Rossy was seven years old when her family started selling produce. Following that, she sold to restaurants and markets. She then became a Real Estate agent to use her many years of negotiation life skills to get the best results which is what her clients are looking for. Rossy also likes helping the Hispanic community and all of East Tennessee achieve their goals, their dreams.

"My parents never had any guidance or help, and they thought that buying a home was an impossible dream that would only stay at that, a dream. When I get to help a family buy their new home when they thought it was not even possible, it is fulfilling. It is like a reward for my parent's hard work and sacrifices over and over." Rossy is here to guide her clients through this new home buying process. She enjoys being someone her clients know they can trust and someone they know is working for and with them.





# Julie Dayton

Realtor Coldwell Banker Wallace 865-966-1111, office julie.dayton@coldwellbanker.com Julie Dayton came to this little city in 1982 for the World's Fair and never left! A love of the Smoky Mountains and East Tennessee developed, as well as long good standing relationships with its people.

Julie managed a picture frame shop Art & Frame Outlet in Farragut for 26 years. With an eye for design and staging, she always goes above and beyond on every project. Julie stages her listings to sell quicker and to bring in more profits for the seller. She is very prompt and ready to help with whatever comes along. This is a very demanding market. Julie stays on top of every part of the project.

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Patti Ettien

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# Helping clients fulfill their needs and wants

Patti Ettien began her real estate career with Coldwell Banker Wallace over ten years ago after moving back to the Knoxville area. Since that time, she has earned her ABR, GRI and SRES designations and has become a Multi-Million Dollar Producer.

Patti enjoys helping her clients fulfill their needs and wants for their "first" home or their "next" home as families grow or downsize. She is still working with Sahel Naimy on the Jackson Crossing subdivision project and enjoys helping the builder with the many selections needed for interior and exterior materials. According to Patti, the best part of her job is working with so many wonderful people who become friends, not just clients.

Patti and her family have moved many times to various cities and countries, but she is happy to say that she has enjoyed every minute of the time spent back in East Tennessee by living closer to friends and family while enjoying the mountains, the lakes and of course, the Tennessee Vols.

### The nicest "Guy" in real estate! Teresa K. Guy is the nicest "Guy" in real estate, earning praises from clients since 2004. Teresa is a

earning praises from clients since 2004. Teresa is a lifelong Knoxville resident who is passionate about the unique amenities of East Tennessee and who is proud to be affiliated with Coldwell Banker Wallace. She considers real estate continuing education an essential component of providing excellent service to her clients, and to that goal, she has earned several certifications and designations, including the C2EX Endorsement from the National Association of Realtors, along with her GRI, CRS, e-PRO, AHWD, MRP, RENE, and TAMREC. Locally she has been SMART Home Certified and is a Historic Homes Specialist.

She works with buyers and sellers and strives to make the complicated real estate process as smooth and stress-free as possible. "It is my goal to provide the highest level of service to my clients, to really listen to their needs, to set realistic expectations about different phases of the process, be proactive, and to continually keep clients informed," Teresa says of her business model, "oh, and I promise to throw a little humor in, to keep things light, where I can."

Even in today's market, where it seems homes are selling with ease, experience is more important than ever, to navigate through all the terms of each offer, to know which offer to negotiate, how to hold it together, and how to put it back together when faced with unforeseen challenges, and how to write the offer for the buyer that can win. That's why she is grateful for the additional knowledge that comes with each transaction, so her clients instantly benefit.



## Julie Ford

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Our area has many new residents joining us from all over the country .... The "secret" is out that East TN is a beautiful and overall affordable place to live.

As a 28 year resident of Farragut, Julie Ford understands all our community has to offer. She and her husband Maury have raised their four children here and have been active community, church, and school members.

In the rollercoaster year that was 2020, Julie was named to the prestigious Top 25 companywide for Coldwell Banker Wallace, a trusted name in the local, state, national, and international real estate industry. The company has over 400 Realtors serving East TN.

Call or email Julie today for a complimentary home valuation report of your property 865-719-5525 or sellorbuywithjulie@gmail.com

Julie is proud to be a member of KAAR, TAR, NAR and has obtained many designations and recognitions during her real estate career.



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### Relocated and acclimated, Johnston is thankful

After working 29 years in Chattanooga in real estate, Cathy decided to relocate to Knoxville 4 years ago to be closer to family. It made perfect sense! Having grown up in West Knoxville and going to West Hills Elementary, Bearden Middle and High School and on to UT, the reunion of friends and acquaintances has been sweet.

"I have had to get to know parts of Knoxville that had changed drastically while I was in Chattanooga, but essentially, after a short amount of time I was acclimated. I am thankful for the trust and business I have received and look forward to helping those that need assistance in the future. At Coldwell Banker Wallace, we want to be your trusted real estate advisor."



Libby Lowe

Realtor

Coldwell Banker Wallace 407-590-6113 Libby.Lowe@coldwellbanker.com www.BuyOrSellWithLibbyLowe.com Libby Lowe and her family and have lived in the Farragut area since 2006. All four of her children have attended the Farragut area school system. Libby has enjoyed volunteering and being active in the schools over the years. She states that she loves the greater Knoxville area, the Vols, and all the amenities East Tennessee offers.

Libby is excited to be part of the Coldwell Banker Wallace Farragut family as a Realtor and looks forward to helping everyone with their real estate needs. Libby would love to share her local area knowledge and expertise to help everyone on their real estate adventure.

In addition to having her Tennessee real estate license, Libby hold's an MBA in Management, Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies, and an Associate of Science in Legal Studies. Libby is also a member of the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, the Tennessee Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

Please contact Libby Lowe at 865-966-1111, 407-590-6113, or BuyOrSellWithLibbyLowe. com with all of your real estate needs.



## Summer A. Munyon

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### Counseling about homes

Summer Munyon sold real estate in Tallahassee, Fla., before moving to Knoxville in 2012.

Prior to her real estate career, Munyon, who now works for Coldwell Banker Wallace, received a bachelor's degree from The University of Tennessee and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Middle Tennessee State University.

She also served as a Knox County foster parent before joining the real estate company in September of 2018.

"I enjoy counseling people, but I also enjoy homes," she said. "So it's a privilege to counsel people about homes."

Munyon says the best part of her job is definitely "the thrill of the hunt."

"Real estate is an adventure, and I enjoy the challenges of an adventure," she said.

Munyon was named Rookie Realtor of the Year in Tallahassee, and also sold over \$10 million in real estate last year with Coldwell Banker Wallace.



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### Dedicated to my Profession and to ...YOU!

Sahel has been in residential real estate for the past 21 years and with Coldwell Banker Wallace since 2004.

"I take pride in my profession and I am honored to be helping my clients achieve their real estate goals. Honesty, establishing trust, going the extra mile and mutual respect is what can be expected of me when I am representing my clients".

A Platinum Multi-Million Dollar Producer, Naimy is also the co-listing agent with Patti Ettien at Jackon Crossing Phase IV, a low maintenance new construction community in Lenoir City. Naimy's extensive experience and negotiating skills helps buyers put their best foot forward in a multiple-offer situations and guide sellers with facts and information to obtain the highest value in this tight market.

Naimy is a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Graduate Realtor<sup>®</sup> Institute (GRI), Seller Representative Specialist (SRS), Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR), Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), Military Relocation Professional (MRP), Cartus Network Affinity Specialist (CNAS) and back up broker at Coldwell Banker Wallace Farragut office. Sahel can be reached at 865-765-1961 or sahel.naimy@coldwellbanker.com





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# Courtney Sanford

Realtor Coldwell Banker Wallace 865.216.5577 Courtney@BobbySanfordGroup.com www.CourtneySanfordHomes.com Mary Parsons first joined Coldwell Banker in 1994, and later earned her broker's license in 2004.

"I got into the business because I love meeting new people and helping them achieve their desires, but it has never been a part-time job for me," explained Parsons. "I made a career out of it."

Working alongside Kara Scheetz to serve Knox County and surrounding areas, Parsons said their goal has always been to truly listen to clients and help them find the perfect home that they love returning to at the end of the day.

"I had several realtors in the past that really didn't listen to what I wanted," she said. "I wanted to be different -- to really enjoy looking at homes with people and listen to their wants and needs and to help them decide which house will feel like a home to them."

Fortunately, Parsons said this focus on forging genuine relationships with clients is apparent throughout the entire team at Coldwell Banker Wallace.

"I am proud to work for them," she said of the real estate company. "Their reputation in Knoxville is one of the best, and that's why I have been with them for 27 years."

Formerly an elementary school teacher, Courtney Sanford joined Coldwell Banker Wallace in June after taking time off to have her twins in the fall.

"I decided I wanted to serve my community in a different way with real estate," said Sanford, who works on her father-in-law's team, the Bobby Sanford Group. "It has been so nice having my father-in-law's 15 years of experience in real estate to help guide me on this new adventure."

So far, Sanford says the realtor role has been a great fit for her, as she can help people find the perfect place to call home.

"I'm a big believer that our most precious memories are made in the home, and helping families find their home brings such joy," she said. "I really don't think of this as a job, but more of a way to get to know people, serve them and help them to make one of the biggest and most special purchases of their lifetime."

Sanford, a Knoxville native, currently lives in Powell with her husband and three daughters. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and enjoying the local area.

"But home is our favorite place," she said. "I love people and my community. Friends and family are everything."



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# Kim Watts Sanford

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### A House Lady House is a Happy House

dori pavlovsky's mission since becoming a licensed full-time real estate professional 43 years ago has been to help people.

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dori, aka "The House Lady" (because Pavlovsky is hard to pronounce) has been part of the Coldwell Banker Wallace Family in Farragut since 1989.

dori is a Relocation Specialist, Certified Stager and Broker. She holds the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Graduate REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Institute (GRI) designations.

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Kim is a native of Knoxville and has lived in several areas, including Karns, Powell, and now lives in Farragut.

Kim, the owner of WattsBoyd Reporting, a court reporting firm doing business in Knoxville since 1988, is excited to join the Bobby Sanford Group with Coldwell Banker Wallace. Partnering with Bobby and daughterin-law, Courtney Sanford, she looks forward to working with clients to find the perfect home for them.

You will find Kim enthusiastic, attentive to detail and knowledgeable about all aspects of real estate. She is proud to be a part of Coldwell Banker Wallace.





# Deborah Saunders

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### Different type of teaching

Deborah Saunders was a teacher for 32 years both locally and in the UK. But when her youngest moved away for college, she knew it was time for a change. "Real Estate, a lot like teaching, involves negotiation, research, communication, trends, engaging activities, advice, customer satisfaction and the occasional Kleenex," Deborah explained. So she embarked on her current adventure as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker.

Deborah loves helping people, it's her favorite part of the job. "It's a different type of teaching, but it's still teaching, and people want to be well-informed when they are investing so much money on something. It has the same level of importance as decisions involving their children," she says.

Deborah loves working with first time homebuyers, those who have never bought a house before, because there's a lot to experience and plenty of excitement to go around. "Return customers are also enjoyable because you already know what they like and don't like, and you get to help them to the next stage, whether it's downsizing or expanding," she elaborated. She mentioned that in real estate, the toughest part is getting everyone on the same page and to the closing table, but it's worth it all to help people.



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### Barbara Stevens is More than just an agent; I'm "YOUR" Realtor!

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### There Every Step of the Way!

Cathy Storm is a full-service, licensed Agent with Coldwell Banker. Cathy is a top-producing dedicated Realtor that serves the Knoxville area specializing in home sales and purchases. She believes in "good old-fashioned hard work," integrity, and working with everyone equally and fairly.

Cathy began her real estate career in South West Florida, specializing in Community and New Construction Real Estate sales. She is very excited to call Knoxville her final home after relocating here in 2007. It is here where Cathy spends her free time with her dog Maggie, taking spin and yoga classes, and walking the neighborhoods of Farragut. With her passion for this area and real estate, she brings enthusiasm and knowledge of what makes this area an excellent place to live.

Whether selling or buying, Cathy will be there every step of the way to make your overall experience one of ease and complete satisfaction.



### Cherie Sydes REALTOR®, ABR®

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www.CherieSydesKnoxville.com CherieSydes@gmail.com Cell Phone: 865-660-1074 Cherie Sydes is a native of Knoxville, TN and has lived in several parts of the area, gaining familiarity with the changes and growth in and around Knoxville. Having had strong ties to the East Tennessee area and her passion for helping people give Cherie the ability to be creative with the home buying/selling process. Cherie has worked in the Real Estate industry for more than seven years before launching her career as a licensed Real Estate Agent giving her more than a decade of experience. This invaluable insight has provided Cherie with substantial exposure to many aspects of the real estate industry.

Raised to be resilient and a hard worker with a winning attitude, Cherie believes in integrity and reliability in her everyday life and professional career. Her goal is to make your buying/selling experience as easy and stress-free as possible.

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# Rhonda Thompson

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865-604-6169 mobile www.RhondaThompsonRealEstate.com Rhonda@cbww.com Rhonda Thompson began her real estate career in the summer of 2016 as a real estate professional with the Bearden Office of Coldwell Banker Wallace. A native of Evarts, Kentucky, she now considers Knoxville her hometown.

Before becoming a real estate professional, Rhonda worked in the coal industry for twenty-eight years in positions ranging from quality control, all aspects of accounting, contract maintenance, and human resources. During this time in her professional life, she gained valuable knowledge about working with people as well as how to identify and provide solutions for complex challenges as they arose.

In mid-2020, Rhonda joined the Coldwell Banker Wallace management team, assuming the position of Principal Broker at CBW's Farragut Office. In this role, she brings fresh insight and perspective along with support and guidance to 80+ of the company's stellar sales professionals. She is passionate about helping agents bring their career goals to life.

Says Rhonda, "We have a unique culture among our agents. Their passion for knowledge, growth, and excellence is unmatched in the market. We desire to create exceptional experiences for all those we serve."

Rhonda understands the power of home and the important role that real estate agents have in their clients' lives. She believes a house becomes a home when someone loves it and considers it a great honor to be part of that meaningful process.

In her free time, Rhonda enjoys gardening, traveling (especially trips to Walt Disney World), the beach, and hiking. She also loves to spend time with her family, including being fun Auntie Rhonda to her nephews.



## Anne Williams

Onboarding Concierge, Broker, Certified Coach, GRI, HHS, SRS, Realtor

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# Assisting clients and training agents

My priority since 2002 (19 great years!) is to make each transaction smooth, enjoyable, and excellent in every way. Managing, training, and brainstorming to resolve the most complex issues while serving as Principal Broker of our Farragut Office for five years, prepared me to even better care for my own clients. It is a joy to attend my real estate clients once again by "stalking the real estate market" for your best interests.

During 2020, CBW proactively implemented the best practices for equipping our agents to meet client needs safely. This resulted in the rapid increase of many transferring/new professionals, and creation of the Onboarding Concierge position. In addition to assisting my clients, I now have the honor of training our agents in the everevolving systems and platforms that have kept CBW strong for almost 85 years.

Call me and let's begin your next real estate adventure!



## Debbie Yankey

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#### Reflecting on What is Important

Being a Realtor over the past 25 years has given Debbie Yankey the chance to connect with all of the friends and clients that she has had the opportunity to know over the years. Homes are one of our most valued possessions, but inside them is where some of our most beloved memories have taken place. Being a Realtor has given Debbie the chance to meet and learn about so many of you, and as she states, "I thank you for inviting me into your lives." When Debbie meets people moving into the area, and they ask what is so special about Knoxville, Debbie, without a blink of the eye, responds: "the people are our asset." Debbie's story moved forward because of each of you.

"This past year presented trying times, and we all may be facing even more challenges. Predictions merely predict – they do not tell us how best to make decisions. I am here if you need to chat or if you want or need to relocate or decide to buy a home," says Debbie. This past year I have had to pivot in the way I help others make their move. You may have had to pivot, too, in several ways. If we all reflect on what is important, it is our family, our friends, and the safe haven we call home.

Debbie states, "My commitment and promise are to work tirelessly to make your move and the closing experience as easy as possible because home is what matters most."



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I earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. In addition, I received the AAMS<sup>®</sup> professional designation in 2016 and the CRPC<sup>®</sup> professional designation in 2017.

Originally from Rochester, NY, I have lived in Knoxville since 2011. My spouse, Steve, and I have a blended family of five wonderful children.

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#### Leilani Johns Owner Leilani's Island<sup>TM</sup>

Leilani Johns participated in her first business meeting as a 3-day old. Since that first experience, Leilani has been on a rocket ship of personal development and entrepreneurship with various endeavors. Leilani is already a well-known commodity in political circles and national media, the maker community, local fashion groups, and through her extensive community volunteer endeavors. However, Leilani's passion for business, as fostered by her parents and many mentors, has given her the confidence to pursue endeavors not only from the community and educational perspectives but also the capitalist opportunities as provided by our great Republic. Leilani has a company in incubation called Leilani's Island<sup>™</sup>, which is being positioned as a lifestyle, community service, and fitness enterprise. Although she is just now exploring very exciting modeling and acting opportunities, Leilani's priority is to attend the University of Tennessee to study supply chain management, marketing, and agribusiness.



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# Sharing personal stories

Teresa Johnson has been working with State Farm for 20 years as an office manager at several locations. She began working in Josh Hemphill's office 5 years ago, though she had worked with him at other State Farm agencies before. Teresa is fully licensed and loves her job as office manager, which usually entails being the first to greet customers. She also participates in a lot of the customer service in the office. But most importantly, she helps customers with billings and claims.

Teresa learned about working in insurance from her own life insurance rep, who came by to collect premiums one day in the 80's and told her all about the job. To this day she continues the pattern and says that "being able to share my personal stories with the customer to give them a better understanding of their insurance and how it works for them is very rewarding."



#### Courtney Kear

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#### Thriving in creative marketing throughout Knoxville

Courtney Kear joined the Josh Hemphill State Farm Team 6 months ago as Marketing Liaison for Farragut and Powell offices.

Courtney loves her job as Marketing Liaison and thrives in being able to creatively market throughout Knoxville. She has been a customer of Josh Hemphill State Farm for two years before joining the team. During the past six months of joining the team, she has expanded the marketing potential and is working towards maximizing market strategies to help brand the business.

"Having a flexible schedule where I get to work in the office with the team, as well as be on the road meeting new people and building connections, has been the highlight of my job."





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## Jamie Kidd

Designer and Owner Blinds & More of East Tennessee 865-386-6574 blindsandmoreknox@gmail.com A Knoxville native, Jamie Kidd studied interior design at Delta State University in Mississippi and went on to spend time as a custom decorator for a major retailer. She now serves as a designer and owner of Blinds & More of East Tennessee.

"I've always had an interest in interior design, but became specialized in window treatments nearly two decades ago, and that honestly has been my focus ever since," Kidd said.

In addition to window treatments, Kidd also has experience in furniture refinishing, home staging and room design. Her real passion, however, is found in forging relationships with her clients, and ensuring that each and every client is pleased with their finished project.

"I really enjoy getting to know my clients and learning their personality and style" she said. "I want the process to be easy, fun and as stress-free as possible for them. I am truly blessed to do what I love, all while getting to know my clients and help them make their houses feel more like home."



# Miriam Kloster

**Executive Director** 

#### Park Place of West Knoxville

Office: 865.675.7050 Cell: 865.606.4418 mkloster@5ssl.com Miriam Kloster has served as executive director of Five Star Senior Living at Park Place of West Knoxville since 2017.

Prior to the executive director role, Kloster spent time as food services director for Five Star Senior Living, director of food and nutrition services for Summit View of Farragut Nursing Home, director of food and nutrition services at St. Joseph's Home For The Aged and assistant food service director at St. Mary Medical Center/ Attleboro Nursing Home.

She also served as a substitute teacher in Tennessee and Pennsylvania, and worked in the office at Tennessee Trash Service.

"I came back to senior living because I enjoy being part of their lives, learning their stories and giving back," said Kloster, noting that her mother spent several years in a memory care facility. "My sisters and I helped my mother through the journey from independent living to assisted to memory care. I feel this enables me to help family members navigate the journey for their loved ones."

Kloster received a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from Michigan State University and has two children, Grant and Heather. Her hobbies include gardening, hiking, reading, DYI home projects and traveling.





oysk<sup>3</sup> architects 865-523-8200 oysk3architects.com Cara Knapp's passion for architecture goes all the way back to her childhood, when she would build homes out of Legos.

"I would just build house after house," she said, adding that the interest later grew into drawing up floor plans and front elevations. "I actually still have plans that I drew on poster board that I did when I was in middle school."

Knapp, who's now a principal architect at oysk3 architects, went on to take an engineering class in high school, but ultimately decided to stick with her original love for architecture, as it's "a wonderful mix of art and math."

"It's where my artsy meets my smartsy," she said, noting the phrase came from Ava Davis, a local high school student she had been mentoring.

A native of Maine, Knapp received her Bachelor in Architecture from Norwich University, a private military college in Vermont, and moved to Knoxville in 2001. She worked for various architecture firms in the area before venturing into ownership in 2013, and in 2017, oysk3 architects was born.

The mother of two serves as a member of a variety of local chambers and boards, and is entering her third year as an Architecture Construction Engineering (ACE) mentor at South Doyle High School.

"I just love meeting people and connecting people," she said. "And I absolutely love solving my clients' problems, and hopefully in a way that they just never imagined possible."



## Amy Kooima

Customer Service Josh Hemphill State Farm 865-675-3999 Amy@sfagentjosh.com Amy is married to an engineer, who also serves in the National Guard; they have three children and reside in Farragut.

Amy's experience as a customer with Josh Hemphill State Farm, 11420 Kingston Pike, led her to "be part of the team" at the agency. She is an office manager assistant with the agency, she is property and casualty licensed to help people with their policies and assets. During her two years with the office she helped grow the team to achieve many successful awards. Helping clients with their needs for the future. "I have been able to help our clients with their billing and claims. With this office we really enjoy our clients becoming part of our State Farm family."

"Every day I play a part in protecting people, and all the things they work hard for! Whether it's saving money, protecting them with adequate coverage should something happen, or just assisting in taking their payments," Amy says.

"I enjoy working with the clients and meeting their needs promptly!"



## Shara LaTorre

Owner

#### Beautique Medical Anti-Aging Clinic

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The mother and business owner said the goal of the clinic is to empower women and help them feel more confident.

"I love it when patients see themselves after a treatment of Botox and fillers and love what they see," LaTorre said. "When you restore what time and gravity have taken away, you can see confidence look back at them in the mirror. I love being a part of that experience. It's not about being perfect, it's about being you...only better."

In addition to injection services, LaTorre, a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses, is skilled in a variety of nonsurgical skin and body rejuvenation treatments, including PDO threads, CoolSculpting Elite, Qwo cellulite treatment, and medical grade skin care.

She is certified with the Plastic Surgery Nurses Certification Board at Vanderbilt University, and is a nationally recognized expert and trainer in anti-aging techniques such as facial contouring, lip augmentation, and Botox.



# Kat Mahn

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#### Making people look pretty

Kat Mahn, owner of Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, always has been drawn to the beauty business.

"I liked making people look pretty," she said.

After 10 months of operating at Saah Salon along South Campbell Station Road, she has moved to a larger brick-and-mortar location, next to The Bark Place, at 11410 Kingston Pike, Suite 300, near the intersection of Kingston Pike and South Campbell Station Road.

Mahn went to college after graduating from high school and earned an English degree, but "this is what I wanted to do," she said about being an aesthician. "So I went back to school for this after I had my daughter."

A licensed aesthician for 16 years, she started her career in 2005 in South Carolina.

"Then, we were in Ohio for nine years and Georgia for two," Mahn added.

While in Georgia, a friend encouraged her to open her own business in 2018. Then, her husband, Joseph Mahn, a mechanical engineer, was transferred to Hardin Valley, and they moved to Knoxville.

She again took a leap and opened a studio in Saah Salon Suites, only to grow her business and move to a brick-and-mortar location.



## Melody Matney

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# Passionate about her community & the people in it

Melody Matney, Executive Director of The Villages of Farragut, is genuinely cut-out for her line of work. Born in Knoxville and a life-long resident of East Tennessee, Matney is passionate about her community and the people in it.

After losing her father unexpectedly to a terminal disease, Matney took a particular interest in Long-Term Care, and attained her license in LTC insurance. She returned to Knoxville in 2004 and worked for a nationally known hospitality corporation, growing through the experience, but her love for people would eventually lead her to her true passion of serving seniors.

Matney was recruited to work at a senior living facility in Sevierville. She was promoted to Executive Director after only 15 months, and remained with that company for several years. "My heart was still in Knoxville," she explained.

So, when The Villages of Farragut announced their ground-breaking, she applied, and is now serving as Executive Director there.

"I'm extremely fortunate to be working for this company and serving seniors in this community. We truly want to be part of the fabric of Farragut, and what we do is all about love for our residents." It's clear that Melody Matney has a heart for people and service to her community.



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Dana has a high level of expertise in the local market from 15 plus years of experience and has a remarkable track record of delivering results. She has lived in the Knoxville area for more than 30 years and attended the University of Tennessee. Having raised two children here, she believes this is a great place to live and work.

Whether you are an experienced investor or a first time buyer, Dana can help you in finding the property of your dreams or simply what fits your needs now. Dana will be your resource for any questions you may have about Real Estate or the Community.

She listens intently, responds quickly, and follows up. "My goal is to make your next move..... Your Best Move EVER!"



## Paola Nielsen-Lensgraf

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Paola Nielsen-Lensgraf decided to use her extensive background in dermatology and pharmaceutical sales to open her own business, MediSpa at Choto, in November 2018.

"I always wanted to have a business where I chose what to offer," she said, noting that the Med Spa currently offers services like botox and fillers, laser procedures, waxing and facials, medical weight loss, hormone replacement therapy and IV infusions.

Skin and mineral makeup products, 865 Soy Candles, Charlotte's Web CBD gummies, Myra handbags and clothing, and Tennessee Lake Life Apparel are also available.

So far, Nielsen-Lensgraf says the best part of owning the Med Spa is "helping people feel better and look better every day through all our services offered."

"We have a superb staff of specialists that work together every day to help our clients and patients," she said. "We live by word of mouth and grow by keeping our love for what we do real and by adding new innovative services on a regular basis."



# Vanessa O'Donnell

Owner

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After a functional medicine practitioner healed her son's chronic medical condition in just a few months, Vanessa O'Donnell decided to use her health care background to open her own office based on the patient-centered approach.

"I knew my calling was to help people find the answers to their health issues that they have been searching for," said O'Donnell, who opened a Novis Health franchise that focuses on diabetes and thyroid conditions in July. "I am so blessed to be able to have a part in bringing health back to the people of Knoxville."

Originally from Western New York, O'Donnell majored in Biology and went on to serve as a radiologic technologist in emergency departments throughout the Buffalo area for 12 years.

"I absolutely loved helping people in their greatest time of need, being admitted to the emergency department, but there was something missing for me," she said, noting that she has finally found that fulfillment at Novis Health. "When you see a member move through their emotions from scepticism, to hope, to the struggle of change and then see them come in beaming because they finally made that breakthrough or reached their goal is absolutely amazing."

Though the location is still very new, O'Donnell added that Novis Health will likely create a "domino effect" that will have a positive impact on the entire community.

"When one person has control over their health they feel better, but getting back their energy and vitality also has a huge impact on their family, community and career," she said. "We have had members be able to go back to work, volunteer again, and be present in their children and grandchildren's lives in a way that they could not before joining us."





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# A zealous advocate for her clients

Katie Ogle is known as a zealous advocate for her clients, but her road to becoming an attorney has been paved by her love and compassion for children and families in need. Originally from West Virginia, Katie taught special education before graduating from law school.

After passing the bar she became a powerful legal champion for parents and children in Knox and surrounding counties. She now has extensive experience representing children and families in juvenile and family courts. Katie is also a Rule 31 listed mediator and was named a Top Attorney by City View magazine.

Her passion carries over into her community service where she serves as the President of the Board of Directors for CASA of East Tennessee and is a member of the Board of Directors for Susannah's House.

Katie makes her home in Farragut with her husband Nate, and their two children Alexandra and Hank.



#### Pam Owen

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#### CREDIBILITY

Pam Owen is an accomplished sales and marketing professional with over 30 years experience.

Before becoming a Real Estate agent, Pam was a business entrepreneur, corporate leader and national sales manager. Pam received her Real Estate License in 2009 and joined Realty Executives Associates. She quickly became one of the top real estate producers in the area.

"Every career has led me to this one," Pam states. "The best attributes of each career are rolled into Real Estate. It is the hardest and most detailed of all, but the one that I love the most."

Pam quickly became a Multi-Million Dollar producer and continues to reach that goal each year. She has earned the Accredited Buyer's Representative and Seniors Real Estate Specialist designations. When choosing your Realtor®, choose someone who loves Real Estate...choose Pam.



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Rhonda Queen grew up in a small midwestern farm town in Illinois and moved to Southern California in 1983. A few years later, her husband, Paul, was offered a job in East Tennessee, where they've since remained and raised their three daughters, Michelle, Felicia and Christine.

"We traveled around enough to realize this is where we wanted to raise our family," said Queen. "It has been our home for nearly four decades now."

Queen, who serves as officer manager, processor and closing agent at Crown Title Insurance Agency, said she initially worked in the banking and mortgage end of the business, until 1995, when the company's founder Emma Jo White hired her as a title specialist.

"She taught me most of what I now know," she said of White. "I now realize the reason I enjoy the title business is the people I get to meet and help through what might be the most important purchase in their life."

In fact, this emphasis on connecting with customers is precisely what's contributed to Crown Title's massive growth in recent years.

"I take pride in knowing that Robb White and I have built Crown Title from a small company to nearly three times its size over the past twenty years," Queen said. "In this business, you have to be very detail oriented. Everything -- no matter how small -- has to be right. People count on us."



## Rhonda Queen

Officer Manager, processor and Closing Agent

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#### Experience and Reputation

When it comes to choosing someone to handle your mortgage, experience and reputation matter. A knowledgeable, assertive, and thoughtful representative can save you thousands over the lifetime of a loan. Sandra Parsons is known as the "Loandini" due to an exceptional propensity to solve problems, and make difficult loans happen with an out-of-the-box mindset. A veteran of the mortgage business with over 22 years of experience, Sandra also has advantageous experience in real estate and appraisals. She is very active in the community; founder of Charity Chicks and Vice Chair for the Salvation Army of Knoxville.

Every fall, Charity Chicks sponsors a food pack This year it will take place on Oct. 2 with the meals going to Second Harvest food pantry.

One of the few positives of the Covid-19 pandemic has been a decrease in interest rates. This has provided a rare opportunity for clients to purchase and/or refinance at all-time low rates. Call Sandra today at 865-323-5781 to inquire about how you can take advantage of these historically low interest rates.



# Sandi Simpson

Community Relations Director

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Sandi Simpson graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1980 with a degree in Child and Family Services with plans to become a Social Worker. Prior to working in senior living, Sandi worked as a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. When her mother fell ill with Alzheimer's, she dropped everything to make sure she gave her mother the care that was needed, and then, she realized her calling; helping seniors live a happier and healthier life.

After their children were grown, she became one of the first active volunteers at her church, Concord United Methodist Church's adult daycare program, Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services (CADES).

Simpson then started working part-time at a local assisted living community for three years and spent another six years at an independent living community as Lifestyle Director, and later, as the Leasing Director. During her time as leasing director, she was able to keep the community 99 % leased, which led to her recruitment by The Villages of Farragut.

"I fell in love with taking care of seniors," she said, noting that she initially joined the Villages team as the Resident Event Director. Simpson took over her current position just before COVID-19 pandemic began. At the time, the community was 50 % occupied. Even through the restraints that were put into place to keep the residents safe, she has been able to increase the occupancy to a current 89%.

So far, Simpson's favorite part of the job is helping families navigate through life's transitions and bringing joy to residents and their families.

"I hope to bring smiles to the residents' faces and make life for their family easier every day, " she said.

Simpson's dedication to her company, her career, and most importantly, the seniors she serves is unsurpassed. In addition, she has shown that it is never too late to find your passion, and for her, it was helping senior citizens \stay connected with their community and ensuring the quality of life they deserve.



Samantha Rudd, a Knoxville native, began working the front register at The Great Backyard Place in May 2011 after moving back to the area from Chattanooga. She quickly was promoted to the water testing department and then became a sales consultant in 2015.

"A position opened in the sales department, and I went to the boss and told him I wanted to be considered for the job," she explained. "One of the best decisions I've made. It has given me a lot of opportunities, and I've met so many wonderful people!"

Rudd said the sales position has been particularly enjoyable, as she can help others create their perfect outdoor living space.

"Spas, patio furniture and pools can make such a difference to family time and creating their own get away," she noted. "Also, it's always exciting when new furniture collections are brought into the showroom! Feels like Christmas morning!"

A graduate of Farragut High School, Rudd attended the University of Tennessee for her freshman year then transferred to Pellissippi State Community College, where she received an associate's degree in Marketing.

"I am blessed to have a wonderful husband and two dogs whom we usually refer to as our fur-children," she added.



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## Sara Sizemore

Owner

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sara@southernsafety.com southernsafety.com Sara Sizemore has been at the helm of Southern Safety Supply since its inception over 25 years ago. There have been changes over the last year serving in the industrial, construction, and trades industries. For example, there is little need to explain what the acronym "PPE" means in this pandemic environment.

Navigating the ongoing supply chain issues caused by these conditions has resulted in the company watching inventory levels to ensure there is stock available to the customers.

"Sometimes, in the course of the day, crews will run into unforeseen problems which will stop all work unless they can get the proper gear, such as a tripod setup for a manhole or confined space situation," Sizemore says.

This is where Southern Safety Supply shines by helping companies complete their task and produces a great sense of value for the company.



## Julie Sonnenburg

Owner A Better You Med Spa

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#### Changing people's lives through aesthetic treatments

After attending nursing school and serving as a surgical RN, Julie Sonnenburg opened A Better You Med Spa in 2018.

The spa, located at 11320 Station West Drive, Suite 202, was started with the goal of positively changing people's lives through aesthetic treatments like microneedling, fillers and Botox.

Dermaplaning, chemical peels, lash and brow tinting, lash lifts, waxing, customized facials, B12 injections and teeth whitening services are also available.

"My favorite part of the job is the ability to help my patients feel more confident and to love their appearance," said Sonnenburg, noting that she actively works to build meaningful relationships with all her patients. "I feel there is nothing better than being able to not just have a patient/nurse relationship, but to have a relationship with them on a friend-level, as well."

In addition to owning A Better You Med Spa, Sonnenburg, who has two kids, a dog and a boat named "Botox", owns and manages rental properties throughout the area. Born and raised in Virginia, she moved to Knoxville as a teenager and also lived in Jupiter, Fla., for six years.

Judy has been practicing real estate for the last



Saray Taylor-Roman Photographer The Portrait Masters (865) 243-6463 Meet the award-winning and internationally published Portrait Master Saray Taylor-Roman. She has called East Tennessee home since 2004. She currently serves as a member of the Maryville College Alumni Board and the Mayor's Makers Council with The Maker City. This year, she was selected among thousands of USA photographers to represent her industry with a nationwide billboard ad campaign.

Her passion is to empower women and men through her photography. She seeks to capture the divinity within each of her clients and then show that to the world. Her favorite moment is when a client goes from self conscious to confident in front of her lens! She says, "it's like Christmas morning every single time!"

While she's a self-described introvert, she is an engaging speaker and loves to share about her entrepreneurial journey as both an artist and as a business woman. Saray is married to Daniel Scott Taylor-Roman who, two years ago, joined the family business. They both parent their beautiful daughter Sophia and their sweet cat Tito. 30 years and obtained her broker license in 1995. She obtained her broker license to help create and develop Plantation Springs along with Duncan Construction, Sentinel Builders, and Oliver Smith Realty. The subdivision earned an award as one of the best from the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Judy is one of the original founders of Keller Williams Realty in Knoxville which started here in 2008. Judy served on the Leadership Council for Keller Williams for eight years and many committees. She was briefly the Principal Broker the market center. She has consistently been a top individual agent for the state of Tennessee for 30 years. Judy was in the top 20 individual agents for the Southeast Region of Keller Williams for December 2019 and was awarded the KW Quadruple Gold Award for sales in 2019 and named a Platinum Producer in 2020. Judy was named to the Best Real Estate Agents in Tennessee for 2021, and Americas 100 Top 1% Real Estate Agents for Greater Tennessee in 2021. Judy has four subdivisions and many individual listings. For over 20 years she has been involved in new construction of spec and custom homes and the development of subdivisions. She has represented Sentinel Builders for over twenty years. Repeat clients are the foundation of her business. Customer service awards have made her especially proud. She is truly an individual agent who writes her contracts, personally takes all her listings and writes her own ad copy. She appreciates other Realtors and knows that our clients are best served when we work well together. "It is a great profession that gives you a chance to meet people from all walks of life."



### Candace Viox

Owner

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# 5 Years in Farragut full of relationships, support and success!

Candace Viox opened the popular destination, Water into Wine, in May 2016, and her restaurant and lounge is still going strong. Despite the hurdles of the Covid pandemic, staffing changes, Knox Co. Health Department guidelines and loss of revenue, she has managed to keep her business open. "I refused a mass lay-off for my team members. They needed me," explains Candace. "I needed them too"

Now as food supply and price increases become a factor, Candace encourages kindness. With the increase in comfort of eating out and spending time in public places she is aware of the loyalty her staff had for her during a difficult time and asks that patrons reward that with respect to them. "My staff has shown up for me, for our patrons and it is time that we show our appreciation to them by just being kind" Candace says.

Water into Wine is a different kind of restaurant and lounge. 5 years of beautiful people and relationships. Connections are made by the locals who stop in on a regular basis to the visitors just passing through who have been told about the beauty of the Farragut area and the lounge known as the "Farragut Cheers" by some locals and the "Bible Study Bar" by others. Candace says its a " community gathering place where people talk, share, and care about one another."

Candace serves as the President of the Farragut Business Alliance and works closely with Mayor Ron Williams advocating for small business support.

She contributes to many non-profits including Iva's Place, St. John Newman, Farragut and Hardin Valley Academy teams and clubs just to name a few.

"Everything is in God's plan, purpose and timing and I will go where He leads next," said Candace. "Seems God still wants me in Farragut because I am still here."



# Patti Whalen

Broker, REALTOR®

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#### A Natural Choice

Patti Whalen has been a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> since 2005. She is currently the Broker and owner of EXIT TLC Realty in Lenoir City.

Her husband retired from the US Navy, having served 20 years, and his new career brought them to Knoxville. "We moved around quite a bit growing up and while in the military." Whalen said. "I loved searching for homes each time we moved, so becoming a real estate agent was a natural choice for me."

Her experiences while relocating have helped her prepare clients for buying and selling homes. It's ingrained in me how stressful, yet exciting it is to find the perfect home, or have to sell a home you love.

Whalen says she strives to relieve the stress and fears as much as she can for her clients. Often going above and beyond the normal real estate duties to insure a smooth transaction.

In addition to real estate sales, Whalen also mentors REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. "My passion is to help agents become successful in this business. It's so rewarding to watch them grow. I love our EXIT family!"



#### Bonnie Wilson

Owner

Studio Bleu 865-684-7753 www.studioswestsalon.com Originally from Loudon, Bonnie Wilson moved to Knoxville when she was 18 to attend Tennessee School of Beauty. After graduating, she went on to spend 10 years at a mainstream salon in Farragut, working her way up to manager and master stylist.

In 2013, Wilson decided to open a salon of her own – Studio Bleu.

"I have always loved working with people and have loved the feel of being in a salon since I was a child," she explained. "I was always doing everyone's hair as I was growing up, and can't imagine doing anything else."

For Wilson, the best part of working in the industry is getting to know her clients, while also boosting their confidence.

"I love hearing about their lives and making them feel good about themselves at the same time," she said.

A Wella hair color specialist and Kevin Murphy color technique professional, Wilson has extensive knowledge of Paul Mitchell haircutting and razor techniques and is DevaCurl haircut certified. Studio Bleu has also been a Knoxville's Best nominee for the last eight years.



## Jennifer Wilson

Owner

BioPure and MJT Commercial Cleaning Office 865-317-0920 www.biopureservice.com/ hardinvalley After reading an article about bioPURE in 2019, Jennifer Wilson became determined to open a bioPURE franchise here in the Knoxville area due to the company's revolutionary disinfecting system. So in August of 2020, bioPURE of Hardin Valley was opened.

"I thought it was a great concept," said Wilson, who spent 27 years in health care as a registered nurse and occupational therapist. "I always was very meticulous about cleaning and being sure that things were clean for my patients, and I just thought what a great way to ensure that our living and working environments are the safest, cleanest they can possibly be, especially during this day and time."

As a two-time cancer survivor, Wilson said the main reason she wanted to get involved with bioPURE was because of the company's focus on using environmentally friendly and EPA-approved chemistry. Jennifer id also the owner of MJT Commercial Clean will customize their services to meet your specific needs.

# Innovative Therapy for Hope & Relief ™

athryn Walker began working in the hospital system in 2003, and left the inpatient sector in 2018 to open Revitalist -- one of the first female lead outpatient wellness clinics in Tennessee.

"It has been a really amazing adventure so far," said Walker, who serves as Revitalist's CEO. "Being a female in this space is definitely unique, and I am excited to hopefully help inspire other women to take the same steps in their career."

Walker said the best part of her position has been opening additional clinics and, in turn, providing greater access to health care.

"Life is hard right now, and Revitalist is taking a forward step to address a serious issue," she said. "We want to be the standard of care across the board leading with experts that don't forget the person. We want to bring back community, to bring back smiles, and understanding because we feel that we have lost that in many aspects of medicine."

Originally from the Tri-Cities, Walker moved to Knoxville in 2014. She earned a nursing degree from East Tennessee State University in 2005, and a nurse anesthetist degree from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in 2013. Currently, she is working on an additional advanced degree as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Because advanced degrees in anesthesia, psychiatry, family medicine and research are the norm for Revitalist's staff, Walker said that the clinic is "able to bring evidence-based medicine to the front lines and support the person as a whole with their physical and mental health."

"This clinic is unique in the fact that it was made to help increase access to care as well as to help take the burden off of many of our medical and mental health colleagues," she added.

Offering a variety of services, including transcranial magnetic stimulation, ketamine and vitamin infusions, spravato and therapy, Revitalist currently has locations in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Johnson City and Louisville, Ky., and plans to open clinics in Raleigh, N.C., Bethesda, Md., and Novi, Mich.

The company also has announced it will be going public on the Canadian Stock Exchange on Aug. 24 as Revitalist Lifestyle and Wellness with the ticker symbol CALM, and will open over 150 additional locations across the country by 2025.

"Helping to create Revitalist in 2018 and getting it validated as a public company in a little over three years would have to be one of my largest accomplishments," noted Walker. "We have such a great team of individuals that want to make a difference, and we have, and we will continue to have a larger footprint as we expand. Revitalist could not have made such great accomplishments with each and every person involved in this mission."

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#### Susan Worthington

President

#### Southern Market

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Susan Worthington and her mother, Frances Sexton, founded The Southern Market more than two decades ago with the vision of creating an upscale interiors market that showcased local vendors featuring strictly stylish merchandise.

With more than 200 current vendors. Worthington said that The Southern Market offers a variety of products that range from home decor, gifts, boutique fashions, and art. We are always looking to enhance our market with exceptional new merchants and artists.

We pioneered a new breed of marketplace in an era of antique and craft only malls" said Worthington. "Neither Knoxville -- nor any Southern city we visited for that matter -- had anything like us at the time. We traveled more than 20,000 miles throughout the Southeast hand-selecting our first merchants over several years. We built our building entirely for this concept as well."

Having built this Knoxville staple and entrepreneurial legacy literally from the ground up and on the pages of Veranda magazine before they ever opened, these ladies were destined for success.

Decades later, The Southern Market, located at 5400 Homberg Drive, is still going strong winning Best Gift Shop and Best Interior Design by Knoxvillians year after year, and will be celebrating its 25th year in business this November, an event that will coincide with its annual Holiday Open House, Nov. 4-7.

Worthington says the market's lengthy success is a result of its focus on recruiting quality, small businesses from the local community, servicing those businesses' needs, and garnering mutually successful relationships that last for many years. We aim to minimize turnover and maximize our merchants' successes.

"Southern Market has been promoting 'shop local' for 25 years," she said. "Shop Local is not new to us. We have loved and embraced shopping local and small businesses since 1996. We are small business. We are shopping. We are local. Come shop local at Southern Market.'



#### Sherrie Zaring Training Broker, REALTOR®

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On a Mission

Sherrie grew up in Knoxville. Tennessee in a small, tight knit family community with both sets of her grandparents nearby. Her Dad was involved in starting a volunteer fire department when she was just five years old, and she practically grew up riding a firetruck. At the age of 12, she became certified in First Aid, and at 14, she joined the 'Explorers', a division of the boy scouts set up through the fire department. She started running emergency calls with her father and assisting the firemen and continued training through 18 years old when she earned her EMT certification along with fighting fires.

Just like her experience as a fire fighter and first responder, she became drawn to help people who truly needed guidance. She wanted to empower those experiencing major life changes by thoroughly educating them so they can make sound, safe, and successful decisions. Now that she has earned her broker's license, she is able expand empowering through education to not only clients, but also fellow REALTORS®.

"I am committed to providing each client and agent with highest level of personal service and education for a lifetime!"

She is so excited to part of the EXIT TLC Realty family where she assist with training and mentoring REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. Helping them grow their business.



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