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# Customer upgrade: 8,000 Comcast linear feet

FARRAGUT, TENNESSEE

**TAMMY CHEEK** 

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Farragut Comcast customers soon will be getting new cable from Kingston Pike along Concord Road, ending at the First Utility District wastewater treatment facility, 1051 Concord Road.

Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, during its meeting Thursday, Nov. 21, voted unanimously to approve a right-of-way plan for the Comcast cable installation of "more than 8,000 linear feet of new cable in both existing and new conduit along predominantly the overhead utility line system from the intersection of Kingston Pike and Concord Road, along both sides of Concord Road, and ending at the FUD wastewater treatment facility," Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

The approval was based on the following conditions: A right-of-way permit be obtained from the Town's engineering department and no open trench installation.

"There will be a couple of directional bores as part of this project, but most of the work is aerial installation," Shipley said. They will bore under Concord Road and close to the intersection with Kingston Pike.

On another matter, FMPC voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to allow a second dwelling unit on a lot belonging to Tyler Butler, but changed the ordinance to include the following restrictions on allowing more than one dwelling unit on a lot greater than 1.5 acres:

- "The lot is at least one and one-half acres.
- · "It has been determined by Town staff that the lot could not be further subdivided in compliance with the Town's subdivision regulations.
- "The second dwelling unit shall meet the setback requirements for principal dwelling units in the R-1 District.
- "The second dwelling unit shall be situated so it is at least 40 feet from the existing dwelling unit.
- · "The second dwelling unit shall not create an additional access to a public street. The access shall be shared with the existing dwelling unit.

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### Town's New Year's at Noon for children in Center Dec. 31

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Children too young to stay up past midnight still can have the New Year's celebration experience when Town of Farragut presents its annual New Year's at Noon, taking place from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

This event is free and open to the public and does not require any registration, according to Rachel Malone, Recreation and

"I'm excited," she said. "It was a lot of fun last year, and I'm looking forward to it.

"It's geared toward younger children who aren't going to make it to midnight on New Year's Eve, but it still gives them a chance to celebrate," Malone added. "The biggest draw for the event is we drop a net full of about 1,000 balloons from the top of the gym at noon."

Children sit under the balloons and have the balloons fall on top and around them.

In addition to the balloon drop, youngsters can enjoy some

capped it at 100 people last year."

crafts, snacks, games and a photo opportunity for parents to take family and children's photos at a designated wall space. "It's been great in the past," Malone said about the event's success. "We have a lot of families who come in and enjoy it ... we

She noted parents do need to stay with their children.

Before Christmas, however, parents are able to have a night to shop or just relax as their children — compliments of the Town

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### Need weather damage help in Town? Get to know Wiley

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Town of Farragut has a new director, Wil Wiley, overseeing its

Public Works department.

Wiley, originally from Michigan, comes to Farragut from San Diego, California, starting his new role Oct. 28. He brings with him experience in construction and governmental public works and maintenance.

"I love it," he said about his new role with the Town. "It's everything I hoped it would be.

"I like the size of the Town," the new Public Works director added. "You get to know everybody ... I think it's important to have those good relationships so you get to know people."

For Wiley, the move is a new chapter in his life.

"I wanted a better and brighter future for our children," he

Regarding his new role, Wiley said his goals are to continue to

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# Mayors, locals beat the cold for illumination ...



Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, joined by Farragut Mayor Ron Williams among other dignitaries, (neither pictured) cut the ribbon to kick off The Cove at Concord Park's 26th Annual Holiday Festival of Lights, 11808 S.Northshore Drive, which took place at 6 p.m., Monday night, Dec. 2. The lights will be turned on from 6 to 9 p.m., each night — except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – through Tuesday, Dec. 31. On-site refreshment purchases and donations benefit The Love Kitchen. Children also enjoyed ornament crafts. (Above) Among the hundreds enjoying opening night were the Hembrees: from left, are grandma, Diana, and parents Justin and Sarah with son, Fox, 2.



# The Cove's 26th Holiday **Festival of** Lights ready for families

(Left) Charlie Jump, 4, enjoys some ornament craft time, with glue ready to be applied, during The Cove's 26th Annual Holiday Festival of Lights opening night Monday, Dec. 2.

The Cove Festival of Lights photos by Tammy Cheek

#### Farragut Christmas Parade Dec. 8

• Farragut Christmas Parade and Santa's Village will begin with the Village from 2 to 5 p.m., and the Parade beginning at 4 p.m., Sunday Dec. 8.

This year features a new location: this year Santa's Village will be held behind Farragut Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza beside the Farragut temporary skating rink in Village Green shopping center parking lot.

The parade will begin at 239 Jamestowne Blvd. at Farragut Community Center and will continue up Jamestowne in front of Faith Lutheran Church and behind the Village Green shopping center, turning into the west entrance of the shopping center and ending at Santa's Village.

Parade Grand Marshals are Farragut High School's top administrator and boss of athletics: principal Dr. John Bartlett and athletic director Donald Dodgen.

"We are so excited about this new Santa's Village location and Parade route," an event planner press release stated.



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### Major expansion at Weigel's K Pike-Smith Road mulled

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The Weigel's convenience store on the corner of Smith Road and Kingston Pike is looking to add a small kitchen and freezer

"What I think they are proposing is a small addition of about 12-by-27 (feet) on the front of the building ... (and) a 13-by-40 (foot addition) to make more freezer room in the back," Farragut Community Development director Mark Shipley said during a recent Tuesday Staff/Developer meeting.

"We're adding deli-type kitchens to all of our stores," said Melissa Clark, Weigel's director of real estate planning and development. "We've done this in similar locations.

"We add this bump out to the front (for the addition)," she added. "This bump-out will eventually hold a cash register ... then we'll add this kitchen to the store.

"Because of the new kitchen, we need the cooler space at the back (of the store). That's why we're constructing at the back." Shipley observed he is not sure they can do the front addition because of a sidewalk that goes across the front of the building.

"I'm not sure how this can be done without interfering with the sidewalk and the parking," he said.

Clark said the company would maintain the sidewalk and walkway around the building.

"Typically, what we do is shorten some of the parking stalls, if there's an issue there, and use those for compact cars," she

However, Shipley warned, "You've got handicap spaces currently over here, and they have to have a clear sidewalk all the way around the front of the building to the entrance."

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#### Variance obtained: Echo Suites prepares for Outlet Drive site

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After more discussion, this time by Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Cox Universal Group got a variance on its entrance to the proposed Echo Suites hotel it plans to build at 11244 Outlet Drive.

In the end, the Board voted unanimously during its meeting Thursday, Nov. 14, to approve a 200-foot variance for the drive-

Still, Alderman Alex Cain was concerned about future development along the Outlet Drive.

"My concerns about how today's decision will affect the future development along Outlet Drive," he said. "My fear is that the undeveloped property across the street will get developed by Knox County and there will be additional driveway connections causing more issues."

Community Development director Mark Shipley agreed it was a factor that needed to be considered.

"At the Oct.17 Planning Commission meeting, a site plan was conditionally approved for an Echo Suites hotel on a portion of the property to the west of Cotton Eyed Joe off Outlet Drive," Shipley said. "The applicant requested that the access be from

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# **KCSO**reports

• At 11:35 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft at a North Campbell Station Road address. Complainant advised he last saw his locked 2010 Cadillac DTS at 9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, when the vehicle became disabled.

Complainant advised he scheduled to have it towed on Monday, Dec. 2, back to his residence. He said there were not any keys in the vehicle and does not know who might have committed the crime.

· At 12:51 a.m., Friday, Nov. 29, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a financial exploitation of the elderly from a Southwick Circle residence.

Complainant said she "spoke with the sus-

pect regarding her winning \$7.5 million and (she) needed to pay fees prior to receiving the money," the report stated.

"She sent the suspect money on three different occasions. She pulled money out of her bank account and purchased Vanilla gift cards and provided the suspect with the card numbers."

· At 4:55 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30, a KCSO unit responded to Costco, 10745 Kingston **Pike, in response to a shoplifting**. A witness said he had seen (the suspect) "taking items and removing tags on camera," the report stated.

Witness intervened when the suspect "left the store and (had taken) \$63.97 worth of merchandise." Suspect, who "admitted to taking the merchandise," was issued a misdemeanor citation and a criminal trespass warning for Costco.

# towncalendar

· Town of Farragut again is gearing up for its annual Celebrate the Season event, presented by its Arts and Beautification Committee, which will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

The same favorite activities as last year are back. "We'll have photos with Santa available," special events coordinator Rachel Malone said. She advised families to arrive early for the photos with Santa "if they want to guarantee they will get a spot for the picture. We'll have a cookie decorating station; there will be some crafts and an opportunity to write a letter to Santa,' she said. Also planned is a holiday movie.

Celebrate the Season is free of charge and open to the public, with no registration required, according to Malone.

· A Christmas light music show, choreographed to music, is running from 6 to 11 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and 6 to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, now through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Farragut Golf and Games, 164 West End

The light show, featuring 240,000 LED pixels taking the space of a hockey rink, is a fundraiser for Mission of Hope and costs \$5 per person. Light the Park at Founders Park at

Campbell Station continues every evening starting at dusk through Wednesday, Jan. There will be entertainment and giveaways

from local vendors as well as food trucks at Founders Park many evenings through Monday, Dec. 23. A calendar of scheduled activities can be found under Farragut News at townoffarragut.org.

To receive a reply from Santa, mail your Santa letters at the park mailbox by Monday, Dec. 16, and include a return address.

A new addition to Light the Park festivities is a 53-foot-by-33-foot synthetic ice rink that will operate through Saturday, Jan. 4, at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza. For more information and to make reservations, visit www.townoffarragut.org

East TN PBS will once again film a behind-thescenes special about Light the Park, including installation of lights and ice rink. The special will include this year's musical entertainment and interviews with Town staff Saturday, Dec. 14, and Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec. 24.

#### 8,000

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 "The second dwelling unit shall be able to satisfy all applicable utility, code and fire suppression requirements.

"The lot of record and both

dwelling units shall be served with public utility provided, sanitary sewer and water."

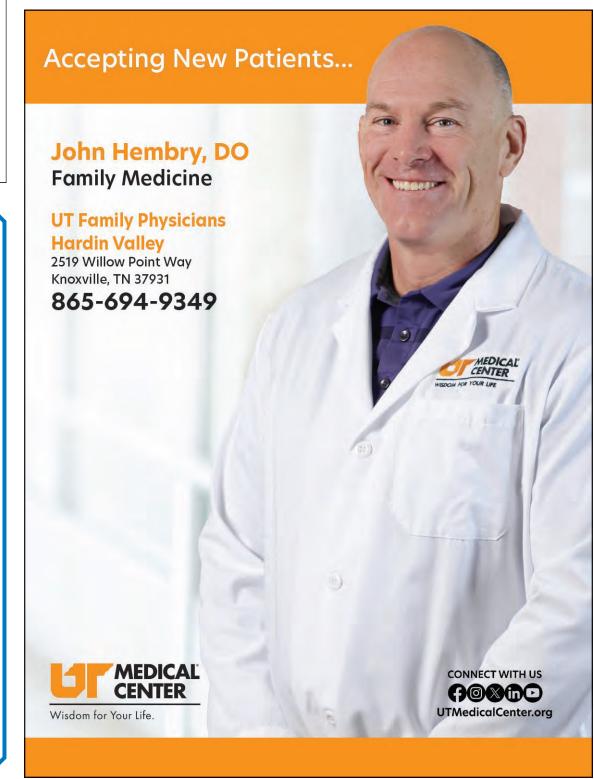
Butler had asked for a second dwelling on his property so he could build a house for a family member.

In other action, FMPC voted

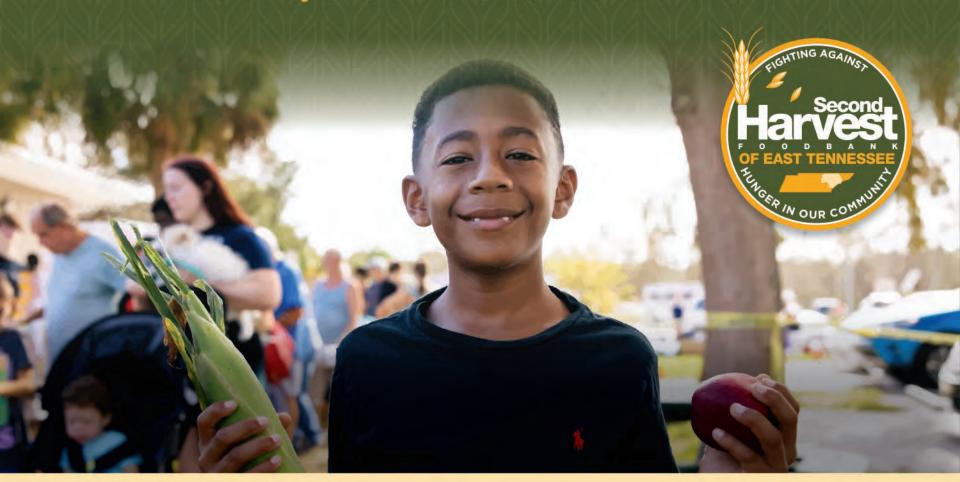
to recommend a variance for Cox Universal Group to delay constructing a sidewalk along the front of the proposed Echo Suites Hotel, 1124 Outlet Drive, west of Cotton Eyed Joe, until after the second subdivided property portion is developed.







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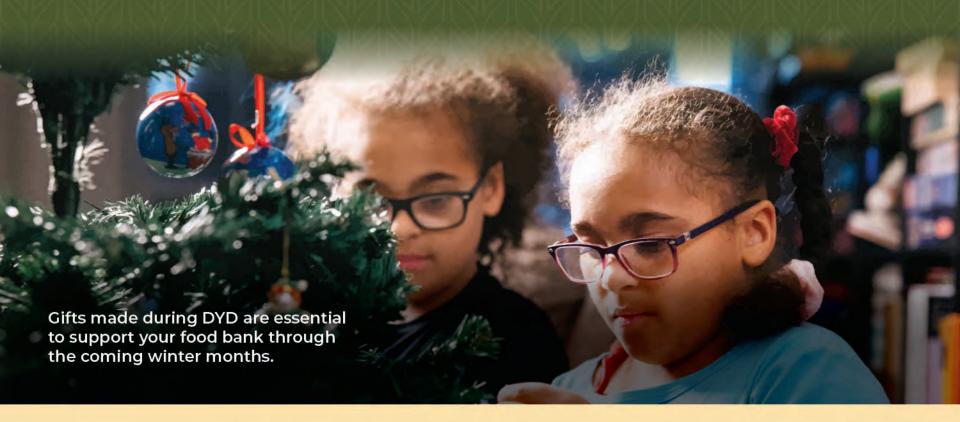


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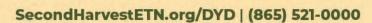


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# Graduates, Intro to Farragut, for 2024



Twenty-one Introduction to Farragut classmates were present to graduate from the program with a ceremony in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, Nov. 13. Graduates, in alphabetical order, were Elizabeth Agee, Nicole Ball, Cheryl Brimer, Tammy Cheek, Jarrod Cliff, Bonnie Deardorff, Duane Deardorff, Helen Denuyl, George Ellis, Denise Martin Helton, John and Julia Osborne, Abby Pace, Kimberlie Parks, Jerry Pullen, Phillip Schubert, Chase Scott, Amber Simpson, Wafa Sulaiman, Kristi Vining and Candace Viox. Jim Bolon, also a graduate, was not present for the ceremony.

#### Variance

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an existing abandoned access that had served the previous hotel (West Park Inn) that was demolished several years ago.

"As part of the discussion with the Planning Commission, the staff noted that the applicant's requested access was only 110 feet from the nearest

access along Outlet Drive that was situated to the northeast and referenced as Corporate Point Way," he added, also noting access from another driveway is required to be 400 feet

The applicant "had requested to use this existing access instead of moving it to the west where it would be at least 400 feet from Corporate Point Way

due to topography — there is a significant grade change in the western portion of the lot near Outlet Drive — and the fact that they are subdividing the lot and the access will be shared with a new lot they will create to the east," the Community Development director said.

"This would help centralize the access for the two lots,"

Shipley concluded.

However, Shipley noted if they move the access to the 200-foot variance, he thinks it would be more centralized.

"After a long discussion, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff that the existing abandoned access was too close to Corporate Point Way and could create issues in the center turn lane," he said.

#### **New Year's Noon**

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with Twas the Night with No Parents event from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, also at the Community Center.

"That's a parents' night event that we've done for the past two years, just to give parents a chance to go and do some Christmas shopping," Malone said. "We play games, eat pizza and all that good stuff with the kids for a few hours."

With registration required, she said that event is full. The cost is \$10 per child. Parents may call the Town, 865-966-7057 or 865-218-3376 to see if availability has changed.

#### Weigel's changes

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Shipley did not see any issues with the addition to the back.

"In the rear, I think I would want the fire marshal to look at the room between the wall and the addition," Mayor Ron Williams said.

'Yeah, they'll have to get building permits for all that," Shipley said. "They're going to have to move the (3-foot) retaining wall a little bit."

Ultimately, he said there needs be a lot more detail on the site plan of what it would look like.

"This is not a good enough detail for me to be able to understand how it's going to work," Shipley added. "You can't do compact handicap (spaces). ...'

#### Wiley

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grow the Public Works department "to serve our residents and give them the tools they need to get that done.

"I have a good team," he added. "It's not their first rodeo."

Working in the private sector as a senior construction manager for schools in California, "schools are one of the most strictest construction (tasks) you can do besides hospitals," he said.

Wiley worked at three school

districts as assistant director, director and executive director.

However, his last position was as assistant director of Public

Works with

but they don't call it public works; they call it maintenance and operation," he said.

Wiley oversaw 16 parks, 78 miles of walking trails, 78 buildings and 248 pieces of equipment, as well as streets and traffic lights.

He was born and reared in Michigan. Growing up, "I would come down here through Tennessee to go to Florida," he said.

Wiley was impressed with the different climate changes, culture and hospitality.

Later, "I moved to San Diego with my family," he said of his wife, Heather, and their two daughters, Claire, 13, and Grace, 9.

However, he said most recently they wanted to get out of California and move east.

"We came out (to Tennessee) to visit several times throughout the years," Wiley said. "When we came to the Smoky Mountains and East Tennessee, it's where we really fell in love with the location.

"I told my wife the only way to really get out of vacation mode is to stay at a place for a little bit, so we pulled our travel trailer here," he added.



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# **business** briefs

· Due to construction delays, Roll Em Up Taquitos scheduled to open at the end of November at 117 Lovell Road, next to Costco, was delayed. It has been rescheduled to open sometime in the first two weeks of January. Co-owner Nirav Patel said no precise time has been

 YMCA of East Tennessee Board of Directors has nounced Matt Ryerson cently was named the new CEO of the orga-



nization. He will begin that role

For the past five years, Ryerson has been CEO of the United Way of Greater Knoxville. He has 20 years of experience in non-profit leadership, including some with YMCA early in his career. He succeeds Jim Dickson, who has been local YMCA CEO for the past 24 years.

 FirstBank has announced two recent significant organizational updates for its East Region: Steve Pettit has been promoted to

senior credit and Sam Albritton the ioins bank as the new Knoxville market president.



britton will lead a team of local relationship managers and further FirstBank's position as a financial and community leader

**Albritton** 

· Visit Knoxville has announced the Visit Knoxville Film Office is celebrating 10 **years** established under Visit Knoxville. A new logo and new promotional video also were released.

Visit Knoxville Film Office was established to strengthen Knoxville's economy through the promotion of the City of Knoxville and Knox County as a premiere filming location. By attracting motion media companies to Knoxville through the marketing of its locations, accommodations, services, crew and talent, the Film Office fosters the creation of jobs in the

area, stimulates business opportunities and generates exposure.

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recently presented

its inaugural Service Award to Neal Schrick.

**Schrick** 

Schrick, professor and head of the Department of Animal Science at the UT Institute of Agriculture, has been a driving force in the state's beef and for-

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# Crystallized Aesthetics opens in Studios West

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After reinventing herself, Crystal Peacock-Noles now helps others re-imagine themselves with her new business, Crystallized Aesthetics &

Makeup Artistry. A licensed aesthetician, as

well as a paramedical certified aesthetician, she opened the business Saturday, Nov. 23, in Suite 5 of Studios West, 10843 Kingston Pike, offering such services as classic European facials, enzyme facials, dermaplaning, microderm abrasion, waxing, acid treatments that exfoliates a deeper level and back facial treatments.

"It's a deep cleanse for the back," Noles said. "It includes a 20-minute massage for the back, then a deep scrub that sits for 10 minutes while you receive a scalp massage. The scrub is removed and the back is moisturized.

"It's very relaxing," she added. "Most of my clients go to sleep."

Noles also provides brow and lash tint services, brow laminations and lash lifts, giving your lashes a natural lift and curl.

In the next three to four months, she will start providing lash extensions. In the next two weeks, she will add nano needling, "where we create micro channels in the skin," she said. "It helps infuse your serums (whether it's a vitamin C, hyaluronic acid or other serum) quicker and deeper into the skin. It helps your serums absorb into the skin."

Along with these qualifications, Noles is a professional makeup artist, so she does wedding and special event makeup and teaches women how to do their makeup. She also does wedding parties.

Her hours of operation are



Crystal Peacock-Noles is helping her clients look their best with her aesthetic skills at her new business, Crystallized Aesthetics & Makeup Artistry, in Suite 5 of Studios West, 10843 Kingston

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, but Noles' evening hours are flexible. Saturdays, her hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. She is closed Mondays and Sundays.

To book an appointment, call or text 865-396-6206 or visit online at crystallized.glossgenius.com or Studios West's website.

Noles already had been in the skin care and cosmetic industry for 25 years for a company as a consultant. Fourteen of those years, she was a sales

"I've always wanted to go further and become and aesthetician — I've always loved skin care," she said. "I've loved working with my clients, helping them find things that benefit their skin — but it was never where I could."

Still, being a consultant and director with that company allowed Noles to be home with and raise her children and be

However, earlier this year, she filed for divorce and "made the decision to go back to school," she said.

She graduated from Tennessee School of Beauty in Knoxville in October 2023 then took exams for her license.

"I was the oldest student in the class," she noted. "I toured

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# Pedrelli brings Italian landscaping expertise to Farragut, East TN

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Lucia Pedrelli of Farragut is putting her landscaping experience from Italy to use by launching her own home-based business, Primavera Gardening.

Pedrelli came less than a year ago to the United States from Bologna, Italy, bringing her landscaping skills with her. She

launched the business last week but has been in the gardening field in East Tennessee since last spring.

"I started gardening under someone," Pedrelli said without disclosing the name.

Now, she has evolved as an owner of her own business, providing maintenance to homeowner's landscaping.

"I noticed with big landscaping jobs, they do the job (then) they're out of there," she ob-

At the same time, the customers don't have anyone to maintain the gardens. "So eventually, they are going to need another big job."

But, that is where Pedrelli comes in.

"I like to help with the maintenance of these gardens that are

so beautiful," she said. "This is because, I think, there's just something beautiful about having your garden as an extension of your home.

"There's something special about just going in your garden and feeling that sense of peace and tranquility," Pedrelli added. "You just see all the nature in your yard ... you see all the sea-

"And the garden echoes your house. It's like your interior design talks with your garden."

However, Pedrelli said most people do not like the work required to maintain their gardens.

"Most people don't have time, and most people don't enjoy it." she said. "I can take care of those plants so they don't have to. That's why I'm there — to help them so they can enjoy it.

"You go out, and it's beautiful," Pedrelli added.

For more information on Primavera Gardening, contact her at lucia.pedrelli@gmail.com

Comparing Italy with East Tennessee, she observed, "It's a little different because here you can actually make a business out of (gardening)."

In Italy, Pedrelli said people really do not have private gardens. In Bologna, "We have apartments more than anything," she

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**Pedrelli** 



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### New Knox biz donates 5K to Love Kitchen

Knox County Mayor Glenn
Jacobs, far right, accepted
a \$5,000 donation for The
Love Kitchen Inc. from a new
Knoxville business, Voitas
Group, during the kickoff to
The Cove at Concord Park's
26th Annual Holiday Festival
of Lights Monday night, Dec.
2. Company reps presenting
the check, from left, were
Kyle Broomhall, Chad Hooper
and Patrick Larisch.

**Tammy Cheek** 

#### Briefs

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age industry for more than 30 years. His leadership and expertise in reproductive physiology have shaped not only his department but also agricultural practices across Tennessee.

A pioneer in his field, Schrick, was part of the groundbreaking team that cloned the nation's first Jersey calf, highlighting his significant contributions to animal science.

• Tennessee Center for Per-

formance Excellence has announced Metro Tennova will receive the 2024 TNCPE Excellence Award.

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cording to a TNCPE press release.

"Being awarded the TNCPE Level 4 Excellence Award is a testament to the incredible dedication, teamwork and commitment to excellence demonstrated by everyone at both locations," said Tony Benton, CEO of Tennova Healthcare East Market. "This recognition is not just about the processes we've put in place but about the passion and care we bring to our work daily.

"We are incredibly proud of this achievement, and it fuels our ongoing commitment to improving the quality of care for our patients, empowering our staff and strengthening our community," he added. "This is just the beginning — together, we will continue to set new standards for excellence in healthcare."

Organizations receiving this distinction have demonstrated exemplary leadership, innovation and operational effectiveness. The award acknowledges those who inspire others and set the standard for performance excellence.

· Commemorating its sixth

Champions

year, Bank of America's

Neighborhood

program provides multiyear flexible grant funding annually to high-impact non-profits in nearly 40 communities nationwide.

In Knoxville, Bank of America has named Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee as its local 2024 Neighborhood Cham-

cated to helping young people achieve their full potential. As a Neighborhood Champion,

pion for its work as a leading

mentoring organization, dedi-

#### Crystal's place

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the school one day; signed up for classes, registered and secured my spot the next day; and filed for divorce the third day," Noles said with a laugh.

"I knew I wanted a different path going forward, and I knew I wanted to expand what I was already doing, but I couldn't go further without my aesthetics license," she added, noting that at the school, "They were absolutely amazing."

Soon after graduation, Noles secured a suite at Studios West.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee is awarded a \$50,000 grant over two years, leadership training resources for the organization's executive director, access to technical coaching and a national network of nonprofit peers.

"This year we celebrate six years of supporting Knoxville non-profits that have provided Primavera

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added. "It's hard to find people who have their own property."

In the United States, "your landscaping is huge — your lawn care, your pruning, your mulch, everything," she said.

"It's all more intense here."
For her husband, PG Pedrelli, Farragut is familiar, as he lived "here since he was 7," Lucia said. "We met (six years ago) because we went to Zadina (a beach), the same place in Italy (when he visited). "

Their relationship "was long distance for a long time."

solutions to some of our community's biggest challenges," said Terry Cline, president, Bank of America Knoxville. "Countless individuals, families and neighborhoods have felt the profound impact ... and we look forward to continuing economic advancement in Knoxville in years to come."



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# Josh Hemphill Team

# TSSAA Distinguished Service Award goes to Collier

The following is a story about a special Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association tribute to coach Shelley Collier, sixtime state champion leading Webb School of Knoxville's high school varsity girls basketball program, as authored by John Brice and submitted by TSSAA. She's currently girls varsity basketball head coach at Lenoir City High School.

A recent Saturday was a window into the past, present and future.

Here was Shelley Collier, a decades-long high school basketball coach in Tennessee, taking in a toddler-league contest.

Why? Because a former player had mentioned to Collier that her twin 3-year-old daughters had a game.

Collier's presence was, at once, testament to her unyielding devotion to her players — past, present, future — and her impact on those she has coached, taught and helped grow into young adults through a record-setting career that's spanned four schools, including now at Lenoir City.

"It's really funny you say that," Collier said about the reach of now getting wedding invitations, birth announcements and much more from her decades in education. "This past Saturday, one of my former players at Webb, she has twin daughters who are 3 and just as cute as can be, and they're playing basketball in this league. So, I went and watched her daughters; just showed up.

"Another former player who's got three kids who played at Rice University and lives in Houston now but is in for Thanksgiving, she called me this week," she added. "When you have so many years into it, the most special thing for me is the relationships you build with players, and those don't stop when they graduate. They continue in life.

With her impact far beyond some halfdozen state championships, hundreds of wins and a couple dozen former players who went on to play collegiate basketball, Collier is TSSAA's Distinguished Service Award recipient for November.

"I'm honored to be a coach and in service with other coaches," Collier said. "A lot of us out there have done it for quite a while now. Shoutout to all the coaches in it because it's not just former players and their families, but I've established some good friendships across the state that are

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**Shelley Collier** 

# **Local flavor: TNLX 2030** Orange champs in Charlotte



Photo courtesy of Dani Galownia

In Tennessee Youth Lacrosse, "Our local competitive travel team travelled to the Charlotte Fall Classic (recently) and had a great showing," a team spokesperson said about a title-winning group that included a number of Farragut and local players. Highlighting that success, "Our 2030 (Orange) team won all six games to win the championship for their age division." Coached by Anthony Malcom, team members, in no particular order, are Andrew Toth (midfielder), Bode Farr (midfield/ attack), Cade Goff (attack), Drake Lewis (defender), Easton Lear (defender), Gus Leonard (attack/ midfield), Henry DeBusk (midfield), James Ingram (midfield), JJ Scalesse (goalie), Logan Winkler (attack), Luke Osborne (midfield and attack), Owen "Ox" Tedford (attack), Samuel Russell (defense/LSM), Silas Gruzalski (defense) and William Karnes (midfield).

# 2034 youth LAX success



The 2034 Tennessee Youth Lacrosse team, which includes some Farragut and area players, "just came together this fall and this was their first time competing together. For such a young team making their debut they finished third overall out of eight teams against some very experienced programs," a team spokesperson said. Coached by Kevin Parker and Jeff Spenard, team members are, in no particular order, Baylor Dix, Gavin Burr, Bryson Ellis, Bram Padgett, Jack Spenard, Beckham Lear, Mac Hice, Reed Siler, Harvey Copeland, Smith Cox, Liam Winkler and William Ingram.

# Pair of T'Giving tourney No. 2's

Lady Ads lose late vs. McMinn Central

**ALAN SLOAN** 

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Though leading most of the game while attempting to capture the Melton Heating & Air Girls Thanksgiving Tournament it hosted in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium on Donald Dodgen Court, the Farragut Lady Admirals saw McMinn Central rally in the final quarter. Strong offensive play around the rim, clutch threepoint baskets and forcing key turnovers late were the difference.

The end result was a 52-48 Chargerettes victory against FHS Saturday night, Nov. 30, which dropped the Lady Admirals to 4-2 overall entering this week.

Farragut couldn't hold leads of 29-21 at halftime and 39-33 after three quarters despite a team-high 13 points from sophomore wing Gabbie VanAcker, 11 from senior guard Jaci Neubert (who fouled out) and 10 points from sophomore post Trinity Curry.

"It's McMinn Central, they're one of the best (Class AAA) programs in the state for a reason," FHS head coach Jason Mayfield said. "They don't make a ton of mistakes, and we started making a bunch of mistakes and they made us pay for it. ... And them being able to make plays around the rim and us not being able to make plays around the rim."

McMinn Central was led by Karina Bystry (game-high 23

points) and Malco Masingale (17). First two tourney games are blowouts

Farragut opened tourney play Monday, Nov. 25, by crushing McMinn County 81-23, then came back Friday, Nov. 29, to blister Gatlinburg-Pittman 71-31 and earn a trip to the championship

Against McMinn County, junior wing KJ McNealy led the win-

ners with a game-high 25 points, while Neubert added 18. In the GPHS contest, Neubert paced the Lady Ads offensively with 20 points followed by McNealy and senior point guard Annie Priest with 14 each.

#### OT loss to M'ville 1st by FHS boys

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Farragut and Maryville fought tooth and nail for more than three quarters — with the Admirals catching up late in the first quarter after falling behind 8-0 — and went into overtime to settle the Melton Heating & Air Boys Thanksgiving Tournament championship game in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium on Donald Dodgen Court Saturday Night, Nov. 30.

Down the stretch in OT, the Red Rebels converted on a couple more key possessions than did the Admirals, as Farragut suffered its first loss of the season 60-55 (despite being District 4-4A rivals, this was not a district game).

"I'm proud of our guys; you go toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the state," said FHS head coach JP Burris, whose team (5-1 entering this week) was led scoring-wise by senior wing Dom VanAcker with 18, followed by three Ads with 11 each: point guard Parker Lane, forward Britton Lewis and guard Dan Lanning. "As a team I thought we did a really good job defensively."

Maryville was led by star guards Jonathan Woodlee (18 points) and Braden Hazelbaker (17), with post Luke Sigmund scoring 10.

Farragut dominant in first two tourney games

Farragut built its record to 4-0 after dismantling Morristown East in the tourney opening round 79-44 Monday night, Nov. 25. Lewis scored a game-high 22, followed by VanAcker with 19, Lane scoring 15 and 10 points from Lanning.

In the semifinal round Friday, Nov. 29, the Ads again were dominant, this time overpowering Science Hill 63-45. Senior forward Bryce Howard led FHS by scoring a game-high 18 points. VanAcker was close behind with 16 while Lewis scored 13.



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'Farragut Sings!' Dec. 17 features:

# 350+ students, 4 Town public schools-NES

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More than 350 students from five area schools will show their musical talents when they perform at Farragut Sings! starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, in First Baptist Concord, 11704 Kingston

"This is our second year," said Mitchell Moore, co-director with Kirstine Buchanan at FHS. "It is a concert for our community that features choirs from Farragut Primary, Farragut Intermediate, Northshore Elementary, Farragut Middle and Farragut High schools.

"It's free and open to the public," Buchanan said.
"Each school will perform their own music in the concert, and then we'll combine together for the song, 'Night of Silence.' And then we'll have a community sing-along," she added.

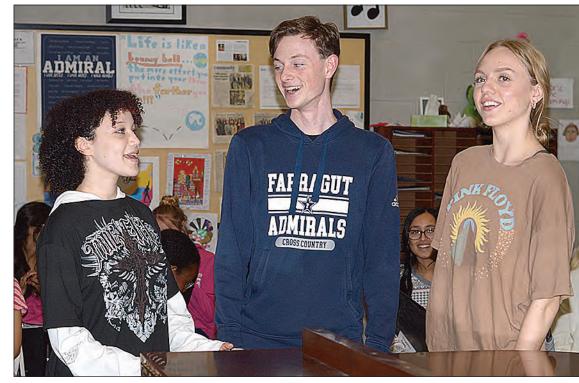
"We think this is important because it shows our community the excellent work of our music programs, starting from kindergarten all the way up to high school. And, it shows the kids how they can stay involved in music all their years in school.

For Farragut youth and children specifically," it's an opportunity for them to mentor younger students and encourage their musical growth," Buchanan said.

"I love it, especially since it's going to be bigger this year," Katie Lehner, a FHS sophomore who performed last year as a freshman, said about performing again.

"I think it's really cool to see how the music, generally, affects

FHS's Nguyen state chess champ



everyone ... it makes me happy that I started singing," he added.

"I loved (performing last year)," said FHS senior Kimball Grow, who is in his third year in choir and also participated in Farragut Sings! last year. "It was really fun. 'Night of Silence' was so cool to sing with everyone."

"The high school, who all together sounded really good, and there were a group of girls who went up and they were amazing," said FHS freshman Mia Fontenot, who performed last year as a Farragut Middle School eighth-grader and related the experi-

"And the babies (primary school students) came up and sung. It was really adorable."

Performing last year in Farragut Sings! "was really different

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#### **Tammy Cheek**

Farragut High School freshman Mia Fontenot, left, senior Kimball Grow, center, and sophomore Katie Lehner practice music to be performed at Farragut Sings!, a collaborative concert among the four Farragut public schools and Northshore Elementary that includes more than 350 choir students and takes place Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Knoxville American Cancer Society's 2024 Real Men Wear Pink campaign co-chairs Scott Brockamp, right, and Deborah Mauldin hosted a finale event Thursday, Nov. 21, in Knoxville's Old City, to thank participants. Also pictured is top fundraiser Girish Desai, second from right, and fellow ambassador Gary Watlington.

Photo courtesy of Michelle Hollenhead

# Of almost \$100k raised to fight cancer, Town well-represented

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD

Special to farragutpress

Farragut was well-represented in the 2024 Real Men Wear Pink campaign. which raised nearly \$100,000 for Knoxville American Cancer Society.

Fifteen area professionals became official ambassadors — including Gary Watlington, systems designer with His Security & Technology — along with campaign co-chairs, 14-year breast cancer survivor Deborah Mauldin, Socially Devoted Marketing, and His Security & Technology co-owner Scott Brockamp, working tirelessly August through November for the cause.

"I had a blast — it's been fun," said first-time ambassador Watlington during a campaign ending a "Gathering for Gratitude" celebration the co-chairs hosted in the Old City Friday, Nov. 21.

Watlington, who raised \$4,100, said he was inspired by his wife and breast cancer survivor Robin Watlington to take part in the campaign.

Another first-year ambassador, Realtor Major Ward of Realty Executives, raised \$6,260. "I'm ready to do it again," he said enthusiastically.

Brockamp, an eight-year ambassador in previous years, has raised more than \$250,000 and encouraged Watlington's participation.

'It was nice passing the torch and getting to work with the campaign in a different capacity this year," he said. "It has been gratifying to see the guys develop and to be able to encourage

"There has been a passion with this group, more than I had ever seen in previous campaigns," Brockamp added. "What these ambassadors did was truly phenomenal. It has been a great campaign, and Deborah and I wanted to thank them ourselves with a finale event."

Girish Desai, who operates El Chico Cafe in

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Farragut High School junior James Nguyen is pictured with the first-place trophy he won Saturday, Nov. 9, following the 2024 Tennessee State High School Chess Championship at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.



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· Farragut's Project Giving Tree is collecting toys and donations to help provide holiday gifts and extra food to families in need here in Farragut. Project Giving Tree is a holiday gift-assistance program sponsored by all four Farragut public schools' parent-teacher organizations. "We have nearly 250 children from 90-plus families to serve this holiday season," a FPGT press release stated.

"To support, please donate new, unwrapped toys at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., or Mansour Hasan State Farm, 10811 Kingston Pike, by Friday, Dec.

To give online, visit https:// app.givebacks.gives/farragutgivingtree2024 by Tuesday, Dec. For questions, e-mail farragutgivingtree@gmail.com.

· Now in its 29th year, Mission of Hope is preparing for its annual Cyber Barrel Christmas Drive to spread holiday cheer to children and families in rural Appalachia. While Mission of Hope serves communities across this region throughout the year, each Christmas season the organization delivers new toys, clothes, food and hygiene products to more than 10,000 in need.

"With your help, Mission of Hope can bring hope and joy to our Appalachian neighbors who need it most this holiday season," a MOH press release stated. "The Appalachia region, with its strong history and resilient communities, has faced significant challenges over recent years, including economic downturns, job losses and family hardships," the release further stated. "The recent floods have added to these difficulties, impacting families who were already struggling."

"Mission of Hope's Cyber Barrel Christmas Drive makes giving easier than ever. Now through Tuesday, Dec. 10, supporters can visit online registries to select items that will be shipped directly to the Mission of Hope warehouse," the release stated.

"Once received, these donations will be packed and delivered to students in need.

locations, linking to the Cyber Barrel webpage: https://missionofhope.org/christmas-collection-delivery/.

"For those who prefer to give in person, Mission of Hope will also have its iconic Blue Barrels set up at select Food City. Home Federal Bank, Fisher Tire and Barnes & Noble locations. These barrels will be available throughout the Cyber Barrel Drive period and welcome donations of new toys, coats, and non-perishable food items.'

· Meet Santa Holiday Event runs from 1 to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, in Tennova-Turkey Creek Medical Center Lobby B, Parkside Drive in Farragut. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus for hot chocolate and treats, Children's Ornament Station, face painting, carolers and holiday trees.

· A designated drop-off location for the Toys for Tots Program is under way at a nearby business. BTJ Insurance, 1500 Simpson Dr. W, Lenoir City, is in partnership with Loudon County Sheriff's Office as a drop-off location. "Help us spread joy this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys," a BTJ press release stated. "The deadline for drop-offs is Friday, Dec. 6. Let's make this holiday season special for children in our

• Tri-County Messiah Sing-Along 24th Annual Concert happens this weekend at either of two locations: beginning at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church (South Campus), 9908 Kingston Pike; or beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, in First Presbyterian Church, 1051 Oak Ridge

Admission is free (donations accepted) at both performances. "In 2000, director Sandy Wells and a small group of singers came together to begin the amazing Christmas tradition of a Messiah sing-along," a TCMSA press release stated.

· Annual Karns Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, from Ingles supermarket along Oak Ridge Highway and travel 1.2 miles west to Weigel's and Wal-Supporters can also find post-greens stores."This year's paers with QR codes at various rade promises to be our biggest ever with over 80 participants already registered," a Karns Community Fair Board release stated. "If you can't attend in person, you can watch the professional livestream broadcast of the parade on Karns High School's "Karns Network" YouTube channel youtube. com/@karnsnetwork.

personali-Local radio ties Frank Murphy and Becca James will announce the broadcast. Lt. Col. Chuck O'Donnell, long-time teacher and Junior ROTC instructor, is this year's Grand Marshal. Retiring at the end of the 2023-24 school year, O'Donnell "has actively supported Karns High School students, JROTC cadets and the Karns community for 20 over years," the release further stated. Join the parade at karnsfair.org and register to reserve your spot. Line up begins at 7 a.m., Saturday, at Ingles.

· Ladies who are new to the area, or who just want to make new friends, come and join Newcomers Club for lunch and entertainment by K-Town Sound starting at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18. in Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. It also includes an ugly Christmas attire contest. Make reservations by Wednesday, Dec.11, by calling 865-205-4154.

 AARP Smart Driver Course Offerings run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at Seymour Heights Christian Church, 122 Boyds Creek Hwy. in Seymour. The other sessions are from 1 to

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#### Local Sertoma helps special needs babies



Concord- Farragut Sertoma presented a \$27,000 donation to Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs in Pinnacle Financial Partners branch, Brooklawn Drive, Thursday, Oct. 31. The donation was proceeds from the club's 34th annual Lindsey Nelson Golf Tournament, which took place in August. On hand for the presentation were, front row from left, club members Irving Rosenbloom, Sheila Thompson and Nikki Stansell; Don Thompson founder of FTBSN; and club members Angela Harvey and Ray Wells. Back row, from left, were club member Eric Himelreich, Robin Hamrick with FTBSN, and club members Michelle Carr, Ron Zuker and Todd Bolinger.

#### 'Farragut Sings!'

than middle school because usually it's a mix of everybody, kind of has the same voice." Fontenot observed. "They're all in puberty. But with the high schoolers, it was so amazing. It was 'wow.' They were so good."

Last year, Moore said the concert "was an idea that all of us teachers ended up agreeing and wanting to do.

'It was a collaboration between all of the schools," he added. "We all really believe in music, and we know the great work that our colleagues do; so this is an opportunity for our students to see and share in that and to celebrate what the other schools in our community are doing."

Other participating directors include Hilary Hohl and Marcus Smith, Farragut Pri-

mary; Allen Ramsey and Hannah Reddick, Farragut Intermediate; Jessie Anne Compton and Leona Williford, Northshore Elementary; and Ruth Bendy and Kyla Johnson, Farragut Middle.

While the event is free, donations will be accepted, which offsets the cost of feeding all of the students.

"That's one of the ways we want to serve the community is to make sure all of our students have dinner that night," Moore said. "And, we have parent volunteers and donations and anything we raise beyond (the cost of dinner) will be split amongst all of the (schools') programs."

Anyone interested in making a donation or to sponsor the event can reach out to Moore or Buchanan at mitchell.moore@knoxschools.org or kirstine.buchanan@knoxschools.org

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# CAK **Christian** Life Center unveiled in full









Christian Academy of Knoxville recently celebrated the grand opening of its new Christian Life Center (top, above and left) with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony. "This state-of-the-art facility is designed to enrich the spiritual lives of CAK students and families while supporting their academic growth," a CAK press release stated.

This CLC includes a spacious auditorium (left), which is "equipped with the largest digital wall of any school in the Southeastern region, measuring 18-(feet by)-48-(feet)," the release further stated. "This versatile feature will be used for fine arts performances, presentations, digital backgrounds and musical theater scenery.

"The new facility will host weekly chapel services, STEM competitions, spelling bees, Robotics events and other spiritual and academic activities, advancing CAK's mission of providing an excellent, Christ-centered educa-

"'Our Building His Masterpiece' campaign has always been about leading and growing our CAK community into a deeper relationship with Christ," said Rich Fulford, CAK Head of School, during the ceremony. "The opening of the CLC is the final piece that will allow our students to use their gifts and talents to honor Him in an even greater way. I cannot begin to explain how excited our Board and Leadership team is to present this new facility to the entire CAK community.

"Thank you for joining us in making this possible."

#### **Gathering-Gratitude** From page 2B

North Knoxville, raised more than \$25,000, making him the top individual fundraiser. He has served as an ambassador since the Knoxville ACS Real Men Wear Pink campaigns began 10 years ago and was compelled to help in memory of his mother, who died of breast cancer in 1985.

"I love to see the funds we raise go directly to local needs, such as transportation," Desai

Mauldin, who oversees mar-

keting for His Security & Technology, had worked with nonprofit Compassion in Action as co-chair of the Pink Ribbon Celebration for 10 years before taking on the co-chair duties of Real Men Wear Pink.

"We were just so happy to celebrate our Ambassadors' dedication and accomplishments tonight," she said. "They really are amazing men. I am a better person for knowing them.

"It's so rewarding to see how much good can be done when we come together as a community," Maudlin added.



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### Holiday services, events for Town, area churches

Churches in Farragut and just outside the Town have announced their Christmas services times and days for 2024:

- Christ Covenant Church, 12915 Kingston Pike, will hold services starting at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Christmas Eve, Tuesday,
- Concord Presbyterian Church, 11000 Second Ave. in Concord, will hold a Christmas Eve service at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24.
- Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive, will hold Christmas Eve worship services at the following times: family service starting at 2 p.m., contemporary service at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and traditional at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Additionally, it will hold a Christmas Concert starting at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8; breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14; Christmas Cookie & Tea Party beginning at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16; A Service of Hope and Healing starting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18; and Christmas Cookie Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, all at CUMC, 11020 Roane Drive in Farragut. Services also are live streamed online and YouTube.com/ concordunited
- Cornerstone Church of God, 12813 Kingston Pike, will conduct its Christmas Eve service beginning at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec.
- Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd., will have contemporary service beginning at 5 p.m. and traditional candlelight service starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24.
- Faith Promise Church Farragut Campus, 144 West End Ave,, will hold Christmas Eve services at 2:30 and 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24.
- Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd., will have a Casual Christmas Eve service starting at 3 p.m. and a traditional service beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, in the church sanctuary.
- First Baptist Church Concord, 11704 Kingston Pike, will host a concert with Taranda Greene starting at 6:30 p.m., Satur-

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# **Honoring Concord Place veterans**

Concord Place Memory Care, an Anthem Memory Care community, recently honored veterans, from left, Ed Fulghum, Rick Reynolds, Jim Miller, Walker Love, Gerald Lay, John McCallie and Michael Shields, for their patriotic service as part of Veterans Day at Concord Place, 901 Concord Road, Monday, Nov. 11. During the program, the veterans received certificates commemorating their dedication and bravery. "Although these veterans may not recall all of the details of how they helped their country, it is important to remember what they did," Concord Place Life Engagement director Lorie Warren stated in a press release. "We honor their stories and celebrate their patriotism."

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5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, and Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Seymour Heights. Participants must attend the Monday and Tuesday sessions. Pre-registration for all offerings is required by calling instructor Bob Deweese at 814-931-7270 or by going to www.aarp.org/findacourse. Be sure "In Person" is in red text is completed when registering.

 Knoxville Children's Theatre, in partnership with the Clayton Foundation, will present a live production of "The Best Christmas

Pageant Ever." The play runs from Friday, Dec. 6, through Sunday, Dec. 22: beginning at 7 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and

from 3 to 6 p.m., Sundays.

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#### Christmas services

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day and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15; and candlelight Christmas Eve services starting at noon, 1:30, 3 and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 24, in the church sanctuary.

• First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, will have Community Christmas Day from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8; Breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14; a Kids Christmas Musical from 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, in its Worship Center; Lessons and Carols from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, in in its Worship Center; and a Candlelight Communion Service from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, in FFUMC Worship Center.

 Grassy Valley Baptist Church, 10637 Kingston Pike, will have a worship service starting at 10:45 a.m. and noon, Sunday, Dec. 22, but has cancelled any services on Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25.

 St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Dr., Farragut, will hold a pageant beginning at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, and worship service at 10:15 p.m., Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, it will have a worship service starting at 10 a.m.

· St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 633 St. John Court, has services for Tuesday, Dec. 24: Mass starts at 4:30 (the children's liturgy, which includes a children's choir and pageant, begins at 4 p.m.), 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. (the choir prelude begins at 10 p.m.); Christmas Day, Dec. 25: Mass begins at 6:45., 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish).

• Two Rivers Church, 275 Harrison Road in Dixie Lee Junction, will have candlelight services starting at 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24.

· Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 400 Everett Road in Farragut, will hold a casual Christmas Eve service starting at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, in the sanctuary and a

traditional service beginning at 7 p.m., also Dec. 24.

• Virtue Church, 725 Virtue Road in Farragut, will hold a family Christmas Eve candlelight service beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. "For the season of Advent, we will be focusing on the Faces Around the Manger," Virtue Church pastor the Rev. Bill Lyle said.

· Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, 616 Fretz Road, will have a Yule Celebration Sunday, Dec. 22, which will include a longer ritual.

· Westgate Church, 416 N. Campbell Station Road, will hold Christmas Eve services starting at 7 and 8 p.m. Its annual Christmas Party begins at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, and Christmas Dessert Theater starts at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec 15.

· The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11837 Grigsby Chapel Road.

(Look for details next week) Editor's note: Acknowledge ing there are churches not listed, farragutpress has diligently tried to contact many of those churches to obtain their information.

If your church is not listed, contact farragutpress at 865-218-8880 or e-mail editor@farragutpress.com and we will be glad to expand our list in our Wednesday, Dec. 11, and Wednesday, Dec. 18, publications before Christmas.

#### TSSAA award

From page 1B

special. There's a lot of good people out there trying to make a difference in young peoples' lives. I'm very thankful for this honor."

Collier, whose husband, Robby, is a prep football coach and whose oldest daughter, Katie Collier-Wright, is the girls' coach at Soddy-Daisy, has relished the family experience across a decorated coaching career.

"First of all, I was just really blessed with coaches in my life who have influenced

me tremendously," she said. "Elementary, high school and college. Just feel like it's a way for me to give back to them after the way they invested in me growing up.

"This is my fourth different school, but I was longesttenured at Webb, where my four daughters all played for me there," Collier added. "It was so much fun sharing those experiences, watching young women grow and develop far beyond basketball, and just to have the honor and privilege of coaching. Seeing them (not only) growing their game but as people, to be tough young

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women and handle things in life. Basketball helps give those tools to be able to handle it."

Yet, for a brief moment back in the 1980s, after she had captained the Tennessee Lady Vols to their first-ever national championship in 1987, Collier initially wondered if she would stick with coaching during her graduate-assistant stint under the late, iconic Pat Summitt.

"... I stayed on with Pat as a G.A. for two years," she said.

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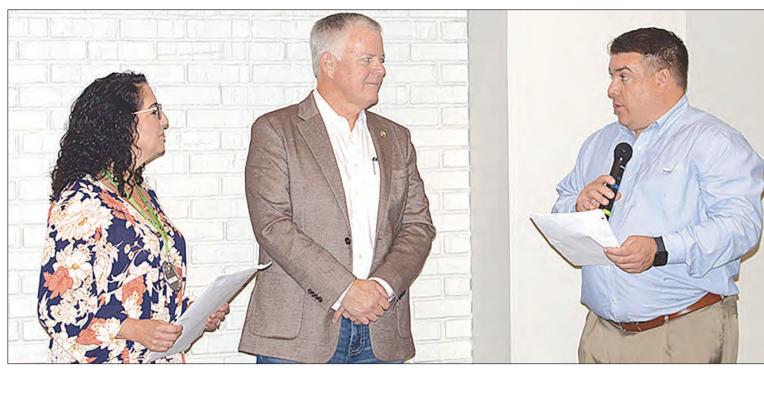
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#### New member of Farragut **Rotary Club** introduced by sponsor

Rotary Club of Farragut president Scott Bertini, right, inducted a new member, John Rock, into the club in Farragut Community Center during a RCF Wednesday meeting earlier this fall. Rock was sponsored by member Candace Viox, left.

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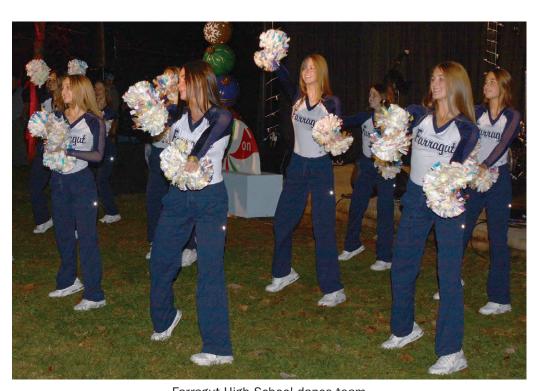
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Farragut High School dance team

# From left, grandma, Jan Gorashi with Henry Sangid, 4, his sister,

From left, grandma, Jan Gorashi with Henry Sangid, 4, his sister, Harper, 6, and friend Camille Helenek.



Mike Snodgrass & Sarah Jean performed a number of Christmas favorites.

# Countdown to Light the Park

Hundreds of families made for a few thousand attendees enjoying holiday music/dancing entertainment from Mark Boling Trio, Farragut High School's double state championship dance team and from Mike Snodgrass & Sarah Jean during Countdown to Light the Park in Founders Park at Campbell Station Monday night, Nov. 25.

After the entertainment, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams pulled the candy-stripped switch to "Light the Park." While Santa, Mrs. Claus and some elves dropped by, emcee was local meteorologist Mike Witcher. A handful of vendors were on hand while children also enjoyed crafts, games and dropping letters into Santa's mailbox.

The lights, extending to Ralph McGill Plaza at the corner of North Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike, will be lit each evening through New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

"There will be entertainment and giveaways from local vendors, as well as food trucks, at Founders Park many evenings through (Monday) Dec. 23," a Town press release stated

A new addition to Light the Park festivities this season is a 53-foot-by-33-foot synthetic ice rink that will operate through Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza. For more information and/or make skating reservations, visit townoffarragut.org



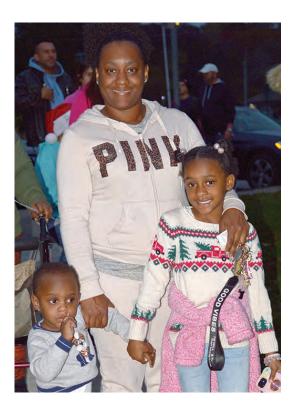
Dad Greg Bohlken with sons, Isaiah, 4, left, and Micah, 7.



Tennova volunteers Becky Dodson and Spencer Burkhart



Meghan and Adam Keck with Connor, 4, and twins, Lena, left, and Holden, 14 months.



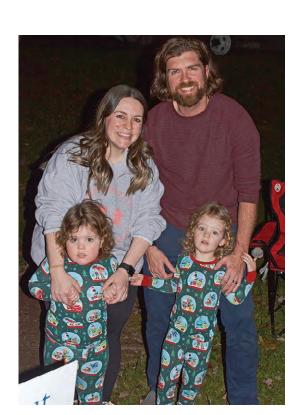
Tonnisha Hollis with son, Britton, 2, and daughter, Twani, 7.



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Twins Olivia Gibson, left, and Lexie, 3, with parents, Carlee and Nate Gibson.



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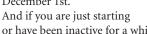
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Our kitchen will be closed for this event, but if you're hungry, you can purchase items next door at Euphoric Cheese Shop and enjoy them in the bar. Additional glasses or bottles of wine are available for purchase. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of the season with you at our first ever Christmas Present Wrapping Party! https://sparrowwinebar.com/



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# St. Clair retires from Municipal Planning Commission

When asked why he was stepping down after 34 years on the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), Ed St. Clair quoted John Ward, UT's legendary sports announcer who lived in Farragut. "It's time," he

Ed first became interested in planning when Knox County approved plans for a Bread Box store at the entrance to his subdivision, Concord Hills. The neighborhood reacted by asking to be annexed by the new Town of Farragut. The Town annexed the subdivision, fought the new development and won.

"That's why Farragut became Farragut rather than being ignored by Knox County," he says. "We've shown that you can be pro-development and pro-residential at the same time."

Ed retires as the longest-sitting member of the MPC. He began his service in 1990 after being recruited by Bob Hill, with whom he worked at Y-12 and who was chairman of the MPC at the time. Bob had already enlisted Ed to work with Town staff to recommend a firm for the design and construction of Farragut's new Town Hall.

The mayor serves on and appoints members to the MPC. Mayor Bob Leonard appointed Ed, who has now served with each of Farragut's four mayors.

In the early days, planning commission met twice a month, and it wasn't uncommon for meetings to go past midnight. The Town was still developing regulations and didn't yet have a smooth process for rezoning. Maps and road plans had to be developed, along with a fiveyear plan for the Town.

Zoning was mostly reactive because there weren't enough zoning districts to cover development needs. There were also residents who were unhappy about incorporation and preferred to live by the county's

"It was a maturing process for

the Town. So much went into establishing everything in those first few years." Over time, the planning com-

mission's workload decreased enough that meetings were held once a month. Most agenda items were routine, but Ed recalls a handful that drew considerable citizen interest at the time, like the rezoning and site plan for the Concord Baptist Church expansion.

In recent years, planning commission has been focused on developing a downtown as envisioned in the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Progress can be seen at the intersection of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike, where 35 North, Farragut Gateway (home of Starbucks and ElkGet in the groove at the Shamrock Ball!



The annual Shamrock Ball is the perfect opportunity for fathers to show off their dance moves while strengthening their bond with their daughters, and it returns to the Farragut Community Center Saturday, March 1.

There are two separate sessions, one from 3-5 p.m. and another from 6-8 p.m. This father-daughter dance offers music, crafts, snacks, and a couples portrait session.

Tickets are \$30 for a couple and \$5 for each additional attendee. Tickets can be purchased in advance at townoffarragut.org/register, by phone at 865-218-3376 or in person at the Farragut Community Center. Tickets will only be available at the door if spots remain. These tickets won't last, so buy

See SHAMROCK on Page 3

# Town hires new Public Works Director and Stormwater Coordinator

Will Wiley, the Town of Farragut's new Public Works Director, was born and raised in Michigan and moved to California in 1985. But he and his wife, Heather, had dreams of moving to Tennessee, where there are four seasons and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. They had already shifted their focus to East Tennessee when Heather discovered Farragut through a trip to Costco.

Heather and the couple's two daughters lived in a travel trailer in Walland for a couple months to get to know the area and make sure it was a good fit for the family. They restocked at Costco.

Heather liked the look of Farragut, and the area was a good match for the family in many ways. Previously, Will served as the Assistant Director of Public Works Maintenance and Operations in Poway, Calif., an affluent suburb of San Diego. Like Farragut, Poway incorporated in 1980. When he considered job openings in Tennessee, Farragut stood out because of its similarity to Powav.

"I like the size of the town. I want to be able to know everyone I work with. A town this size feels more like family," he

In his prior role, Will managed a staff of 50 and oversaw all contracts for Public Works, hazardous waste, recycling and solid waste, parks, trails and open space maintenance, stormwater and flood control, street maintenance, urban forestry, facility maintenance, the warehouse, fleet and more.

Cliff Mann joined the Town of Farragut staff in 2023 as an



Will Wiley

engineering technician, but when the Town's stormwater coordinator position opened, his experience was a good match.

Cliff worked for the City of



Cliff Mann

Knoxville as a stormwater engineering technician for single family erosion control enforce-

See NEW STAFF on Page 4



# Town Hall expected to open to the public in spring 2025

Renovations to Farragut Town Hall continue to see steady progress as multiple projects have come to or are near completion. All carpeted and artificial hardwood flooring is now installed, and electrical and paint work is approximately 90% finished.

With these projects out of the way, work will now move to installing tile, glass handrailing on the rotunda staircase and mill-

Renovations are projected to

be completed by spring of 2025.

Renovations were needed to make the space more efficient for staff as well as the public. Changes will include creation of a single point of contact for Town staff, who will be located on the second floor. The Knox County Clerk/Trustee office will be relocated to the first floor of Town Hall.

During construction, Town Hall staff is working from the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).

# Festive in Farragut Trail

Come celebrate the holiday season with the Festive in Farragut Trail! The trail features 15 locations around town that showcase our holiday spirit. Join the fun by visiting these spots during the month of December!

To participate, find the trail at visitfarragut.org, Visit Farragut's



social media pages or by scanning the QR code at participating locations. Make your way around town to check out the stops and check into each location by entering the code written on window clings at each spot. Visit at least eight locations to earn a prize!

Each location has a unique, festive offering. From seasonal flavors to gift shopping to holiday lights, the trail is packed with holiday fun! One location is Light the Park at Founders Park, so take the whole family to enjoy the glittering lights and embrace the seasonal beauty. Campbell Station Skate, the new synthetic ice rink coming to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza, is another stop on the trail.

If you're looking for a fun way to explore all of Farragut's many seasonal offerings, sign up and get started on the Festive in Farragut Trail. We can't wait to see you!

### **BOMA** chooses design for new pickleball courts

During a workshop preceding its Nov. 14 meeting, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen chose between two designs for new pickleball courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. They picked a design for nine courts and two ADA parking spots that includes shade structures, internal fencing and lighting. The cost estimate for this design is \$1.2M. The budget for the project is \$1.45M.

See ST. CLAIR on Page 3

### WHO TO CALL Town of Farragut Contacts

(All Town of Farragut phones have an 865 area code)

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#### Social Media

Program

Facebook: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut, Farragut Parks & Rec,

Farragut Stormwater Matters

Instagram: town\_of\_farragut, visitfarragut, farragutparksandrec X: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),

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YouTube: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut

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Pavilion rentals: PicnicReservations@townoffarragut.org

Community Center rentals: Community Center Rentals@townoffarragut.org

#### Farragut Community Center

Open 8 a.m-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934 Website: townoffarragut.org/parksandrec

Anchor Park: 11730 Turkey Creek Road

Founders Park: 405 N. Campbell Station Road

#### Mayor Bob Leonard Park

Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon

McFee Park: 917 McFee Road

Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza: 11409 Kingston Pike

BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall: 11408 Municipal Center Drive

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For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.

# Tourism Talk

Looking for holiday cheer? Farragut is the place to be this season! From festive events to seasonal food, drinks and exclusive specials, there's so much fun that you won't want to miss.

Embark on our Festive in Farragut Trail now through Dec. 31. See details on page 1!

Missed Countdown to Light the Park? Great news! The Visit Farragut Team has teamed up with PBS to bring you another edition of "Farragut Lights the Park," a TV feature showcasing the event and other exciting holiday festivities around town. Tune



in to PBS on Dec. 14 or Dec. 24, or stream it anytime on PBS Passport.

If you have a business in town and want to stay in tune with Visit Farragut's events and media opportunities, sign up for our monthly newsletter with this QR code!

Winter Events:

- 12/8 Farragut Christmas Parade and Santa's Village
  - 12/4 Farragut Frosty 5K Daily Attractions:
  - Light the Park Ongoing through Jan. 3
  - Campbell Station Skate Ongoing through Jan. 3
- Muddy Creek Christmas Lights- Ongoing through Dec. 31

For full details on these events, explore VisitFarragut.org. And for all things #FunInFarragut, follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



# New Civil War site marker installed at Virtue Mill

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable (KCWRT) has donated a historic marker commemorating the site where the 17th Michigan Volunteer Regiment took a stand against Confederate forces on Nov. 16, 1863, as part of the Battle of Campbell Station.

Mayor Ron Williams, Farragut Parks & Recreation Director Ron Oestreich and Farragut historian Gerald Augustus joined the KCWRT in an unveiling ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11. The historic marker is located near the Virtue Mill waterwheel on the new Little Turkey Creek Greenway.



# Visit Farragut hosts Songwriters Showcase in February

Visit Farragut will host a Songwriters Showcase the last week of February at a local venue. Details are still forthcoming, but the event is being held in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Tourism's Tennessee Songwriters Week Feb. 23-March 1. Look for updated info on Visit Farragut's social media or at visitfar-

Visit Farragut will partner with the Knoxville Songwriters Association to secure artists. The event in Farragut is a chance to celebrate live music, live music venues, and local songwriters and their art.

From bluegrass, country, rock and roll, blues and gospel music and from Memphis to Nashville to East Tennessee, music plays a valuable role in our state. The goal of Tennessee Songwriters Week 2025 is to support music venues, support songwriters with live performances, drive visitation and inspire travelers to experience the state's music stories, history, attractions and venues.

Farragut's 2024 Annual Report offers clear info about Town finances



Want to learn more about the Town of Farragut budget? Check out our updated Annual Report web-site. Get info on revenue, expenditures and our Capital Investment Program, along with FY2024 accomplishments and FY2025 goals. Find it all at farragutannualreport.org.

# WINTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at townoffarragut. org/register, in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.). All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive for class early to register!
- Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard and Discover) - whether online or in person - will incur a 2% transaction fee. Cash and check payments are also accepted.
- The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of supplies when a class is canceled.
- All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted, and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted.
- Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, X and Instagram) for updated information.
- Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family
- No refunds are given for programs and classes.

#### ADULT

#### Beginner American Sign Language (ASL)

Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m. Session 1: Jan. 6-March 3 Session 2: March 10-April 28 Cost: \$75 per eight-session course Ages: 18 and up

There are two opportunities to learn a new language at the Farragut Community Center this winter! Beginner ASL will be conducted completely in sign and will teach students the alphabet, fingerspelling, basic vocabulary and common phrases. Registration is required.

#### FAMILY

#### Mahjong and Gaming Club

Every other Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 9 and up

Join us to learn new games! There will be special classes to learn mahjong, tong-its, chess, checkers and other organized board games. Participants may bring their own games and snacks to share. For the full schedule, visit townoffarragut.org/ register.

#### Family Basketball

Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person

No need to pre-register - just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to shoot around and play without the intensity of pickup open gyms.

#### **Beginner Hand Sewing**

Wednesdays, Feb. 5-26, 5-6:30 p.m. Price: \$25 per four-week session Ages 14 and up

Let's learn about sewing! In this class, we'll learn about tools and their uses, how to read patterns and some essential stitching techniques. We'll work on some projects throughout the course, too! This class is for those new to sewing, but all skill levels are welcome.

#### Youth

#### Art Adventures

Tuesdays, Jan. 14-May 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per child Ages 6 to 12 Each week, our school-aged art-

ists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

\*There will be no class March 18

#### Afterschool Art

Wednesdays, Jan. 15-May 21, 3:30-5 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per child Ages 6 to 12

Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not \*There will be no class March 19

#### Elementary **Homeschool PE**

Grades K-5 (ages 6-10) Tuesdays, Jan. 14-May 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 15-May 21, 1-2 p.m.

Cost: \$2 per child

This homeschool PE class features sports and group games that emphasize teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical activity and fun! Participants must be at least 6 years old to participate. Preregistration is not required.

\*There will be no class March 18 or

#### Middle School **Homeschool PE**

Grades 6-8 (ages 11-14)

Wednesdays, Jan. 15-May 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$2 per child

This homeschool PE class emphasizes organized sports, competition and physical activity, while still including plenty of group games, teamwork and fun! Preregistration is not required.

\*There will be no class March 19

#### Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. Cost: \$2 per child Ages walking to 5 years

Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, ageappropriate equipment!

#### Tiny Tots Basketball

Mondays, Jan. 27-March 3, 4-4:45

Cost: \$25 per child

Tiny Tots Basketball is an introductory six-week program that teaches tiny athletes the building blocks of basketball! We will focus on basic skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and related gross motor skills. Parents are required to participate with their child.

#### Spring Break Camp

March 17-21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$75 per camper

Ages 6 to 12

Join us for a week of camp at the community center! Each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited to 30 campers. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration is required and opens Feb. 1; registration deadline is March 8.

#### Beginner Ballet (Level 1)

Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Ages 4-6, \$30 per month Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Please come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

#### Beginner Ballet (Level 2)

Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Ages 7-12, \$30 per month Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on

grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Please come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

#### **Storytime Crafts**

Tuesdays, Jan. 21-March 25, 9:15-10 a.m.

Ages 3-5, \$2 per child Join us for a fun toddler storytime with books and a related craft.

\*There will be no class March 18

#### **FITNESS**

#### Total Fitness

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30

Cost: \$4 per person

Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total-body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

#### Zumba

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$8 per person Ages 18 and up We take the "work" out of workout with Zumba at Farragut Community Center! Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance class that makes getting

#### **Sunrise Stretch**

Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Cost: Free

Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

#### Rise and Shine Yoga

Mondays and Fridays,

8:15-9:15 a.m. Cost: \$4 per person

Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy

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tiful, but it can create hazardous

driving conditions. The good

Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude!

#### Loose & Limber

Wednesdays, Jan. 8-29, 4-4:45 p.m. Cost: \$2 per class Ages 16 and up

If you're looking to improve your mobility or flexibility, join the Loose & Limber class at Farragut Community Center! We will target flexibility, mobility, recovery and how to live a healthier lifestyle.

#### ADAPTIVE RECREATION

#### **Music & Movement**

Mondays, Jan. 27-March 3, 10-11 a.m.

Cost: Free

This is an inclusive dance class for individuals of all ages and abilities. Join us as we move and groove on Monday mornings!

#### ATHLETICS

#### Co-Ed Basketball League Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., beginning Jan.

Cost: \$50 per team

Ages: 18 and up

Join us for our co-ed winter basketball league! Co-ed teams consist of three women and two men, or three men and two women. For the complete rules and registration information, visit townoffarragut.org/ programs.

#### Cornhole Tournament

Tuesday, March 25, 5-9 p.m. Cost: \$10 per team

Ages: 18 and up

Test your cornhole skills in a oneday tournament! Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join, but participants must be 18 and up. American Cornhole League rules will be followed. For the complete rules and registration information, visit townoffarragut.org/programs.

#### OPEN GYM

#### Pickleball Open Gym

Mondays and Fridays, noon-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person Ages 14 and up

Grab a paddle and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by two. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

#### Volleyball Open Gym

Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person Ages 14 and up

Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize ence wait times.

community use, users may experi-

#### Pickup Basketball

Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person

Ages 14 and up

No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Farragut Community Center Open House**

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: Free

All ages

Are you curious about the programs offered at the Farragut Community Center? If so, drop in during our Open House to meet some of our instructors, learn about our recreation programs and sign up for a free membership!

#### **Drive-In Movie Night** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 5:30-8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per child Ages 3 to 10

Create your own cardboard car and enjoy a family-friendly movie with us! All supplies will be provided and pizza and popcorn will be served! Please only register children attending; adults are free.

#### **Mario Kart**

**Tournament** Thursday, Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per child Ages 9 to 12

Come test your skills at an evening of tournament play! We will play on Nintendo Switches and everyone will get the chance to play multiple rounds. Registration is required.

#### Parents' Night Out

Friday, Feb. 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 per child Ages 6 to 12 Enjoy a night out while your chil-

dren spend the evening at the Farragut Community Center! This event will feature pizza, crafts and lots of

#### **Shamrock Ball**

Two sessions: 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the Farragut Community Center. See article on page 1 for more information.

#### **Art & Photography** Show

Save the Date: March 22-23 This inaugural combined event will highlight the talent and beauty of our community through multimedia art pieces and photos. Visit townoffarragut.org/townevents in January 2025 for more information.

St. Clair From page 1

mont Station) and the refurbished Campbell Station Inn and McGill Plaza have replaced abandoned and neglected buildings, he says.

He's excited about new commercial development at Biddle Farms, and he reports that all but a few spaces are rented, and those are being negotiated. The apartments are very well done, and a family friend is "tickled

pink" after moving in, he says. "I don't know how you could not be impressed."

Ed is proud of how Farragut has developed through the years, and he credits the volunteers he's served with on MPC

"Farragut is now a bright spot, not only in the county, but in the region," he says.

#### for their contributions and the tremendous work and support by the Town's planning staff.

Streets classified as arterials and collectors, or serve as primary access within a subdivision, are divided into first and second stages for snow removal. These streets will be continually plowed to make them passable. Once these streets have been made passable, the Town will make every effort to clear other Farragut streets. Kingston Pike

# In case of Winter weather may be beau-

news is that the Town of Farragut is prepared to tackle inclemand Concord Road are state ent weather associated with this roads and are maintained by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Town trucks with snowplows are assigned specific routes, and crews will work 24 hours a day, if needed, to serve the Farragut community. This includes the use of salt, sand and snowplows. Occasionally, extreme cold will cause the salt and plows to become less effective. Town staff will constantly evaluate the best way to handle this situation. The Town is committed to

providing a high level of service to Farragut residents in the event of weather that affects roadways. A map that shows the stages of snow removal is available on the Public Works Department's web page (townoffarragut.org/publicworks). For more information, call 865-966-7057.

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them fast! Ticket sales start Wednesday, Jan. 8, and close at noon on Friday,

Feb. 21. Proceeds will benefit local nonprofits.

Visit townoffarragut.org/parksandrec and follow Farragut Parks

& Rec on social media for more information about the Shamrock

# Community Center Corner



As winter approaches, it can be hard to find indoor opportunities for recreation that allow you to avoid the elements. Fortunately, the Farragut Community Center boasts a variety of programs that allow you to stay warm, engage with other members of the community and improve your mental and physical health.

This winter, we will see the continuation of popular programming such as Toddler Takeover, Total Fitness, yoga classes, open gyms and more!

We currently have our Homeschool PE program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Toddler Takeover is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Our open gym schedule has changed: Open Gym Volleyball is 6:30-9 p.m. on Mondays, Open Gym Basketball is 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursdays, and Open Gym Pickleball is noon-3 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and 4-7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Come by the community center during regular hours to learn more about these opportunities for fun and fitness or give us a call at 865-218-3376. We look forward to seeing you here!

# Parks & Recreation

# Athletic field availability at Farragut parks

Most natural turf athletic fields at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee Parks will open on Saturday, March 1. At Mayor Bob Leonard Park, the East Diamond field will open on Tuesday, April 1. For those athletic clubs that were not able to meet the field allocation deadline, a limited amount of field space may be available on a pre-pay basis. Athletic club representatives may con-tact the Parks & Recreation De-

partment regarding pre-pay field use beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Use of all Town of Farragut athletic fields requires proof of liability insurance and other paperwork provided by the town. For more information, call the Farragut Parks & Rec office at 865-218-3376 or email AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.

# Help keep your community clean

The Town of Farragut takes pride in its beauty and cleanliness. Our roads, greenways and natural resources are kept to a higher standard, in part, thanks to our caring citizens. Farragut offers numerous ways for your business, civic club, church, neighborhood association or family to join the effort to keep Farragut an exceptional place to live and play by enrolling in these programs:

Adopt-A-Mile - Volunteers adopt approximately one mile of Farragut roadway and agree to clean the road at least once a quarter for a two-year period. Participants must be at least 11 years old, sign a liability release form and be trained in the safety rules by the group coordinator before the first scheduled pick up. The Town will place two signs identifying the group that has adopted that mile and provide all safety equipment and supplies for the cleanup.

Adopt-A-Greenway - Sections of the Town's four main greenways are available to adopt. Groups, individuals or families agree to clean a section of the greenway at least once a quarter for a twoyear period. The Town will provide all the necessary supplies and identify the adopting group with a sign located on that section of the greenway.

Adopt-A-Stream - Adopting groups conduct two stream cleanups each year. The group coordinator will attend a simple and brief training to learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols and coordinate their implementation. The Town will provide supplies, signage, technical guidance and maintenance of documentation of the group's efforts. This program operates under the auspices of the Water Quality Forum, a consortium of agencies, organizations, schools, businesses and citizens working to protect and restore our regional waterways.

For more information or to sign up for Adopt-A-Mile or Adopt-A-Greenway, contact Ryan Rhodus at rrhodus@townoffarragut. org. To inquire about Adopt-A-Stream, contact Cliff Mann at cmann@townoffarragut.org. Both can be reached at 865-966-7057.

# Farragut spring adult volleyball leagues

Registration for spring volleyball leagues has begun and has an absolute deadline of Thursday, April 3. Volleyball leagues are coed, and participants must be 18 or older. The cost is \$175 per team for recreation and intermediate leagues. The cost is \$125 per team for the competitive fours league. Payment must be received at the time of registration.

This session will consist of seven regular-season matches plus a post-season double elimination tournament for all levels of play. Volleyball leagues are played in the evenings at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Watt Road.

• Spring recreational league (six players) – Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.

o Games will be played on Monday evenings beginning April 7.

• Spring competitive fours league (four players) – This league is self-officiated. Each team must have at least two women on the court at all times

o Games will be played on



Monday evenings beginning April 7.

• Spring intermediate league (six players) – This league is for players who are developing their competitive sand volleyball game. Players may have indoor experience and general knowledge of sand volleyball rules and plays. Each team must play with at least two women on the court at

all times.

o Games will be played on Thursday evenings beginning April 10

April 10.
For more information or to register, call the Farragut Parks & Recreation office at 865-218-3376, register online at townoffarragut.org/register or visit the Parks & Recreation office at the Farragut Community Center.

# Wreaths Across America 2024: Honoring Veterans in Farragut

The 2024 Farragut Wreaths Across America event is co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut and the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation. The event starts at 10 a.m. on Dec. 14 with a short remembrance ceremony at Pleasant Forest Cemetery. Following the ceremony, volunteers from across the community will place wreaths at Pleasant Forest Cemetery, Virtue Church Cemetery, Union Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery and Grigsby Chapel Cemetery.

Wreaths Across America is a national

program dedicated to remembering and honoring military veterans by placing wreaths on their graves during the holiday season. Founded in 2007, the program has grown into a nationwide effort that spans over 2,500 locations across the United States. Its mission is to "Remember, Honor, Teach" by acknowledging the sacrifices made by veterans and educating future generations about the importance of their service.

In Farragut, more than 275 veterans are laid to rest across local cemeteries,

each representing a chapter in the United States' military history. From the American Revolution to the War in Afghanistan, the veterans interred in Farragut's cemeteries include a Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War, original World War I Harlem Hellfighters, a female World War II codebreaker and both Union and Confederate soldiers from the Civil War. These veterans' stories are an integral part of the community's rich heritage.



#### New Staff

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ment before taking a stormwater specialist job with Blount County. He later returned to the City of Knoxville, where he performed development certification inspections and monitored water quality in five creeks that flow through the city.

Those jobs helped him prepare to be Farragut's stormwater coordinator, but he is still learning the ropes of his new job. Cliff doesn't mind learning new things. He has a B.S. in aviation management from MTSU, and in addition to his municipal jobs, he's worked in the aircraft engine maintenance industry.

His new position includes public outreach and grant writing, both of which are new to

him. It will also include time in the great outdoors—something he enjoys.

"The ultimate goal of the stormwater coordinator is to improve the water quality of the creeks that flow through the town. There are three streams

here that have been impacted by development, and I want to help keep them clean," he says.

Cliff has two grown children, and his favorite playmate is his two-year-old granddaughter, Elowen.



LETTERS TO SANTA AND COLORING BOOK

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# Santa Claus and MAIL Seese

#### LETTERS FROM FARRAGUT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

I want a new bike. I want a new lego set. And I want 13 500V buks. And I want a cromduck, And I want a blanket.

#### SINCERELY, JOHN

This year I want 4 best frind necklaces. 've been kind. A life size stuffy. Thank you. Love you so Much.

#### SINCERELY, LYNCH

Good a hoverdord and a I7f ap and dogemaf and aneo upgad. A I ton.

#### SINCERELY, MEIAINA

I want a cade phillips Tennasee basckitball Gersee and a dart bike that is red and with flams.

#### SINCERELY, CADE

I've been good last year and this year l've been very, very good I want ato remote controll car it could be cdrf and black or white or grey. How woyd I write this if I was bad? My house des not have a chimny.

#### SINCERELY, ZACH

This year I have been Super good. I want a life-sized golden retriever Stuffie that can walk, bark and comes with a leash. And can Sit.

#### SINCERELY, DANIELLE

I want a Nitedo and a sinise kit and many lego set a vider game. I have ben Good.

#### SINCERELY, KOSTA

I want ioaooop V-bucks. I hope for a good christmas. I have ben a good boy. I want good football cards. I want gold pokiymone cards.

#### SINCERELY, MACK

May I please have bady shoes, cloths and soks for my stuffed animal raffe. I have been good tooday. I am going to do beter in scool. Also a bike.

SINCERELY, NATALIE

I want a Akdo X2 and two lego sets. I also want a romet control truck because My other one is not working!

#### SINCERELY, ARCHER

I think ive Been good or bad. I feel like Im on the note list I don't noh.

What I want for christmas one I wachte. You in christmas can uff vsi last I think k out and Add and Kate

#### (SANTA HAS THE NAME)

I want a piano and a toy moky and books I wold like to Tay bear.

#### SINCERELY, CHARLOTTE

My favorite holaday is Christmas. I love Christmas soooo much because of the present's and gingerbread house's.

#### SINCERELY, SOPHIA

I want a make up kit, ear muffs I have been a good girl I have been nice to my friends and family. I want a hoverboard! Thank you!

#### SINCERELY, ELLIE

I want space toys because I like space and all my favorite planets

#### SINCERELY, JOSEPH

I want a football so I hav a backup football just in case my dad and I lose my football. My dad always loses my football. We have lot of fun. I would like a ut football. This is why I want a football.

#### SINCERELY, MARTIN

Could I Have a Serckatree Stuffy? It is a Pokemon. Do you know what a Pokemon is? It is a ultra beast Pokemon. It Has a sappy head and sappy feet and hands! Thank you!

#### SINCERELY, CLARK

I would like a new scooter that the wheel's light up because my other one brake is broken and is hard to stop.

SINCERELY, ELIJAH

I really want Garden Supplies. Because me and my mom can garden together. Also I have some plants in my front yard and I'm So excited for it to grow. It will be really pretty. Last I can garden my other plants. I love Christmas.

#### SINCERELY, IVY

I really like the American girl doll jeep or the American girl doll camper. I really love American girl doll things. They're so pretty and fun to play with. P.S. why does Rudolph have a red nose? Have a good Christmas ok.

#### SINCERELY, MEREDITH

I want a cool leago set. I want it because my lego is too old. I really want it cause I need more for my leago city. I want it cause I want to waste energy. I want a leago set. (Any set)

#### SINCERELY, ALEX

I would like a pair of Football gloves. I really love to play Football with my dad and brother. I would love a Football. It is so fun in the rain and is muddy and slippery and just the best. Thank you you're the best and Rudolph and the reindeer.

#### SINCERELY, COOPER

I want a new camera because my old one is broken. I also want some new supplies For my bathroom because it needs an update. I also really want a pink Stanley with a pink flower topper because someone stole my last one. I really want a desk and chair because my other desk broke, And one last thing I want a new ipad case. P.S. can I change my elf's name to Lingels.

#### SINCERELY, REAGAN

I would like a new iPad. I want it because I broke my iPad button. I would like a new Rc speed boat (black and Orange) And that's all I want.

SINCERELY, DANIEL

I really want American girl doll stuff cause I don't have much. I also need some for them to be pretty. The next thing I want is a snow glo because they're pretty and I like watching the snowfall.

#### SINCERELY, BRIGHTON

I want a new dog for christmas. I need a new dog because my other dog Died. I want my dog to be brown because my other one was brown. I'am excited for a new dog. I also need a new christmas sweater. My other one broke and it was really cute. I need a Rudolph plush because I love plushes. I really love christmas and you.

#### SINCERELY, THEO

I want a wand, a magic broom, and a Kitten for Christmas. I want a wand because when I go to Universal Studios I will want to test my wand in the Harry Potter place. And I really want a broom to test it with my wand. And I want a Kitty so my cat won't be alone.

#### SINCERELY, HELOISA

I really want a fake makeup set. I alredy have make up but sometimes my mom won't let me use it And please get me a craft kit because I like to crafts. Next a stuffed cat eating sushi. Now I want macaroni and cheese, Now Id really like a stuffy next a gray stuffed cat. Now a christmas decoration that looks like the Grich. Last emotional support nuggets sewing machine.

#### SINCERELY, ANNABELLE

I would like a football for Christmas. I would like an Orange and white football with an orange Tennessee T in the midel.

#### SINCERELY, LANDON

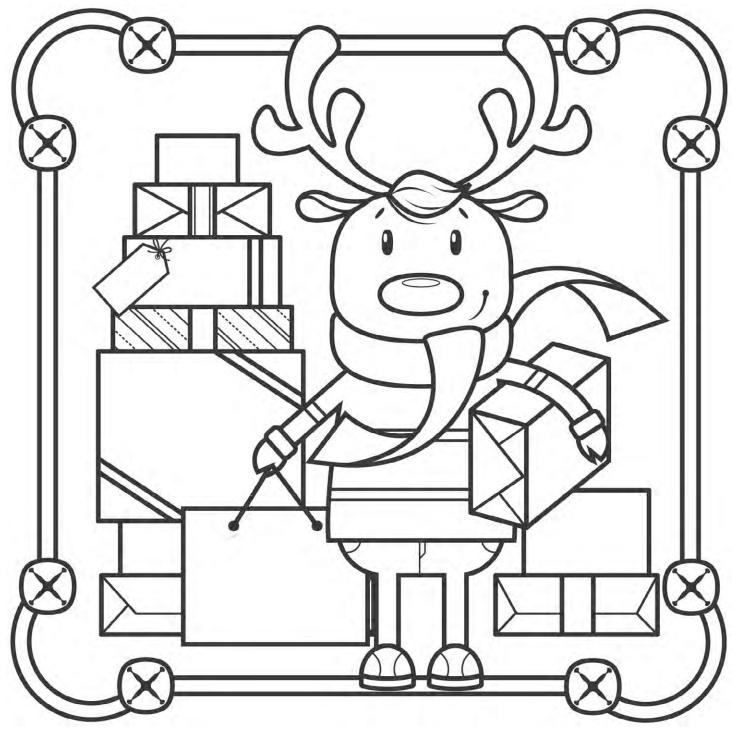
I really want a big gumball machine even though my parents won't agree with it. I also really want a camera that prints out the picture. I also want a picture of all of your reindeer. Thank you.

SINCERELY, MALORY



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Hi Santa! I really want a new craft kit because I like crafts. I also want a new Baby-Sitters club book. I love reading! I would love a Science kit because I love science. I want a Sewing machine. I want to learn to sew. I hope I don't get coal!

#### SINCERELY, CHARLIE

I want a new camera. I want that because my old one is broken. I like to take pictures of amimals in the forest. Everyone in my family has a camera. I want my camera to be pink and purple. I also want some stickers to go with it to put on my camera. I want a string to be on it so I can carry my camera around my neck. I want my camera to save my pictures so I can look at them another time. I love Christmas!

#### SINCERELY, AN'SA

I want a Saint Bernard! I was a good boy this year! And, a arctic Fox!

#### SINCERELY, JETT

I wish for toys under my tree. I wish I nad more art Supplies for Christmas!

#### SINCERELY, GENESIS

This is Dalton har. I'v been nice what want for christmas is a snake. I want a snake because there so cool!

I also like snakes because Their scaily.

#### SINCERELY, DALTON

My family has been good this year. For chermis I want a ipod a dirt bike football cards. I love you. You are the best.

#### SINCERELY, BENSON

I have been very good this year. I have helped my family and my techer. For Christmas I want t a computer. So I reserch for my Mom and dad.

#### SINCERELY, DECLAN

For Christmas I want a video game. like christmas a lot. Santa you are so nice. I can't wait for christmas.

#### SINCERELY, RYDER

I have been very good this legit. I have helped my family and my teacher. For christmas I want a computer so I reserch for my Mom and Dad.

#### SINCERELY, HEONMIH

I been good this year. My sister is kind of good this year. Can I please have a cate Squishy.

And can I have a painting splice.

SINCERELY, KAYLA

I wuld like a Hole box of squishes. I wuld like the rodot dog of unspekubul's astronaut room Mako over.

#### SINCERELY, SADEE

Nerf ayn glasis bull oh ark X boy 2 tiger Kenark

#### SINCERELY, TONAH

For crismis I want a huge unicorn squish mallow and 999999999900000000000 Robux on a new I pade and make the code 1130 please!!! Iv bine good.

#### SINCERELY, EVIE

For christmas I want Putty eggs, a new pen, dolphin stuffy, baby blanket and a baby toy.

#### SINCERELY, IRA

I want a Lego race car a Nerf gun huge squish mallow a go-kart trampoline pet fish play tent Lego world

#### SINCERELY, FOSTER

I wont stuff like lego crafting tool and stuff on my uvr list.

#### SINCERELY, FORD

I wont a stitch and have squismallow nerf (all) ROX red Panda Lamgergwihi mean costume trampoline.

#### SINCERELY, ALLISON

I want, a achley inything that includes music annd nerf and V bucks oh 100,000 Roux and go-kart and a toy Lamborghini and a xbox and a trampoline timing Pad and a arcode.

#### SINCERELY, COLE

I will want Dog Man. a stuffed animal bull shark and a stuffed ani. Lego World. nerf gun. Stuffed animal Meglton. Feed and grow.

#### SINCERELY, LADY

I want a tran track that comes with trans. a stitch stuffed with stitch baby's. a witch that saw the time and and how many stars you walked. a dolphin stuffed. And a stitch stuffed that's big.

#### SINCERELY, AMELID

I want a Squish Meloo / acessories / stuffed pand and dolphin and a trampoline.

SINCERELY, JAHA



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What i want for christmas is the new 2025 doll and Roux uncon wildstar adrabl dolls.

#### SINCERELY, MAX

I am Veniamin for christmas I want a bell, christmas t.shirt, christmas pen and that is all.

#### SINCERELY, VENIAMIN

I would like an 1. Xbox 2. Chair for my desk 3. Art Kit 4. I phone 5. Hoverboard. 6.20 foot long terf 7. football cards 8. football stuffy 9. Tiger stuffy 10. race cars

#### SINCERELY, HENRY

I want a -huverbord -oil pastels -art kit -Mini Amarcan bed -Amarcan girl doll -bike

#### SINCERELY, EMMA

I want a -skatebord -huverbord -Art hub for kids -marckers -Amarcan girl dolls -Aletric skooder -Art kit

#### SINCERELY, ROSIE

I want a skipedy tiolt toy and a ifon foten and lagovand pokenon.

#### SINCERELY, LIAM

I want a elf, a rande, a bellt 2 and bolits 50 bacit. My biruth I thenk Charlie he does blev. a unicorn, Love

#### SINCERELY, CLARA

Meery Chirstmas This is What I want for chirstmas a toy, owl, makeup, skincare, lip gloss, books, dirty, new backpack, concert tickets, new phone.

SINCERELY, RITVI

I want everyone to have presents all on chrismas. I all so want a creeper RC car from minecraft.

#### SINCERELY, COOPER

Hello I would like art stuff, a whitebord, ninja kids backpack and book's. I would also like a hover board.

#### SINCERELY, RUHI

I've been super good this year can I just have two things an apple ipad and a pixie doll if you can't get the pixie doll can you get the ipad.

#### SINCERELY, ARIAN

I cant wait for Chistmas Here are some things I would like a transformer

#### (SANTA KNOWS THE NAME)

My name is Mac. For christmas I want a drone, ipad, and fishing stuff. I hav ben a good boy this year. I will leave you cookis.

#### SINCERELY, MAC

I would like a bean bag and a new ball for Christmas this year. I have been good by being kind to my friends. Thank you!

#### SINCERELY, CAMP

I want for Christmas is drums, turmpet, boomarang, and a keybored and that's what I want for Christmas.

#### SINCERELY, MARVIN

I really thank you for the present. I believe in Santa. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!

SINCERELY, CHIWOO

I would like Katy the monster high doll please Santa Claus? Thank you so much Santa!

#### SINCERELY, HARPER

Can my brother have a pc he bin asking me for 2 months. And can I have a calved pencils like my teachers and a cputer

#### SINCERELY, HARLOO

Can yah please give me al the Brood Ig and the Brood iShip and the robot. Now I whant Dark Goooke OI All Bereg.

#### SINCERELY, HARRISON

I have been so kind and good this week I want a baby doll and Rollor skats and Make up and rainbow hige doll.

#### SINCERELY, KALI

Thank you for every thing. I am sorry if I was bad this year. For christmas I would like a small drum set with headphones to hear.

#### SINCERELY, MAGGIE

I like the thing you got me last yea. It is very fun. Can I have a bower hockey stick and a bear stuffy and nil hockey huricanes tickets

#### SINCERELY, LELAND

I would like a to send my brother away.

(SANTA KNOWS WHO IT IS)

Roux. gote kart. xbox. Trampolin. nerf

SINCERELY, DECLAN

Thank you for coming to my house for all the toys and gifts and this year im hoping for a Nintendo swich. P.S. im doing math.

#### SINCERELY, ETHAN

I don't know what I want for Christmas, but thanks for coming to my house every year.

#### SINCERELY, JAI

Eli, my Elf had my headphones on and was watching on my i-pad

#### SINCERELY, OLIVIA

I want a Mytido Siych for Chrismis a Fohe Thank You.

#### SINCERELY, ELI

I wiht a penguin toy and rei toys and I wont a spciel? Toy

#### SINCERELY, EMMA

is your randear baveing so well. I want for crismis is a Whatch and a ex box, this. Thak you for u comeing.

i wunt a havr bord and dfon thet has a crary and holes people to not be holes.

#### (SANTA KNOWS WHO IT IS)

Thanks for giving me presents every year. This chirstmas I want a big schlich barn. Schleich is small horse's.

#### SINCERELY, AMELIA

I realy want a hover board for Chrismas I hope you can get it for me if you can't It is okay I can get a drone with a camra.

SINCERELY, CONNOR









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Merry Christmas



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Dr. Steven Brock

I wunte you to help my parents. I wunt a uvardord and a new rell dog and pokemon sord.

#### SINCERELY, ASHTON

I love christmas. I've been good and I wish to receve for christmas rollerskates and a horse.

#### SINCERELY, KYLIE

I want you to know that I don't want a lot for christmas. I just want chickens.

#### SINCERELY, LENA

I Hop you had a good day I no that ever kid likes your toys

#### (SANTA KNOWS THE NAME)

1. for christmas I want a puppy 2. and a tablet 3. And sqush melos 4. a gift card for Targit. 5. a Stanley that is bay pink 6. And a loul11 fany pack.

#### SINCERELY, AMINA

I am exited for christmas I want a lot of stuff and here is one thing I want I want some V bucks and i want some jersey of football and basketball players.

#### SINCERELY, HANK

for Cristmas I want you to give mony to charity and to the people who need homes. And I want a cute bog and I want a cute bunny.

#### SINCERELY, JIMENA

My name is Adrianna. I have a baby nice new bike. Thank you for giving me presents.

#### SINCERELY, ADRIANNA

My name is Cora. I like to do gymnasticms. And I like to do dance. I need a robot to clean my room. I will give you a extra cookie.

#### SINCERELY, CORA

My name is Pierce. I like to play basketball and I'm really nice. For Christmas I would like a robot like my cousin Beny and I would like 20 packs of basketball cards. I will leave you extra cookies at my house.

#### SINCERELY, PIERCE

my name is Andy. I have been following directions. this year for Christmas I wan't a go cart and a turtle stuffie. I will leave you extra cookies.

#### SINCERELY, ANDY

my name is Skye. I am nice. I would like an iphone and a puppy. I do not need it but I will like please. I will leave you egghoge. Love Skye

#### SINCERELY, SKYE

My name is Paul. I am Korean. I am good at math. I would appreciate getting a present. I will try to rember to give you yummy things.

#### SINCERELY, PAUL

My name is Julianna. I like cats and dogs. My age is 7. For Christmas I would like to get a dog. Have a safe trip.

#### SINCERELY, JULIANNA

12 transformers 2 New Lego sets lots of candy

#### SINCERELY, CHARLES

My name is Bradley. I am 8 years old I really like soccer. This year for christmas I really want alv7 soccer goal and I also want lego. One other thing I want is candy and Nerf guns too.

#### SINCERELY, BRADLEY

happe Christmas I bo nah

#### (SANTA KNOWS THE NAME)

I which I could get a phmau and hello kitty plues fake nails and a Germin sheper. I hope you have a great Christmas!

#### SINCERELY, CHLOE

I want a vr headset. And a new scooter. And a pet lizard with a cage, and food and all the stufff it needs. And tickets to disney.

#### SINCERELY, HUNTER

I want a PC and a PSS and air jordens and a game called astro bot.

#### SINCERELY, ELI

I wan't a kitty for Christmas and fake nails and a Squish Mellow And Rudit and tokes Stich Stanley.

#### SINCERELY, EVELYN

for christmas I want a Titanic lego set and a lego Train sets. oh and I have you not reav. and back to the wish list. I want a new phone and that is it.

#### SINCERELY, MILLER

I want a eletric shooter and Jorden Shoe. and a nike socks thank you.

#### SINCERELY, CHRISTOPHER

I want a kitty, and a rabbit.

#### SINCERELY, SANDY

I want wings of fire book six becase I like wings of fire. I want a dragon pet to

#### SINCERELY, OLIVER

My name is Gahel. I'm 7. I have a big sister and I have a dog. My sister's name is Jhade. I love my sister so much I wish you a Merry christmas.

#### SINCERELY, GABEL

I want a Pokemon box. My friend has one and he says it is cool. I also wont a big Fluffy. youTube one.

#### SINCERELY, ISAIAH

I want the supereX trade LVXe, essential handbook it is a Poke-mon book. SINCERELY, LINCOLN

I want to thak you because you get me good things.

#### SINCERELY, URBAN

Can you please bring me Paw Patrol and Pokemon. I would like Autobots-Bumblebee or Transformers. Thank you for coming to my house each year.

#### SINCERELY, MALACHI

Thank you for being nice and kind. Thank you for visiting me every year.

#### SINCERELY, TANIA

this is a ho ho ho to you here is some stuff I want for Christmas hawala, Heelys, Berdendragen and a Stich Blanket and a tv.

SINCERELY, MATTEA



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I want a 8 ball for christmas.

#### SINCERELY, ELLIOTT

I am sol crafl for ol you Oy for hus I rt hover board. Pocaft race car a foll tablet

SINCERELY, FAITH

I wut pockimon car, and guns, jees toys, and rodot, and dragin.

#### SINCERELY, KAY

Merry Chrimas. Naru to costume, VR, phone, pokemon card, pokemon toys, Pokemon pajamas, Bardie Dream House, 6 tickets for Hawaii, golden Pokemon card.

#### SINCERELY, LAIKTNA

I wan't 00 Vebucks a bone for my dog goods pokmon card pleas and thayk you and scan other stuf.

#### SINCERELY, KAYDEN

Hello Santa! I cant't wait for you to come: I wish I have a new water bottel, new shoes, V Bucks on fortnite.

#### SINCERELY, CORBIN

for crismis I walnt madin 25 a nother Play stashin canchdler baskit ball cards Gater ad batell a got cart a fish bating glofs the 2025 rolings icon a bass ball glove a trown

#### SINCERELY, WYATT

I will like 5 roblox gift card and socks and posters for my room and a big notebook and chapter books and rainbow high dolls and a dive nights in Freddys toy and a make up box nice dresses and markers.

#### SINCERELY, INDIE

I wold like a bop it for Christmas and dog man books and cat kid comic club books and calico critters and squishmelows and capten underpants books and a pupy and a tramploine and a harry potter lego sets and soda lip smakers Mr. Sketch and LoL dolls and candy and water bottles!

#### SINCERELY, LEAH

I was good this year but, my little brother was mean to me. I would realy want to have a slime set because I like makeing slime and I also like the feel! I would also like to have a squishy that looks like a bunny. Thank you for reading!

SINCERELY, CHLOE

I waht a nerf gun. I waht a Robut. I waht a go-kart.

I want a stuffed animal. I want a swimming pool. I want a pupys. I want a trampoline. I want a iphone

#### SINCERELY, JAVIN

how have you been doing? this year for christmas I would like, a lot of Goose bumps Books! (Mom will send youth list of them.) tales of the TMNT Ninja Reveal, Ralph, Donnie and Mikey, Wing nut Mix 'N Match Action figure, RC Ralph on moter bike, and last but definitely not least, th original pizza van! happy holidays!

#### SINCERELY, MARIO

I is Cora, 5 yere. I don't wot presints and Im en tate. I gest wont my famale to be happy. My sister, Dad and mom. I hope you can grant that soh.

#### SINCERELY, CORA

how is Ms Claus? I will make you a lot of cookiys. My brother has been so good he is the Best Brother ever! I love you so so mush and my brother so so so mush. I whoud like a squishey. I woud like 10 squishey and that's all and Happy early Christmas.

#### SINCERELY, RAMSEY

I have be very go becouse I did my home work. And clean the tw or lit. And wash the dieshis and wash the bash tund. I wont a Drest I would like a toy monster terck.

#### SINCERELY, SEAN

This year I have been very good. My brother has been very naughty. My sister has been very good how are you and Mrs. Claus?

#### SINCERELY, STORMI

I rilly whant a Bluy hellicopter And LoL's tall and small. And American girl doll Places. And bitsy! And ... vrb headset. little trampoline. P.S. if I put a (heart) around it that means I rilly want it.

#### SINCERELY, SARAH

I want there to be kindness on Chrismas Moring. And I want evreyone to have a good Christmas. A Repunzel American Girl Doll is what I want please. I hope you take care of Mr. and Miss Elf on the Shelf when they go back to the North Pole. Thank you!

SINCERELY, CAROLINE

For Christmas this year I would like to ask for a car, 100000000\$ and a Snark please. I would also love to have a Shark. I have been good this year because I hlpe my mom Thank you for makeing Christmas fun for us.

#### SINCERELY, YIYAO

A ring that is a flowr that is Pink. Calico Crtters I family. huge spuish mallow that is a cat. A go-Kart that is pink.

#### SINCERELY, ADELINA

for chrismes I want an Ealf riander for this chrismes. And another thing is a unicorn tshirt. And for this year I want some snow. Another thing is a rainbow firbie. Thank you Santa. pleses I love you!

#### SINCERELY, AMELIA

Hi Santa, Im Grace and these are the things that I want for cristmas. First of all I want a rainbow pen. Another toy is I want 2 sets of boba tea Icey chain for my all of the girls in my class. Please deliver these toys to me. THANK YOU!!

#### SINCERELY, GRACE

could I have a skate bord and vidoe games too. How can I see you at night. Please tell candy her family loves her and a LoL too. are you real evrybudy thinks you are not real.

#### (SANTA HAS THE NAME)

Hello! I cant wait for you to visit this christmas. Here are some things I would like — merry christmas naruto costume hover board pajamas Barbit Dream House.

#### SINCERELY, NAOMI

Fao Schwarz Handbag and
Accessories and a Pokemon Pikachu
14" Squishmallows winter plush and
Lego Disney Simba Building set for
my Sister and a Melrose the Suv Rc
car and a Klello Kitty Sweet and Salty
b-pk. Figures and a Sparkle and Shine
Fashion Dolls and a Belle-inspired
Fashion Doll XoX Kweenie Quirky
Kween Figures.

#### SINCERELY, LAFAYA

I hope you are having the best year so far! I am really really really excited for Christmas this year! what I would really like for Christmas this year is, a clay pottery to make pots and paint them. I really like making and doing crafts with my family.

#### SINCERELY, KATALEYA

For Christmas this year I would like to ask for a pensil bat, neckles's and a stand to put the ball on and then hit it please. I would also love to have a harley davdison shirt for my dad. I have been good this year because I helped little kid's thank you for the gift's.

#### SINCERELY, SIOP

for Christmas this year, I would like to ask for \$1000, a book and \$20 please. I would also love to have a hors. I have been good this year because I cleened my room. Thank you for geding me presins!

#### SINCERELY, ANNIKA

For chrismas this year, I would like to ask for a lunchbox, PC, and a cool water bottle please I have been good this year because I helped my friends. Thank you for giving me presents and never coal!

#### SINCERELY, ANSH

for Christmas this year I would like to ask for ali aid, XdoX, pleas. I would also love to have 16 kittins backe. I have been good this because I help my mom by giving her time thank you p.s. cats beid

#### SINCERELY, LEO

For Christmas this year, I would like to ask for a new scooter, cute boots and Weelys please. I would also love to have Jolly ranchers. I have been good this year because I help my friends. Thank you for my presents. Merry Christmas!

#### SINCERELY, HARPER

for Christmas this year, I would like to ask for a Metradon stuffy, a kateradon stuffy, and a sliveon stuffy please. I would also love to have a Glaceon stuffy. I have been good this year because I've been good to my friend leo.

#### SINCERELY, ELIZABETH

For Christmas I would like to ask for a mimi plush cat, a rainbow high doll, and a iphone 16 please. I would like to also love to have a cat toy for my cat. I have been good this year because I help people out. Thank you for making kids happy!

SINCERELY, ABIGAIL





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Dr. Chase Nieri

For Christmas this year I would like to ask for a galexe prow phone, a Dimind chane, and a giold woche please. I would also love to have a new bike and no chraning wels please. I have been good this year because I have been geting good grades. Than you for being he best Santa you can.

#### SINCERELY, GRADY

For Christmis this year I would like to ask for a amareacin girl doll, crib tan play set and a mini amalcacin girl please. I would also love to have a amaierin girl bunk bed. thak you for making it so much fun to celabraie Jesus Birth day

#### SINCERELY, SHELBY

For chrismas I would like to ask for hot wheels tracks, unspeckable Stuffy and hot wheels cars please. I would also love to have an rc car. I have been good this year by beeing a good friend. thank you for giveing us presents.

#### SINCERELY, OLIVER

For christmas this year I would like to ask for a pet bird, and hav a gud christmas. I have been good this year because I help my mom Thank you for giving us presents!

#### SINCERELY, CHARLIE

For christmas this year I would like to ask for a exbox, a Bisekle and a Stufee please. I would also love to have lego house have been good this year because I Hellp people. thank you for the geft

#### (SANTA HAS THE NAME)

For Christmas this year, I would like to ask for a phone, gimo watch and a tablit please. I would also love to have a computer. I have been good this year because I have help my friends if they are hurt. Thank you for Christmas you are the best. hohoho mary Christmas.

#### SINCERELY, HADLEY M.

For Christmas this year, I would like to ask for pokemon cards, a 1000000 dollar bill, and the whole I survived series please. I would also love to have bey blades. I have been good this year because I let my brother and other people do the fun stuff. Thank you for Christmas! P.S. Have a happy Christmas.

SINCERELY, MATTHEW

For christmas this year I Would like to ask for teddy axalota teddy, and a real axalota please. I would also love to have rainbow high. I have been good this year Because I am kind to others. Thak you for Being The Best.

#### SINCERELY, ALLIE

for Christmas this year would like to ask for a dog, legos, and five puppies please. I would also love ot have a love charms. I have been good this year because I helped when somewone was hurt! Thank you for everyone.

#### SINCERELY, ELIZABETH

For Christmas this year I would like to ask for my and my friends family to live, to see my sister more, wold peace and love please. I would also love to have new cod cover hightops. I have been good this year because I an nice to me and others. Thank you for all the things you are getting me.

#### SINCERELY, MAE

for chrismas this year, I would like to have avr headset and a Justin Jefferson water bottel - squirt and a music maker please. I have been good this year because Iv' been honest. thank you for being santa clause Your the best

#### SINCERELY, JACE

I loved the preses you give me last year. What is it like in the north pool? this is my list. like sum LoLs. Sum Stres bolls. Sum makeup. and plushes. what are you'r raneders nams

#### SINCERELY, CHARLOTTE

#### SINCERELY, BRADEN

You are the Best. I have been Good. Can I have a car that has braks and it can cinchrol the speed and makited I want a romot can chral car. I want a computer.

#### SINCERELY, KARSTEN

I was wondering if I was good or bad if I was good I was wondering if you can give me things I want a dollhouse thank you.

oh can I have a doll for it.

SINCERELY, ODELIA

can you pleas give me a BarBea and a tablet and a necles and hephones and a colfeeng page and a Dierew and a hat and a stufy and more crayons and more pencils and more marcrs.

#### SINCERLY, ASPEN

Can you get me a X box please. I was born on April 20, 2017. Even though I broke my coler I stil do sunf runt f Tigs and back fligs and side fligs.

#### SINCERELY, KILLIAN

do you like the cookies that we leave out for you? And how are the reindeers? Do they like the carrots that we set out? And how do you not get cold in that suit? Oh and how is my elf Chocolate Chip doing? And how is my sisters elf Dora doing? And thank you for the Bluey beach house last year?

#### SINCERELY, LUCY

Thank you so much for the cookees bunny last year I would love it if I could have another stuffy or two and a book. oh and I would also like a pet raindeer and a pet rock

#### SINCERELY, AMIE

I hope you have a good chrismas Santa. When is my Elf going to come. I want a puck. And a PS4 collage football game. A Lambowgene a real one please. Al phone 16 pro. That is all I want. Thank you!

#### SINCERELY, GRAYSON

Ill k you a ninping me presents. You moke it snow. I wont a dog mobo OK and I wont m@ wim pykis book and I wont a gint Dcuod Vader.

#### (SANTA KNOWS THE NAME)

Can you please git me a kintten I was good to my mom tobay and Santa I like to have a axolotl to please Santa if you are not to sleepy because you have to do a lot work Santa.

#### SINCERELY, HARPER

Is it cold in the north pole? How are our elfs? Can I have PS 5 games? A new iPad case. A new real base ball glove? A Ut football helment, jersy, and pants.

#### SINCERELY, COLE

I want a toy light saber and a Harry potter magic set, and a Harry potter invisibility cloak. thank you for my gifs.

SINCERELY, ROBERT

Thank you for all of the presents you got me last christmas. I love all of it. But just like any other Kid you can't have too many toys! So I would like more toys. Such as a Dillon Sampson Sighned anything, patrik mehomes anything, any sports car stuff, Steph Curry anything and much more. thank you.

#### SINCERELY, NOLAN

I want for chrismas a miny fridge and UgS and Sephora and Tower 28 and Sol De Jarako and Preppy clothes and a yellow cat coller and a cat cage. and thank you every year you to Louse tohouse and I acadetiy toched Chipy my elf but I put Simon Aourond I love you

#### SINCERELY, AVERY

I Anderson really been wanting to have silly putty some video games and remote control car. I would enjoy some activety books, some bord games and other stuff. And I just whanted to tell "thank you" for makeing me toys and bring them to me every year!

Love you Santa and also thank you for giving elf's

#### SINCERELY, ANDERSON

for one tak you for coming to my house and giveing mo such good precenc, a bunch of sticon nels thak you. a lot a hear esesreysth you. a lot of makup thk you. and coze bgamus thk you so munch bey. Love you.

#### SINCERELY, SADIE

I would like a huge lego godzilla creaturs, and anything you think I would like. But the godzilla creaturs I want are massive. Thank you.

#### SINCERELY, XANDER

I have bin nice this year are your elfs working hard? They better be because I now kids that want a lot of presents ps christmas is my favirot holiday because its my dads birthday and my brithday month to. think you for coming to my house.

#### SINCERELY, COLE

I want a nintindo, please I reley want a new huver bord. A reley want a art set, make up set. A math book 7 and up. A new desk ono cards. Please and thank you.

SINCERELY, EMMA





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I have bin nice this year. For christmas can I have a spasal Sprice. Are your elfs working hard? what are your rand deer names? Is missis claws sowing grat? tank you santa

#### SINCERELY, AURORA

for christmas I whant a pet lisard and a lot of Starwars lego sets and a pirite ship lego set and toy mincraft figyers and a bounsee house and lisard food and I whant Julianne to stay ecstra days and 500 buks

#### SINCERELY, WALTER

Ive been a good boy this year. for christmas, I'd like a Lego lochness monster and a Lego™ back to the future™ time machine and a Lego titanic, sorry about that i wanted a big one but it will take too long. it been good to writer this letter. P.S. your cool

#### SINCERELY, ELI

for christmas I want a stitch Stanley' a white puppy and I will name her lilly. I also want a huge sticth Stuffie' I love sticth. I also want fairy lights for my room' a Pear of tiedie nikes' and a kitty' and I will name her mittens.

#### SINCERELY, EMMA

I want a puppy some taiks and a iphone 15. And a oliva stanely thats a singer and fake nails. and a huge squish mellow. and a lola lemon bag. the last thing is to bring my mom pets they died it was really sad if you can do all of this santa thank you!

#### SINCERELY, EMA

I want the cat and the dog that are fury and sake thr heal. Bluey and her famaly and her house. Books, The cool been. a Axullutol squishmellow. chrismas kitty that is tiny and a tiny kitty cage that is chrismas them. a chrismas puppy that is tiny a in a tiny puppy cage that is chrismas themed too. wolf small sise squishmellow. We whis you a mary chrismas and a happy new year

#### SINCERELY, ZEMIRAH

I whant a magic wand and free food and a dog taht doesn't bark and bite and i want 5 slimes and i want cute nails and i want my mom to say yes evey day. and i want a iphone 16.

SINCERELY, ALISSON

I realy what a cooking set and I realy what dragon girls and I what some cloes and rubber bands for baslis and a puppy and a cat and a big squish mellow and art Suev and 100c and 50c and a i PhonII.

#### SINCERELY, ABBY GRACE

I love chrmis. Seting up the Lites is sow fun. on chrmis eve the cokes is fun to make. Chrmis tree is fun to sellrbrat The Chrimis. I love it. His grat to Like it. And I wat a bunny.

#### SINCERELY, EMILY

My name is Colm. I like soccer. I also like track and field. I need one million Lego sets. I need one million Desk pets. I need one million Hot wheels tracks. I will film you.

#### SINCERELY, COLM

My name is Laney I am 7. My favorite color is purple. This year for christmas I want a toy ice cream stand that can kind of turn into a hot dog stand. I would also like some slime. I hope you like the cookies and milk that we set out for you. I also hope you have a great christmas this year. from Laney to Santa.

#### SINCERELY, LANEY

My name is David. Something about myself is that I wait until my Teacher is done talking. This year I want an iPhone and \$10,000. Oh and I will leave you extra cookies at my house.

#### SINCERELY, DAVID

My name is Vivian. I am 7 years old. My brothers get me off task and I am trying to stay on task. I perfored in the Jungle Book and Aladdin for kids. This year for Christmas I want a Dog Man book, a picture of Pixey to keep for my famliy. I will leave you extra cookies at my house.

#### SINCERELY, VIVIAN

My name is Sydney. I am in Mrs. Mack's class. I go to farragut primary school. Something I really really wont this year is Squishmallows, a barbie reveal doll, a barbie doll house, 3D pen with colers, and a tumbiling track. chalk to use for my bars, a frendship neclice, and I have one brother. I will Leave extra cookies at my house for you.

SINCERELY, SYDNEY

My name is Anna. Im good at gymnaics. My birthday is on November 28. This year for Christmas I would like some dolls a maybe LoL Surpises and Squishmellows and p10 badly a diary.

I will leave you extra cookies at my house. Merry Christmas!

#### SINCERELY, ANNA

My name is Rayleigh. This year I got my first wiggly tooth. I'm 7 years old. this year I would like some Stuffies and some toy Supplies. Thank you for all the things you've given me throuout the years.

P.S. I'm leaving some carrotts for your raindeers.

#### SINCERELY, RAYLEIGH

My name is Thomas. I believe in God. I play soccer and basketball I love playing tag I really want Slime and money Thank you Santa. I have a brother and a sister too. Their names are Helen and Wes.

#### SINCERELY, THOMAS

My name is Laura. I am 7 years old. I am trying to be a nicer friend. This year for Christmas I want a bunny doll house, a light up lego set, and a stuffed animal bunny. Thank you for all the presents you give me.

#### SINCERELY, LAURA

My name is Julio. I am 7 years old. This year for christmas I will like a new phone because it is missing. I am kind to my sister, mom and my dad. I will leave you extra cookies and milk at my house.

#### SINCERELY, JULIO

What I want for christmas is a apple pen [styling pen] for my ipad. How is it going at the north Pole, are the elvs starting to make presents? I hope you can give mony to charity. I feel bad for them. I love that we have christmas! I wish that I met you!

#### SINCERELY, ABBY

I relly wish a crombol because if we are out of school I can lirn, and I want a tablit because my little brother axitentli brok it, and I rilly want some shirts and pans that are girl and boy clos, and I rilly want a motisizol because my little brother has one and some time he dosiht sher it.

SINCERELY, ISABELLA

I tried to be extra good this year and I'm sorry if my requests are to expensive. If they are just send cash.

1. ballet point shoes 2. Angel Snuggly
3. charmaner Snuggly 4. Red costume for Alex 5. tank lego set for Wilson 6. Choclate for mommy 7. butter finger candy for daddy

#### SINCERELY, ADDY

I wunder am I on the niec list or am I on the noty list. I wot a Ningt vis in gog is and a fake Lego fornite and vdux Maryo Mashup dy Jameson

#### (SANTA KNOWS THE NAME)

I am excited for cristmas I'm ready for salah to come I don't now what for cristmas but I will send you a call or a note I'll give it to you soon as I can thank you! and I also want my family!

#### SINCERELY, HUDSON

I in gor what you give me, for christmas even, I dot what it I like it I relly like christmas, and I have beened Kind all year. I II be good intel chrismas. I hope you like this letter.

#### SINCERELY, REBECCA

If i was on the good List I want this things hello marry chrismas. This i wot I wont 1. I mant a Baby doll That feels lik one and Look Like one 2. water bottle o wala. 3. a reale picincnu 4. a real unicorn 5. pokemon cards. 6. to get good grades

#### SINCERELY, LILLY

hello! Santa how do you do! for my gift I want a rc race cart that goes 22 miles per hour and it Stays on the top Speed for 5 hours. and I also want 13 tickets to Alska

#### SINCERELY, BENNY







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