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# Dozens angry: Grove-Boyd Station vote 3-0

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen faced a concerned crowd of nearly 40 — which became interruptive at some points — at the Board’s Thursday, June 10, meeting, when it voted 3-0 to deny resident/developer Steve Williams’ appeal of Farragut Municipal Planning Commission’s April 15 approval of a concept plan for the Grove at Boyd Station subdivision, which includes a right-of-way along Williams’ property.

“You are directly impacting the 10 or so residents of the Farm at Willow Creek,” said neighborhood resident Kathy Ciorciari of Ivy Lake Road.

“This will be a big disruption to our neighborhood,” added John McCarthy of Stone Villa Lane.



Williams

However, that neighborhood is across the street from Williams’ property and does not abut the proposed development.

“I’ve got a pretty good collection of our neighbors here, all very concerned about the potential — just the potential — of this road being built,” McCarthy said.

He added many of the residents with whom he talked moved in his neighborhood because it is low density and a nice area in which to live, but “now we’re seeing a more high-density thing being put in here.

“(The right-of-way) will directly affect our lives. All these cars (would be) coming down, pointing right at

(Ciorciari’s house). ...We don’t feel that this (right-of-way) is needed. We don’t feel it’s required, except by what the city says for connectivity. It does not need to be in this location.”

Several residents asked the Board to change the Town’s regulations about having “stub-outs.”

“Your subdivision regulations are supposed to be followed when you’re approving subdivisions,” Town attorney Tom Hale said.

The concept plan included a street right-of-way and pedestrian facility within the right-of-way being stubbed into the common property shared with Williams’ property, Farragut Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

The residents voiced their concerns the right-of-

See **ANGRY** on Page 4A



Tammy Cheek

# It’s great to be a Town Volunteer: 8 honored

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The Town of Farragut welcomed its “unsung heroes” to its annual FUN Volunteer and Committee Banquet in Farragut Community Center Friday, June 11.

Music performed by the barbershop quartet “Parks and

See **BANQUET** on Page 3A

# ‘Dog Whisperer’ effect includes walking as a pack

Balanced Paws K9 Training staff — from left, trainers Kalie Adams and Megan Lippert, co-owner/behaviorist Lincoln De Souza and boot camp pack leader Jacob Podhajsky — return from a walk with their “students” Thursday, June 10. Not pictured is as-

sistant trainer Sydney Davis. The psychology center opened last week at 11135 Kingston Pike in Farragut, and brings the philosophy of world renowned “Dog Whisperer” Cesar Millan to Farragut.

(See story and additional photo beginning on page 5A)

# Minor allegedly assaulted at Regal Pinnacle

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A minor allegedly was assaulted at Regal Pinnacle Screen X, 4DX, IMAX & RPX movie theater in Turkey Creek last week according to a report from Knoxville Po-

lice Department. Its Special Crimes Unit is investigating after KPD responded around 2:30 p.m., Friday, June 11, to 11240 Parkside Drive, where it was reported a minor had been assaulted while in one of the theater’s men’s restrooms.

“The involved parties are known and

accounted for while the investigation remains active and ongoing at this time,” KPD communications manager Scott Erland stated in an e-mail.

“There have been no charges filed and no arrests made as of Monday afternoon” June 14, he added.



Tammy Cheek

Marty Rodgers was presented an award for her 20 years of volunteer service to the Town of Farragut during its annual FUN Volunteer and Committee Banquet Friday, June 11.

## business

“As you look through the list (of winners), there are a lot of high-powered multi-billion-dollar companies that we had to go up and compete with,”

- **Scott Brockamp**, co-owner of a business winning a national award. (Read story starting on page 5A)

## community

“We like to say we split custody. I love having her. ... She is here for comfort if we’ve had a bad day or had a bad call,”

- **Darek Shetterly**, in charge of a special new addition to a first-responder unit. (Read story starting on page 2B)

## sports

“To be honest, I was looking to come home and I reached out ... and he said that he was looking for a head coach,”

- **Ellen McGill**, who has returned to East Tennessee to coach a local high school team. (Read story on page 1B)



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# \$4.1 million in ‘revenue over expenditures’ estimate for Town FY 22

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In its first in-person meeting in Farragut Town Hall since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed its 2021-22 budget with a unanimous vote, on second reading, adopting the annual General Fund, State Street Aid Fund Capital Investment Fund, Equipment Replacement Fund, Tourism Fund and Insurance Fund budgets during its meeting Thursday, June 10.

Town administrator David Smoak said the only changes from the first reading were an anticipation of revenue at \$12.258 million with expenditures at \$8,150,132, a 14.2 percent increase over the fiscal year 2021 end-of-year estimate.

“This amount did increase \$1,000 from the first reading,” Smoak said. He noted the increase includes additional money for school support at the request of the Education Relations Committee.

See BUDGET PASSED on Page 3A

# Turkey Creek nurse is latest SF Town Sampler champ



Photo courtesy of Stephen Krempasky/Shop Farragut-FBA

Deborah Konopka is a very happy Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center nurse alongside Ian Stewart, Einstein Bagel’s assistant manager, while displaying her Shop Farragut bag of goodies as May Town Sampler contest champ. Her \$200 prize package featured \$25 gift certificates from Einstein, Forno Grill, Tire Discounters, The Consignment Shoppe, Seasons Innovative Bar & Grill, Fleet Feet, Campbell Station Wine & Spirits and BW James Jewelers. To enter the June contest, visit <https://wfiv.com/contests/9/shop-farragut-june-2021>.



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# KCSOreports

• At 11:35 p.m., Friday, June 11, a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched to a North Campbell Station Road address for a disturbance. Officer reported observing an eventual arrestee step from a silver Saturn sedan, which matched a suspect vehicle report. "When exiting the vehicle a green and white object fell from his lap to the ground," the report stated. "It was later discovered to be a marijuana pipe with burnt residue in the bowl." Eventual arrestee stumbled from the vehicle and appeared very unsteady on his feet, while a "very strong odor of marijuana" was coming from the vehicle. "When making contact I observed" (detainee) had urinated on himself and had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person ... very glassy eyes, slurred speech and mussed clothes," the report further stated. Eventual arrestee said he had last consumed two beers around 9:30 p.m., and smoked marijuana last around 2:30 p.m. Deputy conducted the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Eventual arrestee performed poorly and was deemed unfit to operate a motorized vehicle. Upon a records check, it was discovered he does have a history of DUI convictions, the last being in 2011. Detainee was then placed in custody and Mirandized, then transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility. Upon a search of arrestee's vehicle, a clear baggy containing 5.26 grams of a green leaf-like substance appearing to be marijuana was located. The marijuana pipe was turned into the property lockers at Knox County Jail. The green leaf-like substance appearing to be marijuana was turned into the Narcotics Locker at the jail.

• At 6:16 p.m., Friday, June 11, a KCSO deputy responded to a Winmont Turn address for reports of a hit-and-run. Deputy spoke with victim/property owner, who said a Door

Dash company vehicle damaged the railroad tie lining his driveway before fleeing the scene, but was unsure of the suspect vehicle and did not know anything about the Door Dash driver. Victim said he was trying to get into touch with Door Dash to get information on the individual who damaged his property. Goldman estimated the damage to be about \$700.

• At 11:57 a.m., Thursday, June 10, a KCSO unit responded to a report of fraud at Home Federal Bank, 10686 Parkside Drive. Victim said a man who stated his name was "Andrew" had contacted her via telephone informing her that she had won \$2 million from the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. Suspect informed her she owed \$15,000 in "processing fees." Suspect said he would meet her at her bank so she could withdraw the money. Bank staff notified police upon finding out why victim was withdrawing such a large sum. A KCSO detective was notified.

• At 8:48 a.m., June 10, a KCSO unit responded to an East Kingsgate Road residence for reports of lost/stolen items. Complainant said she just moved to this address and found an iPhone and bank card next to a tree in her yard. Complainant was unable to make contact with the victim. Property was taken to Knox County Jail property lockers.

• At 11:32 a.m., June 10, a complainant called KCSO North Precinct to file a report on an attempted forgery of a check at First Horizon Bank, 11685 Parkside Drive. She advised a known suspect attempted to deposit a forged check on the victim's business for \$2,469.44. She advised the suspect used his driver's license when attempting to deposit the forged check. Complainant was going to check if the bank had video of this incident. The check was not cashed or deposited.

# towncalendar

• Town of Farragut and Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance announce the two-day MUSICFEST at West End, presented by SouthEast Bank, is "free to the public and family friendly with children's activities provided." Day one runs from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday July 9, and day two from 2 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday July 10, in the West End shopping center parking lot just south of Farragut Middle School.

Farragut merchants and local vendors will move outside to showcase their products and services to families, young couples and individuals who will enjoy the performances of more than two dozen musicians playing rock, coun-

try and Blues music.

Friday night band entertainment begins with Solstice Band at 6 p.m.; Common Interest, 7 p.m.; Pale Root, 8 p.m.; and Mighty Blue, 9 p.m. Saturday Blues entertainment begins with Barry Faust & Ben Kreiger at 2 p.m.; Rey Pineda & Friends, 3 p.m.; Bonfire Blue, 4 p.m.; Mystic Rhythm Tribe, 5:15 p.m.; Few Miles On, 6:45 p.m.; and Doug and Johnny (5 piece), 8:15 p.m.

• Farragut Parks & Recreation Department is offering ongoing and one-time fitness opportunities for adults and families.

See CALENDAR on Page 3A

ADVERTORIAL

# Back Pain & Sciatica: Have You Tried Everything? Free Back Pain Guide Included

By - Leading Physical Therapist, Dr. John-Mark Chesney

Six weeks ago Tammy reached out to me because of her back pain and sciatica. Now she had suffered for some time- but this spring was literally the first time she gave up tending to her flower beds because the pain had gotten unbearable. Gardening was very therapeutic for her in multiple ways and she was beginning to wonder if she would need to give up her love of gardening for good.

Tammy had tried previous physical therapy, injections, pain medication, and yet she was still suffering. She thought her **only option left would be surgery** if she had any chance of defending her crown for "Neighborhood- Best Yard Award 2021".

Now Tammy was skeptical and doubtful- and you know what her 1st step was? She called the office and requested my Pain Guide - **"8 Secrets For Eliminating Back Pain Without Pain Medication, Injections, or Surgery."**

If you want to take a hike in the Smokies, walk your dog, get through the grocery store, or simply to get rid of your back pain so you don't have to slow down and suffer any longer- then **KEEP READING.**

You see despite Tammy's past disappointment she hasn't given up. She kept searching for something other than surgery or pain pills. The Low Back Pain Guide you can request is designed to give you my best tips and recommendations that I give all my clients, including Tammy, who also suffered from back pain and sciatica.

If this sounds like you, If you've already tried things like physical therapy, chiropractic, massage therapy, acupuncture, yoga, etc. please keep searching for the right treatment, the right fit. I can guarantee you that **your body is trying to recover-** it just needs the right environment, the right "fit".

Injections and surgery should be your absolute last resort when it comes to eliminating lower back and sciatic pain. And there are certainly situations where you need surgery immediately, especially if you have a disc rupture or spinal fracture that cannot be healed.

If you've tried physical therapy (or chiroprac-

tic), did you stick with the advice you were given? Keeping in mind that not all healthcare providers are created equally?

You'd be surprised by how many of our patients tell us **"I've tried physical therapy before and it didn't work for me."** My next question goes like this: **"What did you do with your PT?"** These people were often given generic exercises with little to no hands-on treatment. It's understandable why so many of them drop out of therapy early, especially when the exercises are making them feel worse.

I have a resource I want to share with you today: my **FREE REPORT on how to eliminate back pain.**

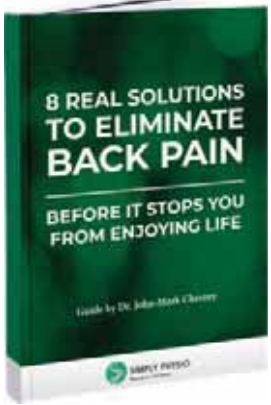
The report is titled **"8 Secrets for Eliminating Back Pain without Pain Killers, Injections, or Surgery"**. As the title implies, this report includes 8 tips that you can use to start reducing your back pain right away.

I designed this report as a starting point for people who are looking for ways to naturally experience pain relief, without having to rely on pain medications. The 8 tips will help you get the ball rolling and ultimately give you hope that there is a solution to your pain. It's just a matter of figuring out what will work best for you. To claim your copy of this FREE report, **call or text the office at (865) 351-0615** or visit **[www.simplypt.com/back-newspaper](http://www.simplypt.com/back-newspaper)**

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I hope today's article has inspired you to explore every possible solution to help you relieve your pain and avoid having injections or surgery. As always-please don't hesitate to call or email me with questions.

*John-Mark Chesney is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio. To get in touch, or to get a free copy of his "Guide To Getting Rid Of Back Pain", call Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at [john-mark@simplypt.co](mailto:john-mark@simplypt.co)*





Budget passed  
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“At the end of the fiscal year, we project that we’ll have \$4.1 million in revenues over expenditures,” he said. “We’ll also be able to fund our Rainy Day fund at a total of \$2.445 million, and we project an available fund balance at the end of FY’22 to be \$19.2 million.”

**FHS Softball Day**  
On another note, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin read a proclamation declaring Friday, June 11,

as Lady Admirals Softball Day in Farragut, as the team’s players and coaches were on hand following a special year. Povlin congratulated head coach Nick Green and the Lady Admirals team members “for their amazing season,” winning the Division I Class AAA state championship in Murfreesboro in late May with a final record of 37-2. “That doesn’t come easy, and there’s a lot of work that’s put into that,” said Alderman Drew Burnett, who has a son playing for the FHS boys soccer team.

Banquet  
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Wreck,” as well as dinner and awards awaited the Town’s many volunteers, who were recognized for five, 10 and 20 years of service. “It’s been quite a year, and we are thrilled to be able to, once again, gather together and celebrate,” Mayor Ron Williams said. “Thank you for your time and talents that you shared with the Town of Farragut. “Even with the pandemic, you found ways to serve the Town through alternate events, social distancing in the museum and virtual committee meetings,” he added. “During this past fiscal year, the Town had over 70 volunteers, including our youth members, serving on 10 standing committees who did an outstanding job of contributing to the success of the Town.” “Service Awards are given for each five-year increment, and committee members are awarded one year of service credit for each year they have served on the committee,” Town administrator David Smoak said. “If a volunteer serves on two committees in the same year, he or she is credited with one year of service.”

This year’s service awards went to:  
• **Twenty year: Marty Rodgers**, Arts and Beautification Committee.  
• **Ten Year: Keith Alley**, Board of Zoning Appeals; **Carolyn Coker**, Farragut Museum Committee; **Jim Holladay**, Economic Advisory Council and BZA; and **Violet Freudenberg**, Stormwater Advisory Council.  
• Five year: **T.C. Williams**, Arts and Beautification Committee; **Jennifer Collins**, Board of Zoning Appeals; and **Jeff Devlin**, Personnel Committee and Parks & Athletics Council.



“Thank you again for the many hours that you have donated from participating in meetings — many of which were challenging as virtual meetings — to working to accomplish committee goals,” Williams said. “The Town is richer due to your involvement and expertise.” The Town has another avenue of volunteering — the Farragut Unsung Navy Volunteer program, which began in 1992. “In 2020, our volunteers started the year off with a bang and gave their time and talents to the FUN Volunteer Program,” Williams said. “They worked in a variety of areas for the Town including: docents in the museum and gift shop, and at special events such as the Songwriters Showcase and Shamrock Ball. “Then COVID hit, and our opportunities came to a screeching halt,” he added. “But our wonderful volunteers came through again as the year progressed, assisting staff with special events in an alternate form, such as Freaky Friday and re-opening the museum in a limited capacity.” In 2020, the 56 FUN volunteers gave 980 hours, which equals a dollar value of more than \$9,800, Williams said.

Calendar  
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Register today for summer fitness fun. See the full list of scheduled classes at farragutparksandrec.org/programsandevents. Sign up at townoffarragut.org/register. For more information, contact Special Event and Program coordinator Brittany Spencer at bspencer@townoffarragut.org.  
-Sunrise Stretch, from 8:15-9:15 a.m., Fridays, starting July 16, in Farragut Commu-

nity Center. 239 Jamestowne Blvd.  
- Toddler Takeover from 10 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays, in Farragut Community Center gym, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.  
- Family Yoga from 5 to 5:30 p.m., Mondays, in the Community Center. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on the Friday before the session.  
- Total Fitness classes from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the Community Center gym. Pre-registration is required.  
- Sunrise Stretch from 8:15 to

9:15 a.m., Fridays starting July 16, in the Community Center. Pre-registration is required.  
- Pickleball Open Gym from 12 to 5 p.m., Fridays, in the Community Center gym. No need to pre-register.  
- Youthful Yogis in the Park from 8:30 to 9 a.m., Saturday, July 10, by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Pre-registration required.  
- Family Yoga in the Park from 8:30 to 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Pre-registration required.



Photos by Tammy Cheek



(Left) T.C. Williams, a member of Farragut Arts & Beautification Committee, received a plaque for five years of service from her husband, Mayor Ron Williams, during the Town’s FUN Volunteer and Committee Banquet in Farragut Community Center Friday, June 11. (Far left) Keith Alley, a member of Farragut Board of Zoning Appeals, accepted a plaque for 10 years of service. (Above) Jim Holladay, who serves on Farragut’s Economic Advisory Committee and BZA, also received a plaque for 10 years of service.

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Some of Souza’s many ‘students’



Tammy Cheek

Lincoln De Souza, Balanced Paws K9 Training co-founder and behaviorist, takes some of his “students” for a daily walk, part of his “boot camp” regime at the center, 11135 Kingston Pike in Farragut.

With Millan ‘psychology’ method, Balanced Paws fills dogs’ needs

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Lincoln and Laura De Souza of Farragut are bringing the training of world renowned “Dog Whisperer” Cesar Millan to their dog psychology center, Balanced Paws K9 Training, which opened last week at 11135 Kingston Pike in Farragut.

Lincoln, a canine behaviorist, has been training dogs for four years. He started the business in his home, but with the business’ growth he said they decided to open up the center to accommodate more dogs.

“It’s not a day care, it’s a boot camp,” he said, adding, “It’s not just training, it’s focusing on

the dog’s needs. Every dog that comes here, whether it comes from a puppy stage or adult dog, has some type of behavior issues.

“The reason why we do it is because their needs aren’t being met the way they should be met.”

Lincoln is a student of Millan and volunteers with Millan’s team, teaching students from around the world.

“We bring a different aspect into what we do here, and what we teach owners is the way the dog sees the world,” he said. “As Cesar would say, ‘It’s all about exercise, discipline, then affection last.’


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Reissing Health cuts ribbon



Tammy Cheek

Family-owned and operated Reissing Health Family Chiropractic, LLC, cut the ribbon during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce event Tuesday, June 8, to commemorate its recent opening at 11657 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek. On hand to cut the ribbon were owners Dr. Devin Reissing (second from left), holding son, Torrin, and standing beside wife, Ashley Reissing (with scissors), holding daughter, Louella, alongside Chamber members and other supporters.



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National award earned by His Security & Tech

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His Security & Technology’s 2020 “Real Men Wear Pink” campaign efforts to raise money to fight breast and other cancers recently reaped a national award.

Located at 11426 Kingston Pike in Farragut, His Security won the Security Sales and Integration Magazine SAMMY Award for Community Outreach Program, which was announced Thursday, June 3.

“To win a national award is great because it’s not just a one or two people-type of activity. It takes the whole company,” said Scott Brockamp, co-owner with Doug Fraker.



Tammy Cheek

Scott Brockamp, His Security & Technology co-owner, holds the national SAMMY Award his company recently received for “Community Outreach.”

Security Sales and Integration Magazine is the industry’s leading publication that conducts the awards.

“As you look through the list (of winners), there are a lot of high-powered multi-billion dollar companies that we had to go up and compete with,” Brockamp said, “which is what I think makes it more meaningful, knowing we went against compa-

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businessbriefs

• Urgent Team Walk-In Urgent Care recently welcomed nurse practitioners Maggie Metz and Kaitlyn Sims to its healthcare team in Knoxville. Metz earned her Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has served the Knoxville community for more than 10 years in critical care and family practice. Sims obtained a Master of Science degree in nursing from Middle Tennessee State University. Her most recent experience includes treating patients of all ages in a walk-in urgent care setting.

• Jason Periard recently was named Knox County Schools’ new chief of security, replacing Gus Paidousis, who will be retiring effective July 31. Periard will start his new position Aug. 1. He currently is vice president of Community Security Initiative at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, which represents the security of more

than 500 institutions, including more than 100 schools. He previously served 21 years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in numerous security and law enforcement leadership positions, which included special agent for Naval Criminal Investigative Service and investigations officer for the USMC Criminal Investigation Division.

• Jared Douglas recently was hired as an engineer at Tranzonic Companies’ facility in Hardin Valley. He is responsible for building, calibrating, maintaining, troubleshooting, testing and repairing various equipment, systems, hardware and software throughout the facility.

• Sean Claire of Knoxville Symphony Orchestra recently was awarded the 2021 Ford Musician Award from League of American Orchestras for excellence in community service for the KSO Music & Wellness program.



Metz



Periard



Douglas



Claire

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# Lots of FWKCC Town, area spring networkings



Tammy Cheek



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## Water Into Wine bistro-lounge

Candace Viox, far right, owner of Water Into Wine bistro & lounge, joins Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members, from left, Shana Love, Knoxville Community Development Corporation; Cassidy Peterson, Rodan + Fields; and real estate agent Katie Beeler for FWKCC’s networking, hosted by Viox at Water Into Wine, 607 N. Campbell Station Road, Thursday, May 6.

## CBD American Shaman

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce hosted a networking at CBD American Shaman, located in Suite 102, 150 Lovell Road. Those attending enjoyed breakfast from Chick-fil-A, along with fellowship with other Chamber members and guests. Pictured from left are Todd Bliss, CBD American Shaman owner, FWKCC intern Max Wegzyn and Tracy Madar of Pinnacle Financial Partners.



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## AMR-Rural Metro

AMR-Rural Metro battalion chief Ken Tuggle, left, Town of Farragut Fire Marshal Dan Johnson, center, and fire inspector Wayne Waggoner were on hand to welcome Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members during its networking, hosted by Rural Metro in Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.), Thursday, May 13.

## Prime West Knoxville

Prime West Knoxville’s Stacey Swinney, left, and Christina Hampton, center, welcome Farragut West Knox Chamber members, such as Dana Watson, Pinnacle Assisted Living marketing director, during the Chamber’s networking hosted by Prime West Knoxville, an independent living community at 1932 Falling Waters Road, Thursday, May 27.

### Briefs

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- **Makaela Webb has joined Knoxville Democrats** as a district-level field organizer. She previously was an assistant field organizer,
- **Knox County Health Department team members Kevin Clark and Erin Read** recently were promoted to lead divisions at KCHD. Clark, formerly food program manager,

was promoted to director of environmental health; and Read, a health planner, was promoted to division director for substance misuse response.

- **University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will make submitting ACT or SAT scores optional** during the fall 2025 admissions cycle to make the application process for undergraduate admission more equitable.

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## The Trusty Notary

The Trusty Notary, with owner/notary public Brittney S. Hernandez (holding scissors) promoting her business as a “mobile notary” serving Knox and surrounding counties, held its ribbon cutting at the front entrance of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, as a new FWKCC member, Wednesday, May 12. Alongside FWKCC members and office staff in celebration — plus Trevor Hobbs (black mask in back) assistant to the Town of Farragut administrator — are Hernandez’s family members in front. From left, beginning second from left, are Rickey Wilson, stepfather; Yulonda Wilson, mother; son, Isaac, 10 (holding WE’RE OPEN sign); Waymon Logan, Brittney’s brother, with her son, Charlie, 2; Junior Hernandez, husband (holding Mobile Notary sign) with the couple’s son, Jay, 6; and Isaac’s twin sister, Isabella. For more information, visit The Trusty Notary website at [www.thetrustynotary.com](http://www.thetrustynotary.com) or e-mail Brittney at [thetrustynotary@gmail.com](mailto:thetrustynotary@gmail.com)

## Cutting the ribbon twice as FWKCC members



Tammy Cheek

## Pinnacle Assisted Living

Pinnacle Assisted Living, 10520 Waterville Lane in Knoxville, celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting, hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, May 25. Pinnacle was closed from March 2020 to April 2021. Among those on hand from Pinnacle, starting third from left, were Michael Clark, food services director; Beth Watts (holding scissors), executive director; Fay Jago, regional clinical director; Dee Ann Kelly, assistant executive director; and Dana Watkins (holding scissors), marketing director. They were joined by Chamber members and other supporters.

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# Cuppa Joe coming



Michelle Hollenhead

A new drive-through coffee shop, Scooter’s, is under construction just east of Lovell Road at 10512 Kingston Pike. Company officials say it should open by Monday, July 5. The company is hiring at [www.scooterscoffee.com/careers](http://www.scooterscoffee.com/careers).

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## Balanced Paws

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“We exercise their brain, their body and the heart – the soul part. ... That’s so much

## Award

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nies like ADT, Guardian and some of the other national companies that, quite frankly, have unlimited budgets and resources to be able to do these

more intimate so you don’t have those behavioral issues we deal with a lot here.”

He met Millan through his own “trouble” dog, Abby. “I tried every other training out there,” Lincoln said. “Five years ago, I took her down to attend one of Cesar’s classes and did that whole five-day experience with Cesar ... implementing his training that is more of a way of life. It changed her.”

Lincoln was so impressed he took another course, then

types of things. ... We’ve got great employees, staff and community partners that made this happen.

“We ended up No. 7 in the nation for fundraising efforts” in 2020, he added.

His Security, which has been

started volunteering before he completed training with Millan’s team at the Animal Behavior Institute.

In 2019, Lincoln was commissioned to go to Australia and help people there, where they ran a dog daycare business.

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in business for 11 years, is in its sixth year in Farragut. Almost five years ago, Brockamp initiated the “Real Men Wear Pink” campaign to raise money in the fight against breast cancer, as well as for the local American Cancer Society office.

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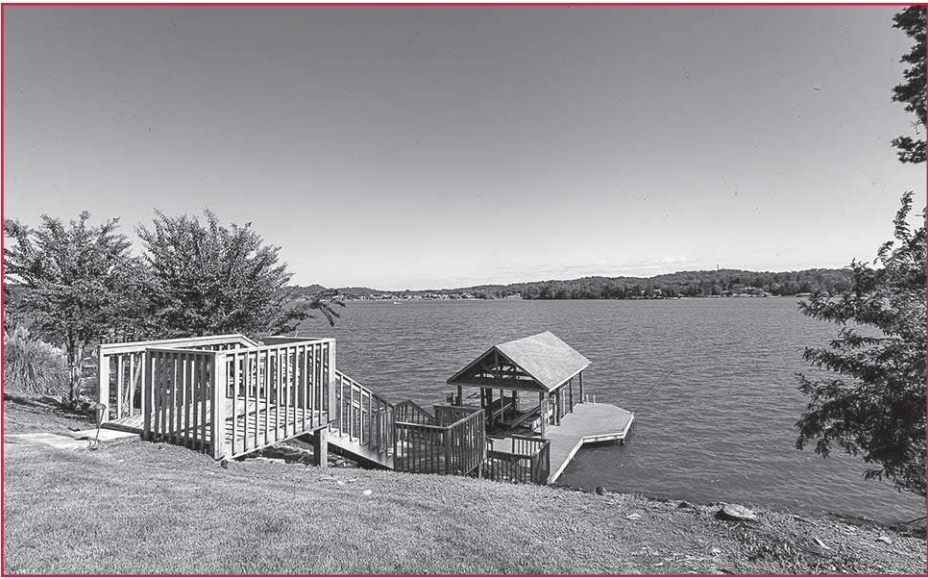
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## McGill looks to re-establish Webb volleyball champion tradition

**KEN LAY**  
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**KNOXVILLE** — Ellen McGill has returned to East Tennessee.

The 2002 Alcoa High School graduate, looking to return home, has landed at Webb School of Knoxville as the Lady Spartans volleyball head coach.

“To be honest, I was looking to come home, and I reached out to (Webb athletic director David) Meske to see if they had anything available, and he said that he was looking for a head coach,” said McGill, who was a four-sport athlete for the Lady Tornadoes before moving on to Virginia Intermont College.

For the last six years, McGill has been head coach at the University of

North Carolina-Pembroke, enjoying a banner campaign for the Braves — winning the most conference matches in 27 years, which earned her Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year honors.

McGill said she knew the spring semester would be her last at UNC-Pembroke, where she began her head coaching tenure in 2016.

However, “I decided to stay for the spring semester at UNC-Pembroke, and our team did some special things, some things that we had never done



McGill

before. We had a great season. Our season got moved to the spring because of COVID.”

She and her husband, Mitch McGill, a Gibbs High School graduate, decided to move back to the Knoxville area last winter with their 15-month-old son.

“Family is the most important thing and that’s why we’re back here,” coach McGill said. “We decided to come back at Christmas.

“My husband started looking for jobs and he got hired on by Knox County Schools,” she added.

Coach McGill was hired by Webb in May and recently began offseason workouts with the Lady Spartans, a program boasting one of most storied high school traditions in the state.

“At Webb they have a winning tradition; they have high academic expectations and high expectations for their sports programs,” McGill said. “The best and brightest decide to go to school at Webb, and it will be an easy transition coming from college.”

The Lady Spartans won six straight Division II-A state championships from 2013 through 2018 under the leadership of head coach Chris Hames.

“You have support from the administration and the parents and I’m thankful to get the opportunity to keep coaching,” McGill said.

With a need to rebuild to a championship level, “We’ve faced a rebuild everywhere I’ve been,” she added.

“We’ll have our work cut out for us.”

## Flamingo theme, sea of pink Six teams winners at FDCC Ladies 18-Hole Club Guest Day



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Many of the 72 participants in 2021 Fox Den County Club’s annual 18-Hole Ladies Club Guest Day took the “flamingo” theme to heart in their attire, as this “best ball off the tee” 18-hole friendly competition among teams of four recognized the top three teams in First Flight and Second Flight Thursday, June 10.

Following play in the morning and early afternoon, a luncheon in the club’s main ballroom recognized six top teams, plus individual skill awards and blind-draw winners, with various prizes.

First Flight champions with a score of 83 (score with highest numbers are superior) were Traci Smith, Lynna Rader, Robin Banner and Tammy Cheek (not our farragutpress reporter). Runner-ups (79) were Annette Stevens, Julie Maier, Elessa Epps and Sharon Kelly. Third-place finishers (77) were R J Whitfield, Teresa Reed, Karen Jones and Suzanne Crutcher.

Second Flight champions (79) were Sally Hedgepeth, Sherrie McCarty, Whitney Childers and Rachael Bennett. Finishing second (78) were Betty Thomas, Caroline Pardue, Nancy Alford and Song Alford. Taking third-place (71) were Betty MacDonald, Kathy Kruse, Debbie Patterson and Delores Haynie.

Individual awards went to Catherine Manning (Putting Contest); Judy Strandquist (Member Closest to the Hole on tee-off at No. 16) and Pardue (Guest Closest); and Donna Pyle (Member Most Accurate Drive on No. 8) and Maier (Guest Most Accurate).



**(Above)** Wearing her lucky “flamingo-themed” socks, Teresa Reed putts on No. 11 green. Her First Flight foursome, who finished third, also included Karen Jones, R J Whitfield and Suzanne Crutcher. **(Below)** This Second Flight team, in flamingo-themed attire, takes a short break at No. 8. From left are Sue Grady, Donna Farinella, Carole Zehring and Debbie Collings. **(See more Guest Day photos, including all six top teams, in a West Side Faces page to be published in early July).**



**(Top)** Betty MacDonald tees off at No. 14. Her Second Flight foursome, which finished third, also included Kathy Kruse, Debbie Patterson and Delores Haynie.

**(Above)** Taking a short break on No. 2 hole to display their “flamingo-themed” T-shirts are long-time FDCC members Tina Sanders, second from left, and Jamie Knowing, second from right, along with First Flight teammates Judy Henry and Marianne Fischer.

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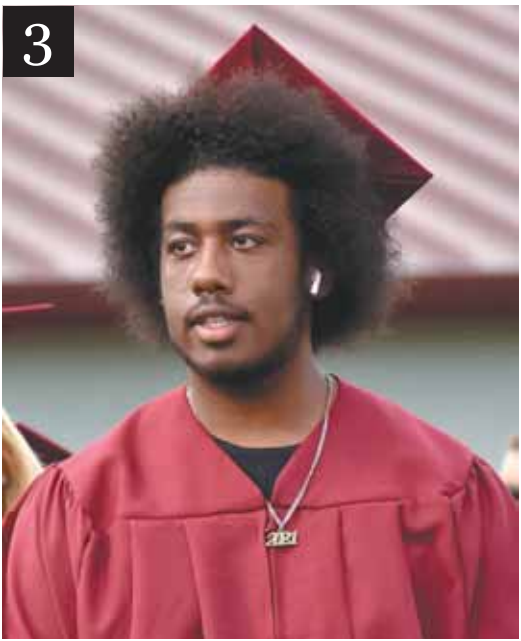
# 2021 Graduation



Bearden High School Class of 2021 graduated a record number of seniors — 502 — during BHS Commencement Tuesday, June 1, at Bill Young Field in the school’s football/track and field stadium. The class earned more than \$31 million in scholarships, which set a school record.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Top: Graduates-to-be, from left, Makayla Abram, Ivan Ganusov, Virsavia Vladica, Grace Russell, Jack Adams, Allie Ballinger and Natalie Adkins line up before the ceremony.  
Left: Reese Headrick, second from right, smiles for the camera as she and fellow classmates line up to receive their diplomas.



1. Bearden High School Class of 2021 president Jackson Vincent Looney welcomed his fellow graduates and guests to the ceremony.
2. BHS 2021 graduate Amilian Cledes with her former teacher Lauren Andrejko following the commencement.
3. Kobe Tillman
4. Shannon Upton
5. Ethan Peebles was selected 2021’s “Top Dawg” by his peers.
6. BHS Class of 2021 salutatorian Ishani Spanier addressed her fellow graduates.
7. Izaiha Bredwood, left, and Jonathan Attanasio
8. BHS Class of 2021 valedictorian Nathanael Laing was among the commencement speakers.





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## Packer LLS ‘Man of Year,’ Azambuja top ‘Woman’

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Through The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s unique philanthropic competition, Man & Woman of the Year, “six motivated, passionate and dedicated local professionals raised \$346,754 for LLS’s cutting-edge cancer research and patient services,” a LLS press release stated.

Mark Packer of Farragut, owner of Pack Man Productions and former anchor at WVLT-TV 8, raised the most funds among men, earning him the title of “Man of the Year.”

This honor “is a 10-week philanthropic competition among a group of motived and dedicated individuals in the community,” the press release further stated.



Packer

Maryann Azambuja of Lenoir City, senior account executive at Choice Home Warranty, raised the most funds among women, earning her the title of “Woman of the Year.”

Male candidates John Mathews and Bart Hodson raised more than \$50,000, “which allows a linking to a research portfolio name in honor of a loved one,” the release also stated.

Such efforts help “support LLS’s goal to find cures for blood cancers and ensure that patients have access to lifesaving treatments.” Candidates are nominated and form fundraising



Azambuja

teams and compete in honor of two local children who are blood cancer survivors.

“Congratulations to Mark and Maryann for raising the most funds and bringing awareness to blood cancer,” Lori Friel, Campaign Development manager, stated.

“Boy of the Year,” Dalton Brown, is 16 and was diagnosed with leukemia.

“Girl of the Year,” Josie Fellers, an incoming sophomore at the University of Memphis, also was diagnosed with leukemia.

## Hello ‘Dolly’

### New teammate joins Rural Metro

### TAMMY CHEEK

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American Medical Response-Rural/Metro has added a new VIP to its crew.

Recently welcomed was Dolly, a 17-month-old Goldendoodle certified by Global Medical Response as the fire station’s regional training and therapy dog to assist emergency workers. The announcement came at a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking, hosted by AMR-Rural Metro Fire at Farragut Community Center.

“These guys have dealt with more stress than probably any (other) people in the community,” said Mike Arms, a senior partner of Tennessee Strategies and lobbying supporter for AMR-Rural Metro Fire.

“She was named after Dolly Parton,” Fire Chief Jerry Harnish said, adding she also is trained and certified through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will be available for FEMA.

The pup is in the care of co-handlers Darek Shetterly, administrative supervisor, and Daryl Warren, operations manager.

“We like to say we split custody,” Shetterly said. “I love having her. The crew loves her, and she is a big hit with our staff.”

“She is here for comfort, if we’ve had a bad day or had a bad call,” he added. “She does a great job at it for sure.”

During the networking, Harnish recognized the late Chief Bill Blankenship, who had the foresight to establish the Fire and Rescue system. Blankenship died this year from com-

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Tammy Cheek

Fire Chief Jerry Harnish, right, with AMR-Rural/Metro Fire, introduces the organization’s new therapy dog, Dolly, a 17-month-old Goldendoodle, during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s May networking at Farragut Community Center.

## Camp looks at ‘70’s impact

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Farragut High School Class of 2004 alumnus Michael Camp’s master’s degree thesis led to him recently authoring a book, “Unnatural Resources.”

The book focuses on energy and environmental issues arising out of the 1970s.

“There’s a chapter on an experimental reactor on the Clinch River near Oak Ridge that was never actually built, but it illustrates a lot of things about the conflict between energy production and environmental priorities,” he said.

Camp also wrote about the Tellico Dam controversy in Loudon County, and he wrote about the administrative restructuring of TVA from a board of directors consisting of three full-time federal employees to 15 part-time members made up of private-sector lawyers, bankers and other businessmen.

Published through the University of Pittsburgh Press, “It’s a book that tries to have a dialogue between these things happening nationally ... and with the Tennessee state government, but especially the administrators of these very local projects and what it meant for the Knoxville community to become this very intense focus of federal tension as a site of potential energy

## DAR honors pastor, Vietnam-era spouses



Photo submitted

Vietnam-era military spouses honored recently were, second from left. Sharon “Sam” Wyrosdick, Eileen D’Araujo and Doris Catts. They were joined by former flight attendant Susan Lee,

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The Daughters of the American Revolution’s Samuel Frazier Chapter recently presented the DAR Medal of Honor to a local pastor, while commending a group of Vietnam-era U. S. Army spouses during two separate ceremonies.

### Remembering Vietnam

Sharon “Sam” Wyrosdick and Doris Catts, both of Farragut, along with Eileen D’Araujo recently shared their experiences and memories as U.S. Army spouses during the Vietnam War era with members of the local chapter, which commemorated Women’s His-

tory Month and National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The three Veteran spouses represented the importance of family support – the force behind the force – for those who serve in the armed forces, with a combined 170 years of marriage and spouses with 85 years of military service, four years of unaccompanied deployments to Southeast Asia and 60 moves across the country and around the world in service to our nation, according to a DAR press release.

“This was a very special program for our members,” DAR regent Margaret Scobey said. “It was also meaningful

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## Patriotic refurbishing



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A week before Memorial Day, Farragut's Town Hall Flag Disposal Box was looking faded due to the effects of sun and harsh weather since Eagle Scout Colin Bennett — then with Troop 555 in Farragut — installed it in 2014 as his Eagle Scout project. Bennett received a full scholarship to the University of Alabama, after graduating from Hardin Valley Academy, where he “majored in aerospace engineering and stayed an extra year to receive his master degree,” his step-grandfather, Jack Ferrell, said. “He was then offered a job in Jeff Bezo's Space Exploration Company in Seattle,” which he accepted, before taking a job “with a new aerospace company in Los Angeles.” Mary Ferrell Miller (**above**), Bennett's aunt and an FHS graduate, decided to restore the Box just before Memorial Day “so the Farragut Boy Scout Troop could dispose of the old flags in a patriotic ceremony,” Ferrell added.

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• **Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee will host its first Bags for Kids' Sake event Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20.** The Saturday event, which takes place at Next Level Brewing starting at noon, includes a double-elimination cornhole tournament.

The Sunday family-friendly celebration at Zoo Knoxville features one-hour time slots for cornhole games between noon and 4 p.m. Bags for Kids' Sake is the agency's first in-person fundraiser in more than 18 months. Last year's cancellation due to COVID-19 resulted in a loss of more than \$100,000 in revenue for the agency.

Bags for Kids' Sake will take place entirely outdoors, and guests will remain distanced. Masks will not be required, but non-vaccinated attendees are encouraged to wear facial coverings, per CDC recommendations. More details about Bags for Kids' Sake can be found at [BagsForKidsSake.org](http://BagsForKidsSake.org).

• **MEDIC Regional Blood Center has an immediate, critical need for O Negative blood type.** As of a few days ago, there were only 20 units available for distribution — less than a day's supply. As a com-

parison, recently one patient needed 20 units alone.

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• **Flying Anvil Theatre, 1300 Rocky Hill Road in West Knoxville, will present performances of “Love, Loss, and What I Wore”** beginning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 23, through Saturday, June 26, and beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 27.

This highly acclaimed play was written by Nora and Delia Ephron and based on the book by Ilene Beckerman and features monologues and ensemble pieces about women, clothes and memories. It will be the Flying Anvil Theatre's first in-person event of 2021, and tickets will be limited to allow for social distancing.

Tickets are available now at <https://www.flyinganviltheatre.com/tickets>. General admission tickets are \$50, and “Bridge the Gap” philanthropy tickets, which include an additional donation, are available for \$75. Additionally, tickets for a VIP cocktail hour before the Saturday evening show are \$100. All proceeds benefit Choice Health Network and the Flying Anvil Theatre.

The theatre will use enhanced cleaning procedures, and masks are required when not eating or drinking.

• **Knox County again is hosting its Second Saturday Concert Series this summer** as the Parks & Recreation Department will oversee live music at The Cove in Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive, which “is the county's most visited park,” a Knox County Parks & Recreation press release stated.

These free concerts, held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, kicked off June 12 and continue in July and August. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs and food. No alcohol is allowed.

Cove dates and musical en-

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Camp  
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production,” the author said. “The book came out of a master’s degree that I was doing in Chicago about 10 years ago,” Camp added. “I was taking some graduate seminars in urban history.”

Part of the criteria for the class involved spending a quarter researching and writing a research paper that eventually became Camp’s master’s thesis.

Although most people wrote about Chicago, he was not as familiar with the city, so he brought his thesis home.

“I had worked in the archives at the University of Tennessee, and I knew what was there,” Camp recalled. “I knew there was a story to tell about the history of the City of Knoxville.”

His thesis centered on the 1982 World’s Fair. Camp recalled thinking about “how the confluence of the (President Jimmy) Carter administration being interested in energy after the ’73 oil embargo, being interested in increasing energy production to make up for the sudden uncertainty about foreign oil.”

He said there was a particular interest in Tennessee because of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee Valley Authority and its proximity to coal in Kentucky and West Virginia.

“The economy, culture and lots of other things evolved around energy in East Tennessee, leading to the World’s Fair,” he said. He wrote about how the Carter Administration interacted with Knoxville’s mayor’s office; city

planners and downtown business owners and their desire to rejuvenate downtown and all the power relations going on around the fair, and what resulted with tourism and the highway system expansion.

He discovered there “really hadn’t been a lot written about the ’70s, as Carter administration documents were just becoming declassified.

“I saw an opportunity because what little there was written about the oil embargo tended to focus on national and international issues,” he said. Camp pointed out the 1970s were not only a time of energy uncertainty, but also a time of the rising environmental movement.

“Having grown up in Farragut and the Knoxville area, I knew there probably was another side of this story to tell because energy is a domestic issue and an international issue, but it ultimately also is a local issue because of the nuclear plants, hydro-electric plants and coal mines,” Camp said.

“All these energy-producing facilities have an effect on the physical landscapes of the communities and have effects on the economic opportunities in an area and composition of the workforce,” he added.

When Camp entered a PhD program at Emory University in Atlanta, he wrote a longer dissertation on the effects of the 1973 oil embargo on the East Tennessee region, which evolved into “Unnatural Resources.”

Camp said his book is available for purchase at most major bookstore websites, such as Amazon, and through the University of Pittsburgh Press.

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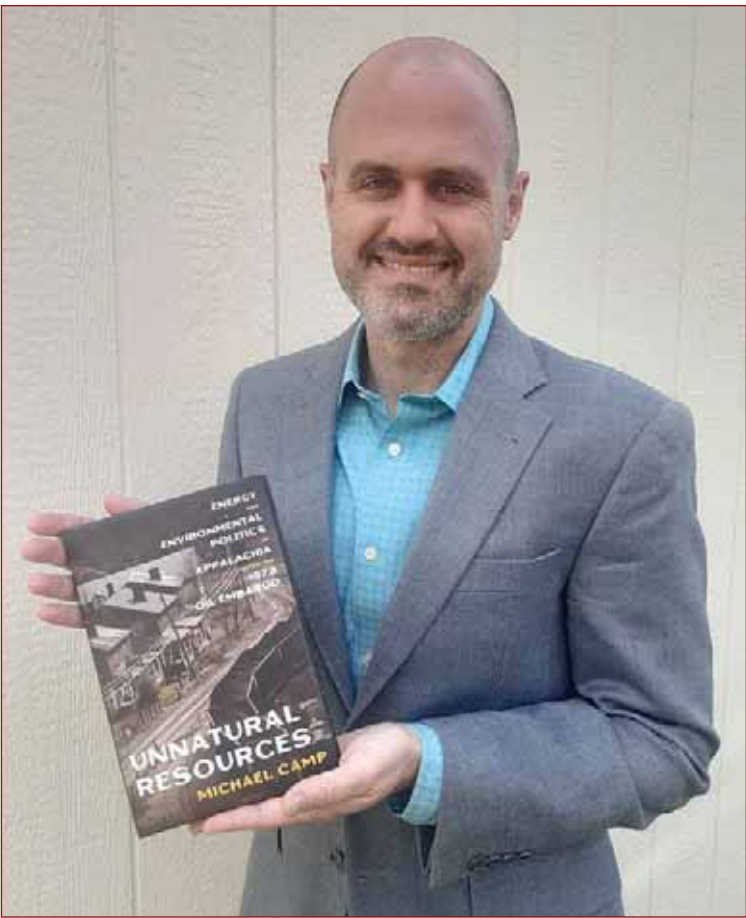


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In his recently published book, “Unnatural Resources,” Farragut High School alumnus Michael Camp delves into the energy conflicts of the 1970s in how it changed the make-up of Farragut, Knoxville and the East Tennessee region.

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tainment are listed as follows: July 10, Wild Blue Yonder; and Aug. 14, Leftfoot Dave and the Magic Hats. Any cancellation because of weather will be posted to the Parks and Rec Facebook page and the Park’s Twitter page.

The Cove also features “several summertime amenities, including a beach, playground, sand volleyball court, walking trail and fishing areas,” the Parks & Rec press release stated. “River Sports also rents canoes and kayaks.”

• **Knoxville Bar Association announces the release of an update to the “Legal Resource Guide – Finding Legal Assistance in Knoxville,”** a directory of legal service and information providers in the community.

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plications from COVID-19, but “his legacy is still here,” Har-nish said.

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Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, recognized Shelby Justice and Ellie Fussell of Farragut among 1,703 students named to the 2021 spring semester Dean’s List.

To qualify, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

**DAR**  
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to hear from our Chaplain, Susan Lee, who served as a flight attendant on military flights returning soldiers home from a tour of duty in Vietnam.”

**Medal of Honor given**

The DAR’s Medal of Honor is the highest and most prestigious award given by the DAR and must be reviewed and authorized on a national level before being awarded to a recipient, according to the DAR press release.

**Edmonds a hero**

On Saturday, May 22, after this stringent review was completed, the Chapter presented the award to Pastor Christopher W. Edmonds, whom the chapter had recommended to receive it.

Edmonds was born to follow his father’s strong moral code and “choose to do what is right for others, oppose what’s wrong or evil, dignify life and humanity and express love for everyone,” the release stated.

This sense of valor and trustworthiness was known as “Roddie’s Code,” the life-long code of Edmond’s father, Roderick W. “Roddie” Edmonds, whose legacy of leadership and bravery as a German prisoner of war was unknown by his family until long after his death, and was only discovered when Edmonds attempted to help his daughter with a college history project about her grandfather’s military service.

After finding his father’s POW journals and wanting to

learn more, Edmonds made it his mission to research, document and preserve his father’s military history.

When he discovered his father courageously defied a German officer’s order to identify Jews among more than 1,200 American POW soldiers by declaring “We are all Jews here,” Edmonds understood his father had saved many lives.

Making certain his father’s story is known across the nation and around the world has become Edmond’s passion and mission, the press release continued.

He has shared Roddie’s Code with students, veterans, military leaders and the general public to inspire heroism and trustworthiness when faced with life challenges.

Edmonds’ own dedication and determination to share his father’s story led to Israel’s first recognition of an American soldier with its highest honor, one of only five Americans ever to be named as “Righteous Among Nations.”

The event was held at Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, and those attending included the state DAR Regent Cecile Wimberley and 2nd District U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-2nd District). After receiving the award, Edmonds discussed his father’s faith and valor.

“It was an amazing story,” said Martha Kroll, the Chapter’s corresponding secretary.

“I don’t think there was a dry eye in the room when it was complete,” she added.

# ‘Wildlife’ offered at Morning Pointe



The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer’s Center of Excellence at Lenoir City has started a new weekly club, the Wildlife Club. Each week, residents have a chance to experience something they never have before. Whether it’s a visit from a furry friend or trivia based on an exotic animal, the club enjoys learning something and even making new friends. “Seeing residents’ faces light up as they’re doing something different, that’s the great thing about working at Morning Pointe. Everyone is on a team looking for something new for residents and finding things that are enjoyable. I think the Wildlife Club has really brought our animal lovers out and given them an activity they can look forward to,” said Kassie Smith, The Lantern resident liaison. As health guidelines continue to change and the opportunity for safe visitation increases, The Lantern looks for partners in the community who might give their time expanding Wildlife Club activities. For anyone interested, call 865-271-9966.

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Farragut Town Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 • 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the May 25, 2021, meeting.
2. Review of a permanent ground mounted subdivision entrance sign located along Olympic Drive, Fox Den Homeowners Association.
3. Review of a permanent ground mounted subdivision entrance sign located along Saint Andrews Drive, Fox Den Homeowners Association.
4. Review of a ground sign (tenant panel type) for the Blockbuster Property Center, located at 11135 Kingston Pike.
5. Review of the first phase landscape plan for the Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms development, located principally off Kingston Pike and Brooklawn Street.
6. Appointment of a student representative member for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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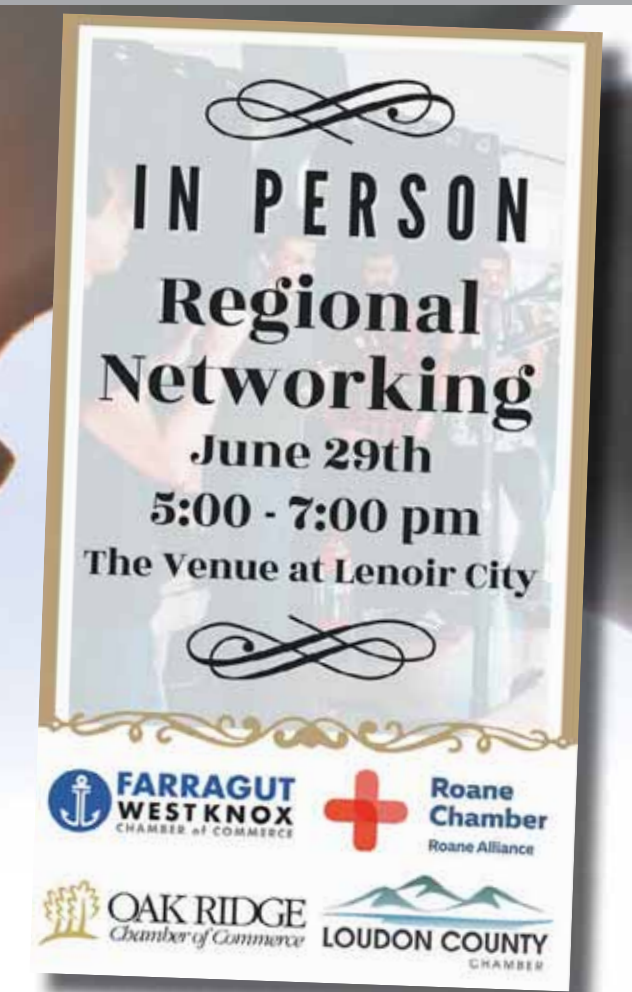
## 4-Chamber Event

TO BRING BUSINESSES TOGETHER

On Tuesday, June 29, the Farragut West Knox Chamber will partner with three of its neighboring organizations to co-host the first Regional 4-Chamber Business Networking event.

Co-host chambers include Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Roane County Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at The Venue at Lenoir City, a mutual member of several of the hosting chambers, sponsored by Dixie Lee Wine & Liquors and Classy Caterer.

Chamber CEOs Julie Blaylock (Farragut) and Rodney Grugin (Loudon) co-hosted a similar event in March to the delight of both membership bases. The successful event saw over 185 drop-in guests over the course of two hours. The June event is creating "a lot of buzz" within the chambers and expects to double that attendance.



Blaylock speculated that, "Coming out of the past year, our members are craving the opportunity to meet new faces in person and that's why the March networking with just us and Loudon was so well-received. Incorporating two more fantastic organizations will introduce our businesses to even more prospective partners or clients that they'd likely never have met otherwise."

There is no cost to attend for members of the hosting chambers; members are encouraged to register with their member chamber. Farragut West Knox chamber businesses can visit [farragutchamber.com/events](http://farragutchamber.com/events) and click for the June 29 event starting at 5pm.

**Wondering Who's Hiring???**

Check out our new **JOBS** section on page 3 to see Member Businesses hiring right now!

## Young Professionals Open Mic Night a Success

West Under 40's young professionals weren't sure what to expect from their Open Mic Night presented by Epic Nine Marketing Outfitters on Wednesday, June 9 but by the end of the evening it was clearly a success.

The Open Mic Night, headed by committee member Jared Butler-Payteva, was the young professional group's first fully open in-person event for 2021. West Under 40 wanted to do something fun and unique to reintroduce the group (and area YPs) to the community after a year of nearly all virtual programs. The event was hosted at Hexagon Brewery and gave any YP the chance to

show off whatever talent they had: magic, music/song, poetry, whatever.

A crowd of approximately 40 quickly settled in, summoned up some courage and cheered on friends and strangers as they delivered slam poetry, sang, played instruments and even some stand-up comedy. The chamber's young business intern helped emcee acts and kept the crowd laughing with a slew of jokes. Jeremy LaDuke-Epic Nine helped award the grand prize—a brand new iPad—to singer Mikenna Varvel-PCS, Inc. but even after the official award was won, the

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**Above:** Presenting sponsor, Jeremy LaDuke-Epic Nine, and Jared Butler-Payteva, build up suspense before awarding the grand prize of a new iPad.

**Left:** Incoming YP Chair, Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage, delivers his first ever composed slam poem.

## Enterprise Club

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# Networkings

## Water into Wine - May 6, 2021



**Left:** Proprietor Candace Viox, Alex Galindo, and Rachel Simerly prepare for the evening’s networking **Right:** FWKCC President Julie Blaylock chats with Shana Love- Knoxville Community Development Corporation, Marianne Morse- Mary Kay, and Kim Fry- Hilton Knoxville Airport



## AMR-Rural Metro Fire - May 13, 2021



**Left:** Jeff Bagwell- AMR-Rural Metro Fire, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Derrick Setterley, Josh Spencer, and Tim Hancock pose with Dolly, a GMR (Global Medical Response) Certified Therapy Dog. She is committed to bring comfort, happiness and support to AMR-Rural Metro crew members. **Right:** Sara Sizemore- Southern Safety Supply, Tom Davis- Suntrust, John Randazzo- Fish Window Cleaning, and Phillip Graves- Centriworks get acquainted over coffee.



## CBD American Shaman - May 20, 2021



**Left:** Todd Bliss and **Right:** Max Zegwyn- Farragut High Scholl Intern, Cassidy Peterson- Rodan + Fields, Maria Checchin- Keller Williams, and Carly Ferrell- Pioneer Heating & Air gather for the morning’s networking



## Prime West Knoxville - May 27, 2021



**Left:** Debbie Vinsant, Brett Massey, Stacey Swinney, Christine Hampton, and Don Horvat proudly show off this beautiful senior living apartment facility at this morning’s gathering. **Right:** Rhonda Clay and Kelly Hayman- both with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley pause at the check-in table before the start of the networking



**Above, left:** The winner of the grand prize, Mikenna Varvel-PCS, Inc., thanks the audience for their votes! **Above, center:** Attendees enjoy the evening’s entertainment. **Above, right:** Max Wegzyn, Business Intern for the Chamber, entertains everyone between acts.



### Open Mic

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evening just kept going.  
West Under 40 chair, Chloe Pool-First

Utility District also announced the passing of the torch to new chair, Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage. On top of that, they debuted their first branded shirts, sponsored by Adrian Hall,

Movement Mortgage Lending; payteva; Patdome Promotions; Bin There Dump That Knoxville; First Citizens Bank; First Utility District; Epic Nine; and Landry & Azevedo Attorneys.

West Under 40 is currently planning their July and August programs; event sponsorships are available for \$200. Contact the Chamber at 675-7057 or [info@farragutchamber.com](mailto:info@farragutchamber.com).



# Ribbon Cuttings



## Simply Magical Vacations by Amy - May 4, 2021

Amy Shewmake- center, in blue dress is surrounded by family, friends, and Chamber members as they welcome her the Chamber business community!

## The Trusty Notary - May 12, 2021

Brittney Hernandez- in blue & white top is celebrated by her family and Chamber members as she prepares to cut the ribbon!



## Rural Metro Fire Station #16 - May 21, 2021

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## Pinnacle Assisted Living Grand Reopening - May 25, 2021

Gathering after COVID restriction have lifted are, 1st row: Pinnacle Assisted Living staff 3rd from left Michael Clark, Beth Watts, Dee Ann Kelly, and Dana Watkins- jointly holding scissors. 2nd row: Tracey Berkley, Fay Jago, and Christina Trentham. Chamber members round out the celebration!

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# BUSINESS FACTS with Max

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This is a hard question. I have so many services that I love to provide. It is all about the client and what I can do to make them feel amazing. I have a Red Carpet facial that is one of my favorite facials to give and then a lash lift and tint. They are both instant results!

### To get yourself?

I love getting the Red Carpet Special!!!

### On average, how many appointments do you have a week?

18 to 20

### How do you benefit from our chamber?

I joined the Chamber the day I started my business after moving to Knoxville. The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce has so many great benefits for business owners. From working with the board and ambassadors to the members has been amazing. The networking events are an absolute must.

### Describe your business in three words.

Lash & Skin Boutique

### What dream are you currently in process of achieving?

It is extremely important to continue learning. I will be taking multiple continued education courses this year, as well as continuing to offer training to others in the industry.

### What is the best career advice you have ever heard?

View every person you meet as a door that may lead you to a new opportunity.

### What is the worst career advice you have ever heard?

Work in a big company because owning your own business will be too difficult.

### If you could have any other job, what would it be?

Founder of a non-profit organization

### If your business was a dessert what dessert would it be?

Raspberry cheesecake

### If you had to redecorate your office what color would you repaint the walls?

Lavender and sage

**Max Wegzyn,**

student intern from  
Farragut High School



# Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of May!

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

### AFS Foundation & Waterproofing Specialists

**Taylor Johnson**

3025 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37914

(865) 290-1305

Website: <https://www.afsrepair.com>

### All My Graphics

**Tara James**

(865) 463-1199

Website: <http://www.allmygraphics.com>

### Always Abounding Multimedia

**Kaleb Buckner**

4301 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN 37917

(931) 252-4361

Website: <http://www.alwaysabounding.co>

### Blinds & More of East TN

**John Kidd**

(865) 386-6574

Website: <http://blindsandmore.org>

### BW James Jewelers

**Broderick Hicks**

11623 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934

(865) 328-0421

Website: <http://bwjamesjewelers.com>

### Carington Health Services, PLLC

**Dr. Saleh Shahid**

149 Durwood Road, Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 327-CARE

Website: <http://caringtonhealth.org>

### Central City Heating & Air Conditioning

**Christine Dean**

121 Oak Drive, Kingston, TN 37763

(865) 717-9191

Website: <http://www.centralcityhvac.com>

### Childhelp

**Stephanie Erb**

623 Lindsay Place, Knoxville, TN 37919

(865) 637-1753

Website: <http://www.childhelpTN.org>

### First Citizens Bank – Parkside

**Cody Barnes**

10118 Parkside Dr., Suite 120, Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 288-6100

Website: <https://locations.firstcitizens.com/tn/knoxville/10118-parkside-dr>

### GAMA Networks Solutions LLC

**Susan Moser**

9219 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 300,

Knoxville, TN 37931

(865) 693-2188

Website: <http://www.gamanetworks.com>

### Hilton Garden Inn – Papermill

**Sharon Sivley**

6200 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919

(865) 351-6200

Website: <http://www.knoxvillepapermilldrive.hgi.com>

### Hydrodog Ralpie

**Brooke Penfield**

Knoxville, TN 37923

(615) 772-3519

Website: <http://www.Hydrodog.com/Ralpie>

### Knox Speed & Diesel

**Ryan Taylor**

227 Sherway Road, Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 437-8634

Website: <http://Knoxspeedanddiesel.com>

### Meadow View Greenhouses & Garden Center

**Lisa Grugin**

9885 Hwy 11E, Lenoir City, TN 37772

(865) 986-7229

Website: <http://www.meadowviewgreenhouse.com>

### Mikel Davis

(865) 684-1507

### Nerds ToGo – West Knoxville

**Don Dally**

11110 Kingston Pike, Suite 140, Knoxville, TN 37934

(865) 672-9900

Website: <https://www.nerdstogo.com/location/knoxville-tn/>

### Omega Digital Solutions

**Marcus Blair**

Maryville, TN 37804

(865) 219-3928

Website: <https://omegadigital.us/>

### Restoration Chiropractic

**Trent Hippard**

120 Capital Drive, Suite 103,

Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 474-1479

Website: <http://www.RCKnoxville.com>

# Welcome Back Renewing Members!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past May. 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 their 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:*



Thank you for  
your Admiral  
Elite Enterprise  
Membership!



Thank you for your Admiral  
Elite Enterprise Membership!



Thank you for your Anchor  
Enterprise Membership!

### AA-Air Company

Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant

AFLAC - Cynthia Moore

Asset Planning Corporation

Autumn Care Assisted Living - Farragut

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz

Bin There Dump That - Knoxville

Burns Mailing & Printing, Inc.

Cellular Sales of Knoxville, Inc.

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC

Hampton Inn West at Cedar Bluff

Home2Suites by Hilton

### Hush Puppy's Pet Services

Independent Cabi Stylist Christy Fitzgerald

Kroger

Lovell Crossing Apartments

Maple Street Biscuit Company - Hardin Valley

Reuben N. Pelot, III, DDS, PLLC

Southern Safety Supply, LLC

Villages of Farragut; The

Visit Knoxville

Volunteer Ministry Center

Work Space Solutions

# June/July 2021 Calendar of Events

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?".

**Please NOTE: The chamber returned to in-person events as of April 8th.**

Events which are virtual will be listed as such with the online platform being used.

<b>June 17</b> 8:00-9:00am	<b>Networking – Volunteer Ministry Center</b> 511 N. Broadway, 37917	9:00am	Concord Road to Boring Road Parade Start: Farragut High School (line-up)
<b>June 22</b> 11:00am	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Creative Cuts Barbershop</b> 10427 Kingston Pike, 37922	<b>July 5</b>	<b>Chamber Closed</b> (Independence Day Observance)
<b>June 24</b> 5:00-6:00pm	<b>Networking – New York Life Insurance</b> 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 102, 37919	<b>July 6</b> 3:30pm	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Omega Digital Solutions</b> 11826 Kingston Pike, 37934 (Chamber office lobby)
<b>June 29</b> 5:00-7:00pm	<b>Regional 4-Chamber Networking –</b> Farragut, Loudon, Oak Ridge, Roane 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd, 37772 (The Venue at Lenoir City)	<b>July 8</b> 8:00-9:00am	<b>Networking – Park Place of West Knoxville</b> 10914 Kingston Pike, 37934
<b>June 30</b> 3:30pm	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Pinnacle at Turkey Creek Fountain Plaza Remodel</b> 11251 Parkside Drive, 37934	<b>July 14</b> 3:30pm	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Blue Ridge Yoga &amp; Wellness Center</b> \$100K Give Back Milestone 623 N. Campbell Station Rd, 37934
<b>July 3</b> 8:30am	<b>Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade</b> Road Closure: Kingston Pike from	<b>July 15</b> 8:00-9:00am	<b>Networking – Hilton Knoxville Airport</b> 2001 Alcoa Highway, 37707

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