

## Now it's Farragut, TN, 37934

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The Town of Farragut is “government official,” just in time for its 40th anniversary.

Mayor Ron Williams announced last week that “Farragut” now matches up to its own ZIP code as the official address — not Knoxville — thanks to diligent work by Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioner Jon Greene, Town administrator David Smoak and federal help from U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-2nd District) and his staff.

“They said I could not make this happen,” Williams stated in an e-mail. “But with the great help from Jennifer Stansberry in Tim Burchett’s office and persistent Farragut citizen Jon Greene, we have some great news to report on the 40th Anniversary of the Town of Farragut.

“In the past if you entered 37934 — which is the ZIP Code for Farragut — the primary name for our Town would come up Knoxville, with Farragut as secondary,” Williams wrote. “That has now been changed with the Postal Service.

“When you see Rep. Tim Burchett, please remember to thank him for listening to our needs and making this happen.”

“We helped make that request

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**Michelle Hollenhead**

Town of Farragut surviving Founders attended a private pre-party Wednesday, Jan. 15, leading up to the celebration of the Town’s 40th Anniversary of incorporation Thursday morning, Jan. 16. Seated are Ron Simandl, left, and Eric Johnson. Standing, from left, are Marty Rodgers, widow of David Rodgers, the Town’s first attorney and the Founders’ main legal source; Marianne McGill, whose late husband, former Mayor Ralph McGill, also was a Founder; and Betty Dick. Marianne McGill and Johnson also served as aldermen on the first Town Board beginning in April 1980.

# Happy 40th Farragut

*Town anniversary coupled with ribbon cutting of new Community Center, Sr. Center*

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Hundreds of area residents, volunteers and elected officials — along with a handful of Town Founders — attended a milestone event with a dual purpose.

Town of Farragut’s 40th Anniversary celebration coincided with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Farragut Community Center/

West Knox County Senior Center, with a joint program Thursday, Jan. 16, in the gym the dual-centers will share inside the former Faith Lutheran Church building, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

“It is an especially important day for Town of Farragut because today is the 40th Anniversary of our incorporation,” Farragut Mayor Ron Williams told the standing-room crowd. The Senior Center opened Jan. 6,

while the Farragut Community Center will be open for tours and limited programming starting Feb. 2, then will be offering a full slate of activities beginning March 2.

“Walking through this beautiful community center yesterday, I could not help but get choked up. I began to reflect and was overwhelmed with gratitude to our determined Town Founders and volunteers and Board members who dedicated themselves

to setting up the Town, which lives by high principals,” Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. “... The Town of Farragut is 40 today.”

Then using the famous quote from the Town namesake, Admiral James David Glasgow Farragut, Povlin said, “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead,” to thunderous applause.

Williams then introduced four

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## Middlebrook + FIS = Dr. King



**Tammy Cheek**

Farragut Intermediate School fourth-grader Matthew Cantu spoke with the Rev. Harold Middlebrook, a civil rights legend and retired Knoxville minister, during an assembly Friday, Jan. 17, three days before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in the FIS gym. Middlebrook, a protégé of Dr. King who recalled the “I am somebody” message of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader, spoke to FIS student for the 23rd time with the basic message: “You are a winner ... you are somebody.”

## Several residents speak against 5G cell towers in nearly 5-hour FMPC meeting

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For nearly five hours Thursday, Jan. 16, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission discussed and listened to debate regarding 11 proposed small cell support structures to be placed in Town limits.

In the end, however, state and federal laws effectively allowing telecommunication companies to be treated as other utilities tied the hands of Commissioners, who reluctantly voted to approve all 11 applications from Towersource, a subcontractor for Verizon/MCI.

Seven will support the latest 5G technology, and four will support 4G antennas.

Although each application had a list of “subject-tos,” and Commissioners did ask for certain consid-



**Michelle Hollenhead**

Village Green resident Jerry Guthrie presented a graphic noting potential health hazards from proposed 5G cell towers during the Thursday, Jan. 16, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting. Guthrie was one of nearly 20 residents who spoke against the applications for 11 towers to be placed in Town limits.

erations — including relocation of two of the towers due to road safety concerns — there are no guarantees Towersource will comply.

“We can ask to do something different, but we can’t require it,”

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### business

“That one (Cedar Bluff) got flooded out back in February (2019) when we had all the floods. Our entire shopping center was flooded. We had a foot of water in the shop,”

**-Sandy Gray, bouncing back from adversity as owner of a new shop in West End Avenue. (Read story beginning on page 3A)**

### community

“I guess it just fascinated me to see such a thing look not only so cute, but real. Somehow or other, they sort of come to life ... Sometimes I can’t believe I made them,”

**-Ceil Rosenberg, a Park Place of West Knoxville resident who has a special hobby. (See story beginning on page 3B)**

### sports

“When you have that statistic you know we’re going to be pretty tough. ... Justin Sharp set the tone defensively, he played great on-ball defense against one of the best players in the district,”

**-Shane Chambers, HVA boys basketball head coach, about players who helped produce a huge victory. (Read story beginning on page 1B)**



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**Compelling speakers and a local tie to polio eradication effort make Farragut Rotary special. (Read 31st story, page 5A)**



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# Sampler champ, goodies



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Hardin Valley resident Amanda Abshagen and her daughter, Kaylee, accept the December TOWN SAMPLER prize package standing alongside Evan Schlank of West Bicycles at the shop, 11531 Kingston Pike. With this business contributing a \$50 gift certificate to a package valued at \$375, other goodies won were a \$100 gift certificate from MD Weight Loss & Wellness Center; \$50 gift certificate to Seasons Innovative Café; \$25 gift card from JCPenney; 2 pounds of specialty roast coffee and holiday bells from Embroidery Boutique; \$25 gift certificate from BK Lash & Skin Boutique; \$20 Brunch Bucks from First Watch Café; 10-class pack from Blue Ridge Yoga; and a Fancy Panz Travel Tray with free personalization from Linda’s Hallmark.

## FMPC

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Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

All are to be located in public rights-of-way, with four in residential neighborhoods — Stonecrest, Farragut View and Cove at Turkey Creek — and the other seven in various locations along Kingston Pike, Campbell Station Road and Parkside Drive.

The night began with Town attorney Tom Hale’s workshop, before a nearly full Town Hall boardroom, regarding the state and federal legalities. “Historically, utilities have been regulated differently than any other entity, mostly because of the large investment (they) make in infrastructure,” he said.

Hale said a Federal Communications Commission ruling in 2018 effectively set the course for 5G placement. In 2018, the state moved to supported that directive.

“We are required to treat it as any other utility,” he said. “However, historically, Farragut has required that utilities come before the Planning Commission for (project) approval,” which he said might give the Town limited leeway.

“In the past, you have required some utility placement underground, for example. And you may require them to follow an aesthetic plan. But, from my understanding, you are not in a position to do anything other than comply.”

“Basically, our hands are tied,” Commissioner Noah Myers said. Safety was the top concern. “I have been a health profession-

al for over 50 years, and I did finally find something written by a Harvard PhD who said these types of (emission)] are harmful in more than one way and cited thousands of articles in peer review journals,” said Dava Shoffner, one of nearly 20 residents who spoke against the structures. “The burden or proof is on the provider, and they have not done it.”

“Many of these (towers) will be close to areas near many of our children,” Jennifer Parker said. “Why not put them out near the cemetery, or the horse farm?”

Jerry Guthrie of Village Green brought a visual depicting the potential damage caused electromagnetic emissions generated by 5G.

“The 30 gigahertz generated by 5G can do biological damage to your cells,” Guthrie said. “Scientific studies have been done, but the FCC, the government and the utilities have done no studies.”

Resident Mike Mitchell also spoke (*see Letters to Editor-5G starting on Opinion page 4A*).

“I am very nervous and we need to talk to our state legislators. I am concerned about having any more than one carrier in our community ..,” said Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, also a Commissioner.

“The idea we will have even two carriers, with the amount of poles needed to support that, is very distressing ... I’m very frustrated we have so little we can say or do about this,” she added. “So I know this really needs to come from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and work with David (Smoak, Town administrator) and work with our legislators — but it can’t stay the way it is.”

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# KCSO policereports

Due to a communications mix-up, there are no Knox County Sheriff’s Office “police reports” for this week’s issue.

## New address

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to the Postal Service,” Burchett said Friday, Jan. 17. “It took a few months to get it done, but we were glad to do it. Ron has been a good friend of mine for a long time, and I knew how important it was to him.

“... And it’s cool it coincided with the 40th Anniversary.”

Moreover, “When we needed (Farragut) addresses in a certain format, we reached out to (Smoak), and he provided that in-

formation,” Burchett added. While we regret this, we expect to have these reports in hand to publish for our Thursday, Jan. 30 issue.

formation,” Burchett added.

The issue first came to light last June, when an anonymous farragut-press Presstalk contributor noted he/she was told the Town was not recognized as a separate entity by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security when he/she applied for a new drivers license.

Farragut resident Jim Caldwell saw the letter, then addressed the Board of Mayor and Alderman about the issue.

Independently, Greene also had seen the presstalk, and he started

doing his own investigation.

“My interest was peaked, and I called the local post office,” he said, adding he checked with Williams, who gave his blessing on Greene’s independent investigation.

“I did some research in the U.S. Postal regulations, and found that nothing prevented a ZIP code be assigned apart from a distribution center,” Greene said.

“They kept at it, and the Mayor found (the change) had finally been approved by a district manager,” he added.

## Town’s 40th

From page 1A

members of Farragut Community Group, the Town’s founding body from 1979 and 1980: Marianne McGill, Ron Simandl, Betty Dick and Eric Johnson — all former aldermen.

“Wow is all I can say — this is wonderful,” said McGill, whose late husband, former Mayor Ralph McGill (2009-2018), also was a founder. “This was a great dream of my husband for several years. He and (Town administrator) David Smoak worked very hard. ...”

Dick, who continues to contribute to the Town in various capacities — currently as a member of Farragut Municipal Planning Commission — was overcome with emotion when she spoke.

“I was one of the original founders. There were seven of us: two engineers, Ralph McGill and Eric Johnson; two chemists, George Dorsey and Ron Simandl; a highway patrolman, Gene McNalley; me, a nurse; and (the late) David Rodgers, our attorney,” she said.

“... The vote was held on Jan. 15 (1980) — about 1,300 people voted, Dick added. “We were disappointed



Alan Sloan

Along with Town Founders and current and former aldermen, those cutting the ribbon for the new Farragut Community Center/West Knox County Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Thursday, Jan. 16, were Town Mayor Ron Williams, right, County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, center, and County Commissioner John Schoonmaker (5th District).

in the low turnout, but the vote was 3-to-1 in favor of incorporation. David Rodgers and George Dorsey drove to Nashville (the next day). We had our charter certified, and we became the Town of Farragut.

“I am proud to be part of the Town of Farragut, proud to have been a

small part of that, and proud to be involved in the Town of Farragut.”

Johnson, Smoak and former Aldermen Jeff Dobson and Bob Markli spoke, as did and several others, including local real estate broker Jim Nixon, whom Williams credited with putting the centers’ deal together.

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# Top Causes of KNEE PAIN and Anatomy of the Knee You Should Know

By Leading Knee Pain Expert, Dr. John-Mark Chesney

**Farragut** - Alright everyone... ready or not, this week we’re going to dive into what will be



a detailed discussion about knee pain, the most common causes of pain, and effective treatment strategies! Overall, knee pain is a bit like lower back pain: it seems like everyone has it, and not many people really understand what they can do about it. In addition, many people are under the impression, often via trusted advice from a physician or a friend, that they “just have to live with it because they’re “getting older.” I could write an entire article about how much that advice riles me up, but I’ll stay focused! For now...

If you’ve struggled with knee pain and you’ve heard similar advice, I think you’re really going to enjoy upcoming series of articles. I’m going to start with some basic information today, and then I’ll share some specific information about how to eliminate knee pain in future articles.

• **The Joints:** The primary joint in your knee is where the femur (your thigh bone), meets your tibia (your shin bone). This is where you get the ability to bend and straighten your knee. We tend to look at this joint as being split into 2 compartments, one on the inside, and one on the outside. You also have your “patello-femoral joint” which refers to your kneecap as it glides up and down the groove in your femur (thigh bone). the third joint is where the smaller bone along the outside of your leg (fibula) rests against the side of the tibia.

• **The Ligaments:** Your knee has 4 primary ligaments, which include your MCL, LCL, ACL and PCL. The MCL and LCL ligaments provide support to the inside and outside of the knee and are located on the outside of the joint, while your ACL and PCL are located inside the knee and provide support to twisting motions, as well as motions that involve your tibia (shin bone) sliding forward and back in relation to the femur.

• **The Muscles:** The largest muscle in your body is the “quadriceps” muscle group (aka your quads), and runs along the front of your thigh towards your kneecap (patella). It then engulfs the kneecap and attaches to the front of your shin bone via the patellar tendon. Other important muscles that cross the knee joint include the hamstrings and gastrocnemius (aka the “gastroc” or calf muscle).

• **Other Structures:** Inside your knee, you also have 2 menisci. You can think of these as soft tissue rings that go around the outside of each circular compartment and offer extra stability. The ends of each bone in the knee are covered in cartilage, which will lead us to a more detailed discussion for arthritis at a later date. Another key structure to be aware of is the “IT band” (il-iotibial band), which again we’ll be discussing in more detail soon.

The only reason I mention so many structures is to help give you an idea of all the structures you have to consider when dealing with knee pain. For our PTs, it’s fairly quick and easy to rule out damage to the majority of the structures in just a few minutes. In fact- if you would like us to test your knee for these injuries, we can do that for you in a free screening. We only have 5 of these screenings currently available- so **call or text us at 865-351-0615** to reserve your free knee screen.

Next week here in the paper, we will discuss various types of knee pain. I’ll reorient you to any of the related structures, so just keep this first article handy for reference. We’ll take an indepth look at the most common cause of knee pain we see in the clinic and how you can start to reduce your pain from the comfort of your home. Have a great week!

*The author, John-Mark Chesney, is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio. He’s happy to answer any questions about knee pain by phone or text at (865) 351-0615 or by email at john-mark@simplypt.com*



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Regrouping after flood, The Yarn Haven at West End



Tammy Cheek

Sandy Gray brought her business, The Yarn Haven, to Farragut (139 Wes End Ave.) after regrouping following the flooding of February 2019, which damaged her shop when it was located in Cedar Bluff.

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce welcomed The Yarn Haven, 139 West End Ave. in Farragut, as one of its newest members, hosting a ribbon cutting Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the shop.

It offers everything a knitter or crotchetier would want — needles, accessories, patterns, lots of models to provide inspiration and skeins and skeins of yarn in all colors.

“We have a lot of buttons, too,” owner Sandy Gray said. “... We have a few beads for adding to the knitting and crocheting.”

Don't know how to knit or cro-

chet? No problem. Gray holds classes as well. Just call the shop at 865-694-9900. Patrons also could learn about classes by signing up for the shop's newsletter by e-mail. “We can always do private lessons pretty much anytime that's convenient for both us and the customer ...,” she said.

“We're hoping in the spring to start doing some weaving and spinning classes,” Gray added. “We also have times we call a ‘sit and stitch.’ We have those several times a week where people can just gather and work with other crafters.”

Gray opened The Yarn Haven in Farragut in September 2019 after having a shop since 2007 in Cedar Bluff. “That one got flooded out back in February (2019). “... We had a foot of water in the shop,” she said.

Saying she “felt the Lord directed me to open up the shop,” Gray adding working with yarn also has a relaxing effect and “helps them to be formed into a community of like-minded crafters.”

Gray said she learned to knit as a child from a great-aunt and to crocheting from her grandmother.

“I just got back into knitting around the year 2000,” she said.

Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday.

New wrinkle in T-Creek: First Watch to have bar

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First Watch is preparing to update its Turkey Creek restaurant at 11682 Parkside Drive to a bar for brunch lovers.

Nadim Jubran, vice president of the Knoxville-based Capstone Concepts, LLC, which is the franchise group that owns and operates all First Watch locations in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Johnson City, said he hopes work will start within the next two months and be completed in late spring 2020.

Jubran said there is a possibility a bar could work in the other locations' futures as well, but for now Turkey Creek will be the first for Capstone and one of the first in Tennessee.

“We'll take a strategic approach to each location for alcohol,” he added.

As for Turkey Creek, “We're excited,” Jubran said. “It's a big deal for us. Alcohol was not something that, when we started, was part of the package.

“Over time, alcohol has become part of the brunch experience,” he added. “So, after First Watch went through several years of tests and several iterations and best practices, we felt comfortable going forward with a product that we think will bring a unique offering to our current guests, new guests and the Farragut community.”

**Lots of support**

Jubran thanked the community for its support in making the updates possible.

“Without their support we wouldn't be here,” he added. “So we feel confident in this decision because we've received their support since day one.

“We feel it's our duty to continue supporting this community, and part of supporting it is giving them what they want.”

**No. 38 in alcohol component**

Of the 300-plus First Watch locations throughout the country, Jubran said 37 offer the alcohol component.

“First Watch has been testing it for quite some time,” he added. “After looking at all the data, it makes sense.

“Alcohol is our next step with that, and updating (the restaurant).”

And since the Turkey Creek location was the oldest First Watch restaurant in this area, having opened six years ago, Jubran said, “We needed to update this so we decided to put in a bar and test it out.”

**Layout plan**

First Watch architects and engineers researched the logistics and functionality of spaces to come up with a plan for the Turkey Creek restaurant.

While the hours and food menu items will stay the same, “The layout will change a little bit, and the décor as well,” he said, adding the bar would be placed in front of the kitchen entry, offer specialty drinks for the brunch crowd and augment First Watch's existing juice bar.

**Specific drinks**

“These are going to be all fresh-squeezed with the additive of alcohol,” Jubran said. “We think that's a unique concept for us because we juice our own juice. Not every bar juices its own juice.”

These will include signature cocktails and brunch classics.

Among them, “Our Million Dollar Bloody Mary is going to be something people will come back for,” Jubran said.

There potentially may be some local beers and kombucha, on

draft, as well, he noted.

First Watch Turkey Creek is open from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

**Tammy Cheek**

First Watch Turkey Creek café manager Justin Wallen, left, joins Nadim Jubran, vice president of Capstone Concepts, LLC, and Ciara Rattana, First Watch marketing and business development, in going over plans for updates to the restaurant's Turkey Creek location, 11682 Parkside Drive.



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letterstotheeditor-tax

I feel the potential Town of Farragut Hotel-Motel Tax is a common sense choice to support the town's growth in parks, recreation, stormwater systems and roads. These investments are expensive to build and to operate over their lifetime. While Farragut's current financial position is strong, investments under way or nearly finished, including the new community center and the next phase of McFee Park, will reduce the Town's savings balance and add significant new operating costs. In addition, the TN Hall Income tax is phasing

out, eliminating approximately \$450,000 of Town revenue. Hotel taxes are extremely common and unlikely to have a major impact on hotel selection. For example, both Knoxville and Lenoir City have hotel taxes of 3 percent and 5 percent, respectively. In summary, my view is that it is common sense to tax visitors who expect to pay hotel taxes anyway to help protect Farragut's long term financial position and operating model.

Bill McAdams  
Farragut

I would like to share some perspectives and give some updates to the readership about our community. Per the proposed "Hotel/Motel Tax," it is disappointing to see the aggressiveness of forcing a TAX which there is NOT 1). an immediate financial need; 2). a "business case," which the stakeholders support and, 3). a detailed marketing tourism strategy presented publicly to date. Most importantly, to destroy one of our community's only economic development competitive advantages of NOT having a Hotel/Motel Tax is illogical, and especially when those business owners and their professional association have clearly proven the position (business case) of NOT implementing such a negative tax ... (time and time again).

I would hope BOMA understands that perception = reality; and the current reality is that the community as a whole does not support this TAX. The community appreciates much of the recent activities in development and façade upgrades by the private sector in the retail zones within the Town's limits, but at the same time questions many of the past public financial decisions spent on new amenities, which gives the perception, whether a real or perceived perception, that there are not any logical linear plans or priorities being associated with them. Equally, the public has a perception of past shortfalls of past economic development initiatives (ROI) with third-party investments/partnerships.

In short, the community has the "perception" that the Town of Farragut has been on a spending spree for many years, and now with pending future needs, is wanting to cover the budget with a "Motel/Hotel Tax" and is very skittish of new "marketing" initiatives especially towards "tourism," which seems to be a stretch with the current assets our community has.

Don't get me wrong, there are a few Civil War, "Thunder Road," U.S. Navy, and U.S.S. Farragut (past, current and "Trekkies") evangelists out there in addition to some hockey and soccer families, but the most popular destination in our community that brings in regional economic dollars is the Turkey Creek shopping district based on the research data I collected 10 years ago and shared with the Farragut Economic Development Committee at that time. Passing a "Hotel/Motel Tax" will only negatively impact the hotels/motels as visitors will chose newer hotels along Parkside Drive.

From a political ideological perspective since the Town of Farragut's elections are non-partisan, traditionally those who would support such a "Hotel/Motel Tax" would be considered Democrat (liberal/

socialist) as this clearly is a). PRO-TAX and b). ANTI-BUSINESS initiative just as traditionally those who would be against such a "Hotel/Motel Tax" would be considered Republican (conservative/libertarian) as that traditional philosophy is a). ANTI-TAX and b). PRO-BUSINESS.

I mention this only as Town of Farragut voters need to know this is an election year and two of the BOMA positions will be up for election (currently held by Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and Alderman Drew Burnette). Feb. 3 is the first day to pick up a nominating petition from the Knox County Election Commission and Election Day is Aug. 6.

Per the mention of Design Sensory supporting the Town, I think that is a great idea as they have a fantastic track record in economic development and tourism branding and marketing, and my wife and I personally worked with them as one of their first major clients when they were starting out in the early 2000s. I would like to see the Town outsource public relations to Design Sensory and let them provide public relations training to the Town, as well as this is one of the weakest areas historically of our community from my personal and professional perspectives.

Per former Alderman Bob Markli's continued involvement in educating our community per the negative effects of taxes, I appreciate his passion and volunteerism and especially his recent public apology during a recent BOMA meeting per his over-enthusiasm in making a communication mistake. Mr. Markli is a national treasure, per his understanding of history and free markets and the community appreciates his continued vigilance on such important matters.

I also appreciate all the volunteer time and commitment from our community's elected officials, professional staff, board members, students — and especially its citizens. The Town of Farragut is a very unique community and I state this from visiting thousands of communities and working with many public sector entities. The "product life cycle" of our community is shifting from "growing" to "maintaining" as the community is being close to being "built out" and, more than ever, it has competition from the "growing" areas of Hardin Valley, Northshore, Choto and Loudon County.

I mention this as the next 20 years is going to be pivotal in change as the demographics of home ownership throughout the nation is going to transition just as much as the Farragut brand. I would suggest the Town quickly "pivot" to prepare for this coming

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• The new Farragut Community (Center; West Knox County) Senior Center looks absolutely beautiful. It is a great asset for our community. Many thanks to (Farragut Mayor) Ron Williams and (5th District Knox County Commissioner) John Schoonmaker, among many others, for making it happen.

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lettertoeditor-5G

Last Thursday, Jan, 16, at 6 p.m., the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission held a Workshop on the proposed Verizon small cell 5G cellular roll out for the Town of Farragut. This meeting attracted over 110 residents and had people standing even as more chairs were brought out. The Workshop was followed by an FMPC discussion and vote on 11 sites in Farragut for the new small cell 5G cellular antennas. All 11 sites were approved, much to the frustration of the residents attending.

The biggest thing we learned last Thursday night is that as many as a third of the homes in Farragut will have small cell 5G high frequency antennas in their front yard, next door or across the street. This came towards the end of the meeting and about half the crowd had left. Why did our elected representatives in the Town of Farragut keep this a secret? This was the most important issue.

After four-and-a-half hours I was finally allowed to address the Planning Commission. When I spoke I asked the two Verizon people, Jason and Alex, and their counterpart, Andy (Loeb) with (Tower) Source from Roswell, Georgia, three questions. The first question was what kind of cell towers would be next to Stone Crest and on Sonja Drive? All three of them looked at the floor and did not answer. I asked them the frequency of the towers. They looked at the floor and did not answer. It turned out none of the three of them knew much about the actual antennas that are being forced on us. Or they chose not to say.

Then I asked the Verizon experts, "For four weeks I've been trying to find out if the people of Farragut will have small cell 5G antennas in their front yard. Will there be these small cell 5G antennas in the front yards of people in Farragut?"

Andy (Loeb) of (Tower) Source walked to the podium and attempted to misdirect the answer. (Loeb) said, "There will be 5G antennas in the right-of way. I asked him, "In people's front yards?" (Loeb) said, "yes."

I then told the Planning Commission what this would mean to homeowners in Farragut.

Multiple real estate studies show homes lose between 2 percent to 21 percent of their value if a small cell 5G antenna is placed in their front yard. The median home value in Farragut is \$386,624. A 21 percent reduction of the median price is a \$81,000 loss. There are approximately 8,760 homes in Farragut at this time. If there are 5G cellular antennas in one-tenth of the yards in Farragut, that could affect 2,628 homes. Ten percent of 8,760 is 876. The home next door is affected and the home across the street is affected. So multiply 876 times three. This equals 2,628 homes, which is 30 percent of the homes in Farragut. Your chances are one-in-three of getting hit.

If 30 percent of the homes in Farragut at a median home price of \$386,624 have their property value reduced by 21 percent, this is a total loss of property value in Farragut of \$213 million dollars. If the property value goes down only 10 percent, the total loss is \$106 million. We need the Mayor and Aldermen to pass a resolution requesting the Tennessee

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## Compelling speakers, local ties to polio eradication with Rotary Club Farragut

**ALAN SLOAN**

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A featured speaker at The Rotary Club of Farragut occasionally tells a story, usually one of overcoming huge adversity, never to be forgotten by those fortunate enough to hear it inside the walls of Fox Den Country Club.

Farragut Rotarian Jim O'Brien recalled Debbie Morris, whose forgiveness borne out of her Christian faith came after enduring almost unspeakable horrors, which she detailed as RCF featured speaker during its regular noon Wednesday meeting Dec. 18.

In fact, this story of a 16-year-old living in southern Louisiana "who was kidnapped, tortured and raped," O'Brien recalled, featured the same killer-rapist portrayed in the popular movie "Dead Man Walking."

Author of "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking" and a Knox County resident, "She shared all of her story with us," he said. "... A story of reconciliation, a story of hope and joy is what she ended up focusing on based on her faith as a

result of her ability to be able to forgive the perpetrators.

"One of the two who ended up kidnapping and raping her was eventually executed," added O'Brien, a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force (27 years) and owner of Achieve Your Dream travel agency who has been a member of The Rotary Club of Farragut since 1994.

As for RCF reaction, "There wasn't a dry eye in the house, nor was there a sound while she was making her presentation," O'Brien said. "It was awesome. ... Her story of being able to get through that and all of the depression that flowed and (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

"She truly is a victor of coming through a (heck) of a fight."

### Polio fight link to RCF

While Farragut Rotary and its 100-plus members are well-known locally for its annual Flu Shot Saturday each September, the story of how fighting to eradicate polio became linked to Rotary International, which happened in the early 1980s, has a close tie to RCF.

O'Brien said Bill Sergeant, "who

was a member of the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge and who eventually became Rotary Club International vice president," was confronted by Jim Bomar (of Shelbyville), then Rotary International president, about "why can't Rotary do something to be able to attack what is a worldwide epidemic of polio?" O'Brien said. "That was how it all started.

"Bomar assigned the responsibility for launching the polio eradication campaign to Mr. Sergeant."

With a statue in his honor in Krutch Park in Knoxville, "Bill Sergeant's daughter, Patty Daughtrey, is a member of the Farragut Rotary Club," O'Brien said.

### Town, biz ties to RCF

Town of Farragut's ties to RCF are most noticeably Ford driven.

Member Eddy Ford is the longest-serving elected official in Town history at 29 years (mayor from 1993 to 2009; an alderman on the first Farragut Board in 1980 and who served in that capacity until being elected mayor in '93).

There's also David Smoak, Town administrator since 2010 who is a former RCF president.



Farragut Rotarians Dr. Stephanie Myers and Farrell Levy during an awards ceremony in 2017

With Rotary in general, and RCF in particular having a strong percentage of its membership in the business field, the club also has several members of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce. Notable among them are Betty Sisco, past president/CEO, and Julie Blaylock, current president/CEO.

An even more direct tie to Town of Farragut and business is member Stephen Krempasky, executive director of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance.

### School ties to RCF

While Farragut Rotary has had ties with Farragut High School, it currently serves Hardin Valley Academy by sponsoring the high school version of Rotary: Interact Club.

In fact, O'Brien said, "At one point during my presidential year (RCF), which was 1999-2000, we had a large Interact Club at Farragut High School — in fact, the largest in the entire District (6780, covering Middle and East Tennessee, except the Tri-Cities, Cookeville and eastward) was at Farragut; we had 220."

In addition to granting scholarships, RCF's annual Rotary Exchange Student program, facilitating this program in conjunction with Webb School of Knoxville, sends a Webb student to spend his/her junior year attending high school in a foreign nation.

To counter, Webb receives a foreign student, the rough equivalent of a junior, for one school year.

### Senior Rotarian

"Rotarians are a close-knit community," said Terry Kerbs, longest serving RCF member at more than 39 years. "... What inspired me was there were business leaders throughout the community, here in Farragut especially, where we interacted, exchanged ideas, did business with each other, became life-long friends.

"That has stayed true all of these years," he added.

He recalled former members such as the late Steve Graveley, the late Howie Mickelson and the late Maurice Hill. "Good guys, good businessman, smart, compassionate people," Kerbs said.

"... I guess you could say, maybe, I'm the last man standing."

"I love the organization. It has made me a better person quite honestly," Kerbs added. "As you work and raise families you may get somewhat selfish.

"But Rotary is an unselfish organization. It's does a lot of good for the world."

### Background

Living in Farragut the past 36 years, Kerbs said the metro Knoxville area "is a great place to raise a family ... it's been a very rewarding experience."

Going back decades, "I was

employed by 3M Company in Wichita, from there I went to work for Savin Corporation out of New York," he said.

After moves to Austin, Texas, and Tampa, "They gave me an opportunity to be a dealer for business machines — copies, fax machines, typewriters — " in Knox County, Kerbs said, moving to Cedar Bluff "on Oct. 1, 1979, to open my business."

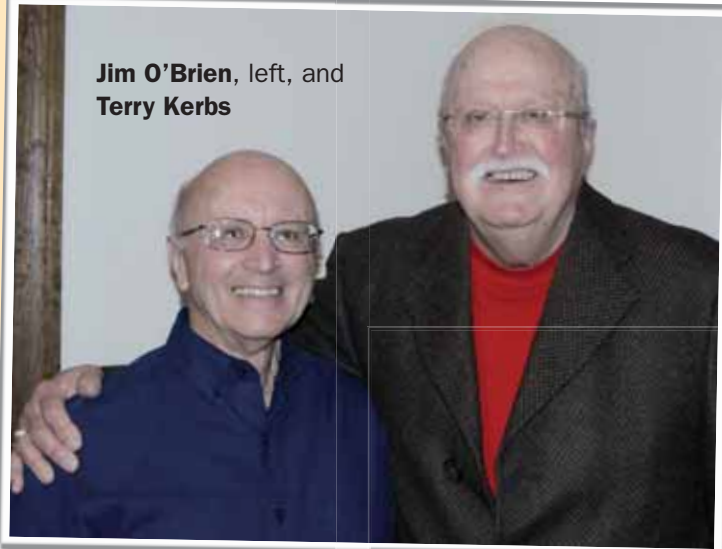
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**Jim O'Brien**, a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force and Farragut businessman, has been a member of The Rotary Club of Farragut since retiring from active duty in 1994.

After graduating officer training school, where he was commissioned, in November 1967, "What I expected was four years in (military service) and get discharged and come back and pick up my life where I left off," he said. "As it turned out it was 27 years later when I retired on the same ... field I had been commissioned on 27 years before."

His career featured "three tours in Europe, two tours in the Far East, multiple tours in the Pentagon and in Strategic Air Command," O'Brien said. "And three tours in Texas — 23 moves in 27 years.

"The last seven years of my military career I was in command positions: the smallest



Jim O'Brien, left, and Terry Kerbs

wing I commanded was 2,500; the largest was just over 10,000," he added. "That 10,000-man-and-woman wing was on every continent but the Antarctic. I was dragging bags through airports I couldn't even pronounce trying to keep up with them."

Originally from Durham, Kansas, **Terry Kerbs** is the longest serving member of The Rotary Club of Farragut.

An RCF member since Dec. 11, 1980, "I think when I joined there were about 20 members," he said. "We met at the Western Sizzlin' off of Cedar Bluff (Road) for many, many years.



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• I wonder if there's any place in Knox County that residents can go to recycle glass? The convenience centers no longer accept it. I'm told it's no longer accepted in curbside recycling. And it's upsetting to know that we're throwing it in a landfill. I would appreciate any help from any citizen or government agency that can tell me where to take glass.

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legislature change the 5G rollout legislation to protect the property owners of Farragut.

I then told the Planning Commission that State Sen. Richard Briggs had replied to me about this issue, and he suggested the Mayor and Board of Aldermen send a recommendation to the Tennessee legislature so they can change the 5G cellular law and make it a local option. Neither the Mayor nor Vice Mayor said a word when I told them this.

I am asking the residents of Farragut to come to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting this Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., and speak in Public Forum at the beginning of the meeting and request that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen pass a resolution requesting the Tennessee legislature change the Tennessee 5G cellular law so it will have a local option, so dense suburban neighborhoods like Farragut that have multiple high-speed Internet choices can opt out of having small cell 5G antennas in their front yards.

Mike Mitchell, Farragut

Letter-anti-tax

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reality and do so through community benchmarking (BOMA and Town staff goes on fact-finding missions to other communities'), hosting professionals (bring professional associations and other community leaders here) and maintaining/recruiting "best in class" professional staff.

Per another important item, I do want to inform our community that Knox County is having a Charter Review that happens every 10 years. From the 5th district, I have been appointed by our Knox County Commissioner, John Schoonmaker, to serve on the Knox County Charter Review Committee.

I have served on many committees like this before and will leverage my 30-plus years working in public administration just as much as my degrees in public administration (MPA) and political science (BA) and vast knowledge

of administrative law on this committee. As reported in other publications and editorials, there seems to be a "stacked deck" of sorts on this committee as many members seem to have plenty of professional conflicts of interest serving on this committee.

As someone who lobbied the State's Legislature and our local communities to adopt and implement public administration code of ethics and even term-limits, I will be watchful and vigilant of such negative impacts to our County during this process. Likewise, I will fight to preserve the election of all County offices versus any efforts to appoint them, as that is simply a political power grab, and this is currently "rumored" to be on the coming agenda.

With that all being said, I will keep the readership updated on the Knox County Charter Review Committee activities and am open to hearing any ideas and concerns from the 5th District voters.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the elected officials and VIPs for coming out to the Open House for Leilani Johns in December.

I especially would like to thank State Sen, Richard Briggs and Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker for their comments and State Sen. Becky Duncan Massey's Senate Proclamation in recognition of Leilani being selected to Knoxville's "20 under 20" for the 2019 class and as its youngest member to date in its program's history.

Bill Johns, Farragut

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## Hawks hold on in Sexton Gym

*Erasing 13-point 2nd-quarter Ads lead, HVA builds 15-point edge late, withstands rally*

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With Farragut Admirals skipper Jon Higgins saying “offense sets the tone for our defense,” FHS built a 13-point second quarter lead against Hardin Valley Academy in a huge District 4-AAA rivalry game at home Friday night, Jan. 17.

Four 3-point baskets in the first quarter from junior wing Isaiah Smith, who ended with seven (23 points overall), fueled the Ads’ fire, along with 10 points in the frame from senior guard Robby Geron.

However, “I think that’s where we go wrong. That’s not the way I try to teach them,” Higgins added about tone setting, as his team allowed the Hawks to climb within a point at halftime before HVA dominated the fourth quarter and won 69-63.

“But once those shots stopped dropping, or maybe guys were try-

ing to do just a little bit too much instead of staying patient with the offense, we allowed them to climb back in,” he added.

“You win games defensively.” Leading that second-half surge were Jack Niezgoda, senior wing, scoring a game-high 23 points, with senior post Skyler O’Neal adding 22, as the Hawks improved to 11-7 overall, 5-2 in 4-AAA entering the week.

“When you have that statistic you know we’re going to be pretty tough,” HVA head coach Shane Chambers said.

“Mainly intensity, and just playing team offense and defense” was how O’Neal described the HVA turnaround.

Hudson Stokes’ three-point basket put the Hawks ahead to stay, 48-46, as HVA led 50-46 going to the final eight minutes.

“Justin Sharp set the tone defensively, he played great on-ball defense against one of the best players in the district (Geron),”



Alan Sloan

Tanner Grantham, Hardin Valley Academy junior point guard, looks to make a fastbreak feed as Hawks teammate Jack Niezgoda (13 in blue) and Farragut defender Elisha Brabson (13 in white) follow. Despite a late Admirals rally, HVA held on for a 69-63 win at FHS Friday, Jan. 17.

Chambers said. “Jack hit some big threes to start the third quarter.

“Everybody who was out there on the court today, they hustled and really played team ball.”

“In the second half they just

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Claire Wyatt, Farragut senior post/wing, tries to dribble past light-blue jerseyed Hawks defenders Allie Sexton (3) and Tori Adams. The Lady Ads won this District 4-AAA rivalry showdown 69-54 Friday, Jan. 17, at FHS.



Alan Sloan

## Wyatt, ‘Ace,’ Rogers lead FHS past Grice, Bass, HVA

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While Hardin Valley Academy senior post Malaka Grice had a career night in points, 28, and rebounds, 14, her team couldn’t follow up a strong first-half effort against rival Farragut Friday night, Jan. 17, at FHS.

Though also getting 19 points and seven rebounds from senior

guard Kate Bass, the Lady Hawks fell to the Lady Ads, who featured an especially strong trio, 69-54.

Claire Wyatt, FHS senior wing/post, led her team in scoring with 21 points for Farragut, which improved to 14-6 overall, 5-2 in District 4-AAA after the win.

Trailing Hardin Valley 14-13 after one period despite 11 points

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**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — No District 4-AAA basketball game is easy, but for the Bearden High School boys basketball team Friday’s victory over rival Knoxville West proved surprisingly difficult to secure.

The Bulldogs would prevail and extend their winning streak to 12 games, doing so at BHS Jan. 17, but the Runnin’ Rebels certainly didn’t go quietly.

“When we scouted them and saw film on them, they didn’t really shoot a high percentage,” Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott said after his team captured a 69-60 victory at home. “But this just shows that you have to play, coach and get through the game that you’re playing on that night.”

The Rebels, who had a modest three-game winning streak entering action Friday night, never led against Bearden (15-6 overall, 6-1 in the district) but responded to every punch the Bulldogs threw their way.

West (5-12, 3-4) has one of the youngest teams in Knox County, but the Rebels have made great strides from where they started their season.

“I knew coming into the season that this was going to be a process,” West head coach Chris Kesler said. “We didn’t have any varsity players back from last year, so we knew that we were just going to have

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — Bearden High School girls basketball head coach Justin Underwood knows his team may have struggles trying to score sometimes.

But the veteran coach always expects his squad to play defense.

“Even when you’re not scoring and the shots aren’t falling, you can always defend,” Underwood said after the Lady Bulldogs used stifling defense to smother Knoxville West High in a 53-15 District 4-AAA victory Friday night, Jan. 17, at BHS. “We defended well and we really got better in the second quarter because we got in a rhythm and we turned our defense into offense.

“You may not be scoring, but there’s no reason why you can’t defend. We shared the ball (on offense) and we’re at our best when we share the basketball,” he added.

In the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs (17-1 overall, 7-1 in the district) missed open shots, including open layups, and struggled from the free throw line.

But defensively, Bearden made life for the Lady Rebels (8-10, 1-6) tough, as it surrendered just two points over the first 16 minutes and kept West off the scoreboard in the second quarter.

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# Tough injury forfeits at tourney for FHS wrestling pair

**KEN LAY**  
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**HALLS** — Three Farragut High School wrestlers made it out of their respective weight class brackets at the annual Chris Vandergriff Halls Invitational Jan. 18, but things didn't go well for two of them. Both left North Knox County with head injuries, which were possible concussions. Zach Garabrandt, the Admirals' 138-pound

athlete at one of the biggest annual tournaments in Knox County, posted a fourth-place finish. But he lost the third-place match via injury default against Cookeville's Clinton Gonzalez in the second period late Saturday afternoon at Halls High School. Garabrandt left this tourney with a season record of 24-10. In the 152-pound weight division, Farragut's Cole Mach lost by medical forfeit to Manny Scott of Brentwood Academy. Mach

was leading 7-4 when the bout was halted. Mach was 23-11 after the weekend. In the 285-pound weight class, the Admirals' Corey Walker finished seventh in his bracket after picking up a forfeit win versus Heritage's Jose Vananda. With his victory in the final round, Walker improved to 15-14 entering this week. Admirals head coach Bobby Hampshire said he was disappointed that a long and successful day came to a tough and abrupt end.

"You don't ever want to lose a match because of an injury and you don't ever want to win a match because somebody gets hurt," Hampshire said. "I don't like that, nobody does. "These guys were both having a good day until this happened to them in the end," he added about Garabrandt and Mach. "Zach wrestled well, and for Cole this was a really good day. It was a learning day. He learned a lot."

## Lady Ads-HVA

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from sophomore wing Avery "Ace" Strickland, Wyatt said. "I was just trying to do something for my team. I think I was looking for my shot more. "In the beginning of the game, they came out and they were ready and we weren't," she added. With a 16-4 run led by Wyatt, eight points, and sophomore guard Keeleigh Rogers, also scoring eight, the Lady Admirals zoomed ahead 29-18 early in the second period.

"Then we dropped out of that press and we went on a run, and got up — and we relaxed — and that's when, at the end of the half, they made that run," Wyatt said. ... We let them have too many easy baskets at the end of the first half."

Led by Grice's three straight baskets, HVA went on a 7-0 run to close within 29-25 before a late Lady Ads push upped the lead to 36-25 at the break. But at halftime, Wyatt said the FHS coaches addressed that issue. "We knew it couldn't happen again, so we came out ready," she said. With Strickland scoring 19 total and Rogers 12, Farragut would built a 20-point lead. Macy Barnes scored six, McCall Willis four and Madison Hodge two points for FHS. "In the second half we really came out with a good defense, and I think that's what separated us from them," Strickland said. However, "I felt like for the whole game we were making a lot of second-effort plays," HVA head coach Jennifer Galloway said.



**(Above)** Jason Mayfield holds a pair of plaques honoring him as the all-time winningest varsity girls basketball head coach in program history at Farragut High School during a ceremony Friday night, Jan. 17, at halftime of the Ads vs. Hardin Valley Academy varsity boys game at FHS. With 165 wins in his eighth season, Mayfield is alongside his wife, Jennifer Mayfield, with daughters, Audrey, left, and Sydney; Jason Duncan, far left, president of FHS Sixth Player Club; principal Dr. John Bartlett, second from right, and athletic director Donald Dodgen, far right. **(Below)** Madison Hodge, FHS senior guard, leads a fastbreak as teammate McCall Willis (32) and HVA defender Kate Bass (21) follow. The Lady Ads won 69-54.

As for Grice, "for the last few games she's found her niche down low," she added. "We've done a good job getting her the ball. Tonight she did a good job of recognizing when she needed to kick it out." "Kate knocked down shots. "She's definitely a shooter, but she's also a great rebounder because she goes to the boards every time. She's very consistent in everything she does." Allie Sexton, Hardin Valley senior point guard, "did a good job knowing when we needed to push and knowing when we needed to be under control," Galloway said. Maddie Norris scored four and Evelyn Hess three for HVA, which fell to 2-7 in district.



## BHS girls

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In fact, the Lady Rebels went 17 minutes without a point, finally ending their drought when Iesha Abdurraqueeb made a basket midway through the third frame. Abby Gray, a sophomore, had West's only bucket before halftime as Bearden had a 29-2 lead at halftime. Once Bearden established its offensive presence, the BHS attack was a bit more potent — and as always, it was balanced. Sophomore guard Emily Gonzalez had 13 points and was the only Bearden player to post double figures in the scoring column. But that didn't seem to matter to anyone associated with the

Lady Bulldogs' program. "We're a very unselfish team and it doesn't matter who scores what or who gets what," Gonzalez said. "We're just not focused on that and that's why we're so efficient offensively. "Defensively we talk and communicate well, and the better we talk the better we communicate, the better we play," she added. Offensively for the Lady Bulldogs, Avery Treadwell, Zneyah McLaughlin and Jakhya Davis all scored seven points. Asailia Jenkins and Maddie Brillhart each chipped in with six, while Reagan Ruth and Jah'nya Bussell finished with four apiece for Bearden, which led 43-9 at the end of the third quarter. Abdurraqueeb led the Lady Rebels with five points.

## Bulldogs

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to trust the process." The Rebels are certainly moving in the right direction, but the Bulldogs also have made great strides as they sit in second place in the league standings. "We're second in the conference and that's big for these guys," said Parrott, who guided Bearden to the Class AAA state championship last season. "We lost all of our starters from last year. "I'm proud of these guys; West is a big rival for us. These guys drive me bananas sometimes, but I'm really proud of them and what

they've done this year." Parrott certainly had to be proud of the way his squad gutted this one out. Bearden led by eight points at several points in the contest. But the defending state champs couldn't really pull away until they made their free throws late in the fourth quarter. Junior A.J. Pruitt gave the Bulldogs an early spark as he scored 11 of his 16 points in the first half. He also knocked down a pair of late foul shots to help BHS hang on and seal a hard-fought victory. "We knew coming in that this was going to be a dogfight," Pruitt said. "We knew that because it was a district game at home but

for us, it was about doing the little things late. It was about getting the 50/50 balls and rebounding late when it mattered." Bearden darted to a 10-2 lead early, but the Rebels bounced back to pull to within 16-13 by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs, who had a 51-39 advantage heading to the final frame, got a game-high 23 points from Tyler Nordin. Cahlib Edwards scored 14 and Izaiha Bredwood had nine. West, which trailed 32-27 at halftime, was led by Michael Davis' 21 points. Baker Dance, scored 12, while Houston Dyer finished with 10.

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# Inspired

Faith, family ties fuel Rosenberg’s clothespin dollmaking at Park Place

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Park Place of West Knoxville resident Ceil Rosenberg, 77, has given clothespins a life of their own. She makes dolls out of them. “I love making the dolls,” Rosenberg said. “I have lots and lots and lots. I love my girls (the dolls).” She has been making clothespin dolls for about 25 years, but she does not stop there. Rosenberg also uses clothespins in her wreath designs as photo hangers, finger puppets for her great-granddaughter and other crafts. “Everything has clothespins, everything,” Rosenberg noted. While she does not remember what inspired the idea to make the dolls, she said, “I started making them because I loved doing it and for no other reason. “I guess it just fascinated me to see such a thing look not only so cute, but real,” Rosenberg added. “Somehow or other, they sort of come to life ... Sometimes I can’t believe I made them. “I know, now on the computer, thousands and thousands of people are making clothespin dolls,” she noted.

Rosenberg recalled she has had so many dolls, she had to pack away many of them. “They were all over the place during the holiday,” she said. Rosenberg estimated she currently has about 80 dolls. But before this past Christmas she had even more, giving them as gifts to fellow Park Place residents. She “had each of them pick out dolls from themes I already made.” Rosenberg still has a memento of the ones she gave away. “I have a book that has all the pictures of all of them,” she said. “They’re like family.” Rosenberg has dolls for every theme and every special event in her life, drawing her inspirations from her love of family and her Jewish faith. For example, on a wall in Rosenberg’s bedroom, dolls depicting her grandchildren sit on walls next their photos. “This is my pride and joy,” she said, motioning to the wall. “You’ll notice (the dolls) all match the photos.” Rosenberg also made a boy and girl in bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah attire for her grandchildren. “You can see everything pretty much revolves around my dolls,”



(Above) Everything revolves around clothespin dolls for Park Place of West Knoxville resident Ceil Rosenberg, whose “pride and joy” wall of dolls depicts her seven grandchildren: Dani, Jake, Madison, Jessie, Sydney, Zev and Joshea, and grandson-in-law, Matt. (Left) Rosenberg shows the beginnings of a new clothespin doll using everyday materials — including, yes, clothespins, plus artificial flowers, doll pinheads felt and tiny gems.

Photos by Tammy Cheek

she added. Rosenberg even found a way to brighten the birthdays of fellow residents. “I’ve been making these dolls

and giving them to the people, the ladies’ birthdays, here (at Park Place), she said. “I had one at the end of the month, and I’m ready to start February ... so this

is one of my little gifts to them.” “She makes them for everybody,” said Rebecca Phillips, See CLOTHESPIN on Page 8B

## All-East Honors Choral



Photo submitted

Webb School of Knoxville Upper School choral seniors, from left, Veronica Cain, Kyra Green and Molly Livingston (above) recently garnered East Tennessee Vocal Association All-East Honors and were selected to participate in the ETVA All-East Honors Choral Clinic. At the ETVA clinic, it was announced Livingston earned the highest score in her section while Cain received the second-highest score in her section. Both have qualified for All-State.

## Robert H. Leonard Service Award earned by Webb School’s DiBiase

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Webb School of Knoxville senior Zach DiBiase recently was presented with a Robert H. Leonard Service to Humanity Award for 2019 from Optimist Club of Knoxville. This award, named in honor of Town of Farragut’s first mayor, is given annually to one student from each local high school for his or her exceptional contributions to the community. DiBiase has contributed more than 400 hours of community service since his freshman year. In addition to assisting a variety of community organizations, including News Sentinel Empty Stocking Fund, East Tennessee Rowing Organization and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley,

he participated in school service trips to Clearfork Community Institute and to remote areas of West Virginia, where he and other Webb students assisted with health assessments at local clinics. DiBiase also completed numerous volunteer research hours this past summer at the University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Cancer Biology. A national President’s Volunteer Service Gold Medal recipient, DiBiase is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction and a member of Webb’s Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society for excellence in math. He also was named to the school’s National Honor Society. “Zach is an outstanding student who strives to make a difference in both his school and in his community,” said Hemal Tailor, Webb Up-



Zach DiBiase

per School community service coordinator, adding DiBiase makes every effort to improve the quality of life of those around him through his service. “Zach is a leader, and he is dedicated to serving others and promoting a spirit of inclusion in everything he does.”

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• **Farragut West Knox Chamber**

of Commerce young professionals group, F.U.E.L., has rebranded, changing its name to West Under 40. It will meet for an icebreaker social from **4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23**, at First Utility District office, 122 Durwood Road, Knoxville.  
• **Knoxville Bar Association**, in partnership with **Legal Aid of East Tennessee**, will host a Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic for pre-screened individuals beginning at **9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 8**, in Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville. Clients accepted for the clinic should arrive no later than **9:35 a.m.** United States Bankruptcy Judge Suzanne H. Bauknight will begin the clinic with an overview about debt issues, the bankruptcy system and reasons why someone may not

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## Christian behavior reflects Christ's values in the world

A recent article in the farragutpress commended a man for his caring, good work ethic.

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The idea that good and behavior are linked is seen in the life of Christians in the early church.

In many cases, Christian values were such a rebuke to the world that the world often sought something to blame them for. But they were usually unable to find anything, after closely examining their conduct

or their behavior.

Excellent or good behavior was in Paul's mind when he instructed in Titus, Chapter 2, verses 7-8: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works." In other words, live in such a way that your behavior reflects your good ethics.

In 1 Peter 2:15, the apostle wrote, "For so is the will of God, that with well-doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." In other words, Peter is saying that followers of Christ need to live so that no one can cast any doubt on Christianity, evidenced by the kind of life that one is living.

We see a clear illustration of this in the actions of Pliny the Younger, a Roman governor of Bithinia (a region in N. Asia Minor) during the early Second Century.

He examined Christians to find



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## Kindergarten thru 6th: Farragut LEGO Club started at library



Tammy Cheek

Farragut branch of Knox County Public Library held its first LEGO Club Thursday, Jan. 9, for children currently attending kindergarten through second grade. Among the members, Jacob Hickey (in gray) and Benet Zierden work on their creations. A third- through sixth-grade group met Thursday, Jan. 16.

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The Farragut branch of Knox County Public Library has started a LEGO Club at the library. Kindergartners through sixth-graders can enjoy sharing LEGO bricks with children their own age for an hour once a month in the library, 417 N. Campbell Station Road.  
The club is broken down into a kindergarten through second grade group, while the other group is for children in third-through sixth-grades.  
The club started Thursday, Jan. 9, with kindergarten through sec-

ond-grade children enjoying their first meeting. A third- through sixth-grade group met Thursday, Jan. 16.  
Registration already has started for next month's meetings, which are slated from 4 to 5 p.m., the second Thursday of

each month, for kindergartners through second-graders, and from 4 to 5 p.m., the third Thursday for third- through sixth-graders.  
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register their child,” said Merry Shipley, librarian at Knox County Library’s Farragut branch and LEGO Club coordinator.

The LEGO club started when children in the library’s storytime group began asking for it.

“My son and other boys that I’ve had in storytime have requested that we have a LEGO Club at the library,” Shipley said. “It’s for kids who either don’t have access to the LEGOs or they are unable to do it in the after-school programs because it does cost money if you enroll your child, like, at the elementary school in the Bricks for Kidz program; and this (club) is free.

“This (club) is ... to have fun and be with peers of your age because we do have an age limit,” she added

“All they have to do is register because we have limited space. We only have room for 20 kids (in each group) in the program room.”

During the meetings, children are “building whatever they want with their imagination,” she said.

Although Shipley has a theme, or prompt, every month with which the members can “do whatever they want based on that theme,” she said if the child

decides he or she does not want to use the theme, “they are more than welcome to use whatever bricks we have that are available to build anything that they want to.”

There are some rules for them to follow, however:

“I am having the kids sign their names on one of these poster boards (on the wall, agreeing to) the rules of LEGO Club,” she said.

Shipley said they include: “Respect the space (don’t run around the room), be respectful of others (don’t destroy other children’s creations or degrade others), respect the LEGOS (don’t chew on them or throw them on the floor) and respect themselves (don’t degrade themselves because they feel their creations are as good as others in the club).”

Parents or grandparents have to stay in the library building during the event, she said.

“They are going to come in with me and they are going to check in their kids (in the program room),” Shipley said. “We will mark them off the list, and if the kids get bored after a half-an-hour and want to leave, that is fine.

“We will walk them to their parents in the building, and they can be done,” she added.

The children also will have a chance to show their work.


“We will have them on display in the picture book area (for a week),” Shipley said. “They need to be proud of their work. It gives them a sense of ‘I did this.’

“Then, the next Wednesday, I will tear them all up for the third-through sixth-grade (group),” she added.

Farragut branch of Knox County Public Library held its first LEGO Club Thursday, Jan. 9, for children currently attending kindergarten through second grade. Merry Shipley, librarian at Knox County Library’s Farragut branch and LEGO Club coordinator, assists Colin King (front) with his creation while William Speth watches.

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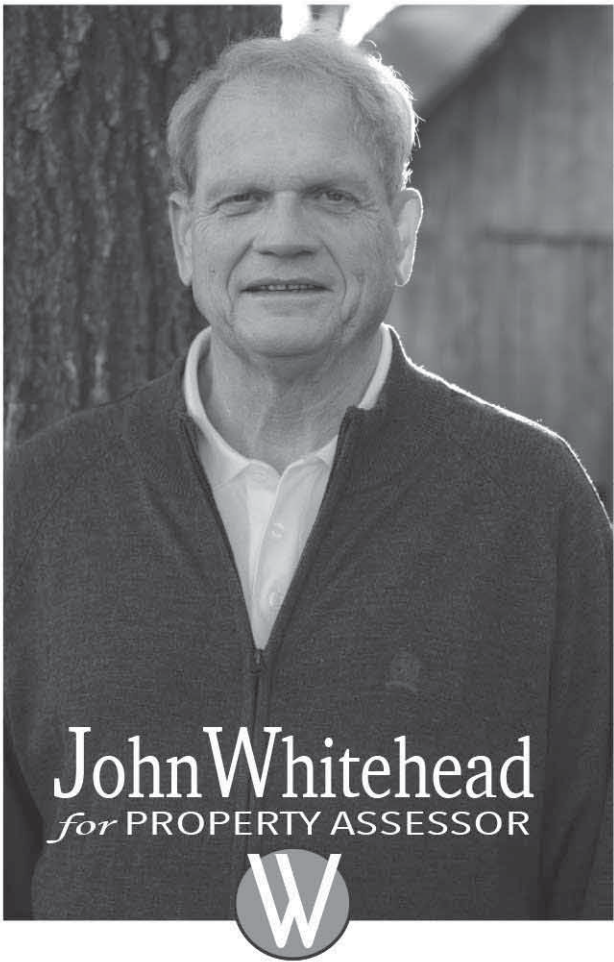




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find a charge on which to condemn them.

However, he was forced to admit to Trajan, the Roman emperor: “They bind themselves by oath, not for any criminal purpose, but to abstain from theft,

robbery and adultery, to commit no breach of trust and not to deny a deposit when called upon to restore it” (The Letters of the Younger Pliny, N. Y.: Penguin Books, 1981, p. 294).

Investigation led Pliny to admit that Christians were characterized by moral and financial integrity.

Jesus presented the reality of these values in the Sermon on the Mount, when He said in Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.”

Jesus is saying the life of a Christian must be a reflection

of our values as guided by the New Testament.

As Christians, right and wrong are determined not by the constantly changing feelings of the individual nor the changing feelings of the masses, rather such things are rooted in the very nature of God. Peter put it this way in 1 Peter 1:15-16: “But like the

Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior, because it is written, ‘You shall be holy for I am holy.’”

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**AGENDA FARRAGUT BEER BOARD** January 23, 2020 6:55 PM **I. Approval of Minutes** A. December 12, 2019 **II. Beer Permit Request** A. Ap-  
proval of Class 4, on-premise, tavern beer permit for Mind Yer P's & Q's, 12744 Kingston Pike, Suite 104

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**AGENDA FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN** January 23, 2020 **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. Approval of Minutes** A. January 9, 2020 **V. Business Items** A. Approval of Event Application involving use of the Town's public rights of ways and pedestrian facilities for the Forget Me Not 5K for Alzheimer's benefitting the Pat Summit Clinic **VI. Ordinances & Resolutions** A. Approval of Resolution R-2020-02, Knox County growth policy plan amendment B. Public Notice and Second Reading 1. Ordinance 20-01, Ordinance to add Title 5, Municipal Finance and Taxation, by adding Chapter 1, Hotel/Motel Tax, of the Farragut Municipal Code C. Approval of Resolution R-2020-03, A Resolution to Approve the Remittance Form for the Town of Farragut Hotel/Motel Tax D. First Reading 1. Ordinance 20-02, Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Nuisances, of the Farragut Municipal Code **VII. Town Administrator's Report** **VIII. Town Attorney's Report** **IX. Citizens Forum**

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**AGENDA FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW** BOARD Farragut Town Hall Board Room, Tuesday, January 28, 2020. 7:00 p.m. **1.** Approval of minutes for the November 26, 2019 meeting. **2.** Review of a ground sign for the Overlook Apartments located at 11613 Vista Terrace Way, off North Campbell Station Road. **3.** Review of a tenant panel sign for Flour Power located at 117 Lovell Road. **4.** Review of a ground sign (replacement) for the First Horizon Bank located at 11685 Parkside Drive. **5.** Review of a enter/exit directional ground signs for the First Horizon Bank located at 11685 Parkside Drive. **6.** Review of a subdivision entrance ground sign for the Campbell Crossing Subdivision located off Fritz Road. **7.** Review of a subdivision entrance ground sign for the Ivey Farm Subdivision located off Union Road. **8.** Review of a subdivision entrance ground sign for the Villages at Ivey Farms Subdivision located off Ivey Farms Road and Union Road. **9.** Review of a landscape plan for the Ivey Farms Subdivision Clubhouse located on Road B within the development. **10.** Review of a landscape plan for the Farragut Christian Church located at 138 Admiral Road. **11.** Other Business.

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# Previewing Farragut's new Community Center

Farragut's new Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., was open for a special preview party for Town committee members and invited guests Wednesday, Jan. 15 — the evening before its ribbon cutting and celebration marking Farragut's 40th Anniversary. Guests viewed the facility, which occupies the top floor of the former Faith Lutheran Church, sharing a gym, commercial kitchen and restrooms with the new West Knox County Senior Center, located downstairs. Farragut Community Center won't be open to the public for touring purposes until February and won't be fully operational for public programs until March 2.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

The Farragut logo adorns the front entrance of the Assembly Hall portion of the new Farragut Community Center, while the facility's main entrance is located at right.



Town of Farragut's Parks & Athletics coordinator Lauren Cox, left, with the Town's newest employee, James Rodriguez, who is overseeing maintenance at the new Community Center.



Among those representing Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce were Suzanne Krygier, left, finance and membership services director, and Susan Roberts, office and events manager.



Sampling the buffet were, from left, Daniel Boutte, Ryan Rhodus and Arlene Higginbotham.



Town of Farragut Park and Recreation director Sue Stuhl, left, greets Town Beautification Committee members Marty Rodgers, center, and Gerry Gennoe.



Town of Farragut's Special Event and Program coordinator Brittany Spencer, left, and Museum volunteer Annie Judkins.



Dr. Mike Karnitz, left, caretaker for Pleasant Forest Cemetery among his many roles, and his wife, Dolly.



One of Town of Farragut's founders, Betty Dick, right, talks to Shirley Greaser.



From left, Cindy Chan, Nancy Wentz and Sue Suter enjoy the festivities.



# Free Jam & Juice fitness class at Pinnacle set to start Jan. 28

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Farragut's own Karen Tindal will help Pinnacle at Turkey Creek kick off a new free monthly fitness class, Jam & Juice, beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, by leading the first class. The class will take place at 11443 Parkside Drive next to Off Broadway Shoes. Tindal is offering her assistance, not only as the Town's Tourism coordinator — Visit Farragut is co-sponsoring the event — but also



Tindal

as a long-time fitness instructor and owner of KT Fitness. She has taught fitness since 1986 and been certified by the American Council on Exercise since 1992. Formerly the wellness coordinator at the Davis YMCA, she still teaches classes there three days a week. "When Ashley Slimp (Pinnacle at Turkey Creek's marketing coordinator) mentioned she was thinking of bringing free fitness options to the Pinnacle in Turkey Creek, I was on board because I love exposing people to fitness in fun and unique ways and I love my community," Tindal said. The class is designed for all skill levels, with no dance experience necessary. As an added bonus, Clean Juice Turkey Creek will offer free organic juice samples afterward.

## Citizenship prep at CUMC Jan. 25-March 28

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For the second year in a row, Concord United Methodist Church will sponsor a 10-week Citizenship Preparation Class starting in late January. The class is open to legal permanent residents with Green Cards, and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Saturday, Jan. 25, through March 28 at the church, 11020 Roane Drive, one

block off Kingston Pike in Farragut. Cost is \$50 per student. The course will prepare students for their naturalization interview, which centers on 100 questions on American history and civics, said CUMC member Carole Conklin, who is coordinating the classes with Roxanna Jones. The interview also tests students' ability to read, write and speak in English, Conklin added. For more information, call 865-325-8437.

## Clothespin

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Park Place lifestyle director. "She makes their birthdays special." Rosenberg also makes dolls based on themes, such as Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Frozen, The Little Mermaid, Star Wars, Sleeping Beauty and Pinocchio. She is the mother of three children: Hal Rosenberg, Aileen Hoffman and Tara Hartman; grandmother of seven: Dani, Jake, Madison, Jessie, Sydney, Zev and Joshea; and great-grandmother of 2-month-old Emerson Leigh. Rosenberg was born and reared in Brooklyn, New York, to Abe and Doris Plachter, the young-

est of their three children, who included brothers, the late Martin Plachter and late Mitchell Plachter. In Brooklyn, she worked for Republic National Bank for many years. When Rosenberg retired in 1969, she moved to Florida, where she partnered with a friend to operate a business, Crafts by Celé, which she had for eight years. She already had been crafting — making wreaths and floral arrangements with artificial flowers and clothespin dolls — on her own. But after Rosenberg's friend got her a job at Office Depot Corporate, they started taking her designs to craft shows, which inspired them to start their own

business. The business' name was taken from her first name. She explained her mother had lost her birth certificate, which was later found and had the spelling, Cele. "And all my life I had been spelling it Ceil," she said. "So, when my best friend and I decided to do a business, she looked at my birth certificate, and she said, 'Oh, Crafts by Celé!'" Before coming to Park Place, she previously had lived in Tennessee for a while, where her son and daughter-in-law live, but she moved back to New York because "family needed me." "I always said that if I had to leave, I would be back," she said.



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