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## An evening with Con Hunley at Walters State

Walters State Community College presents "An Evening with Con Hunley in Concert" to benefit the Walters State Foundation on Feb. 22 in the R. Jack Fishman Library on the Morristown Campus. Hunley has released 20 charting singles with classics like "Oh Girl" and "What's New with You." His accolades include nominations from both the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association. His "Sweet Memories" was named one of the top albums of 2004 by

CMT. And his soulful sounds still win praise from fans and critics. After successful stints with record labels MCA, Capitol and Warner Brothers Records, he is recording on IMML.

"I find Con's voice one of the more distinctive in all of the genres I enjoy. We are grateful to Con and his team for this concert, a very generous and personal gift," said Dr. Tony Miksa, president of Walters State.

"We are also grateful to David Hayes, president of the Walters

State Foundation and Con's longtime friend, for making it possible."

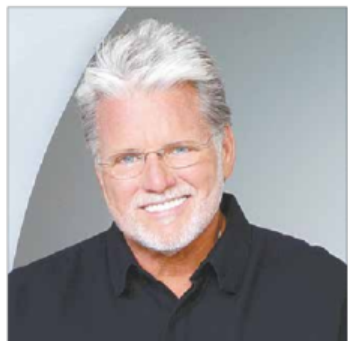
Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ws.edu/conhunley](http://www.ws.edu/conhunley) or call the college advancement office at 423-585-2629.

The doors of the Library will open at 5:30 p.m. for seating. High Lonesome Senate, the college's bluegrass band, will open the show at 6:30 p.m., with Hunley taking the stage at 7 p.m.

The Walters State Foundation is a non-profit, (501)(c)(3) organization

created to support educational scholarship, research and development. As the official fundraising arm of the college, the foundation funds scholarships, faculty development and college facility improvements.

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Knoxville's country music star, Con Hunley.

## A VALENTINE VICTORY!



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On Valentine evening, Keeleigh Rogers (34) and the Farragut Lady Admirals had Bearden on the run for much of their District 4-AAA showdown, but the Lady Bulldogs finished strong for a 53-42 win that clinched the regular season district championship. Please see game story and other high school sports coverage in Sports and Recreation, Section C.

## Farragut residents unhappy with 5G

By Focus Staff

The Farragut Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, February 13 with a brief agenda of business concerning two ordinances and three business items. The bulk of the meeting concerned the Verizon application for 5G small cell antennas that would be placed in residents' front yards. In both the town administrator's report and the town attorney's report a vibrant discussion of what the Town of Farragut was doing regarding the Verizon application of January 16th to begin the 5G rollout in Farragut.

Town Administrator David Smoak told the mayor and aldermen that state Representative Jason Zachary and state Senator Richard Briggs have filed a capitol bill in the Tennessee legislature to protect the residents of Farragut from having 5G small cell antennas in their front yards but much work still needs to be done.

Town Attorney Tom Hale reported that the town was doing the best it can to represent the residents on the 5G issue but its hands were tied due to the Federal FCC law of 1996 and the Tennessee state law of 2018. Attorney Hale said the most important thing to be done is to change the state law.

Farragut resident Carol Christofferson was the first resident to speak in the Citizens Forum. Christofferson told the mayor and aldermen that her neighborhood does not have a pole in sight and as a body her neighborhood was totally unhappy about the fact that their neighborhood has been selected to be a guinea pig to the bullying Verizon and they do not need or want 5G small cell antennas in their neighborhood.

Christofferson said, "In this country you don't get things rammed down your throat that you don't need or you don't want. That's not what this country is built on." Then Christofferson informed the mayor and aldermen that

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## TVA Towers move, Andrew Johnson Building sale on commission agenda

By Mike Steely  
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Several items on the Knox County Commission's work session agenda are noteworthy this week including the vote to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between board of education and the county to relocate the school system's central offices to the TVA East Tower. The commission meets Tuesday at 5 p.m. rather than tonight because of President's Day.

That 5-3 vote came last week and the final approval by the commission is on the agenda. The final agreement between the county and TVA hinges on either an opinion by the Tennessee Attorney

General and passage of a resolution in the state house and senate.

Mayor Glenn Jacobs said the move will save the county money. While there was some initial opposition in the commission to the move and the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building the vote is expected to approve the agreement.

The vote will be followed by a vote on the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building for \$6 million to BNA Associates. Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell said Thursday that the building has been appraised for insurance purposes at \$15 million. A 15-year tax break is expected to be requested by the buyer and the assessed

property value tax has yet to be set on the building but it would be added to the tax rolls for at least \$6 million during the tax incentive period, bringing in some revenue.

BNA plans call for \$43 million to go into buying and renovating the history old hotel structure.

Items discussed during the work session are set by the chairman and commissioner requests.

Also on the agenda is a discussion requested by Commissioner Brad Anders regarding the county pulling out of Knoxville-Knox County Planning and forming its own planning organization. The idea has been brewing on

the commission for the past several years. Currently the county has eight members on the joint planning authority and the city has seven.

Some commissioners and developers have had difference with the planning commission over regulations and enforcement issues.

The commission may also discuss requesting a corridor plan for Alcoa Highway on a request from Commissioner Carson Dailey, hear reports on the state of housing and affordability by Jennifer Roche of the Knoxville Area Realtors, and hear from Health Department Director Dr. Martha Buchanan on indigent care.

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