

## Only violated areas

Change in Town's traffic calming measures: debate on percent of approval needed

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In response to residents' previous pleas and an application for speed bumps on Sonja Drive, which failed, residents along Sonja Drive and other streets with speeding issues can have another chance to get traffic calming measures.

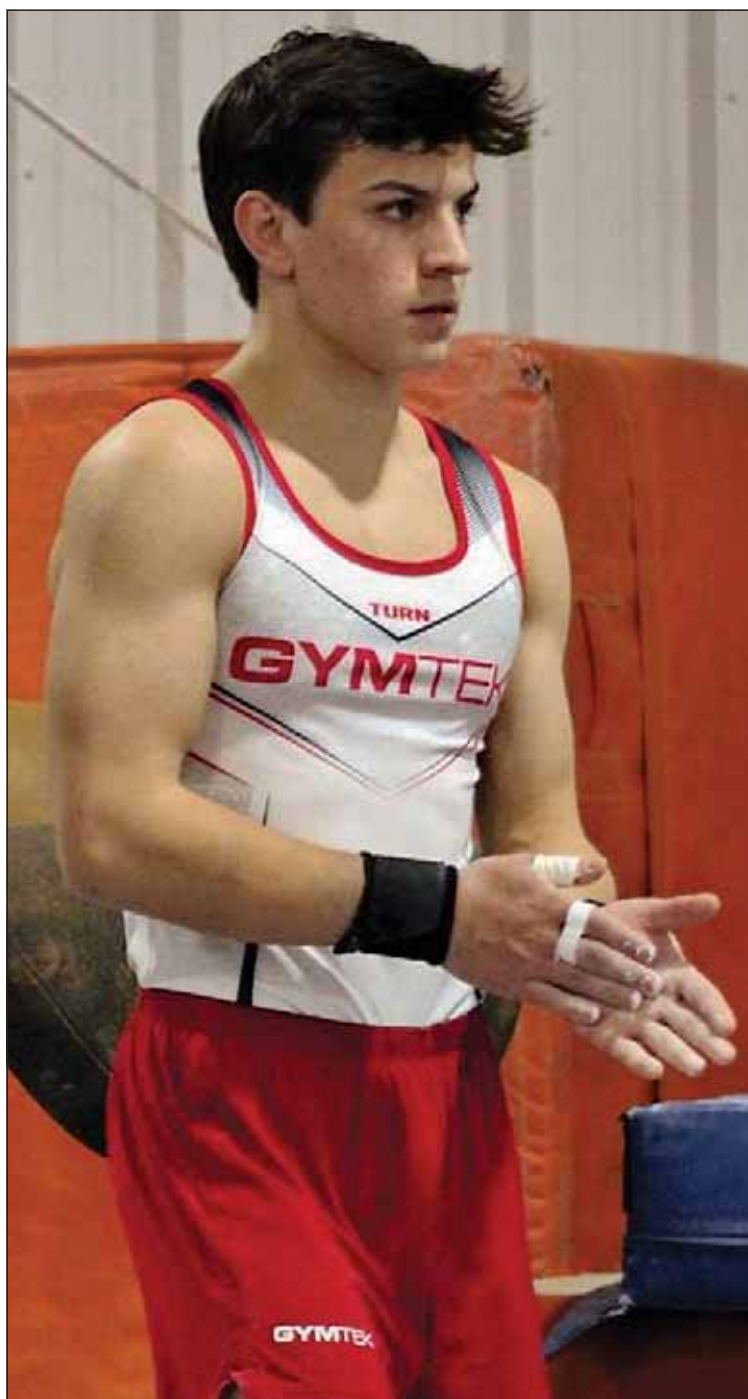
Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously in its meeting Thursday, May 11, to change its traffic calming policy to eliminate the area not in the speed zone of a road.

Town engineer Darryl Smith said the Town's traffic calming policy was created in the early 2000s to "provide guidelines for citizens to request traffic-calming measures on streets in the Town's subdivisions.

"A few weeks ago, you had a workshop discussion about our traffic calming policy and some revisions Vice Mayor (Louise) Povlin had suggested," he added. "I guess the biggest change is to eliminate the (non-speed zone) area within a subdivision.

"The idea would be the only residents who would be voting for or against traffic calming measures would be only the area that is directly affected

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## 3rd in nation

Photo submitted courtesy of Jack Tate, FHS sports information

Farragut sophomore gymnast Ty Rodriques won a national championship in vault event and placed third overall in the nation (153.300) in the Junior Elite Level 10 16-Year-Old Division of 2023 USA Gymnastics Men's and Women's Development Program National Championships in Oklahoma City Wednesday through Sunday, May 10-14. Rodriques represented GymTek TN.

## U.S. Naval Academy quarters named to honor Adm. Farragut

**STAFF REPORTS**

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Farragut's namesake has received yet another honor.

Admiral David Glasgow Farragut — born in 1801 along what is now Fort Loudoun Lake near Northshore Drive and commissioned as the U.S. Navy's first real admiral, vice admiral and admiral — now has his name bestowed on the official quarters of the U.S. Naval Academy's superintendent in Annapolis, Maryland, according to a press release.

That residence will be known as Farragut House in honor of the Civil War hero, who fought for the Union and led the fleet most notably during the Battle of Mobile Bay, where he courageously said "Damn the torpedoes — full speed ahead!" before capturing two Confederate ships.

"Admiral Farragut was a true American hero," current U.S. Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro stated. "He had a choice during the Civil War, and he chose loyalty to the Union, which required moral courage.

"He fearlessly left Norfolk, despite being home to him for the past 40 years," Del Toro added. "This was an incredibly pivotal point in the war because his success in Mobile Bay hastened the end of the war. It is important we name our historic institutions after those that inspire us and will continue to do so for generations."

The recent renaming occurred in the wake of ongoing removal of Confederate names from military bases and facilities. Before the name



Michelle Hollenhead

change, the superintendent's house had been named after Franklin Buchanan, the academy's first superintendent who joined the Confederacy and later commanded several naval battles that killed hundreds of U.S. sailors.

The 34-room residence was named after Buchanan in 1976, according to the Navy.

The renaming comes as the result of a Defense Department Naming Commission, which has in recent years outlined a host of military assets across the branches that required renaming due to their Confederate ties.

## Three options given for critical Town greenway connection

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen was given three options to connect the Turkey Creek Greenway between Brixworth and Sheffield subdivisions during a workshop before its regular meeting Thursday, May 11.

While no action was taken at the workshop, Town administrator David Smoak said the greenway connection is a "project that is in the current budget to review for the possibility to see what some different alignments might be in order to connect the end of Turkey Creek Greenway from Brixworth down to the Sheffield subdivision."

"Back in January, you entered into a contract with LDA Engineering to create functional plans for extension of the Turkey Creek Greenway," Town engineer Darryl Smith said, adding the greenway eventually would connect to Virtue Road.

"We've been looking at studies since January to

bridge this gap in the greenway system," said Jason Elliott, principal engineer with LDA Engineering. "This section is difficult to traverse. We're not going straight into design because we need to evaluate how can we get through this area.

"That's why there are gaps in this greenway," he added. "Gaps represent areas that are difficult to build these connections.

"We looked at three viable options. The first two, A and B, follow Turkey Creek Road. One of them is relatively close (to the road)."

With the A option, he would add a curve line along the north side of Turkey Creek Road and a 3-foot grass strip behind the curve. It would include improvements to Turkey Creek Road, including curb and gutter and widening of the road to create 11-foot lanes. He estimated the cost at \$1.16 million.



Smith

"I know the goal is to get to 11-foot lanes, but even if we dropped to 10 1/2-foot lanes, we could add another extra foot of grass strip," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. "The grass strip makes us more comfortable."

The second option is similar to the A option, but there would be greater separation between the road and greenway of roughly 16 feet.

"You have that grass area that provides a level of comfort without having to add a curb and gutter," Elliott said. Thus, he noted there would be no road improvements.

"This option could include a small trailhead at the vacant triangular property (12233 Turkey Creek Road) in the curve," Smith added.



Povlin

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### business

"It was wonderful to have bought from someone who had been here for so long, and (he) interviewed us thoroughly ..."

-Tina Shabo, new co-owner of a dental practice in Farragut that goes back more than 20 years. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

### community

"At the departure lunch Sunday, June 25, there will be quite a few motorcyclists there because we're having the Blessing of the Bikers at our church,"

-Charlie Barnard, who along with his wife is setting out for a long trip to benefit two special charities. (Read story beginning on page 5B)



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## 2nd Annual Visit Farragut Hospitality Luncheon May 23

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Tickets remain available for the 2nd Annual Visit Farragut Hospitality Luncheon, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, in Farragut Community Center.

The invitation is especially extended “to Farragut hoteliers, restaurateurs and business owners (who) will get an update on the Visit Farragut summer campaign and find out how the program can support your business,” Visit Farragut Tourism manager Karen Tindal said.

Guest speakers will include Tucker Latture of Middle Tennessee, who will discuss hotel analytics, and Chuck Ward, owner of Cotton Eyed Joe, who will discuss the Town’s entertainment district and the upcoming 30th anniversary of Cotton Eyed Joe.

During the luncheon, the Tourism department also will be introducing three digital trails, which will become active in July,

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## From FPS kitchen to latest Town Sampler champion



Photo courtesy of Steve Krempasky/Farragut Business Alliance

There is only one thing Farragut resident Jamie Lang loves more than working in the kitchen at Farragut Primary School, and that’s winning the monthly Shop Farragut Town Sampler Contest. The April winner is pictured with Little Joe’s Pizza representative Elijah Bivens. Lang was presented with a prize bag worth more than \$225 in gift cards and promotional items. Winnings included \$25 gift cards from Little Joe’s, Red Robin, Paula’s Barber & Beauty, CM Chicken, Rick Terry Jewelry Designs and Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, while \$25 gift certificates were from Farragut Pharmacy, The Embroidery Boutique by Designs for You and The Board and Brush, plus other Farragut swag. This month’s contest continues. Enter at: <https://wfiv.com/contests/38/shop-farragut-may-2023>

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## KCSOreports

• At 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff’s Office Teleserve Unit to report a burglary to his 2012 Jeep Wrangler in the parking lot of Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center, 10820 Parkside Drive.

He advised an unknown suspect entered his vehicle and had taken the key to the vehicle, which had been left inside . He advised the doors had been left unlocked and no damage was done to gain entry. Total value of loss listed at \$321.

• At 3:56 p.m., May 10, a complainant called KCSO

Teleserve Unit to report theft from Marshalls, 11455 Parkside Drive. Complainant said she went through check-out and left her purse in the cart and left the store.

She returned to try to locate the items, but the employees could not locate them. An employee at the scene (said) she would notify the store’s loss prevention manager to see if they could provide any video footage. Total value of loss was listed at \$425, which included a \$300 Apple iPhone.

• At 7:36 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to re-

port a vandalism to her 2012 Honda Odyssey in the parking lot of Water Into Wine bistro & lounge, 607 N. Campbell Station Road.

She advised an unknown suspect damaged the front windshield of her vehicle, causing holes. She advised no entry appeared to have been made into the vehicle. She advised there are no cameras in the parking lot. Total value of damage was listed at \$1,000.

• At 11:05 a.m., May 9, a KCSO deputy responded to a Peterson Road address in

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by speeding. That sounded like a reasonable request.”

No residents spoke on the matter.

After Alderman Scott Meyer made the motion to approve, Povlin seconded his motion.

However, Alderman Drew Burnette said his “only thoughts to add to this are if we’re just doing the speed zone, they just get the vote — we went back on what percent.” He recommended requiring at least 75 percent

“Something that says, ‘Yes, the majority of people in this affected speed zone all want this.’ I think (the current 51

percent) is way too low,” he added.

“I was going to go in the opposite direction,” Povlin said. “If a simple majority is wanted ... that’s how we make our election, 50 plus one. I suggest we do 50 plus one because this is my issue: If they get 65 percent — but get 64 percent or 63 percent ... it’s really kind of arbitrary.”

“I think if just 50 percent want it, you’re essentially p---ing off half of the people to make the other half happy,” Burnette countered. “You might as well have not done anything ... I think there needs to be a larger gap.”

“Here’s the thing,” Mayor Ron Williams said. “When you say it’s the whole area,

you know good and well that you’re going to make (affected area residents) mad by putting it in because they didn’t want it to begin with because it’s a cut-through for them.

“The people that live here are the ones being affected; and you would hope that all of them would want it, but I have never seen any election — including our own — that didn’t go by about 51 percent,” he added. “So, to say you’re going to get 75 or 65, a super majority, I think it puts us back in the position we’re in.

“You know you’re going to have the people who are going to be against it that’s outside of the area.”

Using the Sonja Drive/Ad-

miral Road area as an example, Williams said, “You know you are going to have people on Oran (Road) or that area that cut across, they don’t want it.”

**Other business**

On similar road business, the Board unanimously approved a supplemental request from Urban Engineering Inc. for additional design services to the Sonja Drive sidewalk project to include Admiral Road.

Urban Engineering currently is under contract with the Town to provide consulting and engineering services to design about 2,900 linear feet of sidewalk long Sonja Drive between Admiral Road and Oran Road. Chris Sharp with Urban Engineering presented pre-

liminary designs for the three phases during the Board’s workshop on Feb. 23. At that time, the Board asked Sharp to add a sidewalk along Admiral Road as well, which doubled the length of the sidewalk in the project.

The additional costs are \$69,879, which increases the total fee for the project from \$58,975 to \$128,854.

In other business, the Board voted unanimously to approve:

- Ordinance 23-06, on second reading, that amends the Town’s code to extend the expiration time frame for certain permits and to correct a clerical error by referencing an appropriate section.

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Elliott estimated the B option at \$1.5 million, which includes \$750,000 to acquire property.

“(Alternate) C is completely different from the first two,” Elliott said. “It’s about 75 percent longer because it takes a completely different route.”

The third option is a “cross-country” route through the common areas of Sheffield and Brixworth subdivisions, behind the residents’ homes.

“It also offers the possibility of separation from Turkey Creek (Road) altogether,” Elliott said. That option is estimated to cost \$1.88 million.

“These are some pretty conservative ‘today’s’ dollars because we used some escalated unit prices to get to that construction,” Elliott added.

“My opinion is it needs to be a hybrid (of A and B options),” Mayor Ron Williams said. “I think if we start doing this, the curb and gutter would be important.”

At the same time, Alderman Drew Burnette said he wants to see the greenway spaced further from the road, and he wants the road improvements.

“We could combine A and B and make it work,” Elliott said.

Williams asked Elliott to come back with a hybrid design combining the first two options.



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# lettertotheeditor

## Museum ‘isn’t going away’

Packing up ‘fragile artifacts monumental,’  
12- to 18-month renovation is expected

Many of you may have already heard that Town Hall will soon close for major interior renovations. When plans are finalized, we will send out information about what the renovation entails, how long the project will take and where Town Hall staff will be housed.

We are currently estimating the work will begin in early fall and require a closure of 12 to 18 months.

One of the many challenges of the renovation is the process of vacating the Farragut Museum. The task of packing up and storing fragile artifacts is monumental, especially when you consider that many of the Town’s artifacts aren’t on display. All of these items are being placed in climate-controlled storage to keep them safe and preserved.

Some of the items that have been on display did not belong to the Town, and it was deemed safest for those historic items to be returned to their owners. Fortunately, many of those have agreed to return the items to the museum after renovations are complete.

It’s important to me that everyone understands that the Farragut Museum isn’t going away. The Town has always taken great pride in the museum and recognizes its value to the community, and it will continue to tell the important stories of Historic Concord, the Battle of Campbell Station and the first admiral of the U.S. Navy, David Farragut, for whom our Town is named.

When renovations are complete, the museum will have several improvements, including an exterior public entrance that will allow for evening and weekend hours.

The Farragut Museum Advisory Committee is working with staff to finalize when the museum will temporarily close for renovations. Please follow Visit Farragut on social media or see visitfarragut.org and townoffarragut.org for updates.

While Town Hall is closed, museum staff and volunteers will continue to provide educational opportunities to the community. I invite anyone who wants to be involved to e-mail staff at museum@townoffarragut.org.

David Smoak, Town of Farragut administrator

# presstalk

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• I read the (Farragut Town official’s) opinion in the farragutpress (May 3 issue) about Knox County Schools funding (from the Town), and the point is Knox County provides all the (Town’s) police protection ... Farragut gets part of the sales tax from the businesses in Farragut. But my point is, Farragut contributes very, very little ... to Knox County Schools directly (in discretionary funding to the four Farragut public schools), I think it’s a little over \$100,000 (\$120,000 each fiscal year). ... Farragut needs to contribute more (in discretionary funds) to Farragut schools. Knox County contributes all the money for police protection. ... Farragut needs to contribute more rather than build parks and sports arenas.

### Luncheon

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and the group also will discuss the new Mobile Visitor Center, “which provides visitor information and services throughout the area,” said Tindal, who added, “You can always find out where MVC will be by going to our Instagram page and

using the linktree link, [https://linktr.ee/visit\\_farragut](https://linktr.ee/visit_farragut)

Luncheon tickets — which are to be purchased in advance using the following link, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visit-farragut-hospitality-luncheon-tickets-619926104667> — are \$10 each.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, May 19.

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regard to vandalism. Victim said her son, the suspect, “had vandalized the residence after he moved out,” the report stated.

Victim said the suspect “removed multiple door frames, broke the plumbing and caused multiple issues with the electrical system.”

Victim also said the suspect “removed all the cabinets from the house and made a hole in floor for the cats to come in and out of the house.” Victim’s insurance adjusters said the total amount of damage done was estimated at \$100,000.

• At 11:47 a.m., Saturday, May 6, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a burglary to his 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and 2015 Mazda 6 at a Blue Herron Road residence. Complainant advised an unknown suspect entered the unlocked Silverado and took items. He advised no items were stolen from the Mazda and no damage had occurred to either vehicle. Total value of loss was listed at \$30.



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# Following 60 years

## Pelot retires from dentistry; Shabo carries on practice

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Following more than 60 years in the practice of dentistry, Dr. Reuben Pelot III retired from his long-standing Farragut dental studio last fall — but not before leaving it in excellent hands.

Dr. Drew Shabo and his wife, Tina Shabo, of Ooltewah purchased the practice and opened Southland Dental in Village Green shopping center last Octobe, in the same location Pelot had worked more than two decades.

“It was wonderful to have bought from someone who had been here for so long, and Dr. Pelot interviewed us thoroughly to make sure we were a good fit for his patients,” said Tina, who works in partnership with her husband overseeing office management and marketing.

The couple previously operated practices in Chattanooga and Johnson City, but only operate the one in Farragut presently.

“When our practice in Johnson City sold, we knew Far-



Tammy Cheek

Dr. Reuben Pelot III, right, sold his long-standing Farragut dental practice to Dr. Tim Shabo and his wife, Tina Shabo, last fall. They are pictured shortly after the sale with Pelot’s wife, Barbara Pelot, in front of the office, now known as Southland Dental.

ragut would be the perfect one for us,” said Tina, noting the couple commutes to Farragut Monday through Thursday.

“We love it here, and working in Farragut has been a

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# businessbriefs

• **Lenoir City resident Kylie Hall with Farragut LongHorn Steakhouse** is headed to the final competition of LongHorn Steakhouse’s Steak Master Series. She is one of the seven finalists from across the country who will compete for a \$15,000 grand prize and the title of Steak Master Series Champion Thursday, May 25 during a one-day grill-off in Orlando.

The Steak Master Series recognizes LongHorn Steakhouse’s commitment to quality while also celebrating the expertise of grill cooks across the brand’s restaurants nationwide.

• **Knoxville natives Alice Letran and Austin Jerrolds** were among the winners of this year’s Research and Creative Inquiry Day at Tennessee Tech University.

Letran conducted research on the effects of COVID-19 on general chemistry exam scores while Jerrolds focused on a viable machine learning data-set for academic dishonesty detec-



Hall



Letran

tion in computer-based testing.

The event, now in its 18th year, provided a platform for students from various academic backgrounds to showcase their innovative research and creative projects to a broad audience.

More than 200 students submitted abstracts on a wide range of topics from 24 fields of study, representing six colleges on campus, through engaging posters and paper presentations.

• **Mike Charland, area sales leader at Ingersoll Rand**, recently was selected to be a member of a senior executive peer advisory board in Knoxville by Vistage Worldwide Inc.

He joins almost 400 senior executives, business owners and CEOs across the state who are Vistage members. A graduate of Murray State University with an Masters Degree in business administration from Notre Dame, Charland has more than 30 years of experience in sales and field service management with a track record of building and leading successful teams.

• **Tennessee Department of Human Services recently announced** the first round of 40 grant recipients of the Families First Community Grant Program, and **The Salvation Army, Knoxville Area Command** is one of the 40.



Jerrolds

# New Borrow Hardware helps with moving chores

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Farragut residents Andrew Burrage and wife, Catherine Burrage, are embarking on a new home-based business, Borrow Hardware Company, to help people with moving equipment.

Instead of having to scrounge for boxes and buy such equipment as dollies, people can “borrow” those items from his company.

“We’re a mobile equipment rental company, and right now we’re focused on moving equipment,” Andrew Burrage said.

“We’ll be doing mobile deliveries — drop off



Burrage

and pick up — everything you need to move,” he added. “I’m looking forward to the opportunity.”

The company lends plastic, reusable moving boxes — no cardboard — along with dollies; moving blankets; forearm forklift, which is lifting straps; packing paper; a detailed moving plan that outlines tricks and tips; and a carpet cleaner.

“I think there is a lot of inefficiencies with renting equipment in general,” he said. “There is a lot of driving back and forth to big-box stores and that’s just a waste of time. I’m trying to eliminate as many frustrations as possible with the moving process.”

“I think, having a complete moving package or system would be more beneficial, as well, where you don’t have to spend a couple hundred

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# FWKCC new members



Tammy Cheek

Daisy Sanders, left, with Skintentional Beauty Spa, joins new Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member Brianna Catron with Buff City Soap during FWKCC’s Spring New Member Orientation in Farragut Community Center Tuesday, March 21.



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# ‘It’s a new beginning ... like coming home’

## Crossville native to open Window Depot near Town of Farragut

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For Crossville native Charles “Chuck” Dale, opening Window Depot Knoxville at 10810 Kingston Pike, next to Jimmie John’s in Farragut, is “like coming home.” Dale anticipates the window replacement franchise business will open June 15.

“It’s a new beginning,” he said. “I was excited to come in this direction.

“We do windows, doors, siding,” Dale added about business features. “We do new construction, but most of our business is replacement windows, where we come into a house and do replacements ... (and) we do odd jobs.

“I do two different windows,” explaining he sells and installs windows by Alside and Provia.

Overall, “We’re a one-stop shop,” Dale said. “I’m a big believer ‘you get what you give.’ I was raised that way.

“One thing my dad always told me, ‘Son, people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care,’” he added. “I’m old school. I’m a big believer in making sure the customer is taken care of.

“Service is the No. 1 thing for us.”

Window Depot is a franchise with its corporate office in Ohio. Dale had lived in Nashville since 2015, where he owned a Window Depot franchise in that city, as well as one in Crossville.

But after the death of his wife, Erica, to cancer in 2021, he decided he wanted a fresh start.

Regarding another contributing factor to the move, “My mother is older — she’s 85 and lives in Crossville,” he said. “I knew I needed to be closer to her.

“I’m a Christian,” Dale added. “I believe God has a plan.”

While operating his business in Nashville, he has worked with HGTV’s “Property Brothers,” big companies and country music celebrities.

Although his business was doing well, Dale sold his franchise for the Nashville and Crossville locations — and his Nashville home — to his stepson, Dustin Atchley.

“I moved back to East Tennessee, closer to my mom,” he

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Charles “Chuck” Dale, left, owner, and Sam Kornegay, project manager, are getting Window Depot Knoxville ready to open at 10810 Kingston Pike, adjacent to Jimmie John’s. Dale said he expects the business to open in mid-June.

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Borrow Hardware

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dollars on a dolly that you’re going to use once or twice,” Burrage added.

A U.S. Navy corpsman veteran, he was in military service for six years. Burrage also works full time in cyber security. He was inspired by his own moving experiences.

“My wife and I moved a lot since we’ve been together, and it’s always been frustrating when we move,” Burrage said.

“Every time we move, we always clean carpets,” he added. “We rent (the cleaner), and it’s dirty, so that is always frustrating.”

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Pelot-Shabo

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rewarding experience,” she added. “We have met so many amazing people that were long-term patients of Dr Pelot’s, and most of them have stayed with the practice.

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“Dr. Shabo has extensive training in cosmetic dentistry and dental implants,” she added.

Dr. Shabo has been in practice for 25 years.

“He recently started giving flowers to the lady patients as they are leaving the office. He feels that great hospitality and warmth should come from every business that deals with people,” Tina said.

The couple has four daughters, with their oldest planning to attend Lincoln Memorial University dental school in the fall of 2024, hoping to follow in her father’s footsteps.

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Window Depot

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added. “Growing up in Crossville, I spent a lot of time in Knoxville.

I decided to come in this direction.”

Dale said operation times will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday.

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**8405 Nubbin Ridge** - Rare find in the heart of west Knoxville! Charm and character. Great privacy in a 4130 square foot 3 bedroom 4 1/2 bath 2 car garage home. Lots 1 and 2 are being sold together for a total of 2.09 acres. Kitchen with granite counter tops , island bar, tile back splash, new refrigerator, and Bosch dishwasher. Sunken formal dining room with built in China cabinet. Fabulous primary bedroom 17 x 19 with sitting area , coffered ceiling, large windows and large deck off the primary suite which has a sauna which was completed in 2002. primary bath with whirlpool plus additional bath in primary suite with a walk in ceramic tile shower and 2 walk in closets. Plumbing for additional half bath or laundry directly outside the primary master suite. Vaulted 21 x 18 great room with, crows nest loft, and deck, wet bar, marble surround wood burning fireplace with gas starter and built-in shelving. Ideal separate living downstairs includes an office, 13x26 room, full bath and exterior entrance with no steps. Many floors of tile and hardwood. Recessed lighting. 292 square feet of storage/workshop with garage door. Gutter guards. Total of 3 decks. Private wooded lot with views of the Smokies and Cumberland mountains. Apple, Pear, and Plum Trees ,Russian mulberries, and blackberries. Lot 2 has an easement allowing for a potential second dwelling. Lot 2 with a separate address of 8403 Nubbin Ridge (vacant land) is included on this listing and sales price. **\$799,500 (1219605)**



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**1410 Turning Leaf Lane** –Primary Suite on the Main Plan, two car court entry garage, brick and fiber cement siding, 9’ ceilings on Floor, 9’ ceilings on Floor 2, 30 Year Roof ,4 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry (Utility), Hardwood Flooring on Floor 1 except for Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Ceramic Tile Flooring in all Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Carpet Flooring on Floor 2 and Bonus Room. Epoxy Flooring on Garage Floor, Hardwood Steps, Gas fireplace with stone veneer from floor to ceiling, Built-ins in Great Room, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, His/Hers WIC Master Closets, 11’ ceiling in Great Room with coffer ceiling, Kitchen Tops: Quartz, Laundry Tops: Quartz, Master Bath & Bath 2 Tops: Quartz, Bath 3 & 4 Tops: Granite, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater, Gas or Electric Range, Electric Dryer connection, Crown molding on Floor 1 except for vaulted ceiling areas and closets, Home Warranty, Covered Porch Front Porch, Screen Back Porch. Amenities include: club house, exercise room, lawn care, sidewalks, swimming pool. **\$943,500 (1219625)**

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**Andover Place - 832 Andover Boulevard.** Classic elegant home with circular drive, 4 bedrooms plus bonus, 4 1/2 baths, and 3 car back entry garage. Dramatic double door entry with huge window above allowing natural light as you enter the 2 story foyer. Hardwood on the main in entry, office, kitchen, formal dining room. Detailed crown moldings, French doors, and transoms throughout. Extremely bright and gracious home ideal for entertaining. All rooms are a generous size. Large eat in kitchen with island, tile back splash, double ovens, pass through to family room. Huge family room with double trey ceiling and fireplace. French doors lead to screened porch with brick pavers and a ceiling fan. Master bedroom on the main with a lighted double trey ceiling. Master bath with dual sinks and make up area, whirlpool, and separate shower. All bedrooms are ensuite with walk in closets. 29 x 24 bonus with wet bar, refrigerator, and skylights. Granite counter tops in kitchen and guest bath. Unfinished walk up attic with great storage Level back yard. Marvin windows on the front of the house. Very well maintained with neutral tones. Dual staircase. Tankless water heater. Large deck off the screened porch. Harley Davidson light in bonus room does not convey. At the back of the subdivision close to the pool, pickle ball, and tennis courts. All Farragut schools. Minutes to Turkey Creek and the interstate. **\$850,000 (1212758)**



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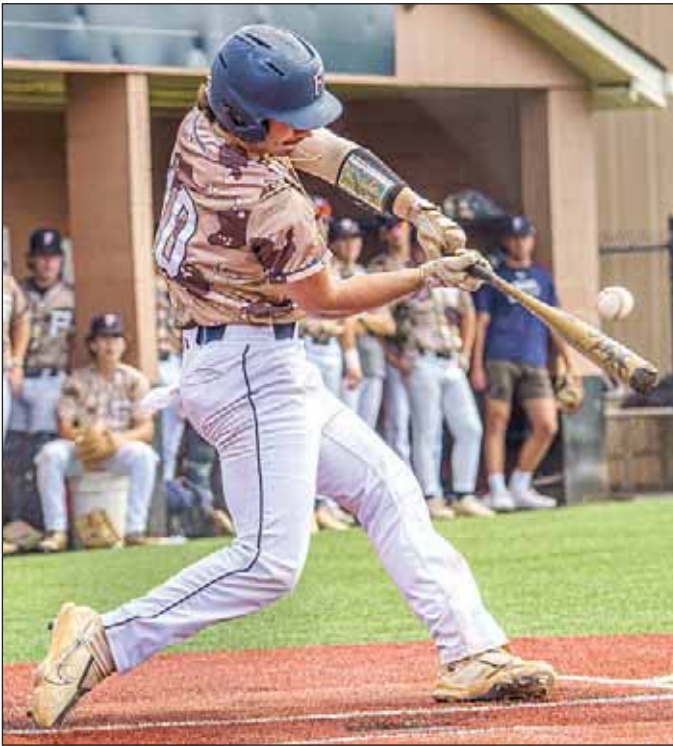
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(Above) Jake Merrick, Farragut junior second baseman, connects for a base hit versus Oak Ridge Saturday, May 13, at Carson-Newman University. (Left) Michael Delph, Ads junior starting pitcher, fires plateward versus the Wildcats.

# In 23rd sectional since '99

FHS hosts Jeff County for state berth

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Earning the program's 23rd sectional berth in the last 25 years (with no post-season tournaments due to COVID in 2020), the defending Class 4A state champion Farragut Admirals baseball team is playing well at the perfect time.

"I feel we've come together really well in the last month," Farragut head coach Matt Buckner said about his 30-8 Ads, coming off a Region 2-4A tourney title.

"We've played an exceptionally hard schedule. We're tournament tested. ... Our

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# It's Lady Admirals vs. Heritage, round 6, for region title

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Farragut and Heritage softball teams already have traded punches five times so far in 2023.

Coming out of the loser's bracket after a 7-3 District 4-4A Tournament loss to the Lady Mountaineers, "We came out with a little bit more of a chip on our shoulders, a little bit more attitude and aggression," FHS head coach Nick Green said about sweeping the Blount Countians — 11-7 Wednesday, May 10, then winning the title by beating Heritage 8-2 — at Hardin Valley Academy Thursday, May 11.

"I think that paid off."

Green's girls (30-5) continued to dominate during the must-win Region 2-4A semifinal Monday, May 15, hosting District 3-4A runner-up Powell at Bellamy Field.

Exploding for 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth, Farragut blistered the Lady Panthers 14-3.

Having a 3-2 head-to-head edge on the Lady Mountaineers this season, game No. 6 is set for 6 p.m. this evening (Wednesday, May 17) at Bellamy Field. Heritage edged Karns, District 3-3A tourney champ, 10-8 Monday.

"We feel like we're as good as they are," said Lady Mountaineers head coach Jeff Sherman, whose team — co-champs with the Lady Ads during the



district regular season with 9-1 records, as each beat the other on its home field — carries a 22-6 overall mark into the region title showdown.

"I think we're equals," he added. "We've just got to prove it on the field every time."

**District tourney title**

After two walks and an infield error allowed two Farragut runs to score in the bottom of the third, Anna French's two-RBI single to right field upped the lead to 4-0.

French started a four-run rally in the fifth inning with a one-out single. Audrey Ginel followed with a single, before Rilee Kate Ragan's infield single made it 5-0.

After an outfield error allowed another run to score, Hailey Nichols' two-RBI single made it 8-0.

Junior staff ace Emma MacTavish, tourney MVP, went the distance on the mound, allowing two earned runs, five hits and five walks with four strikeouts.

"They've always been a



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Above) The District 4-4A Softball Tournament champion Farragut Lady Admirals celebrate.

(Left) Junior Emma MacTavish, FHS staff ace pitcher named District 4-4A Tournament Most Valuable Player, is alongside her parents, Elizabeth and Chris MacTavish. The FHS junior was joined on the All-Tournament team by fellow Lady Ads Ava Guzowski, senior shortstop; Anna French, junior right fielder; and Elsa Morrison, sophomore catcher. Gracie Gray, Hardin Valley Academy pitcher, and Bearden Lady Bulldogs Rylee Sieber and Reese Waltman also earned All-Tournament honors.

For the regular season, Morrison was named 4-4A Player of the Year, while Guzowski and MacTavish joined Addison Pressley, junior center fielder, and Laney Shrader, junior third baseman, on the All-League team, along with Gray and Alex Souders of HVA and Lady Bulldogs Sieber and Waltman.

tough opponent for us," MacTavish said about Heritage.

"I'm so proud of my team, just the way we were able to come back from that loser's bracket game and just work all

the way here," she added.

"Our team has a lot of fight, we won't give up," said Ava Guzowski, FHS senior shortstop who earned both All-league and All-tourney district honors.



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# Sectional No. 1: FHS boys t-field

Triple distance champ is HVA’s Archdale

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**JOHNSON CITY** — Winning the program’s first Section 1 Track & Field meet since 2002, the Farragut boys had eight individual-event state qualifier performances at Science Hill High School Saturday, May 13 — including first-place finishes in discus (Tyson Jackson), shot put (Bryce Thompson), 3200-meter run (Matteo Tonnos) and 800 run (Michael Mendonca).

Along with its 4 X 800 and 4 X 200 relay teams, Farragut earned the right to compete in 10 events at the TSSAA Division I Large State Meet later this month in Murfreesboro.

Jackson, a senior, tossed the discus 156-feet-01.00, while Thompson, a sophomore, fired the shot put 56-feet-04.50. In winning the 3200, Tonnos, a junior, did so at 9:17.32, with junior teammate Braden Ebbert, second and senior Admiral Trevor Coggin third. Mendonca, a senior, came in at 1:56.26 in the 800.

Coggin also was runner-up in the 1600 run, while Thompson took third in discus and Julian Gorfido, a junior, was third in pole vault.

While the 4 X 800 Ads relay took second, the 4 X 200 relay four-some finished fourth.

Meanwhile, the FHS Lady Admirals’ four state qualifying events were led by senior Samantha Harvey’s pole vault sectional championship effort (10-feet-03.00). Junior Parker Willis earned second in the 800, as did senior Emma Miller in the triple jump. The girls 4 X 800 relay finished fourth.

### Other girls state qualifiers

From Hardin Valley Academy, junior Maddie Archdale won the 800 (2:17.34), 1600 (5:03.77) and 3200 (11:32.02); junior Gracie Waite placed second in discus; sophomore StuartAnn Leath finished fourth in the 3200; HVA’s 4 X 100 and 4 X 200 relay four-somes placed fourth, while its 4 X 800 captured third; and junior Harper Allen took fourth in pole vault.

From Bearden, senior Laila Rudolph placed second in 100 dash, junior Lydia Lively took second in 300 hurdles and BHS was third in 4 X 100 relay.

### Other boys state qualifiers

From Hardin Valley Academy, senior Aiden Shaw was third in both the 400 and 200 dash, junior Carson Long placed third in the 800, sophomore McKale Hayes captured third in the 300 hurdles and the Hawks’ 4 X 400 relay team finished third.

From Bearden, senior Cayden Douglas finished second in high jump, sophomore Cade Crum finished third in the 1600 run and sophomore Gavin Bailey took fourth in pole vault.

# SoccerDawgs fend off HVA in OT



Alan Sloan

While senior All-American forward Lucas Nordin didn’t score in the normal flow, his talents forced an “in the box” foul, and the Bearden senior converted the game’s only goal, an overtime penalty kick, at the 2:39 mark of the first 10-minute OT at BHS’s Turner-Allender Field Friday night, May 12. Nordin’s talley allowed the SoccerDawgs (**15-0-3, celebrating above**) to edge a feisty Hardin Valley Academy team (10-2-6) and win the District 4-AAA tourney title. The Hawks “played great,” BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe said, adding HVA “took away our strengths and played a tough, physical game.” According to BHS stats, Bearden led in shots-on-goal 9-4. “I’ll give them credit, that’s a solid team,” Nordin said. “We definitely fought; we gave it our best effort,” HVA head coach Jessica Stephens-Burkhart said. “I’m really proud of the way they stood out there and fought. ... I was incredibly happy with our back line.” While the Hawks traveled to 3-AAA tourney champ West Tuesday, May 16 (after deadline), the SoccerDawgs hosted Oak Ridge in the Region 2-AAA semis. If both teams won they’ll rematch in the region title game at BHS (7 p.m., Thursday, May 18).

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# Hawks rebound, at ‘The Hill’

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Despite Hardin Valley Academy baseball losing 10-6 to Oak Ridge in the Region 2-4A semi-finals Friday, May 12, “We were in no way panicked, and I knew that we had the depth to be able to come out and compete,” said HVA head coach Tyler Roach, whose Hawks bounced back to earn a sectional berth Saturday, May 13.

Wins versus Knox Central (11-4) and Oak Ridge (11-3) at Carson-Newman University gave HVA the Region 2-4A runner-up spot, sending the Hawks on the road in sectionals against a tough Johnson City Science Hill team beginning today (Wednesday, May 17) in a best two-of-three format.

“They’ve been ranked first in the state all

year, and we’ve been ranked second, so it’s going to be great baseball,” Roach said. “It’s going to be a great atmosphere.”

A near perfect relay throw from Herny Ferguson, Hawks shortstop, cut down an Oak Ridge baserunner trying to tie the game on a two-out double in the top of the sixth inning, leaving HVA up 4-3 Saturday.

“Henry Ferguson had a great day defensively. A great relay play that saved us a (tying) run,” Roach said of the senior, who also had two hits.

A leadoff triple and RBI single by Caden Channell, both in the sixth inning, and Ty Denton’s three-RBI double highlighted a seven-run sixth inning to put the game on ice.

Winning pitcher Adam Baker went 5 2/3 innings, allowing two earned runs, six hits and three walks with three strikeouts.

## Baseball Ads

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pitchers are where they need to be.”

One of his top arms, junior Michael Delph, allowed one earned run, five hits and no walks with seven strikeouts in an 11-1 five-inning win against Oak Ridge at Carson-Newman University Saturday, May 13, to secure the region crown.

“I felt amazing, coming out and pounding the zone,” said Delph, who improved his season record to 6-0 with a 1.48 earned-run average in 42 2/3 innings pitched, allowing 29 hits and eight walks with 69 strikeouts.

“Just try to do what I do.”

Pitching in District 4-4A and region tourney games combined, Delph is 3-0 with a 0.50 ERA in 14 innings pitched, allowing 12 hits and two walks with 22 strikeouts.

In the Class 4A Sectional 1 match-up, Jefferson County (19-14) visits Farragut at the Ballpark at Farragut/John Heatherly Field, with game one beginning at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17; game two begins at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18; while game three (if necessary) follows game two May 18.

Farragut stat leaders

through 38 games (prior to Sectional):

- Batting average — Lukas Buckner .463; Landis Davila .402; Eli Evans .398; Brennon Seigler .395; Ellis Gleed .389; Mark Underwood .382; Jake Merrick .374; Jett Johnston .368; Gavin Brewer .329; Cooper Schulze .304; and Michael Delph .299.
- Home runs — Johnston 10, Davila six and Evans and Merrick five each.
- RBI — Johnston 39, Merrick 37, Buckner 37, and Evans and Davila 33 each.
- Stolen bases — Seigler nine and Buckner eight.

- Other pitchers — Ashton Sulack, 6 -1, 1.25 ERA, 33 2/3 innings pitched allowing 11 hits and 18 walks with 56 strikeouts; Stratton Scott, 5-2, 2.60 ERA, 37 2/3 innings pitched allowing 25 hits and 22 walks with 38 strikeouts.

Special notes — Johnston, senior third baseman, was hitting .239 before the Bearden game April 19. Since that point, he is hitting .553 with seven home runs, six doubles and a .650 on-base percentage.

- Top batting averages in district/region tourney: Johnston .571 (five homers, 15 RBI), Evans .464, Underwood .450.

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Knoxville Christian School

# Helping feed the hungry in Haiti

All grades at Knoxville Christian School were involved, including kindergarteners, in helping feed the hungry in Haiti in what Emily Miller, KCS events director, said she thought was a first-of-its-kind effort by any school in Knox County.

Students rotated, by grade, into the school gym to bag, weigh and seal 10,000 dried food packages (each bag 400 grams of soy protein mixed with dried vegetables and rice) from around 8:30 a.m. into early afternoon Friday, April 28.

“The goal is feeding the hungry and sharing the Gospel,” Miller said. “A lot of teamwork is involved; a service project focus with a mentoring component,” as KCS eighth-graders helped the school’s first-graders with bagging, weighing and sealing duties, as did KCS seventh-graders with the school’s kindergarteners. Teachers, parents and administrators — including KCS principal Bobby Simpson — also contributed.

The school worked in cooperation with Champion Group, which provided the supplies while also acting as “a consulting group with KCS,” Miller said.

“We anticipate doing this again next year,” she added.



1. Helping first-graders Alice Seals (white T-shirt) and Liam Shilling with sealing the bags are parent Chelsey Insell, left, and KCS eighth-grader Samantha Ford.
2. Marielle Leveille, a KCS first-grader, finishes weighing this bag under the watchful eye of KCS principal Bobby Simpson.
3. Working together as KCS first-graders, Kaylee Ickles pours while Peyton White holds the bag in place.
4. Taking turns scooping and pouring are KCS first-graders Mabel Grimes, left, and Shepard Maness, while classmate Annie Valentine holds the plastic bag in place.
5. Emily Miller, KCS events director, beside a crate where the 10,000 bags prepared by the students were eventually placed for shipment to Haiti.
6. Scooping the dried food to be bagged, weighed and sealed were KCS kindergartners Colton Herlong, left, and McKinley Hamilton.
7. Kindergartener Kiaura Prentice scoops some dried food.
8. Kindergarteners Reid Salyer, left, and Stella Wood prepare bags.
9. Emily Dunham, KCS seventh-grader, helps kindergartner Zoe Vansingle seal a bag.

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Class of '23 march at FPS



(Right) Farragut High School senior Thomas Ray, front, was among five bus loads of classmates who walked the halls of Farragut Primary School Thursday, May 11, marking their community scholastic journey from beginning to end and “high fiving” FPS students who lined the hallways. (Above) Seniors also included Kate Ford, pictured with former FPS principal Gina Byrd, who visited to see “her kids” in the lineup. Byrd, now Knox County Coordinated School Health specialist, served at FPS from 2009 to 2021. The seniors graduate Sunday, May 21.



Michelle Hollenhead above photo/ above left photo submitted

9,000-mile trek to help defeat Alzheimer's

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Charlie Barnard, a Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair community relations representative, and his wife, Teresa, are embarking on a 9,000-mile Mary Ann Ruppert Ride To Remember motorcycle ride to Alaska and back to raise money to help beat Alzheimer's. “It will be our seventh (ride) for charity,” Charlie said. However, “This is the first time we named a ride after a person.” He explained Mary Ann Ruppert died of Alzheimer's in 2020, and since her husband has been a supporter, “we named the ride after her.” The Barnards' first motorcycle ride was in 2013, and they have had seven motorcycle and bicycle rides since. “The money raised is going to be split between two non-profit organizations: OUR PLACE Alzheimer's respite care in Tellico Village, that will get 50 percent, and the other 50 per-

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FHS '23 vals, sal headed to Stanford, Cornell, MIT

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Farragut High School's top students for the Class of 2023 are co-valedictorians Eyrin Kim and Justin Li and salutatorian Ridhima Singh. They will be graduating Sunday, May 21, along with 505 classmates during ceremonies on campus at Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field starting at 6 p.m. Kim and Singh have been friends since the fourth grade, while Li joined the class as a freshman. However, the three have a kinship that transcends competition. “There is a whole little group of all of us, and while we are somewhat competitive, we all support each other,” Singh said. “Everyone really has their own focus,” Li said. “It can be competitive if you see yourself as

small fishes in a big pond, but we're really each a fish in our own pond,” Kim said. They also point to the guidance and support they received from teachers and administrators as being highlights of their high school experience. Science teacher “Mr. Milligan, has been so amazing,” Li said. “He has been very involved and has really been our anchor in many ways,” a sentiment echoed by both Singh and Kim. “We have been so happy we have had him,” he added. “I am so grateful to have had Dr. (John) Bartlett (principal) for all four years,” Singh said. “Dr. Bartlett is our hero,” Li said. “He has made going to high school really fun. The energy he brings to every room, no matter what you do, you know he really cares and genuinely

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Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut High School's Class of 2023 co-valedictorians are Eyrin Kim, left, and Justin Li. They are seated alongside salutatorian Ridhima Singh. They will join 505 other FHS seniors during graduation ceremonies on campus in Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field starting at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 21.

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• **Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee seeks potential volunteers** to sign up to become a mentor as a part of their “60 Bigs in 60 Days” campaign. To learn more, visit [www.TennesseeBig.org/get-involved](http://www.TennesseeBig.org/get-involved).

• **Camp Invention, a nationally recognized nonprofit summer enrichment program**, is coming to the following locations: A.L. Lotts Elementary School the week of June 26-30 (Monday through Friday); Blue Grass Elementary the week of June 5-9; Sequoyah Elementary

School the week of June 12-16; Sacred Heart Cathedral School the week of June 5-9; and Grace Christian Academy June 19-23.

• **To help celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma has partnered with Big Ears to design a week of cultural experiences. The culmination of this week-long gathering will take place in Knoxville’s World’s Fair Park and begins when the doors open at 5 p.m., Friday, May 26, where Yo-Yo Ma will be joined by special musical guests, including Rhiannon Giddens, Edgar Meyer and Chris Thile, along with storytellers, poets, puppets and dancers in a concert experience. To purchase tickets or to learn more, visit <https://ourcommonnature.org/>.

• **Spaces remain available for 2nd Annual Send Senior Citizens Love Golf Tourna-**

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# Varma is KCS valedictorian

## STAFF REPORTS

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Kiran Denny Varma is valedictorian for Knoxville Christian School’s Class of 2023, which graduated Saturday, May 6, in West End Church of Christ. He spoke during the ceremony. The son of Venu and Laurie Varma, this senior had a grade-point average of 4.37 among six graduates.



Varma

While at KCS, Varma has been involved with basketball, soccer, National Honors Society and Student Government.

“I would like to thank Mr. Rosario for coaching the soccer team, Ms. Scruggs for being the mother at school and Mr. Lenox for how he taught Bible class,” he said.

His favorite quote is “To infinity and beyond!” by Buzz Lightyear from “Toy Story,” and his favorite Bible verse is, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made,” Psalms 139:14.

Varma will be attending University of Massachusetts-Amherst, where he plans to major in biology and minor in business.

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GENERAL FUND	Actual FY 2022	Estimated Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<b>Revenues</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 8,800,000	\$ 9,350,000
State Sales Tax	2,600,000	2,700,000	2,750,000
Hall Income Tax	400,000	0	0
Wholesale Beer, Liquor & Mixed Drink	1,526,700	1,543,000	1,545,000
Intergovernmental	652,393	750,600	738,600
Licenses And Permits	701,502	669,100	559,000
Recreation Fees	330,282	277,300	259,000
Traffic Enforcement Program & Fines	109,261	122,000	95,000
Rent	119,740	103,340	
Miscellaneous	62,802	505,600	102,300
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<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 15,132,290</b>	<b>\$ 15,487,340</b>	<b>\$ 15,502,240</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Legislative	\$42,400	\$41,773	\$56,040
Town Court	54,565	95,850	94,652
Administration	786,529	1,219,926	1,135,240
Human Resources	213,431	202,596	211,756
Information Technology	413,127	606,857	689,315
Communications	-	-	216,121
Engineering	823,974	955,008	1,081,209
Community Development	1,031,830	1,074,934	1,290,315
General Government	181,310	256,550	256,750
Parks & Recreation	1,200,216	1,134,726	1,134,017
Public Works	2,344,604	2,607,323	2,850,423
Non-Departmental	515,000	573,480	586,500
Community Center	449,146	533,122	655,358
Economic Development			
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	102,315	123,000	116,600
Transfers Out - to other funds	6,475,000	6,300,000	8,365,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 14,633,447</b>	<b>\$ 15,725,145</b>	<b>\$ 18,739,296</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</b>	<b>498,843</b>	<b>(237,805)</b>	<b>(3,237,056)</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>	<b>27,262,362</b>	<b>27,761,205</b>	<b>27,523,400</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$ 27,761,205</b>	<b>\$ 27,523,400</b>	<b>\$ 24,286,344</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations</b>	<b>189.7%</b>	<b>175.0%</b>	<b>129.6%</b>

STATE STREET AID FUND	Actual FY 2022	Estimated Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<b>Revenues</b>			
State Gas and Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 827,248	\$ 838,000	\$ 838,000
Interest	\$ 4,455	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Transfers In - from other funds	225,000	250,000	500,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 1,056,703</b>	<b>\$ 1,128,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,368,000</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Public Works Department	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 1,535,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,375,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,535,000</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</b>	<b>26,703</b>	<b>(247,000)</b>	<b>(167,000)</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>	<b>2,215,307</b>	<b>2,242,010</b>	<b>1,995,010</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$ 2,242,010</b>	<b>\$ 1,995,010</b>	<b>\$ 1,828,010</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations</b>	<b>217.7%</b>	<b>145.1%</b>	<b>119.1%</b>

TOURISM FUND	Actual FY 2022	Actual Estimated FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<b>Revenues</b>			
Room Occupancy Tax	\$ 253,000	\$ 540,000	\$ 500,000
Interest Earnings	728	10,000	8,000
Grant-Other Government	-	6,000	-
ARPA Funding	-	75,208	47,500
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 253,728</b>	<b>\$ 631,208</b>	<b>\$ 555,500</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Tourism	\$ 143,197	\$ 377,894	\$ 386,425
ARPA		\$ 10,000	\$ 47,500
Farragut Museum		-	- 68,011
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 143,197</b>	<b>\$ 387,894</b>	<b>\$ 501,936</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</b>	<b>110,531</b>	<b>243,314</b>	<b>53,564</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>	<b>155,335</b>	<b>265,866</b>	<b>509,180</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$ 265,866</b>	<b>\$ 509,180</b>	<b>\$ 562,744</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations</b>	<b>185.7%</b>	<b>131.3%</b>	<b>112.1%</b>

ADA CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<b>Revenues</b>			
Interest	\$ 200	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,000
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Transfers In - from other funds	50,000	150,000	150,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 50,200</b>	<b>\$ 154,500</b>	<b>\$ 151,000</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Improvements	450	-	-
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)</b>	<b>49,750</b>	<b>154,500</b>	<b>151,000</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance July 1</b>	<b>172,932</b>	<b>222,682</b>	<b>377,182</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$ 222,682</b>	<b>\$ 377,182</b>	<b>\$ 528,182</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance as a % of Appropriations</b>	<b>49484.9%</b>		

# Posies for Pantry



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

**(Left)** Jessica Vinson of Tennessee Naturescapes was a vendor during Farragut Presbyterian Church’s annual Posies for the Pantry fundraiser Saturday, April 22. **(Above)** Nancy Ridenour shopped while Sloane Douell **(right)** made her own flower.

The Town of Farragut, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget in accordance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 6-56-206. There will be a public hearing and meeting concerning the budget at the Farragut Town Hall on May 25 and June 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM. All citizens are welcome to attend and to participate.

EQUIPMENT FUND	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 2,265	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000
Sale of Equipment	19,750	80,337	-
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	200,000	400,000	215,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 222,015	\$ 494,337	\$ 222,000
Appropriations			
Major Equipment	183,500	580,250	111,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 183,500	\$ 580,250	\$ 111,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	38,515	(85,913)	111,000
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	980,176	1,018,691	932,778
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 1,018,691	\$ 932,778	\$ 1,043,778
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Appropriations	555.1%	160.8%	940.3%

INSURANCE FUND	Actual FY 2022	Estimated Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 207	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000
Insurance Reimbursement	-	-	4,160
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	-	\$ 500, 000	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 207	\$ 501,800	\$ 5,160
Appropriations			
Retirement Administrative	\$ -	\$ 12,850	\$ 12,850
Expenses Retirement Benefit		\$ 110,150	\$ 35,150
Retirement Health Cost	-	26,000	52,000
Total Appropriations	\$ -	\$ 149,000	\$ 100,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	207	352,800	(94,840)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	120,538	120,745	473,545
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 120,745	\$ 473,545	\$ 378,705
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Appropriations		317.8%	378.7%

ARPA FUND	Actual FY 2022	Estimated Actual FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
Interest	\$ 6,707	\$ 120,000	\$ 70,000
Federal ARPA Grant #1	\$ 3,527,626	\$ -	\$ -
Federal ARPA Grant #2	\$ -	\$ 3,527,626	\$ -
TDEC Non-Competitive Grant-Design Services (Stormwater Master Plan)	\$ -	\$ - \$	893,445
TDEC Non-Competitive Grant-Design Services (Stormwater Improvements)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828,121
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 6,707	\$ 120,000	\$ 70,000
Appropriations			
Town Hall Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
Stormwater Parking Facilities	38,788	0	2,100,000
Essential Personnel Pay	120,850	36,000	0
Vaccine Incentive Program	12,780	0	0
Broadband Infrastructure	0	100,000	1,200,000
Stormwater Master Plan	0	400,000	600,000
Stormwater Improvements	158,205	0	1,000,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 330,623	\$ 536,000	\$ 7,400,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	3,203,710	3,111,626	(5,608,434)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	-	3,203,710	6,315,336
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 3,203,710	\$ 6,315,336	\$ 706,902
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Appropriations	969.0%	1178.2%	9.6%

Pending Capital Projects	Pending Capital Projects Total Expense	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Estimated Revenues and/or	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Debt Proceeds
Park Land Purchase	\$5,600,000	\$5,600,000	\$0
Sonja Drive Sidewalk	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Red Mill Trailhead	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0
Anchor Park Pedestrian Crossing	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$0
School Zone Imoprvements	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0
PW Storage Shed Roof	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0
Town Hall Playground Restroom Building	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
MBLP Field 2 Turf Replacement	\$820,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
MBLP Walktrail and ADA Repair & Repaving	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
McFee Park Phase 5: Dog Park & Storage	\$450,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
MBLP Field 1 Turf Replacement & ADA Access	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
McFee Park Entrance Gates	\$70,000	\$70,000	
Union Road Improvements	\$5,850,000	\$1,170,000	\$4,680,000
Watt Road Roundabout	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Campbell Station Road/I-40 Interchange	\$2,062,500	\$2,062,500	\$0

Top Three  
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wants to know what goes on.” They also noted the extraordinary efforts of Lauren George Smith, who teaches environmental sciences. “So many of our teachers are really amazing,” Kim agreed. Singh also praised the academic offerings at Farragut. “Something you don’t really appreciate until you talk to others are the AP Classes we have here,” she said. “Other kids at other schools will talk about not getting physics, for example, and we have not had that problem at all. It has really been nice.” “In addition to the strong academics, another great thing about Farragut is all the club offerings,” Kim said. “You have so many opportunities to get involved and be your own person.” All three were among 648 semifinalists nationwide for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program (Kim also was named a finalist) and all three are National Merit Scholarship finalists. Just a few of the trio’s many accomplishments are listed ahead.

**Kim**  
The daughter of Eunjin Choi and Hyun Kim achieved a per-

fect score on both the ACT (36) and PSAT (1520). Her extracurricular activities have included Science Olympiad (10-plus team and individual medals on regional and state levels and serving as president); Model UN (best and outstanding delegate awards from regional and international conferences, and president of school club); and HOSA health professionals state leadership competitions (first place two consecutive years). Kim won first place in Oak Ridge National Lab’s 2022 International Data Challenge, as well as second place in the International Science and Engineering Fair 2022; first place in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association 2022; a special award in 2022 from the National Geographic Society; and she also was named Grand Champion in the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair 2022. She also has been a violinist for 11 years, and is a member of the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra (currently its season Concertmaster). Kim said she “didn’t have any one focus point throughout my high school career. I’d like to say I took a well-balanced mix of STEM and humanities courses, mostly just with the intention of studying topics

that seemed interesting to me. My favorite classes span from Botany and Zoology to AP comparative government.” Her plans call for her to attend Stanford University this fall, with an intended major of environmental science and public policy, though that is subject to change, she said.

**Li**  
Li is the son of Erin Zhou and Fran Li, who ensured he attended FHS by changing school zones. The co-valedictorian has been involved in the Asian Culture Club (past treasurer), FHS Science Olympiad A Team (2021-23), Model UN, HOSA, MAO, Science Club (secretary), Mu Alpha Theta honors society, Coding Club, National Spanish Honors Society, National Honor Society and has been president of the Chess Club since 2020 — an organization for which he has raised more than \$2,000. Chess has been a passion, as he obtained a Junior Tournament Director certificate issued by the U.S. Chess Federation, was a member of the FHS team, which won state champion honors in 2023, and he also is a chess instructor and co-founder of Rocky Top Chess (a Knoxville-based non-profit organization promoting chess, science and diversity in chess).

He also has been a research intern with ORNL, was a research assistant at University of Tennessee, Knoxville under two professors and has been published several times for his research. This spring, Li also was dually enrolled at Pellissippi State Community College. He plans to attend Cornell University as a Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholar (only 40 awarded of 68,000 applicants), where he will study applied economics and statistics. “My focus of my studies has been geared toward science, math and research,” he said. “Most of my accomplishments are from my research — I was published in an international journal for electrical engineering this past fall. “One day, I want to become a professor in economics,” he added.

**Singh**  
The daughter of Debjani and Nagendra Singh also received a perfect 36 on the ACT. Singh is one of the top 300 students in the nation chosen as a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar. As part of her research journey, which has been a focus of hers since middle school, Singh was Grand Champion at the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair in 2021 and

Reserve Champion in 2022, allowing her to become an International Science and Engineering Fair finalist in both 2021 and 2022. Singh lists her main extracurriculars as Mu Alpha Theta (the math honors society, for which she has been president since 2022) and the Science Club (vice president of Science Bowl since 2021). She placed second and fourth at the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in Trigonometry and Complex Numbers and has been the state champion for several math competitions. Singh also has been heavily involved in Science Bowl since middle school, having successfully led Farragut Middle School and FHS teams to state championships and national competitions. In addition, Singh has been a member of the FHS swim and dive team, National Honor Society, Coding Club, Junior State of America and Model UN. She also has been a Girl Scout since 2010 and has been a recipient of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Singh plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study computer science and economics. “I’d like to eventually have a career in policy and science,” she said.

Planner  
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ment Monday, May 22, at Gettysvue Polo, Golf and Country Club in Bearden. Registration

begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, then a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome. For more information, e-mail Ashley. lynch@sendseniorslove.org.



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### FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

**Farragut Town Hall Board Room**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of minutes for the April 25, 2023, meeting.
2. Selection of Youth Representative for the upcoming 2023-2024 program year.
3. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.
4. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Hurricane Cycles, located at 138 West End Ave.
5. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Lee Company, located at 12522 Kingston Pike.
6. Review of a primary ground mounted sign for Myrtle Recovery Center, located at 109 Peterson Road.
7. Review of a primary ground mounted sign for Anchor 934, located at 200 Brooklawn Street.

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### FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**May 18, 2023 • Farragut Town Hall - Board Room • 7:00 p.m.**

For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at [mshipley@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mshipley@townoffarragut.org) or Bart Hose at [bhose@townoffarragut.org](mailto:bhose@townoffarragut.org).

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes – April 20, 2023
3. Discussion and public hearing on a variance from the requirement to construct a pedestrian facility along Dixon Road in association with a resubdivision of Lot 2R and Lot 1, Parcels 104.06 and 104.07, Tax Map 151 of the Tucker Montgomery Subdivision, 516 Dixon Road, Zoned R-1, 7.99 Acres (Batson, Himes, Norvell & Poe, Applicant)
4. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for a façade modification and lighting update associated with the Farragut Center at 11414 Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1 (DaVinci Design and Contracting, Applicant)
5. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the Knoxville Tennessee Temple, 13001 Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1, 5.26 Acres (Moody Nolan, Applicant)
6. Discussion and public hearing on amendments to the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update, December 2012, related to a portion of Parcel 069, Tax Map 142, currently designated as Medium Density Residential, to change this to Very Low Density Residential, and Low Density Residential, and Parcels 070 and 072, Tax Map 142, currently designated as Medium Density Residential, to change this to Open Space Cluster Residential
7. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Future Land Use Map for 11500 Kingston Pike, from Mixed Use Town Center and Medium Density Residential to Commercial and Low Density Residential, 64.34 Acres (Hy-Vee, Inc., Applicant)
8. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for 11500 Kingston Pike, from C-1, O- 1, B-1, R-1 to PCD and R-4, 64.34 Acres (Hy-Vee, Inc., Applicant)
9. Discussion on request for approval of a proposed 160-foot-tall macro cellular tower to be situated in the northeast corner of the West End Center at 156 West End Avenue, Zoned C-1 (Vogue Towers Partners VII., LLC., Applicant)
10. Approval of utilities
11. Citizen forum

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North Ride  
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cent goes to Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service,” he said.

“We’re the only two who are doing the 9,000-mile, round trip. There are some others that are going as far as Evansville, Indiana, where our first night is,” Charlie added.

Donations will be accepted “at the departure lunch Sunday, June 25 (following a 10:30 a.m. worship service). There will be quite a few motorcyclists there because we’re having the Blessing of the Bikers at our church, Wildwood Baptist in Maryville,” he said.

“We’re hoping for 40 or 50 motorcyclists who will actually start out with us. We have a police escort.

“We will return for a return dinner 5 p.m., July 19, at Tellico Village First Baptist Church,” Charlie added. “Our former church that we retired from (TVFBC) and our present church that we’re helping to get on their feet are working

together on this.”

First Baptist Church Lenoir City is a corporate sponsor, along with Matlock Tire.

“It’s kind of a neat thing to have multiple churches involved,” Charlie said. “Jimmy Matlock (owner) has been a big supporter for us for every fundraiser we’ve ever done.”

Other sponsors include Chic-fil-A in Lenoir City; Alcoa Good Times, a motorcycle shop; Hickory Construction in Alcoa; Garza Law Firm; Tom Hatcher Charity; Michael Ruppert; Power Faith Radio; and WFIV 105.3.

“Helping with respite care for Alzheimer’s is near and dear to our hearts,” Charlie said. “We have family who have been affected by Alzheimer’s, and we know what it’s like to be caregivers for someone with Alzheimer’s.

“We’ve been helping with Aunt Wilda’s care,” he added. “Someone wrote and book, and it’s absolutely true. The title was ‘If You’re a Caregiver for Alzheimer’s, You Have a 36-Hour Day.’

“I think there’s a lot of truth in that. So, this is a way for us to help people who are caregivers – by giving to these two organizations.

Charlie said sponsorships are on a per mile basis.

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- Best Fast Food Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best Milk Shake/Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Bar-B-Que \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Kid’s Party Venue \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Day Spa \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Handyman \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Auto Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Car & Truck Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Paint & Body Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Tire Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Oil Change \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Boat Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Marina \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Storage Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Gifts & Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Antique Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Drug Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Cell Phone Sales/Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Dry Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Hearing Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Upholstery Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Nail Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Furniture Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Mini Golf \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Heating & A/C \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Appliance Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Tobacco/Vape Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best CBD Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Carpet Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pest Control Service \_\_\_\_\_

### BUSINESS NAME

- Best Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Paint/Wall Covering Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Liquor & Wine Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Tax Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Music School/Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Mail/Package Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Home Mortgage Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Watch/Clock Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pet Grooming \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Full Service Bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Car/RV/Boat Loans \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Optometrist/Vision Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Child Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pediatrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Memory Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Assisted Living Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Senior Lifestyle Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Fitness Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Crossfit Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Martial Arts School \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pet Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Lawn Mower/Tractor Dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Jewelry Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Customer Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Caterer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Home Cleaning Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Security Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Hardware Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Home Improvement Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Law Firm \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Surveyor Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Physical Therapy Clinic \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Bicycle Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

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## Regional Networking Returns

Six area chambers of commerce will again convene to bring together businesses from each of their respective memberships for a regional networking event on Tuesday, June 13 at The Venue at Lenoir City from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

This will be the third occurrence of an event that started in 2021 with four chambers and last year expanded to six, including Anderson County Chamber, Farragut West Knox Chamber, Loudon County Chamber, Monroe County Chamber, Oak Ridge Chamber, and Roane Chamber.

Last year's event easily saw between 400-500 attendees, and this year is expected to be similar. The event will again be sponsored by Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, Tarvis Distributors, and Classy Caterer will provide refreshments. There is no fee to attend but guests are strongly recommended to register at [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) > Events (look for the June 13 event). Guests who pre-register will receive three entries for the door prizes each chamber will bring; walk-in's will receive just one entry. Additional door prize entries can be gotten by attendees bringing jars of peanut butter which will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, who serves all 6 chambers' areas.

This year, guests will also get to hear a brief but fun Q&A with each chamber CEO in lieu of the usual welcomes.

Members interested in sponsoring the event should contact the chamber where they are a member to inquire.



## Personal Branding Program anticipated

The Chamber's West Young Professionals are excited to host another educational program that will talk about marketing, but in a much more personal capacity on Wednesday, May 24 at 8:00am.

LinkedIn expert and speaker, Tonia Latham of Epic Nine will target and tie in how professionals can better market themselves and build their personal brand utilizing the LinkedIn platform, a skill especially critical to younger professionals who may still be trying to build or establish their careers. Latham has



Latham

provided well received educational classes to the chamber's general membership before on maximizing LinkedIn and creating a marketing plan for new businesses on a budget.

The program will take place at the Aloft Hotel on Lovell Road. The event is provided at no cost thanks to the added support of sponsors University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business and Slamdor. Attendees can register on the chamber's website at [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) > Events.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for all young professional events, as well as for their entire calendar year. Contact [WYP@farragutchamber.com](mailto:WYP@farragutchamber.com) for details.



## Transportation Breakfast Talks Issues & Plans

A full ballroom at Fox Den of approximately 125 attendees heard from area leaders on May 2 about the recent impacts to area transportation infrastructure, and plans for improving it at the Chamber's Breakfast Speaker Series event presented by sponsor, Cannon & Cannon.

The panel of four included TDOT Region 1 Director Steve Borden, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, and Knox County Senior Engineering & Public Works Director Jim Snowden. They were moderated by Whitney Kent of WVLT.

Much of the discussion was naturally centered around the recent passage of state Governor Bill Lee's Transportation Modernization Act. The \$3.3 billion package would target various road improvements and projects, including the planned addition of "choice" lanes that would allow resident motorists to pay to use

them, diverting congestion from other interstate lanes.

Questions included curiosity about when projects such as the choice lanes would go into effect (projected seven years out), what some of the worst trouble spots are in Farragut or Knox County regarding traffic congestion, plans for widening the existing interstate through Knox County, the weigh station near Watt Road, and a possible bypass.

Borden explained that Knoxville/Knox County poses a unique challenge to TDOT and local agencies in resolving traffic congestion due to the intersection of interstates 40 and 75. While most metro areas with interstates bisecting them experience an average 6-8% of total interstate traffic being commercial (i.e. tractor trailer trucks), Knox County averages up to 30% commercial traffic. That statistic is supported by the Watt Road weight station

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The West Young Professionals cleaned up at Seven Islands State Bird Park on Earth Day, April 22nd! L to R are Devin Sellmer-SmartCruisr, her fiancé Aaron Thompson, Crystal Wicker-CertaPro Painters, Cameron Nelson-Tennessee Pinnacle Group, Bianca Andre, Philip Gigeure-RiskSource Clark-Theders, and Brytonie Brandel-Bank of America.

## Enterprise Club

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continuing Education Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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# Networkings

## Volunteer Princess Cruise Line April 13, 2023



Sara Sizemore - *Southern Safety Supply LLC.*, Blake Endicott and Luke Hornsby – *Beacon Insurance*, Colby McLemore - *Colby's Photos and Videos*, and Emily Randall - *MR10 Reality* network on the scenic route of the Volunteer Princess Cruise.



*CarePatrol of East Tennessee* owners, Patrick and Beth Bowen, win one of the door prizes at the Princess Cruise Line's Networking Event.

## SouthEast Bank of Bearden April 20, 2023



(L-R) Michael Phillips and Steve Miller of *FNCL Technology Networks* pause from networking.



Tavis Bailey - *Printing Image* and his pup, Alfred, smile for a quick photo at the evening networking.

## Inaugural VIP Enterprise Member Luncheon April 27, 2023



Keynote speaker Matt Ryerson, President & Chief Executive Officer of *United Way of Greater Knoxville*, networks with John Sergent and Dave Miller, *First Horizon*, during the Chamber's inaugural VIP Luncheon at Chesapeake's of West Knoxville.



*First Utility District of Knox County* Chairman Richard Maples joins Assistant General Manager Kena Hyers at the luncheon.



The event's committee members gather for a photo before opening the doors, including Beth Ann Carter-*MBI Companies*, Teri Jo Fox-*The Knox Fox Real Estate Group*, Angela Harvey-*First Horizon*, Vicki Williams-*Movement Mortgage*, and Stephanie Erb-*Childhelp*.



Chamber Enterprise Members, Ambassadors, and Board Members, as well as the VIP Committee and Committee Chairs and event sponsors, His Security & Technology, The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, Movement Mortgage, and Burns Mailing and Printing, enjoy networking before the program begins.

# Ribbon Cuttings

## Childhelp N. Cedar Bluff Location

April 5, 2023



Friends, colleagues and Chamber Board Members/Ambassadors all gather to celebrate the opening of the Childhelp N. Cedar Bluff location, with CEO, Ken Bender, wielding the scissors.

# Painter1 of Knoxville

## April 18, 2023



Painter1 of Knoxville owners, Keith and Kelli Lane, are welcomed by the community as they're surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, Chamber Members and Ambassadors.

# Farmers Insurance

## Brock Timothy Parks Agency

April 25, 2023



Brock Timothy Parks Agency is welcomed to the community. Brock's parents, friends, colleagues, and Chamber Members and Ambassadors celebrate with him.

# Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job? Go to [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) to see these and other member items!

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. If you suffer from mental illness, don't hesitate to call **New Hope Healthcare Institute** at (866) 806-1027 for information on how they can help you.

**Brain Balance Achievement Centers** of Farragut is hiring for a Sensory Motor Coach. Brain Balance is the leading drug-free program designed to help kids improve focus, behavior, social skills, anxiety, and academic performance. Apply on their website at [brainbalancecenters.com/job-openings](http://brainbalancecenters.com/job-openings).

Summer camps at **Flour Power Cooking Studios** are filling up fast! Bring your Lil' Chef on over and you'll pick up a newly self-confident child who will beg to cook dinner for you. Give them a call at (865) 437-6488 or go visit them in the Shops at Lovell Place to get started.

Learn to Skate Summer session at **Cool Sports** is now open for registration, kicking off May 23rd! Learning to skate opens a world of fun and recreational opportunities. It also lays the groundwork for success in competitive sports. Register now at [www.coolsportstn.com/learn-to-skate](http://www.coolsportstn.com/learn-to-skate) and secure your spot in their Summer Session.

Join **Olympus Car and Coach** for an adventure to the largest mall in the Western Hemisphere, the Mall of America! Departure is from Cracker Barrel on North Campbell Station at 5:00pm on Friday, July 21st, and return is on Sunday, July 23rd at the Walmart on Kinzel Way. Call (865) 523-2796 to register.

Are you on your neighborhoods HOA board? Shoot **Knight and Day Pressure Washing** a message at [Knightanddaypressurewashing@gmail.com](mailto:Knightanddaypressurewashing@gmail.com), or give them a call at (865) 384-2927, and see how they can help increase your neighborhoods curb appeal.



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# Welcome New Members!

## The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in April!

Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) and click "Join the Chamber!"

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# Welcome New Members!

## New Members

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To grow and change along with life's obstacles, we must face ourselves and our behaviors. Sometimes though we get stuck! We are only human and have the tendency to be too much in our heads. This is where I come in and help one navigate through these challenges to help make my clients a better version of themselves. For more information call Franchesca Ramos at (865) 936-0122 or visit <http://life-empoweringcoach.com>



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## Breakfast

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being one of the three busiest in the United States.

Williams added that interstate congestion or accidents often result in traf-

fic diverting into Farragut via Kingston Pike. To help with the issues, the Town is working on an Advanced Traffic Management System to improve traffic light timing. That project should be completed by 2024.

Jacobs and Snowden both fielded

questions on other aspects of alleviating traffic issues: cost, supply chain issues, and workforce shortages. One example was the widening of road to two 11-foot lanes, including shoulders and sidewalks. That project alone cost \$1,000 per linear foot, equating to \$5.2

million for just one mile of improvements.

The Chamber will announce plans for a fascinating summer Breakfast Speaker Series event within the next month; stay tuned for more information!

# Welcome Back Renewing Members!

*The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of April 2023.*

*We are privileged to count them as Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.*

A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:



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Meadow View Greenhouses & Garden Center  
NAI Koella RM Moore  
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New Hope Healthcare Institute, LLC  
Pinnacle Assisted Living  
Pinnacle at Turkey Creek; The  
Pinnacle Financial Partners - Seven Oaks

Rita Thomas Enterprises  
Slamdot, Inc.  
Story Point Senior Living  
TOPGOLF  
Transworld Business Advisors  
Wallace Real Estate  
Water into Wine  
West Knox Chiropractic Group

# Calendar of Events: May/June 2023

*Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email [Suzanne@farragutchamber.com](mailto:Suzanne@farragutchamber.com) for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar ([www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > “Events”) and registering under “Not a member?”.*

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## Wednesday, May 24, 2023 • 8-9:30a

West Young Professionals Education Event  
Aloft Knoxville West  
364 Lovell Road  
Knoxville 37934

## Thursday, May 25, 2023 • 8a

Networking - AMR Rural-Metro Fire EMS Week  
Elkmont Station  
103 S. Campbell Station Rd.  
Farragut 37934

## Thursday, June 8, 2023 • 4:30p

Networking - Hampton Inn West at Cedar Bluff  
9128 Executive Park Drive  
Knoxville 37923

## Thursday, June 15, 2023 • 8a

Networking - Edward Jones – Cory Gerlach  
10820 Kingston Pike  
#20  
Knoxville 37934

## Thursday, June 22, 2023 • 8a

Networking - AT&T – Turkey Creek  
11555 Parkside Drive  
Farragut 37934

## Thursday, June 29, 2023 • 8a

Networking - Volunteer Ministry Center  
511 N. Broadway  
Knoxville 37917