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AFC UC steps up precaution

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American Family Care Urgent Care, with a clinic at 700 N. Campbell Station Road in Farragut, has responded to the current pandemic by taking action to “protect our communities against the spread of COVID-10 Novel Coronavirus,” Rachel Davis, company marketing director, said.

“To protect our healthcare staff as well as our communities we serve, we have set up tents at each one of our clinics to screen patients prior to entering our clinics,” she said. “Each patient must pass through the tent and go through a series of precautionary questions and temperature reading.

“The patient will then be instructed where to proceed.”

Davis added, “We have had a lot of thankful patients who appreciate our abundance of caution and attention to protocols.”

Additionally, AFC Urgent Care has set up telemedicine, a video chat with an AFC doctor or nurse.

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Michelle Hollenhead

Concord United Methodist Church members Jerry and Evelyn Gilley prepare for a meal delivery Thursday, March 19, to homebound members among several CUMC teams delivering nearly 40 meals — nearly twice the normal amount — in light of COVID-19 precautions.

Bishop, Rolland lead way to feed hungry

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The first full week of coronavirus emergency measures found two Farragut ladies ramping up services to hungry members of the community.

Becky Bishop, food coordinator for Concord United Methodist Church, saw her Thursday meal preparations for church shut-ins nearly double, while Robin Rolland,

executive director for Compassion Ministry, offered through Cornerstone Church of God and Christ Covenant Church, saw her bi-monthly food pantry collection spike, too.

“I know we have double what we normally have,” Rolland said Thursday, March 19, as cars lined up from Knox, Loudon and Roane counties for the distribution at Cornerstone.

“I do think the coronavirus, the jobs lost,

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Chamber uses new Facebook group to update local biz status

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce has stepped up to keep the public and businesses informed on the status of businesses in Farragut and beyond with a new public Facebook group.

The group, Farragut/West Knoxville Take Out Delivery & Service Options Amid COVID-19, started Tuesday morning, March 17.

“It is open to any business — not just Chamber members — that wants to join, FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said.

“Businesses can join as their Facebook page, and, when they join as their page or if they join as an individual, they can post their take-out specials, delivery or pick-up or curbside offerings,” she added.

“Businesses may post their hours of opening or if they’ve changed their hours of operating. They can post if they’re closed and when they might re-open. So they can let their customers and the community know and let their customers feel good about still patronizing.”

Businesses also can communicate all the precautions they are taking in light of the virus, she added.

“For example, a lot of businesses are posting

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Gunshots kill couple with Farragut ties; alleged murderer has \$2.52 million bond

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A Lovell Woods neighborhood couple were found dead from gunshot wounds Saturday, March 21, allegedly murdered by a Blount County man whose battered girlfriend sought refuge at their home.

Boyd and Doris Beets, both 67, allegedly were shot by Ronnie Edward Johnson, 31, of Alcoa after he crashed his truck into the front of their Live Oak Circle house while searching for his girlfriend, Amy Clarkson, also of Alcoa, according to Knox County Sheriff’s Office reports.

The report also stated the couple had been fighting in Johnson’s truck, and Clarkson man-

aged to escape and run to the Beets’ home, where a front porch light was shining.

Clarkson knocked on the door, and Johnson attempted to run her over as she was on the porch, and ended up inside the residence, the report further states.

Encountering the homeowners, Johnson allegedly shot them both after exiting the vehicle. Clarkson again ran from Johnson, who continued to chase her.



Johnson

Officers had been contacted by nearby residents who heard the crash and the gunshots, according to the report.

Johnson was apprehended near the scene and was charged with two counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted first-degree murder and one count of aggravated domestic assault. He is being held in Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility under a \$2.52 million bond.

The KCSO Major Crimes Unit is leading the investigation.

“Please keep the family of the homicide victims in your prayers,” KCSO Information Officer Kimberly Glenn stated in a press release. “This was truly a random event that resulted in tragic loss of life.”



Photo submitted

Boyd and Doris Beets were killed Saturday, March 21, in their Lovell Woods home, apparently as they tried to offer assistance to a battered young woman. Doris had shared this Facebook photo from a family vacation in 2012.

Doris Beets was retired from Knox County Schools and had worked about 20 years as an instructional assistant at Farragut Intermediate School, former FIS principal Kay Wellons said.

“She was just a wonderful lady and a stellar employee,” Wellons recalled. “She loved the children and was just a fabulous person.”

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Vice Mayor reconsiders

Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin has changed courses on her political future, with family encouragement, reversing intentions previous spelled out in farragutpress.

- Read Povlin’s Letter to the Editor on page 4A

Other COVID-19 information

Town businesses, parks

For further updates on Town of Farragut businesses, go to farragutbusiness.com or visit Farragut/West Knoxville Take-Out, Delivery & Service Options amid COVID-19 and Knoxville Store Status on Facebook. Also visit www.farragutparksandrec.org

for the latest on Farragut parks, which remain open yet have closed bathrooms, athletic fields and playgrounds.

-In addition to front page and jump pages, See COVID-19-related stories and information starting on pages 4A, 6A, 7A and 3B



Farragut Mayor Ron Williams developed a fascination with local governments decades ago. (40th and final story, page 5A)

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Vandals: racist graffiti, damage to fields

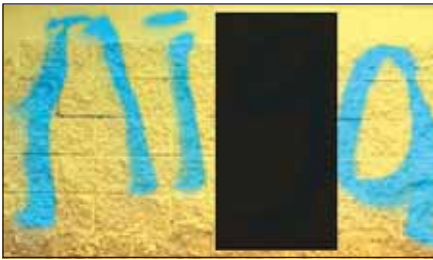
*Kohl’s, baseball
youth are victims*

STAFF REPORTS
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Vandalism incidents in Farragut and Concord caused thousands of dollars in damage last week.

Two vehicles are believed to have torn up youth baseball fields managed by Farragut Baseball, Inc. along Northshore Drive, while a separate incident saw the defacement of an exterior freestanding wall behind Kohl’s shopping center, 11530 Kingston Pike, with racist and profane language spray painted.

The baseball fields’ damage was discovered Tuesday, March



Photos by Alan Sloan



Three different messages of racist and profane graffiti on the back wall of Farragut Kohl’s.

17, with an FB Inc. representative noting on Facebook (with accompanying pictures) “the damage to the outfields will take many hours and dollars to fix.”

One of the vehicles involved may be a reddish or maroon SUV/crossover, with the other possibly a large four-door truck or Jeep described as “black to very dark green, jacked up with a snorkel attachments with loud exhausts,”

according to the description shared on Facebook.

Damage was reported to the Knox County Sheriff’s Office.

The wall defacement occurred sometime during the early morning hours of Thursday, March 19.

“For the Glenn Abbey neighborhood, it’s quite disturbing,” wrote a Glenn Abbey resident who did not want his/her name used for fear of retaliation.

“This happened directly behind English Station Road with seven homes, (there is wooden fence at the back of these homes) facing Municipal Center Drive, which faces the sprayed wall of Kohl’s.”

Residents reported the incident to KCSO.

The owner of the shopping center in which Kohl’s is located is listed as Crown Properties Holdings LLC, 4820 Old Kingston Pike.

Attempts to contact Crown were unsuccessful.

Kohl’s officials announced their stores closing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and no one could be contacted to address the matter. The graffiti remained on the walls as of deadline Tuesday afternoon, March 24.

Anyone with information regarding either incident is asked to call KCSO at 865-392-1670.

KCSO policereports

With Knox County Sheriff’s Office Parkside Drive (West) Precinct shut down for routine business in light of COVID-19 concerns, farragutpress once again was unable to obtain KCSO “Police” Reports. We will attempt to go through the downtown office for next week’s reports, although recent KCSO policies have limited e-mail access to such reports and free access to paper reports downtown.



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Services

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"We recognize the necessity of social distancing, and staying home helps flatten the curve of COVID-19 spreading," Davis said.

"We are rolling out tele-medicine accessible seven days a week during our business hours," which are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, she added.

However, Davis acknowledged "some illnesses cannot be treated through tele-medicine."

That being the case, appointments can be made by following the link: TN: <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/A9mdy-ANC>: <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/gdLEBg>

"We will continue to bring our communities we serve the highest level of health-care," Davis said.

AFC Urgent Care in Tennessee and North Carolina also implemented Solv Health, which allows patients to complete registration completely on their phones, including insurance information.

"Our providers are able to chat with you via text message on next steps and/or answer any questions you may have prior to being seen," she said.

To register or login, go to [solvhealth.com](https://www.solvhealth.com) and find your nearest AFC Urgent Care TN / NC Location.

Regarding COVID-19 testing, Davis said supplies are extremely limited.

"AFC Urgent Care is adhering to the latest (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines to test for flu and strep prior to CO-

VID-19.

"We are working diligently to secure more tests so that we can better serve our communities," she added.

For more information, call 865-288-0119 or visit www.afcurgentcarefarraguttn.com

CVS Pharmacy, which also has a clinic, provides online resources for prevention and preparation tips and other tools. The store offers free delivery on prescriptions and other store essentials, a video visit and encourages getting flu and pneumonia vaccines.

"CVS is dedicated to providing our customers with the most accurate and up-to-date information available on the coronavirus," a store representative said. "Testing for COVID-19 will be available soon, but we are not currently testing at our stores or mini clinic locations."



Photo submitted

Brittany Breese, right, an AFC Urgent Care staff member, scans a patient before treatment in a tent in front of one of its clinics.

Meals

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the kids being out of school, has driven our numbers up," she added.

Because of a fear of virus transmission and contracting COVID-19, recipients did not leave their cars as volunteers asked pertinent questions about their needs, while others filled boxes with milk, pork chops, bread, fruit and other pantry staples, and placed them inside open trunks or truck beds.

Rolland said 152 families were served. "The Lord has provided an abundance this time, and we really need it," she added.

"We can't give what the Lord can give. I stand in amazement every day at what He provides."

Bishop normally prepares less than 20 meals for shut-ins, which are delivered by volunteer teams on Thursdays. Last week, since the church's adult day care had to shut down, Bishop picked up feeding several of those individuals and others in need, bringing

the total to just under 40.

She works in tandem with a vibrant Missions Outreach at CUMC, which had received word that 25 families in the Cedar Bluff area "had no food."

That need was further complicated because many area grocery stores had been picked over by anxious customers.

"We were able to make do," Bishop said. "But we are all struggling, trying to help the people who need it most. My concern is that the needs are only going to

increase from here on out."

By week's end, Bishop had started TLC Meals on Facebook, looking to grow the church's outreach. "Our food vendor has assured me we will get enough supplies, even as our needs increase," she said.

The church also offers personal shoppers for those who can't leave the homes while recruiting folks to help with meal preparation and deliveries.

The church also partners with Farragut Presbyterian, First Bap-

tist Concord and Faith Lutheran Church on the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry housed at FLC.

Food donations can dropped off for the Food Pantry, which will distributed next on Monday, March 30.

"We need more donations for the food pantry," noted Marilyn Giles, who is missions assistant at CUMC.

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COVID-19townleaders

A message from Board of Mayor-Aldermen, Smoak

These are unprecedented times. Our Town, along with the rest of the world, is facing a challenge that most of us have never imagined. Efforts to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus have impacted our businesses, our schools and our way of life, and we still can't see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Your Board of Mayor and Aldermen, along with Town staff, share your concerns for the future. We are especially sympathetic to the small business owners who are limiting their offerings or shuttering their businesses indefinitely.

Others have lost jobs or fear losing jobs. These are trying times, and we want you to know that we all hurt when our community hurts.

The Town of Farragut's vision is to redefine quality of life with a beautiful, close-knit, connected community where families and businesses thrive. To return to a place where our residents thrive, we need to focus on connectedness.

Facebook-FWKCC

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the additional sanitation measures they are taking. You know, they are sealing orders, they are using throw-away menus or whatever the case may be," she said.

"I think it's very important to get out that information," Blaylock added

Thursday morning, March 19, FWKCC staff sent out a 10-question survey to its members to solicit statistical data, their concerns, their new measures of practice and whether or not they feel those are helping with their business continuity at this point.

Blaylock said the survey also was made "to try to collect some information we can pass on to local and state entities that are trying to put together legislation and push it through in order to accelerate things, like recovery funding and other measures.

"And also, so our Chamber board of directors will meet next week and talk about things we can do in the coming weeks and months to help businesses," she added.

Within 10 minutes of the survey being sent, Blaylock said she had gotten 20 responses.

"One thing we are seeing, so far, is people requesting a streamlined central place where they can get data," she said. "There are a lot of places, a lot of wonderful organizations and individuals and groups trying to post updates, but I think it's important for individuals and businesses to have a centralized place they can get good information.

"Of course, Chamber members worry about each other because that's the nature of being part of a Chamber of Commerce — the community that we build," Blaylock added. "We'll probably be working on creating a mass list of our businesses, what their hours of operation are, their specials and things like that.

"But right now, we are trying to solicit that data through the Facebook group and through direct calls and e-mails from our restaurants and food and beverage retailers and businesses in the service industry. This week I started sending targeted e-mails to give those categories of businesses extra promotion at no cost."

Normally the Chamber charges an additional fee for those types of marketing efforts.

"We have waived those fees at least through the end of the month for members," Blaylock said.

"We are trying to give them a little extra advertising and let people know whether or not they are still open for business and how (the community) can patronize them in the meantime.

That means checking on our more vulnerable neighbors and supporting local merchants financially as we can.

But it also means social distancing. As hard as it is, the better we are at staying home, the faster we'll stop the spread of the virus. Even if you're not concerned for your own health, please stay home for the safety of friends, family and neighbors.

In an effort to protect our community, Farragut Town Hall and Community Center are closed to the public, but staff will continue to serve residents in whatever capacity we can.

While the March 26 board meeting has been canceled, we are researching ways to conduct public meetings that will keep staff, elected officials, volunteers and the public safe.

As of this week, Farragut parks are open for pas-

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She said joining the Facebook group is easy.

"All they have to do is get on Facebook," she said. "They can go to our FWKCC page — because that group is linked to us, so they can find it through our page — or they can just type in the group name.

"When they pull the group up, there will be a button to join."

Blaylock said since the group is public, anybody can view that group and the posts in it.

"They don't have to be a member of the group to see what's in there, but they do have to join to post on the page," she added.

"We do have rules for the group. This is a time to help each other and draw together as a community, so that page is specifically for businesses to promote and provide information about their services at this time."

As for maintenance, "We are monitoring it very carefully to make sure that it stays clean and professional," Blaylock said. "More than anything we are seeing a need for people to be flexible, to be kind, to be compassionate toward each other."

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lettertotheeditor

Vice Mayor Povlin reconsiders, will run for re-election in August

Last weekend my husband and I had a long heart-to-heart discussion regarding my decision not to run for re-election.

He felt that I should reconsider this decision.

My husband has been my greatest cheerleader and supporter throughout my service as alderman for the North Ward. He reminded me of the many projects and policies that I successfully advocated for to benefit the residents of Farragut.

With his enduring and complete support, I have pulled a petition to run for re-election for Alderman – Ward 1.

Vice Mayor/Alderman Louise Povlin
Town of Farragut

Gov. Lee COVID-19 Exec Order basics

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- Allows for the sale of alcohol by take-out or delivery (with the purchase of food) in closed containers to those who are age 21 and up;
- Directs gyms and fitness/exercise centers or substantially similar facilities to temporarily close and suspend in-person services;
- Restricts visitation to nursing homes, retirement homes and long-term care or assisted-living facilities to essential care only; and
- Encourages businesses to enact policies that take extra steps to assist vulnerable populations by considering measures, such as shopping hours exclusive from the general public.

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Williams fascinated with local government, led him to get involved

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Developing a fascination with the comparisons and contrasts of the local governments he could observe from close range, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams' first taste of Town government would come in California.

Serving on Sugarwood subdivision Homeowners Association "for 20-years-plus," which included a stint as its president, would further hone his ability to work with people.

Moving to Sugarwood in 1991 after living in metro-Chattanooga, Hixson, for about four years — beginning work with Sunnen in 1987 (see Profile on this page) — "I kind of got to know (former Mayor) Ralph McGill, my wife got to know (former North Ward Alderman) Marianne McGill and (former Vice Mayor) Dot LaMarche," Williams said.

"At that time the Sugarwood subdivision had an HOA that was in pretty bad shape."

With Williams, LaMarche and the McGills among others in HOA leadership, "We all worked together to get it in good financial shape" while "the recreation area expanded ... and we put streetlights in," he said.

California liaison

From the early 1980s until 1987, Williams ran production in a manufacturing plant, employing about 260, near the towns of Garden Grove and Huntington Beach, California, which made engine parts while being important enough to secure "government contracts."

Town officials "were aggravated at manufacturers taking space that they thought should be used for making a bigger beach community," Williams said.

As a result, "I was appointed to be the liaison" to try and reconcile differences, he added. "I got to know a lot of people and how to work with them."

BZA, observations

Williams' first involvement with Farragut Town government came when then Mayor McGill "asked me to be on Board of Zoning Appeals" in 2015,

which he accepted.

"I've always been around Farragut (government), but I was not in the limelight," he said. "All the time I lived here. ... I would go to meetings and sit at the back table during (former Mayor) Eddy Ford's terms (1993-2009) and Ralph McGill's terms (2009 until Williams was first elected a South Ward alderman in 2016)," he said. "I just had a general interest in the Town and how it operated. ... I looked at a lot of things they did here that were different from what they did out (in California).

"I also studied Knox County and the City of Knoxville and how they did things, particularly with ordinances and zoning. ... What the differences were, and whys," the mayor added.

One difference Williams pointed out about Farragut versus "City of Knoxville, Knox County, Blount County, Loudon County" is the requirement for all utilities to appear publicly, before Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, before commencing with any new projects.

"I think we're the only Town in the state of Tennessee that makes that happen," he added. "A good example is 5G that came in; Verizon, AT&T, they all had to come to our

Commission meetings.

Elected office bids

But even before his appointment to BZA, Williams' first bid for elected office came in 2014 in a South Ward alderman campaign against current Alderman Ron Pinchok, losing in a close race.

Then came in 2016, although "for some reason nobody pulled a petition to run against me," Williams said about being elected, to server alongside Pinchok representing South Ward, not long after retiring.

Elected mayor in 2018, Williams defeated former North Ward Alderman Robert "Bob" Markli.

Future traffic improvements

A revamped Interstate 40-75 Campbell Station Road entrance/exit "will be a diverging diamond design, which will carry four times the amount of traffic of our current design," he said.

Seeking a government "Build Grant" to help to get this new design funded, Williams said the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be "funding a study for justification" of such a grant during the 2020-21 fiscal year while "asking our legislators to try and help us on that."

In coming up with an answer to the flooding at that exit, which



File photo

Campaigning as a Town of Farragut mayoral candidate in 2018, then Alderman Ron Williams speaks to Concord-Farragut Republican Club in Turkey Creek. The club also heard from Williams' opponent, Alderman Robert "Bob" Markli.

shut down traffic for a day in February 2019 and last February, "Once that exit is fixed, then all that water there will carry on the way it's supposed to and you won't have any more flooding," Williams said.

Concerning the alleviation of red-light intersection backups, Williams said new camera "radar" technology in line for installation next year tentatively will be able to "car count" at the busier intersections and trigger an adjustment to the red-light times.

To release big backups, the camera would "leave the light green for at least 30 to 45 more seconds to kind of flush the system," he said.

Furthermore, the cameras would be coordinated at all intersections "to flush the whole

system out" on Kingston Pike, for example, not just at the Pike intersection with Campbell Station Road.

Also "hopefully" coming in the near future, Williams said, is a roundabout "at Watt Road at the (Mayor Bob Leonard) Park lower entrance. ... You'll see the one on Union (Road)."

Restaurants sought

Among new businesses he's seeking, "I'm after a fish house right now," Williams said about restaurants. "The one that I'm after is The Captain's Galley."

In addition, "I'm after a cafeteria," Williams said. "... You look at how busy S & S (Cafeteria) is down in Bearden, that could be the same thing here."



Mayor Ron Williams

— with his wife, T.C. Williams having previously lived in Fox Den subdivision — Williams remained an engineer with Sunnen "for 28 years until I retired five years ago," he said.

Williams and T.C. have one son.

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

Long before Farragut Mayor Ron Williams first became involved with Sugarwood subdivision homeowners and Town government affairs, he was surveying the area — in a manner of speaking.

"I was born and raised in Powell, in a farming community. And my uncle, Dave, he had a little ole mini farm, I guess you'd call it, out here off Black Road and Snyder (Road), over in that area, and he had a barn," said Williams, elected mayor in 2018 after first being elected as a South Ward alderman in 2016.

"And he had a motorcycle shop in Fountain City and he kept dirt bikes in the barn, and my cousin and I, we used to ride dirt bikes all over Far-

ragut ... and I was quite young ... in the '60s," he added. "I would come out to my uncle's because that's where the bikes were at."

Education, work history

A graduate of Knoxville Central High School, having moved to Fountain City during his middle school years, Williams said his training "at State Area Vocational School off of Liberty Street" in Knoxville "was something that my dad impressed on me that I needed to do — get a piece of paper that said I knew how to do something."

Heading to California "shortly before the World's Fair" in the early 1980s, Williams said he "had some friends of mine that I had worked with in the

past. ... They brought me out there to run their manufacturing plant," which made engine parts.

This manufacturing also involved "government contracts," he added.

Estimating he was "out there until '87," Williams moved to Hixson (metro Chattanooga) to serve as "a field engineer ... for a company called Sunnen, out of St. Louis, Missouri," a groundbreaking company concerning the construction of engines.

"... I had quite a few very large projects going on down in that area," Williams added.

While moving to Sugarwood in 1991, where he found the rancher-style home and necessary property he desired

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KCHD: ‘Some have fully recovered’ among Knox coronavirus cases; non-essential biz close list

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As of early afternoon Tuesday, March 24, Knox County Health Department said there were 13 coronavirus cases in the county. Of that number, “We know that some people have fully recovered,” said Dr. Martha Buchanan, KCHD senior director. “We do know that some people are being cared for in hospitals ... in Knox County.”

Concerning the expansion of testing beyond KCHD, “We are continuing to work with our health care partners every day to expand testing,” she said. “It’s one of our chief priorities.” Testing outlets include “local providers and hospitals, and more are coming on-board every day,” Buchanan added. “We encourage you call ahead if you feel like you need to be tested for COVID-19.” As for how to stay active during this cri-

sis, “We want them to get outside and exercise,” she said about Knox Countians while advising social distancing (at least 6 feet). “We’re going to leave the (Knox) parks open as long as we can.” Otherwise, “Please stay home as much as you can,” Buchanan added. Businesses mandated to close at least through Monday, April 6, in Knox County:

- On-site activities at hospitality, educational and entertainment venues, busi-

nesses and facilities. Online activities and deliveries through these businesses may continue.

- Personal appearance businesses including hair, nail, massage, tattoo, tanning, waxing and other such facilities are directed to close, except when the service is medically necessary.
- Public and private social clubs have been directed to close.

For more info: knoxcounty.org/health

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sive use only. Park restrooms, playgrounds and athletic fields are closed. Please stay 6 feet away from other parties while walking on trails and greenways. The information about closures changes daily — sometimes

hourly. For the latest updates, please see townoffarragut.org or farragutparksandrec.org. To stay connected throughout the day, follow Town of Farragut on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We believe that Farragut will come through this crisis stronger

than we were before if we support each other. Let’s be kind, generous and thoughtful to our neighbors and protect one another by staying apart. And let’s be done with this virus as soon as possible.


Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen Town administrator David Smoak

Murder
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Both Boyd and Doris graduated from Farragut High School in 1970. The Beets were members of First Baptist Concord. Doris Beets also was remembered fondly by former co-workers. Jayne Finch Atkins was a third-grade teacher at FIS, and remembered Doris as “always having

such a pleasant smile on her face at work.” Another teacher, Shea Whaley, noted that Doris “laughed often and worked hard for those she assisted at FIS.” Just two months ago, Boyd Beets had received a 45-year service certificate from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he was an engineer in the Electrical System Engineering and Integration Group.

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Local eateries find unique ways to stay afloat, serve

TAMMY CHEEK

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Farragut restaurants and other businesses are serving up solutions to take care of their customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They are responding with everything from curbside and drive-through to delivery services so they provide for customers and keep their doors open, with Visit Farragut, Farragut West Knox

Chamber of Commerce and Shop Farragut encouraging the community to continue supporting their local businesses by using those new services.

“Let’s show support for our local restaurants and businesses in this time of uncertainty,” Visit Farragut Tourism director Karen Tindal said. “They are being mindful of the CDC guidelines and are utilizing on-line ordering, curbside pick-up and delivery services.”

“We’ve taken just about every precaution,” Clean Eat’s general manager Zach Sattler said Thursday, March 19. “The first thing we did is order extra sanitizing stations and have an immediate station at the front door when you walk in.

“We did that about a week and a half ago.”

The restaurant, located at 155 West End Ave. in West End Center, already offered on-line ordering, so “that cuts down for social

distancing,” he said. “People can come in, get their meals fully prepared in under three minutes.

“That’s a huge upside we’ve been able to offer,” Sattler added.

On March 18, Clean Eat’s “went ahead and cut out our dine-in service, so now we are take-out and carry-out only,” he said.

“Lastly, we cut down on our staffing to running the restaurant with four- to five-man teams, so we run into the same people pretty much every day,” Sattler added.

“That eliminates a lot of variables when you work with the same small groups day after day.

“Those things have allowed us to stay open so far,” Sattler said. “We’ve been pretty successful doing it for the most part.

Looking ahead, “We have been working on a menu we are working on launching where you will be able to order meals, grab-and-gos, online, and instead of coming

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Michelle Hollenhead

Deron Little, left, who owns Seasons Innovative Bar & Grille with his wife, Sheah Little (not pictured), joins assistant manager Promise Carter to keep food flowing Saturday, March 21, during the restaurant’s staff fundraiser.

Seasons feeds 1,300-plus to help staff during closure

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Seasons Innovative Bar & Grille may be among countless establishments that temporarily closed last weekend in an attempt to stem the Coronavirus COVID-19 threat, but owners Deron and Sheah Little made sure their employees benefitted from one last mega-meal extravaganza.

The Parkside Drive restaurant hosted a “Curbside Spaghetti Cruise-through” Saturday, March 21, serving a homemade spaghetti dinner for two — complete with salads — beginning at 3 p.m. Expecting around 1,000, more than 1,300 meals were served.

“We frequently host fundraisers for others in the community — we thought we would do one for our people today,” Deron said Saturday. “When we first opened, 14 years ago, I said then our employees are what will make us different from anyone else, and they have.

“Our folks give 100 percent every day, and we

wanted to do what we could to help them now.”

Suggested donation was \$10 per meal, and after announcing the event through social media, eager diners began lining up more than an hour ahead of time, snaking through two parking lots and out onto Parkside Drive.

Patrons waited patiently — some as long as two hours — including Rotary Club of Farragut member Tom King, who picked up several dinners.

Farragut Alderman Scott Meyer also supported the effort, which was captured on film by a Seasons staffer and posted to Facebook. “The turnout has been unbelievable,” Deron said. “My heart is just so full.

“We love our staff — we would be nothing without them,” said Sheah, who worked right alongside her husband and other staff members, hustling to keep up with demand while additional Seasons employees helped direct traffic.

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Markets at Choto grows, adds more retail, self storage

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As Choto residential developments continue, Markets at Choto grows, adding more buildings with more businesses to serve the community.

“It’s worked out almost exactly like I planned,” said John Huber, John Huber Construction Inc. president and Markets at Choto developer. “The only difference is — when we bought it and started building in 2010 in the middle of the recession — it’s just taken a little bit longer than I hoped.

“But with the tenant mix and the look of it, we’ve been very pleased,” he added.

Huber currently is adding Signature Self-Storage at Choto,

a 60,000 square-foot, climate and non-climate-controlled storage facility.

“It’s a big deal out there,” he said. “We’ve gotten people just calling, wanting to reserve areas in the storage, so we’re excited about getting that open. I think we will be open in 60 to 90 days.”

Central Veterinary Clinic is scheduled to open this summer in a converted house next door.

Then, Huber plans to erect a 5,000-square-foot retail building



Huber

in front of Signature Storage.

“We will have an additional 3,750 square feet available in spring/summer 2020,” he said. “Even though it’s not constructed yet, I’ve already got a wine bar (Van Edom’s named after the owner Bart Van Edom), that has signed a lease.

Additionally, “we have property to build four more buildings to the west of the existing buildings,” but he does not have immediate plans to develop in that space, Huber added.

When Huber first bought the 15-acre property at the corner of Northshore Drive and Choto Road in 2009, he envisioned creating “another Rocky Hill,” a community behind West Town Mall in West Knoxville, in “an architect-



Photo submitted

Following Signature Self-Storage at Choto’s completion, developer John Huber plans to build a 5,000-square-foot retail building.

turally controlled manner.”

The Markets had a slow start, which began in 2010 with the Weigel’s convenient store along Northshore Road.

Huber built the four-unit brick building, but it took another five years before his first tenant,

Noire the Nail Bar, moved in.

That same year, 2015, his development firm built Rural/Metro Fire Hall.

“The whole idea (of adding the fire hall) was to support the

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Seasons employee Whitney Donaldson directs a patron forward during the restaurant's staff fundraiser Saturday, March 21.

Seasons

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Sheah said Seasons employs about 30 workers.

The fundraiser continued for almost three hours, ending only when the food ran out.

"So happy to support a company that is supporting its staff," Hope Hodgson Waite commented on Facebook.

"It was amazing," Melanie Joy Smith said. "Thank you to our fave restaurant and blessings. It was delicious."

"What a great idea and a great meal," Eloise Frazier Montgomery said.

"The Seasons team did an amazing job today," Jerald Smith added.

"That was tasty," Marshall Scott said. "We've never been to Seasons before. Looking forward to returning sometime down the road."

Seasons staff were touched by the outpouring as well.

"It was overwhelming in the most amazing way," said Justin Bliss, who oversees Seasons' branding and marketing. "I believe we all had an idea it was going to be a huge day, but it tripled our expectations. "I don't know if many other communities around the world would show support the way Knoxville just showed us."

Choto

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area," he said. "There were a lot of people asking for it."

Open

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into the store, and we're talking about doing curbside pick-up."

For the first week, Sattler said Clean Eats experienced a huge spike in its pre-cooked, prepackaged meals sales with "people stocking up and having meals delivered to them."

Over the past 48 hours on Thursday, "we started to see more of a decline in foot traffic," he added. "People are starting to self-quarantine."

However, "for the most part we've been able to keep doors open and still do decent as far as our sales," Sattler said.

The Shrimp Dock, with locations at 11124 Kingston Pike in Farragut, 5210 Kingston Pike in Bearden and in 321 Calderwood St. in Alcoa, is offering curbside service.

"If you call us and order it, we will bring it out to your car," owner Phil Dangel said.

And while his suppliers are increasing prices on fresh seafood, "we are not raising our prices," he said. "We're going to continue to bring in fresh fish, cook for you if you want and we'll bring it out to your car with take-out service."

Huber said having the fire hall "lowered all the (insurance) rates for everyone on the peninsula, so it was a huge win for Knox County residents out there."

Tennova Primary Care joined as tenants a year later, then Don Gallo in 2017. Then expansion speeded up with five new businesses — Belew Drugs pharmacy,

Choto Family Dentistry, Medi Spa at Choto, Goodness to Go and most recently Johnny Brusco's New York Style Pizza — opening within the past two years.

Dangel said "the restaurant business has slowed down dramatically."

However, "The over-the-counter has increased," he added.

"We've also seen people buying bigger amounts of fish. They might buy four pieces of salmon — two for tonight and two for four or five days from now — and ask us if they can freeze it so they don't have to go outside."

But Dangel tells customers, "We're here for you."

"If you really need it delivered to your house, call us," he added. "We will make arrangements to get this (fish) to your house."

The Shrimp Dock has Bite Squad for deliveries and Door Dash.

While some scrambled to stay open, others decided to close.

"I have seen and heard of businesses closing," Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce CEO/president, said Friday, March 20. "And I've certainly visited with and heard from businesses in the process of debating closing."

"It's a question of 'how much revenue can you afford to lose?'" she added. "There are some businesses who are losing thousands of dollars of revenue."

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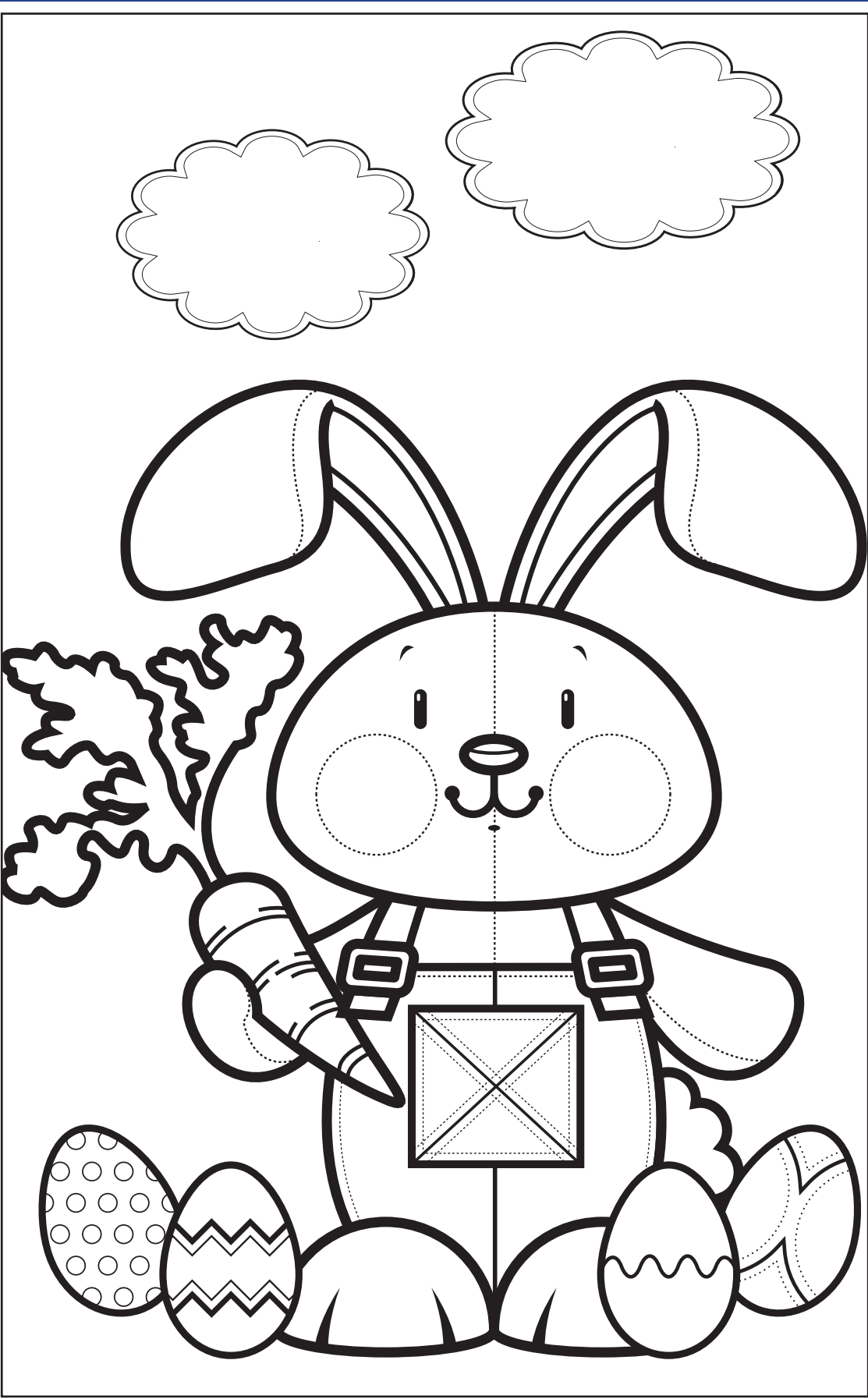
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Anchor Park restrooms and fields are open! Renovations include a reconstructed and expanded restroom with a family restroom and covered picnic area as well as an entrance plaza, ADA access to the diamond and recreational fields (spectator and player areas) plus new landscaping, benches and signage. Part of this project was funded by a Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant (LPRF) administered by the Recreation Educational Services Division of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Make a difference in Farragut by serving on a volunteer committee

Each year in June, the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen appoints citizens to serve on advisory committees, councils and boards. This is a great way to share your time, talents and enthusiasm with the Farragut community. Even high school students can make a difference by serving as a youth representative on a volunteer committee.

The Town will begin accepting applications for volunteer committees on Wednesday,

April 1. Committee applications and a description of each committee are available at [Town Hall](http://TownHall.org/committees) and online at townoffarragut.org/committees. Some volunteer committees have residency or professional requirements.

Applications for youth representatives to volunteer committees are now being accepted. Applications and a list of committees that are accepting youth reps are available at townoffarragut.org/youth. Student applicants must be

juniors or seniors who live in the Town of Farragut or attend a Farragut school. This opportunity is for public, private and home-schooled students.

The deadline for both applications is 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Please note - these are working committees, and applicants should be willing to give time to monthly meetings and committee projects or events. For more information, call the Administration Department at 966-7057.

The census is coming!

Every year, billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

An accurate count impacts everyone - even Farragut residents! That's why it's important for everyone to complete a 2020 Census form.

"A lot of people don't understand just how important the census is for small communities like Farragut," says Town Administrator David Smoak. "Getting an accurate population count impacts how much state and federal funding we receive for road projects and local schools. All the data collected by the census is confidential, so it doesn't impact your privacy, but it does impact the services we are able to provide to the community."

Here are answers to some of the most frequently-asked questions about the census:

When can I complete the form? How do I complete the form?

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding - online, by phone or by mail.

What will be on the form?

There are questions about how many people are in the household and the sex, age and race of each. There is also a question about the ownership of the home - whether it is owned outright, if there is a mortgage or if it is a rental.

The Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home or your business, even to law enforcement agencies.

Will there be census takers in my neighborhood? How can you verify that someone is a census worker?

Yes, census takers will be sent to the homes of those who don't respond. If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.



Field use requests for fall and winter 2020

Allocation packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard or McFee parks for fall 2020 will be available Monday, April 20, on the Parks & Recreation website (farragutparksandrec.org) or at the Farragut Community Center. This includes requests for practices, games and tournaments on natural turf fields from Aug. 3 to Nov. 1, and on the Mayor Bob Leonard Park synthetic turf fields from Nov. 2 to Feb. 28, 2020. Tournaments can be requested through winter 2022. The completed application packet for all requests is due by noon on Thursday, May 22, to the Farragut Community Center (not postmarked). Packets can also be emailed to AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.

A representative from each group requesting field use for fall 2020 is required to attend the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, and encouraged to come early to attend a meeting of all user groups at 6 p.m.

For more information or to request a packet by mail, please contact Lauren Cox or Bryson Keith at 218-3376 or AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.

Town seeking preferred vendors for community center rentals

The opening of the Farragut Community Center brings an opportunity for Farragut businesses to become preferred vendors for upcoming rentals and events. This opportunity is only available to businesses located within Town limits. If the business has multiple locations, billing will need to be through the Farragut location to qualify.

This opportunity is free for 2020! Preferred vendors will be recommended

to current and prospective renters. Their required paperwork and permits will remain on file, making the process easier for the vendor, renter and community center staff. For more information or to be added to the preferred vendor list, contact Arleen Higginbotham, ahigginbotham@townoffarragut.org, or Sue Stuhl, sstuhl@townoffarragut.org. Both can be reached by phone at 865-966-7057.

Independence Day Parade registration available April 1

The Town of Farragut's 33rd annual Independence Day Parade is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4. Registration forms for the parade will be available beginning Wednesday, April 1, at townoffarragut.org/register (a free account is required to register) or at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this parade, entries will be limited to the first 95 registrants. Absolutely no registrations will be taken after Wednesday, June 17, and only to this date if spaces are available. All entries will receive a confirmation email once the online registration is processed.

Parade lineup will be based on the date the registration form



was received (per category). Parade lineup numbers will be available on the Town's website and posted at the community

center at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1. No parade lineup numbers will be given over the phone.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

The coronavirus has made this a challenging season in Farragut. I'm truly sorry for the distress and inconvenience many of you are experiencing. As we endure it, I hope we will look for ways to help and comfort our neighbors. We'll make it through this crisis, and when we do, we'll be a stronger community.

In the meantime, here are a couple of important items. The 2020 Census begins on April 1, and the data collected is very important to Farragut because it determines how much federal funding our area receives for schools, roads, public transportation and more. You may have already been contacted through the mail about completing the census form. For the first time, people will be able to respond anytime, anywhere - online from any device or by mail or phone - so completing the census will be easier than ever.

Also note that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is currently working on the FY2021 budget. This is one of the most important things we do all year, and we welcome citizens to attend meetings where the budget will be discussed and share their opinions. To look for budget discussions at upcoming BOMA meetings, see agendas at townoffarragut.org/agendacenter.



Mayor Ron Williams

1940 Rose Bowl: too much fun to win?

Vols meet stars, live it up, lose to USC 14-0

TOM HECK
Special to farragutpress

It was announced on Sunday Dec. 10, 1939, that the Tennessee Vols were headed to the Rose Bowl to play the Southern Cal Trojans. Head coach Robert Neyland confirmed the invitation with the simple statement that the Vols were “happy to go.”

Knoxville was excited. The Rose Bowl was the dream destination of every college football program, and UT had its distinguished graduate, Clarence Brown, in Hollywood waiting for their arrival.

Brown had graduated from Knoxville High and then from the University of Tennessee in 1919. He was a successful Hollywood director and huge Volunteer football fan. The Vols had a special host to entertain them in the movie capital of the world.

Knoxville also was filled with controversy. UT administrators had stated the band and cheerleaders would not go.

It also was revealed not all 45 of the varsity players would make



Clarence Brown



Photo submitted

Members of the 1939 undefeated Tennessee Volunteers Football team in front of Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios in Culver City, California, prior to their Rose Bowl game against the University of Southern California in Pasadena on New Year’s Day 1940.

the trip. Students were outraged and threatened protests.

George Cafego was named to a majority of the All-American teams, but had struggled late in the season with a knee injury.

Would coach Neyland’s star be ready to face the Trojans?

By Dec. 19, all 15,000 tickets provided to UT had been sold. The News Sentinel printed the best driving routes to the Rose Bowl and advertised round trip train trips to California.

In late December the Sentinel had pictures of young Vol fans, including two uniformed band members, hitchhiking to the Rose Bowl. Many Vol fans headed west in their cars, including Joe Higdon.

At 3 p.m., Dec. 21, the “Vol Special” departed the Southern Train Station to the cheers of 1,500 UT fans. The train carried 35 varsity players, university staff, band member Margie Elgin (guest of Paramount Studios), four cheerleaders and special Vol fans.

The News Sentinel sent sports

editor Bob Wilson and photographer Harold Davis.

The Vol Special was welcomed to then Maj. Neyland’s hometown of Greenville, Texas, by pouring rain and excited fans. The major canceled practice and the train sped further west to El Paso, where UT conducted a full fledged practice in the Sun Bowl.

All looked good as George Cafego ran through the entire practice, and both the major and trainer Mickey O’Brien were encouraged.

The Vol Special arrived in Pasadena Dec. 24 to a rousing welcome. The band played and the Vols stepped off the train to a welcome from 5,000 fans.

Among those in the crowd was UT student and future Hall of Fame sportscaster Lindsey Nelson. The team went to the Rose Bowl and had a light workout.

Clarence Brown threw the Vols a Christmas party at his ranch. The Vols and their fans were welcomed by beautiful actresses and western movie stars as they dis-

covered the glamour of the Hollywood lifestyle at the famed director’s home. The boys swapped stories with Lana Turner, Tom Mix, Roy Rogers and Eleanor Powell.

George Cafego, though, was absent; he had reinjured his knee and stayed at the hotel treating his injury.

Next was a visit to MGM Studios where the Vols rubbed elbows with all the stars.

Brown threw a huge lunch at the Zebra Club where the Smoky Mountain boys sat with Hollywood stars and were addressed by Louis B. Mayer. Mayer asked the Vols “to produce more men like Clarence Brown and send them to Hollywood.”

Lunch with the stars and tours of movie sets certainly was different than watching a movie in the Tennessee Theatre; the Vols were a part of “La La Land.”

Henry McLemore, UPS writer, wrote how surprised he was at the freedom the Vols were allowed by the major. He said, “Major Neyland has been the most lenient of



Then Maj. Robert Neyland

visiting coaches in many years. The boys have been beautifully entertained. ...”

The New Year’s Day game was a disappointment. George Cafego saw limited action and Southern Cal beat the Vols 14-0, handing UT its first defeat in 23 games.

Famed sportswriter Grantland Rice wrote, “The Trojan power was too much for the Vols to cope with.”

Coach Neyland said simply, “The better team won.”



Photo submitted

Members of Hardin Valley Academy’s boys and girls soccer teams, along with players from Farragut, Bearden and Knoxville Catholic and Knoxville Central soccer teams, recently contributed to the tornado relief effort in Cookeville.

Hawks, Ads, Dawgs, Irish, Bobcats soccer teams aid tornado relief

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — Soccer recently took a back seat for the Hardin Valley Academy boys team.

The Hawks, who have split their first two regular-season matches in 2020, had a final scrimmage scheduled in Cookeville.

But Hardin Valley canceled its scrimmage against the Cavaliers. The Hawks made the trip to Middle Tennessee, but soccer was the last thing on their minds.

They spent a day aiding in the relief effort in the area, which was hit hard by tornadoes in the late hours of Monday, March 2, and early hours of Tuesday, March 3.

The scrimmage “was after the tornadoes hit on a Tuesday, so we decided to cancel our scrimmage with Cookeville with the recovery effort there,” Hardin Valley head coach Brad Delano said. “We took supplies and we helped with the cleanup effort down there.”

While the HVA Lady Hawks chipped in

with some help, Hardin Valley wasn’t the only school to participate in the effort to clean up Cookeville and help the city recover. Farragut, Bearden, Knoxville Catholic and Knoxville Central also joined.

“Our team and our girls team all pitched in and we took down supplies and thousands of dollars worth of gift cards,” Delano said. “Ray (Dover) at Farragut, Ryan (Radcliffe) at Bearden and Chris (Quinn) at Central all chipped in.”

Dover and his wife drove supplies down to Cookeville that his team and head coach Gordon Heins’ KCHS Irish squad collected.

“Our parents and Catholic’s parents collected supplies and my wife and I personally drove those supplies down there,” Dover said.

Quinn and his Bobcats — who played their home opener against Seymour Thursday, March 12, in Central’s Dan Y. Boring Stadium in Fountain City — collected supplies such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, blankets, gift cards and non-perishable can goods.


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Kai's bench in memory

Mom finds special way to honor her late son, 2018 FHS grad who took his life last March

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A grieving mother has created a tangible way to honor and remember the beloved son she lost to suicide almost exactly a year ago.

Kristina Thiagarajan personally designed a granite bench, which was placed in Pleasant Forest Cemetery Wednesday, March 18, in honor of her son, Kailash, better known as Kai, who died March 29, 2019, while a student at the University of Tennessee.

Kai was an honors student and student leader at Farragut High School and had graduated in 2018. He proudly served in many clubs — most notably as Student Government president from 2017 to 2018 — and also was a member of the FHS track and field team among his many accomplishments.

"I am very proud of Kai, and I miss him terribly," said Kristina, who is not alone in her grief, as

Kai was one of several former or current FHS students who took their own lives over a two-year span.

Kristina said she had been thinking of a way to honor Kai since last summer and also provide a place where his friends could gather to remember him.

"I had a lot of his friends ask me where he was buried," she said, noting that ultimately she and her son's ashes will be buried together in Washington state.

Kristina first considered placing a bench at FHS, but after prayerful consideration ultimately decided on putting it in historic Pleasant Forest, which lies along Concord Road, and bought a plot in its crematory garden area late last year.

"His whole life was spent in Farragut," she said. "He loved Farragut, and he loved his life here."

Kai also was "fond of the cemetery," Kristina said. "When he

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(Above) A bench honoring former Farragut High School student Kailash "Kai" Thiagarajan was placed in Pleasant Forest Cemetery Wednesday, March 18, by his mother, Kristina Thiagarajan, and many friends.

(Left) She posed with Kai during his senior picture photo shoot in 2017. Kai graduated from Farragut High School in 2018, but was lost to suicide almost exactly a year ago, March 29, 2019, while a student at the University of Tennessee.

**Above photo/Michelle Hollenhead
Left photo/submitted**

'Morning Pointe in Motion'



Photo submitted

On top of following all recommended procedures to fight the spread of the novel coronavirus producing the COVID-19 disease, Morning Pointe also is working hard to ensure that resident needs for connection and engagement are met and exceeded. Beginning Monday, March 23, Morning Pointe facilities launched "Morning Pointe in Motion," a campaign to reinvigorate residents with new, high-energy activities. From left are Franklin Farrow, MP Senior Living chief executive officer and co-founder; Norma Cooper, chief financial officer; Aaron Webb, chief operating officer; and Greg A. Vital, president and co-founder.

Groundbreaking robotic surgery: Dabbs

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Dr. Ryan Dabbs, who lives just outside Farragut, recently has performed the first robotic total knee replacement surgery in the state using the newest Zimmer-Biomed ROSA device.

A board-certified orthopedic surgeon, Dabbs specializes in hip, knee, shoulder, total joint and fracture care and arthroscopic surgeries and is certified in robotic-assisted hip and knee replacement systems.

While there have been previous robotic knee replacement surgeries, the one he performed in early January marked the first use of this newest, most cutting-edge technology in the state, according to Dabbs, a partner at Tennessee

Orthopedic Clinics in Towers of Parkwest in Knoxville.

Zimmer-Biomed, which "has the largest market share in the world of joint replacements" released the ROSA robotic system in January 2019, Dabbs said.

He already had been using ZimmerBiomed equipment for his total joint replacements.

"As more technology becomes more accepted, more a standard of care, I kept reaching out to the developers for the company," Dabbs said. "So, as soon as it was



Dabbs

released last year, we started working on getting the ROSA robot here (Parkwest Medical Center). Covenant (Health) purchased the robot (in December 2019), so I could use it here at Parkwest."

ROSA robotic system provides better accuracy and efficiency in the operating room, he said.

"The difference between the ZimmerBiomed ROSA robotic arm (and other robotic arms is) the (ROSA) robotic arm simply holds the cutting guide," Dabbs added. "The cutting instrument is still in the surgeon's hand, so I'm still able to make all of the surgical preparations with the most efficient instrument, which is my own hand, but the robot arm lines

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CAK distance learning ‘a success’ on first day



Photos submitted



Christian Academy of Knoxville students at all levels connected virtually, distance learning in light of COVID-19, beginning Monday, March 23. Deemed “a success” by school officials, students reconnected with friends and teachers via Zoom.



Kai’s Bench

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was in Farragut Intermediate, they had a field trip to the cemetery to help care for the grounds and learn the history.

“When he came home he was so excited about the history and told me all about it.”

Additionally, she discovered “three Farragut schools’ teachers were buried (there), and that made it seem like the perfect spot, and I bought the next available plot,” Kristina said of the location, which is not far from the cemetery’s entrance.

Not only did Farragut impact Kai, but he impacted the community, too.

“Kai helped the Town of Farragut, FHS and Two Rivers Church to be a better place by volunteering, because he really, genuinely loved compassionately and cared for people,” Kristina said. “It is the spirit of Jesus that Kai tapped into and was able to love others so well. “

The bench was created by Maryville Monuments, where Rebecca Presnell offered input, Kristina said, and was funded by many family members and friends. It was carved from India Black Granite in honor of Kai’s father’s nationality.

It features Kai’s portrait, along with his name in English, Sanskrit and Hebrew, as well as the insignias for SGA and track.

Along the seat portion, Kai’s full first name is spelled out with accompanying descriptors: “Kind, Affectionate, Inspirational, Loving, Altruistic, Supportive

and Honorable — For this, Kai will always be loved and remembered.

“Kai was a servant first, and a humble, gifted leader,” his mother inscribed. “He served everyone passionately with all his heart. His leadership style reflected his spirit, the quintessence of Galatians 5:22.”

Kristina praised workers from Pleasant Forest’s lawn care company, North Valley Grounds and Yards Maintenance, as they helped put the bench in place last week.

“They were wonderful, and so

Ballingers to celebrate ‘65th’

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Ballinger of Farragut will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 27.

The couple wed in 1955 in Tupelo, Mississippi. The Ballingers were stationed in Germany during the Cold War and returned upon honorable discharge to Fayette, Alabama, moving to Huntsville where they had two children, Sherry and Barry.

In 1976 they relocated to Knoxville, where Conley was employed by TVA, returning later to Huntsville in 1987.

After retirement from Boeing and the birth of their granddaughter, Allie Grace, the couple returned to Knox County where they happily reside today.

Congratulations Mom and Dad. We love you!



Mr. and Mrs. Conley Ballinger

helpful,” she said.

Kristina also planted sprigs of lavender at the base of the bench.

“Kai loved lavender,” she said. “I often had sachets, and he enjoyed the smell and how it has the power to calm.”

She is grateful for her friends — among them, several mothers whose children also have been lost to suicide — and Kai’s, who have rallied around her since his death.

“I’m just glad now that his friends will have a place to go and remember him,” she said. “The bench offers a quiet place to rest, pray and reflect on this global epidemic of suicide that stole someone so kind, loving and beautiful from us.”



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Loudon Chamber touts successful business expo

The Loudon County Chamber of Commerce held its 2020 Loudon County Business Expo on February 28 at The Venue in Lenoir City. More than 575 people attended the Expo's seventy-one vendors and eleven restaurants.

(**Top right**) Hayden Decor and Beth Gray man the Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union booth. Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union was the premier event sponsor.



Groundbreak

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the cutting guide up as accurately as a robot can. There's much less margin of error.”

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Family Fun Night

Games, food, inflatables and crafts were on the menu March 6 when Farragut Intermediate School hosted its annual Family Fun Night. Hundreds of students, family members, teachers and staff attended the event, which also featured performances from the School of Rock.



William Scott, left, battles Logan Wright on the balance beam.



From left, Parker Miles, Regina Halford and Cathy Varga helped man the cafeteria.



Robert Butterini, center, owner of Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts, with students Ally Miller, left, and Iris Hathaway.



Katie Pitts and her son, Corbin, enjoy a snack.



Ella Olson, right, paints a pretty heart on Harper McAvoy.



Lauren Williams, right, paints Gabrielle Puterbaugh's long pony tail.



Alexander Holt, left, and Jackson Kulisek, play skee-ball.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Gerand Saffles, center, helps sisters Alyssa, left, and Kaitlyn Maddalena, with a craft.



Kaylee Dickson, left, and Kyla Faerber, both with School of Rock, perform for the crowd.



Sisters Rahila, left, and Rafika Amlani came to play.



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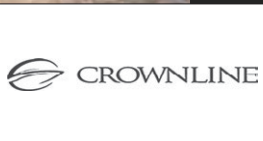




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