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s the United States faces the worst public health crisis in a generation, we want you to know we are here for you — and with you.

Whatever happens, whenever it happens, your newspaper will be there for you. We'll be there to let you know how our community is managing through this crisis — from business to government to the health care system and schools to the drastic impact on individuals and families.

And we'll be there to let you know about the good and extraordinary things happening in the midst of this crisis — such as Becky Bishop, food coordinator for Concord United Methodist Church and the work she has been involved in,

along with other volunteers bringing food to elderly people who cannot leave their homes and health workers putting themselves in harm's way to care for the sick.

Amidst the sadness and anxiety, there are uplifting moments reminding us of the resilience of the human spirit, and we'll be there to document those, too.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said the coronavirus has created an unprecedented health and economic crisis in our state.

"We need every Tennessean on board to beat this pandemic," he said. "Success starts with swift, accurate information and we support the efforts of the press to keep every Tennessean informed."

Having fact-based, reliable reporting that provides public scrutiny and oversight is more important than ever. Together, across more than three decades, this newspaper and its readers have navigated challenging events, including financial downturns and periods of extreme political and societal division.

This challenge is greater than any of those but rest assured, we'll be here for you.

Based on the foundation laid by Farragut Community Group, the Town's founders more than 40 years ago, Farragut is a resourceful Town where people come together to build and grow. Let's stick together and we will come through this, too.

Town Temp Sign Order thru Apr 27



Feeling a mom's frustration, Horn, Board of Ed to begin voluntary 'KCS at Home' Apr 6

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD guidance regarding what is now



Following discussion between Mayor Ron Williams, Town administrator David Smoak and Community Development director Mark Shipley, a Temporary Sign Order for Town of Farragut - to better help businesses tell potential customers they are open and how they may be operating in reaction to the COVID-19



Photo submitted

FMS, Edmonds deliver

Farragut Middle School Principal Weston Edmonds, left, donated some of the school's excess disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers to East Tennessee Children's Hospital Wednesday, March 25. Accepting the donation was nurse practitioner Katrina Rouse, an FMS alumnae.

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As both a mother of a Farragut schools child and as Knox County Board of Education chair, Susan Horn understands and shares the frustrations as schools are closed through at least April 24 — while Knox County School's "KCS at Home" looks to fill the void.

"I understand why people are upset," said Horn, who represents District 5 (includes Farragut), noting she had received feedback from a number of parents seeking

in-home education as local entities navigate the current COVID-19-related circumstances.

"But this is an unprecedented situation and the staff has never been in this situation before," she added. "There are a lot of moving parts, and it's hard for many community members to understand."

However, the components of KCS at Home, as spelled out in a press release by superintendent Bob Thomas Monday, March

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To support Town biz, easy food option, 'neighborhood ordering' expansion mulled

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Looking to expand "neighborhood ordering," labeled as an efficient way to serve a given subdivision, for example, while supporting an individual Farragut

restaurant on a given day in light of Coronavirus, was mulled by Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance during its audio meeting Thursday morning, March 26.

Member David Purvis made reference to nextdoor.com, where "a lot of the neighborhoods are out talking about 'neighborhood dine-out night,' where they all coordinate and all order from one restaurant a couple of days in advance, that way they can make one delivery of the neighborhood.

"It gets the neighborhoods behind that individual restaurant,"

he added about dine-out night.

However, member and Town Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said to Purvis, "Out in Fox Run (her home) we are not connected (to nextdoor.com) like your neighborhood. We're not connected to Concord Hills, and we're not connected to Hardin Valley.

"... I'm working on trying to get us all connected," she added. "... Would it be helpful to have a Shop Farragut nextdoor page? ... Could we set up a public agency

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business

"Right now times are hard and will likely get tougher as the weeks progress. ... With fear of illness and economic collapse looming overhead, our best fight against the odds is prayer and unity,"

-Reece Jernigan, owner of a service in Farragut whose job is vitally important in helping the Town to fight the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

"Historically, when nations have faced challenges and people have faced questions and fears. ... We need to have Jesus as our anchor to keep us from drifting and stabilize us in the storms of life,"

-The Rev. John Mark Harrison, First Baptist Concord senior pastor, about how FBC broadcasts worship services and devotionals to members, while still responding to physical needs. (Read story beginning on page 2B)

sports

"I haven't seen our players since the last time we practiced or played. I'm sure that they're all doing stuff. I just want everybody to be safe. For me, it's about taking care of the people in my circle,"

-Matt Buckner, Farragut High School baseball head coach, about dealing with unfortunate downtime due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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To help head off suicides, **Burchett gives out cell #**

STAFF REPORTS

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With deep roots in Knox County as a Bearden High School graduate (Class of 1982) and former Knox County Mayor, U.S. Rep. Tim Bur-

chett (R-2nd District) has made national news in expressing his concern about last week's Knox County Health Department report that revealed nine local residents had committee suicide within a 48-hour period.

Burchett, who tweeted a video with the following announcement Monday, March 30, has publicly given out his cellphone number offering to be a voice to help someone contemplating suicide or doing harm to someone.

"I know everybody is under a lot of pressure right now, with what's going on with the Corono-

virus ... we have had nine in our community in the last little bit, taking their own life; that's a horrible, horrible thing," he said. "If you feel you are going to hurt yourself, or someone around you, just call me and let's just talk: 865-978-1822. If I can't help you, I'll get you over to somebody who can; if you just want to talk about what's going on around you, I don't need to know your name; you don't have to live in my congressional district. I'd appreciate the call."

If a constituent needs help with benefits, or for any other reason, "Please call my Knoxville office number (865-523-3772) so we can keep this line open for anyone who needs it," Burchett said.



KCSOpolicereports

• At 8:36 a.m., Monday, March 30, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report her KIA Sorento stolen from Clarion Inn & Suites, 11341 Campbell Lakes Drive. Complainant advised the suspect stole the listed vehicle around 8:30 a.m., adding the keys to the vehicle were stuck in the ignition. Complainant advised the suspect is her brother-in-law as well as the father to her granddaughter. Complainant also said the suspect did not have permission to use the vehicle and advised she watched the suspect steal the vehicle. Value of vehicle was listed at \$6,800.

• At 11:44 p.m., Saturday, March 28, a KCSO unit responded to an Oran Road resident for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officer into contact with suspect/arrestee. She said her mother/complainant/ victim and her brother/victim were not allowing her

to leave the residence due to her being intoxicated, so she jumped out of her window, cutting her finger in the process. Officer talked to the brother/victim. who said they were trying to keep her from leaving the house and also were trying to get inside her bedroom because they feared suspect/ arrestee was suicidal. When he was able to get to her, he noticed a lot of blood and thought she had cut her wrist. Mother/ victim said suspect had bitten her on the arm. Officers did notice a dark blue circle indicating teeth marks on the mother's left inner arm. Brother said he had marks as well from victim: when she jumped out of the window she was kicking and scratching him. Officers did witness these marks on his arms and inner thigh. AMR arrived on scene and evaluat-

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With likely sales tax revenue drop, Smoak also looks to plaza, lvy-Swan, Watt Rd, old Kroger

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The resulting sales tax revenue loss to Town of Farragut due to business closings and reduced hours during the COVID-19 pandemic was addressed by David Smoak, Town administrator, during Shop Farragut/ Farragut Businesss Alliance audio meeting Thursday, March 26. He also addressed growth signs.

"Our revenues are tied directly to how well our stores do," Smoak said. "I know the stimulus packages are coming out. ... One of the things not in there is that there's no help for any local governments with less than 500,000 people."

As a result, "For us, we really are going to be ratcheting our belts, we're going to be looking at our revenue projections very closely," Smoak said, "And we're going to have quite a few workshops with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to talk through what

this means for our budget going forward.

"Hopefully we'll go (no more than) three of four months and get through this, but we just don't know at this point."

Growth signs

Construction of Admiral's Corner at the corner of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road "continues, as does work on Campbell Station Inn Plaza," Smoak said, offering the Plaza as a possible site for the rescheduled Taste of Farragut (originally set for Friday, May 1), but noted "we'll just have to wait and see and get with the contractor on that."

Construction of townhomes is on the horizon for the Ivy-Swan Farm/Union Road residential/commercial project. "They're going to get final plats to the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission this next month, and what that means is they can start

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updatedtownevents

• Farragut Health & Wellness Expo, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 28, remains overflowing with 32 signed-up participants and about a dozen others still seeking to participate according to Steve Krempasky, Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance executive director — while rescheduled for **Saturday**, **June 13**, in the Town's Community Center. MEDIC bloodmobile is scheduled in the parking lot.

• Annual Taste of Farragut, postponed from Friday, May 1, has a a reschedule date expected to be in late summer or fall at old Kroger parking lot along Kingston Pike. A committee has been set up by Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance to recommend the best date for rescheduling plus any other recommended changes.

• Other Town postponed events not yet rescheduled include Farragut Book Fest for Children (originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4); Farragut's 40th Anniversary Exhibit and Movie Premiere (originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 1); and the Farragut Committee/Volunteer Banquet, (originally scheduled for Friday, April 17).

• Highlighting annual upcoming Town events still on their original schedule as of deadline Tuesday afternoon, March 31, are Independence Day Parade, Sunday, July 4; MusicFest, Friday and Saturday, July 10-11; and Dog Days, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 14-16.





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lettertotheeditor **Delay Hotel-Motel Tax implementation due to COVID-19**

when restrictions are relaxed, it will take months

for travel business to recover. We in the hotel busi-

ness are hanging on to survive. We are daily facing

very difficult issues with employment and benefits

mediately vote to suspend any new taxes imposed

on our local hotels until such time as the national

and local situations shows a return to some sort of

In addition to low occupancy rates, our booked

business has been totally cancelled and will not

come back until such time as the population feels

secure and returns to normal conditions. Any ad-

vance deposits on these bookings have had to be

this issue and do not impose these taxes at this time

on the folks that invest and work and live in the Far-

ragut area. This pandemic has been described as an

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without paying for it. Witness

said the arrestee was very up-

set about having issues with his

medication, of which she was not

aware. Victim said the arrestee

took the medication and refused

to pay for it. Arrestee admitted

to officers he hid the medication

in his waistline under his shirt,

which officers recovered. He was

Please respond by using good sense regarding

I sincerely request that the Town meet and im-

for our hard-working employees.

normal business conditions.

returned.

unprecedented event.

unprecedented event.

Respectfully submitted, William B. Stokely III

An addendum to the above.

Honorable Mayor and elected officials and towns- strictions on travel and business are relaxed. Even people of Farragut:

This is an open "APPEAL TO REASON."

Recently and after much dialog and discussion the Town of Farragut passed a Hotel Occupancy Tax to be imposed on guests in hotels in the Farragut area. This NEW tax is to begin with occupancy after June 1, 2020. At the time of discussion and the vote the businesses of all in the area was robust, although in Farragut the hotel occupancy was not at high levels.

This tax was presented to be a "no impact on the citizens and only a pass-along tax" on those visiting Farragut hotels. The revenues from such tax were to be utilized to promote Farragut tourism, etc.

Now, the "Appeal to Reason."

Since the vote on the NEW tax, our country has been literally shut down to most traffic, thus the occupancy in our hotels has plummeted to almost nothing in only a matter of weeks. The President has mandated and governors throughout our country have backed up social distancing and the closure of all but essential businesses.

Within weeks, local hotels in Knoxville and nationally are laying off hourly workers and in some cases shutting down their hotels. We, in the hotel business like many others, are facing financial failure until the virus situation is under control enough that re-

Smoak

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building their townhomes."

At the intersection of Kingston Pike and Watt Road "just behind Little Joe's (Pizza), (the developer) is trying to get some apartments put in there," Smoak said.

"... Commercial would be right behind that," he added.

As for developing the old Kroger location, developer Budd Cullom has presented a concept plan to Town staff, which will be discussed further at the Thursday, April 16, FMPC meeting.

KCSO

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March 28, two KCSO units responded Kroger, 189 Brooklawn St., in reference to a possible shoplifting. One officer arrived on the scene before other officers and made contact with suspect/ arrestee who attempted to lie

Steve to get the word out to the

restaurants - maybe do some

"We can definitely do that,"

kind of coordinated effort?"

issued a misdemeanor citation and issued a criminal trespass warning and advised not to return to any Kroger. your neighborhood, contact(ing)

Stuhl said in response.

For latest update on Town businesses: farragutbusiness.com/ covid/ or http://www.farragutbusiness.com/restaurants.html/.

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BOMAview

Latest COVID-19 update from Mayor Williams

Thanks to each of you for reaching out and sending your thoughts the last few weeks. I am very concerned with the safety of all of our Farragut residents. We, like the City of Knoxville and Knox County, are following the mandates by Dr. Martha Buchanan of the Knox County Health Department.

We have taken extra steps in closing Town Hall to the public. We have staff with underlying health issues working from home with the



balance practicing strict social distancing and cleanliness. We have set up a new communication system for remote meetings in order to keep the Town running in a limp mode.

Our four parks are currently open for passive use only. Park restrooms, water fountains, playgrounds, pavilions and fields are all closed. We have asked all parents to discourage their children, especially teens, from congregating at parks. We are leaving the park trails and greenways open, but remind the community to practice social distancing while out walking for fresh air and sunshine.

Farragut Mayor Ron Williams

The new community /senior center is closed until further notice. Per Gov. Bill Lee's mandate, all non-essential businesses are closed until further

notice. All restaurants have closed their dining rooms and are using call-in/curbside pick-up or delivery. We continue to check with all other essential businesses to make sure their staff is doing their very best to enforce social distancing and cleanliness.

Unless the governor sets up border checkpoints like they are doing in other states, we have no way to keep people from traveling, which brings more of this virus into our state and county. From what we have been told, travel is the cause of positive tests in Knox County. Personal sheltering and social distancing, along with hand washing, is

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pandemic - was worded and made "effective immediately" Friday, March. 27.

"The Town wishes to take measures to help minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to our business community," Smoak stated in a press release.

The following temporary sign "provisions" are the result:

• Each business may be permitted (without applying for a permit) one freestanding sign per vehicular access into the development, not to exceed 20 square feet in size and 6 feet in height.

• If a business already has a

Shop Farragut temporary sign, the business may use that sign without applying for a permit and it will not count toward the number of Shop Farragut signs allotted to each business per calendar vear.

• All temporary signs permitted herein shall be set back at least 15 feet from the edge of the public street and shall not create an obstruction to the visibility of motorists

• No wind-activated signs shall be permitted.

• This temporary sign policy shall be effective immediately and end at 12:01 a.m., April 27.

• This order may be extended by the Town as necessary.

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Neighborhood

for Shop Farragut?" Sue Stuhl, Town Parks & Lei-

ed suspect/arrestee, clearing her to be transported to the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility. Both victims refused medical treatment on scene. A blue card was given and explained.

• At 4:23 p.m., Saturday,

sure Services director, said, "I'm not sure nextdoor is allowing that. They (allow) public agencies or governments or utilities."

However, "We'll get Wendy (Smith, Town Public Relations & Marketing coordinator) to ask on that," Stuhl added.

David Smoak, Town administrator, suggested "getting some kind of information to ... nextdoor saying that you and your neighborhood want to do a Dining Night Out, where they deliver to





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Education

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30, stated "educational resources for all grade levels will be posted online each week. Paper packets will be made available for elementary and middle school students, and complementary videos will be posted on the district's KCS-TV Comcast Channel 10 and our YouTube channel.

"For high school students, the district will have a limited number of electronic devices available with certain peramenters to check out on a first-come, first-served basis," he further stated.

"Distribution of materials will begin on Monday, April 6, and all resources will be based on content that was already taught during the school year. Participation will be voluntary and completion will not affect a student's grade."

More details about KCS at Home can be found at www. knoxschools.org.

Horn and other members of the Board, along with Thomas and other KCS officials, met electronically Thurs-

Mayor view

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our best defense unless we have stricter enforceable mandates. At this time, it is everyone's per-

governor's guidelines. We are currently under the state's "safer at home" order, but that could easily change to "shelter in place" if the governor issues a new executive

sonal responsibility to follow the

day, March 26, to discuss steps going forward, and she said they received some very clear directives on what can and can't be done.

"We needed to know what we can and can't do under the law," Horn explained. "And we shared with them our feedback we had been getting."

Horn said parents' biggest concerns pertained to online curriculum, while the school system's challenges included how best to address special educa-

order.

tion needs, access of materials and Internet/computer access.

Two issues she specifically asked about: whether teachers would be able to contact students directly, and if school principals could send informational newsletters that promoted more grade-specific content, were answered affirmatively by district officials.

"I was concerned about that because I know parents

On a personal note, I suggest

avoiding all contact with anyone

else outside family. Wear a mask

and gloves when you go out for

supplies, sanitizing the inside of

Horn

want to hear from their children's teachers - they know them best," she said. "And I was told the teachers were going to be able to do that, and principals could send out information as well.

"I know that we will be making sure kids can check out Chromebooks this week, if they need to," Horn added.

With a "review" focus on the main subjects of mathematics, science, social studies and English, "It's hard to do performance-based classes like CTE or the arts, those sorts of classes, from a distance," Dr. Jon Rysewyk, assistant superintendent and Chief Academic officer, said during the meeting.

For high schools, "We do have software in a learning platform in Canvas, Aspen, Microsoft Teams," he added.

At the kindergarten-through-eighth-grade level, packets will target kindergarten-through-second, third-through-fifth and sixth-through-eighth-grade levels. In addition to printing the packets via online, "We feel like we could distribute them through our 25 sites where we're doing food distribution for students who couldn't get online," Rysewyk said.

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business briefs

• Ron Henry, Wells Fargo Advisors senior vice president/investment officer, has been named a member of the firm's Premier Advisor program, which

is held by a select group financial of advisors as measured by completion of education components, business production and professional-Henry ism. has been with Wells Fargo Advisors for



20 years and has 28 years of experience in the financial services industry.

• His Security & Technology rescheduled its re-grand opening and ribbon cutting to Friday, June 26, at its office, 11426 Kingston Pike, Farragut.

• Pinnacle Financial Partners' offices, with a branch at 241 Brooklawn St., Farragut, have moved to drive-thru only service for safety of its clients. Interiors of the firm's full-service banking offices will be closed until further

notice, as will many offices without drivethru windows. Appointments for urgent inperson needs can be accommodated.

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FWK Chamber hosts 'Virtual Happy Hour' STAFF REPORTS

TAMMY CHEEK

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A Farragut business is reaching out to help schools and churches with their sanitation needs to help speed up re-opening.

Safe-Dry Carpet Cleaning of Farragut, 11852 Kingston Pike, is providing free sanitation services to those entities in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Right now times are hard and will likely get tougher as the weeks progress," said Reece Jernigan, owner of Safe-Dry Carpet Cleaning of Farragut. "My Safe-Dry family wants you, our neighbors, in the community we live to feel safe — safe in our homes, in our churches and, God save the children, our schools.

"The Safe-Dry family understands how trying these times are for each of us and our families," he added. "With fear of illness and economic collapse looming overhead, our best fight against the odds is prayer and unity."

However, to respond to immediate needs, Jernigan said, "Our family will donate dollarfor-dollar from in-home sanitation cleanings' toward the sani-



Safe-Dry offers select free services

Photo submitted

Alex Conn, Safe-Dry Carpet Cleaning of Farragut tech/Chattanooga field manager, sanitizes a local small business office.

tation of our local churches and schools.

"We are honored to be in a position to give back in this way," he added.

"We hope, by offering this to our friends and neighbors, that we will create a closer bond and

stronger unity within the community."

Safe-Dry started the project March 23.

"We brainstormed ideas on how we can better help our community combat the fear with solutions," Jernigan said.

"Please help support our local congregations and school houses so that we may come together and praise our Creator for his many blessings in this darkening time," he added.

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Helping hand (sanitizer)



Farragut grocers reassure customers

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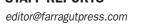
Farragut's grocery stores are going the extra mile — and then some — to ensure customers' safety as they try to keep their stores stocked.

"We continue to enhance our daily sanitation practices, including cleaning commonly used areas more often, like cashier stations, self-checkouts, credit card terminals, conveyor belts food service counters and shelves," said Melissa Eads, corporate affairs manager for Kroger's Nashville division. Additionally, she said employees of Kroger, including Kroger Marketplace, 189 Brooklawn St. in Farragut, are sanitizing restrooms more frequently and restocking with supplies, wiping down shopping carts, baskets and equipment, have closed the salad bars and are "following best practices for safe food handling.

"We will soon be installing plexiglass partitions at many cash registers to further promote physical distancing," Eads added. "We anticipate every check lane having a partition, including pharmacy counters and Starbucks registers, within the next several weeks."

Additionally, she said, "We are installing educational floor decals to promote physical distancing at check lanes and other counters.

"We believe these steps will help to ensure the safety of our associates and help our communities to flatten the curve, while at the same time meeting our obligation to be there for our customers." At Ingles Markets, 11817 Kingston Pike, "We are closing early each day to allow for extra cleaning, restocking and to give our associates some extra rest," said Ronald B. Freeman, Ingles' chief financial officer.



Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce is hosting its first "Virtual Happy Hour" with Water Into Wine bistro & lounge and "The Social Brand," from 4 to 5 p.m., today, Thursday, April 2.

"Although we are encouraging all of our members to practice social distancing, it doesn't mean

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Photo submitted

Farragut Pharmacy, 11424 Kingston Pike, is giving back by helping Knox County Sheriff's Office personnel stay safe in "tiny" ways. "We had a patrolman come in and tell us he ran out of hand sanitizer, so we made up some ... because they are helping us every day," said Farragut Pharmacy owner/pharmacist Betsy Seagraves, who estimated they made about 20 small vials approaching the end of March.

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"For the past (few) weeks or so, those store associates and our warehouse team have been working extremely hard," he added.

"We understand we have a huge responsibility to our communities in this crisis, and we are extremely proud of how everyone has responded."

Ingles, too, has closed its salad bar, instead offering packaged salads.

The Fresh Market, 11535 in Village Green shopping center, also has enlisted protocols for safety, company communications manager Nicole Chabot said.

The Fresh Market also has posted physical distancing visual

Happy Hour

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we can't still gather virtually to connect and support each others' businesses," FWKCC CEO/president Julie Blaylock said.

The event will be hosted by The Social Brand on Zoom, and Water into Wine will be giving a guidance, and cashiers are taking handwashing breaks a minimum of every 30 minutes.

Concerning the handling of fresh produce, she said, "At this time, the (Centers for Disease Control) and (Food and Drug Administration) suggests there is no evidence that the virus is transmittable in produce, such as fruits and veggies."

However, "Guests should follow proper personal hygiene and wash their hands, as well as produce, thoroughly when they get home," she added.

All Publix Super Markets (including 11656 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek) "has a designated team of associates dedicated to sanitizing items, including but not limited to, baskets, cart

short presentation about its new takeaway cocktails via delivery.

"The first 30 Farragut Chamber members to register will be given one minute to introduce themselves and their business," Blaylock said.

For more information, or to register, visit FWKCC's Facebook page.

handles and pin pads at the registers after each use," said Nicole Maristany Krauss, media relations manager for its Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee stores.

Publix also will install plexiglass companywide at its registers, customer service desks and pharmacies over the next two weeks.

"Dollar General (including its 11809 Kingston Pike location) remains committed to providing customers and employees with a safe, clean and pleasant shopping environment at all stores and seeks for customers to feel confident when shopping its stores," said Angela Petkovic, Dollar General Corporation public relations, who noted Dollar General is also closing one hour earlier to allow for restocking.

Safe-Dry From page 6A

Safe-Dry Carpet Cleaning of Farragut has been operating for three years, but Jernigan's family has been in the carpet cleaning industry for more than 30 years.

"Safe-Dry is more than just a carpet cleaning company," Jernigan said. "We clean all flooring surfaces, as well as indoor and outdoor furniture. We even clean rugs.

"Safe-Dry uses a hypoallergenic, child- and pet-safe, chemicalfree solution to clean your items and spaces," he added. "Our sanitation solution is a proven killer of the human coronavirus.

"We use a solution that creates an emulsification reaction when

met with the dirt and grime inside and on surfaces of our floors."

Making a comparison to common household ingredients, "It behaves much like baking soda and vinegar: foaming and actually breaking down and eating away the harmful germs living beneath the surface and lifting soot and set-in stains left by spills and pets," Jernigan said.

"Furthermore, our process dries in minutes of completion," he added. "We also provide a 14day satisfied client service guarantee."

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Waiting out Coronavirus: FHS, BHS boys soccer teams

KEN LAY Correspondent

While the Coronavirus pandemic has most school districts statewide closed at least through Friday, April 24, the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association "keeps pushing things back, but they haven't cancelled anything," said Ryan Radcliffe, boys soccer head coach of defending Class AAA state champ Bearden. "Spring Fling is still on." So, players must attempt to stay

in shape and continue to sharpen their shooting and passing skills and coaches must cope with having no organized practice time.

"I've sent our guys a plan and things that they need to be doing to stay in shape," Farragut head coach Ray Dover said. "I can't make them practice soccer together.

"We have 15 seniors, and they're

chomping at the bit to get to play and hopefully they will get that chance to play together.

"But it is what it is and it's like I told the boys, we all have to make sacrifices and if we do what we're supposed to do, what the (Center for Disease Control) says for the next two weeks or month, our country will bounce back and we will be stronger than ever."

Farragut competes in District 4-AAA, and the league's coaches

have a plan in play for if and when play resumes. Plans are for the Admirals, Hardin Valley, Academy Maryville, Lenoir City, William Blount and Heritage to play a fivegame district schedule.

That slate of matches also would serve as the postseason tournament. "If we go back to school on April (27), that basically gives us two weeks to play five games. We can do that," Dover said.

For Radcliffe and the two-time defending District 2-AAA champion Bulldogs, the path to the postseason is more uncertain.

"If we come back on April (27), we'll have to start by playing the district playoffs," he said. "No district games have been played, so there's the issue of how to seed.Are we going to go off of last year, or are we going to go based on what people think based on this year?"

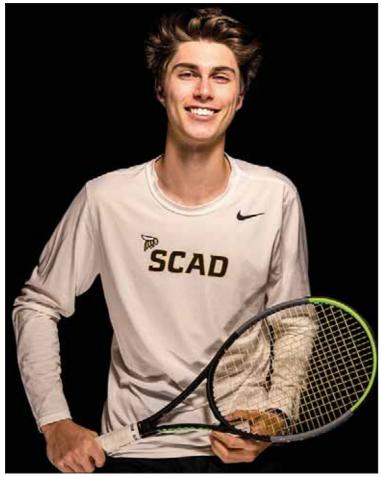


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Farragut's Clem, Irish tennis star/Scholar Athlete, to SCAD

Davis Clem, Farragut resident and Knoxville Catholic High School senior who was a TSSAA Large Public School Division Boys Tennis Singles state semifinalist as a junior in 2019, has made his college selection. Clem recently signed as a future student/athlete at Savannah College of Art and Design (Georgia). A Scholar Athlete and member of the National Honor Society, Clem also is a TNSWA 1st-Team All-State honoree. He intends to major in advertising and commercial photography at SCAD.

Another state, national run? BHS dance team 2020-21



Photo courtesy of Wendy Mañalac

Capturing three National Dance titles and 11 TSSAA state titles in program history, including seven straight in Jazz, Bearden High School dance team is defending state champ in both Medium Varsity Pom and Medium Varsity Jazz. Team members for the 2020-2021 season, 20 members strong, recently were announced and photographed. Front row, from left, are rising seniors Sydney Hawkins, Katherine Newman, Abbie Drum, Anna Snyder, Natalie Adkins, Ali Berg, Emma Mañalac and Chloe McCord. Second row, from left, are rising sophomores Ruby Fisher, Ella Williams and Julie Horn; and rising juniors Ella Klenck, Olivia Roddy and Leah Cho. Back row, from left, are rising freshmen Abigail Abrams, Journie Kishmarton, Maddie Taylor, Avery Duncanson, Jordan James and Kenzie Bankes. The team is led by head coach Hannah Keathley, assistant coach Kathryn Brasfield, cho reographer Katie Fear Lane and BHS school sponsor Rebecca Nutter.

Pandemic patience: Ads, HVA, BHS baseball

KEN LAY

Correspondent

With the high school baseball season put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, area coaches are finding ways to cope with uncertainty while their teams can't play, practice or even partake in team meetings.

While most school systems in Tennessee, including Knox, won't return to school at least through April 24, the remainder of the 2020 campaign is in jeopardy. But the TSSAA hasn't scrapped the season or Spring Fling.

So players must attempt to remain in playing shape.

But for Farragut Admirals skipper Matt Buckner, defending Class AAA state champ head coach, Hardin Valley Academy head coach Tyler Roach and Bearden's John Rice, life is about more than just baseball. "It is what it is, and we're all in the same boat," Buckner said.

"I haven't seen our players since the last time we practiced or played," he added. "I'm sure that they're all doing stuff. I just want everybody to be safe. For me, it's about taking care of the people in my circle."

Rice, a long-time coach in the area, agreed. "As a dad, my biggest concern is taking care of my wife and kids," he said. "This is bigger than baseball. We have nine seniors, and our kids really want to play together. Hopefully they'll get that chance.

"But our kids are not idiots. They know what's going on and they know how serious this is," he added.

Roach, HVA's second-year head coach, is finding things difficult, but like Buckner and Rice, "I'm taking the time

to spend with my family.

"I was made to be a coach and that feels like what I've been put here to do, and right now I can't do that," he added. "The biggest thing I miss is the chance to be with our kids.

Though none of the coaches have met with their teams, Roach said he is working to meet with his players via Zoom, an online meeting website.

"We can't meet or do anything together, but I know that our guys are throwing and I know that some guys are hitting in their garages," he added. "We're working on setting up something with Zoom just so we can check on our guys just to see how they're doing."

Should play resume, District 4-AAA had not made any regular season or playoff adjustment plans at deadline.

While COVID-19 rages on, area private baseball teams cope

KEN LAY Correspondent

For decades, Tommy Pharr's springs have been spent coaching baseball, sharing his knowledge of the game with high school student-athletes while guiding Farragut and Christian Academy of Knoxville to a combined nine state titles the past 17 seasons.

But the Coronavirus pandemic

has taken away "the biggest and best thing about baseball and sports in general, the chance to spend time with your players,' Pharr said.

COVID-19 has closed Knox County and all Tennessee schools at least through Friday, April 24. No school and suspended activities means no organized practices or team meetings.

But Pharr, Knoxville Catho-

lic head coach Caleb Moore and Webb School of Knoxville's Jordan Wormsley are holding out hope they and their players will get the chance to return to the diamond in 2020.

The biggest challenge for the players is to remain in shape with no contact allowed with coaches.

"That's the biggest thing for me right now," Pharr said. "They need to throw and keep their

arms in shape and keep their bodies in shape. They also need to hit a little bit if they can."

Wormsley said about his Spartans, "We can stay in contact with our players, but the only thing we can provide is moral support."

As for Moore's Irish, "Our guys live close enough to each other that they can probably find a throwing partner," he said. "If not, they need to find a brother, their mom or their dad and throw with them. There's not a lot we can do. You'll find out who has put the work in. The responsibility has been shifted to the player.

"We have a young team this year, but over the first few games things were going really good. ... We need the game time to develop."

Wormsley said, "I understand the need for everyone to stay safe, but I really feel for our kids."



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Getting creative

Farragut Crossing mom's Easter Egg 'walking scavenger hunt' a big hit



Emily Miller and her children, from left, Franklin, Caroline and Ella, are pictured on the front porch of their Farragut Crossing home Wednesday, March 25. "Easter Egg" drawings stick in the foyer windows of their home as part of a "walking scavenger hunt," an idea Emily launched that spread throughout several Farragut neighborhoods.

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In the first days of the Coronavirus wave, Farragut Crossing resident Emily Miller mused about what she could do to help lift the spirits of those around her.

"I was watching the news out of Italy and saw where those residents were not able to be together, but they were all singing outside their windows," she said. "I thought, 'What could we participate in here and still keep our social distancing?"

Miller, who works in curriculum development at the University of Tennessee, had seen where some folks in other cities were hiding shamrocks in their windows, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, which helped Miller chose a different seasonal and appropriate object — the Easter Egg.

Suggesting it on the social media platform Nextdoor.com, Miller promoted it as a "walking scavenger hunt" when she posted it Wednesday, March 18.

"Now that we are all out walking — and are home for the next few weeks. ... What if we draw an Easter egg and put it in a window that faces the front of our homes?" she posted. "While walking the neighborhood kids could look for eggs. Bring a smile and a little fun. Who would like to participate? No human contact, just fresh air, and an Easter egg. Let's start this up now."

She, along with her husband, Chris Miller, and children, Franklin, Caroline and Ella, kicked off the "hunt" by coloring paper eggs and taping them to their front windows. The family ended up with several in plain view.

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Concerns over blood supply lead MEDIC to encourage donor help

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While accepting blood donors by appointment only due to concerns over COVID-19, MEDIC Regional Blood Center has seen blood donations drop.

"As of March 19, we have seen more than 12,000 blood drives cancelled across the blood industry, resulting in some 355,000 projected products (lost)," said Kristy Altman, MEDIC director of communications and donor engagement.

"We are encouraging all donors to make an appointment by calling 865-524-3074 or online at medicblood.org. The Farragut office, 11000 Kingston Pike, Suite 4, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 6:30 a.m. to

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CCS teachers, brass manage 'drive-by' tasks



COVID-19 can't stop Christ's ministry efforts in Farragut

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Our churches — our comfort and mainstay during good times and especially these uncertain normal" confines as they rush to help fill the needs of their members and the community at large.

Places of worship may have had to physically close, but churches and staff members are creatively reaching out to maintain open lines of communication and provide for numerous needs.

Online services have taken hold, with most churches stream-

ing Sunday morning worship, and adding resource missives for all ages, devotionals and Bible studies, along with a constant stream of encouragement.

"Historically, when nations ones — are adjusting to "new have faced challenges and people have faced questions and fears, the Church has been the epicenter for strength, comfort and hope," First Baptist Concord senior pastor John Mark Harrison said. "In this cultural moment, we need to have Jesus as our anchor to keep us from drifting and stabilize us in the storms of life."

> Tiffany Roy, communications director for FBC, said the church

has had online services for several years, "but this is a whole new world. We are working to help out our families and letting them know we are still here for them."

In addition to regular Sunday services broadcast online at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on FBC's Facebook page and at fbconcord. org, they have added an 8 a.m. pre-school worship and a 10:15 a.m. kid's worship service.

Daily, Concord Kids offers a mix of devotionals and suggested activities — one day it broadcast the Kids' leader's being "slimed"

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Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Concord Christian School administrators, including kindergarten through eighth-grade principal Leigh Ledet (top), and first-grade teachers Amy Rainwater, left, and Renee Halbert (above) along with other teachers, greeted parents and children who visited the school Thursday, March 26, to pick up teaching materials to use at home for distance learning while the schools are closed to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The school transitioned to online learning Monday, March 30. To ensure "social distancing practices," packets were distributed in a "drive-thru" format, but teachers kept it fun by waving, wearing silly hats and costumes and holding encouraging posters. "We are blessed that our students (eighth-grade through high school) are required to have Chromebooks and we are able to supply families who do not have a home PC loaner Chromebooks so the on-line model will work for our school," CCS director of marketing Stephanie Mason said in an e-mail. "At this time we hope to return to school to finish the semester in late April and will work hard to reschedule as many of our programs and events as possible."



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• Annual Farragut High School Grand Reunion, which normally meets the first Saturday in May for graduates who attended at the old FHS building east of Concord Road near Kingston Pike (through the Class of 1978), has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new day is Saturday, June 27, at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. More details will be announced at a later date.

• Knox County Health Department has launched a COVID-19 Public Information Line, 865-215-5555, or individuals may call toll-free at 888-288-6022. The information line will be available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• The Knoxville Celebration with Will Graham, grandson of the late Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, which was scheduled to be held Friday, May 1, at Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum, has been postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Graham asked the churches of Knoxville to share the love of Jesus during this unprecedented time. "I'm saddened that I will not be able to proclaim the hope of the Gospel in Knoxville this May. The city has been an integral part of

my family and our ministry dating back to my grandfather's historic 1970 Crusade and my father's 2008 Festival," Graham said. "With that said, the churches in Knoxville are strong and passionate, and I pray that they will pick up the mantle. Particularly in this time of despair, mistrust and fear, I ask the churches and believers in Knoxville to shine the light of Jesus in dark days." John Cass, executive director of Will Graham Celebrations, added, "I ask for continued prayers for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the churches of Knoxville, and all

of those being impacted by this virus."

• Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon, originally planned for the weekend of March 28-29 before postponement due to COVID-19, has been re-scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15. Kids Run is scheduled for Saturday evening, and the marathon, half marathon, relay events and 5k will take place Sunday morning. The weekend also is set to include the Health & Fitness Expo and a postrace celebration for all runners, volunteers and spectators.

See Town planner on page 3A.

How should Christians deal with COVID-19? Reading Titus 3:2 might be a start

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maintain our equalibrium through this worldwide epidemic.

Ι would suggest the answer is given to us in Titus 3:2 where the apostle Paul, writing to the Chris-



Larry Paden

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We find ourselves today in a lossae, penned: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Essentially, Paul is saying that our hope is not on the here and now.

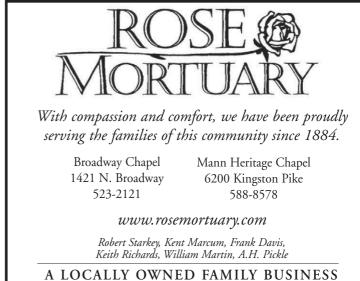
> Paul wrote in Romans 8:24-25 that we are saved in hope, but not a hope that is seen, but we hope for what we do not see. This hope allows us to believe in the "seemingly" impossible.

> In Romans 4:18-22, Paul reminds us of the Old Testament that even though Abraham was very aged and Sarah was barren, Abraham "hoped against hope" that a child would be born, and it happened as God promised.

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obituary

On Wednesday March 25, 2020, **Johnny Stephen Tomlinson**, beloved husband and father, succumbed to cancer in his own home at 78 years of age. John, a resident of Farragut for more than 30 years, was born

Sept. 8, 1941, in Hartford City, Indiana. He was one of two sons and daughter to Harley Andrew Tomlinson and Mary Beatrice (Evans) Tomlinson.

He is preceded in death by his son, Johnny Tomlinson Jr., and both his siblings, Emma Jean Jones (sister) and Thomas Michael Tomlinson (brother). John enlisted in the U.S.

Navy in March 1960 and re-



John S. Tomlinson

ceived the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW3) prior to receiving his commission. After 20 years of honorable service during the Vietnam War and as an

Hunt

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Her social media post drew immediate and farreaching responses, with nearly 80 commenting positively on the effort — and not just in Farragut Crossing, but also from residents in Fox Run, Kingsgate, Smithfield and Jefferson Park neighborhoods, offering to participate.

"Cute idea, we're in," Diana Gerchar of Farragut Crossing said. "Best idea ever," Amanda Howell of Kingsgate said.

Paden

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The hope that Christians have is an anchor for the soul, according to Hebrews 6:19. Every time we get through a difficult situation with our mind set on the hope we have from above, we add patience and experience to our lives.

We must always remember that the hope of the Christian is not tied to this earthly existence. Rather, as we read in Colossians 1:5, our hope is "laid up in heaven."

Let me finish, however, to say that this does not mean we

Electronics and Communications officer, he retired at the rank of Lieutenant (0-3).

After his military service, John led a successful career in electrical and civil engineering across multiple industries around the world.

Aside from traveling the world with his family, John had many passions including fishing, diving and was a GIA graduate gemologist.

John leaves behind his loving wife, Patcharee Thipayarat Tomlinson, of 41 years; daughters, Priscilla Anne Tomlinson (Colm Doyle) and Rebecca Lynn Crothers (Jared Crothers); and grandchildren, Ava Priscilla Doyle, Ella Kate Crothers and Nolan Allen Crothers. Private viewing was held Monday, March 30, at Click Funeral Home in Knoxville.

A public service in Hartford City, Indiana, is pending resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

May you forever more have smooth sailing, fair winds and following seas.

"We had really good response," Miller said. "Several people did a lot more and put out their Easter decorations, too. Some folks have put out butterflies. I'm so glad, just wanted to find a way to bring joy and encourage a sense of community while all of this is going on."

As more people began participating, several suggested moving the decorations around every few days or so to keep up the element of surprise as children and adults "hunted for eggs."

Visit Farragut also profiled Miller and her idea in a video shoot right after the "hunt" started.

shouldn't be prudent and take precautions to protect ourselves, our loved ones and those around us. We do what we can to exhibit that we "love our neighbors as ourselves."

May God bless us as we ultimately look to Him above for rest for our souls.



MEDIC

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6 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays.

Although "Our current supply is actually adequate for what we need," Altman added, "We will see an increase in demand once the hospitals lift their pause on elective surgeries."

On site, "We will not allow more than two donors on a bus in the collection phase at one time."

Moreover, "We have removed chairs from waiting areas and worked to space the common areas so that donors can follow the 6-foot (spacing)," Altman said.

"Upon arrival, donors, visitors and staff undergo a temperature check. If their temperature is under 99.5 degrees" they continue, she added. "The minimum age is 16 years old and can only donate with a signed parental consent and weigh at least 125 pounds, including clothing/shoes, and be in good health.

Otherwise, "Donors must be (at least) 17-years old and must weigh at least 115 pounds," she said. "Donors should be hydrated before they arrive and should eat at least a hearty snack if they cannot eat a full meal."

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Churches

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as a reward for the group having learned more than 2,500 Bible verses — and the church's Bible study groups have begun meeting via Zoom, an app that allows participants to see each other.

"It's almost like video chat," Roy said. "It's great because that way we can see each other's faces. And whatever time they have normally been meeting, that is when they will meet."

The program is free to use in up to 40-minute increments and does not require an account, except for the Zoom host.

Concord United Methodist Church, too, has long offered live streaming services for its contemporary services, but this past Sunday, March 29, began broadcasting both traditional (starting at 8:45 a.m.) and contemporary (11 a.m.) services.

They encountered a small glitch Sunday, March 22, but senior associate pastor, the Rev. Wil Cantrell, explained, "So many new churches came online for worship that one of the primary streaming providers went down for several minutes.

"So the glitch you saw on our end happened for literally thousands of other churches at around the same time. This week we are taking additional steps to build redundancy into our system that if one provider fails, we should be able to quickly get the broadcast back up using a different provider," he added. Follow along on the church's Facebook page or website, www.concordumc.com.

Its Recovery Ministry also is broadcast online starting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, and its Children's ministry offers daily devotionals every day at noon on its Children's Facebook page. An "In Touch" video also is posted daily.

At **Farragut Church of Christ**, the Rev. Gabe Potter, pastor and youth minister, said, "We operate a pantry offering non-perishable goods.

"We are also endeavoring to provide transportation and food to families we've come to know through a downtown ministry called Hope Central," he added.

"A small group of church members volunteered their time at Second Harvest last week, and another small group of church members went 'hymn caroling' this past Sunday, visiting the homes of some of our elderly members and singing worship songs outside their windows.

"We've encouraged our members to reach out to us if they need anything, and we're offering prepackaged communion cups."

Farragut Church of Christ, too, is videotaping its sermons and Sunday morning Bible classes, along with online videos and devotionals thoughts, posting on its Facebook page, as well as its webpage (www.farragutchurch.org). Adults are meeting for Wednesday night Bible study via Zoom.

In addition to livestreaming Sunday morning services from Holy Cross Anglican Church, the Rev. Myles Hixson, pastor, said he and his wife are livestreaming every day at 9 a.m. from the Prayer Book service of Morning Prayer on the church's Facebook page, Holy Cross Knoxville.

He said all pastoral care, except for Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites, is through the telephone.

"I'm currently recording a 12part study through the Book of Revelation," Hixson added. "Each 'class' (is) released on Thursdays. It can be found on the church's podcast (https://anchor.fm/holycross-anglican-church) or on the website (https://holycrossknoxville.org/home/sermons/).

Additionally, "I'm calling each member of the parish once a week. ... We have volunteers ready to mobilize to bring food and supplies," he added.

At **The River, Farragut,** "We are using multiple platforms to stay connected to our church family and our community. For our church family, we are utilizing Zoom for our small groups and leadership meetings," said Matthew Helton, lead pastor.

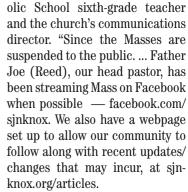
"For our Sunday service we are broadcasting to Facebook using their live streaming capabilities, which are then uploaded to our YouTube channel for those who choose to watch at a later time.

"When it comes to community outreach ... grocery and medicine pickup" are covered for in-need members, Helton added, by visiting theriverfarragut@gmail.com or calling 865-973-1726.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church has Morning Prayer Services beginning at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings via Facebook and Yoga classes broadcast starting at 5 p.m. on Mondays.

"We will be posting a listing of Knoxville resources with contact information for anyone that may need assistance at this time on the door of the church," said Pamela Haralson, parish administrator. Its website, www.stelizchurch. org, features its Crossties Newsletter and links to information and online live streams.

"St. John Neumann is working day to day to help keep our parishioners engaged and spiritually fed," said Diana Brach, SJN Cath-



"We also use an app called MyParishApp to keep parishioners, especially ones who may not be on social media, up to date and engaged. This App is the full package with each day's Mass readings, prayers, news, announcements, etc. available," she addded.

Daniel Warren, campus pastor for **Faith Promise, Farragut**, said, they are picking up and delivering necessities "for immune compromised or the elderly in the Farragut, Lenoir City and Loudon areas."

He said online services are at 5, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday; and from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., Sunday. (every 75 minutes).













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Finding 'stay at home' fun Villages residents 'rope' social distancing

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While being asked to "stay home," it's easy to get cabin fe-ver.

That hasn't stopped Farragut and other area residents from inventing creative ways to pass the time and sharing their activities on social media.

For instance, since Zoo Knoxville has closed it has been asking people to send in videos of their imitations of animal sounds, and several area residents have started "Teddy bear" scavenger hunts.

Closer to home, Rotary Club na, Corona."

of Farragut member Terry Kerbs is "replacing my greenhouse, mulching, planting flowers and a lot of honey-do list items."

Michael Singletary, another RCF member, also is doing yard work. Additionally, "I'm learning to play 'lead' guitar, jogging a little on the street instead of at Fort Sanders and enjoying the music videos on YouTube.

"I think that soon I will have read everything on the Internet, but it does help pass the time," Singletary added in jest. "My wife reminded me that the old song I have been singing is "Corina, Corina" ... not "Corona, Corona."



The Villages of Farragut residents, front to back, Arlene Malcolm, Don Olson, Marion Franks, Bob Koch and Joanna Link, display social distancing using a long rope to stay 6 feet apart while walking down Village Commons Boulevard Friday afternoon, March 27.

Tammy Cheek

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Knoxville Moms, a local online resource for mothers and families, hosted its 2nd Annual "Meet Your Superhero" event at Cool Sports, Home of the Icearium on Sunday, March 8. Not only were the typical characters on hand to meet children and parents — Batman, Captain America, Spiderman and Wonder Woman, among them but also present were first responders from Rural/Metro and the Knox County Sheriff's Office. "We really do love that the kids come and dress up and meet the superheroes, but we really love that we have our real heroes here, the police and firefighters," said Natalie Richardson, founder and owner of Knoxville Moms.







1. Superheroes, from left, Anna from Frozen (Callie Arnold), Wonder Woman (Lily Iranipour), Captain America (Ishmael Fernandez) and Spiderman (Christian Randolph), all supplied through Princess Events of Knoxville. 2. Stevi McMullin and her daughter, Rogue. 3. Sam Navarro-Roach, right, a firefighter/paramedic with Rural/Metro, watches as Isabella Burtch tries on proper headgear. 4. Thomas Carathers, dressed as one of the members of The Incredibles, met Batman, AKA Chris LeMasurier. 5. Eldon Greene tries to master a superhero Rubik's cube. 6. Harper Rosencrance dressed as Supergirl. 7. Charleigh Davis 8. Brian Blackwell as Batman, left, and Leo McMullin as Captain America. 9. Jessica Hart, right, with daughter, Briann Blackwell 10. Robert Lockett wears his Skeletor face tattoo.

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