





Budget details

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the role to an assistant Town administrator with managerial oversight over operational departments,” he added. “The total cost of these new positions is \$289,708.”

The State Street Aid Fund has projected revenues of \$842,752 and estimated expenditures of \$1,765,000; the Equipment Replacement Fund will have projected expenditures of \$375,000 in FY 25 and a transfer from the general fund of \$725,000.

There will be an estimated fund balance in the Equipment Replacement fund of \$1,342,817; the Insurance Fund includes funding for retiree health insurance and annual leave disbursements at an employee’s retirement date, and there is a \$50,000 transfer proposed in the FY25 budget from the General Fund.

The available fund balance is \$239,376. Americans with Disabilities Act Capital Projects Fund does not have any major projects planned for ’25. “Since developing the Town’s ADA Transition Plan in 2018, the Town has made improvements to Anchor Park, the restroom facilities at Town Hall and dozens of curb ramps as street resurfacing projects are completed,” Smoak said. “There are more proposed curb ramps to be replaced in FY 2025 to be brought into compliance with ADA standards, and those funds will be paid out of the State Street Aid Fund.

“There is also a planned ADA greenway project for

Mayor Bob Leonard Park that is partially grant-funded with additional Town funding allocated in the Capital Investment Program Fund,” he said. There is a proposed \$150,000 transfer from the General Fund to the ADA Fund in FY 25, with a projected fund balance of \$704,858.

“The Tourism Fund is a special revenue fund, where the primary source of funding comes from the 3 percent occupancy tax on hotel night stays by visitors to the local Farragut hotels,” Smoak said. “Revenues from hotel stays have remained strong due to the heavy travel volume along the I-75/I-40 corridor and the convenient shopping and entertainment in the area, with estimated revenues for FY ’25 at \$550,000,” he added.

“In FY 25 the Tourism Fund is receiving American Rescue Plan Act grant funds of \$47,500, which will be utilized for additional marketing for the tourism program,” he added. “Proposed expenditures for FY25 are \$594,491, with an ending fund balance of \$1,187,309.

Smoak said the Capital Investment Program Fund budget has \$18,960,216 in projects planned to get under way in FY ’25. “These projects include sidewalk and greenway extensions; Campbell Station Inn improvements; a new pickleball facility, turf field replacement; ADA improvements at Mayor Bob Leonard Park; improvements to Union Road, Boyd Station Road and design and right-of-way acquisition for Virtue Road improvements,” he said.

“Revenues for the CIP come from Town resources in the form of a \$5,000,000 transfer from the General Fund, \$4,590,216 from CIP reserves, \$9,270,000 from federal and/or state matching grants and \$100,000 in interest earnings. Overall, the FY2025 projected fund balance is \$6,846,226.”

KCSOreports

Once again, Knox County Sheriff’s Office Reports weren’t received, despite being requested early Monday morning, June 3, by farragutpress as of our deadline at 8 a.m., Tuesday, June 4. We will look into any issues causing this omission, while we anticipate being able to publish these reports in our Wednesday, June 12, issue. Thank you for your patience.

Double blow

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country. And then, generally, 25 percent of those have bilateral retinoblastoma in both eyes.”

Vivienne has it in both eyes. “The doctor in Nashville also asked if she had any siblings,” Timothy said.

Exactly a week after Vivienne’s diagnosis, Thomas also was diagnosed with the same cancer — also in both eyes.

However, Vivienne’s case was worse. “Time is of the essence with Vivienne, and you need to get her treated immediately,” Timothy recalled being told. “At that point, Alexis and I cleared our calendars. “It’s basically very, very rare that both of our kids would have this cancer,” he added.

Vivienne and Thomas were checked into Wills Eye Hospital within a few days after their diagnosis.

“We probably wouldn’t have caught Thomas’s if it hadn’t been for Vivienne’s being much more advanced,” Timothy said.

Outlook

While Vivienne “can see fairly well out of her left eye, her right eye is the eye that

we’re going to be fighting for” in terms of fighting off the cancer, serious vision impairment or even permanent blindness, Timothy said.

However, “The prognosis is pretty bright at this point,” the father said, “because we were able to get to it quick enough and start treating it at Wills Eye Hospital. ... It’s really a miracle. We feel like God’s definitely been pushing us through this entire ordeal.

“You know, he seems to be able to see just fine,” Timothy added about Thomas.

While Timothy said neither of the children are experiencing ongoing pain, “It’s just very specific pain from the medicines that they’re on. One of the medicines that they’re on causes jaw pain and bone pain.

“It’s hard for a 2-and-a-half year old to explain that his bones are hurting,” he added. “We just notice things like them not wanting to walk or not wanting to crawl or wanting to be held for comfort.”

Dr. Shields

One note of family comfort and confidence is the lead physician treating their children. About Dr. Carol Shields, “she’s absolutely the world’s leading

authority on retinoblastoma,” Timothy said. “She’s been treating it for over 40 years.”

Final thoughts

About sharing their story, “We kind of just felt up against a wall; like, we had to just get our story out there,” Timothy said. “And if we can raise awareness, since not a lot of other families are raising awareness, then, you know, maybe this is what we’re supposed to do.

“We were just getting used to having two children and having a small baby in the house, and we were so happy,” he added. “And then you get the news that they have cancer, and I don’t know how I would describe the feeling: absolutely overwhelming.”

“From what I can glean, they have remained faithful, calm, poised and grateful for the positive updates and the support they’re receiving from loved ones and strangers, alike,” Schupbach said. “They are very mindful of the fact that every little bit of help goes a long way toward allowing them to prioritize their kids’ health.”

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D-Day 80th  
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chine guns and artillery.

So how many is 132,000? I commanded a logistics unit in the redeployment phase of Desert Storm. Each morning I would be briefed on the number of supplies we were managing. After several days of hearing numbers, which meant nothing to me except that they were large, I asked the briefer to tell me something I could do with these supplies to help me visualize the amounts.

I don't remember the numbers but I do remember that we had sufficient sandbags to build a wall three-feet high across the United States. The logistical challenge of D-Day was enormous and this article is intended to help you visualize the challenge and fully appreciate the accomplishment.

Landing 132,000 fully equipped soldiers is equivalent to moving the current population of Columbia, South Carolina, with all their vehicles, tools of trade and life support. It is also greater than the current population of 25 other state capitals. By June 30, more than 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed in Normandy.

To visualize 850,000 soldiers, consider putting them in standard passenger buses bumper to bumper. The line would stretch 137 miles, approximately the distance from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Arranged similarly, the 148,000 military vehicles would stretch 647 miles, or from New York City to Detroit, Michigan.

The Naval Operation, code named Neptune, consisted of more than 1,200 combat ships, more than 5,000 landing ships, plus ancillary craft and merchant ships. Combat ships ranged from battleships to destroyer escorts.

Each ship was a floating city, requiring large quantities of fuel and other supplies. The merchant fleet included 326 cargo ships. Anchoring just the cargo ships, bow to stern, would stretch 28 miles, longer than the width of the English Channel at its narrowest point.

More than 13,000 aircraft supported Overlord. 5,000 bombers and more than 4,000 fighters prepped the battlefield and provided close air

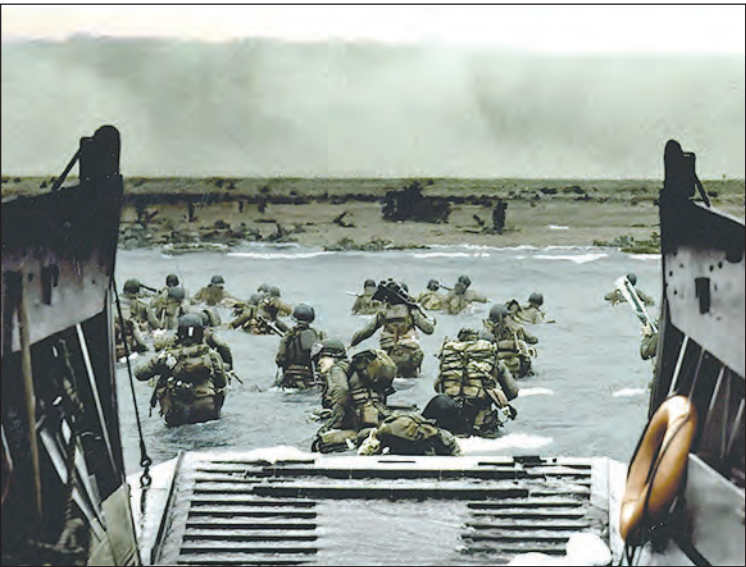


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United States and Allied troops hit the beach at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944 — D-Day — helping turn the tide of World War II in the Allies' favor.

support. 2,300 aircraft and 800 gliders delivered 18,000 paratroopers, crucially needed for supplies and evacuated the wounded.

These aircraft also consumed significant quantities of fuel and ammunition as well as repair parts and teams of mechanics to keep them in the air. 13,000 is the number of aircraft in all branches of the US military today.

As usual, the number of troops in the logistical tail significantly outnumbered those in the combat teeth.

**Other facts, statistics**

Other facts and statistics about the Normandy Invasion, courtesy of Britannica.com:

After the 1940 evacuation at Dunkirk, the British focused on defending England against a cross-Channel invasion rather than launching one.

Operation Bolero was the buildup of American Forces in the United Kingdom, initially

to support this defense.

By December 1942, the situation had sufficiently improved for the Allies to consider an offensive.

The Allies were fighting on many fronts, and each campaign competed for limited resources. Two proposed invasions, Sledgehammer in 1942 and Roundup in 1943, were both cancelled due to logistical shortages, specifically landing craft.

British Gen. Bernard Montgomery (later Field Marshal), commander of the Allied ground forces, argued that an invasion force of three ground and one airborne division was insufficient.

Eisenhower approved his recommendation; five ground divisions and two airborne divisions landed on D-Day. This increase required more shipping, landing craft and supplies as well as more logisticians.

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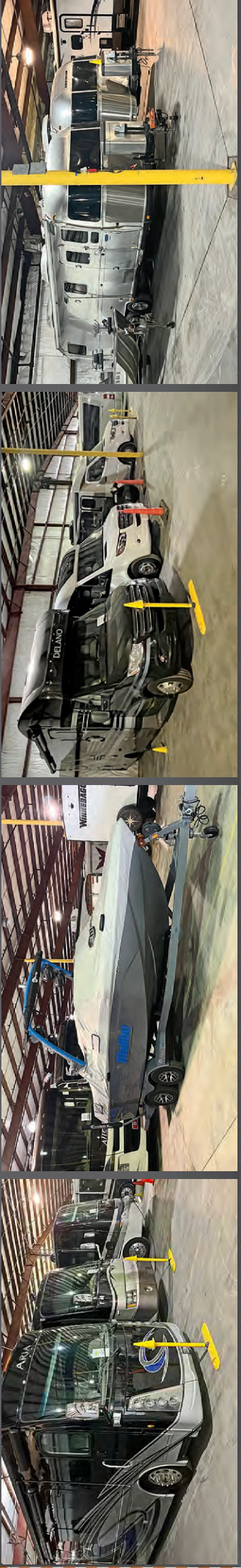
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# T-Creek greets City West

## business briefs

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The Turkey Creek community will celebrate the grand opening of City West at Turkey Creek Apartments starting at 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, at its 10865 Parkside Drive location.

“City West offers Knoxville residents a taste of luxury living with 190 thoughtfully designed apartments, premium amenities and convenient access to nearby attractions,” Rachelle Howell, property manager for City West at Turkey Creek, stated in a press release. “Nestled amidst the vibrant shopping and entertainment district, our community provides an exceptional lifestyle experience for those seeking modern comfort and convenience.

“City West is situated near Tennova (Medical Center) and across from Walmart at the traffic light, offering easy accessibility for residents and guests,” added Howell, who is with Dominion Development Group.

The apartments had its first occupants in early October 2023 and currently is 50 percent occupied, according to Howell, who added it has a waiting list for inquiries wanting to move in past July.

Total square footage for the development is 191,550, said Brad Richmond, development



Photo submitted

City West at Turkey Creek Apartments, 10865 Parkside Drive, will host its grand opening starting at 3 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, featuring a ribbon cutting. The 191,550-square-foot complex offers luxury living right on the eastern end of Turkey Creek.

associate also with Dominion Development Group.

“We have three residential buildings plus the clubhouse,” he said. “We have a saltwater pool, 24-hour fitness center, furnished pavilion, outdoor grill, outdoor games and access to the greenway.

“Plus, it is conveniently located in Turkey Creek with all the shopping and entertainment that is available,” Richmond added. “City West at Turkey Creek is open to anyone who meets our

qualifications.”

“We are excited to be able to provide housing options for professionals, families and retirees looking to live in the heart of Turkey Creek and enjoy all the amenities the neighborhood has to offer.”

Howell said the complex has studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

“We do have resident events occasionally, as well as offer coffee, beverages and snacks daily in our clubhouse,” she said.

Regarding coming to Turkey Creek, “Dominion partnered with Turkey Creek Land Partners to develop City West after recognizing the need for additional housing options in the Turkey Creek area,” Richmond said. “We are proud to partner on this project that helps to grow Turkey Creek ... and provide residents with access to the restaurants, shopping and greenways. ...”

To learn more about the community, visit its website at [www.citywestknox.com](http://www.citywestknox.com)

•Tennova Healthcare North Knoxville Medical Center has named Nathan Irwin as its new chief operating officer effective Monday, June 17.

Irwin is a Tennessee native and an accomplished leader with a track record of building operational excellence by emphasizing culture, attention to detail and commitment to the community, according to a Tennova press release.



Irwin

“He is familiar with Tennova, as he currently serves as chief operating officer at our sister facility Tennova Healthcare – Cleveland,” the release stated. “During his time at Cleveland, Nathan focused on volume growth and oversaw many critical initiatives that impacted overall patient care through process improvement, engagement and satisfaction.

“Nathan oversaw and led project teams for capital deployment, including renovating the behavioral health campus, cafeteria renovations and implementing new technology,” the release further stated.

“Under his leadership, Tennova Healthcare – Cleveland saw an increase in patient transfers from outlying community hospitals.”

# Good Neighbor Shoppe

## ‘High-end’ thrift store carries bounty of goods while serving community

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LENOIR CITY — Situated only 8 miles from Farragut, the Good Neighbor Shoppe is the area’s “hidden gem” for treasured finds, volunteer opportunities and give-back to the shop’s community.

Leslie Capozzoli, a GNS board of directors representative who also is on its scholarship committee and is one of its managers, defined the shop as an “upscale thrift store” that’s a “hidden gem.”

The shop, located at 420 Leeper Parkway, sells gently used, donated items, with proceeds from the non-profit store going to various organizations in Loudon County to reach residents in need.

“It’s a different kind of place,” Capozzoli said. “Our prices are much lower than the other thrift stores because we’re trying to help people who need things. We’re trying to turn over our incoming

wares because we want room for new things to come in, and I think that is part of the success story.

“I think most of our money comes from re-sales of clothing and shoes. But we sell furniture, collectibles, books, linens, toys, sporting goods, so many other things,” she said. “If you think about going to Walmart, all the different departments, other than food, we have all those departments here, pretty much.

“It’s once in a blue moon someone goes out empty-handed,” she added.

“We have lots of people who come from Farragut and sometimes walk in and they say, ‘Oh, I’ve never been in here before. This place is amazing.’ They’ve been in other thrift stores that are smelly, they’re not organized, and we do have 250-plus volunteers. No one takes a paycheck.”

Volunteers work to keep the shop orderly and steam-clean clothing to avoid odors.

“Everyone comes here from all walks of life; most are retired,” Capozzoli said. “We get kids from high school who come to do community service in the summer.”

Moreover, “people bring things here (to donate) because they know it’s for the betterment of the disabled, the needy; and actually, twice a year in September and in March, we switch over our clothing,” Capozzoli said.

The shop was the brainchild of Gene and Roberta Burwell, who “dreamed of opening a give-back-to-the community store,” Capozzoli said, adding they opened the store in 2002. Since then the store has expanded in size and profits.

“Ninety-nine percent of (the proceeds) go back into community grants,” GNS board treasurer Dennis Stoner said. He related how one such grant helped provide baseball uniforms for a team.

Another give-back is six scholarships to graduating se-



Tammy Cheek

Leslie Capozzoli, a Good Neighbor Shoppe board of directors representative who also is on its scholarship committee and is one of its managers, is alongside the shop’s many collectibles.

niors at the three high schools in Loudon County.

“We just awarded them this past month,” Capozzoli said May 17. “The students get \$2,500 a year for four years, so it’s \$10,000 for each student.

“Then, we give out one or two graduate scholarships — either \$5,000 if we have two people or \$10,000 if we have one,” she added

Proceeds from the shop also help homeless vets, Shangri-La Therapeutic Riding Academy and provide food for animals at P-PAWS Spay/Neuter Clinic in Greenback.

“There are many, many organizations,” she said.

Other beneficiaries include Good Samaritan Center, Child

Advocacy Center, Lenoir City and Loudon County’s Family Resource Centers, providing resources for youth development, Boys & Girls Club, Loudon County Education Committee, Loudon County Health Improvement Council, Prevention Alliance of Loudon County, Tellico Village Computers Users Club, supporting senior citizens, the disabled and veterans and disaster relief.

Good Neighbor Shoppe is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday; and closed Sundays and Mondays.

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One final look at the numbers leading to FHS baseball 3-peat

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With top-10 national rankings, a final 40-5 record that included a perfect mark against in-state competition (29-0) and a program threep-peat as TSSAA Division I-Class 4A baseball state champions — giving the Farragut program a state-best 13 all-time — let’s take a final look at other team and individual numbers that helped make the difference for the Admirals in 2024.

Other team stats

Ending the season on a 23-game winning streak, the Admirals also were victorious in 36 of their final 37 games. Farragut also was 4-0 against top teams from Alabama, 3-0 versus stellar foes from Kentucky, 2-1 against top Florida competition and 1-0 versus North Carolina.

While the collective team batting average was .376 — scoring an average of 9.6 runs per game — Admirals pitchers combined for a 2.25 earned-run average while allowing just 2.7 runs per game. Fielding percentage was .962. (47 er-

rors committed in 45 games).

Individual stats

(Batting average) Eli Evans. 484, Lukas Buckner .442, Landis Davila .441, Jake Merrick .432, Michael Delph .372, Brennon Seigler .347, Charlie Bozeman .310, Gavin Brewer .304, Mason Grube .294 and Cole Draper .275.

(Hits) Buckner 68, Evans 60, Davila 60, Merrick 57, Seigler 52, Delph 51. (Homers) Evans 13, Bozeman 9, Merrick 6, Delph 5, Brewer 5, Buckner 4. (RBI) Evans 67, Merrick 55, Buckner 50, Delph 44, Brewer 40, Davila 39 and Bozeman 38.

(Runs scored) Buckner 63, Davila 51, Merrick 50, Evans 49, Bozeman 44, Seigler 38. (Stolen bases) Davila 19, Seigler 18 and Buckner 17.

(Pitching record, ERA) Draper 8-1, 1.41; Braylon Hall 7-0, 1.41; Cade O’Leary 7-0, 2.21; Stratton Scott 5-0, 1.92; Delph 5-2, 1.78; Ryan Wallace 3-1, 2.75; and Braxton Lewis 2-0, 2.92.

(Saves) Lewis 3, Delph 3, Scott 2, Hall 2 and Brodie Roberts 2. (Strikeouts/innings pitched) O’Leary 56 (31 2/3 innings), Delph 53 (43 1/3), Draper 52 (44 2/3) and Scott 42 (43 2/3).



CAK’s Alig named Mr. Baseball II-A

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KNOXVILLE — Though he never won a TSSAA Division II-A baseball state championship as a Christian Academy of Knoxville Warrior, Wes Alig impressed enough high school baseball pundits statewide with his enormous contributions to legendary head coach Tommy Pharr’s program dating back to 2021.

Alig, a four-year starter at shortstop, was named Division II-A Tennessee “Mr. Baseball” for 2024 after being one of three finalists, as recently announced.

The Kennesaw State University (Georgia) signee finished his Warriors career by hitting a sizzling .471 as a senior, which included nine home runs, 40 RBI and 19 doubles. He also scored 33 runs.

Photo courtesy of Bobby Lewis/Pro Photo  
Wes Alig, CAK Class of 2024.



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS sports information director  
New Farragut High School baseball head coach Garrett Copeland.

Copeland era

New Ads baseball skipper part of 5 FHS state titles as an assistant; also under Buckner at BHS

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For the second time in 15 years, the new head coach of Farragut High School baseball served as an assistant coach under the man who also coached him as a player.

Garrett Copeland, an FHS assistant baseball coach for 12 seasons (2013-2024), is the new Admirals skipper, beginning his duties Monday, June 3. Teaching engineering and biology at FHS, Copeland is a 2009 Bearden High School graduate who was a standout Bulldogs player (All-district first baseman) under then BHS head coach Matt Buckner, who he replaces at Farragut (2010-24) after coaching under Buckner and helping the Ads win five state titles in 11 full seasons (no 2020 state tourney due to COVID-19).

Answering why Copeland was promoted, “He’s the most qualified person for the position; he has paid his dues,” FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen said. “He’s been an assistant coach with us for a long time. He understands our system. He understands the product that we put out. He’s been part of the championship program we’ve had for years.”

“Obviously it’s a great opportunity, and one that I’m really looking forward to,” Copeland said. “It’s going to be a challenge to continue the tradition and the history that’s been put before us, but I think it’s a challenge that I’m excited to take on and work hard at and see what we can make happen with it.”

“It’s one that has a lot of community support and school support, so that obviously helps things out,” he added.

Saying Buckner “obviously knows the game of baseball, he’s been in baseball a long time,” Copeland added about his mentor and former boss, “Outside of just the baseball knowledge he’s given me, he’s really showed me what it takes from the coaching aspect, the day-in and day-out hard work that it takes.

“And the fact that it’s a commitment, it’s a grind and the high moments are made in the times where nobody’s watching,” Copeland added. “He’s one that’s dedicated to the sport of baseball, and he’s just shown me a solid path to take and the work that it takes in order to be successful.”

Three FHS signees, three states



Alan Sloan

Three Farragut High School Class of 2024 seniors signed to attend their college of choice during a ceremony earlier this spring in FHS’s Vickie B. Wells Auditorium. From left are Emma Cunningham (track and field/cross country) signing with Macalester College (Minnesota), Emma MacTavish (softball) signing with Roane State Community College and Mackenna Hill (lacrosse) signing with Benedictine College (Kansas). Cunningham “had great success with us in cross country,” FHS track and field/cross country head coach Chelsea Osborn said. “But once we got into track season, she found her spot as a sprinter and has just blossomed over the past four years.” MacTavish “has worked very hard on her softball skills,” FHS softball head coach Nick Green said about his now ex-pitching ace. “She’s grown into an amazing lady, and she’s accomplished great things over the course of her career.” Hill “has been captain three of the last four years. She’s an amazing athlete. ... She’s been an incredible part of our team,” said her head coach, and mother, Pam Hill.

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(Left) Prayer labyrinth constructed at Concord United Methodist Church was the brain-child of rising FHS senior and CUMC member Luke Colgrove (below), serving as his Eagle Scout project.

Photos submitted

To intensify member prayer, meditation experience, labyrinth is Farragut teen’s Eagle Scout project

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The path to achieving one of Boy Scouts of America’s highest distinctions of Eagle Scout isn’t one paved with asphalt or concrete, where one could walk without tripping up a few times along the way.

In the case of Luke Colgrove, however, it’s at least partially made of a lot of stones, love and prayers, and he’s created a space where those who have tripped up a few times in life can come and walk, think and mediate on anything that may help the world seem a little lighter and just maybe get them a little closer to God.

A rising senior at Farragut High School, active in the Scouts since fifth grade and approaching that coveted Eagle status, Colgrove’s done what Becky Harris, assistant scoutmaster and Life to Eagle coordinator of Troop 246, said is “by far the largest Eagle project that our troop has ever seen completed,” one which garnered more than \$10,000 in donations and few thousand more in way of materials and labor and took some 10-plus months to see his vision through of Farragut’s first prayer labyrinth come to fruition.

On the grounds of Concord United Methodist Church, 11020

Roane Drive in Farragut, where he and his family have bowed their heads since moving to Farragut when he was a child, the 17-year-old son of Ben and LeighAnna Colgrove recently completed the prayer labyrinth, a place where one can feel at ease in thought and prayer, where the undersides of the stones creating it are decorated with the Bible verses, dedications and names of those honored by church members and folks from around the community alike.

Concord’s Pastor of Discipleship, Brooke Hartman, who has been instrumental in cooperation since Colgrove first brought forth the idea of the prayer labyrinth to her, said, “He’s just been incredibly faithful to the project and to God, and where God’s been leading him. And we’re just grateful we get to be witness to it, blessed by the project.”

Other churches and small prayer groups already have been reaching out since hearing about its birth, Harris said. “So it wasn’t really even a need that any of us knew that the community needed,” she added.

“I thought it would be a nice addition,” Colgrove said, “to add a new, I guess, arm or leg to the whole discipleship. And that was the idea.”

See PATHWAY on Page 4B



Golden Anchor, Tyler Duke, Binnacle awards highlight annual FHS End-of-School-Year Brunch



Photos submitted

(Above left) Kara Doyle, Farragut High School secretary/administrative assistant, received the Binnacle Award Friday, May 24, from FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett during the End-of-School-Year Administrative Brunch. (Above right) FHS social studies teacher Angela Breeding won the 2024 Tyler Duke Award, which was presented by Tyler’s father, Stan Duke, during the Brunch. Tyler Duke was a 2006 FHS graduate who passed away in 2009 while a student at UT-Knoxville. Stan Duke, and his wife, Lisa, have given the award for 14 years in memory and honor of Tyler.



Photo submitted

This year a tie resulted in six Golden Anchor Awards being presented to outstanding Farragut High School teachers by the FHS Education Foundation during the school’s End-of-School-Year Administrative Brunch Friday, May 24. Teachers were nominated by students, parents and/or community members. Pictured from left are FHSEF treasurer Christi King, world languages teacher Madeleine “Lizzy” Kersey, agriscience teacher Val Elton, assistant FHS marching band director Rodney Brown, assistant choir director Kirstine Buchanan, social studies teacher/FHS softball coach and FCA sponsor Keely Chamberlain and FHS Marching Admirals band director Kenneth Carrico III. They are pictured with FHSEF vice president Eric Whitener, far right. The teachers also received \$1,000 grants as recipients of the Golden Anchor Awards.

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Appointments are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates in June: 5-7, 10-14, 17-18, 20-21 and 24-28. Interpreters will be available. Call 865-215-5131 to make an appointment.

• **The real estate team of Cooper Group with Keller Williams will host a free “lunch and learn” event, “Unlocking Home Sale Success: Strategies For Maximizing Your Profit,”** starting at noon, Thursday, June 6, in Farragut Community Center. Lunch is free if participants RSVP (see below).

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• **Beta Theta Boule’ & the Beta Theta Boule’ Foundation invites the public to attend the 8th Annual “Father’s Day Recognition & College Scholarships Program” brunch and awards presentation** from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 8, in Downtown Crowne Plaza Hotel, 401 W. Summit Hill Drive in Knoxville.

The purpose of this brunch is to recognize outstanding fathers/male mentors in the Greater Knoxville area who contribute to the educational growth and development of

youth and who perform outstanding services to improve the quality of life.

The outstanding fathers/male mentors who will be recognized are former U. S. Rep. John J. “Jimmy” Duncan (R-District 2); the Rev. Jesse L. Jones Jr. former ProjectGRAD instructor at Austin-East Magnet High School; and John A. Wright, president of 100 Black Men of America.

The Beta Theta Boule’ Foundation will present college scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors from local high schools. Contact Dennis R. Upton, president of Beta Theta Boulé Foundation, at 865-777-1375 or 865-679-2127, or Frank Robinson, treasurer of Beta Theta Boulé Foundation, 865-806-8503, with specific questions regarding this event. For information about the Beta Theta Boulé, visit the website: [btbfoundationinc.org](http://btbfoundationinc.org).

• **Visit Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorn Grove Pike in Knoxville,** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, June 8, for Summer Marketplace free of charge. Enjoy a unique shopping experience as artists and vintage curators from across East Tennessee gather on the historic grounds.

Tours of this historic 1797 home are \$10 per person, which helps support the preservation and educational mission of Historic Ramsey House. Also featured are more than 50 vendors and live blacksmith demonstrations.

• **Knoxville Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee are offering an in-person free Legal Advice Clinic** from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, in Knox County Public Defender’s Community Law Office. Any veteran seeking legal help is encouraged to attend.

For the remainder of 2024, the clinics will be held every other month: Aug. 14, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11. Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to use the telephone clinic option. Pre-registration is required

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This is a general advice clinic with a wide variety of legal issues, including family law, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, criminal defense, consumer protection, contract disputes, child support and personal injury, among other issues. This is an advice-only clinic: clients can expect legal advice, but no wills are drafted at this clinic nor legal work performed.

• **Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee will present their 43rd Annual Quilt Show & Competition** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, June 21, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 22, in Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway (at Merchant Drive) in Knoxville.

Admission is \$10; for a 2-day pass, \$15, and free for children under age 12. The Expo Center has free parking and is accessible to the disabled.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a quilt – whether historic or contemporary – to the show for documentation. For more information about the “Go Tell It!” projects, visit <https://quiltalliance.org/projects/gotellit/>.

Many other special activities are planned for the show. Merikay Waldvogel, a nationally known quilt collector, researcher and writer, will present an antique quilt turning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 21.

There also will be a scavenger hunt with prizes for the younger attendees. Certified appraiser Cindy Stuart will offer quilt appraisals by appointment. Contact her at 865-386-0940 to schedule an appraisal.

For more information about the show and the guild, visit [www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com), e-mail [info@smokymtnquilters.com](mailto:info@smokymtnquilters.com) or find them on Facebook and Instagram: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee.

• **Join Historic Ramsey**

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# Viewing homelessness in Farragut, Burgin sees huge value in Carecuts

TAMMY CHEEK

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A haircut for a homeless person can be life-changing, as Carecuts board member Janette Burgin related to Rotary Club of Farragut during the club’s meeting in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, May 8.

As Burgin drove home one night, she noticed little lights twinkling in the woods as she got off at the Campbell Station exit. She also observed lights at other locations near Interstate 40/75.

“We have citizens in the woods, under the bridges, in the alleys,” she said. “They’re under-reported because they’re transient.

“Knoxville has 3,000 homeless people currently,” Burgin added. “Eight hundred of them are ages 18 to 24. Fifteen percent are veterans who have served our country.”

Burgin’s own journey with the homeless started after a chance meeting with Carecuts founder Martha “Marti” Baker in 2016.

Baker had a vision to cut the hair of homeless people and asked Burgin to help — and Carecuts began.

“It has been the wildest ride of my life,” Burgin said. “This affected my life so much.

“Within 60 days (of their meeting), we were cutting the hair of the homeless,” she added.

The effort started under a bridge, serving 65 people. “All Marty wanted to do was cut their hair and give them their dignity back,” she said. But the efforts did not end there.

“What we have found, as Carecuts grew, is we wanted to cut their hair, and that was the carrot that they came to us with, but they spent the day with us and we learned about them, and we got to know their stories,” Burgin said.

“You see, you can do a pop-up under the bridge and they blitzkrieg the bridge,” she added. “We wanted to do something different, so we got to know them.

“And, it grew from there. Each time we met, we got to know them better, and some wouldn’t leave.”

She recalled one woman who lingered, then hugged one of the volunteers and said, “I came today because I was going to die today, and I wanted to look nice in my casket in case one of my children came to the funeral.

“Talking about meeting people where they are,” Burgin added. “She said, ‘I’ll look for you. I’ll be back,’ and she came back ... she reunited with her children, got a job, got a car and began to live again.”

Carecuts also provides food; personal and survival needs, such as toiletries and sleeping bags; and clothing.

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Pathway

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Apart from it being on a nice, secluded bit of church property, he said it also was “away from all the hustle and bustle” of the busy church. “The labyrinth is kind of still there, but it’s kind of just tucked away in the back corner, and you can go and walk out there — it’s calm; it’s quieter; you can actually hear birds.

“It’s just a lot calmer and slower out there,” Colgrove added, “to just focus on what you’re going out there to think about or decide on or however you use the labyrinth.”

Hartman went on say, “We are very excited about the prayer labyrinth. It very much connects to our mission through discipleship in equipping and providing multiple opportunities for folks to grow in their faith through their prayer life.”

Brian Light, committee chairman of Troop 246, said, “The effort that Luke has put forth to complete this project is not a small undertaking.”

Eagle projects, he said, “have a tremendous impact on the scout for their entire life... (and) will serve him a lifetime.”

Light added, “This project turned out to me more than he imagined, but I knew he could complete this task based

on how I have seen him grow through his scouting career.”

As with any 17 year old high school kid enjoying summer break, Colgrove is participating in Tennessee’s Governor’s School program at East Tennessee State University.

Speaking about the project during his lunch break while his class toured Oconaluftee Indian Village, Colgrove said, “If it wasn’t for Scouts, I wouldn’t get to go and do as much as I have done in the outdoors related to animals or related to fish or camping, stuff like that. ... Scouts has made me, I think, really find my career path in what I want to do with my life, so that’s a great thing that I found early, I feel like.”

Upon graduation, Colgrove intends to study environmental science in college. More specifically, he said, getting into wildlife studies and principles or perhaps fisheries management.

“My dream envision of it,” he relayed, “would be I’m just in the woods or in some biome and, you know, I’m tracking and following a species or a herd of animals, studying them and researching them.”

Of their son, Colgrove’s parents said, “We’re just super proud that he undertook such a big project and the goals that he had of serving the church,” having grown up there since

moving from his birthplace of Naples, Italy, where his father was stationed in the Navy. “We’ve been happy and proud to see that it’s not just something for Concord, but for the community ... anybody on their spiritual walk in life.”

As with most journeys in life, this one couldn’t have been completed alone. Hartman’s son, Jacob, worked on a secondary project toward his Eagle project, handling much of the landscaping, planting bushes and installing benches around the prayer labyrinth.

With the help of Light, president of local landscape company Weed Man, along with Sherree Robards, managing partner of Shades of Blue Pools and owner of Patterson Design Studio, Colgrove and others have been mentored and helped by so many people to breathe life into this endeavor that, with an endowment created to support it, will serve generations to come.

For more information on forthcoming commencement dates and other labyrinth-related activities, keep track at [concordunited.org/prayer](http://concordunited.org/prayer).

Tate’s own ‘re-enactor’



Photo submitted

Tate’s School fifth-grader Audrina Clark tries on a helmet and parachute from The Five Oh First Group and his team of WWII re-enactors, who supplemented the students’ studies with a re-enactment at the school in Cedar Bluff earlier this spring.

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Carecuts board member Janette Burgin greeted Rotary Club of Farragut Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Fass before her address during an RCF meeting in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, May 8.

Tammy Cheek



## Carecuts

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Knoxville Christian School partnered with

# Feed the Need

Knoxville Christian School recently partnered with Feed the Need for its annual spring fundraising campaign to pack meals that are sent to help the needy in Haiti.

Silas Clark, KCS director of marketing and athletics, said this was the school’s second Feed the Need partnership.

“This fundraiser becomes an ‘on campus’ mission trip for us,” he said. “From the planning to the fundraising to the actual one-day, on-campus mission trip, it checks a lot of boxes.”



From left, sixth-graders Chandler Jestice and Bea Dunham, fourth-grader Dylan Ratcliff and 11th-graders Tessa Kniss and Danica McCray



From left, fourth-graders Warrren Friske, Remington Hammer and Jacob Stiles with sixth-grader Avery Stiles



Sixth-grader Ruby Hancock



Sixth-grader Jake Williams, in gray hoodie, watches fourth-grader Cruze Murray



Fourth-grader Alex Perdue



Sixth-grader Ella Miller



Seventh-grader Sullivan Buck gets help from parent Emily Miller



Middle school teacher Teleza McElhenney



Fourth-grader Ariana Hubbard



Sixth-grader Leah Nelson, left, school president Bobby Simpson and fourth-grader Ivy Brown.



Heatherly Stiles (green shirt) is handed food by sixth-grader Lila Cook while Jeremy Stiles packs



# Talk *of the* Town

A Publication of the Town of Farragut



Summer 2024

## *Learn about the Town and ways to serve through Intro to Farragut*



There is much to learn about the Town of Farragut and many ways to get involved. Introduction to Farragut helps achieve both! This series of classes is tailored to equip those who want to learn, engage and lead, with info on the Town's history, government structure, volunteer opportunities and more.

The program starts with a reception and campaign kick-off at the Farragut Community Center, located at 239 Jamestowne Blvd., at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Classes will be held at the community center on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16 and Oct. 30, starting at 6 p.m. and lasting approximately 2.5 hours. Class participants will have the opportunity to go on a tour around town with Farragut Town Administrator David Smoak on the morning of Friday, Oct. 4. The program will conclude with a graduation dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the community

center.

Program requirements include attending the Aug. 28 reception and campaign kickoff, at least four of the five classes, one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month), one Municipal Planning Commission meeting (meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month) and participating in a class project by completing volunteer hours at Farragut Middle School. More information about the volunteer projects will be presented at the Aug. 28 kickoff.

Applications go live Monday, July 1, and the deadline to apply is 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. Applicants may apply online or download the application at [townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut](http://townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut). Downloaded applications should be completed and returned to the Farragut Community Center or emailed to Jennifer Hatmaker at [jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org](mailto:jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org).



## Family fun in the sun

Get ready for a full slate of summer fun with Farragut Parks & Recreation!

The Town's annual **Independence Day Parade** starts at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4. The parade begins at the Farragut High School junior lot and proceeds down Lendon Welch Way. It continues to Boring Road, just east of Farragut Towne Square Shopping Center (former Ingles store site). Bring the entire family out for this community staple!

The grand marshals for the 2024 Independence Day Parade are distinguished Town of Farragut volunteers Marianne McGill, Joyce Moran and Dot LaMarche.

Fleet Feet Knoxville hosts the annual **Farragut Freedom Run 1 Mile & 2 Mile** prior to the start of the parade. This flat and fast course is USATF certified and perfect for all levels. Register at

[runsignup.com/farragutfreedomrun](https://runsignup.com/farragutfreedomrun).

**Fun with Farragut's Fleet** brings the joy and wonderment of big trucks and heavy machinery to Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road, from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. This free event is a way for families to get up close and personal with big equipment used by the Town of Farragut and other local businesses and organizations.

Aspiring Picassos rejoice, **Art Fest** returns in 2024! Enjoy interactive art activities from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Our young participants are sure to enjoy the various art activities, and adults are encouraged to take part as well. This free event is sponsored by the Farragut Arts & Beautification Committee.

For more information about Parks & Rec events, visit [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org) or contact Recreation and Event Manager Rachel Malone at [rmalone@townoffarragut.org](mailto:rmalone@townoffarragut.org).

## Town of Farragut welcomes sailors from USS Farragut



The Town of Farragut will welcome eight sailors from the U.S. Navy destroyer, USS Farragut, July 2-8. The sailors are visiting as part of a Navy initiative, Namesake Visits.

During their time in Farragut, the sailors will take a tour of Farragut, walk in the Independence Day Parade with the Farragut Museum's USS Hartford float, have a community picnic at Founders Park at Campbell Station, and spend time at one of Farragut's top attractions, Topgolf. As part of the Namesake Visit, the sailors will also meet local officials,

complete community service projects, reach out to veteran organizations and visit recruiting stations.

This Namesake Visit is designed for sailors to learn more about the history of the Town of Farragut and Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. The sailors will share Navy stories and build relationships with the people and places the warship is named after.

The USS Farragut is currently at the Naval Station Mayport, a U.S. Navy base in Jacksonville, Fla.

## *Get ready for summer concerts in Founders Park at Campbell Station*

Don't miss out on the best way to spend a summer evening with friends and family in Farragut! Enjoy live music, delicious food trucks and good times at three upcoming concerts at Founders Park.

Celebrate the longest day of the year with one of Tennessee's oldest musical genres at the **Bluegrass Summer Solstice** concert. The music starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 20. This year's amazing lineup includes the classic-country-inspired Knoxville-based duo Brand New Box of Matches and local bluegrass group Tim Decker and Tennessee River.

For a kid-friendly evening, join us from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 26, for Party in the

Park. This event, in celebration of National Parks & Rec Month, includes food trucks, entertainment, games and activities for kids of all ages (and kids at heart). **Party in the Park** is free, and no registration is required. For more information about this event, please contact Recreation and Event manager Rachel Malone at [rmalone@townoffarragut.org](mailto:rmalone@townoffarragut.org).

Save the date for this summer's **Lawn Chair Concert**. Get ready for a rockin' time from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. More details about the artists, food trucks, and fun is coming soon!

We can't wait to see you at Founders Park this summer.





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Website: townoffarragut.org

**Social Media**

Facebook: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut, Farragut Parks & Rec,  
Farragut Stormwater Matters  
Instagram: town\_of\_farragut, visitfarragut, farragutparksandrec  
X: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),  
ToFVolleyball (volleyball league), FarragutParks  
YouTube: Town of Farragut

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**Farragut Community Center**

Open 8 a.m-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday  
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934  
Website: farragutparksandrec.org

**Anchor Park:** 11730 Turkey Creek Road

**Founders Park:** 405 N. Campbell Station Road

**Mayor Bob Leonard Park**

Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon

**McFee Park:** 917 McFee Road

**Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza:** 11409 Kingston Pike

**BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall:** 11408 Municipal Center Drive

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# Tourism Talk

## The Town’s tourism team has several new or updated projects that will be unveiled soon, including these:

- The first-ever Farragut Visitor’s Guide is now available! Find it digitally at visitfarragut.org.
- The Tourism team has been working with Guide Design Studios on phase two of the Town’s wayfinding initiative.
- Learn more about all the fun in Farragut by stopping by a Mobile Visitor Center pop up. Follow Visit Farragut on social media for more details about these pop-up events.
- Check out our summer social media series: Fun in Farragut, Dog-Friendly Farragut and Live & Local.

## For our business partners, we have other opportunities coming up this quarter:

- A FAM (familiarization) tour in September: If you are interested, please email VisitFarragut@townoffarragut.org
- Sponsorships for this year’s Lawnchair Concert: If you are interested, please email Hriddle@townoffarragut.org
- Visit Farragut website listing: All sales tax-producing and hospitality-based Farragut businesses can be listed on our website. If you want to be listed, or need your listing updated, send an email to VisitFarragut@townoffarragut.org.

For more information about upcoming events, explore VisitFarragut.org. For all things #FunInFarragut, follow Visit Farragut on Facebook and Instagram.



# Independence Day Parade road closure

Due to the Independence Day Parade, Kingston Pike from Lendon Welch Way to Federal Boulevard will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Thursday, July 4.  
Detours: north side - Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east) and south side - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.  
For more information about the parade, please call 865-218-3376 or visit farragut-parksandrec.org/parade.



# Dog Daze makes a splash Aug. 9-11

The 8th annual Smoky Mountain DockDogs “Dog Daze” event, with the support of Ricki’s Pet Depot, Shop Farragut and the Town of Farragut, will return to Village Green Shopping Center Friday, Aug. 9, through Sunday, Aug. 11. Dog Daze is a free event featuring a regional canine aquatics competition governed and sanctioned by DockDogs International.  
Canine festivities kick off Friday from 4-7 p.m. with a community favorite, “Pooch Plunge.” This activity is a great way for local dog owners to get a taste of what it takes to compete with the top dogs. Participants will get to have their dog take a dock dive free of charge.  
There will be no shortage of things to do for dog enthusiasts. Between qualifying rounds, spectators can shop at the Village Green Shopping Center, mingle with pet food suppliers, get food and drink at the festival tent, and visit many pet-related vendor and local merchant booths.  
For more information about Dog Daze, including a complete event schedule and a link to register, visit shopfarragut.com.

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For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.



# SUMMER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at [townoffarragut.org/register](#), in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by phone (865-218-3376). **All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive for class early to register!**
- Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard and Discover) – whether online, in person, or by phone – will incur a 2% transaction fee. Cash and check payments are also accepted.
- The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of

- supplies when a class is canceled.
- All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted, and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted.
- Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, X and Instagram) for updated information.
- Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.
- **No refunds are given for programs and classes.**

## ADULT

### Book Club

Wednesdays, July 10-Aug. 28, 5-6 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 per eight-week session  
Ages 16 and up  
We will meet at various locations and parks in Farragut to read, discuss and snack. Join us to make new friends and get your read on! Registration is required and will close on June 28.

### Walking Club

Wednesdays, July 17-Sept. 4, 7-8 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Ages 16 and up  
Get fit and make new friends while exploring Farragut's beautiful greenways and parks. The full schedule of walking locations is available at [farragutparksandrec.org](#).

### Pickup Sports

Mondays, July 15-Aug. 19, 7-9 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Ages 18 and up  
If you're looking to meet new people or learn a new sport, you have found the right place! We will be playing a variety of casual pickup games, including volleyball, ultimate frisbee, kickball and more.

## FAMILY

### Mahjong and Gaming Club

Every other Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Ages 9 and up  
Join us to learn new games! There will be special classes to learn mahjong, tong-its, chess, checkers and other organized board games. Participants may bring their own games and snacks to share. For the full schedule, visit [farragutpark-sandrec.org](#).

### Beginner Hand Sewing

Thursdays, Aug. 1-29, 5-6 p.m.  
Price: \$25 per five-week session  
Ages 14 and up  
Let's learn about sewing! In this class, we'll learn about tools and their uses, how to read patterns and some essential stitching techniques. We'll work on some projects throughout the course, too! This class is for those new to sewing, but all skill levels are welcome.

### Family Volleyball

Mondays beginning Aug. 5, 4-6 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per person  
Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to hit around and play.

### Family Basketball

Thursdays beginning Aug. 1, 4-6 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per person  
No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to shoot around and play.

### Family Art Night

Thursdays, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 6-8 p.m.  
Cost: \$8 per person  
Families and adults of all ages are invited to get crafty at this monthly art night! For more details about the planned projects for each night, visit [farragutparksandrec.org](#). Registration is required and will close the Friday prior to each class.

## YOUTH

### Tiny Trailblazers

Locations vary  
Mondays, 9-10 a.m.;  
Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.  
June 3-July 25  
Cost: \$5 per child  
Ages 3 to 5  
Come explore Farragut's parks with us! Each week will highlight a different park with unique activities for the tiny trailblazers. Registration is required and will close the Friday before both sessions; Mondays and Thursdays will be the same park and activity. Parents/guardians must stay with participants at all times.

### Park Explorers

June 1: Founders Park  
June 15: Mayor Bob Leonard Park  
June 29: Anchor Park  
July 13: McFee Park  
Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$10 per child  
Ages 6 to 12  
Are you ready to explore Farragut's parks? We will venture into each of Farragut's parks for fun games, activities and crafts. Sign up for each park you would like to participate in; registration is required and will close the Wednesday before each park adventure.

### Youth Takeover

Ages 5-7: Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.  
Ages 8-15: Mondays, 2:30-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
June 3-July 24  
This gym time is for primary to middle school-aged youth! The first half of the program will be large group games, and the second half will be open gym free play. No preregistration is required.

### Storytime Crafts

Fridays, June 7-July 19\*, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
Ages 3 to 5  
Join Parks & Rec staff for a story and related craft each week! Pre-registration is not required.  
\*There will be no class on June 21.

### Art Adventures

Tuesdays, June 4-July 23, 2-3 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per child  
Ages 6 to 12  
Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

### Teen Art

Thursdays, June 6-July 25, 3-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person  
Ages 13 to 18  
This self-directed art program is designed for teens to come and express themselves! A variety of mediums will be used. Preregistration is not required.

### Homeschool PE

• **Ages 6-12**  
Tuesdays, Aug. 13-Dec. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, Aug. 14-Dec. 18, 1-2 p.m.  
• **Ages 10-16**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 14-Dec. 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
These Homeschool PE classes feature sports and group games that emphasize teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical activity and fun!

### Afterschool Art

Tuesdays, Aug. 13-Nov. 26, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per child  
Ages 6 to 12

No experience required! Come learn and practice new art techniques that change every week! This class allows students of various ages, skill levels, and interests to explore art in a fun and ever-evolving environment.

### How-To Series

5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
Cost: \$5 per session  
Ages vary per session

• **Silly Slime Time** – July 9  
Ages 6 to 12  
It's silly slime time at the community center! We will make two kinds of slime for you to personalize and take home with you.

• **Origami Basics** – July 23  
Ages 6 to 12  
Want to learn how to make origami art? In this class, we will learn what origami is and how to make this cute and challenging art.

• **Home Skills** – Aug. 6  
Ages 8 to 16  
Let's learn some skills to keep your living space in order. We'll use fun activities to learn how to fold and iron fabric, basic budgeting, check writing and cleaning techniques to use around the home.

• **Dining Etiquette** – Aug. 20  
Ages 8 to 16  
Let's practice those table manners! In this class, we will learn how to properly set the table, how to act while at the table and how to use utensils. This will be an interactive guide to dining etiquette.

### Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m., 5-6 p.m.  
Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
Ages walking to 5 years  
Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

### Fall Break Camp

Oct. 7-11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$75 per camper  
Ages 6 to 12  
Join us for a week of camp at the community center! Each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited to 30 campers. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration is required and opens Sept. 1; deadline is Oct. 3.

### Youth Tennis Lessons

McFee Park  
Mondays, Sept. 9-Oct. 14, 4-5 p.m.  
Cost: \$30 per child  
Ages 6 to 9  
This six-week program is perfect for beginner youth who are interested in playing tennis! We will learn basic strokes, serves and other skills necessary for enjoying the game.

### Baby + Me Yoga

Wednesdays, Aug. 7-28, 9-10 a.m.  
Wednesdays, Sept. 4-25, 9-10 a.m.  
Cost: \$67 per four-week session  
Ages six weeks to crawling  
This program will provide a safe and supportive environment for new parents and their babies to spend time bonding while the parent gets to stretch and strengthen muscles, relieve stress, and make connections with other new parents. Please bring a yoga mat, blocks, water, a baby blanket, and whatever else you need to be comfortable. Plan for roughly 30-45 minutes of yoga with time to mingle after class. Space is limited.

## FITNESS

### Total Fitness

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person

Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total-body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

### Zumba

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.  
Cost: \$8 per person  
Ages 18 and up  
We take the "work" out of workout with Zumba at Farragut Community Center! Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance class that makes getting fit fun!

### Sunrise Stretch

Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Cost: Free  
Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

### Rise and Shine Yoga

Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person  
Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude!

### Moving into Stillness for Self-Care

Fridays, 9:30-10 a.m.  
Cost: Free  
We will introduce ways for participants to connect more deeply with themselves and others. Each session will include a guided meditation or reading, some silent time to reflect in stillness and a time for optional sharing of experiences.

## OPEN GYM

### Pickleball Open Gym

Mondays and Fridays, beginning Aug. 2, noon-3 p.m.  
Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 14, 4-9 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person  
Ages 14 and up  
Grab a paddle and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by two. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

### Pickup Volleyball

Mondays, beginning Aug. 5, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person  
Ages 14 and up  
Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This

session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

### Pickup Basketball

Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Aug. 1, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person  
Ages 14 and up  
No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Independence Day Parade

Thursday, July 4, 9:30 a.m.  
The Town of Farragut's 36th annual Independence Day Parade will be held on Thursday, July 4. The parade begins on Kingston Pike at Stadium Drive and continues to Boring Road, just east of Farragut Towne Square Shopping Center. More information, road closures and suggested parking can be found at [farragutparksandrec.org/parade](#).

### Glow-in-the-Dark Nerf War

Farragut Community Center  
Thursday, July 11, 5:30-7 p.m.  
Ages 7-14, Cost: \$8 per child  
Grab your Nerf blaster and join us for this action-packed evening! Limited Nerf blasters will be available for use; participants are encouraged to bring their own. Glow-in-the-Dark Nerf darts will be provided. All Nerf blasters must be compatible with standard elite darts and must be approved by staff before use. Protective eyewear is required and will be provided. Registration is required.

### Party in the Park

Founders Park at Campbell Station  
Friday, July 26, 6-8 p.m., All ages  
Join us for a free, family-friendly event to celebrate National Parks & Rec Month! Food trucks, activities, and entertainment will be available.

### Kid-O-lympics

McFee Park  
Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-noon  
Ages 6-13, Cost: \$5 per child  
Teams of four will compete in fun games to see who our Farragut gold medalist is! Children who sign up individually will be placed on a team. Registration is required.

### Fun with Farragut's Fleet

Mayor Bob Leonard Park  
Saturday, Aug. 17, 9-11 a.m.  
All ages  
This free event is a way for kids to get up close and personal with big equipment used by the Town of Farragut Public Works, Knox County Sheriff's Office and more!

### Family Kickball Night

Mayor Bob Leonard Park  
Thursday, Aug. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Ages 6 and up  
Join us for a classic, family-friendly competition! Teams will be divided upon arrival; registration is required due to limited space.

### Art Fest

Farragut Community Center  
Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-3 p.m.  
All ages  
This Farragut family favorite is back with free, outdoor fun for every young art lover! Craft stations will provide materials and instruction for each project.



# Community Center Corner



The Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) is a hub for getting active, acquiring new skills and getting to know the wonderful people who make this community great. There are so many exciting programs at the community center for all ages, and we are constantly adding new programs for our users.

The Parks & Rec Department is offering summer programs for toddlers to teens, and many of the activities happen at the community center! Check out [townoffarragut.org/summerfun](http://townoffarragut.org/summerfun) to start work on the summer schedule.

Planning a birthday party but not sure where to host it? Look no further! The community center offers a package deal for birthdays. For \$100

you get one hour in a classroom, one hour in the gymnasium with four activities of your choice with all equipment provided! Activities include basketball, kickball, dodgeball, pickleball, wiffleball, Imagination Playground and so much more! Call 865-218-3376 or visit [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org) for more information.

You can also stop by the community center during regular hours to learn more about summer programs and birthday parties. Visit us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., on Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon-4 p.m. We hope to see you at the community center soon!

# Parks & Recreation

## Keep Farragut green and clean



Farragut's parks and greenspaces continue to grow for all to enjoy. As the community flocks to our recreational spaces, it's important to keep in mind our pet policies so that visits to the parks go unsoiled.

We ask all who frequent our greenspaces to please be mindful of the health and experiences of others and clean up after your pets. Pet waste stations are conveniently located throughout our parks and greenspaces.

No dogs are allowed on athletic fields, playgrounds, McFee Park tennis/pickleball courts or the splash pad. Pets must be on a leash whenever they are off the property of the owner.

We are still in the planning stage of Farragut's first dog park at McFee Park, but in the meantime, the closest dog park is at Concord Park, a Knox County property located at 10909 Northshore Drive. It offers water fountains for pets, a dock with access to the river and walking trails.

## Gates added to McFee Park to deter nighttime activity

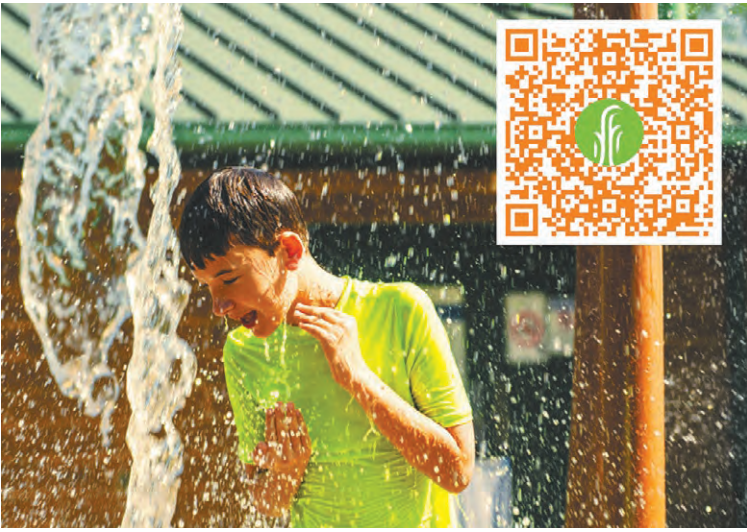
New electronic gates have been installed at the entrances to McFee Park. They were added to discourage nighttime activity that disturbs residential neighbors. McFee Park hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The gates lock automatically each evening at 10 p.m. and reopen automatically at 7 a.m. Vehicles exiting the park after 10 p.m. should approach the gates slowly and they will open automatically. Cars should exit the park one at a time; gates are only open long enough for one car to exit.

Park users who experience issues with the gates can call a number posted on signage at the



gates. Park cameras will continue to record illicit activities that take place overnight at McFee Park.



## Splash into summer with Farragut Matters

The summer fun never stops in Farragut. That's a good reason to sign up for Farragut Matters e-newsletter, which conveniently deposits the freshest Town of Farragut news in one place—your inbox!

Farragut Matters has info about road and park projects, new businesses, upcoming meetings and events, and other happenings that impact those who live in or near Farragut. Sign up today by scanning the QR code above!



## If you lost it, we might've found it

If you left an item at a Town of Farragut park or facility, don't lose hope. We might have found it.

The park staff keeps a bin of items found at parks and the community center. Call 865-218-3376 to see if your item made it to the bin. We can also make note of your missing item and be on the lookout for it.

All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month.

## Independence Day Parade participant rules

The Town of Farragut's Independence Day Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, and parade participants are required to follow the following guidelines:

- Parade participants should arrive at Farragut High School no later than 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4. Access to the high school is available from Campbell Station Road, West End Boulevard and Lendon Welch Way (the road next to the stadiums).
- Only parade vehicles will be allowed to enter the parade line-up area. Older children and adults may be dropped off on the circle drive or on the drive to the Farragut Middle School. Those participating in the parade or those with small children will need to park in the circle parking lot at the high school or the parking lot at the middle school. Parade line-up numbers will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website, [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org), and posted on the Farragut Community Center front door by 8 a.m. on Friday, June 28. Line-up numbers will not be available by phone.
- Antique car participants: Plan on arriving at the high school before 8 a.m. to avoid long lines and overheating your car. There is no special entrance or accommodation for antique cars, so please arrive early.
- Large floats may be taken to the line-up area at the junior lot at Farragut High School any time after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. A guard will be on duty from 5 p.m. until the parade on July 4.
- Giveaways: No candy or giveaways may be thrown from floats or cars. Walkers may distribute these and other free items along the side of the road during the parade. Children younger than 9 must ride (not walk) during the parade.
- All parade participants must be picked up at the Farragut Towne Square parking lot (former Ingles shopping center).

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