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A native of Knoxville and a resident of Farragut, Johnson has helped a multitude of families buy and sell homes as a top-producing agent for over 29 years. Before beginning her career in real estate, Gina was a mathematics teacher who deeply loved forming relationships with others and problem-solving. She received a B.A. in medical technology and a B.A. in computer science from the University of Tennessee which furthered her love for problem-solving. "I have always enjoyed connecting with people as a teacher, so real estate was an easy decision for me. Real estate allowed me to use my problem-solving and negotiation skills to help provide excellent customer service for my clients," Gina shared. Gina Johnson has lived in Farragut for over 30 years and enjoys showing her client's all that Knoxville has to offer. "This is home for me. I have never lived anywhere else and love East Tennessee. There is nothing that delights me more than helping people discover the area and finding the perfect home," Gina said.

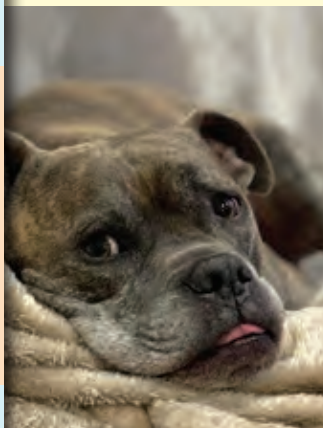
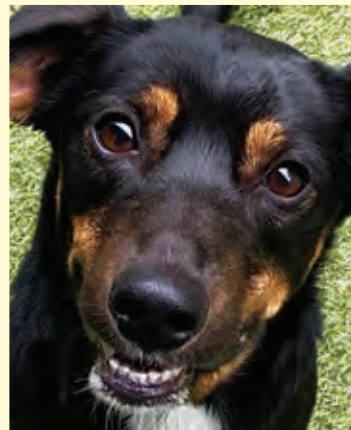
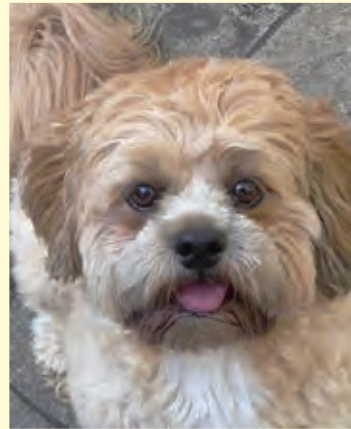
A longstanding leader in Knoxville real estate, Gina guides clients through every step of the real estate transaction process. Gina's knowledge of the market and dedication to finding the best fit for each client has allowed her clientele to continually grow from referrals alone. She provides virtual tours, professional photography, social media visibility, and more to attract the right buyer for her clients. "I care about my clients and because of my desire to make sure they receive superb customer service, I become not only their trusted real estate professional but their dear friend," Gina explained. She continued, "I am blessed to have a career that I am passionate about. I love homes, design styles, and all things real estate." With Knoxville becoming increasingly popular, Gina Johnson also specializes in clients who are interested in relocating to the Knoxville area. As a relocation expert, with designations in ePro, CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), and GRI (Graduate, REALTOR® Institute), Gina ensures her clients have a smooth transition to East Tennessee living. Although predominantly serving West Knoxville, specifically Farragut, Gina is always aware of the market offerings in surrounding areas to best serve her clients. You can get in touch with her at (865)-567-5478 or email her at relocateknox@gmail.com.

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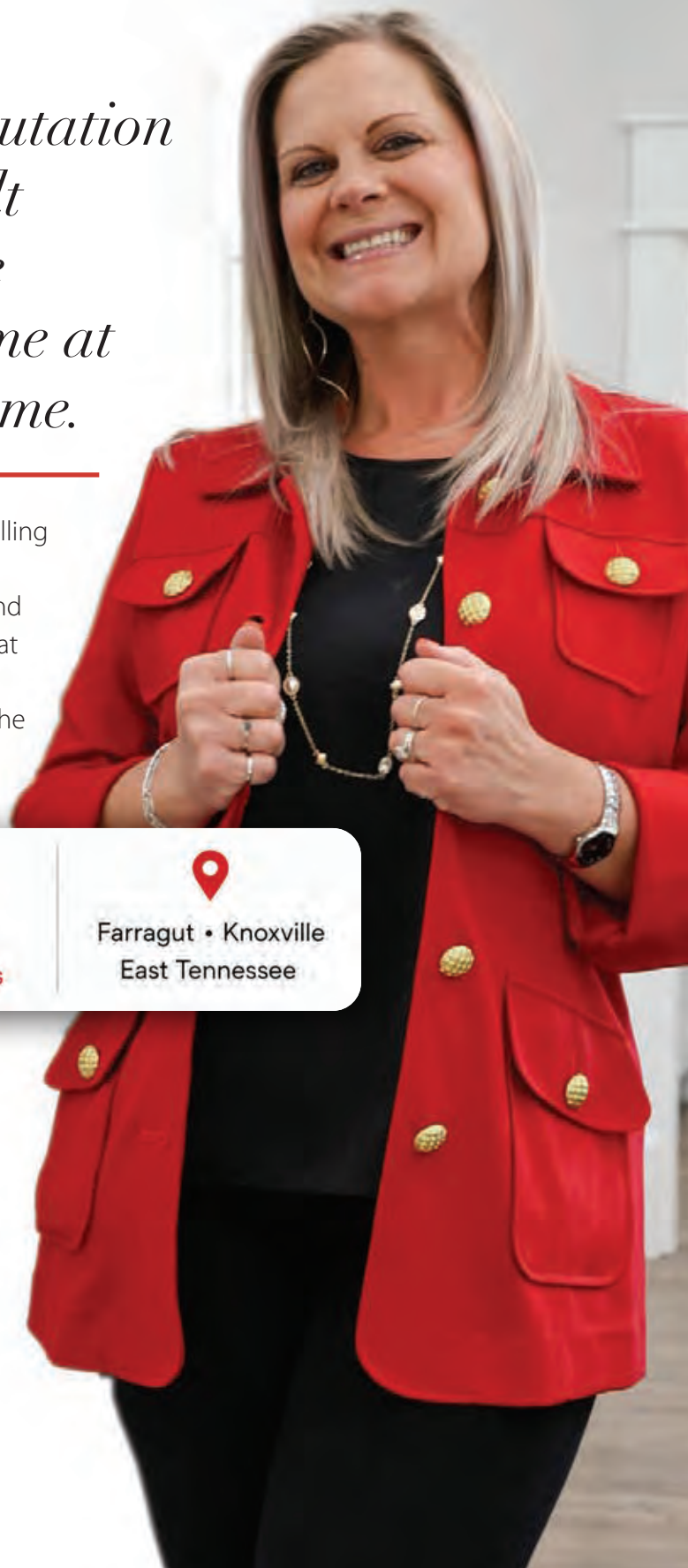
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Charissa Adams

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With a passion for serving others, Charissa Adams spent 19 years in the hospitality industry before pursuing a new career path in insurance. The former bartender and stay-at-home mom first embarked on this journey in 2022, securing a customer service representative role at Bryan Insurance Group.

Now a licensed agent, Adams joined Knoxville Insurance Group in May of 2025, utilizing her varied skills set to provide clients with a positive, personalized experience.

"I genuinely enjoy helping people and believe my role goes beyond simply gaining a client," she explained. "My priority is to educate and empower each person I work with, even if they ultimately choose not to become my client."

After all, for Adams, the primary goal is to always strive to support members of the local community — both personally and professionally.

"I want everyone to understand their options, feel confident in the coverage they have and know exactly what they are paying for," she said. "Above all, I want to ensure they are properly protected and making informed decisions about their future."

In addition to her insurance career, Adams also earned an associate's degree in healthcare administration and completed the Tennessee Real Estate Commission licensing program in 2019. She is an avid gardener and active member of First Christian Church of Rockwood, currently residing in Harriman with her husband, daughter, doodle and great dane.



Harriet Amonette

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Connecting with people

Harriet Amonette has been in the Senior Care Industry her entire career, but has worked as the Director of Marketing Services at NHC Place Farragut for the past eight years. Thirteen years ago, she started at NHC as a nurse in rehabilitation before discovering her knack for marketing. Harriet's experience in direct patient care has shaped the way in which she can connect with coworkers, families of residents, and the residents themselves. As a nurse, she realized the exceptional joy that caring for others gave her every day. Today, she continues to embrace the senior care culture in marketing, utilizing her medical background to provide additional insight to families. Her favorite part of the job is assisting families with the "next steps" on NHC Place Farragut's CCRC campus. For the past four years, Harriet has been heavily involved in the CAC Office on Aging's annual "Power of the Purse" event, a fundraiser for their Mobile Meals program. Harriet enjoys giving back to the senior care community in all aspects, making it her mission to empower her community in all walks of life.



Michelle Austin

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For more than two decades, Michelle Austin has dedicated her career to helping customers feel confident while building a strong culture of service and teamwork at JCPenney. Today, she proudly serves as Store Manager of the Farragut location, leading a team committed to delivering exceptional experiences for customers throughout East Tennessee.

Michelle's journey with JCPenney began while she was still in high school, working at the former East Towne Mall location. She continued growing with the company while earning her degree in Retail and Consumer Science from the University of Tennessee. What started as a part-time job evolved into a rewarding career built on leadership, customer connection, and a passion for retail.

Under Michelle's leadership, the Farragut JCPenney remains focused on providing fashion, beauty, salon services, and value to the community it proudly serves. She believes the store's success is rooted in its people, both the associates who create memorable shopping experiences and the loyal customers who have supported the brand for generations.

"One of the things I love most about my career is building relationships," Michelle says. "Whether it's developing associates, connecting with customers, or supporting local organizations, I believe retail is ultimately about people and making a positive impact in the community."

A longtime supporter of local events, charitable initiatives, and community partnerships, Michelle is passionate about giving back and helping strengthen the Farragut area she calls home. She remains committed to serving customers, supporting her team, and ensuring JCPenney continues to be a trusted destination for families throughout the region.



Jennifer Bailey

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Jennifer Bailey, was born in Baltimore, raised in New York and Ghana, West Africa, went to Arizona State University and chose Knoxville to raise her family. She finds her unique view of design from her passion for travel both domestically and abroad. Jennifer's passion is to help others achieve the space of their dreams. In fact, as owner of Tile Sensations, Bailey says her top priority is to encourage both clients and team members to "resist the ordinary."

"We aren't just another tile store; we are a tile boutique," she said of Tile Sensations, located at 3413 Sutherland Ave. "And we don't think every house from California to New York should have subway tile installed because there are so many other beautiful selections available."

Bailey noted that the tile boutique, which was founded in 1996, currently offers more than 3,000 samples including options from studio artists from around the country, ranging from elegant hand-cut marble tiles to versatile hand-pressed stoneware. "We represent about 15 made-in-the USA, handmade tile artists, many of whom are women," said Bailey, emphasizing her dedication to uplifting other women. "I really try to empower women to find their purpose."

In addition to running Tile Sensations, Bailey enjoys sharing her experiences through speaking engagements, traveling, spending time at the lake and dabbling in vintage goods. She moved to the area in 1992, getting her start in the industry by making ceramic tiles at a shop in Alcoa before opening Knoxville's original Tile Boutique, Tile Sensations. "We chose to live in Knoxville because of the great atmosphere," she said. "I just love the community and my clients and staff are my favorite part of my job."



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At the heart of every thriving chamber of commerce are dynamic volunteers, and these teams do their best work when headed up by servant-leaders who show up, selflessly engage, and give back. We at the Farragut West Knox Chamber are thrilled to shine a light on these remarkable women, each of whom either serves our board of directors or chairs a vital committee, shaping the future of the chamber's business community through their unwavering commitment and innovative ideas.

Leadership in chambers of commerce goes beyond titles—it's about stepping up, volunteering, and driving progress and meaningful change. These women embody the spirit of servant leadership, generously sharing their time, expertise, and passion to elevate the teams they support and subsequently the entire organization. Their roles are pivotal, guiding strategic initiatives, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that diverse voices are heard and valued all while helping the chamber hit goals and reach new heights.

Why does this matter? When women lead, everyone benefits. Their unique perspectives and empathetic approach not only enhance decision-making but also inspire and motivate those around them. These individuals are more than just committee chairs; they are helping to redefine what it means to lead with heart and purpose. Their influence extends beyond their committees, setting a powerful example for future generations of professionals and driving progress in their community.

Join us in celebrating these phenomenal women and the impact of their service. Their dedication highlights the importance of having diverse, passionate leaders at the helm, proving that when women step up to lead, everyone rises together.



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With decades of experience in veterinary care, Dr. Mili Bass opened Dream Katcher Lodge in 2004, providing Farragut residents with a luxury pet boarding facility that ensures peace of mind.

"My husband and I started Dream Katcher with the determination that this was going to be a place that we would be comfortable leaving our kids," she said of the pet lodge, located at 11253 Kingston Pike.

Bass, who also owns Animal Acupuncture and Pain Management in Knoxville, added that one of her favorite aspects of managing the facility is simply offering families a home-away-from-home for their pets.

"I really enjoy being able to provide a comfortable, safe, clean, loving environment for the kids because that's what we're all about," she said. "I also love getting puppy kisses, and when the kids come in the front door and they're wagging their tails because they're so happy to see us."

When Dr. Bass opened her practice in 1982, she was the first female veterinarian in West Knoxville. Her unyielding commitment to pets has enabled Bass to stand out in the veterinary field, with several awards and accolades earned throughout her extensive career.

She served as President of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), as well as President of the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. She was the first female appointed to serve in many veterinary roles and was recently recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award from TVMA for her generous contributions to the profession.

She received her undergraduate degree in English and journalism from the University of Alabama and worked as a TV news reporter and anchor before earning her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Tennessee in 1981.



Julie A. Blaylock

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Julie Blaylock is President/CEO of the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, where she has had the privilege of serving local businesses since joining the organization as Executive Assistant in 2011. Selected to succeed longtime President/CEO Bettye Sisco in 2017, Julie now leads a four-person staff, 12+ committees, and an organization serving more than 800 businesses and offering 100+ programs annually. A Leadership Knoxville graduate and recipient of the TNCCE designation for Tennessee chamber executives, Julie serves as Vice President of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives Board, representing East Tennessee. She also serves on the boards of Tennova Healthcare and United Way Greater Knoxville.

In her downtime she enjoys old thriller/horror movies with husband, Eric, tending/wrangling her garden, and keeping up with their seven rescue black cats. At work, Julie is a self-described "people and resource convener," passionate about bringing together business leaders, government, nonprofits, educators, and community partners to help local businesses succeed. She especially enjoys helping small business owners navigate the joys and challenges of entrepreneurship by connecting them with the resources, relationships, and people they need.

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Victoria Boyle

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Inspired by her daughter and grandchildren, Victoria Boyle opened Poppets Play Place in August of 2024, providing families throughout the area with a thoughtfully-designed parent-supervised indoor playground in the heart of Farragut.

"After my daughter visited a facility like Poppets where she lives, my husband and I felt like it would be a great addition to our community," she said of the play center, located at 154 West End Ave.

Since its inception, Boyle, otherwise known as "Nonnie" to her two grandsons, said that Poppets has proven to be a blessing, as it encourages meaningful connections with local residents as well as those who may be visiting the area.

"The best part is getting to meet so many kind people and their sweet children — people from all over the world," said Boyle, noting that she especially enjoys hosting birthday parties at the center. "I love being creative so this is such a fun outlet for me."

Boyle's evident passion for the community has helped Poppets Play Place earn several accolades over the years, including the 2026 Farragut Press Readers Choice Award for Best Party Venue and the CommunityVotes Best Child Play Place and Indoor Playground in Knoxville in 2025 and 2026.

In addition to Poppets Play Place, Boyle also works as a registered nurse at a local hospital and previously served as a child counselor and cheer coach. She is an East Tennessee native, currently residing in Farragut.



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Janette Burgin is a 25+ year veteran of residential lending in the greater Knoxville area. She leads mortgage teams for the Regions brand from Crossville to Virginia and helps clients build, buy, and refinance homes as they grow wealth through real estate. With a passion for construction—from cottages to castles—Burgin serves custom homeowners, self-employed business owners, and relocating professionals in 22 states.

“My favorite thing is helping a family build their dream home in East Tennessee, then return a few years later ready for a second home on the coast. Home is where children grow, families make memories, and stories are shaped.” She considers East Tennessee fortunate to have exceptional home-building professionals and has been privileged to work with many through the Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville.

Burgin and her team specialize in partnering with builders, helping families purchase new construction, and supporting communities through home resales. Their approach uses the bank’s portfolio to create personalized lending strategies aligned with each homeowner’s goals today, in five years, and in ten.

Raised in the South by realtor parents who helped build communities in Tennessee and Louisiana, Burgin returned to Tennessee after school in Virginia. She and her husband, Brian Tankersley, live in West Knoxville with their son, five pups, and Janette’s mother, where they have lived and served for more than 30 years.



Lindsey Davis

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Lindsey Davis has spent well over a decade growing alongside The Casual Pint, evolving from a Beertender into a respected business owner, franchise leader, and community advocate. As owner of The Casual Pint Northshore and Vice President of Supply Chain Management & Logistics for the franchise, she brings experience, vision, and a genuine commitment to helping others succeed.

At The Casual Pint Northshore, Lindsey has created more than a gathering place for craft beer, cocktails, wine, and food. Under her leadership, the restaurant has become a community hub where local organizations, businesses, nonprofits, and neighbors come together. Her vision is to create a welcoming place where familiar faces become friends and everyone feels at home.

Lindsey is passionate about supporting the community through charitable fundraisers, community events, local partnerships, and causes that make a difference. Her commitment to giving back is woven into the culture of The Casual Pint Northshore, where she continually looks for opportunities to bring people together and support those around her.

For Lindsey, community leadership is about more than hosting events. It is about building relationships, creating opportunities, and showing up when people need support. Through her business and volunteer efforts, she continues to make The Casual Pint Northshore a place where everybody knows your name, neighbors connect, local causes gain support, and the community grows stronger together.



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Cam Cumming, RN, is a cosmetic nurse injector at Pearl Scott Beauty serving Faragut and the greater Knoxville area. Born in Vietnam, Cam came to the United States and built her career through hard work, entrepreneurship, and a lifelong passion for beauty and patient care. Before becoming a nurse, she owned and operated a nail salon and mini spa, where she developed a deep understanding of client trust, confidence, and personalized service.

Today, Cam brings that same care to aesthetic medicine, specializing in natural-looking results with neurotoxins, dermal fillers, PRP hair restoration, and skin rejuvenation treatments. Known for her conservative approach, Cam focuses on education, safety, and helping patients feel comfortable, especially those new to injectables.

Her goal is simple: to help each patient look refreshed, confident, and still completely like themselves.



Rachael Ellis

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Rachael Ellis leads with a simple belief: every neighbor should know they matter.

As CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, Rachael leads an organization working across 18 counties around a belief that no one should go hungry. That means making sure our neighbors have access to the food and support they need, while bringing communities together around a shared responsibility to end hunger.

For Rachael, that work starts with listening. Hunger looks different from one household to the next, and meaningful solutions require strong relationships with the people, businesses, volunteers, donors and more than 830 community partners who make Second Harvest’s work possible.

As she leads Second Harvest into its next chapter, Rachael is focused on meeting today’s growing need while building a stronger, more connected food system for tomorrow.

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With deep roots in Knoxville and decades of firsthand knowledge of the area, Annie Abraham brings a distinctly local perspective to her work in real estate. Her understanding of the community, combined with a genuine passion for helping others, allows her to guide clients through each move with confidence, care, and attention to detail.

For Annie, real estate is about much more than buying or selling a home. It is about understanding what matters most to each client and making an often-complex process feel organized, informed, and manageable. Whether working with buyers, sellers or those relocating to the Knoxville area, she takes pride in providing thoughtful guidance, consistent communication, and personalized service from the first conversation through closing.

Annie has successfully assisted numerous clients throughout the Knoxville market and has built her business around professionalism, responsiveness, and strong client relationships. Her attention to detail and commitment to staying on top of every step of a transaction have helped her earn the trust of clients who often return to her or confidently refer their friends and family.

As Knoxville and the surrounding communities continue to grow, Annie remains passionate about helping clients navigate the local real estate market and make decisions that are right for their individual goals.

For those considering buying, selling, or relocating in the Knoxville area, Annie Abraham with Wallace Real Estate offers experienced local guidance with a personal approach.



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With over four decades of experience in the real estate industry, dori pavlovsky, affectionately known as "The House Lady", has been a trusted name since 1978. Her deep knowledge and passion for listing and selling houses make her a go-to expert for clients looking to sell their homes or purchase a new one.

Specializing in fine properties, dori combines professional expertise with a friendly upbeat approach, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience for every client.

Throughout her illustrious career, she has won numerous awards for production and continually enhances her skills through extensive training and classes. She is a Broker, a Relocation Specialist and a Certified Stager. Most recently she has earned The Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist designation and is certified with Luxury Portfolio and Leading Real Estate of the World.

Her dedication to excellence and client satisfaction sets her apart in the competitive real estate market. She loves her job!



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With a wealth of local market knowledge, Christine Drimalla is dedicated to helping individuals and families reach their real estate goals throughout the greater Knoxville area.

The relocation specialist at Wallace Real Estate combines her extensive experience in construction, design and renovation with a unique ability to visualize a property's true potential to provide first-class service and deliver impressive results.

From finding your dream home to preparing your home for the market, Christine's top priority is to thoroughly attend to all your real estate needs and guide you toward the best long-term decision for your specific situation.

"I take great care to educate and advise my clients with an informed and comprehensive assessment of their specific requirements," she said.

Covering and clearly anticipating every angle found in the multitude of details in each transaction, Christine's client-focused approach ultimately ensures her clients' goals are achieved, even when met with the most difficult challenges.

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Bringing her passion for helping others to real estate

After 25 years as a Nurse Practitioner, Kristy Rucker brought her passion for helping others to a new career in real estate. She began her real estate career in 2022 after relocating to East Tennessee, bringing with her the same dedication, attention to detail, honesty and integrity that defined her career in medicine.

Since then, Kristy has quickly established herself as one of Wallace Real Estate's leading residential agents. She finished #8 company-wide in 2024, completing more \$1 million-plus transactions than any other Wallace agent that year. In 2025, she rose to the #4 residential agent company-wide and was recognized among the Top 100 real estate agents in all of East Tennessee.

Kristy remains focused on exceptional service, communication and understanding each client's individual needs. From first-time buyers and relocating families to luxury and waterfront properties, she combines local market knowledge, strong negotiating skills and effective marketing to help her clients achieve their goals.

For Kristy, real estate is about more than a transaction—it's about building relationships, earning trust and creating clients for life.



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Originally from England, Deborah Saunders made Knoxville her home in 1993 after moving from London.

After three decades shaping young minds as a teacher, Deborah embraced a new adventure in 2013 – real estate – a career that, surprisingly, isn't all that different from the classroom.

"Both teaching and real estate are really about breaking down big ideas into manageable steps and handling each moment as it comes, while staying ready for whatever surprises may pop up," said Deborah, now proudly serving as an agent with Wallace.

Known for her calm, steady approach, Deborah helps clients navigate everything from small jitters to big panics with confidence and care. She especially enjoys guiding first-time homebuyers, walking them through each stage of the journey with patience and a smile.

"If you put the emphasis on serving people well, the results naturally follow," Deborah shared. Even after closing day, she makes it a point to be there for her clients, offering advice, reassurance, or simply a listening ear. "I truly enjoy treating people kindly and making the process as smooth – and even fun – as it can be."



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Cherie Sydes is a native of Knoxville, TN and has lived in several parts of the area, gaining familiarity with the changes and growth in and around Knoxville. Having had strong ties to the East Tennessee area and her passion for helping people give Cherie the ability to be creative with the home buying/selling process. Cherie has worked in the Real Estate industry for more than seven years before launching her career as a licensed Real Estate Agent giving her more than a decade of experience. This invaluable insight has provided Cherie with substantial exposure to many aspects of the real estate industry.

Raised to be resilient and a hard worker with a winning attitude, Cherie believes in integrity and reliability in her everyday life and professional career. Her goal is to make your buying/selling experience as easy and stress-free as possible.

Cherie's Pledge: "Whether you are buying or selling, I will dedicate my complete attention and honesty every buyer and seller deserves!"



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Specializing as "Agents with Family Roots" at Wallace Real Estate Barbara Stevens works alongside her husband and daughter.

Stevens' two-decade career as owner of a corporate relocation company also allows her to empathize with clients who are moving to a new place. "I know the pain and suffering that people go through when they are making decisions about where they're going to live," she said.

"I understand, and I want to develop a relationship with my clients, get to know them and their families, not just for one transaction but a long-lasting relationship where they refer to me as their Realtor." I am blessed with opportunities to be invited into peoples' lives so that I can walk alongside them not only as their Real Estate Professional, but as their advocate throughout the real estate process. I believe everyone deserves quality of services, regardless if they are first-time home buyers or seasoned sellers.

I am most proud of the fact that after all these years, I still love what I do and am continued to be blessed with the opportunity to serve and hopefully make a difference in people's lives.



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For more than three decades, Debbie Yankey has built her real estate career one client, one relationship, and one carefully earned reputation at a time.

Since 1995, Debbie has watched East Tennessee grow and the industry change dramatically. Technology has transformed how people buy and sell homes, but she believes the qualities that matter most remain the same: experience, integrity, good judgment, and the ability to truly listen.

"People can find information anywhere today," Debbie says. "What they need from me is perspective—someone who can help them understand what it means for their situation and make a good decision."

Debbie continues to embrace new technology and marketing while relying on the experience that only comes with time.

After more than 30 years, her greatest reward remains the relationships—past clients who return and referrals from people who trust her.

"It's measured in trust," she says. "That means everything."



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Penny Ellison: Leading with Heart and Excellence

Penny Ellison, owner of Mr. Handyman of West Knoxville has built her business around one simple principle: taking care of people.

A Jefferson County native, Penny began her business career in Newport before moving to Knoxville and launching Mr. Handyman with her husband. Following his passing in 2019, she continued leading the company with determination, growing it into a trusted name for professional home repair and maintenance.

Penny's commitment to her customers, team, and community has earned recognition locally and nationally. She was named a 2024 IFA Franchisee of the Year and has earned Mr. Handyman Franchise of the Year three times in four years, multiple Best of the Best Knoxville awards, and the Heart of Mr. Handyman Award. Most recently, Penny received Neighborly's Award of Excellence, the organization's most prestigious award, recognizing her outstanding leadership and commitment to excellence.

Penny credits much of her success to her exceptional team, and a customer-first philosophy centered on quality, reliability and trust.

For Penny, the awards reflect something even more important—a business built on perseverance, strong relationships and a commitment to serving the Knoxville community with heart.



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Chloe Foster has always had a passion for the beauty industry and a desire to help others feel confident in their own skin. After experiencing her own skincare challenges during her teenage years, she developed a personal understanding of how deeply our skin can affect the way we see ourselves—and discovered a true passion for helping others feel their very best.

As a Licensed Esthetician and Sofwave Specialist at Pearl Scott Health & Beauty, Chloe combines her professional training with a thoughtful, personalized approach to every client. She is passionate about creating healthy, radiant skin and delivering natural-looking results through customized aesthetic treatments.

Known for her warm personality, attention to detail, and genuine care for her clients, Chloe believes beauty should enhance who you already are—not change you. Her goal is to make every client feel comfortable, confident, and cared for throughout their beauty journey.

“Beautiful skin is more than what you see—it's how you feel.”



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For Teri Jo Fox, success has never been measured simply by rankings, awards or transactions. It has been built through nearly two decades of relationships, hard work and a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

Teri Jo began her career as an office manager in a Tellico Village real estate office before earning her license in 2007. In 2019, she and her husband, business partner and best friend opened The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, building a business centered on trust, communication and putting people first.

Today, Teri Jo is ranked among the top real estate professionals in East Tennessee (currently at #30 out of approx. 6500 agents), but she is quick to credit the people behind her success.

“I wouldn't be where I am today without the people who believed in me from the beginning my family, mentors, clients, team, and latest and most importantly my business partner & husband who has been beside since we met at my very 1st UT VOLS Tailgate.”

That gratitude has shaped the professional woman and leader she has become. Teri Jo believes success isn't only about what you accomplish; it's about who you impact along the way.

“I love being people's hero and connecting the dots to make their lives easier.”

For Teri Jo, the greatest measure of success is the trust others place in her—the people who believed in her, those who stand beside her, and the clients who continue to choose her.



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Dr. Grande is one of the founding partners of The Skin Wellness Center. She is board-certified in dermatology and is a fellow in the American Academy of Dermatology.

She received her medical degree from the University of Nebraska where she was an Alpha Omega Alpha, however prior to training in dermatology, she completed 2 years of Internal Medicine training in Savannah, GA. She completed her residency in dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston where she met Dr. Overholt.

She worked for 2 years in Houston prior to moving to Knoxville to help found The Skin Wellness Center.



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Kendra J. Kennedy brings nearly two decades of customer service experience and a genuine passion for helping people. While pursuing her Business Degree, Kendra began working at Tate Insurance Group in January 2018, balancing her education with hands-on experience in the insurance industry and strengthening her customer service skills.

During her first five years with Tate Insurance Group, Kendra focused primarily on answering phones and assisting with claims, helping families through stressful and unexpected moments. Today, she enjoys welcoming new clients, advising them on coverage options, maintaining existing policies, and building lasting relationships.

For Kendra, insurance is about more than policies and paperwork. She understands that clients trust her to help protect what matters most—their families, homes, vehicles, and livelihoods. When difficult situations arise, she wants her clients to know they have someone they can depend on for guidance and support.

Kendra loves being part of a locally owned company where she can serve her community, get to know her clients personally, and help families prepare for the unexpected.



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A Top Attorney in her field

Carolyn Levy Gilliam serves as an attorney at McDonald, Levy & Taylor, PLLC, primarily practicing in the areas of wills, trusts, elder law, conservatorships, probate, and business matters, and litigation regarding these areas.

Gilliam, a graduate of the University of Tennessee's College of Law, has been named a 2026 Top Attorney by Knoxville Cityview Magazine in Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trusts, Probate, and Special Needs Planning, and McDonald, Levy & Taylor was honored on Cityview's 2025 Best of the Best list. She has also been recognized by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America for Elder Law and for Litigation – Trusts and Estates.

An active member of the community, Gilliam is a Board Member of the Dream Connection, Inc., an all-volunteer organization that fulfills the dreams of children with life-threatening illnesses.

She and her husband, Eric, and their two young children live in Farragut and attend Shoreline Church.



Jill Langer

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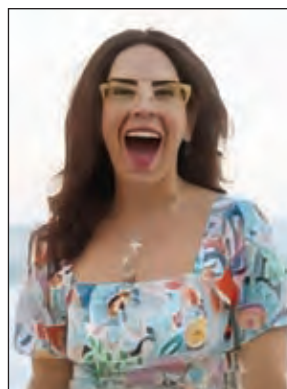
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Pearl Scott Health & Beauty was created from both love and loss, inspired by the timeless elegance of my grandmother, whom I lost in 2022. One year into this journey, I can honestly say owning a small business has been one of the most rewarding—and challenging—experiences of my life. It has given me an entirely new respect for every small business owner who pours their heart, time, and energy into building something meaningful.

Balancing Pearl Scott with family and my other professional endeavors has not always been easy, but it has taught me the value of flexibility, perseverance, and staying true to what matters most. One of the greatest gifts of owning a small business is the ability to listen, make changes, and continually evolve. Most importantly, it allows me to create an environment where we can deliver care, I am genuinely proud of.

I am incredibly grateful for the exceptional dedication of Cam, our lead injector, and Chloe, our lead esthetician, who help bring that vision to life. Together, we remain focused on our mission: to help every client feel welcomed, cared for, confident, and beautiful.

Pearl Scott is more than a business. It reflects my grandmother's legacy, my values, and my belief that true beauty is timeless, personal, and best when it feels like you.



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Farragut's own Kat Mahn has turned her passion for travel into a thriving business with Kat's Purrfect Getaways. As a full-service travel advisor, Kat specializes in crafting stress-free, personalized vacations—from cruises and European adventures to Disney trips and luxury getaways.

Her approach is simple: listen, plan, and deliver unforgettable experiences. "My goal is to take the stress off my clients and make their travel dreams come true," Kat says. She's there every step of the way, ensuring details are handled and her clients feel supported from booking to return.

As a woman-owned business, Kat takes pride in providing personalized service and genuine care that large online sites can't match. With a loyal client base and a heart for her community, she continues to help travelers create lifelong memories.

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Making people look pretty

Kat Mahn, owner of Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, always has been drawn to the beauty business.

"I liked making people look pretty," she said.

After 10 months of operating at Saah Salon along South Campbell Station Road, she has moved to a larger brick-and-mortar location, next to The Bark Place, at 11410 Kingston Pike, Suite 300, near the intersection of Kingston Pike and South Campbell Station Road.

Mahn went to college after graduating from high school and earned an English degree, but "this is what I wanted to do," she said about being an aesthetician. "So I went back to school for this after I had my daughter."

A licensed aesthetician for 16 years, she started her career in 2005 in South Carolina.

"Then, we were in Ohio for nine years and Georgia for two," Mahn added.

While in Georgia, a friend encouraged her to open her own business in 2018. Then, her husband, Joseph Mahn, a mechanical engineer, was transferred to Hardin Valley, and they moved to Knoxville.

She again took a leap and opened a studio in Saah Salon Suites, only to grow her business and move to a brick-and-mortar location.



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After the birth of her second child, Tiffany Martin took a pivotal leap of faith by embarking on a new career opportunity with Knoxville Insurance Group in 2023. Since joining the team, Martin, who previously worked for the University of Tennessee, has actively worked to immerse herself in the industry, building the skills and knowledge needed to excel as a local insurance agent.

"Working in insurance is not where I ever saw myself, but I'm so grateful that life led me here," she explained. "This career has given me and my family an amazing opportunity to grow, both personally and professionally. I'm thankful for the people I've met, the things I've learned and the opportunity to be part of such a great team."

In addition to forming meaningful relationships with colleagues and clients alike, Martin says she particularly enjoys the ever-changing nature of the insurance industry.

"I love that there is always something new to learn when it comes to insurance," she said. "Every day brings something different, and I enjoy being able to continue learning and growing in my career."

In fact, according to Martin, this ability to succeed in such a challenging field is one of her greatest accomplishments to date.

"I'm especially proud of how much I've grown since entering the insurance industry," she said. "Coming from a completely different career, becoming a licensed agent and building my knowledge and confidence in the industry has been such a rewarding achievement for me."



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Passionate about her community & the people in it

Melody Matney, Executive Director of The Villages of Farragut, is genuinely cut-out for her line of work. Born in Knoxville and a life-long resident of East Tennessee, Matney is passionate about her community and the residents she serves. After losing her father unexpectedly to a terminal illness, Matney took a particular interest in Long-Term Care, and attained her license in LTC insurance. She began her career as a sole proprietor and business owner, selling the business after 14 years, and then managed businesses for a nationally known hospitality corporation, growing through the experience. Her love for people would eventually lead her to her true passion of serving seniors. Matney was recruited to work at a senior living community in Sevierville. She was promoted to Executive Director after only 15 months, and remained with that company for several years. "My heart was still in Knoxville," she explained. So, when The Villages of Farragut announced their ground-breaking, she applied and joined their team before opening in 2019 to serve as Executive Director. "I'm extremely fortunate to be working for this company and serving seniors in this community. We truly want to be part of the fabric of Farragut, and what we do is all about love for our residents." It's clear that Melody Matney has a heart for people and service to her community.



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Jennifer McKinnish received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Tennessee and attended law school at the University of Memphis. After working for a year in Memphis at boutique domestic relations firm, she returned to Knoxville to pursue her love of family law.

McKinnish, who also practices disability law, says the best part of the job is helping others in their darkest times and getting to know clients on a personal level.

"My motivation is to see each client as an individual," she said.

This focus on relationships has certainly paid off as in the last five years along, the firm has expanded to cover all of East Tennessee, while still maintaining a personal touch with every case.

In addition to being a successful small business owner and attorney, Jennifer is an active member in the community. Her greatest accomplishment of all is at home where she is single mom to two amazing children.



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"It's important to be knowledgeable about the industry in order to provide information to help others get what they want. I have several designations, that have taken years to get, so I can be knowledgeable in my field," said Meese.

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In 1992, Paola Giraldo left Cali, Colombia for the United States with one goal: earn a college degree and broaden her horizons. She graduated from UNC Asheville and fell in love with her adopted country — its diversity, its opportunity, its entrepreneurial spirit — and made it her home, while staying close to family back in Colombia.

For more than 35 years, Paola's passion has centered on health, fitness, and human potential. As a fitness trainer and entrepreneur, she saw firsthand how improved health restores energy, builds confidence, and empowers people to pursue their dreams — that true confidence comes from feeling healthy, not just looking a certain way.

That belief has guided every chapter since.

Paola's story is one of courage and purpose: leaving home, building a career, and never losing sight of what matters most — helping others feel strong, confident, and truly well.

Serving clients, loving the work

Pam Owen of Realty Executives has an effortless enthusiasm for life and her place in it — starting with her job.

"I do love what I do," said the 17-year Realtor, who has triumphed in her field, despite first obtaining her license in the midst of a pronounced economic downturn. "I love helping people find and sell their homes, I really love doing that. And it is so easy here, with the beauty of the area, and its four seasons, and how kind people are.

"I feel so fortunate to have been born and raised in Knoxville."

Owen discovered real estate after owning her own business then working for a large corporation.

"I really have spent a lifetime working with people, and working in service," she said.

"I have had three wonderful careers, but I enjoy this one the best."

She has some advice for those who might consider a similar professional path.

"This can be a hard business, but I tell potential agents that, No. 1, they have to like people, and No. 2, they have to be in it for their clients," she said. "If they don't, and aren't, they might consider a different path.

"It's much more stress free."

Helping her along the way has been Jim, her husband of 47 years, who's support has given her the freedom and security to make her own way in the world.

"He never told me what to do, but has encouraged me to do what I like," she said. "He's been very supportive and helps me in my business, too."



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Amanda Orr believes that people facing uncertainty need more than answers. They need someone who listens, stays calm, and truly cares.

That conviction was shaped in the emergency department at Parkwest Hospital, where Amanda spent years as a Registered Nurse. She later earned her master's degree from South College and became a Family Nurse Practitioner, building a career grounded in attention, patience, and genuine care for others.

When she recognized how much families needed that same steady presence in their financial lives, Amanda co-founded Kinetic Wealth in Farragut in 2025. As Director of Client Experience, she makes sure every person who walks through the door feels welcomed, known, and never alone in the process.

As a mother, she understands the art of balancing what matters most. That same intentionality shapes the way she shows up for clients and community alike. Amanda is actively involved with local chambers of commerce, Concord Christian School, and the Avalon community.

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Rhonda Queen grew up in a small midwestern farm town in Illinois and moved to Southern California in 1983. A few years later, her husband, Paul, was offered a job in East Tennessee, where they've since remained and raised their three daughters, Michelle, Felicia and Christine.

"We traveled around enough to realize this is where we wanted to raise our family," said Queen. "It has been our home for nearly four decades now."

Queen, who serves as officer manager, processor and closing agent at Crown Title Insurance Agency, said she initially worked in the banking and mortgage end of the business, until 1995, when the company's founder Emma Jo White hired her as a title specialist.

"She taught me most of what I now know," she said of White. "I now realize the reason I enjoy the title business is the people I get to meet and help through what might be the most important purchase in their life."

In fact, this emphasis on connecting with customers is precisely what's contributed to Crown Title's massive growth in recent years.

"I take pride in knowing that Robb White and I have built Crown Title from a small company to nearly three times its size over the past twenty years," Queen said. "In this business, you have to be very detail oriented. Everything -- no matter how small -- has to be right. People count on us."



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Dr. Overholt is one of the founding partners of The Skin Wellness Center. She is board-certified in dermatology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

She received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where she also completed her residency in dermatology.

Dr. Overholt previously practiced with Knoxville's Allergy, Asthma, and Sinus Center. She has a passion for educating her patients about diseases of the skin and ways to protect it.

Dr. Overholt recently surpassed a career milestone: 30+ years practicing in dermatology.

She is also a former member of the KAM Executive board, current member of Cokesbury UMC and a Board of Ambassadors member for the American Cancer Society.



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Every client starts in a different place, but Suzanne's goal remains the same: create a home that feels unmistakably theirs. As the NCIDQ-certified owner and principal designer of Your Eminent Domain Interior Design in Knoxville, Farragut and Hardin Valley, she listens to how clients want their homes to feel, then brings that vision to life.

Suzanne's passion for design began as a schoolgirl while touring the Vanderbilt and Roosevelt mansions near her hometown of Millbrook, New York. Her interest deepened during her teenage years, when she discovered designer Carleton Varney and developed an appreciation for his fearless use of color and livability.

After earning an Associate's Degree in Interior Design, Suzanne gained hands-on experience with designers and firms across the country, including a Kohler showroom in Connecticut, specialty kitchen design in Los Angeles and a custom home builder in Southeast Michigan.

She opened Interiors by Suzanne in 1998 and rebranded as Your Eminent Domain Interior Design in 2006. She earned her NCIDQ certification in 2021 and is also a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist.

Today, Suzanne leads a full-service practice offering kitchen and bath design, space planning, furnishings, tile, window treatments and turnkey installations. Her focus remains simple: creating refined interiors designed around the way each client lives.



Amy Shewmake

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Amy Shewmake's love of travel began when she was a young girl, adventuring across the United States with her family.

"I grew up loving to travel and making memories with my own family," said Shewmake, noting that this passion ultimately sparked a desire to assist others in planning their own vacations. "I wanted to help others have similar experiences."

In 2014, after spending years planning travel as a hobby, Shewmake joined Simply Magical Vacations, a group of travel advisors that focus on making vacations as stress-free as possible.

"We want to make your vacation simple and magical," said Shewmake, who specializes in planning family vacations in North America, South America, Europe and the Caribbean. "Vacations should not be stressful, but a time to make memories with your family."

In addition to easing the planning process, Shewmake added that Simply Magical Vacations' client-focused approach also ensures travelers get the best value for their investment.

"The biggest misconception people have about travel agents is that using one is going to cost them time and money, but the opposite is true," she explained. "Whenever you book a cruise, all-inclusive, theme park, hotel, or car rental the cost of a travel advisor is already included. If you do not use one, the company keeps the money. If you do, then you get a travel advisor included complimentary in your package price! The best thing is that travel advisors do not work for those companies that pay them – they work for their clients."

Shewmake has recently been certified as a destination weddings travel advisor.

For more information about Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, visit www.alwaysmagicallyyours.com.



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Erin Stidham has dedicated the past 7 years to serving with the YMCA, where she now leads as Executive Director of her branch. Throughout her journey, Erin has been guided by incredible leadership mentors who have shaped her growth and inspired her passion for service. She is deeply committed to helping others, finding joy in watching individuals grow in confidence, improve their health, and strengthen their overall well-being.

For Erin, the YMCA is more than just a workplace—it is a blessing. She treasures its role as a safe, welcoming space where laughter, fun, and meaningful connections flourish. The Y provides opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, support one another, and build lasting community. Erin is proud to serve Knoxville, Farragut, and the surrounding counties, fostering an environment where everyone can belong, thrive, and experience the power of community.



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For Marissa Van Leuven, marketing, education and community involvement come together through a passion for connecting with people and helping others succeed. As Director of Marketing for The VAN LEUVEN Company, Marissa brings creativity and a new generation of leadership to the Knoxville-based firm, helping clients strengthen their brands and meaningfully connect with their audiences. The company is celebrating 25 years of supporting clients committed to healing, nurturing, enriching and sustaining the world.

A graduate of the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee, Marissa earned her Master's in Marketing Management from the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She also shares her expertise as an adjunct business professor at Pellissippi State Community College.

A lifelong Farragut resident, Marissa graduated from Farragut High School in 2018 after serving as co-captain and a four-time state qualifier on the swim team. She went on to spend five years as Head Coach at Fox Den Country Club and coached the Christian Academy of Knoxville swim teams.

Today, Marissa serves as Assistant Swim Coach for Farragut High School and Middle School, continuing her commitment to mentoring young athletes. Whether marketing, teaching or coaching, she leads with relationships, encouragement and a commitment to helping others grow.



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Krista Vincil, owner and CEO of K&M Marketing, is passionate about helping small businesses grow and thrive. Since founding K&M, she has focused on delivering custom, results-driven marketing strategies tailored to each client's unique goals. Krista and her team provide everything you need—from logo design, business cards, and printed materials to mailing services, billboards, social media management, SEO, and more.

With years of experience in sales, marketing, and client growth, Krista is known for providing creative solutions backed by data and strategy. At K&M Marketing, the mission is simple: meet you where you are and grow together—helping businesses build visibility, connect with their audience, and achieve measurable success.

Debby Funk is carrying on her mother Laurae Hathaway's legacy as the owner of Embroidery Boutique, a family business built on creativity, quality and personalized service.

Funk first joined the family business in 2006. Her parents originally opened the company in 1989 under the name Designs for You in Boca Raton, Florida. In 2005, the business relocated to Tellico Village before making its final move in 2014 to its current location at 141 Brooklawn St. in Farragut, Tennessee.

Today, Funk is committed to honoring the company's history while continuing to grow and evolve the business. "I am eager to see where I can take this company in the years to come," she said.

Under Funk's leadership, Embroidery Boutique offers an ever-changing selection of unique, high-quality products, along with a variety of personalization services, including monogramming, embroidery and laser etching. The business is known for its exceptional craftsmanship, high-quality digitizing and quantity-break pricing.

"We have no minimums," Funk explained. "Whether you need one piece or one hundred, we are committed to providing the fastest turnaround and the highest-quality embroidery experience possible."

In addition to Embroidery Boutique, Funk launched Funky's Snacks in 2020, expanding her entrepreneurial vision into the specialty food market. Funky's Snacks offers a unique selection of beef jerky, Italian olive oils and candy, available both at the Farragut storefront and online.

Through both businesses, Funk continues to build on her family's entrepreneurial legacy while creating new opportunities and experiences for customers in the community and beyond.



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10 Years in Farragut full of relationships, support, and community!

Candace Viox opened the popular Farragut destination, Water into Wine Bistro & Lounge, in May 2016, and her restaurant is still going strong. The community support has been overwhelmingly appreciated. The extension of her lease has ensured she will be operating in Farragut for a few more years. Catering, community events and private parties have allowed her brand to grow in the Knoxville area. While Candace's team is already gearing up for the holiday season, she has begun booking business luncheons and holiday parties. She loves hosting members of the business community who enjoy showing their appreciation to their team members, so if you are looking for a way to tell your staff thank you for their hard work, Water into Wine is the perfect place for your private party!

Water into Wine is a different kind of restaurant and lounge. 10 years of beautiful people and relationships. Connections are made by the locals who stop in on a regular basis to the visitors just passing through who have been told about the beauty of the Farragut area and the lounge known as the "Farragut Cheers" by some locals and the "Bible Study Bar" by others. Candace says it is a "community gathering place where people talk, share, and care about one another."

Candace serves as the President of the Farragut Business Alliance and works closely with local elected officials advocating for small business support, as well as serving on the Farragut Tourism & Travel Board. She contributes to many non-profits including Isaiah's House, St. John Newman, Farragut and Hardin Valley Academy teams and local clubs in the community.

"Everything is in God's plan, purpose and timing and I will go where He leads next," said Candace. "Seems God still wants me in Farragut because I am still here."



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From physical therapist to practicing law

Cathy Warmbrod spent years as a physical therapist before graduating from Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law in December and joining the team at McDonald, Levy & Taylor.

"I needed a change from the very physical demands of therapy," said Warmbrod, noting the similarities between law and healthcare. "You meet with your client/patient and identify their problem; you determine what their goal for their legal representation/therapy is; and then you devise a plan to achieve that goal for your client/patient."

So far, Warmbrod said the transition to practicing law has been both enjoyable and interesting, as she gets to work on a variety of tasks each day.

"It is never boring," she said.

Warmbrod, who graduated first in her law school class, is a proud mother of two adult children and three rescue dogs. She and her husband currently live in Oak Ridge.



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Patti Whalen, Broker/Owner of EXIT TLC Realty and co-owner of EXIT Realty Pros. obtained her REALTOR® license in 2005, after her husband of 35 years retired from the US Navy. Moving around for many years, made real estate a natural choice.

Patti has served as Women's Council of REALTORS® Knoxville President, on the East Tennessee REALTORS® Board of Directors, and is past president for TREEF – Tennessee Real Estate Educational Foundation.

"Education is very important to me, and I try to instill that onto our agents. I also answer my phone 24/7 for my agents and clients. If they are calling me late at night or early in the morning, I know something is wrong and they need help." States Patti.

Patti couldn't be involved in the real estate community as much as she is without the help of her two brokers, Sarah Goins and Jaime LeBlanc and her transaction coordinator, Debbie Haugan.

TLC stands for Trust Loyalty and Commitment, something that Patti ensures her agents live by, especially when working with clients and other REALTORS®



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Susan Worthington and her mother, Frances Sexton, founded The Southern Market almost three decades ago with the vision of creating an upscale interiors market that showcased local vendors featuring strictly stylish merchandise.

With more than 200 current vendors, Worthington said that The Southern Market offers a variety of products that range from home decor, gifts, boutique fashions, and art. We are always looking to enhance our market with exceptional new merchants and artists.

"We pioneered a new breed of marketplace in an era of antique and craft only malls" said Worthington. "Neither Knoxville -- nor any Southern city we visited for that matter -- had anything like us at the time. We traveled more than 20,000 miles throughout the Southeast hand-selecting our first merchants over several years. We built our building entirely for this concept as well."

Having built this Knoxville staple and entrepreneurial legacy literally from the ground up and on the pages of Veranda magazine before they ever opened, these ladies were destined for success.

Decades later, The Southern Market, located at 5400 Homberg Drive, is still going strong winning Best Gift Shop and Best Interior Design by Knoxvilleans year after year, and will be celebrating its 30th year in business.

Worthington says the market's lengthy success is a result of its focus on recruiting quality, small businesses from the local community, servicing those businesses' needs, and garnering mutually successful relationships that last for many years. We aim to minimize turnover and maximize our merchants' successes.

"Southern Market has been promoting 'shop local' for 30 years," she said. "Shop Local is not new to us. We have loved and embraced shopping local and small businesses since 1996. We are small business. We are shopping. We are local. Come shop local at Southern Market."



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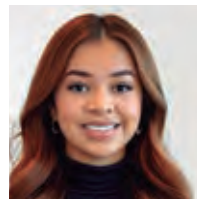
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Cindy Kraus is Broker/Owner of Engel & Völkers Knoxville, where she has built a team of 18 real estate advisors serving buyers and sellers across East Tennessee's luxury market. Since founding the office in September 2021 — growing it from a single advisor to today's full-service team — Kraus has instilled a "Culture of Truth" that shapes how her advisors work: honesty, clarity, and concierge-level service on every transaction. After three decades as a respiratory therapist, Kraus brought her deep knowledge of the medical community and a lifelong love of architecture into real estate, and that same relationship-first approach now runs through the entire Knoxville team.

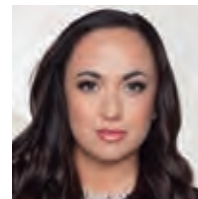
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