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Surprise cell tower talk has dozens

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Suprising some Town of Farragut officials with their attendance at a Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting because their issue wasn't on the agenda, dozens gathered to voice, or support, objections to 5G cell towers being placed in neighborhoods.

"We need your protection," Farragut resident Laura Squires said during the meeting Thursday, Feb. 20, in Town Hall. "Almost anything asked of you about 5G, you say you are powerless because it is regulated by state law and federal law. I understand that."

However, she countered there are things the Commission could do. For instance, Squires asked the Commission to notify citizens when a new tower deployment request is received by (the Commission).

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, also a commissioner, and Chairman Rita Holladay said requests always are listed on its agenda, under "utilities."

Squires was one of several

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Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Lynette Stone Stephens, left, and her mother, Dorothy Stone, were among the guests Sunday, Feb. 23, in Farragut Town Hall during its Black History Month celebration. Stephens graduated from Farragut High School in 1978, where she was crowned the school's first black Homecoming Queen and Prom Queen. Her father and Dorothy's late husband, the Rev. Roy Stone, pastored Concord Church of God for 34 years, and their family history was included in the posters hung in the rotunda for the occasion.



Robert Fletcher, left, and Elizabeth Billingsly Smith (Farragut High School Class of 1969) were two of the "Farragut 9" African-American students who integrated FHS starting in 1965. They attended Sunday's Black History Month Celebration in Town Hall.

'FHS 9' pair; Booker

Town's Black History Month guests, attendees reflect

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An overflow crowd attended Sunday's Black History Month event in Farragut Town Hall, which featured a discussion by noted Knoxville historian Robert "Bob" Booker and historical displays created by area residents. Loretta Bradley, Vanessa Can-

non, Donna Davis and Sandra Skeen comprised the Concord Community Black History Subcommittee, which compiled family and community pictures and news clippings that hung in the Town Hall rotunda for the celebration.

They also filled the second-floor display cases with artifacts, Cannon said.

"It is really important we are able to share what was before and honoring the families that were here, early on," she added. "It helps us remember where we were, and where we are now."

Former Concord resident Barbara Sadler was among the guests, and was keenly interested in the display that discussed the former Concord Elementary School, a

segregated school, where she had attended as a child.

"I certainly remember," she said. "I went there in 1948, and I lived on Kingston Pike."

Two area residents, Hughie Moulden and Helen Trent, were interviewed and recorded, with their oral histories being shared

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Magnificent Tennesseans



Michelle Hollenhead

Retired Farragut Middle School history teacher Frank Galbraith, pictured from his "Day of Infamy" Pearl Harbor discussion in December, will discuss "Magnificent Tennesseans – 200 Years of Stories and Songs" beginning at 7 p.m., Monday, March 2, in Farragut Town Hall. Galbraith will discuss heroes, public servants, entertainers and other famous people who are Tennessee natives, including Sgt. Alvin York, Dolly Parton, Pat Summitt and many others. The program is free and open to the public, and the Farragut museum will also be open from 6 to 7 p.m.

March 3 Knox County Primary voting

Tuesday, March 3 Knox County Primaries: polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Precinct 65-N and Concord-N: Farragut Primary School: 509 N. Campbell Station Road
- Precinct 65-W and Farragut Town Hall: 11408 Municipal Center Drive

- Precinct 66-N, Farragut 1: Farragut Middle School 200 W. End Ave.
- Precinct 66-S, Farragut II: Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike

(See Primary candidate stories beginning on pages 2A, 3A and 7A)

15th Annual Shamrock Ball set for March 7 in center

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Fathers and daughters will have a chance to kick up their heels when Town of Farragut hosts its 15th Annual Shamrock Ball – A Father-Daughter Dance.

The event, slated from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 7, will have a new venue, the gymnasium of Farragut Community Center, at 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

"Fathers and daughters of all ages, as well as other family members, are welcome and encouraged to attend as we welcome you to our new venue," said Wendy Smith, Farragut public

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Audrey Vann and her father, Michael Vann, enjoy time together dancing during last year's Shamrock Ball – A Father-Daughter Dance in Farragut High School Commons. This year's dance, sponsored by Town of Farragut's Park & Recreation Department, is from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 7, in the new Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

File photo

business

"We can help people restore their proper functions. ... It is a great way to restore people's lives,"

-Dr. Luis Mariusso, about a new practice he and his wife have opened in Farragut. (Read story beginning on page 9A)



Foundations
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Alderman Ron Pinchok has used his love of the 'great outdoors' to grow parks — and plan ahead. (36th story, page 5A)



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Knox Co. Criminal Court Division II candidates state their Primary case

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As incumbent Knox County Criminal Court Division II judge in his first service on the bench, Republican Kyle Hixson was appointed by Gov. Bill Lee and sworn in Jan. 1.

"I've spent my career in public service; I've worked for the state of Tennessee my entire career, either as an assistant (district attorney) for (then District Attorney Randy Nichols), and assistant attorney general in the AG's office in Nashville (two years) — or for the past five years I've worked as deputy District Attorney for (District Attorney Charme Allen)," Hixson said about his re-election bid in the Tuesday, March 3, GOP Primary. "I'm committed to public service, that's my calling."

"At this point, with my experience both in the trial courts and the appellate courts, I think this is the best way for me to continue serving my fellow citizens."

A native of Crossville who said he "comes from a long line of small businessmen," Hixson said his father and grandparents "ran a little country grocery store just north of Crossville, and I literally had my playpen on the floor of that store."

Such stores back then "were a community hub in rural areas like that," he said.

"That was a special experience for me, being able to grow up in that environment," Hixson added. "By the time I became a teenager, dad had shut down the store — and got into the convenience store business, so I worked in those around Crossville."

At the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, "I got my undergraduate degree there; I got my law degree there," Hixson said.

Coming back home, in a way, "I just finished my third year as an adjunct professor at the UT College of Law, teaching trial practice to law students," he said.



Hixson

Wesley Stone, a licensed attorney since 2000, spells out his motivations, qualifications and bench goals if chosen as the Republican nominee for Knox County Criminal Court Division II judge in the Tuesday, March 3, Primary.

"I want to serve Knox County in a way that I could use my nearly 20 years of experience in the criminal and civil justice system throughout the state of Tennessee," Stone said, adding the key is "getting decisions right — getting them right the first time."

"That will result in justice not being delayed," he added. "And finality for the parties (involved), and also to reduce the burden on taxpayers for errors ... that get reversed on appeal."

As a result, "I give back to my community in a way that I can use my gifts and talents as a trial attorney throughout the state," Stone added. "... I've done defense work throughout the state in sessions and criminal courts, Courts of Appeals and Tennessee Supreme Court."

"... A lot of domestic relations work, I've handled a lot of those cases. A lot of juvenile dependency and neglect cases. A lot of juvenile delinquency cases, orders of protection — all of those are civil. I've been involved in personal injury-type cases. I've been involved in boundary line disputes ... real property disputes."

He has been involved in the criminal justice system "both as a prosecutor working out of the (district attorney's) office in Jefferson County, Alabama," Stone said. "And the DA's office in Claiborne and Union counties."

Though having never served as a judge, "I have set, specially, occasionally in some juvenile court proceedings," he said. "And I have sat specially in some general sessions court proceedings."



Stone

KCSO policereports

- At 1:37 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, a KCSO unit responded to Turkey Creek Medical Center, 10820 Parkside Drive, on a disturbance. Hospital staff called 911 because the eventual arrestee forced entry into a closed portion of the hospital. The eventual arrestee then pulled the hospital's fire alarm once inside the building. Arrestee said his girlfriend was having a seizure and he thought he was at the emergency room entrance. Arrestee said he knocked on the door, but no one would come to help his girlfriend, so he forced entry into the hospital. Arrestee also said he pulled the fire alarm in an attempt to get someone's attention. Damage to the door was estimated at \$3,000 according to the hospital's engineer. Arrestee was taken into custody without further incident.
- At 11 a.m., Feb. 23, a complainant called

KCSO Teleserve Unit to report identity theft from a Witherspoon Lane residence. Complainant said an account with Chase Bank was opened in May 2019 and charged \$2,496. Complainant stated he received a letter from the bank stating the account needed to be paid by Feb. 22. Complainant advised he does not have an account with Chase Bank.

- At 12:56 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office West Precinct to report a shoplifting at JCPenney, 11543 Parkside Drive. He advised the suspect concealed Nike shoes and clothes in her floral backpack and then left the store on foot without paying for the items. Total value of loss was listed at \$405.
- At 11:31 a.m., Feb. 18, a witness called to

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Former Public Defender Mark Stephens joins with former First Lady of Farragut Marie Leonard and asks for your vote and support for Eric Lutton for Public Defender.

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The End of Knee Pain! It's About Time!

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

Farragut - This is the end of the series about knee pain! And while I could go on talking about knee pain for quite a while, I'm guessing you're about ready to move on.



I want to do 2 things with this 6th and final article. First, let's summarize all the information up to this point and try to make some sense of it all. And second, I'll let you know about an option you have to put an end to your knee pain for good- naturally

and holistically, without pain medications or injections.

Here are the biggest take away points from the last 5 weeks:

- A lot can go wrong with the knee. In week 1, we talked about the anatomy of the knee, which includes 3 distinct joints, 4 primary ligaments, several large muscle groups, and a variety of other structures (such as the IT band the 2 menisci). Problems in any of these areas can cause pain.

- Patello-femoral (PF) joint pain is very common. Pain near the front of your knee is often due to poor tracking of your patella (kneecap) in its groove, which is often associated with weakness in the surrounding knee and hip muscles. This pain is also very treatable and will often involve strengthening the quad and hip muscles. In week 3, I shared 5 very helpful exercises with you, which you can also watch on video at www.simplypt.com/top-5-knee-exercises/

- Knee pain often causes lower back pain. Although it'd be really nice if knee pain didn't affect the rest of your body, unfortunately it often leads to back pain over time. Any time your body is thrown out of symmetry for an extended period, your lower back will often let you know. This highlights the importance of eliminating knee pain before it affects the rest of your body.

- Successful treatment of knee pain follows the "3 Phases of Recovery". Before you can dive into certain types of strengthening, you must first uncover the root cause of the pain, and then focus on reducing pain and inflammation. If you start there, you can then increase your exercises and activity levels to reach your ultimate goals.
- There's a lot of bad advice out there. Between

your friends, Google, and possibly even your doctor, you'll want to avoid several potential mistakes along the way to ending knee pain. This includes too much rest, relying on medications, wearing a brace, and doing the wrong exercises (all of which can make your pain worse in the long run).

And now for the second part: if you're still struggling with knee pain, and you haven't found the results you were looking for yet, I want to invite you to come in for a free "Discovery Visit". We currently have 4 of these to offer and this is for you if you are serious about getting some answers and would like to find out if we could possibly help you. During your **Discovery Visit you will find out:**

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The Discovery Visit is perfect for you if you're still confused about the cause of your knee pain, aren't sure if anything can be done to improve your situation, or you just aren't ready to make a decision about how to best start on the road to recovery. Our goal is to give you the best information so that you can make the best decision about your health.

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Simply call or text the office at (865) 351-0615 or visit www.simplypt.com/discoveryvisit to reserve your free session..

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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Knox County Law Director candidates, 3, profiled

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Making his case to become new Law Director during a Concord-Farragut Republican Club candidates forum Thursday, Feb. 6, David Buuck said, "I bring to you, if you choose to elect me, 40 years of experience day-in-and-out representing clients — the last seven-and-a-half of those years I've been in the Knox County Law Director's office (Chief Deputy), so I have great experience in that."



Buuck

"We have been good in that office, that we have reduced costs to that office and saved the taxpayers over \$8 million," he added about the office headed by director Richard "Bud" Armstrong.

Moreover, "More importantly, I think the greatest thing that we did (was) we found out, after we got in office, (about) the tragic thing that happened at Inskip School prior to the time we came into office," he said about the shooting of a teacher

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A resident of Knox County since 1990, "I want to be Law Director because I want to affect a change in the office after what I've seen occur in the recent past," said Cathy Quist Shanks, Republican candidate in the Tuesday, March 3, GOP Primary.

"I think the Law Director's office should be the general counsel role, I believe that's what the charter contemplates when it says that the Law Director shall be the legal officer for the county to handle the legal affairs for the county ...," she added.

As for Shanks' qualifications, "I've been licensed to practice law in Tennessee for 31 1/2 years," she said. "Three years in the private practice of law, including transactional practice and a litigation practice. I served in the law department under an elected Law Director for seven years, representing the school system, the Sheriff's (Office), the other agencies with Knox County Government."

In addition, "I was elected to serve as the Republican Knox County Civil Sessions and Juvenile Court Clerk for five terms," Shanks said. "And I managed the dockets for nine judges and seven magistrates in that time. I also

leveraged my legal education and experience to improve the visitation of court records to make them more accessible to the public," she added.

In fact, "This is what brought me to (being a candidate), is watching what was happening with the TVA Tower issue,

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Shanks

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Having never previously run for elected office, Jackson Fenner said he's running for Knox County Law Director, as an Independent (August General Election), "because I want to serve the county where I live, it's really that simple. It's public service, I've always been drawn to public service."

"I've been in private practice for nine years ... nine years is longer than Bud Armstrong had been practicing before he took office," Fenner said in comparison to the current Law Director."

About his ownership of Fenner Law Firm, Bank of America Towers Suite 600, 550 W. Main St. in Knoxville, "I have an all-purpose law firm, so I do some criminal, I do some family law, I do personal injury, property disputes I do. A whole lot of



Fenner

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lettertotheeditor

Laying his own 'foundation' concerning pro-developer, pro-biz

My name was mentioned in (the Feb. 13 issue of) farragutpress within what appeared to be a commercial for Bob Markli under the guise of a story about Farragut's founders.

I was elected and served as an alderman from 2009 to 2014. Our late mayor, Ralph McGill, supported my candidacy, as we were both in favor of continuing with our Town's strict zoning and signage regulations and in putting residential homeowners first above the profit margins and demands of developers and business interests who ran the roost in Knox County government.

Mayor McGill was fond of saying that our Town's charter called for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to chart the course and to let the Town's professional staff sail the ship. I well recall one issue involving the Caliber Car Wash and how the Town's staff bent over backwards to try and work with the owners regarding violations of certain Town regulations.

All of us on the board, with the exception of Mr.

Markli, supported our Town's professional staff. While I got along OK personally with Mr. Markli, it was very apparent early in our term that he rarely met a developer or business request that he didn't favor, and his favored approach was to shoot from the hip, then occasionally take aim.

He was one of the more divisive personalities that I've had the opportunity to experience in my professional and Town volunteer service career.

The phrase about "it takes all kinds" certainly fits, as Mr. Markli consistently represented the needs and desires of the developer and business community. Fortunately, Farragut residents have voted for a majority of pro-homeowner and maintenance of strict zoning and signage regulation candidates, allowing our community to stay true to its roots and its heritage.

Jeff Elliott
former alderman, Farragut

Boling, Dixon, Tindal take center stage in Town's Excellence in Tourism award

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Farragut residents already knew the summertime Lawn Chair Concert Series was one of the "best," but a recent award made it official.

The event, along with Town of Farragut/Visit Farragut, received an Excellence in Tourism award for Best Festival/Event from the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council on Friday, Feb. 7. The award honors events, festivals, marketing projects and individuals that have enhanced and increased tourism's positive economic impact, according to a Town press release.

Lawnchair Series founders Amy Boling and Shandy Dixon, along with Town Tourism coordinator Karen Tindal, accepted the award during an East Tennessee Legislative Luncheon hosted by the Greater Knoxville Hospitality Association.

"We were so excited!" Dixon said. "We are grateful for the recognition and even more grateful for the support from (Visit Farragut) in doing all the legwork it takes to submit for these things. It feels nice to be recognized for the quality of the series and the impact the series has on our community."

"We were pleasantly surprised to be recognized within the



Photo submitted

Farragut residents Amy Boling, left, and Shandy Dixon hold the Excellence in Tourism "Best Festival/Event" Award they and Town of Farragut recently won for their Lawn Chair Concert Series, which they founded five years ago.

frame of Tennessee tourism," Dixon continued. "It's not something we had considered. Amy and I feel very proud to receive an award for essentially bringing people together. That's what it's all about."

"I am thrilled that the LCCS has received this recognition," Tindal said, which includes a vi-

brant community, proximity to the interstates, local and chain shopping and dining options, beautiful parks and greenways, and a variety of special events throughout the year.

Dixon and Boling founded the series in 2015, and it has fea-

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• I'm calling to request a correction for a (headline) in the (Feb. 13) issue of farragutpress. The (headline) stating, "Possible LCUB 'pole' deal to nix ground tower sites: (Zachary, page 1A);" the question being, what about sites where there are no LCUB poles, such as neighborhoods with underground utilities? I believe that this headline ... is misrepresenting the potential impact to neighborhoods that do not have LCUB poles. And at this time I do not believe, yet, an LCUB agreement has been struck. I just wanted to correct and make sure that people are not completely reassured by a pole deal that, to my understanding is not yet under ink, and how would that benefit anyone if they are in a neighborhood without poles?

(Editor's note: point taken about the word "nix" in the headline. Instead, the word should have been "reduced." However, the headline started, as the caller recited, with "Possible," meaning we did not indicate any deal was final. State Rep. Jason Zachary's statement was "pending co-location agreement ... that is being reviewed by Verizon legal," which indicated no deal was ready to be implemented).

• May someone please alert the Town of Farragut to do something about Peterson Road going south. Today is Thursday, (Feb.) 20, and my wife and I just about got hit going up the hill when a little car ambled over, with wheels on the double line, and we had to slow down and almost stop. This is the second time in two weeks. If they would widen the road a little bit, it's just like 7 feet wide, it seems, at the narrow point (with) mailboxes right there. It is not a good situation. I don't know if the Town will do something or not, but I certainly wish they would before somebody does get really hurt.

• I was calling about the person who asked where you could recycle glass. There is a facility at Cedar Bluff, it's at the corner of Park Village Road and Cross Park (Drive). It's just one street away Executive Park Drive toward Middlebrook Pike. It's on the corner, there's a convenience center, and they take clear glass, brown glass and green glass. And it's possible the brown glass (container) can take more than one color, but I'm not sure about that.

We respectfully ask our readers to follow the following Presstalk rules when submitting their opinions:

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KCSO Reports

From page 2A

report a theft at Kroger, 189 Brooklawn St. The defendant was observed entering the grocery store and proceeding directly to the Men's Clothing department, where he selected two boxes of athletic shoes valued at \$140, then exited the store past all points of sale. The defendant was confronted by Customer Service officials, where he dropped the stolen items and left in a

blue General Motors Pontiac. The complainant identified the defendant, while video surveillance helped identify the defendant.

• At 12:31 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, a KCSO detective responded to a theft at Walgreen's, 10701 Kingston Pike. Suspect walked into the store and reached over the counter and unplugged the cash drawer, grabbed it and exited the store. The cash drawer was valued at roughly \$400, with an undetermined amount of U.S. currency inside.

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I am asking for your support for my long time family friend, Republican David Buuck, who is running for Knox County Law Director. David has the integrity, experience and qualifications to serve us all and I humbly ask for your vote on March 3, 2020!

Susan Royster



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- Spoken at dozens of community groups and forums
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I have worked very, very hard to earn your trust and confidence. Please vote for me on March 3rd so that I can continue to engage our community and help shape positive policies that will make our neighborhoods better and safer while also rejecting attempts to increase your property taxes!

Thank you for being an engaged and informed citizen and thank you for taking the time to learn more about me and why others believe I would serve our community well as your next County Commissioner. I wanted to share some endorsements from those who know me best and love me most after my heavenly Father. Thank you to our many friends and supporters who have worked tirelessly alongside me in this campaign. I hope to soon repay the favor and their investment by serving our community as a dedicated County Commissioner.




Clayton and I met and married in my hometown of Nashville where I practiced as a Registered Nurse and he worked as an associate in Jay Sekulow's law firm. We have been married for 12 years, so I know who he is, what he stands for and how he cares for others. He is a loving husband, a tender father and an effective leader. Please, vote for my husband and elect a man who is proven and committed to doing good for our community.

~ Danielle Wood

As his father, I know Clayton. His brilliant intellect has opened many doors for him to pursue financial gain or other personal advantages. Instead, over and over he has chosen a path of service to others. He has made hard choices and held to his biblical convictions. I am proud of his integrity and that he continues to step up and serve.

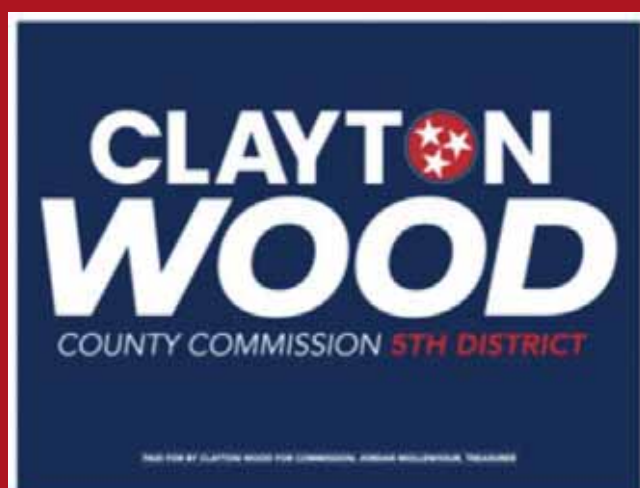
~ Jim Wood

Because he is my son, I had the honor of teaching Clayton; now, he teaches me. Clayton began his life with an older brother with Spina Bifida who is in a wheelchair. He modeled compassion before he could talk. He was always looking for ways to assist his big brother. I can perfectly picture coming into their room and seeing two-year-old Clayton putting Paul's socks on him. Clayton also challenged his brother to accomplish much more by insisting that he learn to do things for himself. Clayton's earthly accomplishments won't last, so I am thankful he is investing in eternity.

~ Susan Wood

As Clayton's uncle, I have watched him grow from an extraordinarily gifted young man who went to law school at an age when most of us were going to college into a respected friend and partner in ministry. He is a faithful husband and father who has set aside the pursuit of wealth and power to serve his community with energy and compassion. I happily recommend him for the county commission.

~ John Wood



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Pinchok's 'great outdoors' visions, realities in Town

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Confessing a love for sports and the outdoors, Alderman Ron Pinchok recalled how he first became involved with Town of Farragut government.

"When I first moved here (32 years ago) I enjoyed the parks tremendously and the greenways," said Pinchok, first elected as a South Ward alderman in 2014 who became interim Mayor of Farragut for a few months in 2018 when former Mayor Ralph McGill resigned due to health issues.

"I had read where the Town had purchased, in 1995, 27 acres off of McFee Road," he added about the land for what is now McFee Park. "A second purchase was made in 2008 for 17 acres, and then I think in 2010 they purchased another nine."

Having retired as a sales and marketing development representative with Hallmark cards in 2010, Pinchok said he "played a lot of golf and tennis the first year I was retired, but I said, 'I've got to do something else, I've got to get more involved.'"

Former Alderman Jeff Elliott (2009-2014), who lived near Pinchok, "was on the Parks committee ... and suggested I consider applying for the committee," he added. "I got appointed to it in 2011 — and a year later became chair of that committee."

"And that's when we were looking at the first Master Plan to develop (McFee) Park, and that was exciting."

He explained how "looking for new locations of stores" — as part of his job with Hallmark cards, which brought him to the Knoxville metro area — "and helping design the stores and build the stores on paper" helped him understand "the potential for the park."

A run for alderman

With Elliott not running for another alderman term in 2014, "He said, 'You ought to run; you've got some experience in Town business ... you'd be a good candidate,'" Pinchok recalled.

Thinking "I'm not a politi-

cian," Pinchok said he "really didn't want to do that" at first.

"Mayor McGill approached me a couple of days later and, after we talked at length, said I had to run — so based on those two conversations I chose to run," he added.

With a laugh, Pinchok recalled that current Town Mayor Ron Williams "a month or so later decided to run against me, and was a very close friend of Mayor McGill's."

Saying Elliott "had given me some idea of what to expect" in his first campaign for elected office, Pinchok won "by about a hundred votes" against Williams.

Accomplishments

Among things he's most proud of having a hand in creating, Pinchok said he had a hunch about making use of the former location of Faith Lutheran Church, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

"One of the first things I did" when elected was approaching Town administrator David Smoak and saying, "The old Faith Lutheran Church is available, we ought to be looking at that as a community center."

Though saying a community center was something the late Mayor McGill "had been working on since 2012," Town studies indicated Farragut couldn't afford to both buy and renovate the building.

However, Town and Knox County officials came together in 2018 and agreed to make the facility jointly a Town community center and a new location for West Knox County Senior Center, which replaced the over-crowded Strang Center, splitting the cost.

While the senior center opened in January 2020, the community center essentially was fully operational in February 2020.

Another Town accomplishment Pinchok said he is proudly part of is the \$8 million next phase of McFee Park expansion.

With Pinchok heavily involved in the growth of the parks since his committee days dating back to 2011, "When the bids come back we're ready to approve that and hopefully break ground in a couple of months," he said about



Town of Farragut Alderman Ron Pinchok, center, Interim Mayor in 2018, alongside two other Town elected officials also having mayor in their title: Mayor Ron Williams and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin.

File photo

the preliminary plan to add a second entrance plus a pavilion, tennis courts, a basketball court and a new restroom — though something may have to be cut to make budget.

"That's something I've been working on for about nine years," he said.

Vision

However, to boost overall revenue "and help our small businesses — whether it be restaurants, whether it be hotels or small retail businesses — we've got to drive more people to our Town," Pinchok said. "To do that we need to have a lot of sports activities, sporting events."

A major player in helping hire a part-time Town Tourism director — Karen Tindal — and brand the tourism push "Visit Farragut," Pinchok said, "I really want to market our Town."

Looking to the future, "One of the things I would like to see down the road is a sports complex, maybe an indoor swimming pool complex. ... It would help with tourism, help with our hotels," he said, adding "someone is going to have to come in and do it on their own" as a for-profit facility.

Pinchok said, "To draw soccer tournaments, lacrosse tourna-

A 32-year resident of Farragut, Town Alderman Ron Pinchok said he grew up in Pittsburgh — first mentioning "a lot of mountains" near this southwestern Pennsylvania city best known for steel and Steelers NFL football.

Saying he "loves sports" and "loves the outdoors," Pinchok added, "The Smoky Mountains drew me" as a selling point for moving here.

Along with his wife, Debbie Pinchok, "We've hiked Mt. LeConte, we've hiked a lot of the trails over in the Smoky Mountains," he said.

An employment opportunity plus a recommendation from a high-ranking company official were the other selling points.

"I was working for Hallmark cards, in sales and marketing and marketing development, and I was in Dallas, Texas, at the time," Pinchok said.

"I found out about a position opening up in the Knoxville area, they were creating a new district here, so my boss at the time suggested I interview for it," he added.

Traveling to Atlanta, Pinchok said he "met with the (Hallmark) vice president there ... and he said, 'There's a little town up there outside of Knoxville called Farragut; I recommend if you take this position you move

into Farragut.'

"He said it had only been around about six years, that it had incorporated recently," he added.



Ron Pinchok

As for first impressions, "We really liked it — we were told the schools were good," Pinchok said, as the couple had three sons needing to continue enjoying a good education.

"... Felt right at home, right away."

Moving into Fort West subdivision, "We've lived in the same house for 32 years," he said. "When we moved in there were only nine families there, it was a brand new subdivision."

"Now there's about 250 homes."

Listen to his Interview on the Foundations Podcast at www.farragutpress.com

ments" it's his understanding the Town needs "six rectangular (artificial) turf fields" (currently has three).

"We need to find a way to build three more."

He also looks forward to a Town Center, though "we know

it's going to take time."

"We want it to be a walkable type development (being able to walk to shopping areas from your place of residence, all within the center) where people live, work and play," Pinchok said.

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4th District Knox Co. Commission candidates presented

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With a sense of service developed from more than four years as a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force — highlighted by combat and the witnessing battlefield death of a friend — Kyle Ward said he feels it's his duty to run for 4th District Knox County Commission in the Tuesday, March 3, Republican Primary.

"By far the biggest influence on my life was my military career," Ward said. "One of the guys I grew up with ... he lost his life in Iraq."

After the funeral, "I went to the recruiter, and several months later I got shipped off to basic (training)," he added about joining USAP.

Deployed to Afghanistan with the USAF Joint Special Operation Command Task Force, "Unfortunately, I had to watch one of my friends die over there," he said.

By running in his first attempt at elected office, "I really want to honor their sacrifice and try and do as much as I can, and try and serve my country and my community to the fullest," he added. "Try to be an example for the next generation behind me. ... I've been on TV before advocating for veterans, particularly for PTSD veterans."

Owner/founder of Ward Waste Solutions (six employees who serve about 5,000 clients), "We decided we were going to go to the people and talk to the people, we've been to 9,000 doors already (as of Monday, Feb. 24)," Ward said. "... No other campaign has come close to that number. ... We'll probably hit 10,000 here in the next coming days."

Based on his campaign contact with citizens, "The three biggest things important to them are infrastructure, education and low taxes," he said.



Ward

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Tragedies never to be forgotten by millions of United States citizens actually were career catalysts — out of a sense of duty — for Scott Broyles.

A candidate for 4th District Knox County Commission who looks to advance to the August General Election with a win in the Tuesday, March 3, Republican Primary, "I am of the generation that grew up immediately in the era after Dr. Martin Luther King (Jr.) was killed in Memphis," Broyles said.

"I grew up in Memphis, and it broke our city — and for a lot of us it pushed us toward service," he added.

"... It's part of what inspired me to become a police officer in Memphis, because I wanted to serve my community," he added six years of law enforcement service there.

More than three decades later, "The next seminal event in my career were the attacks of 9/11 that happened — and so I wanted to serve my country, and I joined the Department of Homeland Security as a deputy director," where Broyles served "nearly three years."

Coming to Knoxville "was an opportunity with National Safe Skies Alliance ... we do applied research and operational testing of aviation safety and security technology," Broyles said about being NSSA president/CEO. "... We've got about 20 people employed here locally."

While visiting Lipscomb University in Nashville, "They had just started this program, 'Public Service & Leadership,'" and I figured, 'Man, I gotta do this,'" Broyles said.

"So, I found a way to drive back-and-forth on weekends to Nashville to get a master's degree in (Public Service & Leadership), and that was six years ago," he added.



Broyles

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Giving Knox County voters a choice for 4th District County Commissioner in August — that motivated Democrat Todd Frommeyer to run for 4th District Knox County Commission. He is unopposed in the Tuesday, March 3, Democratic Primary.

"I just see a lot of the races tend to be Republicans running unopposed," this retired military veteran and attorney said. "I kinda felt like 2020 was an election where more than just voting was something that I needed to do."

Informing his wife about throwing his hat into the ring, "She said, 'I'm not going to support you unless you actually are going to try and win,'" Frommeyer said. "It's not enough just to put your name on the line."

As for issues, "I have some thoughts on how some things in Knox County aren't going well," Frommeyer said. "I think maybe my background and my point of view is something the Commission could use — so that's why I am in the race."

As a military attorney, "I was deployed to Iraq, I was deployed to Qatar," he said.

After serving eight years in the U.S. Navy, "I did 12 years in the Air Force as an Air Force (Judge Advocate General) ... I was the military equivalent of a public defender. ... I served in various military positions. I retired as a major."

As a civilian, "I went to work for a financial protect bureau, which is the agency (U.S. Sen.) Elizabeth Warren (Democratic Presidential candidate) helped create," he said. "I got to help consumers there fight."

"... There are plenty of people who are looking to help out the people with money ... and not enough people on the Commission who are looking out for the little guy."



Frommeyer

Shanks

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with the Law Director suing the Retirement Board — a lawyer suing his own client and spending \$1 million in taxpayer funds," Shanks said. "And being unsuccessful. And using his campaign treasurer as his lawyer and not even filing the lawsuit himself," she added. "... 14 deputies were sued, and two of them were widows of deceased deputies — to tie up their retirements."

Buuck

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"permanently impaired, her whole life ruined."

"At that time there was no worker's compensation coverage for teachers," Buuck added. "For some reason there was none — every other employee in Knox County was covered by worker's compensation. ... It takes care of workers' on-the-job injuries."

"This young lady didn't even have enough from the county, that

we could do legally at the time, to pay her medical bills — it wasn't even close."

Working with Knox County and state elected officials when taking office, "We worked hard to come up with a way to get her what we call worker's compensation-like benefits, to take care of this teacher," Buuck said.

"After that we said, 'this can't go on, we've got to get coverage for the teachers, they've got to have worker's comp coverage,'" he added.

Fenner

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everything," he said.

"I'm efficient, I've always been able to tackle new areas of the law, new types of law, and be successful at it," he added. "I've never been afraid to take on a new type of law, a new type of challenge."

As for specifics, "I run a lean practice, I run a tight ship," Fenner said. "I think I can bring some of that efficiency to

the office."

Criticizing Armstrong, "The whole Law Enforcement Pension Lawsuit was frustrating to me the way that was handled," he said. "That's really what was the triggering event for me to decide that we need somebody else in there."

"I just don't think that was handled in a way that did a good service to the people of Knox County," Fenner added. "I think we wasted a lot of money."



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Black history

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at the Museum Sunday, as well as during open museum hours.

Members of Concord AME Zion Church on Loop Road and Bentley Street Church sang at the beginning of the program, which so filled the Board room, a local Brownie Troop sat on the floor because all chairs were occupied.

Booker, 84, was introduced by fellow Austin High School graduate Loretta Bradley, who smilingly described his many accomplishments, including his Army service and his graduation from Knoxville High School, where he majored in engineering and French.

She added Booker also was Knoxville's first black elected state representative, was executive director of Beck Cultural Exchange Center and is a prolific author.

"He is also an excellent vocalist and also an excellent dancer, who taught me how to do the 'cha, cha, cha,'" Bradley said.

Booker smiled as he took Bradley's hand, then began a somber discussion about civil rights in Knoxville, for which he marched and demonstrated as a Knoxville College student. Planning Commissioner.

"This is my fourth time here, always an honor and a pleasure to be here," he said.

The civil rights movement started 100 years before the Civil Rights Law was adopted in 1964;

"When slaves were freed in 1863, we could go to hotels or the

theater," Booker said. "We were out of shackles, so now we could do those things. But, the state of Tennessee said, 'oh, not quite, so in 1866 and 1867, a group of black men went to Nashville, and wanted to talk about getting better educations, better jobs and better wages."

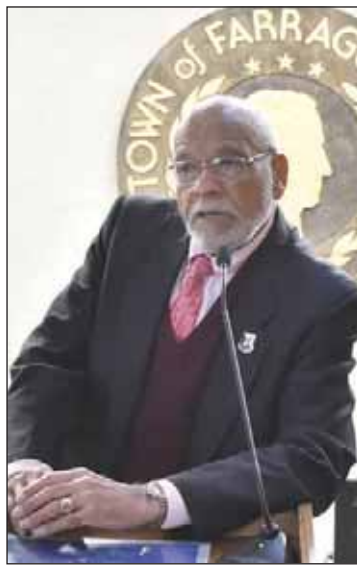
"The legislature did pass a law Black people had the right to vote, but wouldn't let them hold office. So they prevailed on the U.S. government, to pass a civil rights bill," he added. "It was passed as a federal civil rights law, but the state of Tennessee again said 'no, you are moving too fast,' and in 1875, passed a law that nullified the U.S. government law. They did it by not mentioning black people at all.

"It simply gave proprietors the right to refuse service to anyone. That's what it was all about."

Booker also shared a slideshow of newspaper articles, depicting community leaders in the 1930s, '40s, '50s and '60s, as they worked to change those laws, by demonstrating, attempting to desegregate the University of Tennessee, and sitting at lunch counters where they were prohibited to be.

He even showed one slide from a time he had been arrested because he tried to buy a movie ticket at the Tennessee Theater along Gay Street, which was prohibited at the time

Booker closed with a question and answer session, where he was asked, "Have things had gone backward?"



Michelle Hollenhead

Noted Knoxville historian Robert "Bob" Booker, center, was the guest speaker Sunday, Feb. 23, as Town of Farragut celebrated Black History Month. He was a civil rights activist in the 1960s and discussed his experiences, along with the history of civil rights in Knox County.

"I think we have found progress in some ways, but gone backwards in others," Booker said. "Black schools have gone backwards.

"Under segregation, we had great teachers. ... I look, for example, at our police department," he added. "We have never had a black chief of police, but we were one of five cities in the south that had a black police officer following reconstruction.

"I just wonder what happened to us somewhere along the way."

Towers

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people who waited for about two and a half hours through training workshops on the Town's sign ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The "citizens forum," usually the first on the agenda, was moved to the end, at call, so FMPC members could get in the training.

"Not everyone has a clue that the right-of-way attached to their front yard is about to be invaded by 5G antennae ... I would like to ask that the (Commission) publicly notify residents ... with a sign posted on the properties," Squires added.

He asked the Commission to vote on her requests.

Two residents said if their neighbors had not told them about the 5G antennas, they would not have known about it and voiced their concerns about the health effects associated with the antennas.

"Children are especially sensitive," resident Kate Flores said.

"I know you all feel that you are bound by law, but I'm telling you I think you have the legal right to protect your citizens, and, you can refuse to do something you believe is illegal," Sonja Drive resident Dava Shoffner said.

"I understand - I don't want this (5G towers) as a resident," Povlin said, but pointed out "we exist as a municipality because the state allows us to exist.

"We don't have a choice. We follow the laws, whether we like them or not.

"I don't know why Verizon picked us," Povlin added. "I find it unfathomable that they would write a law that the local government can't even know what the big plan is. So, if you don't think I'm pissed off ... I helped write the first telecommunication ordinance that we put in place to protect our residential areas, and they gutted it.

"I am angry, but I also have to obey the law; so, we are working through our legal channels to see what we can do," she said. "We're upset about this, too."

"I want everyone to know that you're preaching to the choir," Planning Commissioner Rose Ann Kile said but added, "We do have to abide by what our attorney leads us to."

"Dropping the service would be quicker than the legislative process," Farragut resident Terry Sharp said.

Shoffner chastised the Commission for the two-and-a-half hour delay on the Citizens' Forum.

"A lot of us came here at 7 o'clock expecting to be first on the agenda, get our say said and get out of here," she said. "You kept all these people waiting."

"One of the things we have to do is we have to get this training in," Williams said. "If I had had 50 or 60 people stand up and spend five minutes talking, we would not have gotten this (training) in tonight.

"If people want to stay and talk, hey, we will be here as long as you want to take," he added.

Shamrock

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relations and marketing coordinator.

Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Teen Driving Rodeo, Kiwanis Fresh Air Camp and Farragut Community Center equipment.

Advance tickets can be purchased through noon, Friday,

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Town award

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tured local and regional performers during summer months ever since in Founders Park at Campbell Station.

Dixon said they were inspired to begin the series after attending an Open Mic night at Farragut High School, where their sons had

performed together with a band.

"We were in awe of how the students came out to support each other and that got our wheels turning," she said. "There was no place in Farragut for folks to come together, enjoy music and each other. We loved the music in Market Square and thought that maybe we could bring a bit of that vibe to town."

"My hope is to bring more interactive musical experiences to Farragut," Dixon added. "I really like it here and want to explore doing more creative events in unexpected spaces.

"We can't wait for Lawn Chair season 2020 and also hope to bring some new events to Town."

The series will kick off in June with an as-yet-unveiled line-up.

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Couple to bring Confident Smiles

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD
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A husband and wife dentistry team are bringing personal and professional “confidence” to Farragut.

Dr. Luis Mariusso and Dr. Tori Mariusso are overseeing the finishing touches on their new dental studio, “Confident Smiles and Implants,” located at 12802 Kingston Pike, Suite 101, in the newest freestanding building on the 29-acre Renaissance | Farragut campus.

“We are so excited to be here,” said Luis, who is a general dentist with a passion for restoring smiles and placing dental implants.

Tori also is a general dentist

who “loves” all aspects of general dentistry plus offers Botox for both esthetic and therapeutic treatments.

Luis pointed out statistics showing 178 million Americans are missing at least one tooth.

“We can help people restore their proper functions, allowing them to chew and smile again,” he said, adding, “It is a great way to restore people’s lives.”

That desire spurred the very name of their new business.

“We wanted the name to be different but represent what we were trying to provide — giving confidence,” Tori said.

The couple has been together since they met as college undergraduates in Florida, and shared

the desire to pursue dental careers. As their relationship progressed, they prayed about their next steps.

“Dental school is very competitive,” Luis said. “There are typically 12,000 applicants a year, but only 65 dental schools in 2013 when we applied.”

They completed their dental studies at the University of Kentucky in 2017, with Luis becoming certified in dental implant surgery through Implant Pathway in Arizona and the McCracken Implant Institute in Alabama.

They moved to Farragut about a year ago, and have been practicing outside the area — Luis in Loudon County and Tori in Alcoa.



Michelle Hollenhead

A husband-and-wife dental team, Dr. Luis and Dr. Tori Mariusso stand in front of their new business, Confident Smiles and Implants.

Once open, Confident Smiles will start with four treatment rooms. The office not only will accept major insurance plans, but also will offer a membership club for those without insurance.

Currently, the couple has a presence on Facebook and Ins-

tagram, and have a website that is under development, but where they can receive e-mail. Once it is up and running, clients will be able to make online appointments.

For more information, visit confident smiles knoxville.com.

businessbriefs

• **Jay Slagle**, a Certified Financial Planner, has been promoted to senior advisor at Rather & Kittrell investment firm. Slagle will be helping clients and businesses make smart decisions with their money.

• **Interior designer Taylor Johnson**, WELL accredited professional, and University of Tennessee architectural student **Michael Travis** have joined **Barber McMurtry Architects** of Knoxville. WELL is a sustainable design framework for improving health and human experience.

• **Daniel Maupin** has joined Rather

& Kittrell as an associate advisor with the Knoxville investment firm.

• **Knoxville-based Pilot Flying J.** will transition to a new corporate name as Pilot Company. The introduction signals a milestone for the business and sets the stage for future growth. Pilot Company will serve as an umbrella, capturing the total portfolio of the business as it continues to expand its retail and energy operations.

• **Realtor Kevin Hurtubise** of Karns has joined **Weichert, Realtors – Advantage Plus** in Knoxville. His background is in customer service.



Slagle



Johnson



Maupin



Hurtubise

Ownership duo set to open Knox Pure Barre in Farragut Gateway

TAMMY CHEEK

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Mackenzie Hammett and Lauren Luftman, owners of the Knoxville Pure Barre franchise, are expanding with their second exercise studio location, set to open in mid- to late-March, at 102 S. Campbell Station Road next to Starbucks in Farragut Gateway shopping center.

“We have another location that’s been open for six years in Bearden,” Luftman said. “We chose this (location) because it’s out of the hustle and bustle of Turkey Creek, and there’s a lot of exciting developments happening around here.”

“It’s pretty easily accessible,” Hammett added.



Tammy Cheek

Knoxville Pure Barre franchise owners Lauren Luftman, left, and Mackenzie Hammett are awaiting the opening of their second location, planned for mid- to late-March, beside Starbucks in Farragut Gateway shopping center, 102 S. Campbell Station Road.

“We feel like it’s going to be a super convenient location,” Luftman said. She noted the Bearden location was too far for

Farragut customers to drive on a daily basis.

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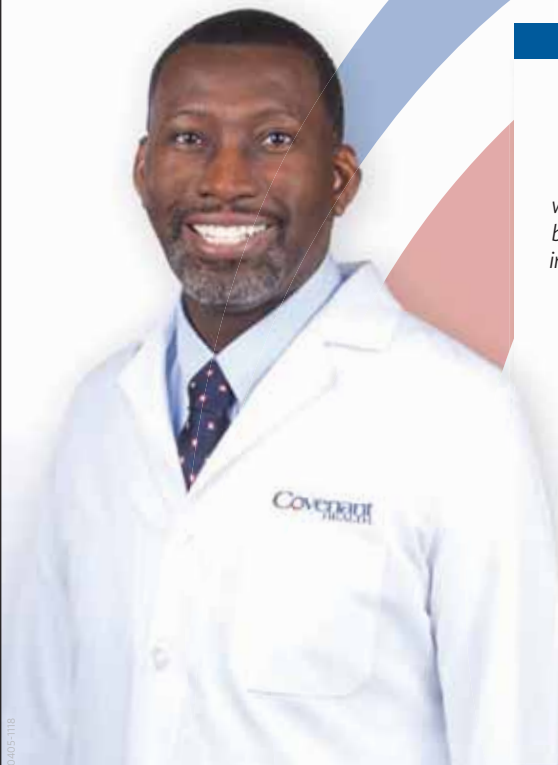
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Tax rules just changed for your retirement: detailing the good, the bad

The SECURE Act was signed into law in late December 2019 with little public fanfare. The Act was designed to improve the ability of Americans to save for their retirement, which overall it did.

But there is also a taxation change that is projected to raise over \$15 billion in new tax revenue in the next decade, according to the Congressional Research Service. And it's coming out of your pocket and mine, so tax planning is truly imperative now.

On the good side, the SECURE Act raises the Required Minimum Distribution age to 72 from 70 ½. This RMD age is when the IRS steps in and dictates an amount you must withdraw from your pre-tax retirement accounts and pay the associated income tax. Having more flexibility to wait until 72 is a plus for taxpayers.

This change only applies to people who turn 70 ½ in 2020 and beyond – if you were born in July 1949 or later. For everyone else, the old rules still apply. The Act also removes the age 70 ½ restriction for contributing to an IRA. If you're still working, you can keep contributing.

Also on the good side, to combat retirees' fears of running out of money, the SECURE Act has made it easier for employers to add a lifetime income annuity as an investment option in retirement plans.

This is an especially important change for those employees without access to a corporate pen-

sion, now giving them the option of saving into their own annuity that will provide lifetime income in retirement.

While the SECURE Act has many positive provisions beyond the two already mentioned, there is also a huge tax blow lurking for people who inherit IRA's and Roth IRA's beginning in 2020.

Under the old rules, non-spouse beneficiaries could generally stretch their taxable inheritance distributions out over their lifetimes – thus leaving the bulk of the inherited IRA asset safely tax-deferred and generally growing at a rate that exceeded the required distribution.

In theory, these inherited assets, especially Roth IRA's, could pass from generation to generation in a tax-sheltered way. But now that's changed.

The new rules dictate that non-spouse beneficiaries must empty these accounts by the end of the 10th year following the year of inheritance, and it applies equally to traditional IRA's and Roth IRA's.

For traditional IRA's that "emptying" process is all taxable income. Your heirs will report that

income on top of their regular income, and at a time that they'll probably be in their highest earning years. To think that a third of your IRA could be lost to taxes is a very real possibility.

You can mitigate this change with proactive planning. Our current lower tax rates are legislated to expire in December 2025, so you have six years left to do systematic Roth conversions and slowly convert your taxable IRA to a tax-free Roth.

Think of it as you're paying tax on the "seed" knowing that your heirs will reap a tax-free Roth "harvest" when they inherit it 20 or 30 years from now. Someone has to pay the tax; either you,

now, on a smaller amount or your heirs, later, on a larger amount – there's no escaping it.

There is no perfect solution, though. The SECURE Act has dampened the planning value of that Roth IRA "harvest" because even though it is importantly tax-free to your heirs, they still have to empty the Roth IRA within 10 years and those assets will transition to a taxable investment account. The Roth tax-free train comes to a stop.

Needless to say, the SECURE Act has created tax planning needs at both ends of the inheritance spectrum. Proactively, for IRA account owners to minimize the taxation at their passing. And

reactively, for heirs, to know how best to minimize the tax in that 10-year window.

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Pure Barre

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CBD/FWKCC ribbon-cut



Alan Sloan

CBD American Shaman, 150 Lovell Road Suite 102, held its ribbon-cutting — in conjunction with its membership in Farragut West Knoxville Chamber of Commerce — Friday morning, Feb. 14. Owned by Todd Bliss (not pictured), CBD employees featured during the ceremony were Courtney Moore (holding scissors), sales & training, who is ready to do the official honors alongside Kevin Summitt, marketing, and Donnis Minx, customer service specialist.



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FHS 4 X 400 team Nation's No. 9

While HVA boys are state indoor champs, FHS boys 3rd, girls 10th

While we were unable to secure quotes from Bryan Brown, HVA track & field head coach, about his boys team's state title, we will continue to pursue this in order to properly detail the Hawks' stellar state effort.

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What's one of the best kept secrets, when it comes to stellar performances, in Farragut?

If not the outright winner, a leading candidate would be Farragut High School's 4 X 400-meter relay team — which is coming off a state championship performance at Vanderbilt University in Nashville last weekend.

However, the high school track & field world certainly isn't in the dark about the fast Admirals foursome of Scott Grunau,

Evan McFerran, Conner Evans and Vincent Broda: they are the No. 9-ranked 4 X 400 team in the nation — and they helped their team finish third in state.

"I've got an amazing four kids," FHS head coach Chris Allison said. "They're hard-working, their dedicated and they're disciplined."

While "none of them are in the top 10 in the country" individually," Allison added, "Together they're in the top 10 of 4 X 400 relay teams in the country among thousands of (high school) athletes that participate in the sport of track and field."

"Coaching athletes like this makes it easy to coach," he added.

Also aided by the coaching of Erik Reeves, former All-SEC hurdler who coaches FHS relays

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Photo submitted

With Admirals coach Erik Reeves are Farragut High School 4 X 400 state champions, from left, Evan McFerran, Vincent Broda, Scott Grunau and Conner Evans after accomplishing their state feat at Vanderbilt University in Nashville Saturday, Feb. 22.



Alan Sloan

Bearden All-Tournament team, from left, Zneyah McLaughlin, MVP Jakhya Davis, Jan'niya Bussell and Emily Gonzalez alongside Farragut honoree "Ace" Strickland and Hardin Valley senior post Malaka Grice.

'Ace'ing the start, FHS girls are 3rd

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KNOXVILLE — Avery Strickland lived up to her nickname, as "Ace" scored Farragut's first 15 points — ending with a clutch 3-pointer late for 32 total — en route to leading the Lady Ads to a 61-54 District 4-AAA consolation game victory against Heri-

tage Monday night, Feb. 24, at Bearden High School.

"Coming off the Maryville game (a semifinal round loss Friday night, Feb. 21), we knew we would come out hard, and we just out-hustled them," the sophomore wing said. "We really didn't give much effort last game, and I

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Defense, late post play push Bearden girls to tourney title

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KNOXVILLE — Late game defense, specifically Bearden's patented match-up zone, and some clutch fourth-quarter play from its post players keyed a District 4-AAA Tournament championship effort on the Lady Bulldogs' home court Monday night, Feb. 24.

No. 2 seed Maryville (26-4) fell thanks to a late charge from top-seed BHS (27-2), as Justin Underwood's Bearden girls won 41-34.

With key plays late from freshman post Avery Treadwell — a three-point play under the basket as part of six fourth-quarter points, two blocked shots and a handful of rebounds — Bearden overcame a 30-27 deficit to slowly pull away late.

Treadwell joined guard Jahnnya Bussell as Bearden's leading scorers, each with 10.

Bussell joined guards Zneyah McLaughlin and Emily Gonzalez and tourney Most Valuable Player Jakhya Davis, senior post, on the All-4-AAA Tournament team.



Alan Sloan

A happy bunch of Bearden Lady Bulldogs display their District 4-AAA Tournament title plaque after a 41-34 win against Maryville Monday night, Feb. 24, at BHS.

"At halftime coach told us to keep playing hard and working hard as a team," Davis said. "I think we played well as a team and we pulled through to get the win."

As for defense, "I think rebounding was key to the win," Davis said.

McLaughlin finished with seven points, Gonzalez and Davis six each. Emma Stone scored two.

In the late going, "We came up with a gameplan and we executed," McLaughlin said. "Our will to win drove us so hard on the defensive end. We were like, 'We're not losing this game.'"

"We set very high standards for them, but they embrace them," Underwood said.

"I couldn't be prouder of them,

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In decisive fashion, FHS ends Hawks' hoop season

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Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Farragut High School's boys basketball team came up on the wrong end of a 67-58 decision to top-seeded Maryville in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals Friday night, Feb. 21.

But the Admirals are headed to the Region 2-AAA Tournament thanks to a dominant 73-50 quarterfinal win against rival Hardin Valley Academy Thursday, Feb. 20,

at Bearden, ending the Hawks' 2019-2020 season with a 13-15 record.

The Ads boasted a balanced scoring attack, as Noah Pack led the way with 15 points. Robby Geron added 13, while Jake Wallace scored 12. Isaiah Smith finished with eight and Kaleb VanAcker added six points. Ryan Neal and Carter Mayfield chipped in with five points each.

Against the Red Rebels, "We played against the best team in our district, they're the No. 1 seed, and we battled with them,"

said Smith, a sophomore who scored 12 points (including six over the final eight minutes of the contest).

The Admirals (16-16 before playing William Blount in the 4-AAA tourney consolation game, after deadline, Tuesday, Feb. 25), were led by 10 points apiece for Geron and Wallace against Maryville.

"We battled throughout the entire game and we're playing better," Admirals skipper Jon Higgins said. "We're playing well, but tonight we just didn't make enough plays.

"Maryville is a great basketball team and we had too many turnovers. We didn't get the 50/50 balls ... you have to get those balls if you're going to beat a team like Maryville," he added about MHS' which played No. 2 seed Bearden in the 4-AAA tourney title game Feb. 25.

The Admirals will return to action Saturday, Feb. 29. They'll be on the road against either Powell or Oak Ridge, from District 3-AAA, in the Region 2-AAA Tournament opening round.

State meet

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among other duties, the foursome has earned the right to enter New Balance National Elite Meet in New York Sunday, March 15.

The boys' distance medley relay team placed third with Tyler Ebbert, Broda, Ben Darden and Joshua Ebbert.

Grunau finished third state-wide in the 400; McFerran placed fourth in the 200; Grant Coggin was fifth in pole vault; and Tyler Ebbert claimed sixth in the 800.

Girls 10th at state

Allison's Lady Ads finished 10th at state led by its distance medley relay team placing second (Lexi Foley, Jessie Rennich, Caroline Carr and Cathy Hu).

Other top girls finishers were Anna Moore's fifth place effort in wight throw and Hu's sixth-place finish in the mile.

As for the overall health of the program, "We're over 100 athletes now, and we're doing fantastic," Allison said.



Alan Sloan

Zneyah McLaughlin, BHS junior guard, drives to the basket against Maryville in the District 4-AAA tourney title game.

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they're so unselfish," he added. "In this day and age there's so much pressure to promote your-

self ... but they just want to win. "They're a family, they're sisters, and they work hard." Star forward Denae Fritz led Maryville (27-4) with 17 points.

Farragut

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knew I had to come off hot to get us started.

"She's a fantastic player," FHS head coach Jason Mayfield said of Strickland, who joined senior post Claire Wyatt on the All-Tournament Team. "And the thing that makes her so good is she works so hard.

"She's driven."

Other FHS girls came through late to stave off the Lady Mountains' attempt to rally, as HHS shaved an 11-point third quarter lead to 52-51 until Strickland's late three-point basket.

Key blocks from Keeleigh Rogers and Ashlyn Sheridan, plus late steals from Rogers and senior point guard Madison Hodge

helped seal the deal — with Farragut converting late at the foul line.

"They're all defensive things," Mayfield said. "A lot of defensive rebounds there. Heritage is a good team — they're explosive.

"Madison, Keeleigh, Ashlyn were playing that stretch without Claire on defense because she had four fouls," he added. "Claire is our leader ... and she's our best help defender, too."

"Coming out we wanted to focus on making a statement," Hodge said. "I feel like we started strong, and then maybe lost it a little bit in the middle.

"But we kept on fighting back." Wyatt scored 13, including eight of 10 at the foul line. Hodge scored eight, Rogers seven and Sheridan two.

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‘E’ sharing kidney need

‘Private’ FHS grad tells of ‘contributing factors’

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English Standifer normally is fairly private, but an ongoing health issue has prompted him and his wife, Missy, to share information they hope will help others.

Standifer, who graduated from Farragut High School in 1988 and typically goes by “E,” was diagnosed with the kidney disease FSG (focal segmental glomerulosclerosis) about 13 years ago.

While it can be genetic, high blood pressure — a condition which affected E — or diabetes can be contributing factors, Missy said.

It is unlikely that E may have inherited the disease from his parents, long-time Farragut residents Paul and Beverly Standifer, Missy noted, as there is no history of the disease in their family.

“We’re not completely sure how this happened,” Missy said, “But it’s now part of our family’s journey.”

Fortunately, early steroid treat-

ments had kept the disease in remission until about a year ago, when doctors noted E’s kidney function began noticeably dropping.

“We were both devastated when they told us it looked like E would need a kidney sooner rather than later,” Missy said last week, where the couple was interviewed in their home just off Lovell Road. “We kept things pretty private. Some of our friends knew, but we didn’t even tell our sons (Caleb and Noah) until four months after we found out because we didn’t want to worry them.”

Strong in their faith — the couple first met in Sunday School at First Baptist Concord, where they continue as devoted members today — they prayerfully decided to go public as the search for a new kidney recently began in earnest.

“They told us just very recently his kidney function was down to 13 percent,” Missy said, which means if a kidney is not found

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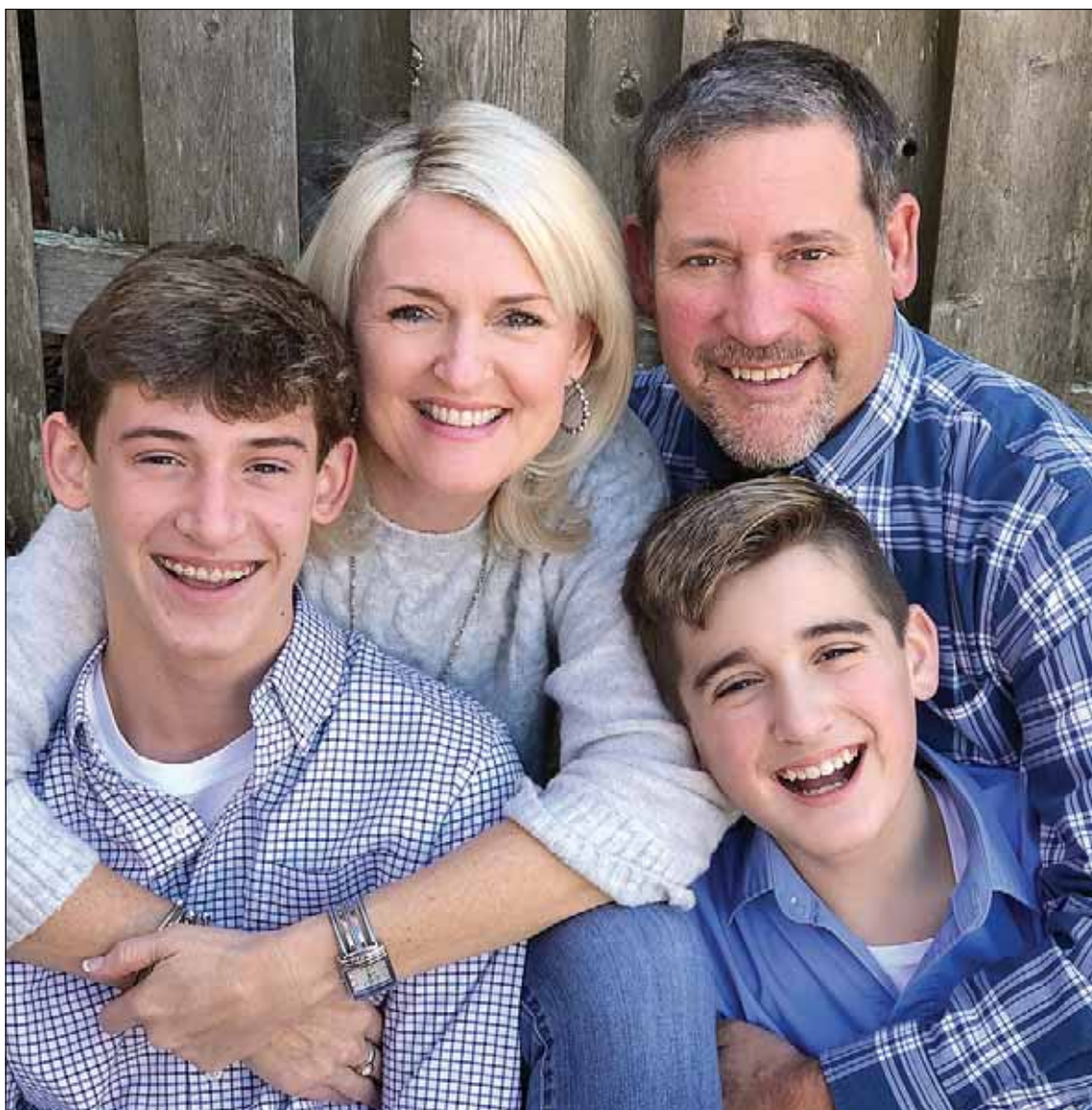


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Farragut High School alum English Standifer, above right, who is suffering from a rare kidney disease, recently has gone public with his need for a transplant. He is pictured with his wife, Missy Standifer, and sons, Caleb, left, and Noah, who are all supporting him in his journey — along with many others in the community as a donor is sought.

Latest SAMPLER champ



Photo submitted

Kingston resident Laura Evans, right, said she enjoys her weekly shopping trips to Turkey Creek. Pictured with Christine Dean of His Security at the company office, 11426 Kingston Pike, Evans was January TOWN SAMPLER champ with a prize package valued at more than \$450. Prizes were a BOGO Lifestyle Dining Card from His; \$100 gift certificate from MD Weight Loss & Wellness Center; Air Cell pillow (\$199) from MLILY Mattress; free assessment and admission (\$50 value) from Calculating Minds; \$25 gift certificate from Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts; one percent discount off typical marketing/success package from Door Bell Real Estate; gift certificate for waxing from Kat’s Lash Lounge & Wax Studio (\$55 value); two Zalads at Zaxbys, Turkey Creek; and a \$25 gift card from Water Into Wine bistro & lounge.

World missionary, 92, ‘blessed’

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Nurse, missionary and volunteer in her 92 years, Park Place of West Knoxville resident Marion Bayless did not let grass grow under her feet.

The walls of her home are lined with photographs of places her work has taken her — India, Nepal, Alaska and Victoria Falls in Africa, to name a few.

Her work also has taken her to England, Zimbabwe, Liberia and Vietnam. She has witnessed the effects of polio, hunger and had seen death — yet her demeanor remains cheerful and undaunted.

“God has blessed my life,” Marion reflected. “I’m 92 and up-right. I think that’s good.”

She was born Marion Estelle Bayless to Carter and Fairy Bell Bayless in Pressman’s Home, a trade school and union retirement home in Hawkins County, where her father was teaching an apprenticeship for linotype.

Marion was “co-oldest” of five,



Tammy Cheek

Park Place of West Knoxville resident Marion Bayless shows a covered basket she brought home from Sudan. An Ethiopian refugee had woven the basket out of elephant grass. She spent seven months as a volunteer, helping Ethiopian refugees as they fled from the famine afflicting their country from 1983 to 1985.

along with her twin brother, Governor Bayless; Gordon Bayless; Anna Lee Bayless Cox; and Jay Bayless. She noted the younger

three siblings now have Alzheimer’s disease.

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FEBRUARY/MARCH

• **The Museum of East Tennessee History**, 601 S. Gay St. in downtown Knoxville, will feature “Black & White: Knoxville in the Jim Crow Era” on view through **June 14**. The exhibition highlights three African American artists from Knoxville — Beauford Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Ruth Cobb Brice — and how Knoxville during the Jim Crow era shaped their lives and careers. Hours are from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday**. Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children under 16. Each Sunday admission is free, and all ETHS members receive free admission. For more information about the exhibition, scheduling a school tour, or visiting the museum, call 865-215-8824, e-mail eths@easttnhistory.org, or visit www.easttnhistory.org/.

• **A trio of local musicians will take the stage** beginning at **6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29**, when Visit Farragut hosts its second annual Songwriter’s Showcase in Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. A performance from School of Rock students precedes headlines J Luke, Dave Landeo and Jason Ellis. For more information, or to check if tickets remain available, go to visitfarragut.org.

• **Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 announces events and projects: Tuesday, March 3**, Loudon County Veteran’s Resource & Job Fair. Final planning session at Lenoir City War Memorial Building at **2 p.m.** Local businesses, professionals and veteran’s support organizations will provide free referrals, services and jobs to local veterans and families in need. Meet the veterans and companies producing this event; **6 p.m., Wednesday, March 18**, 12135 Special Event at Tellico Village Yacht Club. U.S. Army vet Andrew Lee of Lenoir City will speak and display quilts he makes to help alleviate PTSD.

• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its regular monthly meeting** beginning at **11 a.m., Thursday, March 5**, in Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut. Published authors are invited to attend. info:authorsguildoftn.org.

• **Concord United Methodist Women are hosting their first Tea & Purse Auction** beginning at **2 p.m., Saturday, March 7**, at the church, 11020 Roane Drive. Those attending are asked to register through concordumc.com/events. Price of admission will be any of the following items that will go toward the church’s Purse Ministry: toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, body spray, nail kits, socks, soap, combs, brushes or wallets. Tea will be served, during which a live purse auction will consist of more than 50 purses donated by church members.

• **Learn how to deal with springtime allergies** and make a cute tissue holder at the Essential Oils Make & Take: Mason Jar Tissue Holder class from **6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11**, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Cost is \$8. Register by **Friday, March 6**, at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at the community center or by phone at 865-218-3375.

• **Learn about important tax changes in 2020** and planning basics and methods for filing your taxes at Tax Planning After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This free class is from **6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12**, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. To reserve a spot, register by Monday, March 9, at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at the community center or by phone at 865-218-3375.

• **Farragut Health & Wellness Expo**, presented by Turkey Creek Medical Center, will run from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 28**, in Farragut Community Center gym, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Free of charge, this Expo will include all aspects of health and wellness, from health organizations and fitness businesses to financial experts.



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Intermediate School fifth-grade teacher Ashley Paquette shows Admiral’s Green Fleet members, from left, Mubeen Malik, Olivia Borton and Emma Scheve how to transplant cilantro during a Thursday, Feb. 13, garden club meeting.

Ad’s Green Fleet sprouts up at FIS

TAMMY CHEEK

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This year, 16 Farragut Intermediate School students from all three grade levels are learning what makes a garden grow.

They are part of a newly formed garden club, Admiral’s Green Fleet, which meets after school every Thursday, planting seeds in starter pots, transplanting growing plants and planting lettuce and garlic in a garden bed near the soccer field.

For one student, fifth-grader Mubeen Malik, the club is a chance to continue with what he learned from his dad.

“Me and my dad have been gardening since I was almost 3 or 4,”

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Thirteen honorees during inaugural Town Photo Contest



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Of the 155 entries in inaugural Town of Farragut Photography Contest in Structures/Architecture, Living Things, Farragut and Junior categories, 13 were recognized for excellence during a reception Friday evening, Feb. 21, in Farragut Community Center, where the works were on public exhibit. Alongside Farragut Mayor Ron Williams (**second from left in back**) are, from left, Stephen Stewart, third place in Structures/Architecture, "Depot;" Jeffrey Jackel, first place in Living Things, "Bear in Stream (**above**);" Daniel Boutte, Best in Show, "Alpe di Siusi Horse Trio (**left**);" Molly Deinhart, first place in Junior, "The Cost of Freedom (**far left, below**);" Drew Turner, second in Farragut category, "The Strike;" and Eric Manneschmidt, first in Structures/Architecture, "Reaching (**above, top**)." In front, from left, are Shelley King, first in Farragut, "Dog Daze at Village Green (**far left, above**);" Anna Floyd, second place in Junior, "Sunkissed;" Courtney Turner, third place in Living Things, "Summer Showers;" Ethan Benson, third in Junior, "Brace Yourself, Men!;" and Clark Brekke, third place in Farragut category, "Translucense." Not pictured are Jackie Rippey, second in S/A, "Venice Canal," and Carrie O'Rear, second in Living Things, "Moonrise Over Joshua Tree."

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E kidney

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soon, E will have to start dialysis, a procedure he is ready for, as a transport fistula already has been implanted in his lower arm.

"With that, E agreed that we should go ahead and ask for help," Missy said.

"We're believers, and I know, when I die, I will go to heaven," E said. "I have faith and security in that, and I believe God is in control. And ultimately, it is in God's hands."

"But, from a wife's perspective, I want us to grow old together," said Missy, who was tested early on but was determined not to be a match for her husband.

"I know we will spend eternity together, but this side of heaven, I would love for us to have more time together on earth."

They were already working to find a donor through University of Tennessee Medical Center, where E has been on the transplant list since last year. Chances are much better for a long and healthy outcome for E — as well as many others who need kidneys — if they receive one from a living donor, Missy said.

E agreed to let Missy share their story two weeks ago on social media, and they also had postcards

printed with contact information for Ashley Dennis, who is E's Living Donor Coordinator at UTM.

"I prayed over that post and was so nervous about it," Missy said. "But it was like throwing a rock in the water. There have been so many ripples — people praying for us, sharing our story, and still others have offered to be tested."

"It really blows me away," E said. "It has been very humbling, and I just want to say thank you for the love and support everyone has shown us."

Testing is free and confidential, Missy said. A specific donor for E would need to have O positive or negative blood to begin with, then UTM would evaluate further, checking for additional compatibility markers to ensure the best match.

However, "There are so many people going through the same thing that we are, and I would love to see this as a chance for others to hopefully find donors, too — not just me," he said.

"Some people we have met have been on dialysis for years, waiting for a kidney, and their stories are much more dramatic than mine," E added.

For more information, contact Dennis at 865-305-5340 or via e-mail at adennis@utmck.edu.

Marion

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"We lived (at Pressman's Home) for three years," Marion recalled. "My father was a linotype operator at the Knoxville News Sentinel. He always wanted me to go into the news business. He would talk it up."

However, Marion had another plan — missionary work.

"I followed my aspirations," she said, having graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor's degree in nursing and working in the hospital's polio unit.

"There were only 14 polio units in the United States," Marion added. "In Vanderbilt, every patient was on an iron lung — even children. A lot of patients died."

But Marion was there in 1957 when the Salk vaccine was discovered. "It was the most wonderful thing," she said.

After graduating in 1957, Marion headed for Zimbabwe, then known as Rhodesia.

Marion spent seven months in Edgemore, England, working in a hospital, which had an epidemic of the Asian flu.

Marion then spent five years as a missionary nurse in Zimbabwe, for which she got a stipend -- \$3,000 a year — and room and board.

Her job was to give anesthesia during surgeries, work in the blood bank and teach nursing to African students.

While on a camping and hunting trip in Mozambique with 13 other missionaries, Marion met and fell in love with the man she expected to marry — Taki, a Greek professional hunter. That would not come to be, though, as Taki was killed by an IED 10 days before their wedding.

She never married, remembering, "I came close many times, but I just didn't go through with it. It just didn't seem right."

Marion later returned to the states, earning her master's degree in nursing education and administration in 1967. Then her work took her to Liberia for three years, India for five, Vietnam for two years — in 1971 and 1972, during the Vietnam War — Montana for two years and Alaska for 20 years.

While still in Alaska, Marion volunteered in the Sudan for



Marion Bayless

seven months, helping Ethiopian refugees who were afflicted with a famine.

"I've never seen so many deaths," Marion said. "It was terrible. The people were just so thin and sick — tuberculosis, dysentery and cholera were rampant," she said. "It just wiped them out."

Still, Marion holds two memories dear: The time some Ethiopians made her a gold cross.

And at the place where thousands of were buried, she discovered "where so many people perished, there was life again."

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STAFF/DEVELOPER AGENDA Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Back of Board Room, Farragut Town Hall March 19, 2020 FMPC Items **9:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a resubdivision plat for the Rebecca Goin property, 11625 Turkey Creek Road, 10.24 Acres, Zoned R-1 (Batson, Himes, Norvell, and Poe, Applicant) **9:30 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a site plan amendment related to open space and the appearance of proposed retaining walls for Phase II of the PCD development at 115 S. Watt Road, 18.65 Acres, Zoned PCD (Watt Road Investments, LLC, Applicant) **10:30 a.m.** Discussion on the development of provisions governing methadone treatment, pain management, and similar drug/alcohol treatment clinics or facilities

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FIS garden club

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he said. "Every day in the summer time I would go outside and garden."

Mabeen said he hopes to learn more about taking care of plants and providing the school with more plants "to make it look nicer."

"I like planting and I like gardening," fourth-grader Wesley Green said about joining Admiral's Green Fleet. She added she hopes to, maybe, "get my own garden," learning "how I can help

other communities with their gardens."

"It was just an idea," fifth-grade teacher Ashley Paquette said about starting the club. "I've seen other schools that have garden clubs, such as Hardin Valley Elementary."

"(University of Tennessee's) Master Gardener Program also was an inspiration," she added. "I'm not a master gardener, but seeing and learning from others — seeing what master gardeners have done — has been pretty incredible."

"So, I'm learning as well as the

kids," Paquette said.

She derives help from FIS's Parent-Teacher Association.

"Our PTA here is wonderful," she said. "Carla Sexton is the grounds chair. I contacted her with the idea (of the club) first, and then, it just kind of grew from there."

The club started Jan. 23 and already has doubled in the number of members.

Students' response to the club was "overwhelming," Paquette said. "I actually had to turn some parents away who had e-mailed me with interest."

Students started some herb and vegetable seeds three weeks ago.

"Some, we will take home; some we will put in the garden up behind the school here," Paquette said.

There are seven raised beds in the school garden.

"They've been there since I've been at the school," she said. "It was kind of neglected over the past few years."

"We have a mom (Andrea Valdyke) in the Farragut (school) system here — she's a master gardener certified through UT — she has recouped all those beds that

are up by the ball fields. She's done an amazing job," Paquette added.

"(Valdyke) actually was working on that before the garden club got started. We're working with her, and she has an incredible amount of knowledge."

"Last year, (Valdyke) donated most of the food to a local food pantry," she said. "We plan to do that with what we grow here."

Paquette also works with community leader, Ted Ansink, who will be teaching students about hydroponics when the weather gets warmer.

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Mommy & Me Tea Party

Dozens of moms and their little princesses visited Fox Den Country Club, Sunday, Feb. 9, for the 7th annual Mommy & Me Valentine Tea Party, presented and hosted by Lil' Miss Flossy, a Farragut-based special events and planning business owned by Lisa Khairollahi.

They enjoyed high tea, finger sandwiches, family photos, manicures and a visit with Ms. Tennessee U.S. Continental, Monika Hancock.

"I find so much joy in bringing all of us together to celebrate moms and daughters," Khairollahi said. "It is one of my favorite events. I am very thankful for the continued support I receive from the community, and Fox Den does such an amazing job."



Emily Geouque was one of many little girls who enjoyed a manicure.



Emma Brown, 2, with her aunt, Bobbie Lea Talo.



Barbara Heck, standing, attended the event with her daughter, Liz Buschle, and granddaughters, Penny Lane and Maggie Mae.



Heather Meador with her daughter, McKinley, left, and son, Jack



Carey Best and her daughter, Kailah



Jeanie Harris and her daughter, Faith, have attended the event for six years.



Robin Lefler, second from left, attended with her daughters, Holly and Audrey, along with "surrogate daughter," Paisley Headrick, at left.



Author Debbie Dadey of Sevierville, right, sold and autographed her children's books at the event. Renea Martin and her daughter, Maddie, were among the excited buyers.



Tiffany Jaskie attended with her daughters, Memphis and Monroe Blue.



Ms. Tennessee U.S. Continental Monika Hancock was a special guest, and here she poses with Ava Joy Hensley.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead