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Schoonmaker

Bill would end Town's annual six-figure fee

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Fifth District Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker has authored a bill that could return almost \$140,000 in tax revenues to Farragut — along with millions of dollars in tax revenues to towns, cities and counties across the

state — by eliminating the state Sales Tax Administration Fee.

Schoonmaker, who district includes Town of Farragut and Concord, delivered the bill to state Rep. Jason Zachary [R-District 14, which also includes Farragut, and Concord], who filed HB 1532 last week in General Assembly in Nashville to repeal the fee.

At issue is the Tennessee Department of Revenue's 1.125 percent across-the-board administration fee required of every municipality, which amounted to over \$30 million in fiscal year 2017 alone, Schoonmaker said.

Of that amount, Town of Farragut was charged \$139,755, City of Knoxville \$1.7 million and Knox

County \$524,390.

Schoonmaker said all sales tax is transmitted electronically to the Department of Revenue at the end of each month, and is then redistributed back to the municipalities 30 days later — minus the fee.

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'Rising Star'

Mary Claire Carter

from FMS earns Bijou ACE Award

Mary Claire Carter of Farragut Middle School emerged as a winner during 6th Annual ACE Awards, presented by The Alliance For Creative Excellence, among scores of high school and middle school performance talent in Bijou Theater, downtown Knoxville, Saturday evening, Jan. 13. Mary Claire won Rising Star category singing "At Last." (See other FMS, Farragut High School and other high school performers, and winners, in West Side Faces, page 6B)

Photo by Tony Cox



Photo courtesy of Lillian Prince

Jack and Jenny Hay of Farragut attend the annual March for Life, which is Saturday, Jan. 21, at World's Fair Park. They will be bringing their five adopted children. The children, from left in back, are Clara, 17; June, 2, on Jack's shoulders, and Marybeth, 1, being held by Jenny. In front are Zachary, 8, and Skyler, 9.

Local residents ready for March for Life

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This Sunday, Jan. 21, hundreds of pro-life supporters will gather at World's Fair Park at 2 p.m. to participate in the annual March for Life, including several from Farragut.

Former Farragut Vice Mayor Dot LaMarche plans to be there, just as she has ever since she and her husband, Lou, moved to Farragut 23 years ago.

"I have been a pro-life person all my life," she said, crediting her Catholic faith and personal convictions for her position. "I believe abortion is wrong; it is taking the life of another human being — it is murder.

"The only time taking a life is permissible is in the time of war or [in] self-defense.

"Babies are precious and are a gift from God," she added. "Somebody has to speak up for them.

"It is much better to have a baby and give it up for adoption — there are so many people who want babies but can't have them."

That was precisely the LaMarches' situation when they adopted their middle daughter, Therese. Dot LaMarche had been told by more than one physician she could not have any more children beyond the biological daughter they already had. They turned to the St. Peter's Home for Children in Memphis, which brought Therese to their family.

"I am so grateful to her mother for giving her life," LaMarche said



LaMarche

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BOMA votes 4-1 for hotel/motel tax; awaits state exemption

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen is seeking state authorization to enact a hotel/motel tax to fund a tourism program.

The Board voted 4-1 during its meeting Thursday, Jan. 12, to approve a resolution requesting Ten-

nessee General Assembly exempt the Town from the state's law prohibiting municipalities from enacting the hotel/motel tax and allow the Town to levy the tax.

Alderman Bob Markli, who voted in opposition to the resolution, said, "I think [the tax] will be a real negative for the Town, especially if we want to promote tourism."

Mayor Ralph McGill, Vice Mayor Ron Pinchok and Aldermen Louise Povlin and Ron Williams voted in favor of the resolution.

Town administrator David Smoak said the issue of a hotel/motel tax has been a priority of the Board's for several years.

"Back in 1988, the [state] legislature enacted a law that said, basi-

cally, no hotel/motel taxes could be enacted from any city that had not already enacted them, and if the county [those cities or towns] are in already has a hotel/motel tax," he said. "So over the years, since then, there have been 17 local governments that have requested authorization to be exempted from that law.

"The legislature has approved those," Smoak added. "Over the last couple of years, the state has made some legislation in getting rid of the Hall Tax that we certainly rely on for funding, as well as the changes to the Improve Act that we actually get money dedi-

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Tammy Cheek

Farragut senior citizen Helen Trent, center, has a visit in her home Friday, Jan. 5, by Senior Citizens Awareness Network volunteers Marianne McGill, left, and Lynda Armstrong.

SCAN helping Town seniors stay warm

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With the recent frigid temperatures dropping into single digits, the welfare of senior citizens in Farragut and throughout the county rested on the shoulders of volunteers.

SCAN, a cooperative effort between volunteers and Knox County Sheriff's Office, has been checking on senior citizens since 1997. Of the 200 to 225 recipients county-wide who receive visits, 14 live in Farragut.

"It's been really a big help," said Helen Trent, a Farragut recipient of SCAN services. "You feel more secure. You know you can contact [the volunteers]. They come in and do things police officers don't have [time] to do."

Trent said she started receiving visits about 10 years ago, when she still was living along Maryville Pike in South Knoxville. Then she moved to Farragut a little more than four years ago to live closer to her sister — and the visits continued.

"It makes me feel good knowing they are coming," Trent said.

"Basically, we just visit with them, find out how they're doing or if they need anything," said Marianne McGill, sector leader for the two west sectors of SCAN and a Farragut resident.

"You get to know them," said volunteer Linda Armstrong of Hardin Valley. "You ask about family."

"And, usually, when they have a funeral, we try to make a presence

there," McGill said. "We just had a lady who was almost 103 who just passed away. The only problem is you get so acquainted with them, you feel like they are family, and when they pass away ... it's hard."

"If they have any problems, issues, we try to get them some assistance, make referrals to Office on Aging," Armstrong said.

"Sometimes we have to call Adult Protective Services, which isn't fun, but that's rare, really," Bond said.

"Most of the time it's just a matter of putting a battery in a clock or changing the time," Armstrong said.

"... Or opening a bottle," McGill added.

"It's just simple things, but it's our presence in their neighborhoods that make them feel really safe," Armstrong said.

If the weather is too bad even for volunteers to visit recipients, Armstrong said they have recipients' phone numbers "so they will at least call and check on them. They contact them some way or another."

SCAN is made up of a little more than 100 volunteers who perform such functions for senior citizens and the disabled as providing home security surveys and crime prevention information, conducting vacation home checks, confirming personal well-being, engaging in public relations and providing resource agency referrals.

They undergo training before they take on SCAN duties.

For more information about SCAN, call 865-215-5627.

police reports

- At 11:47 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10, a Hickory Woods Road complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report her vehicle was burglarized at her residence. Complainant advised at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 10, she noticed the phone charger was missing from her BMW. She returned home to check her video surveillance footage, which revealed an unknown male suspect going through both family vehicles between 4 and 5 a.m., Jan. 10. Complainant advised both vehicles were left unlocked. Value of chargers was listed at \$25.

- At 9:06 a.m. Jan. 10, a Northshore Drive complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit in reference to her 2007 GMC Yukon XL being burglarized at a Woodsmoke Circle address. Complainant advised she noticed several items, including a smart watch valued at \$150 and a Bumblebee purse valued at \$200, missing around 7:30 a.m., Jan. 10, adding she last saw the vehicle around 11 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, before the incident took place. Complainant advised the vehicle was locked and did not appear to be damaged. Total value of loss was listed at \$510.

- At 5:29 p.m., Jan. 9, a Popular Creek Road complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an attempted theft from Kohl's, 11530 Kingston Pike. Complainant advised the suspect took multiple clothing items into the fitting room, where he concealed unpaid store clothing. Suspect attempted to walk out of the store without paying for the concealed clothing. Complainant advised he stopped the suspect, who then returned all concealed items. When the suspect was asked to stay inside of the store, he refused then left in a Jeep Cherokee.

- At 2:11 p.m., Monday, Jan. 8, a Newport Road complainant came into KCSO West Precinct to report an incident at 11408 Municipal Center Drive. Complainant advised he received an e-mail from the president of a building association advising him to send a check for the amount of \$1,900 to an Irvington Street address in Daly City, California. Complainant advised he is treasurer for the victim/business and discovered at a meeting with the president the e-mail was fraudulent. The check was written from the company's account Dec. 15, 2017. When complainant discovered the e-mail was fraudulent, around 1 p.m., Jan. 8, he cancelled the check. The business is out \$37 in order to cancel said check.

- At 12:59 a.m., Monday, Jan. 8, a Bart Giffin Road complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report his vehicle stolen from Cotton Eyed Joe's, 11220 Outlet Drive. Complainant advised his 2005 Jeep Wrangler was locked and parked in the parking lot. He advised he still has the key to his vehicle in his possession. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$10,000.

- At 12:49 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 3, a Harbor Way complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit in reference to a theft at Kroger's Marketplace, 189 Brooklawn Street. Complainant said he was checking out around 11:45 a.m. when he left his wallet at the register. Complainant said he did not realize his wallet was missing until shortly after checking out. Complainant returned to the store and spoke with store manager who said the store's video surveillance system recorded a man picking up the complainant's wallet and concealing it inside his clothing. Total value of loss was listed at \$80.

- At 11:14 a.m., Jan. 3, a KCSO unit responded to KCSO West Precinct to pick up an iPad, iPad cover and phone case — with a total listed value of \$225 — dropped off by a Laurel Hill Road resident, advising she found the property in her driveway Friday, Dec. 29. Resident posted the items on her neighborhood watch Facebook page, but no one claimed the items.

- At 11:17 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2, a complainant reported an incident at Torrington Court. He advised an unknown suspect used his debit card numbers to pay a bill with Progressive Insurance. He contacted his bank and was advised the numbers had been used to pay \$1,827.50. Progressive advised victim the charge would be marked fraudulent, but could not refund his money.

- At 10:21 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 31, an Augustan Lane complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident on his property. Complainant said an unknown suspect broke into his shed in the backyard and stole three saws, a sander and toolbox among items with a total value listed at \$335. To gain entrance, the unknown suspect cut off the lock with an unknown object.

- At 2:28 a.m., Dec. 31, a Martin Road complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report her purse stolen from Cotton Eyed Joe's, 11220 Outlet Drive. She said she rode to Cotton Eyed Joe's with suspects and left her purse in the suspect's vehicle. Complainant said when she was leaving the nightclub she was unable to locate the suspects, so she went to find the vehicle but the vehicle was gone. She stated she tried reaching out to suspects multiple times via Facebook and they blocked her. Total value of loss was listed at \$880.



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Bill
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"The local option sales tax-administration fee that the Department of Revenue assesses the cities and counties of Tennessee for the return of their local option sales tax each month is no longer justified," Schoonmaker said. "Twenty years ago, there was an extensive staff with adding machines, calculators and reams of paperwork to process these taxes.

"Today, this procedure is now an automated electronic system. You don't need \$30 million to push a button 12 times a year," he added. "The fees are too high ... and this overpayment has been out there, but it seems to be a situation that has gone on for years because 'we always paid it.'

"Farragut had to spend \$24,000 in November just to get their sales tax back.

Smaller and poorer municipalities also concern Schoonmaker.

For example, Schoonmaker provided statistics showing Campbell County was charged \$852,463 over a 10-year period, while Roane County paid \$183,002 just in FY 2017.

The idea for repealing the fee occurred about a year ago, when Schoonmaker said he met with Chris Caldwell, director of finance for Knox County.

"I asked if there was anything we could do to save funds within our county budget," Schoonmaker said. "Mr. Caldwell explained about the sales tax fee and this began the process for repeal of

the fee.

"The hard part is trying to get the state government to relinquish control [of it]."

If approved, the bill would mimic the recently repealed Hall Income Tax: it would be phased out over a three-year period, rather than all at once.

Zachary and state Sen. Richard Briggs [R-District 7 also including Farragut and Concord] had floated a similar bill last year, but it failed to generate support because it would have only affected Knox County's portion of the fee.

Schoonmaker said the new bill also would have to be introduced in the State Senate for it to move forward. He is pleased with the support it has received from both Zachary and Briggs.

"Obviously this was a team effort with Representative Zachary and Senator Briggs," Schoonmaker said. "Without their guidance, commitment and support to this legislation, we would have never gotten to this point.

"I am very appreciative of their assistance with this bill.

"And, I am very excited about it," he added. "It will affect every town, city and county in the state. To phase out this fee would offset some of the financial loss to cities and counties from the phase out of the Hall Income Tax ... but most importantly, it's the right thing to do."

Schoonmaker said if the HB 1532 passes both the House and Senate, and is signed into law by Gov. Bill Haslam, it would become effective July 1.

Re-enactment to honor Pleasant Forest legends; auditions set



File photo

Nine inhabitants of Farragut's historic Pleasant Forest Cemetery will be celebrated in through live re-enactments June 10, and Town officials are looking for eight men and one woman to bring them to life. Open auditions for the nine scripted roles will be held starting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, and at 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, in Farragut Town Hall. Those wishing to audition are asked to bring a two-minute prepared monologue from a classical piece of literature. The cast will be chosen by Town Arts Council members and Hardin Valley Academy drama teacher Robert Warren, who is writing the script. For more information, call Lauren Cox at 865-218-3372.

Tax passes

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cated for road improvements.

"Those moneys have come away from the general fund. All of that is in tune to more than a million dollars a year in revenues the Town is losing over the next two to three years."

The hotel/motel tax authorization would allow the Town to enact a tourism program, Smoak said.

"Recently the Board has approved a budget for that, as well as a position, to get that program started," he said.

"Then, we would bring [hotel/motel tax issue] back, assuming that the legislature approves the bill, to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for you to actually approve the ordinance enacting that [tax] at that time. [State] Rep. Jason Zachary [R-District 14] and [State] Sen. Richard Briggs [R-District 7] have both — just today — filed legislation on our behalf to request that exemption to be in place.

After saying he talked to some state representatives, Smoak said, "This is something that committees will look favorably on."

"Alcoa, Harriman, Kingston, Lenoir City, Morristown, Oak Ridge, Knoxville and Maryville all are municipalities that have hotel/motel taxes," Povlin said. "We have already indicated that we are interested in having a tourism department, and I think this is a legitimate way to fund it.

"We are losing between \$600,000 and \$800,000 due to the [Improve Act]. That's going to have a negative impact on us," she added.

"I support this." After the meeting, Povlin said the Board needed to explore other opportunities to make up for the shortfall from the Improve Act changes.

"Our largest revenue source is the local sales tax," Povlin said. "In 2016, we engaged the marketing services of Girl on the Roof to explore options to increase revenue from local sales tax."

One of those options was tourism,

she added.

"We have since developed a work program for a tourism coordinator, and we are actively searching for an experienced individual to fill this position," Povlin said. "One of the main responsibilities of the tourism coordinator will be to identify and cultivate relationships with various entities to drive more visitors to stay in Farragut hotels to generate more sales tax in the businesses they will visit while staying in Farragut.

"The revenue received from a hotel occupancy privilege tax is intended to fund this tourism program," she added.

Markli spelled out his opposition. "I would like to say the fact that all those people around us have that tax, that drives people to our Town to stay here at our hotels because they are less expensive for the same facilities and bring business to our Town," he said. "That which you penalize, you get less of. That which you support, you get more of.

"So, if we want more tourism, we don't penalize it."

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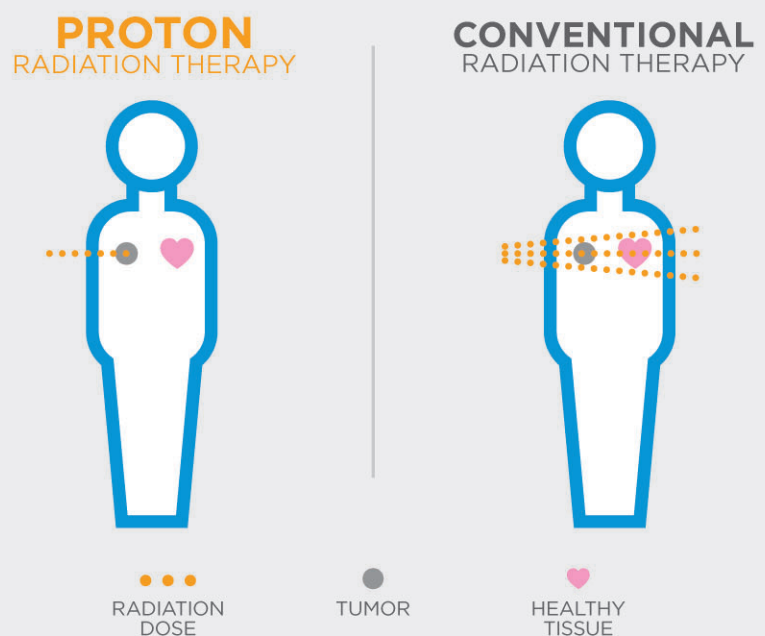
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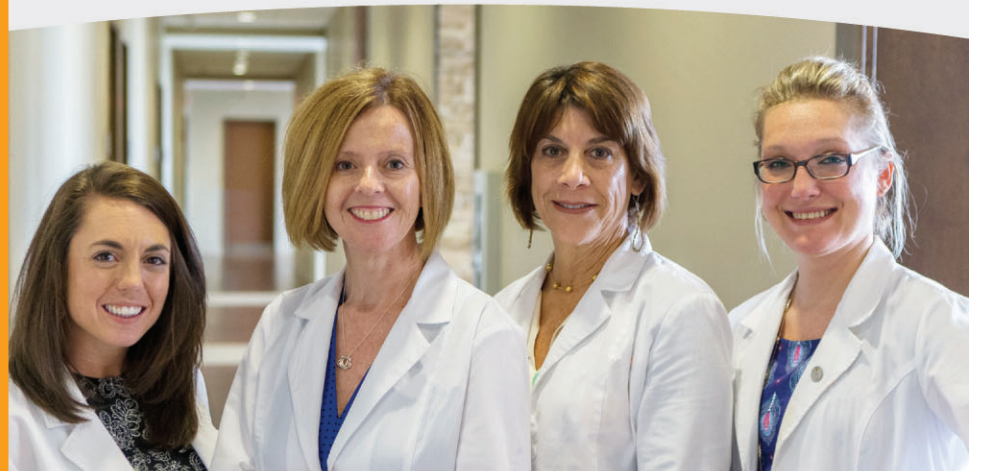
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letters to the editor A big 'thank you' to FWKCC

Dear FWKCC Board of Directors,

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Please pass on a big THANK YOU to all of the businesses and individuals that donated gift items to make this holiday special for many in our community!

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Thank you again for your support of the Holiday store and the larger mission of ending and preventing homelessness.

The Rev. Dr. Bruce W. Spangler,
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through the lens



Alan Sloan

This Mayor Bob Leonard Park soccer field along Watt Road has a new artificial turf surface. Is there some recreational facility, or upgrade to an existing facility, you desire to see in the Town of Farragut? Should plans for an amphitheater, for example, be an immediate pursuit and not just part of a long-range plan? What do you think? Call presstalk at 671-TALK (8255).

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I'm calling about the empty buildings that are all throughout our city of Farragut. I'm really ashamed of them. I think that it makes our village, our city, look really tacky. Personally, I think the solution is with the person who owns the [given] building. [The owner] should be responsible for the upkeep of the building. If the shingles fall off like they do over at the old Ingles store, then that should be repaired. There should be no boarded-up windows. If they don't do something in three to five years, then they should be required to tear them down. I think they are an absolute disgrace to this Town. This is supposed to be one of the nicest towns in the whole area of Knoxville. But we have so many empty buildings, and I really believe that we need to take some

kind of responsibility through the government of our city, that we make sure that these are kept up so the outward appearance is nice. . . . Perhaps what we need to do is call a Town meeting, where residents of this Town could actually come together in a forum, at a meeting, and make suggestions that possibly would be taken by our governing factors as to what we can do about these disgraceful buildings.

I'm calling in regard to Virtue Road and the need for improvement of that road. It's an extremely dangerous road; there's not much line-of-sight when pulling from Evans [Road] onto Virtue Road. I've seen a number of accidents there. People don't slow down. The road is not conducive to the traffic volume or to the speed people are going. It definitely needs improvement.

March

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of the experience, which she acknowledges made her anti-abortion stance even stronger. "I believe God blessed us when He gave us Therese, and we were able to raise her."

Farragut resident Jenny Hay, too, has been on the receiving end of adoption, and will be at the march with her entire family. She and her husband, Jack, have six children, five of whom are adopted: Clara, Skyler, Zachary, June and Marybeth.

"Children are people in the womb, and they deserve life," Jenny Hay said as she explained her commitment to the cause. "We need to defend them. My public statement of that belief is marching in the parades.

"I bring my children," added Hay, who has participated in the March for Life the last 10 years locally, but has been involved in the Right to Life movement much longer. "They all were adopted from foster care, under re-

ally terrible circumstances.

"They could have been targeted for abortions ... but I am so grateful that their mothers chose life, and carried them to term, to give them a shot at life.

"I understand the opposing point of view and don't judge," Hay continued. "We just want [women] to know there is another way. The fact that abortion is legal forces women into the awful choice they must make [when faced with an unplanned pregnancy].

"I would like to have a society where abortion is not legal, so women would not have such an awful, awful choice, and see there is another path through many different programs."

"There is plenty of help [available]," said LaMarche, who has volunteered with several pro-life facilities, including Knoxville's Hope Resource Center.

"I still support Hope every way I can," she added. "I know through some of the counseling [I was able to do], I was able to save a few babies there."

LaMarche also continues to serve on Tennessee Right to Life state and local boards, and is also a strong proponent for the elderly.

"If I can help one person or save one life, I'm happy," she said.

An estimated 60 million babies have reportedly been aborted since the procedure became legal on Jan. 22, 1973. The Marches for Life — on national, state and local levels — are held every year on a date close to its anniversary.

Stacy Dunn, Knox County Tennessee Right to Life executive director, said the Knox County Chapter has commemorated the event in some way every year since 1974.

Sunday's march will begin with a prayer service at 2 p.m., followed by a short march, said Dunn, who estimates between 400 and 500 attend the March each year.

"The March is a family-friendly event and anyone who believes in the sanctity of human life is welcome to attend," she said.

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Moore has 'moving' moment

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Farragut resident Melanie Moore is on the move with her new business, Moore's Moving Company.

Actually, it was Moore's move from a previous residence, plus some prodding from future employees, that gave berth to this company in Powell.

Moore earned a Master's degree in speech language pathology and taught in the public schools for six years. But after adopting her son, Moore decided to stay home.

"I got divorced. I was moving, and the guys who moved me asked me what I was going to do next," she said. "I was a stay-at-home mom for 14 years, so I didn't know what I was going to do.

"They suggested I start a moving company," Moore added. "They said they would work for me, and it was kind of a joke."

"I had worked for another moving company," said James Bolden, a Moore's Moving salesman with management duties who has been in the moving business for about five years. "I just didn't like how they treated people. I moved Melanie Moore. She loved the way we did things and we took care of her."

Bolden said he tries to move people "with a sense of kindness ... and understanding of what they are going through."

"He started as a driver, but as we've grown, he's stepped into sales," Moore said.

When she had to move again,



Tammy Cheek

Melanie Moore of Farragut, second from right, owner of Moore's Moving Company in Powell, with members of her crew. From left are moving specialist Peter Landolina; driver Rodrick Johnson; James Bolden, sales and management, and driver Daniel York.

she used the same movers, and they again urged her to consider opening a moving company.

Rather than returning to education, she said, "I've always wanted my own business, and I guess I just felt like these guys, the friends who moved me, were placed in my life at the right time. The idea sounded good and after researching, I ran with it.

"It's a good industry, a very lucrative industry," Moore added. "It's not really affected by a downturn in the economy, and not a lot of women are in the industry. That kind of intrigued me."

Owning such a company also would give Moore the flexibility to be at home with her son, now a high

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Big Kahuna Wings looking to expand

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Big Kahuna Wings owner Matt Beeler got some very good news recently.

The Town of Farragut's Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously approved Town staff's recommendation to allow a front yard setback variance on property where Beeler plans to build and relocate his restaurant.

The Board met Wednesday, Dec. 27, and, except for approving the previous meeting minutes, the issue was the only item on the agenda.

Farragut Municipal Planning Commission had referred the matter to Town staff and the Board of Zoning Appeals for further investigation. The 1.34 acre prop-

erty is owned by Myers Bros. Holdings, fronts Kingston Pike, and actually is an out parcel of the Renaissance development.

The property in question is unusual in that a portion of it is buffered by a right-of-way owned by the Tennessee Department of Transportation where a weigh station once existed.

Myers Bros. Holdings attempted to purchase the right-of-way from TDOT, but the entity refused to sell, reported Knick Myers of Myers Bros. Holdings during the meeting.

"[This created a] unique situation that the property owner didn't have any control over," said Mark Shipley,

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Business Spotlight.....

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MORNING POINTE ANNOUNCES MAJOR SENIOR CAMPUS IN KNOXVILLE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. Independent Healthcare Properties (IHP) and Morning Pointe Senior Living announce the expansion of its assisted living and memory care services in the Knoxville area. The city of Knoxville approved the Chattanooga-based senior healthcare company's plans for a new 133-unit senior campus on 9649 Westland Drive, in West Knoxville, adjacent to Shoreline Community Church. The assisted living and memory care campus will add to Morning Pointe's senior healthcare services in Anderson and Loudon Counties.

The first phase of the development will feature a 58,000-square-foot building with 73 spacious senior living apartments. Twenty of the apartments will be located in a secure, dedicated area designed for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other memory care disorders. Phase II will feature The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence – a 45,000-square-foot, freestanding memory care community, with 60 specially designed apartments for Alzheimer's residents.

The West Knoxville development, set to open this Fall, will add to Morning Pointe's existing senior living services in Clinton, Lenoir City (2) and Powell. The proposed 18-acre campus will offer convenient assisted living and Alzheimer's care easily accessible to Pellissippi Parkway, with high-quality amenities, fine dining areas, life enrichment, and physical and occupational therapies. The Lantern memory care services will feature innovative therapies such as SimpleCTM Companion memory care technology and Meaningful Day™ purposeful programming to ensure the highest quality of memory care for residents.

"Morning Pointe has been a part of the East Tennessee healthcare delivery system for 20 years since its founding in Chattanooga," says Greg A. Vital, president and CEO of Morning Pointe. "Knoxville is not only a great place to live and work, but also a great place to retire. This expansion allows us to provide seniors and their families more options for quality senior care and service in Knox County."

The West Knoxville development will bring 200 construction jobs and 125 permanent healthcare jobs to the region, with an estimated economic impact of \$15 million. East Tennessee Specialty Builders of Chattanooga is the general contractor for the project. HFR Design of Brentwood is the architect, and SITE, Inc., of Knoxville is providing civil engineering services.



Michelle Hollenhead

Big Kahuna Wings, 12828 Kingston Pike, has been serving customers for more than three years. Saying they are doing a booming business, ownership has plans to relocate and expand not far from its current location.

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Kahuna

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Farragut Community Development director, as he shared the staff's recommendation.

Now that the setback variance has cleared one hurdle, Beeler said the issue will go back to Municipal

Moving

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school student.

"I decided I wanted to provide really excellent service, without damaging anything, at reasonable rates and no hidden costs," she

Planning Commission, which will review site and building plans.

If FMPC approves, it would make a recommendation to Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Beeler said he is hopeful all requirements will be approved, and allow Big Kahuna Wings to be up and running in its new location

said. "I also felt like I could use the company to help people build their own lives."

The company, which has seven on the payroll, "fully pad-wraps and shrink-wraps the customers' furniture to ensure a good, steady ride with no damage," Bolden said.

within the year.

Myers Bros. Holdings will build the new Big Kahuna Wings restaurant, and retain ownership of the property, which Beeler would then rent.

The new building will be located about 300 yards from its current 12828 Kingston Pike location.

"We do full packs, which means pack up your whole house if you need it."

"And, we have all the supplies," Moore added.

"We offer discounts to military, seniors and anyone in emergency response teams, and right now

Big Kahuna Wings has been operating there for the last three and a half years, Beeler said.

It has proven so successful that "we just needed more space," he added.

Currently the restaurant offers 2,500 square feet, but construction plans will increase the square foot-

Melanie is running a promotion offering \$50 off your first move right now," Bolden said.

"We do small to big jobs, as well as staging a home for sale," Moore said.

Moore graduated from Farragut High School, so "it's kind of my

age to more than 3,500.

"We've been very fortunate and very blessed [to be in this situation]," he said. "It is exciting and a little scary, but this [move] will allow us to expand our seating, and still have a place that feels intimate and comfortable."

community," she said.

Moore's Moving Company's hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

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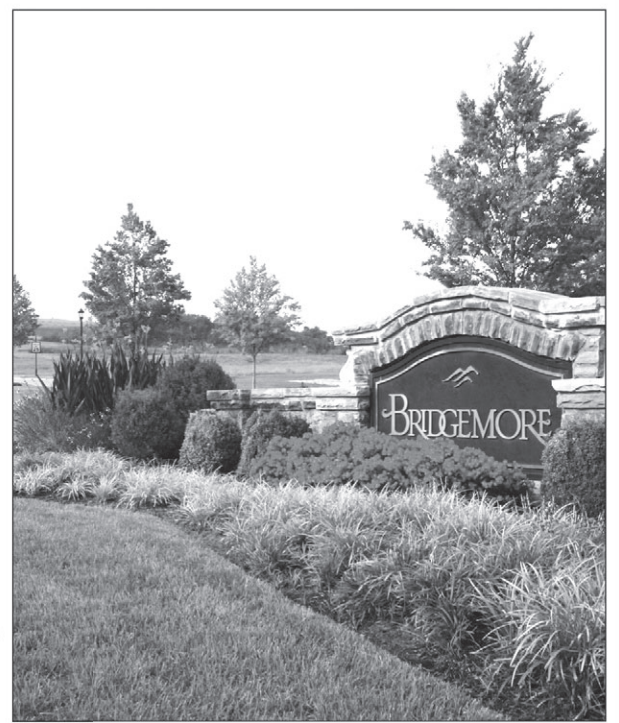
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Ex-Flying Ace now hits 'aces'



David Catlett is a spry 74, and still regularly plays tennis — a sport he took up during his Navy days on Midway Island.

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David Catlett was just killing time when he first picked up a tennis racket on Midway Island.

The 22-year-old U.S. Navy lieutenant was stationed there from 1967 into 1968 — and just for fun started hitting tennis balls using a wall as a backstop.

"There was not much to do," he said.

His rudimentary gamesmanship caused more than a ripple of interest on base — specifically from his captain.

"He asked me to have lunch and then play tennis," he recalled. "Then he asked me to be his partner."

Catlett said he only had been playing a few days at that point, but "I was young and fast."

From that initial meeting, Catlett said he and the captain played well on the island.

"I think no one wanted to beat the captain," he said with a grin.

Regardless, the two went on to play in a tournament in Hawaii.

"We got beat," he recalled. "But, I got to spend a week in Hawaii and play tennis!"

The affinity stayed, and as soon as Catlett returned home to Knox County, he joined a tennis club and has stayed with the sport.



Catlett

Now 74 and a Farragut resident, he plays regularly in the U.S. Tennis Association senior league.

"It is a fun game, and you meet a lot of nice people," he said. "It gives you something to do."

He is modest about his exploits, but was finally coaxed into admitting that at one time he and his former partner, car dealer Jim Cogdill, were No. 1 in the state in the Over 50 League.

"His original partner got hurt, so he asked me to fill in," said Catlett, who remained with Cogdill after that initial pairing.

They played together for about 15 years, until Cogdill's ill health forced him to give up the sport about six years ago.

Up until that time, the duo played regularly — and well.

"We entered several tournaments and won most of them," said Catlett, who plays locally at Cedar Bluff Racquet Club.

He admitted to having an advantage by using something he calls a "slice and dice" underhand serve.

"It throws people off sometimes," he said. "It makes them mad sometimes, too."

"It gives the ball a wicked side spin," said Tim Phillips, who has regularly played against and with Catlett at the Racquet Club.

"It is tricky — you have to be on your toes."

While Catlett certainly enjoys the sport, he recently began working with a veterans outreach program that he also is passionate about.



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Grateful about JAC package, Navy officer-FHS grad visits Pope's fourth-graders

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Endlessly curious about the adventures and challenges aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, as told by a Farragut High School graduate's personal experience, Lora Kay Pope's fourth-grade class at Farragut Primary School grilled Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Mann.

Saying he's "an aviation structural mechanic on safety equipment" aboard the USS Carl Vinson, Mann and his crew received a Junior American Citizens package from the class "while we were on deployment" in fall 2017.

The officer responded to the kind gesture by using leave time to visit Pope's class, mainly answering a variety of the children's questions, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

"I really do appreciate anything that you send to us — it's a real morale booster when we're out there," otherwise eating food "that's not very good," said Mann, a 2009 FHS graduate who is stationed at Point Mugu [Ventura County], Calif.



Alan Sloan

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Mann holds a cake baked in his honor by those connected with Lora Kay Pope's fourth-grade class at Farragut Intermediate School. Mann, saying he is "an aviation structural mechanic on safety equipment" aboard the USS Carl Vinson, spoke to the class and answered questions when he visited Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Speaking of a deployment "out in the South China Sea," Mann told the children about his job. "I make sure that the air crew can breathe and that [their cabin] is pressurized," he said.

Asked by one student, "Has your boat been attacked?" Mann said, "No, not yet. I don't think it ever will be," adding aircraft carriers are protected by nearby "destroyers and all sorts of other boats out

there. There's submarines that are below us.

"Without us they have no air support."

About an enemy possibly attempting to cut through and attack

their carrier, Mann said, "I can't see anybody in the world, any country that has that kind of firepower."

Asked by a student about the car-

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Rotarians learn about reaching out to youth

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Rotary Club of Farragut members learned how a community is reaching out to Knoxville's inner city youths, ages 14 to 24, to give them a safe place to play and develop leadership and entrepreneur skills.

Nicole Chandler, Change Center of Knoxville executive director, and Bruce Charles, its chief financial and entrepreneurial officer, shared the program's benefits with Farragut Rotarians during their meeting in Fox Den Country Club Thursday, Jan. 10.

"Both have mentored me totally different in two different aspects," Farragut Rotarian Brandon Ross said of Chandler and Charles in his introduction. "Nicole had mentored me, as far as community goes ... her passion is people and family."

"On the opposite end, Bruce is business mentorship. He is working with techronics, with the I-Company, and he has also done financial stuff with Johnson and Johnson, so if there's an entrepreneur out there, they're going to listen to what he says," Ross added. "When you put both of them together and you put them in the heart of Knoxville, you've got something that's going to grow from somewhere. Their passion — what they're representing — is the Change Center, which birthed out of — honestly — seeing kids, just like me, ending up in boxes instead of being successful."

Change Center of Knoxville is a multiplex family life center being built to provide a safe place for recreation, leadership development and job initiatives.

"What Bruce Charles and Nicole Chandler are spearheading [is] the Change Center, which is basically going to be a catalyst to pull those statistics up and prevent bad things from happen-

ing to people, just like me," Ross said.

The Change Center began in 2013 under Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero's initiative, Save Our Sons, Chandler said.

"Nationally, there are statistics that every 24 hours in that [14 to 24], age group, 14 young men lose their lives," Chandler said. "In meeting with young people, they shared 'when we're bored, we do dumb things.'"

"From the age of 14 to 24, there's nothing to do because what is fun for the little kids, it ain't cool for their age group," Daryl Arnold, pastor of Overcoming Believers Church, said in a video. "The young people said this to us."



Chandler

Chandler said one thing the youths wanted most was a place to roller skate in their own neighborhood, so the Change Center provides skate parties, paid for by the City of Knoxville.

Since 2013, there have been skating parties at Skate Town in Halls, and at every party, there have been about 300 youths show up, she said.

To bring the experience closer to the young people, Arnold donated 22,000 square feet of unfinished space for the proposed center.

It would include a roller rink, rock-climbing wall, video games, concession stand and an entrepreneur center.

"We'll have a movie wall and plug-in play stage, so we will be able to do concerts, plays and all kinds of activities for young people in our community," Chandler said.

To build the facility, she said it would cost \$4.5 million.

Weigel's Eagle award



Photo submitted

Bill Weigel, right, chairman of 66 Weigel's convenience stores in the Knoxville metro area, was honored recently with National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. The national award recognizes Eagle Scouts whose efforts have made a positive impact in their community with their leadership, time and investment in scouting. Weigel was nominated by an Eagle Scout, and then was chosen for the honor by a selection committee. It is only the 12th time the coveted recognition has been awarded. "Since receiving his Eagle Scout in 1955, Bill has overwhelmingly given his time, talents and leadership not only to scouting, but to our community," said David Williams, Scout executive and CEO of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Alongside Bill Weigel is his wife, Ann. Also pictured is their son, Kurt Weigel; Kurt's wife, Carolyn, and their daughters Karley, left, and Abby.

Youth writing top finishers



Photo submitted

Three Knox County teens were selected as winners of a writing contest inspired by the Knoxville appearance of best-selling young adult author Kerri Maniscalco in September. Kelsey Craighead, left, Knoxville Catholic High School junior, took first place (\$100); Kathryn White, center, Hardin Valley Academy junior, second place (\$75), and Pierce Gentry, Central High freshman, third place (\$50).

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• 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.

• Samuel Beckett's "Catastrophe," "Come and Go" and "Footfalls," will be performed starting at **7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18; Friday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 20**, at The Hive. For more information, call Dennis Perkins, 865-216-1844 or e-mail mr.perkins@live.com.

• Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 87 will host the annual Lee Jackson dinner starting at **5:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20**, at The Foundry. For more information, call Earl Smith, 865-687-2732, or John Hitt, 865-689-

4592.

• Town of Farragut will host a free Lunch and Learn starting at **12:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22**. Instructor Melanie Cahill of Choices in Senior Care will address the latest research and solutions regarding senior living arrangements. A light lunch will be provided for all who register by **Friday, Jan. 19**. To register, call 865-218-3375 or visit townoffarragut.org/register/.

• RB Morris with Hector Qirko will perform starting at **8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19**, at Laurel Theater. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For more information, visit concerts@jubileearts.org.

• SCORE will host a workshop designed to start your own business from **10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 20**, at Roane State Community College Knoxville Campus. Cost is \$20. For more information, call 865-692-0716 or visit workshops@scoreknox.org /

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• The Freight Hoppers old-time string band will perform starting at **8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20**, at Laurel Theater. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For more information, visit concerts@jubileearts.org /

• Peter Karp will perform starting at **4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21**, at The Open Chord. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 865-281-5874 or visit peter-karp.eventbrite.com/.

• Farragut Primary Schools Art Show will be on display from **Monday, Jan. 22**, through **Thursday, Feb. 1**, in Farragut Town Hall. For more information, visit townoffarragut.org/.

• Town of Farragut will host Social Media 4 Seniors in **January**. Classes are as follows: Apple-iPad/iPhone Basics for Seniors, from **10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24-25**. Cost \$45,

registration and payment deadline, **Tuesday, Jan. 23**. Android-Samsung Galaxy Phone/Tablet Basics for Seniors, from **12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24-25**. Cost \$45, registration and payment deadline, **Tuesday, Jan. 23**. Intro to Pinterest, from **10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Jan. 31**. Cost \$30, registration and payment deadline, **Jan. 30**. To register, visit townoffarragut.org/register or call 865-218-3375.

• In collaboration with Knox County schools and out-of-county schools, Knoxville Opera will perform "Turandot," Puccini's tale of riddles and romance **now through Jan. 26**. To get performance times, visit knoxvilleopera.com/in-school-performances-2

• Wallace Memorial Baptist Church will host Bill Gaither for an evening of music, laughter

and encouragement starting at **6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21**. For more information, visit gaither.com or premierproduction.com/.

• Knoxville Children's Theatre, in partnership with Gannett Newspapers, will present "Whatever Happened to Little Red Riding Hood?" It's an original comic mashup of many Brothers Grimm fairy tales. The play will be performed **Jan. 19 through Feb. 4**: starting at **7 p.m., Thursday and Fridays; at 1 and 5 p.m., Saturdays, and 3 p.m., Sundays**. For more information, call 865-208-3677.

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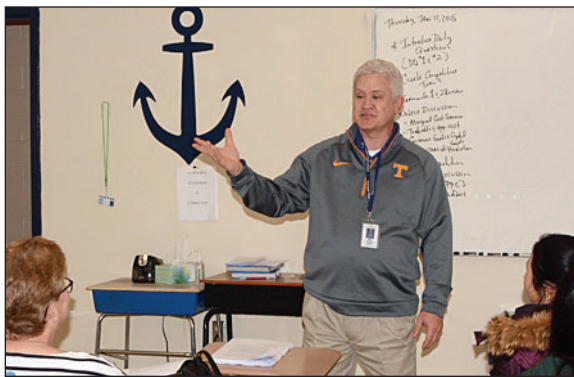


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(Above) During Farragut High School Spring Semester Open House Thursday night, Jan. 11, Allison Maldonado, right, Spanish 3 honors teacher, joins Mollie Townley, Honors English teacher with daughter, Matilda. (Below) Joni Bolden, left, English college prep teacher, with David and Sharon Valentine and their granddaughter, Kaylee Reagan.



Chris Cool, FHS Advanced Placement macro economics teacher, speaks to parents in his classroom.



Catlett

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The Veteran's Pre-College Program, administered through the University of Tennessee, helps veterans realize and take advantage of available educational opportunities.

"I believe that most veterans are

unaware of the opportunities that their educational benefits offer," he said. "And I need to tell them."

As a vet himself, he has seen first hand how military service impacts its soldiers.

"Veteran's Day ought to be every day," he said. "A lot of people had it rough. They lost a leg, or an arm, or have PTSD. They paid the price and

continue pay the price."

That sentiment is why he is working now.

"I've had a good life," he added. "I got to go into the Navy and fly, and I [have been able] to play tennis.

"But now, my focus is on veterans. Helping them is my purpose right now, and it is my hope to make their lives a little better."

Mann

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rier's rate of movement, Mann said when the Carl Vinson is headed to a given destination, instead of just going in a straight line, "For us we just do these circles ... because we

want to do more training.

"When we go to Vietnam" in early 2018, "we'll be doing like circles to it," he added.

However, "We can get anywhere pretty quickly," Mann said.

The class, which received an assignment from Pope to write a

paper on what they learned from Mann's visit, also greeted the officer with a decorated cake and a "Welcome to FIS" poster signed by Pope and her students.

Mann's mother, Susan Mann, is a fifth-grade teacher at FIS.

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Two Farragut area grade-school winners emerged from 6th Annual ACE Awards, presented by The Alliance For Creative Excellence, among dozens of high school and middle school performance talent in Bijou Theater, downtown Knoxville, Saturday evening, Jan. 13.

Mary Claire Carter of Farragut Middle School won Rising Star Finalist category of ACE Awards singing "At Last." (See photo on page 1A)

Christina Ledbetter, a senior at Bearden High School (top right photo), won the Musical Theatre Finalist category performing "Vanilla Ice Cream (She Loves Me)."

Other high school area performers who were finalists included Heather Bohan, a Farragut High School senior, who performed "Black Hole Sun" by "Soundgarden" in the Open Singing-Vocal Finalist category. Other BHS finalists in Musical Theatre category were Nesma Abdelnabi, who performed "Shy" from the musical "Once Upon A Mattress," and Caris Morgenegg, who performed "When He Sees Me" from the musical "Waitress."

Tori Beth Sullivan, a Christian Academy of Knoxville sophomore, performed "No One Else" from "The Great Comet of 1812" in Musical Theatre Finalist category.

Cece Coakley, a junior from Knoxville Catholic High School, performed "Unstoppable" in Open Singing-Instrumental Vocal Finalist category.

Connor Kelly, a sophomore from Webb School of Knoxville, performed an original song, "Moon from the Sun," in the Open Singing-Instrumental Vocal Finalist category.

Among other middle school performances were FMS singers in the Rising Star Finalist category: Jasmyne Simpkins, who performed "Listen;" Jasmyne Baker, who performed "Titanium," and Ella Pinchok, who performed "Don't Rain On My Parade."

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FHS upset bids slip away late versus Red Rebs



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Chris Dalton, Farragut senior guard, is surrounded by Maryville defenders near the basket.

Higgins 'proud' despite L

Lady Ads rally in 4Q, then fade in final two minutes at Maryville

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MARYVILLE — Farragut was on the verge of a huge road victory at Maryville Friday night, but poor free throw shooting, two ill-timed fouls and a turnover with just seconds to play doomed the Admirals.

The Red Rebels, twice fouled in backcourt in the final 30 seconds, sank four free throws to overcome a 2-point deficit and take the lead.

Rallying from a nine-point second quarter deficit, Farragut saw its game-winning three-point basket attempt rim out just before the final buzzer, as MHS held on for a 48-46 District 4-AAA victory Jan. 12.

Meanwhile, the FHS Lady Admirals used a 9-0 run to close a 12-point Maryville lead to three, 49-46, with under three minutes to play.

But the Lady Red Rebels [7-2 in 4-AAA] closed the game with a 9-0 run to win 58-46.

Morgan Carbaugh's 18 points led Farragut [10-8, 5-4] followed by Claire Wyatt's 12 points.

For the boys, Nick Stedham, Ads senior post, scored a team-high 13.

"I think we did a good job climbing back, but then down the line they hit free throws and we didn't. ... I missed a bunch I should have hit," he said. "We made some bad fouls at bad times, but we were just trying to be aggressive and get the ball."

"I thought Nick Stedham showed hustle and grit — which is what he's done all season," FHS head coach Jon Higgins said. "I can't be more proud of the way he's played, especially coming to a position where he hasn't played in a few years."

"His energy level, his fight, his intensity is something that I value each and every day, and it showed again tonight," he added.

Will Brown and Caleb Thompson scored six for the Admirals, which

saw a four-game winning streak snapped, falling to 9-10 overall, 3-6 in district. Trevion Moreno added five points for Farragut, while Andrew Howell and Garrett Brickhouse scored four apiece. Chris Dalton and Tharrin Shuler each added three points, while Luke Moeller scored two.

Maryville's 4-AAA record improved to 8-1.

"I'm proud of my guys. I thought we fought extremely hard," Higgins said. "I thought we played pretty well, especially after the first quarter."

"Just right there at the end, we missed some opportunities to close the game out," he added. "We go 1-for-4 from the free throw line in the last [minute] with a 2-point lead."

"Those are things that hopefully we'll learn from, that guys will step up and embrace the moment and finish it."

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Wormsley, Webb state champ coach, elected to TBCA Hall of Fame

STAFF REPORTS

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Clark Wormsley, former Webb School of Knoxville varsity baseball head coach who led the Spartans to a Division II state title in 2010, was inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last week.

Wormsley guided his varsity baseball team for more than 20 years before resigning, winning 445 games that included seven region titles and six state tournament appearances [runner-up finishes in 2003, 2005 and 2011].

"As far as his success on the field he's one of the most successful coaches in Tennessee," said Dave Meske, Webb athletic director and

varsity football head coach.

"But I think what separates him, what makes him an unbelievably great coach, is his relationships with his players," Meske added. "That will really last a lifetime."

Under Meske, Wormsley will enter his 34th football season as Spartans offensive coordinator in 2018 — having helped Webb win seven state championships.

"Without the players' talents and efforts, without the help and input of assistant coaches, and without the support of parents and the Webb community, we would not have been successful and I would not be receiving this great honor," Wormsley stated in a school press release.

After his 2011 state runner-up finish, Wormsley passed the baseball head coaching torch to his son and Webb alumnus Jordan Wormsley, Class of 2006.

The induction ceremony was Saturday, Jan. 13, during TBCA Clinic's Awards Banquet in Franklin.



Wormsley

Spartans all business in win versus Warriors

KEN LAY

Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Webb School of Knoxville's boys basketball team approached its Division II-A game against Christian Academy of Knoxville as it attacks every game. The plan yielded some positive results.

"We want to play our game. We want to play good defense and we want to play together as a team," said Spartans guard Chase Ridenour, who scored 19 points in Webb's 65-48 victory over the Warriors Friday night, Jan. 12, at CAK.

"Before the game we talked and we emphasized defense and coach [Ricky Norris] told us to be mature and show that we're dis-

ciplined on defense. We wanted to play hard and play for each other," he added.

The Spartans (17-3 overall, 3-0 in Division II-A) did just that and they were able to take control of the contest early.

CAK (7-11, 1-2) had trouble with the Spartans defense throughout the game according to Warriors head coach Shane Wells, who noted that Ridenour's offensive output was a big difference in the game.

"They're really talented. They're the best team that we'll see all year," Wells said. "We all knew that Chase was going to get hot at some point."

See WEBB-CAK on Page 9B

Heatherly adds to 1,000-point total, but Webb 4Q run sinks CAK girls

KEN LAY

Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — By her own admission, Webb School of Knoxville girls basketball head coach Shelley Collier was a bit troubled by her team's free throw shooting heading into a key region game against rival Christian Academy of Knoxville.

But she had to feel better after watching her team nab a 53-45 win over the Lady Warriors on the road.

Webb [11-8 overall, 3-0 in Division II-A East/Middle play] made some clutch free throws down the stretch, converting 20 of 26 overall.

"That's something that has been a concern for us," Collier said of her team's trouble at the line. "We haven't been making our free throws but we made them tonight."

For three quarters, the game was a tight roller-coaster ride as the Lady Warriors [14-6, 2-1] and Lady Spartans slugged through a low-

scoring contest, controlled by both defenses.

Lady Warrior Claire Brock scored 10 of her team-high 17 points in the second quarter, helping CAK open a 20-16 lead by halftime.

But Webb's 13-0 run during a five minute stretch of the fourth quarter put the game away at 44-31, capped with a Casey Collier free throw at the 1:29 mark.

Casey Collier led all scorers with 20 points. She had nine in the final frame and was 6-for-9 from the foul line over the last eight minutes.

She got some help from Haylee Luttrell, who finished with 12 points. That included going 6-for-6 at the charity stripe.

Casey Collier also had five rebounds, four steals and three assists. Luttrell finished with seven rebounds, three assists and two steals. Catherine Hendershott, a Lady Spartans freshman, scored eight points, grabbed six rebounds and had three steals.

"We're all pretty excited," Casey Collier said. "We expected to come in here and win this game."

"But we've been struggling to make our free throws and our lay-ups. But tonight, we made them and that was the difference."

Amber Heatherly, Lady Warriors senior guard who scored her 1,000th career point against Cleveland in a holiday tournament game in December, finished with 16 points.

"We need to come out with the mindset that we're going to be ready to play," she said. "They're a very good team, and now that we know how physical they are I think we'll do better."



Collier



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Amber Heatherly, CAK Lady Warriors senior guard, scored her 1,000th career point against Cleveland during a holiday tournament game in December.



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TENNESSEE ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS

Farragut's McKeefery, CAK's Chinique champs in annual Halls Invitational

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Five area high school wrestlers earned medals at one of the Volunteer State's prestigious tournaments Saturday.

And two of those athletes left North Knox County with championships at the Halls Invitational Jan. 13, which is traditionally contested during the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend.

Tyler McKeefery, Farragut High School junior, claimed the cham-

pionship in the 113-pound weight class. Eli Chinique, Christian Academy of Knoxville senior, claimed the title in the 285-pound division.

Admirals freshman Zach Garabrandt finished third in the 126-pound weight class.

The Warriors got a runner-up finish from freshman Gavin Cagle in the 152-pound bracket. CAK's Brendan Jarvis [132 pounds] came in fourth.

McKeefery, one of the area's top lightweight wrestlers, defeated Chattanooga McCallie's Emory

Taylor by injury default in the title match. Taylor, 2017 Division II state champion and the state's top-ranked 113-pounder in Division II this season, retired with 27 seconds left in the third period.

McKeefery had an 8-3 lead when the Blue Tornado coaching staff stopped the bout.

"This was a big win. I came in really wanting to win this tournament," said McKeefery, who recently went up a weight class after spending both his freshman and sophomore campaigns as a 106-pounder and

making the Class AAA State Tournament in each of those seasons. "It was a tough [championship], but I thought I could beat him because I had beaten him before.

"This was good for me because I haven't seen any really tough competition in this region," he added.

"We're starting to get over some of our injuries and these kids have really come a long way," Farragut head coach Bobby Hampshire said. "They've worked really hard.

"This year, our team is a little small but these guys have been very

competitive," he added. "Tyler did great. That kid [Taylor] was a state champ last year. Zach has really come a long way. For a freshman, he's been awesome."

Chinique won the heavyweight title by fall when he pinned Ooltewah's Kevin Chang with two seconds remaining in the match.

"I had to wrestle some good competition," said Chinique, who was the top-seeded heavyweight competing at Halls. "Even though some of those guys were younger, they really gave me a run for my money."

Webb-CAK

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was going to be."

Myles Rasnick scored nine of his 17 points over the first 16 minutes for Webb. Tariq Daughton added nine points while Charlie Wyrick finished with five.

"I think, for us, it all starts on the defensive end of the floor," Norris said. "Our guys did a good job of playing defense when we weren't making shots.

"Our kids did a good job guarding all over the floor when we were having trouble hitting shots. We continued to play defense after we started hitting both our inside and outside shots," he added.

The Spartans would withstand a third-quarter run from the Warriors, who trimmed Webb's lead to 36-27 after junior forward Turner Heitzman scored a basket with five minutes left in the period.

The threat was soon thwarted as the Spartans used a 12-5 surge of their own to expand their lead to 48-32 by the end of the frame.

Luke Etherton led CAK with 14 points. Jason Ozment added nine and Heitzman finished with six.



Alan Sloan

Garrett Brickhouse, Farragut guard, looks to beat the MHS defense.

Ads-Rebs

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Though Joe Anderson, Maryville's standout sophomore guard, led all scorers with 20 points, he scored just two after halftime.

"I thought Will Brown did a fantastic job on him tonight — and that's not easy to do. Anderson is real good," Higgins said about Brown, a junior guard.

"Will Brown, when he puts his mind to it, is a disruptive defender because he's got length and he's got

quickness," the coach added.

Farragut overcame a 30-22 deficit late in the first half to take a 4-point lead, holding a 40-36 edge after three quarters. "I think they outworked us so much, and I think that's what got them back into the game," Anderson said. "They just honestly wanted it more than us.

"But luckily in the fourth quarter we were able to finish it off."

Overall for FHS, "We're getting better each and every day," Higgins said. "As long as we fight like this, I like where we're headed."

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