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Schoonmaker to represent ET on TN Co. Services Board

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For the first time in 20 years, a Knox County Commissioner has been elected to serve on the Tennessee County Services Association Board of Directors.

John Schoonmaker, 5th District County Commissioner, whose district includes Town of Farragut and Concord, will represent Tennessee County Commissioners Association, comprised of 33 counties in East Tennessee.



Schoonmaker

"It is an honor and a privilege to represent the citizens of southwest Knox County and to serve on the TCSA Board of Directors, which represents 510 County Commissioners from 33 counties in East Tennessee," Schoonmaker said.

"TCSA works to improve the operation of Tennessee county government, to secure and preserve state funds for counties and to provide information to county officials about legislative bills impacting county government," a TCSA press release stated.

"TCSA is an umbrella organization of TCCA and two other affiliates" representing "more than 1,800 elected and appointed officials and serves as the representative of county government," the release also stated.

Gov, FHS share goal

In line with Lee, Bartlett set to grow CTE, start 'construction trade' path

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Noting Farragut High School "has big plans for the future in (Career & Technical Education), and that's what I'm particularly interested in," Gov. Bill Lee spent a few minutes with FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett talking CTE during the governor's first visit to Farragut since being elected in 2018.

"We talked about that future and what those plans look like," added Lee, who joined Bartlett in leading an entourage of Town, County and state elected officials touring the school during the visit Friday afternoon, Dec. 6.

"Farragut High School's got a rich academic tradition, and he recognized that very quickly," Bartlett said. "We talked about CTE programming quite a bit."

Facing a serious challenge, "We've got to get our CTE pro-

gramming in place," the FHS principal said. "We have nothing here for kids to get their hands dirty. We have no hands-on applicable learning that kids need to do. That's welding, auto mechanics, the construction trade, engineering — those type of things where kids are actually building something and getting their hands dirty. We don't have that right now."

Lee said FHS 'focused on kids,' praised Bartlett

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Immediately welcomed with a Farragut High School T-shirt and hat curbside by students just after greeting principal Dr. John Bartlett, Gov. Bill Lee's first stop in Farragut since being elected would



Alan Sloan

Gov. Bill Lee, center, enjoys his new Farragut High School hat and T-shirt just after arriving on campus Friday afternoon, Dec. 6. Greeting the governor were FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett, left, and state Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14, which includes Farragut).

Actually, "We have a little more of the engineering structure in place ... more of the machinery in place for that," he added, "So we're able to actually start ram-

ping up engineering a little bit next semester."

However, "It's not going to

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PureMagic HWWW champs: CAK seniors claim 'the hat'



Presenting a \$1,000 check and the Stetson hat trophy to Christian Academy of Knoxville's high school football seniors and head coach Travis Mozingo on behalf of the entire team, Chris Peters, PureMagic Carwash Sales & Marketing manager, extended his congratulations. Mzingo's 2019 Warriors won farragutpress' 12th Annual How the West Was Won presented by PureMagic Carwash contest for best regular season record (8-2) among six Farragut area schools. These honors were presented during CAK's football banquet Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, in the school's Commons. In a short address to the gathering, Peters said PureMagic owner/founder Jim Rooney and staff "have deep roots in this community" concerning their motivation to annually sponsor the HWWW contest. Accepting the trophy are CAK's five seniors: from left are Pate Eldridge, Zander Tonkin, Cole Howell, Gabel Fulford and Max Smith. (See related photos in Sports, page 1B).

business

"We cook things that your grandmother would have cooked, that my grandmother cooked, our families have cooked for years,"

– Renee Nye, co-owner of a new bakery offering "so much more" in addition to its quality baked goods. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

"Our goal is to reach out and engage ... a great opportunity for (our school families) to have a permanent impact ... while leaving a student's legacy,"

– Kim Frazier, fundraising chair of a school's special way to reach out and make a huge impact. (Read story beginning on page 2B)

sports

"We're still struggling a little bit in our half-court sets moving the ball, but we're improving. And as our three-point-shooting percent rises, we're going to be better,"

– Mike Wilkins, Concord Christian School boys hoops head coach, after a convincing win late last week. (Read story on page 1B)



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Helping fight Knox County government helped Ed St. Clair be a more effective Town leader. (Read Part 25 story, page 3A)

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Curtis is latest SAMPLER champ

Farragut Resident Barb Curtis, left, was the successful November TOWN SAMPLER Contest winner from Shop Farragut. Alongside her inside Zaxby's Turkey Creek is Pam Milligan, the restaurant's Turkey Creek Marketing director, where Curtis' prize package included two Zalads.

With prizes valued at \$385, they also included a \$195 Brain Balance Full Assessment; \$20 Brunch Bucks and pot of coffee from First Watch Café; \$100 gift certificate from MLILY Mattress & Sleep Center; a \$25 Certificate from BK Lash & Skin Boutique; a \$25 certificate from Mario's Pizza; and a bag of goodies from AFC Urgent Care. December's TOWN SAMPLER winner will take home \$375 in prizes. Go to #SHOPFARRAGUT and Play The Town Sampler.

Photo courtesy of Steve Krempasky/Shop Farragut



Town Center full opening not until March 2; new Senior Center Jan. 6

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Despite some unforeseen construction delays, a ribbon cutting at the new Farragut Community Center is on schedule to kick off a milestone year, as the Town celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2020.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, at the new facility along Jamestowne Boulevard near its intersection with North Campbell Station Road.

"If the weather cooperates, this will be held outdoors in the same area where the announcement was made about the joint effort," Town Park & Recreation director Sue Stuhl said.

While West Knox County Senior Center, the downstairs por-

tion of the building, is expected to be open for full activities starting Monday, Jan. 6, according to coordinator Darrell Gooding, the Farragut Community Center top level will only offer a few classes and programs prior to a tentative "official" opening listed as March 2.

In the meantime, staffers will be readying the facility while training new part-time employees.

The public will be able to view the community center on the day of the ribbon cutting, then starting Feb. 3, Stuhl said as she shared tentative plans for the upcoming months.

The project has been a roughly one-year undertaking at the former Faith Lutheran Church facility, which purchased the former St. John Neumann Catholic Church site next door and moved several years ago.



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letter to the editor

I just want to thank everybody, the whole community of Farragut, the swim & dive team at Farragut High School and Farragut Middle School.

Thank you for coming together and supporting my grandson, Kincaid Eaker.

And also to Michelle Hollenhead, who did a wonderful story published in the farragutpress (Front

section, page 1A, of our Oct. 31 issue).

I just want to thank everybody for stepping up, for their love and their support.

Thank you so much.

~ Elaine Touton
Farragut

Focused

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cause when you have a school leader — a principal, this is a CEO of the school, as it were — and they're passionate and committed, then you're going to have an environment created that is best for learning."

Visiting an Honors algebra II class made up primarily of juniors and sophomores, a student simply asked the governor, "What do you think of Farragut High School?"

"It's a really great high school. It looks a lot more fun than my high school was," Lee answered. "It's a little more focused on kids than my high school was."

Lee said his desire when visiting FHS was "to sit and talk about what we can do better, and what you can do better here, but mostly (learning) what you're doing really well."

He also told the Honors algebra II class they were privileged to attend FHS.

"Every school's not like Far-

ragut. ... Every school doesn't have academics like you do or the sports programs like you do — or the support for kids like you do," he said.

As a model school, "What you're doing will be used to make other schools in Tennessee better for other kids," Lee said.

Meeting with the media just before departing FHS, the governor said "visiting schools gives us ideas."

The governor first visited a business management class, which has been running a store within the school, as students were preparing a business plan for their store to summarize activity during fall semester.

"It's going to be an overview of, like, everything we've done," one student, said to be the business' "CEO," told Lee. "Like all of our improvements, our sales and all of our fundraisers."

Lee asked, "Do the students design all the products?" The student responded, "Yes, we design it and we order it and when we get it in we sell it."



Alan Sloan

Gov. Bill Lee converses with a Farragut High School Honors algebra II class during his visit to FHS Friday afternoon, Dec. 6.

Gov-CTE

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be where we want it to be for a couple of years," Bartlett added.

Moreover, plans for building its construction trade program "is a next (school) year thing, not a (next) semester thing," Bartlett said, "Which will be more of a commercial construction program; that could be interior or exterior construction."

To help get such a program off the ground, "We would go to a construction company in our community and say, 'hey, we might need help with something,'" Bartlett said. "But most of the equipment would be paid for through Federal Government Perkins money or state/local money."

As for laying the groundwork, "I've been talking to Knox County Schools for a couple of months now about what we're going to do," Bartlett said. "We actually had a sit-

down conversation with their CTE director yesterday about what we're going to do moving forward."

The direction taken is a result of "surveying our students and looking at our job market," the FHS principal said.

As for the students' choice, "I think auto mechanics was the top one, and I think construction trades was No. 2, but it was right there with welding," Bartlett said.

But while also factoring in the job mar-

ket, "then you look at other programs around the county," he said. "We have more than a couple of auto mechanics programs throughout the county. We have a couple of welding programs in our county."

"But we don't have a commercial construction program in our county — so we'd like to fill that void," Bartlett added. "That's where we're headed right now."

Also needed, of course, "Is a teaching staff," he said.

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• I am unaware of the latest considerations of the renovation of the Campbell (Station Road) wall near the (Farragut High) School entrance. Painting the wall in earth tones, of greens and browns, would be a practical, economic and pleasing remedy. It would be critical to get the right kind of paint.

The improvements at the intersection of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike are great, and I look forward to their completions.

• A little info from two retired postal workers with 65-plus years of service between them: they cannot "get another clerk" to sell stamps at the window when the line is out the door. There are no "other clerks." Someone has to come in early to sort the mail for the post office boxes in the lobby and get it into the boxes by the deadline (or there are complaints about how long it takes). Somebody has to make regular dashes to the drop boxes in the drive-through to make sure all of the mail gets onto the truck at the designated time. Somebody has to be available to maintain the kiosk after all of us are done slapping and kicking it in frustration. Someone has to write second notices to folks who have not picked up their parcels or signature-required mail. Someone has to meet the trucks that back-up to the dock and help unload incoming mail and load all of the outgoing mail. Nobody gets to skip the lunch break — they are not allowed to work more than six hours without that break (it's the law). And some of them manage to scramble through the back to the restrooms, grab a bite-sized Snickers and swallow it whole on the way back to the window and then call it a break. And don't you know they dread putting up that "Next Window" sign when customers are waiting for service. They are masters at calm demeanor and kind words, no matter how they are treated. And there we all are, making comments just loud enough for the rest of the lobby to hear regarding lack of help, slow transactions, general annoyance at how we are being inconvenienced. We come in with parcels that need addressed and sealed (and we ask the window clerks to seal them for us), we argue with them when we don't get the answers we want, and roll our eyes in disgust. And they just keep smiling, slogging their way through another holiday season. Farragut has an outstanding crew and they manage to rise above the chaos. Kudos to them.

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Goodness to Go opens at Choto

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In response to requests from Farragut customers, Renee Nye and Lisa Nix, owners of Goodness to Go in Rocky Hill, have added a second location, 106 Choto Markets Way next to Don Gallo, in Markets at Choto.

While it has been called a bakery, a step inside the shop shows it is so much more. Breads, rolls, cookies and cupcakes share space with coolers of ready-to-bake or reheat meals for one or two, plus salads, soups, wraps, beer cheese and deviled eggs, as well as granola and cinnamon pecans.

Patrons find meatloaf, mac 'n cheese, chicken broccoli casserole and chicken pot pie sitting right beside a meal of grilled chicken with lemon orzo, pasta Alfredo and quiche.

Still, a signature favorite is their salted caramel cookie.

"It's pretty unique," Nye said. "We've never seen another one like it. We make it all here, from scratch. Nothing in this store is from a box."

"We cook things that your grandmother would have cooked, that my grandmother cooked, our



Tammy Cheek

Lisa Nix, left, and Renee Nye, owners of Goodness to Go in Rocky Hill, have added a new location, Goodness to Go at Choto in Markets at Choto, to bring fresh-made bakery items and ready-to-go meals further westward in Knox County.

families have cooked for years," she added. "There's no junk in our food; there's no chemicals in our food or things you can't pronounce in our food."

With their Rocky Hill location

open since September 2014, Nix and Nye opened their Choto location Nov. 6.

Nye said they knew the Choto area was growing, and they already have a customer base in the

area that travels to Rocky Hill.

"(The customers) kept begging us, 'Please, could you open a store in Farragut. Farragut needs

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business briefs

- **Tennova Healthcare** recently welcomed Jodi Brantley, MSN, APRN, NP-C, to Tennova Primary Care & Occupational Health - East Towne. A certified nurse practitioner, Brantley specializes in caring for men, women and young adults ages 18 and older. She is accepting new patients at her office, 4711 Centerline Drive, Knoxville.



Brantley

- **The University of Tennessee** broke records with \$2.55 million in donations in 24 hours, exceeding its initial goal of \$2.25 million. The funds raised will go to support students and programs across the campus, including a \$1 million challenge gift to help Tennessee students access an education at the state's flagship land-grant university.

- **University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Class of 2018 graduate Hera Jay Brown** recently was named a 2020 Rhodes Scholar. A current Fulbright-Shuman Research Fellow, she is the ninth current or former UT student to earn the Rhodes scholarship.



Brown

- **University of Tennessee System** has selected Brian Dickens as chief human resource officer. His duties began Dec. 1. Dickens led human resources at several universities and consulted with a wide range of business clients.



Dickens

- **Knox County Health Department** has promoted Kelsey Leyrer to division director of communications. She will oversee the department's internal and external communications, which include serving as public information officer.

- **Glenn Phillips, CEO of Lake Homes**

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Adding pop to Franklin Square: Proper Popcorn

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Tammy Cheek

Adam Johnson, above, along with brothers, Joel and Phillip Johnson, opened Proper Popcorn, 9700 Kingston Pike in Franklin Square, Friday, Nov. 15, to give the area a "popcorn experience."

favorite Cookies 'n Cream and birthday cake.

"There's popcorn out there, but we thought we could make it better," added Adam, co-owners with brothers, Joel and Phillip Johnson — with contributions from their wives. "That's what we strive to do every day ... coming up with new flavors."

"Popcorn is fun, and that's what we want to have — fun."

The Johnsons handcraft the popcorn fresh in the back of the

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‘Always improve quality of care’

Reaching the ‘Summit,’ Pediatric Clinic joins largest TN medical group

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Since 1925, the pediatricians of Pediatric Clinic have cared for three generations of East Tennessee children and guided their parents through the joys and rigors of parenthood.

The current pediatricians are carrying on the medical group’s founding principle — “Always improve quality of care” — by joining the largest primary care medical group in Tennessee, Summit Medical Group.

“We are super excited about the changes,” said Dr. Melissa Meyer, the medical group Managing Partner, a graduate of Farragut High School and current Farragut resident.

She said the biggest change has been simultaneously moving three medical offices to new locations and opening to patients earlier this week, Dec. 9. Each new location has newly constructed or renovated offices with larger, sep-

arated waiting rooms — including a sick waiting rooms — more treatment rooms (including nursing mother’s rooms) and greater parking capacity than the current locations.

Dr. Meyer and Dr. Kristy Carter, who also is a Farragut resident, will practice at Pediatric Clinic West at Huxley, 125 Huxley Road (one block southeast of Costco). Dr. Stephanie Russ-Barber and Dr. Thomas Lowry also will practice at this location. The Huxley office number is 865-518-0084. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, for “sick” appointments only.

Farragut resident Dr. Anil Harsh will practice at the new Seymour office, while Dr. Bill Powers and Dr. Meghan Peters will split their time between Seymour and the new Hardin Valley office.

All seven pediatricians are board-certified and are accepting new patients and most insurance plans.



Serving in the new West Knox County Pediatric Clinic office, which officially opened this week along Huxley Road, will be, from left, Dr. Melissa Meyer, Dr. Thomas Lowry, Dr. Stephanie Russ-Barber and Dr. Kristy Carter. Meyer also will be serving as managing partner of the Pediatric Clinic practice.

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Goodness

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a store like you," Nye recalled, adding she and Nix "have been hearing it for five years."

The partners learned there was a vacancy in Markets at Choto.

"We looked at it for over a year," Nye said.

"We were nervous (about opening a store)," Nix added.

"We kept putting it off, but the space was still available, calling our names, and the customers kept asking," Nye said.

Prior to partnering to open Goodness to Go, they operated The Lunch Ladies, a popular farm-to-table business at Episco-

pal School of Knoxville.

"We worked at the Episcopal School (of Knoxville) for years and cooked for them," Nye said. "The parents kind of pushed us (to open a shop) because they enjoyed the food so much. They just wanted to take it home and eat it ... the idea grew from that."

That success encouraged Nix and Nye to open their Rocky Hill brick-and-mortar business to offer ready-made, fresh, preservative-free products that are easily available.

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Popcorn

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store, Adam said.

The dream of opening a family-owned business has been two years in the making among the brothers and their wives.

"(Popcorn) always been a favorite family snack," Adam said. "We've always had popcorn. We love it."

"As we got older, we discovered gourmet popcorn. We'd purchase that and have it shipped in for family gatherings: Christmas and Thanksgiving," he added.

When Adam decided he wanted to go into business with his brothers, "one of my brothers threw

out the idea of opening a popcorn shop," he said. "That started us on the track to what we have now."

The brothers then came about finding the Franklin Square location by chance, when one of the Johnsons' wives saw the vacancy as she was taking her children next door to Smart Toys and Books.

"There was a men's clothing store here before ... but they were not renewing their lease," Adam said.

"We called about it."

Proper Popcorn offers more than just popcorn. Boxes and containers of candy line one wall of the store, where customers can find all their mov-

ie-time favorites, such as Mike & Ikes, Reeces Pieces and Skittles.

The store also carries sodas, T-shirts, branded items and gifts.

"Not only did we want to sell popcorn, we wanted you to have a popcorn experience — a spot where you can come in and walk out with a gift for somebody, including some small knick-knacks — a personal touch," Adam said.

Proper Popcorn also carries gift cards and takes orders online at properpopcorn.com, or customers can come in the store, order and have it shipped.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and closed Sunday.

Briefs

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Fighting Knox County government sharpened St. Clair's desire to serve on FMPC

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Approaching his 30th anniversary of serving the Town on Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, Ed St. Clair's value to the Town first came from an aesthetics perspective.

Going back to 1989, "My entry point into working with Farragut was: I worked in Oak Ridge in the Project Management Engineering Organization over there for Union Carbide. My boss was Bob Hill (longtime FMPC chair who passed away in 2018)," said St. Clair, appointed to FMPC by then Mayor Bob Leonard in 1990.

"They were looking for some help in a process to get proposals and select an architect and engineer for (construction of) the Town Hall," he added. "I had experience doing that.

"So Bob asked me if I would like to work with the Town staff. ... So I participated with them."

Telling Mr. Hill he would be interested in joining FMPC, "I got a call from Mayor Leonard; he asked me if I'd like to serve on it, and I said, 'I sure would,'" St. Clair said.

Background battles

A resident of Concord Hills since 1978, St. Clair recalled plans to "build a Breadbox, one of those convenience stores ... there was a corner lot right at the entrance to our subdivision right across from the historic cemetery" before the subdivision was annexed into Farragut.

"We were adamantly against that," he added, having to plead their case to Knox County officials. "... Remember, there wasn't a (South) Campbell Station (Road) extension then, so all the traffic was coming up Concord Road."

Moreover, "in one of the last acts of the three-man (Knox County) Commission before they expanded ... they rezoned the property to put commercial on it," St. Clair said.

Even after incorporation, "We weren't part of the original Farragut," he said. "We actually petitioned and ... got annexed

by Farragut in the early '80s."

As opposed to being under the thumb of Knox County government, "We all wanted to be part of something smaller, like Farragut, where you had a voice," St. Clair said.

Eager to serve

Building a hunger to serve based on these experiences, "Here was a chance for me to be involved and contribute," St. Clair said about his motivation to join FMPC. "And I've always been interested in planning activities and seeing things come to fruition, so that was a natural opportunity to become involved in the Town and also be involved in the vision of the Town."

Before incorporation, "Back in those days (land use) was really developer-driven, that was my impression," St. Clair said, adding FMPC helps "form a framework to have some controlled growth where you can have the right kind of residential plans, the right kind of commercial, office (plans).

"... And also, as times change, keeping that refreshed relative to where the market's going?" he added. "Do people want large lots, large houses, large maintenance, or do they want smaller houses?"

For example, "The millennials are a different kind of market now," St. Clair said. "So having to stay in tune to the desirability of the community."

Citizens' voices

"We've always encouraged citizen participation," St. Clair said about input at FMPC meetings. "It's fundamental to me because that's why I wanted to be part of Farragut."

Even when citizens would confront FMPC "taking issue with something we were trying to do, they would learn from it, we would learn from it," he said.

Specifically, St. Clair recalled citizens of the Belleaire subdivision sounding off more than 10 years ago about their concerns on "expansion and rezoning activities" as First Baptist Concord sought to buy various subdivision homes planning to expand



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut Town Hall, the architectural and engineer aspect of which Ed St. Clair, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission vice chair, helped set up in 1989

eastward.

"It's one of the bigger issues we've dealt with," he said. "It was emotional a little bit, even for our chairman (Mr. Hill) because he lived in Belleaire.

"There were several meetings, a lot of participation," St. Clair added. "Sometimes emotional participation. As vice chairman I got more involved in that because of the chairman's personal interest."

In the end, FBC's eastward expansion was limited — plus the church paid for a new Belleaire Drive.

"The final result, I thought, turned out (to be) a win-win," he said. "... I think it helped the (ascetic) character of the

community."

When the dust settled, "Maybe there was negative feedback from (Belleaire) residents, but I haven't heard any," St. Clair said. However, "I think they had legitimate fears," he added.

False information

One of St. Clair's biggest frustrations, he said, is seeing social media inflame false information about Town actions.

"They want to blame something," he said. "Initially, it was, 'we drove Walmart out of Town,'" he said. "They had a different business vision.

"A lot of people use the excuse of why their business didn't go is because the Town did something," St. Clair added. "Well, no,

you didn't have the right location or in what you're trying to do you didn't market it correctly — or the product wasn't worth it compared to others. The Town was a convenient thing to blame."

Trails, topography

One thing the Town has tried to avoid, St. Clair said, is a "massive reorientation of the topography."

Whereas walking trails "have evolved to where its' seen now as an amenity," but "when it first came up" years ago, people complained, he said. "I don't want anything near my property where somebody could use that as a pathway to break into my house."

A native of Blount County and a University of Tennessee, Knoxville graduate, Ed St. Clair "came back to East Tennessee" in 1975 after about five years in Louisiana working for Shell Oil Company.

"I worked for Union Carbide," he said.

Having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering at UT, "I was in what was called the Central Engineering Organization that had locations at each of the three major sites in Oak Ridge: ORNL, what used to be called K-25 (now East Tennessee Technology Park) and the Y-12 plant," he said. "I was working in Project Management, and then in Engineering Management.

"I progressed and moved up to Y-12," St. Clair added. "I was Engineering Site manager at Y-12. I progressed up to be

the Director of Engineering for Lockheed Martin."

St. Clair now is a "consultant" with Professional Project Services who "managed a contract we had with the Department of Energy for technical ... expertise and support to the Nuclear Energy Program at Oak Ridge and DOE headquarters."

Approaching 30 years on FMPC, "I still enjoy it," St. Clair said. "... I've continued to be asked to serve, which is gratifying.

"Secondly, there always seems to be something that's very current that maybe, having brought a different perspective over time on similar situations ... that I can lend something positive to the discussion," he added.

With nine members — seven appointees, the mayor and one other member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen — FMPC



Ed St. Clair

currently meets the third Thursday of each month in Town Hall.

St. Clair and wife, Darlene St. Clair, a retired Knox County Schools teacher (Ball Camp Elementary), have two children and two grandchildren.

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Christian Academy of Knoxville football was presented a \$1,000 check — \$500 each from PureMagic Carwash and farragutpress — as winner of farragutpress' 12th Annual How the West Was Won presented by PureMagic Carwash contest for best regular season record among six Farragut-area schools. **(Above left)** Presenting Warriors football head coach Travis Mzingo, center, the check during the CAK banquet Wednesday, Dec. 4, were Tony Cox, left, president of Republic Newspapers, Inc. and publisher of farragutpress, and Chris Peters, PureMagic Sales & Marketing manager. **(Above right)** Cheerleaders helping the Warriors win these honors with their 8-2 regular season record were Maddie Borrelli, left, and Shelby Grace Justice, who earned CAK's Varsity Athletic Awards. **(See related photo on page 1A)**

Early deficit too much for Lady Hawks; second-half struggles doom HVA boys

KEN LAY
Correspondent

FOUNTAIN CITY — Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball team had its struggles against one of the most improved teams in the area.

The end result was a 51-39 loss at Knoxville Central Saturday, Dec. 7.

The Lady Hawks (3-3 after the loss) fell behind late in the first quarter and never really recovered, as the Lady Bobcats had a productive offensive night.

"They were a very good offensive team," HVA head coach Jennifer Galloway said. "And it took us a while to get

adjusted to some of the stuff they were doing."

Kate Bass, senior guard, led HVA with 10 points. Malaka Grice, senior post, added nine. Maddie Norris and Tori Adams, both seniors, had eight points each. Senior Allie Sexton finished with four.

"We need to work on trying to stay focused on playing good, hard-nosed defense," Galloway said. "This is our last game before we start play in our district and nothing's going to be easy there."

Senior forward Ashton Blair had a game-high 15 points for Central (3-5) win.

KEN LAY
Correspondent

For a little more than a half, Hardin Valley Academy's boys basketball team was embroiled in a competitive game against Knoxville Central.

But things went downhill in a hurry for the Hawks Saturday night, Dec. 7, in North Knoxville.

"It was a game where we battled, but we had some careless turnovers and then they did what they wanted to do inside," HVA head coach Shane Chambers said after his team fell 84-50.

The Hawks actually trimmed Central's advantage to 34-31 when Jack Niezgoda buried a 3-pointer on HVA's first possession after halftime — before things went south quickly for the Hawks (2-4 record beginning the week).

"Tonight it was tough, but we've been playing some really good teams and these games will definitely get us ready for the competition that we're going to see in our district," said Niezgoda, who scored a team-high 16.

Greg Moore tossed in a game-high 26 points for the Bobcats, as Central improved its record to 5-4.

First sweep for CCS hoop teams

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Not only did both Concord Christian School varsity basketball teams pick up the first sweep of a common opponent this season — but they did so with strong finishes Friday night, Dec. 6, at CCS.

CCS boys roll to victory

Improving to 2-5 with a 76-58 victory versus Apostolic Christian Academy of Maryville, Mike Wilkins' boys team had four reach double figures in points scored: senior forward Bryce Baxter led the way with a team-high 23, followed by freshman wing Noah Gilder who scored 14. Harry Pennyover, sophomore post, added 12 while sophomore wing Matthew Alford tossed in 10.

"Tonight we played better in our transi-

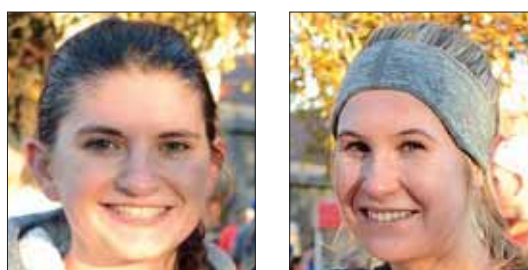
tion game. We kind of sped the game up a little bit," Wilkins said. "... We're still struggling a little bit in our half-court sets moving the ball, but we're improving. And as our three-point shooting percentage rises, we're going to be better."

Girls crack the win column

Scott Graham's Lady Lions fought off an ACA rally attempt to win its first game of the season, 39-28.

"We've got a lot to work on, but we moved the ball well on offense and played aggressive defense," Graham said. "It was a pretty balanced effort."

Senior Madi Mee led the CCS girls in scoring with 13 points. Senior Ashley Penland and sophomore Kylie Phillips each contributed 11.



Hot to Trot 10k top 2

Photos by Alan Sloan

Among winners and top finishers during annual Fleet Feet Hot to Trot 10k, 5k and Fun Run Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 28, on Parkside Drive were the top two female finishers in the 10k: Amanda Martin of Farragut (**top left**) was No. 1. Rebecca Story (**top right**) took second.

Led by Ads' 12, FHS, HVA, BHS have 31 All-Region honorees

Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden combined for 31 representatives on the All-Region 1-6A Football Team for 2019 — led by 12 Admirals honorees (see photo).

Kelton Gunn, HVA senior running back, was named Offensive Player of the Year. Other Hawks honorees were Braden Schloff, Cam York, Casey Brown, Declan Brophy, Jaylen Moore, Luke Filipkowski, Michael Spurgeon and Scholar Athlete Jacob Smith.

Hayden Candela, BHS senior receiver/defensive back, was named Athlete of the Year. Other Bulldogs honorees were Collin Ironside, Makai Williams, Kenneth Parker-Smith, Christian Spining, Jackson Biggs, Ty Serrit, Reed Frederick, Gavin Campbell, James Milazzo and Scholar Athlete Seth Arana.



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Farragut High School football All-Region 1-6A honorees were recognized during the team's banquet Sunday evening, Dec. 8. Highlighting the honors was junior defensive end Eli Purcell, second from left, named Region Defensive Player of the Year. Other honorees, from left, are Brady Hodges, punter, junior; Logan Foody, defensive back, junior; Colin Ross, Scholar Athlete, senior; Trey Nesbitt, defensive end, junior; Jackson Fontenot, defensive back/wide receiver, senior; A'koiyea Johnson, offensive lineman, senior; Dawson Brown, defensive end, junior; Carter Schuermann, offensive lineman, junior; and seniors Hunter Shopovick, wide receiver, Gavin Wilkinson, quarterback, and Alec Keathley, tight end/linebacker.

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HVA aims to raise funds with Phone-A-Thon

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The Hardin Valley Academy Foundation is looking for a boost toward its \$450,000 fundraising goal with the organization's first Phone-A-Thon from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12.

Teachers, students, parents and other Hawks supporters have volunteered to work from the HVA school library during the two-hour event, and parents whose students attend any of the Hardin Valley schools will likely receive a call during that time frame.

"Our goal is to reach out and engage every student's family," said Kim Frazier, the Foundation's fundraising chair. "Callers are assigned to a list of names, then we will have smaller call groups (at a later date) to hit those we aren't able to reach on Thursday."

The Phone-A-Thon also kicks off the Foundation's new "Path to Excellence" brick campaign, which Frazier describes as "a great opportunity for HVA families to have a permanent impact on our school while leaving a student's legacy."

She said for donations of \$250 each, personalized bricks will be placed in a newly-planned entryway into the high school, "which will be installed in sections according to the number of bricks sold."

The Foundation's primary financial goals include professional development, technology and faculty improvement, and previously funded projects, which have included audio books, I-Pads for guidance counselors, picnic tables, an arts and crafts center, sound-proofing equipment for music rooms, astronomy software, pedestrian sidewalks and monies to attend teacher conferences.

Additionally, the Foundation awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

Any and all levels of giving are appreciated, but the Foundation does offer other incentives for larger levels of donations, such as video board

See **PHONE-A-THON** on Page 3B

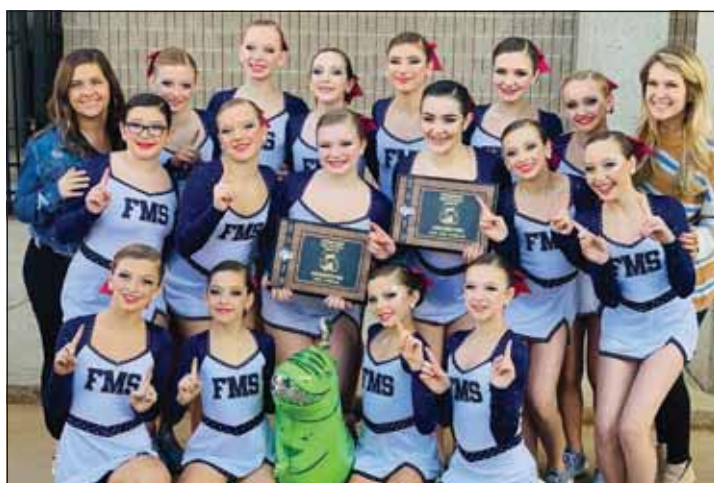


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Dancing to victory

FHS, FMS dual state champs — again

It was a sweet repeat for Farragut High School and Farragut Middle School Dance teams last weekend, winning state titles for the second year in a row in both Pom and Jazz categories. (**FHS champs above**) Front row, from left, are assistant coach/jazz choreographer Cristin Lewis, dancers Hannah Kochanski, Brenna Bocik and Jaysa Hough, and head coach Adonia Adams. Second row, from left, are Ella Kate Puterbaugh, McLain Patterson, Bridget Gibson, Christine Sprague, Sydney Elam and Kelsee Hartman. Back row, from left, are Molly Stokes, Madelyn Snow, Mary-Kate Edwards and Ella Kate Macready. Not pictured: Tracy Moore, sponsor, and Stacy Shelton, pom choreographer.



Farragut Middle School dual state champ dance team, with head-coach Victoria Ogier, back row right, and assistant coach Tatum Allen, back row left. Dancers, front row from left, are Natalie Mahoney, Drew Patterson, Mary Aspin Scott and Saydee Riddle. Second row, from left, are Kaitlyn Miller, Sophia von Wedel, Whitney Gohn, Gigi Noble, Mary Elizabeth Noble and Ainsley Simpkins. Back row, from left, are Cassidy Stickley, Addison Fink, Sibley Walker, Saige Derr, Carson Kreamer and Makenna McDonald.

'Kick Out' Kidney Disease swim set for Kincaid

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While Farragut resident Kincaid Eaker's need for a kidney has become national and international news, local friends and members of the community are continuing to raise funds to help him with what will be immense medical expenses as soon as that donor is found.

Corey Olson, Kincaid's coach for both the Farragut Middle School swim team and the Village Green community swim team, organized a "Kicking Out Kidney Disease for Kincaid" swim-a-



Eaker

thon, to be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the University of Tennessee Allan Jones Aquatic Center.

"We had a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza last month for Kincaid, and he got a percentage of the sales from that day, but 100 percent of the money raised from the swim-a-thon will go to Kincaid and his family," Olson said. "People can make flat donations, or they can sponsor the swimmers on a per lap basis."

Swimmers from both the FMS and Farragut High School swim teams will take part, as Kincaid's big sister, Olivia Eaker, is a member of the latter.

Kincaid was born with Polycystic Kidney Disease, which is genetic and incurable — but it has been managed up to this point with medication.

However, earlier this year, he and his family discovered his kidney function has decreased to 14 percent, and the push to find a donor has increased exponentially.

His mother, who had lost two babies previously to the same dis-

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• **Knox County's 21st Annual Holiday Festival of Lights** at The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive, which is free and open to the public, runs from **6 to 9 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31**, excluding **Christmas Day**. Representatives from The Love Kitchen will be on hand each evening to collect donations of cans and/or money.

• **Pinnacle at Turkey Creek's second annual "Be a Santa to a Senior" program**, is under way at Gift Donation drop-off near Bed Bath & Beyond, 11251 Parkside Drive. Christmas trees decorated with "gift bulbs" are located around the center, each featuring a list of care package items. Participants can drop items off at the Pinnacle guest services office. Community "gift wrapping parties" are from **6 to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12-13**, near Buffalo Wild Wings, 11427 Parkside Drive. Volunteers can register at pinnacleatturkeycreek.com.

• **First Farragut United Methodist**, 12733 Kingston Pike, will host "Breakfast with Santa" from **9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14**. Enjoy Elf Shop, craft area and photo taken with Santa. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$25 household maximum cost.

Children 2 and under free. For more information: Paige Morgan at 865-966-8430 or pmorgan@ffumc.org

• **The Ivan Racheff House and Gardens**, headquarters of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, will hold its annual Greens Tea and Open House from **noon to 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13**. This year's "Celebrate the First Christmas at Racheff" will feature for purchase wreaths, holiday centerpieces and tabletop designs, floral arrangements and baked goods. Admission and the elegant tea are complimentary. Located at 1943 Tennessee Ave. in Knoxville, the historic home and gardens can be reached from either east or west on Western Avenue to Tennessee Avenue. For further information, contact Charlotte Miller at 865-448-6718.

• **K-Town Sound Show Chorus invites the public to its Annual Holiday Show**, "Harmonies by the Fireside," **Saturday, Dec. 14**, at Laurel Church of Christ, 3457 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Two shows are featured: a matinee beginning at **2 p.m.** and an evening show beginning at **7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors, military, children ages 12-and-under and groups of 10. Children ages 5-and-

under are free. Purchase tickets online at www.ktownsound.org or at the door. For more information, contact Cathy at 865-297-2656 or membership@ktownsound.org

• **Norris Dam State Park will host its 16th annual Holiday Homecoming** from **5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14**. The event takes place in the historic district on the east side of the park, located just off the Norris Freeway. Participants are asked to donate one canned good item per person in lieu of an admission charge to be donated to the Norris Area Food Pantry. Parking will be available a short distance from the event area. Participants should be expected to walk approximately one mile, wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. For additional information, contact the Norris Dam State Park Visitor Center at 423-425-4500 or visit this site.

• **Ladies, if you are new to the area or just want to make new friends**, come and join Newcomers Club for lunch and Bingo beginning at **noon, Wednesday, Dec. 18**, at Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. For reservations, call 865-681-9989 before **Friday, Dec. 13**.

Hip dysplasia possible as family ready to adopt German Shepherd puppy

Q: Our family is getting a German Shepherd puppy next month. My brother has warned me about hip dysplasia, since he had a dog that had it 20 years ago. What should I look out for and should I be concerned?

A: Hip dysplasia is a common orthopedic disease that runs in large breed dogs, including German Shepherds. Hip dysplasia occurs when there is an abnormal 'ball and socket joint' of the hip(s). The head of the femur ("ball") and/or the acetabulum ("socket") of the pelvis bone is misshapened or flattened.

Since the joint is unstable and does not move smoothly as it should, cartilage erosion, bone spurs and arthritis eventually develop.

When considering purchasing a puppy, one should research family lines with adult dogs who have been certified to have good hips.

The disease is only partially hereditary, so having parents with good hips is certainly not a guarantee. Other factors include nutrition, (excess protein and/

or calcium for example), being overweight as a puppy, excessive exercise too early and potentially other factors yet to be identified.

Owners of large breed puppies or adult dogs should be aware and watch for pain in the hip region, difficulty rising or an abnormal gait, which is typically a sway in the backend.

Sometimes these clinical signs will be evident in dogs as young as a few months old, but some dogs do not show abnormalities until they are older.

X-rays are the best way to diagnose hip dysplasia. This also allows your veterinarian to see the extent of the disease. Please note that dogs may feel so much pain that they require sedation to obtain x-rays.

There are multiple types of surgeries that can be performed on dogs with hip dysplasia, depending on the severity of hip dysplasia, whether arthritis is already present or not, and the age of the dog. Non-surgical treatment typically involves joint and cartilage supplements and anti-inflammatories.

Hopefully all goes well with your puppy. If you have concerns or notice abnormalities, please discuss that with your veterinarian.

If you have questions about your pet, you may e-mail Dr. Myers at lenoircityac@gmail.com



Stephanie Myers
Ask the Vet

Kincaid

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ease, had planned to be Kincaid's donor, but she was killed by her husband nearly three years ago.

Her parents, Elaine and Sam Touton of Farragut, have been raising Kincaid and Olivia since.

Olson said she has known the family for three years through swimming, which both Kincaid and Olivia readily embraced.

His story has captured media attention across the country; a swim family produced a You Tube

video about him; and Elaine Touton said a producer shared it in Germany, Austria and Switzerland just last week.

A Go Fund Me account was established by a family friend earlier this year, and has raised more than \$20,000 through a variety of donations and fund-raisers.

Prospective donors can go through Emory University, www.emory.donorscreen.org as Kincaid has been monitored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston throughout his life.

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AGENDA FARRAGUT BEER BOARD December 12, 2019 6:55 PM I. Approval of Minutes A. October 10, 2019 II. Beer Permit Request A. Approval of Class 1, on-premise beer permit for First Watch Restaurant, 11682 Parkside Drive

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AGENDA FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN December 12, 2019 **WORKSHOP** 5:00 PM Community Property Maintenance, Growth Policy Plan Review, Sporting Event Proposal **BEER BOARD** 6:55 PM **BMA MEETING** 7:00 PM I. Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Mayor's Report IV. Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 V. Approval of Minutes A. November 14, 2019 VI. Business Items

A. Approval of 2020 Snow Removal Efficiency Schedule B. Approval of Contract 2020-11, Campbell Station Wall Renovation C. Approval of bids for Project Material, Campbell Station Wall Renovation D. Approval of Contract for Control Access and Security System E. Approval of request for residential driveway onto Everett Road for a proposed dwelling at 750 Everett Road (Jill Bagga, Applicant) F. Approval of request for residential driveway onto Boyd Station Road for the property at 1024

McFee Road (Lisa & Robert Gibson, Applicant) G. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Legislative Services with Laine Communications VII. Ordinance A. Public Hearing & Second Reading 1. Ordinance 19-29, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 105, Article 2., Section 105-20 e. and f., concerning construction types and sprinklering for certain size/story structures VIII. Town Administrator's Report IX. Town Attorney's Report X. Citizens Forum

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AGENDA TOWN OF FARRAGUT STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Town Hall Board Room, Thursday, December 12, 2019, 3:45 pm. 1. Call to order 2. Approval of Minutes A. November 14, 2019 3. Stormwater Coordinator Report A. Stormwater system mapping project update B. Current NOV's 4. Business Items 5. Other Discussion A. Use of the Outdoor Classroom 6. Confirm date of next meeting A. 3:45 pm Thursday, January 9, 2020. Adjournment

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WORKSHOP SESSION December 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Farragut Town Hall. 1. Review analysis of public input provided at McFee Road Corridor (south of McFee Park) Public Workshop held on October 3, 2019 and discuss CLUP Steering Committee Recommendation based on the input provided. **AGENDA FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION** December 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Farragut Town Hall. For questions please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org or Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org 1. Citizen Forum 2. Approval of agenda 3. Approval of minutes - November 21, 2019 4. Discussion and public hearing on a gas system improvement project for KUB in the Concord Hills Subdivision (KUB, Applicant) 5. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the Ivey Farms Clubhouse off Road B in the Ivey Farm Subdivision, 52.3 Acres, Zoned R-1/OSR (SITE, Incorporated, Applicant) 6. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for an addition to the Farragut Christian Church at 138 Admiral Road, 5.1 Acres, Zoned R-1 and FPD (Johnson Architecture, Applicant) 7. Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for Brookmere Phase II, 13.57 Acres, 39 Houselots and 1 Open Space Lot, Zoned R-1/OSR and FPD (Ryan Lynch, Applicant) 8. Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval for an MCI Metro Fiber Installation project along portions of Admiral Road, Campbell Lakes Drive, N. and S. Campbell Station Road, Everett Road, Fretz Road, Grigsby Chapel Road, Herron Road, Kingston Pike, Municipal Center Drive, Parkside Drive, Sonja Drive, Station West Drive, Union Road, Virtue Road, West End Avenue, West Point Drive, N. Watt Road, and Woodland Trace Drive (Mastec, Applicant) 9. Discussion and public hearing on amendments to Article II. B. Concept Plan 1. n.; Article II. C. Preliminary Plat 6. q.; and Article III. A. Streets 18., to clarify when a waiver may be considered in relation to vehicular and pedestrian connectivity (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 10. Approval of utilities

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Left: First-grade singers including Braxton Wallace, center, saluted veterans at Concord Christian School's patriotic program.



Dennis Menjivar, who currently is in the U.S. Air Force, with his daughter, Ada



Former Navy man Harry Alexander with his grandchildren, McKenna and Jackson Holland



Former Marine Jim Hamlett and his grandchildren, Gracie and Ben Hamlett



Former Marine Mike King with his wife, Eileen King, left, and their granddaughter, Gabby Powers



Former Marine Steve Fisher and his grandchildren, Leanna and Braxton Petty

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Lights Up!

Hundreds of families turned out for this year's Lights Up! Tree Lighting at The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, despite some light drizzle, Friday night, Nov. 22, to herald in the holidays.

A chat with Santa, a Mercedes Benz parade, vendors' booths, a ride on the Smoky Mountain Express, playing of "Taps" provided by East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard, food trucks and performers rounded out the event's activities, which included the headliner — the lighting of the tree by Santa, TV news anchor Ted Hall and Nancy Reeder, a senior with Home Instead. Entertainment included dancers from Angela Floyd Dance Company, "Faith Alive Band" from Faith Lutheran Church, Cedar Bluff Middle School, K-Town Clogging Company and Holston Middle School Show Choir.



Daishyra Mobley with daughter, Christianna



Santa with Stella Powers



Kate Cross, left, and Emily Dodd



East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard, from left, Capt. Reid Gerhardt, Army; Third Class Petty Officer Patrick Hudson, Navy; Alexis Johnson with her father, Sgt. A.J. Johnson, Army; and Staff Sgt. Stuart Hall, Air Force



Isabella Baker with father, John Baker

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