

## Developer eyes 'R-4' 28 acres off K-Pike

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A new developer for the former Swan property, located across from the former Weigel's at 12639 Kingston Pike just west of Everett Road, said he wants to build a "neighborhood commercial" development on 28.76 acres.

Developer David Robinette, owner of Site Inc, is asking Farragut Planning Commission to rezone the parcel from R-2, R-1 and Floodplain District, to Commercial-1, R-4 or Attached Family Residential zoning and FPD.

At the same time, Robinette is asking that parcels belonging to the Ivey family and totaling 115 acres



Robinette

off Union Road be rezoned from Agriculture Zoning to R-1/Open Space Residential to make way for a residential development.

Although FMPC members did not take action on the rezoning requests for either property, as it was discussed as part of a workshop, they seemed to favor the "neighborhood commercial" concept for the Swan property.

"This is one of the properties we have been talking about," FMPC member and Town Alderman Louise Povlin said, referring to a Comprehensive Land Use Committee on which she sits that is studying updates to the Town's current Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

"There's a real opportunity to look at this from a neighborhood commercial point of view," Povlin added. "I have big concerns about it being a big box [store] and a big parking lot put on the property."

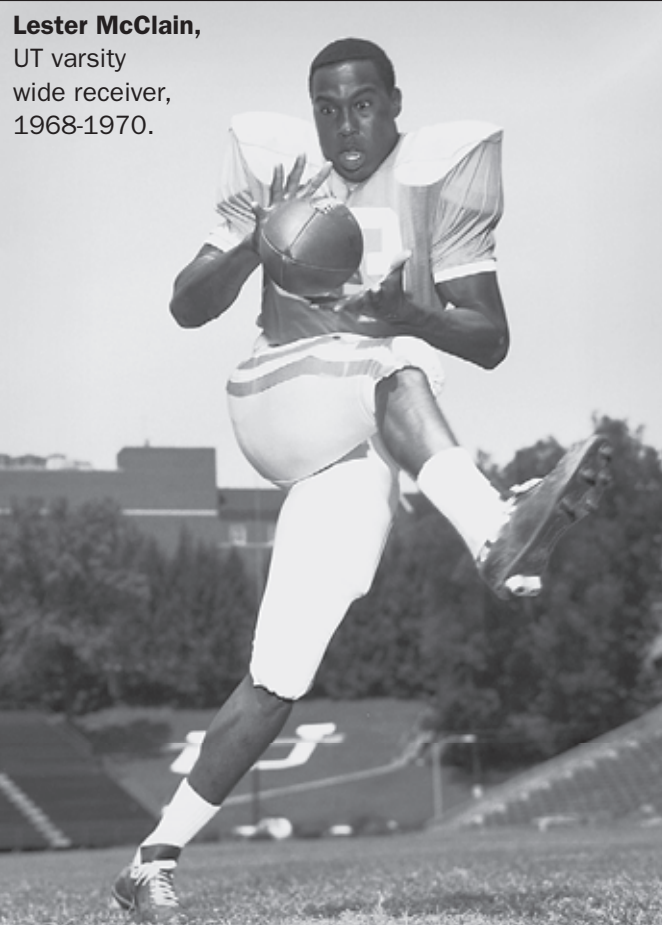
"It's one of our last big pieces of property that could really be an asset to this Town and have some lon-

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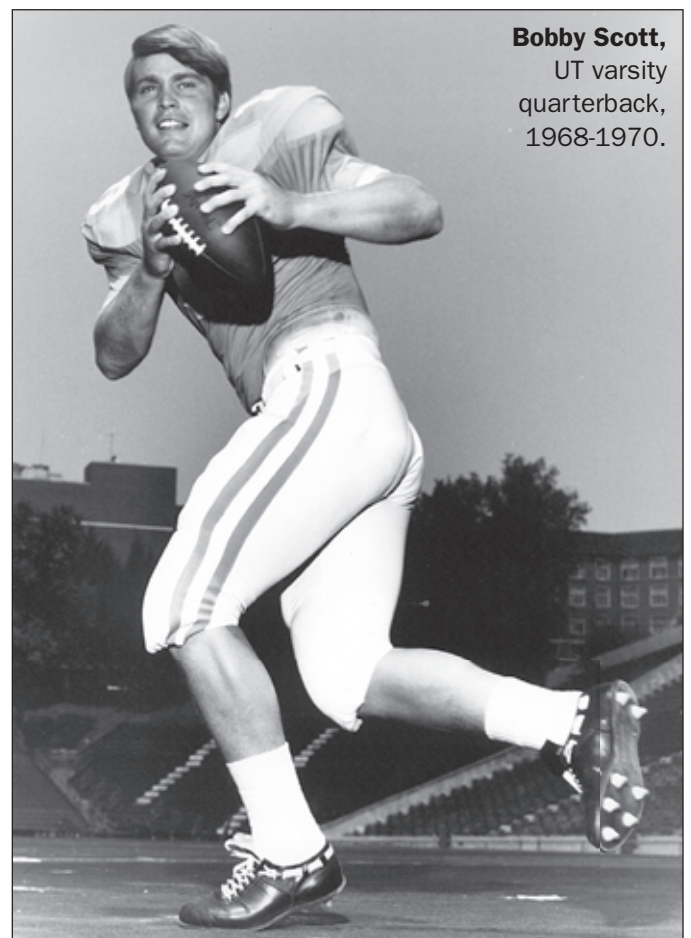
# Orange & Black ...

... On Rocky Top about to turn

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**Lester McClain,**  
UT varsity wide receiver, 1968-1970.



**Bobby Scott,**  
UT varsity quarterback, 1968-1970.

*Farragut's Bobby Scott witnessed, assisted Lester McClain's football journey breaking UT, SEC color barriers*

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Farragut resident Bobby Scott, a sophomore quarterback for the Tennessee Volunteers almost 50 years ago, was part of some groundbreaking moments when the Georgia Bulldogs visited Neyland Stadium to open the 1968 football season Saturday, Sept. 14.

It marked the first Southeastern Conference football game ever played on artificial turf; the first Vols versus UGA football game in 31 years, and the first UT Football game ever broadcast by now retired "Voice of the Vols" legend John Ward — also a Farragut resident.

But most importantly, it was the first varsity game for sophomore wide receiver Lester McClain — the first African-American UT Football player and one of the first three black athletes in Vols history.

During Black History Month, and coming up on the 50th anniversary of McClain's first UT varsity game, both men looked back upon Big Orange history — which also became SEC history.

Though "Kentucky had two [African-American] guys who came in ahead of me," neither finished a complete season according to McClain.

As a result, "I was the only black guy [in the SEC] who played every game in 1968 ... and the first black football player to actually letter in the SEC," added the former State Farm agent in Knoxville,

and most recently Nashville, who came from the mid-state as a teenager to help break the school's athletic color barrier.

McClain, who went on to earn Honorable Mention All-SEC honors during a three-year UT career, contributed to a Vols rally to earn a 17-17 tie with the Bulldogs that groundbreaking afternoon in 1968.

"When I think about Lester McClain, I think about a kid who was hard working. ... There wasn't anybody who was going to outwork Lester," Scott said. "He didn't expect anybody to give him anything. He wanted to earn it."

"If I wanted to go out 20 minutes early before practice and get some extra throwing in, or if I wanted to wait until after practice and get 30 minutes of extra throwing in, he was the first one in line," he added.

"I thought we were good teammates," McClain said about Scott, adding with a laugh, "I always liked it when he threw it to me."

Overall, "I had a great relationship with him," Scott, a sales representative with Balfour, said about McClain. "... He also was a great guy; he was somebody you enjoyed being around."

The Scott-to-McClain connection helped the Vols compile a 20-3 record in two seasons, including the 1969 SEC championship.

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## Town Sampler contest starts March 1

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Direct-e-mail shopping between Farragut consumers and Town businesses will become much more of a precise science thanks to "Town Sampler," the contest brainchild of a Shop Farragut board member.

That's the prediction of Stephen Kremasky, executive director of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance, following the alliance's "third Thursday morning" meeting Feb. 15 in Town Hall.

Any area consumer has a chance to win

six \$25 gift certificates each month from six of at least 20 Town businesses.

"Sign-ups will start March 1," Kremasky said.

The six Town businesses to each give a \$25 gift card for the March contest are: Costco Wholesale, Great Clips, K Town Specialty Shoppe, Mario's Pizza & Grill, Planet Fitness and The Casual Pint.

To enter the contest beginning March 1, "People go to [facebook.com/shopfarragut] or our website [shopfarragut.com] and just enter their e-mail. Check the box where we can use their e-mails in the future," Kremasky said after the meeting

about contestants allowing their e-mail addresses to be targeted for direct-mail discounts and coupons tied into participating businesses' advertising.

"We're going to have all the businesses listed [stating] 'you can win prizes from these businesses,'" he said during the meeting.

"The last Friday of each month I'll draw a winner," Kremasky added, with March 30 the first drawing day. "And the winner will reach out to [the businesses] and we'll set a time to get them the [winning]

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# Green light for new Big Kahuna

# police reports

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Big Kahuna Wings Restaurant has received the green light on its site plan for a new restaurant building, which will be located at 12802 Kingston Pike, right beside Renaissance I Farragut.

Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved the site plan, presented by BKW Restaurant owner Matthew Beeler, engineer Mark Bialik and R. Knick Myers with Myers Bros. Holdings, which owns Renaissance I Farragut, at its meeting Thursday, Feb. 15.

Planning Commissioner Noah Myers, who operates Myers Bros. Holdings with brother, Knick Myers, recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Since BKW opened the Farragut restaurant in 2014, it has been growing, so now it is working with Myers Bros. Holdings to construct a new facility at the nearby location.

"I want to thank you for staying in Farragut and continuing to work with the Myers Bros Holdings," FMPC member Louise Povlin said.

The site plan does have 13 condi-



Matt Beeler, seated, owner of Big Kahuna Wings, waits as Mark Bialik, standing left, owner of GBS Engineering, and R. Knick Myers of Myers Bros. Holding, which owns Renaissance I Farragut, present a site plan for a new BKW restaurant next to Renaissance I Farragut, to Farragut Municipal Planning Commission at its meeting Thursday, Feb. 15.

Tammy Cheek

• At 8:35 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14, a Boyd Station Road complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit in reference to her Toyota Camry being vandalized at Kroger Market Place, 189 Brooklawn St. Complainant advised she left the vehicle and entered the store around 7:50 a.m., Feb. 14, then returned to her vehicle around 8:05 a.m. Complainant said she was moving an item on her dash when she noticed the windshield had been broken. Estimated value of damage was listed at \$500. Complainant advised the damage appears to have been done by a suspect striking the windshield with an object.

• Around 6:46 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, KCSO units responded to 10925 Kingston Pike, Sir Goony's Golf, in reference to vandalism. Complainant said he received a

phone call from the alarm company at his business. He said when he arrived, he saw an unknown suspect run towards the woods. The complainant noticed a small window on the building was broken. Estimated value of damage was listed at \$300. It did not appear the business was entered and there was no other damage, the report further stated.

• On Monday, Feb. 12, a Townsend Road complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report her Jeep Wrangler was stolen from 11220 Outlet Drive, at Cotton Eyed Joe's. Value of the vehicle was listed at \$13,000. Complainant advised her vehicle was locked and parked in the parking lot. Complainant advised she does not have the vehicle's keys in her possession and is unsure where she last had them.

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## correction

The phone number of Farragut business inclineHR is 617-595-9511. It was listed incorrectly in a story in our Business sec-

tion, starting on page 6A, in the Thursday, Feb. 1, issue of farragutpress.

We regret the error.



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# 'Reformed' Jones keys Town's Retail Crime Forum talk

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For more than 20 years, Bill Jones made his living stealing merchandise.

He made a very good living actually — typically raking in more than \$100,000 annually for what he describes as “just a few hours of work a week.”

“I lived a pretty good life — at least I thought it was a good life,” he told a packed crowd of retail shop owners and law enforcement officials Feb. 13 during a Retail Crime Forum in Farragut Town Hall.

“I traveled, and spent money. You could fill up football fields with [all that I stole].”

Jones turned his life around about four years ago in a very dramatic fashion and has worked to right those years of wrongs ever since.

Last week's meeting is just one of many Jones addresses on a regular basis, typically with Glenn Alred, Organized Retail Crime Manager for Kroger and president of ALERT Mid-South, a non-profit that helps officials and business owners combat theft.

Jones sees it as a way to make up for his past, although Alred said he believes Jones “has more than repaid his debt.”

“It is a privilege and an honor to stand in front of you guys today — a group of people that, for a long time, I fought against,” a visibly emotional Jones said.

“I am not proud of who I was. I did a lot of bad things.”

Jones started slow, stealing CDs, which in



Jones

the beginning he sold at flea markets, which “are filled with stolen merchandise,” he said. But he soon realized if he sold items to others, for them to sell, he could make money without any long-term responsibility for the property.

Blockbuster was one of his prime targets.

“You can talk about how things have changed, that contributed to them going out of business, but really, it was because of guys like me,” he said.

Not only was the money good — and easy to come by — but Jones said he justified his theft by thinking he was really getting back at retailers for “ripping off the little guy.”

Eventually, his conscience demanded a dramatic change, and he contacted law enforcement officials, offering to “return” a truck-full of stolen merchandise he had gathered from a storage building.

That odd-but-heart-felt event led Jones to Alred.

“I got a phone call from a law enforcement friend, who said he had someone I needed to meet,” Alred recalled.

“They had Bill, who [decided to stop stealing and] had a truck load of stolen merchandise that he wanted to return. No one was sure how to go about that, and they called me.

“I talked to him for about an hour at an abandoned gas station, just getting to know him, and hear about his story, and we both agreed it was time for him to stop.”

“I have heard that a million times,” Alred said, describing thieves who claim to have reformed. “And, just like with all the others, I thought he was full of crap, and I would maybe get to use him to help us a time or two, and he would go right back to what he had been doing.

“But, he proved me wrong, and has contin-

ued to try to repay his debt.

“I know I have learned from Bill as much, if not more, than he learned from me,” he added.

Jones' life was initially difficult since he decided to change it. He said at times he was homeless and lived in a shelter.

“I went from having everything, to literally, having nothing,” he said. “I could have given up and gone back to a life of crime at any point, but I had made the decision to stop, and kept going.”

“I think he felt like he owed all of us, [too],” Alred said.


Life is much better for the reformed Jones today. In addition to his speaking engagements, Jones works out every day and heads up a ministry he started.

Alred and Jones travel together frequently as part of an ongoing program to help retail store owners and law enforcement lessen the impact of rampant merchandise theft. Alred said “people are learning all the time” from Jones' talks.

Merchants are in a difficult position to combat theft, as their focus is on customer service and they already have a monetary amount built into their budgets for anticipated shoplifting, Alred added.



“But they are learning,” Alred said, commending Kroger for consciously hiring former law enforcement as part of its organized retail crime management teams. That detail applies to Alred, too, who had more than 17 years in

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## throughthelens



Michelle Hollenhead

Town property being considered for mixed-use commercial and residential includes property adjacent to Little Joe's Pizza. If you were planning to move and sought another home in Farragut, would you consider a mixed use residential neighborhood? Would you recommend a family member or friend at least consider living in such close proximity to shops and restaurants? Tell us what you think. Call Presstalk at 671-TALK (8255).

### Development

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geivity. Most 'big boxes' have about a 15-year lifespan. My concern is we will be right back where we are with [former sites of] Ingles and Kroger."

"Small grocery stores are really around that 22,000-square-foot range now," Robinette said. "We have no big boxes ... that's not in our future."

"So, the neighborhood concept wouldn't be foreign to you?" Commissioner Rose Ann Kile asked.

"That's what it's going to be," Robinette answered. "You are going to have a Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts-type of brew-through somewhere on this main road. A few sit-down restaurants are a possibility ... it will be the center point [of three big subdivisions surrounding it]."

"I think we are supportive of a neighborhood commercial [devel-

opment]," Commissioner Ed St. Clair said. "That's the trend ... I don't want to see a big box at all."

On the other hand, FMPC agreed with Town staff that rezoning the former Ivey farm would be "premature" because of the condition of Union Road. Mark Shipley, Farragut Community Development director, said construction on the improvements to Union Road is about five years out.

The Swan property falls to the rear of the Ivey Farm, which Robinette also is developing. He plans on building a road through the Swan property so residents of the proposed Ivey Farm property could access Kingston Pike.

Robinette said he expects actual building of homes would not begin until 2020.

FMPC members said they want to hear from Town engineer Darryl Smith regarding a time line on the Union Road project in conjunction

with Robinette's development plans for the Ivey property.

Two previous developers attempted, in 2015 and in 2016, to get the Swan property rezoned commercial while changing the Town's Land Use Plan.

FMPC voted in April 2015 to change the Medium Density Residential portion to Commercial and Low Density Residential to Civic Institutional, but the first developer did not pursue the rezoning request. Then in January 2016, another developer sought a change to Commercial zoning on the future land use map, and change the Civic Institutional zone to Commercial.

But FMPC agreed to amend the area east of the western limit of the floodway to Open Space Park.

While the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the changes on the first reading, those changes did not proceed to the second reading — so it failed.

## presstalk 671-TALK

• I tend to agree with the [caller] from last week [presstalk, Feb. 15 issue] about the delaminating [retaining] wall on Campbell Station Road. Do the Farragut powers-that-be just look for reasons to be a laughing stock? You've got the stamped-out-stone appearance [stone veneer]. Stain it and move on

— or just spend millions on trying to fix it. It's ridiculous. Move on. Fix the potholes. [Editor's Note: All stone veneer from the wall has been removed. A timetable to re-attach new veneer, or whatever replacement covering is chosen, had not been determined at deadline according to Town leaders].

While we appreciate readership feedback through Letters to the Editor and Presstalk, please note the following: keep Presstalk to 90 seconds or less or your comments will be cut.

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Therefore, we cannot publish negative comments about any such candidates in issues falling within two weeks of any primary or general election in which the person criticized is a candidate.

It's because the candidate being criticized may not have enough time to respond.

Knox County Primary Election day is Tuesday, May 1; no negative Letters or Presstalks about those candidates would be published in our April 19 or April 26 issues.

Town of Farragut Election, Knox County General Election and State/Federal Primary Election day is Thursday, Aug. 2; no negative Letters or Presstalks about those candidates would be published in our July 19 or July 26 issues.

State/Federal General Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6; no negative Letters or Presstalks about those candidates would be published in our Oct. 25 or Nov. 1 issues.

A candidate would have the opportunity for a direct rebuttal of any negative comments found in farragutpress during the campaign cycle, up to the final issue of farragutpress before his/her given election. That would include any negative comments attributed to him/her personally, their relatives, friends or campaign.

However, no other candidate comments inside this same pre-election window would be allowed: any reference to other candidates, campaign "speech" or any advocacy of his/her candidacy would be edited out.

Thank you for understanding our positions.

### Forum

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law enforcement before joining the company.

Knox County is part of Alred's territory, saying East Tennessee "is the worst" area for these types of crimes, and blamed the raging drug problem.

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Kumiko Franklin, center, Kumon of Farragut center owner/instructor, joins instructors Colene Wood, left, and Charlie Pugh at Kumon of Farragut, which has moved from Alcoa to 7276 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut.

## New medical clinic takes ex-Pediatric Group locale

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A medical clinic with a yet unknown specialty will be taking over the space recently vacated by Knoxville Pediatric Group at the corner of Grigsby Chapel and Campbell Station roads.

Encore Medical Group has made an application with Town of Farragut, and the Town performed a courtesy inspection of the 11416 Grigsby Chapel Road site Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Contractor Gary Davis of the Cleveland area is listed on the Building Inspection Report and confirmed he is the contractor on the project.

Davis said he is working with Encore Medical Group, but does not have a time frame when his work will be completed.

There has been some discussion within the community about the type of clinical services that will be provided at the location.

Farragut Town Administrator David Smoak discussed the issue during the recent monthly meeting of Farragut Economic Development Advisory Committee, when a citizen attendee asked if he had heard of "a pain clinic that might be going in" at that site.

"If it is, then it will be up to the Knox County Health Department and

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## Kumon of Farragut gears up for open house

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Farragut families have somewhere to turn if their children are lagging behind in their studies.

Kumon of Farragut is gearing up for an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at its 7276 N. Campbell Station Road location.

Kumon of Farragut serves children ages 4 to college-level students, providing supplemental math and reading instruction with eight instructors. The program currently has 140 students enrolled.

It also offers kokugo, a Japanese reading class as a supplement to the program.

The center's goal is for students "to reach their grade level as soon as they can when they have fallen

behind," said Kumiko Franklin, Kumon owner/instructor. "And, we want them to move ahead of the grade levels.

"The Kumon goal itself is we want to finish many of the levels before high school starts so [the students] can enjoy high school, and also to teach them responsibilities and what their goals will be," she said. "We work together."

Franklin holds a master's degree in linguistics, taught Japanese at Maryville College for 23 years and was principal for 10 years at East Tennessee Japanese School, which was established with Denso Manufacturing in Maryville.

She has operated the educational supplemental

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## businessbriefs

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• **Susan Loveday**, vice president of talent strategies and relations for Summit Strategic Solutions,

has earned the professional designation of certified medical practice executive from American College of Medical Practice Executives, the certification entity



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• **Alan Joyce**, Farragut resident and Fringe Benefit Group regional vice president, wrote almost \$7 million in new group health insurance premiums for 2017, and led Fringe Benefit Group in most group sales. His sales have reached nearly \$20 million the

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*Business Spotlight.....*

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Joe bravely left Kimball's in the fall of 1980 to start his own business Mackley & Company Inc, centered around his love for colored gemstones and gemological services. He continued his education, expanded his gemological equipment with new technology and soon became the top Gemologist and Gem and Jewelry Appraiser in the state of Tennessee.

Joe offered his son, Darryl a chance to work in the business after he graduated from the University of Tennessee and married his high school sweetheart Rene. Worried about living up to his father's reputation Darryl agreed to a six month trial where he started as a traveling salesman selling estate jewelry and colored stones to other jewelry stores in surrounding states. Along the way, Darryl also started taking gemology courses from the GIA the same way Joe had, through correspondence, and earned his Graduate Gemology degree. A six month trial has turned into 24 years working in the family business. Five years ago, when Joe began thinking of retirement the business changed to Mackley Jewelers and moved to its current location next to Lane Music. Their business model has changed over the years but two things have always remained a constant - commitment to ethical practice of Gemology and a firm belief of customer service. Mackley Jewelers is a full service family fine jewelry business celebrating 38 years serving Knoxville. My name is Darryl Mackley, and my staff and I look forward to helping you at 9648 Kingston Pike, Franklin Square.

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# Change in services coming to Turkey Creek Medical Center by spring

**TAMMY CHEEK**

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Turkey Creek Medical Center, along with other Tennova Healthcare hospitals in the Greater Knoxville area, is undergoing changes to its line-up of services to “enhance care and the experience of patients and physicians” in those hospitals.

Under Tennova Healthcare, its parent company, Turkey Creek Medical Center no longer will operate its obstetrician services

as of April 27, Lance Boyd, TCMC chief operating officer, announced during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking Feb. 8.

“We will not be delivering babies anymore,” Boyd said. Instead, the deliveries will be made at Physicians Regional Hospital, where the childbirth services are being relocated.

“Turkey Creek will convert its existing obstetrical beds to general medical/surgical beds, create additional operating rooms and add intensive care unit beds to accommodate

increased and more complex general and cardiovascular surgical cases from Physicians Regional,” Russell R. Mariott, Tennova Healthcare vice president of marketing and development, stated in a press release.

Concurrently, Boyd said he is excited to announce Turkey Creek Medical Center is expanding its cardio services and will be “doing all Tennova open heart surgeries” in that hospital.

In months ahead, Tennova Healthcare will start consolidating a majority of its acute in-

patient services to North Knoxville and Turkey Creek Medical Centers, where the system will renovate existing infrastructure “to support care for more patients in targeted service lines,” Mariott stated.

Boyd assured Chamber networking attendees, “We are growing here, but none of our other services are going away.”

Turkey Creek will maintain all its other existing services, he said. Among those are the gynecological services in the Women’s Pavilion and orthopedic.

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## Kumon

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program as Kumon Alcoa-Foothills for the past 15 years in Alcoa, but recently decided to move her business to Farragut.

“Over the course of the years, I’ve noticed that I have maybe 75 percent [of my students] from Knox [County], and they asked me to come to Knox [County],” Kumiko said.

She chose Farragut because of the schools and parents.

“A lot of residents [here] are more keener to education,” she said.

The Franklins also were looking for a more centralized site for all Kumon students, and North Campbell Station’s proximity to the Interstate fit the bill, said Kelly Franklin, Kumiko’s husband and part-time instructor.

“We have students from Athens, Morristown, Chattanooga,” said Kelly Franklin, a retired reading and writing teacher who still substitutes in Maryville City Schools.

Kumon of Farragut is a branch of Kumon International, which is “the largest after-school supplemental instruction program in the world,” Kelly Franklin said.

The company was named after its founder, Toru Kumon, on whose curriculum the company’s instruction is based, he said.

Kumon established the Kumon Method. “It’s like a top down for what the student needs to finish in high school is this in elementary school,” Kumiko Franklin said. “It’s all laid out to finish at the high school level.”

“The students are learning study habits, as well as math and reading, because they’re charged with doing a set of worksheets each day,” Kelly Franklin said.

The center is open from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday and Thursday.

To learn more about Kumon of Farragut, visit its website at www.kumon.com or call 865-984-3131.

## New clinic

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the Knox County Sheriff’s Office to oversee,” Smoak said.

“They have ratcheted down on bad docs who write prescriptions at will,” he added. “It is much better than it used to be. We will just have to wait and see.”

Attempts to reach Encore Medical Group have been unsuccessful.

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**Green light**

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tions by the Town's staff.

"We're good with them," Knick Myers said.

One of the conditions concerned "an iconic element," a unique detail forming the architectural style required of the structure, Shipley said. "... It is a small building, similar to an office building at the former Weigel's on East Way Station Trail, but does it have an iconic element with the features that are shown?"

"This does not look like, to me, the typical Myers Bros. work," Commissioner Rose Ann Kile said.

"I'm not saying that the look is flawed by any means — I think it blends in well with the Renaissance, which is also something that

we are interested in," FMPC Chairwoman Rita Holladay said.

"That's the attempt to start with, to blend in with the Renaissance, there's no question about that, but Myers Bros. buildings are always so great looking," Kile said.

"And this, just to me, looks a little bit blaaah."

In looking at a rendering, Myers said, "It is so difficult to comprehend the size in perspective to what it is.

"If you look at the Renaissance building, the smallest building is 15,000 square feet," he added. "This is 3,000 [square feet].

"What we are doing [with the color variation of the building] is actually incredible. It's extremely difficult in a rendering to show you what we're doing with the brick."

**Town Sampler**

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package. ... I contact the person right away and we'll set up a time the following week" to deliver the gift cards.

"The idea is the winners have to physically go in and use the coupons — either the gift certificates or the gift cards they receive," he added.

Krempasky credited Tony Cox, Shop Farragut Board member, with the idea for Town Sampler. [Cox is president of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress, and the paper's publisher].

"The inspiration really came about from how to find shoppers for Shop Farragut," Krempasky added.

"... We use this contest to develop a list, because people have

to opt into the contest. They'll have their e-mails, and I can generate a list of shoppers, so I can tell [when a given Farragut business] is going to have a special ... direct marketing through e-mail, which we're not doing right now because I don't have a list of the shoppers who are interested in shopping this area and businesses."

As a result, "It's going to grow an e-mail list for us to have customers," he said. "I've got a great e-mail list for businesses, but now we're going to grow a list of people who shop Farragut, or are willing to shop Farragut that we can market to."

Interested consumers may enter the contest each month. Winners in any given month would need to wait 30 days to re-enter the contest.

The March 30 winner, for exam-

ple, would have to wait until May to re-enter the contest.

At deadline, 20 Town of Farragut businesses had signed up to be part of Town Sampler according to Krempasky.

The other 14 businesses signed up are Campbell Station Jazzercise, Fitness Together, Health Markets Insurance Agency, Jiffy Lube, Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts, Kumon of Farragut, Michael Broyles Photography, OsteoStrong of Farragut, Rick Terry Jewelry, The Consignment Shoppe @ Campbell Station, Water Into Wine Bistro & Lounge, Elliott's Boots-Shoes-Sandals Farragut, Nurture With Nature and Longhorn Steakhouse.

"These businesses are so hot to get into this," Krempasky said.

"We're excited about it."



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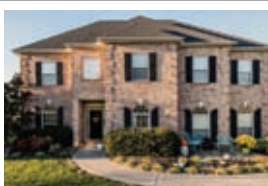


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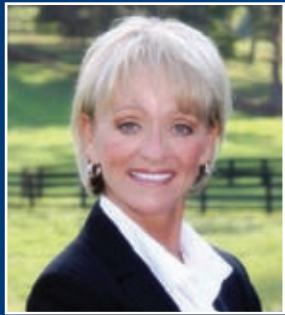






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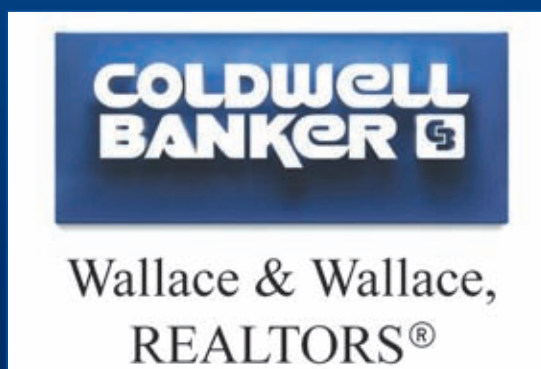
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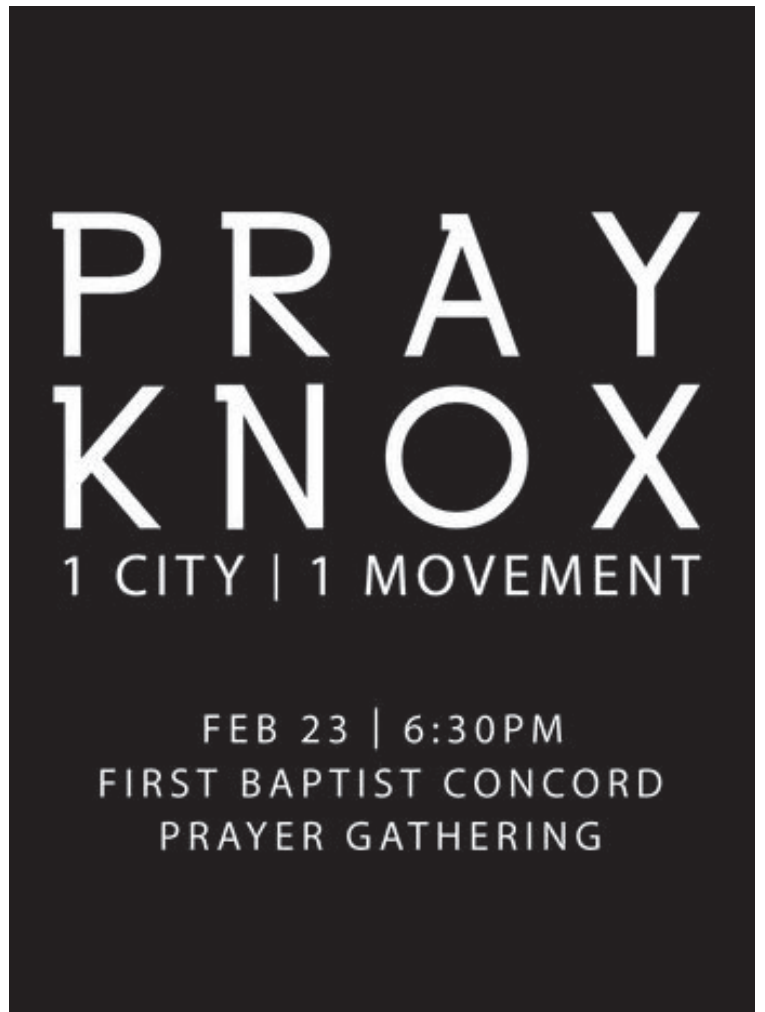
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Carol Waldo, left, executive director of Knoxville Internationals Network, and University of Tennessee graduate student Teresa Slade, work in different capacities with the PrayKnox movement. They are holding a copy of the PrayKnox devotional, which has specific prayer topics to target daily.



## Growing good out of tragedy

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD

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A city-wide movement, which began in response to tragedy, continues to gain momentum and will next meet at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, in First Baptist Concord.

PrayKnox began last year and grew out of an opportunity organizers saw as they prayed collectively in the aftermath of local and national events.

The church community “came together after shootings and suicides, for example, but we realized we were only getting together when Satan called, and we were grieving,” said Carol Waldo, executive director of Knox-

ville Internationals Network, who is one of many PrayKnox organizers helping facilitate the movement. “We are all willing to come together after a tragedy, but [we thought] maybe we should go on the offensive, rather than the defensive, and come together in a spirit of intercession.”

That epiphany fueled what became PrayKnox, described as “a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-denominational prayer movement aimed at unifying the body of Christ for the spread of the gospel and the love of Jesus.”

Two key Bible verses have served as cornerstones for PrayKnox: Jeremiah 29:7: “And work for the peace and prosperity of the city

where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare,” and John 17: 20, 21: “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message; I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one, as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

Both tie into one of PrayKnox’s key goals listed on its web site: “now is the time to rise up as the people of God and humble ourselves and pray as one.”

All denominations are openly accepted and encouraged to attend.

“Everyone is welcome,” said Waldo, who added she has been asked if Muslims are welcome, too.

“Of course,” she said. “God created us all. They just need to know we will be praying in Jesus’ name.”

PrayKnox certainly has registered with the community from the beginning. It’s first group

“We are all willing to come together after a tragedy, but maybe we should go on the offensive, rather than the defensive, and come together in a spirit of intercession.”

Carol Waldo,  
Executive Director  
of Knoxville  
Internationals Network

meeting, held in November, had more than 1,100 in attendance.

“We were blown away with the response,” Waldo said.

High school and college-age students have responded to the call as well, as the meetings themselves are student-led.

“We want to use our passion and zeal for the Lord, too,” explained University of Tennessee

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## Town-FKC 13th Annual Shamrock Ball March 3

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While many high schoolers anxiously anticipate prom season, a younger set will enjoy a night all their own when the 13th Annual Shamrock Ball takes place March 3.

The event is promoted as a “father-daughter dance,” and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Farragut High School commons area. It is open to all ages, and those attending can enjoy evening of music, dancing and light refreshments.

The dance is a joint effort between Town of Farragut and Farragut Kiwanis Club, and this year’s proceeds will be split between Farragut Middle School Band and Kiwanis Club’s Teen Driving Rodeo, which promotes safe teen driving.

“We normally raise between \$3,000 and \$5,000 every year [with this fundraiser] said Farragut Kiwanis Club president Tanya Alles, who heads up a core group of 15 members.

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## BHS Dance National champs



Alan Sloan

Bearden High School dance team captured a national title in Large Varsity Pom during Universal Dance Association competition Feb. 2-4, in Orlando. Also earning a fourth-place national finish in Large Varsity Jazz, the BHS ladies were recognized during halftime of the Friday, Feb. 9, Bulldogs varsity basketball boys’ home game versus rival Farragut. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett donned his BHS letter jacket (football, Class of 1982) and read a proclamation praising his alma mater’s national champion dance team.



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# SJNCC 7th Annual Ponytail Drive has 11 girl student volunteers



St. John Neumann Catholic School held its 7th Annual Ponytail Drive at the school Thursday, Feb. 1.

Eleven girls donated their hair for cancer patients during a school assembly, said Michelle Dougherty, SJNCS kindergarten teacher who organized the effort.

"All the hair donated will be sent to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths campaign, which supplies wigs free to cancer patients through the American Cancer Society's wig bank," Dougherty said.

In the past seven years, more than 150 SJNCS students, teachers, parents and friends have participated in the event, donating around 1,520 inches or 127 feet of hair, she said, adding, "It takes between eight and 15 ponytails to make one wig."

Stylists from Belleza Salon and Spa volunteered their time and talent to prepare the donors' hair and cut and style the hair after the donation.



Photos courtesy Jerry Dougherty Sr.

(Above) Among St. John Neumann Catholic School's donors for its 7th Annual Ponytail Drive are, from left, Elizabeth Campbell; fifth-graders Maddie Lawson, Riley Kerschbaum and Grace Drone; kindergarten Edith Loebner; kindergarten teacher Michelle Dougherty; third-grader Kailin McEnery; eighth-grader Emma Acord; seventh-grader Vivi Christopolous and sixth-graders Sarah Allen and Abby Armstrong. (Left) Kailin, a second-time donor, gets her hair prepped by Belleza Salon and Spa stylist Joanna Garcia.

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### FEBRUARY

• Knox County Health Department is providing free flu vaccinations while supplies last at all three of its locations. Clinics are open from **8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m., Monday through Friday**. For more information, call 865-215-5070.

• "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" is open at the Museum of East Tennessee History, and will run through **Sunday, July 8**. The museum is open from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday**; from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday**, and from **1 to 5 p.m., Sunday**. For more information, visit online at [www.easttnhistory.org/](http://www.easttnhistory.org/)

• The Arts & Culture Alliance will present four new exhibitions at Emporium Center beginning at **6 p.m., through Friday, Feb. 23**. For more information, go online

at [knoxalliance.com/](http://knoxalliance.com/).

• Pellissippi State Community College will feature "Fe: Women Working in Iron, Bronze, Aluminum and Steel" exhibit **through Friday, Feb. 23**. For times. Visit [pstcc.edu/arts/](http://pstcc.edu/arts/)

• Knoxville Museum of Art will present "Press Ahead: Contemporary Prints Gifted by Helen and Russell Novak" through **Sunday, April 15**. KMA is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday**, and from **1 to 5 p.m., Sunday**. For more information, visit online at [knoxart.org/](http://knoxart.org/)

• Captain WYC Hannum Chapter 1881, UDC will hold its meeting starting at **11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24**. For more information, call Debra at 865-856-9300.

• Maryville College Theatre Department will present "9 to 5: The Musical" starting at **8 p.m., Fri-**

**day and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25**, in Clayton Center for the Arts' Ronald and Lynda Nutt Theatre. For more information, call Chloe Kennedy, 865-981-8209.

• The 49th Jubilee Festival will be held at Jubilee Community Arts with Old Harp Singing beginning at **2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25**. For more information, visit [brownpapertickets.com/](http://brownpapertickets.com/)

• Farragut Museum will host a free event in honor of Black History Month starting at **2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25**, in Farragut Town Hall. A reception and museum tour will be held at **1 p.m.** For more information, visit [museum@townoffarragut.org/](http://museum@townoffarragut.org/)

• Town of Farragut will host classes taught by local company Social Media 4 Seniors in February. Participants must be 55 years

or older to attend and must bring their own device to class. Classes are as follows: "Awesome Apps for Seniors," from **12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27**. Cost is \$30. "Getting the Most Out of your Smartphone/Tablet Camera for Seniors," from **10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27**. Cost is \$30. To register, call 865-218-3375 or visit [townoffarragut.org/register/](http://townoffarragut.org/register/)

**MARCH**  
• Town of Farragut and Kiwanis Club of Farragut will host the 13th annual Shamrock Ball, a Father-Daughter Dance, from **7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 3**, in Farragut High School Commons. Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$30 per family in advance, and \$25 per couple and \$35 per family at the door. Extra tickets for individuals are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call

865-966-7057 or visit [townoffarragut.org/register/](http://townoffarragut.org/register/)

• Knoxville's own Ambassadors of Goodwill, the Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble, has recently returned from a successful tour of Hungary and will open its 37th season starting at **8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, and 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3**, in Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$13 for children and \$26 for adults. For more information, call Cheri Mckeever, 865-207-1954.

• Frank Galbraith, retired Farragut Middle School history teacher, will share stories about the Alamo, Sergeant York, Thunder Road, Davy Crockett, Dolly Parton, Pat Summit and more beginning at **7 p.m., Monday, March 5**, in Farragut Town Hall. For more information, call 865-966-7057.

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## Shamrock

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“We do well for such a little club.”

Alles has been with the Kiwanis Club for the last nine years, and said the dance is an event she looks forward to every year.

“Everyone always has such a good time,” she said. “And everyone is welcome to attend — it is not just for fathers and daughters. Over the last few years, it really has become more [whole] family-oriented.”

Sue Stuhl, Farragut Parks & Leisure Services director, was part of the project from the beginning.

“The Town had been interested in hosting a father-daughter dance, and the Kiwanis Club — which I had just joined — was looking for a fundraising project, so that’s how it got started,” Stuhl said.

“It is such a delightful event to see the dads treating their daughters to such a special night,” she added.

“I really enjoy it, myself,” said Wendy Smith, Farragut public relations and marketing coordinator. “Everyone has such a good time.”

“Many of the fathers will make a night of it and take their daughters to dinner or even rent a limo.”

“I know those little girls feel like princesses.”

Smith said she, too, had seen an uptick in the event’s inclusiveness, as entire families have attended in the past.

Advance tickets currently are available at Town Hall for \$20 per couple, or \$30 for a family, which includes children, step-children, parents or legal guardians.

Tickets at the door will be \$25 per couple and \$35 per family. Extra tickets for individuals are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Photos will be taken of each



Halle Bennett and uncle, John Bickford, were just two of nearly 500 party-goers at last year’s Shamrock Ball.

File photo

couple or family at the dance and will be available for purchase after the event.

For more information, e-mail [parksandrecinfo@townoffarragut.org](mailto:parksandrecinfo@townoffarragut.org) or call 865-966-7057.

## Tate’s students make snow

Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Tate’s School in Cedar Bluff, decided they did not have enough snow this winter — so they designed, tested and built their very own snow machine.

“I wanted to assign them a big, mind-blowing task that solves a problem most adults don’t know how to solve,” Alex Edwards, science instructor said. “Designing and building a snow machine tests their understanding of the properties of water by creating a false atmospheric environment.”

The snow machine was made from supplies found largely on campus such as an air compressor, pressure washer, clamps, a ladder, metal poles, and a few specialty items.

Students set up and started testing their snow machine “in the wee hours of the night” earlier this month and spent the night on campus. They were ready when the temperature finally fell to 28 degrees, which allowed them to begin making snow. The machine will blow snow up to 20 feet.

## Pray

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student Teresa Slade, who is a member of that leadership group.

“A lot of times, we don’t give the youth the chance to lead, but we have been encouraged by those who have stepped up to serve, and we want to walk along beside them [in support],” Waldo said.

“We have freshmen and sophomores in high school — some are 10 years younger than I am — and they are so bold [in their convictions and leadership] that they inspire me,” Slade said.

A devotional/prayer book also has grown out of the PrayKnox movement. The book’s 260 devotionals each were written by Knoxvillians from all walks of life, from students, parents, pastor and housewives, to writers, doctors, CEOs and missionaries.

“Each contributor focuses on a

specific [Bible] verse and need and also provides a prayer target that every person who has the books is asked to follow,” Waldo said.

“All of it is a focus on praying that we can all work toward unifying the body of Christ.”

No one person or denomination has taken charge of PrayKnox, Waldo said.

“It is a very organic movement,” she explained. “No one person, and no one church leads it.”

“We just come together to pray and let God show us His spirit and His will.”

Every month has a specific target group. For example, February’s target is the international community.

PrayKnox will hold three more meetings in the coming months, with plans to start up again in the fall.

For more information about the organization or to purchase a devotional, visit [prayknox.org](http://prayknox.org).

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## Broken barrier

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Also led by All-SEC running back Curt Watson during McClain's last two seasons, The Vols would "run big plays offensively in the pass game from play-action passing. ... We were not a team that dropped back and threw it on a regular basis," he said.

However, against Memphis State in 1969, McClain recalled being Scott's recipient "of the longest pass in Tennessee history," covering 82 yards for a touchdown. "Of course, it's been broken several times since then."

Recalling specific games where the pair connected in critical situations, Scott pointed to the 1970 game versus UCLA in Neyland Stadium — helping the Vols finish fourth in the nation with a final 11-1 record.

"We had a fourth-down conversion, and I threw the ball to Lester on a hook pattern on the left side for about 15 yards, and made a first down that keep a drive alive," leading a late-game victory, Scott said.

Beating Air Force decisively in the 1971 Sugar Bowl, in their last game as a UT pass-catch duo, Scott recalled a "no yards" play.

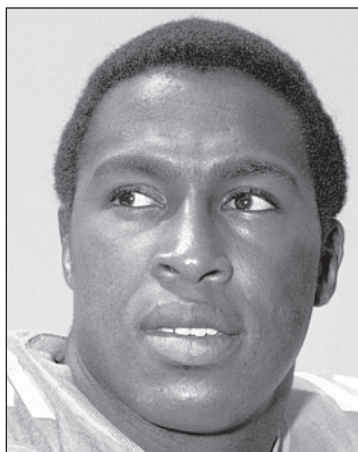
Ironically, the very throw that caught the attention "of the head scout of the New Orleans Saints that drafted me" — Scott going on to serve as Archie Manning's back-up quarterback with the NFL's Saints for almost 10 years — was a "deep throw" that McClain dropped.

"It just went right through his hands, the throws couldn't have been any better," Scott said with a laugh. "He came back to the huddle laughing, and I got tickled, too."

By the time McClain and Scott's careers ended, they were part of a senior class to enjoy two distinctions especially noteworthy in 2018: "We never lost to Alabama," Scott said. "And we never lost a game in Neyland Stadium."

However, there would be another athletic bonding event.

"We had a basketball team. To make a little extra money we



McClain

would go around" the Knox metro area and play pick-up fundraising games, Scott said about himself and McClain plus ex-Vols including Chip Kell, Joe Thompson and Mike Bevins among "a bunch of us."

"We'd load up in a car and would go to Sweetwater, and we would play their [high school] faculty or their coaching staff or something as a fundraiser, and they would pay us part of the gate," Scott added. "We had a blast doing it. We met a lot of people in East Tennessee that we would never have gotten to meet."

Other locations included going as far as "a road trip to Jackson, Tennessee," he said.

Scott said he didn't remember witnessing any racist incidents or comments on any of the community basketball visits, "or the whole team would have walked off the court," he added. "We backed Lester with everything that we had."

"I guess I took things in stride," McClain said about dealing with racial tensions on campus. "I knew what I was there to do. I didn't really do a lot of things away from

campus with the guys that were teammates."

As for acts of racism he encountered, "There were tough things and tough times, but I never dwelled on any of that," he said.

About choosing UT, "I thought it was a great opportunity. Why not?" McClain said.

Looking back on his freshman year at Haynes High School, a predominant black high school in Nashville in 1963, "around you you're looking at marches and demonstrations taking place; you knew change was coming," McClain said.

"... When I was a [rising] senior, I had the choice of continuing at the same high school I had been attending, or changing high schools," he added.

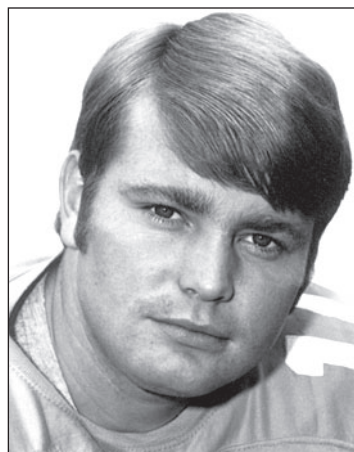
Transferring to Antioch High School, "a [previously] totally white high school. ... That also gave me exposure because Tennessee wouldn't have known who I was."

Also a running back, defensive end and cornerback at Antioch as a senior, "as far as having great statistics as a receiver, I didn't have that," McClain said. "... I had good speed but I didn't run [track] sprints or anything."

As for former teammates at Haynes, "I was the only one out of the group, it seems like, who got the opportunity to go to a major college," he said.

"That had a lot to do with a gentleman by the name of Bill Garrett," a UT alumnae who "was a pharmacist, and I guess you could call him a politician as well," McClain added.

Also involved in Antioch football's conditioning program, Garrett "came along at a time when



Scott

you had alumni recruiting for the University of Tennessee," he said. "Bill Garrett happened to be running the kids at Antioch and also recruiting for the University of Tennessee. ... They knew [head] coach [Doug] Dickey. ... I used to visit him at the drug store. As time progressed, he thought I was a very good prospect and made it known to coach Dickey and others."

Just prior to Garrett's involvement, "I don't think Tennessee thought much of me as a prospect," McClain said. "They were recruiting Albert Davis at that time," an African-American All-state running back at Alcoa High School.

Looking for another African-American football star who would room with Davis, he said, "When everyone else that Tennessee wanted to sign to be a roommate for Albert Davis turned them down, then the

only one left standing was me."

Davis, however, ended up signing with Michigan State — but eventually landed at Tennessee State University, a predominantly African-American university in Nashville.

Because Davis didn't come to UT, leaving McClain with a white roommate his freshman year, "Many of the writers said we 'definitely had the first time of total integration' at the school, he recalled.

Jim Maxwell, a freshman quarterback from Donelson who would become Tennessee's starting quarterback as a redshirt senior in 1971, was McClain's white freshman roommate.

"I have had a lot of admiration over the years for Jim Maxwell because that was a tough time for him," he said. "He didn't bargain for that — but we got along fine, we never had a problem."

Overall at UT, "It was great [considering] the ups and downs and the hardships one would have to go through," McClain said. "I look back quite fondly at that time. I'm appreciative of the good and the bad that I experienced because it's made such an impact on my life and how to deal with life."

"After awhile it didn't matter if you were Japanese, Black, Chinese or whatever; once everyone decided you could play that's all that counted," he added.

McClain and wife, Virginia, have two children.



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Alyson Cannon was selling textured prints and wood art.

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## Knox dynasty?

### FMS girls claim 2nd straight Knox tourney championship

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — Susan Davidson left Karns Middle School counting her blessings Thursday, Feb. 15.

"I just feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to coach these girls for the last three years," Davidson said after her Farragut Middle School girls basketball team outlasted South-Doyle 30-26 to win the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament, for a second straight season, in KMS's

Thomas L. Duff Memorial Gymnasium.

"All of these eighth graders are special and we couldn't have done this without [assistant coach] Mike Henry. He's the inspiration to every girl on this team. He's the leader of our FCA chapter on campus."

When the second-seeded Lady Admirals posted its slim victory over the top-seeded Lady Cherokees, it not only marked Farragut's second consecutive tournament final, it

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Photos courtesy Luther Simmons

(Top) Farragut Middle School girls basketball celebrates yet another Knox County championship. (Above) Susan Davidson, head coach, finishes off the net-cutting ceremony at Karns Middle.

Dillon Atwood of Farragut puts up this one-handed shot in the face of Gresham defensive pressure during James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament championship game at Karns Middle School Thursday night, Feb. 15. The GMS Gladiators rallied late to win the crown 52-48.



Photo courtesy Luther Simmons

### Middle school Ads, No. 7 tourney seed, take home silver

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — One thing was for certain when Farragut and Gresham played for the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament Championship Thursday, Feb. 15.

Either the Admirals or the Gladiators were going to write a happy ending to a fairy tale season.

And on this night, it was Gresham that would finish off the Cinderella story.

The Gladiators walked off the floor of Karns Middle School's Thomas L. Duff Memorial Gymnasium with a 52-48 victory — and would cut down the nets. Gresham, which won its first-ever championship as a No. 9 seed, overcame a late deficit.

The seventh-seeded Admirals had a 48-41 lead after

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## Ads' 14-0 run, built with tough defense, overcome by Irish duo

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**LENOIR CITY** — A 14-0 Farragut run to end the first quarter, erasing an early 10-2 Catholic lead, featured post defense so good "I would say that's the best any team has played me all year," said Brock Jancek, Irish 6-foot-7 star senior post. "Getting on my back and fronting me."

Holding KCHS to just three points for more than eight minutes in the first half, the Admirals held a 30-19 lead three minutes into the third quarter of this District 4-AAA tourney quarterfinal game at Lenoir City

High School Friday night, Feb. 16.

However, poor communication on defense, Farragut foul trouble, a huge technical foul and "great adjustments" from Catholic head coach Mike Hutchens added up to a 56-50 Irish win.

While Farragut's season ends with a 14-14 overall record, the Irish stood at 17-13 overall following a 58-41 loss to Maryville in semifinal action Saturday night, Feb. 17.

[The Irish, assured of a Region 2-AAA berth, played William Blount in the consolation game Tuesday night, Feb. 20, after deadline].

"We just played some good, hard

defense

like coach taught us all year," Ethan Sherrill, FHS senior guard, said.

"I thought we started playing defense the way that I expected them to play for a long time," Admirals skipper Jon Higgins said.

Slowing down Jancek after he scored six quick points, "We tried to make them work by fronting him



Sherrill

[double team] in the post," Higgins said. "It the first half it really benefited us greatly. ... It sustained us from the middle of the first [period] until the middle of the third."

"We went to our press," Catholic head coach Mike Hutchens said. "We went on a 10-2 run. And we got Jack Sompayrac back into the lineup."

Though in early foul trouble, Sompayrac, Irish senior guard, ended with 16 points. Jancek scored eight in the final quarter and finished with a game-high 21.

"In the second half they made great adjustments. They started

setting some cross-screens, and our communication started lacking. We allowed Jancek to get in front of us, and when you let Jancek get in front of you he's awfully hard to guard," Higgins said.

Caleb Thompson, senior post, led FHS with 10 points. Garrett Brickhouse, senior guard, scored nine, followed by Sherrill with eight and Will Brown, junior guard, adding seven.

About his fellow seniors, Sherrill said, "There's nine of us, and about four of us have been playing together since we were 6, 7 years old. "We built this bond together and it can never be broken. I love these guys."

## Bearden girls smother MHS to win tourney

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**LENOIR CITY** — Bearden High School's girls basketball team culminated an improbable run with a District 4-AAA championship Monday night. The Lady Bulldogs played what may very well have been their best defensive game of the season.

Defensive netted BHS a 51-25 victory over Maryville and a district title at Lenoir City High School Feb 19.

The victory was Bearden's 11th consecutive win and 12th over a district foe after the Lady Bulldogs dropped three of their first four district contests to open the league campaign.

"I'm just so proud of these girls," Bearden head coach Justin Underwood said after his squad surrendered just four second-half points to the fourth-seeded Lady Rebels, who advanced to Monday's championship game with a 51-49 upset victory over top-seeded Hardin Valley Academy Saturday, Feb. 17. "We have a really unselfish group of girls and I'm extremely proud of them."

"When these girls started 1-3 in the district, they really committed. They worked hard all the time."

The Lady Bulldogs (24-7) last lost on Jan. 13 when they dropped a decision to Norcross High School out of Georgia. Bearden actually split the regular-season district title with HVA. But the Lady Hawks, who dropped a 44-41 decision to William Blount in Monday's tournament consolation game, were awarded the tournament's No. 1 seed by virtue of a tie-breaker.

Bearden did as expected — as it was the pre-season pick by many to claim the district title. And the Lady Bulldogs won it in impressive fashion.

They fell behind Maryville (21-7) 8-2 early as the Lady Rebels started hot, especially from behind the 3-point arc. Maryville's Gracie Midkiff made a pair of long-range jumpers and Courtney Caruthers nailed another as the Lady Rebels opened an 11-5 lead before Bearden stormed back to tie the

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Alan Sloan

Jakhya Davis, center, Bearden sophomore post, was named District 4-AAA Tournament Most Valuable Player. Grace van Rij, left, BHS senior post, and Annaka Hall, Lady Bulldogs junior wing, hold up their All-District tourney plaques alongside Davis.

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# State's No. 2 Dawgs roll to 4-AAA finals

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**LENOIR CITY** — Bearden High School's boys basketball team recently completed a perfect regular-season run through the District 4-AAA league schedule. The Bulldogs, however, got a bit of a scare from fourth-seeded William Blount Saturday night, Feb. 17, in the district tournament semifinals.

But the Bulldogs, the state's second-ranked Class AAA team and tournament's top seed, survived with a 56-43 victory over the Gover-

ners at Lenoir City High School.

Bearden (32-1) sputtered a bit on offense out of the gate. But the Bulldogs' defense stifled William Blount's offense early.

The Bulldogs led 12-4 after the first quarter and were leading 22-8 before halftime before the Governors (13-15) closed the half on a modest 8-2 run and pulled to within 24-14 at the break.

"We had two byes so we were probably a little rusty," said Bearden junior Roman Robinson,

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# Webb's Green headed to Virginia Tech



Photo submitted

Hunter Green is seated alongside his mother, Lisa Green, left, and sister, Kyra Green. Standing, from left, are Matt Macdonald, Webb Upper School head; Kevin Catlett, assistant football coach; Ronald Green Sr., Hunter's grandfather; David Meske, head coach; Ron Green, Hunter's father, and Bridgitte Dyer, his aunt.

Hunter Green, Webb School of Knoxville senior quarterback, has committed to play football at Virginia Tech. Webb hosted a recognition ceremony for Green, Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Lee Athletic Center. An All-state and All-region honoree, a three-year starter and captain, Green threw for 2,396 yards and 27 touchdowns during his high school career.



Photo courtesy Luther Simmons

Avery Strickland, center, 2018 Knox girls tourney MVP, stands alongside two other happy FMS Lady Admirals who also earned All-tourney honors: Keeleigh Rogers, left, and Ella McFerran.

## Champs

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also avenged a 43-42 regular season loss to South-Doyle in FMS's Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

"This game was a lot like the first one. In the first one, they won 43-42, this time we won," Davidson said. "We lost to South-Doyle and we lost to Carpenters Middle School out of the Memphis Area.

"We're 22-2 and we lost to two very good teams. South-Doyle is a great team and their coach [Eric Brabson] does a great job with their team, and I know that they'll be right back here next year."

South-Doyle (23-4) scored the game's first six points before Farragut's Avery Strickland, tournament Most Valuable Player for a second straight season, scored the final six points of the first quarter and helped FMS pull even by the end of the opening frame.

"Avery is a calming influence and she really settles our players down when she's on the floor," Davidson said.

Avery was joined on the All-tourney team by teammates Keeleigh Rogers and Ella McFerran.

The Lady Admirals turned up the defensive pressure in the second stanza, forcing the Lady Cherokees into numerous consecutive turnovers. Farragut made the Lady Cherokees pay by turning their mis-

cues into easy transition points.

Keeleigh, who finished the contest with seven points, scored six in the second quarter. Avery, who led the Lady Ads with 11, added a free throw. Keeleigh and Ashlyn Sheridan also scored in the frame as FMS opened a 17-12 lead at halftime. Both Ashlyn and Ella scored four points.

"The second quarter was what won us the game," Davidson said. "We played great defense."

South-Doyle battled their way back and trimmed the lead to 22-18 after three quarters.

The Lady Cherokees pulled to within 27-26 on a bucket by Ranisha Gates with 2:40 to go.

Aubrie Stackhouse made Farragut's last field goal when she scored with 1:41 left. She would finish the game with four points.

Keeleigh sealed things with a free throw with 23.1 seconds remaining.

"I'm really proud of these eighth graders and the things they've accomplished this year. Avery keeps things calm. Ella plays great defense," Davidson said. "Madison Foshie had a great year. She was hurt during the tournament, but we could've used her tonight. Ashlyn was a guard playing in the post after Haley Prince [moved to Oklahoma]. Brooke Vaught and Emmie Harville also had great years for us. I'm blessed to have had all these kids for the last three years."

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Farragut Middle School boys basketball players with their Knox County second-place trophy Thursday night, Feb. 15, at Karns Middle School.



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game 11-11 by the end of the opening frame.

Annaka Hall, a junior wing player who had suffered a hand injury recently, scored all five of her points in the first quarter (including a 3-pointer) as she came off the bench early.

"Having Annaka back was really big for us," Underwood said about one of three Lady Bulldogs All-tournament selections. "She had a great tournament and she's a spark plug for us."

She gave the Lady Bulldogs their first lead of the contest when she converted a pair of free throws early in the second stanza to make the score 13-11. And from there, Bearden never looked back.

"After we started the district 1-3, we started to grow together and we've been working on our

defense," said Jakhyia Davis, BHS sophomore post who was named tourney Most Valuable Player [12 points Monday]. "We have some great seniors and I want to help them get back to state."

Bearden did the bulk of its damage from inside against the Lady Rebels on this night. Senior Grace van Rij scored 11 of her game-high 15 points after halftime and sophomore Davis scored 10 of her 12 points over the first 16 minutes.

"We're unselfish and we really trust each other," said van Rij, who also was selected to the All-tournament team. "We have such great team chemistry."

Maryville head coach Scott West was frustrated after seeing his team score only four points after halftime. "I wasn't happy with anything in the second half," he said. "The way we played tonight, I could play five girls from the YMCA and they could beat us."

### BHS boys

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who scored 13 points. "We always stuck together and even though I think we were outthusted, we were able to pick up the win.

"We lost focus on defense tonight and we've got to do better than we did tonight. We're just going to have to play better during this postseason.

William Blount pulled to within 38-33 by third quarter's end, but got no closer.

The Bulldogs got 14 points from guard Quez Glover and 12 from guard Trent Stephney.

Tournament basketball is tough enough but Bearden's team has been ravaged by the flu bug.

Glover was the latest Bulldog to endure the illness. He came off the bench Saturday and still managed

to pace BHS's attack.

"Quez has been sick. Last week, it was Trent. [junior center] Shamarcus [Brown] had it before that," Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott said. "[Forward] Drew Pember was sick before that."

Brown and Pember had five points each against William Blount.

"It's really tough to beat a team three times," Parrott said. "We're going to get everybody's best shot. When people play us, it's like their Super Bowl. At this point, it's survive and advance. And we advanced."

Bearden's advanced to face Maryville, No. 2 seed, in the championship game Tuesday night, Feb. 20 [after deadline].

"Tonight, I definitely think that we proved that we can play with anybody," Governors head coach Kevin Windle Windle said.

### FMS boys

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Isaiah Smith grabbed an offensive rebound and promptly put it through the basket with 1 minute, 36 seconds remaining.

The Gladiators (11-8), however, would score the final 11 points.

"This one really hurts," Admirals head coach Randy Swartzentruber said after his team missed a golden opportunity to complete a storybook ending of its own. "I don't think we let up.

"I'm proud of the way we played. Our kids really fought

hard and they battled. We had success against [the Gladiators] during the regular season. But tonight, they played well and they got us, I don't really know what else I can say."

Farragut advanced to the championship game with a semifinal victory over the host Karns Beavers, which came after beating Holston and No. 2 seeded Vine.

Carter Mayfield scored 20 points and Dillon Atwell added 14 for the Admirals.

Both of those players were named to the All-tournament team.



Town of Farragut

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**AGENDA FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN February 22, 2018**

**WORKSHOP RURAL METRO UPDATE 6:00 PM BEER BOARD MEETING 6:50 PM BMA MEETING 7:00 PM I. Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Mayor's Report IV. Citizens Forum V. Approval of Minutes A. February 8, 2017 VI. Business Items A. Approval of request for a variance from the distance between driveways requirements in the Driveways and Other Accessways Ordinance in association with a requested access onto Dixon Road for Parcel 001, Tax Map 161, 524 Dixon Road, 44.8 Acres, Zoned R-1 (Richard LeMay, Applicant) VII. Town Administrator's Report VIII. Town Attorney's Report**

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**AGENDA FARRAGUT BEER BOARD February 22, 2018**

6:50 PM I. Approval of Minutes A. December 14, 2017 II. Beer Permit Request A. Approval of a Class 1, On-Premise Beer Permit for La Cota Fria Restaurant, 723 N Campbell Station Road B. Approval of Class 5, Off-Premise Permit for Echelon Bicycles, 138 West End Ave C. Approval of Class 6, Special Occasion Permit for Farragut Business Alliance, 9th Farragut Food & Wine Festival

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