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Jill Jackson Martin pitching Town Homegrown actress vids promote Farragut

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Joining the State of Tennessee’s year-long celebration of its 225th birthday, Visit Farragut has been releasing a series of promotional videos starring homegrown actress Jill Jackson Martin.

The video’s first release June 1 coincided with the state’s kick-off, and a new video has been, or will be, released every Friday throughout month, highlighting the unique history of the Farragut area.

Martin — a Farragut High School Class of 1984 alumnae — is partnering with the Town and has even written the scripts for the promos, which she has been filming at each of the four stops on the Towns’ self-guided History Walk under the direction of Town Tourism coordinator Karen Tindal and newly-hired media assistant Grayson Martin.

“Jill contacted me earlier this year, and shared her interest in history, and I shared with her the upcoming History Walk focus for the month of June,” Tindal said. “She just ran with it.”



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut native and actress Jill Jackson Martin is pictured during a May 28 filming of one of four promotional videos to highlight Farragut’s history released by Visit Farragut each Friday in June.

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On track for fall opening

Concord Road widening

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Tennessee Department of Transportation remains on schedule for the Concord Road project.

“The widening of (State Route) 332 in Knox County is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2021,” Mark Nagi, TDOT Community Relations officer for Region 1 (East Tennessee), stated Friday, June 18.

“The contractor is progressing on the second phase of bridge construction and has currently set beams on two of the three spans,” Nagi added. “Crews will begin constructing the north abutment next week and will be setting beams on the last span once the abutment is constructed.

“Crews also will continue grading operations and installing storm drainage between Fairground Drive and Loop Road.”

Fighting off delays, “The Department and contractors across the state have worked diligently to maintain progress and keep projects ‘on track’ throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,” Nagi stated. “Additional precautions were taken by both parties, as well as additional resources extended, to ensure crews and staff were equipped with proper personal protective equipment and provided safe working environments.

“Several common construction practices were also amended to accommodate for social distancing and adherence to changes in state and local policies and mandates,” he added. “Due to this diligent effort, work has continued to progress on the State Route 332 Concord Road Widening Project throughout the pandemic.

“This is not to say the project did not experience some impacts to staffing and production rates as a result of the pandemic, but that the overall schedule of the project has not yet shown significant impact or change because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate the community for their continued support, interest and understanding. ...”

Goodbye to Farragut legend, hello to Road updates told at FMPC

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While saying goodbye to a commissioner holding a special place in Town history, Farragut’s Municipal Planning Commission voted unanimously to update its Major Road Plan last week for the first time in several years.

The Thursday, June 17, vote was a follow-up to a workshop held during its May meeting to discuss adding new Town roads and reclassifying current ones.

Approved changes were:

- Adding Ivey Farms Road (the new road from Ivey Farms to Kingston Pike) to the Major Road plan and classify it as a Major Collector (which primarily acts as a transition between local traffic and through traffic);

- Reclassifying connecting roads from Turkey Creek Road to Midhurst Drive from Local Streets to Local Collectors (Local Streets serve residential lots; Local Collectors serve internal movements of residential areas to major collector streets);
- Add a missing length of Kingston Pike from the Town limit to Lovell Road as a Major Arterial (carrying fast or heavy traffic);
- Reclassify Jamestowne Boulevard and Boring Road from Local Collectors to Major Collectors (serves as transition between local and through traffic);
- Reclassify Grigsby Chapel Road and Smith Road from Kingston Pike to Fretz Road from Major Collector to Minor Arterial (used primarily to handle moderate to high traffic

- speeds and volumes);
 - Removing the west side of Campbell Lakes Drive as a Future Road; and
 - Remove the connector that is shown east of the North Campbell Station Road interchange (no longer necessary since improvements were made to Snyder Road and Outlet Drive).
- In other business, FMPC:**
- Approved the final plat for Old Stage Farm subdivision on Old Stage Road, which will offer seven house lots;
 - Recommended approval of two new entrance-way signs in Fox Den, which will be voted on by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and
 - Discussed proposed modifications for Bridgemore subdivision and the site plan

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Michelle Hollenhead

One of seven Town of Farragut founders, Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioner Betty Dick, left, converses with FMPC vice chair Ed St. Clair and chair Rita Holladay during a reception in Dick’s honor. It preceded what was her final Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting Thursday, June 17.

business

“It has opened up a whole new world. I can even go thorough the dad-gum drive-through. People just don’t know how much they take for granted,”

- **Tiffany Truelove**, who received life-changing help from a new Town business. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

“My folks kept a big garden, we had that wonderful Jersey cow and my mother ordered chicks from Sears-Roebuck every spring,”

- **Olga Kelso**, who is preparing to celebrate a special birthday later this year. (Read story beginning on page 3B)

sports

“When I first started, it was all about winning. But as I grew, as I got older and as I matured, it became about building relationships,”

- **Whitney Cruze**, whose 11 years as a successful high school coach is over. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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Mark Bialik, energetic Rotarian, top engineer, remembered by RCF

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Rotary Club of Farragut members joined family and friends in their grief over the sudden loss of Mark Bialik, who died of a massive heart attack Friday, June 18.

Mark, 61, died around 1 p.m. while playing golf at Ruggles Ferry Golf Course in Strawberry Plains, RCF publicity chair Tom King told fellow Rotarians in his newsletter Sunday, June 20.

“I’m truly devastated,” RCF member Noah Myers said. “Mark has been my good friend and civil engineer for nearly 15 years.”

“I was shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of my friend and fellow Rotarian Mark Bialik,” RCF president Edward Jones said. “Mark was truly an amazing person and was a big part what made our Rotary Cclub run so well.”

Mr. Bialik was a licensed Professional Engineer and president of GBS Engineering in Knoxville. Most recently, his business was involved with the building of Overlook Apartments at North Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike Village at Watt Road.

Mark and wife, B.J. Swinehart, a well-known Realtor and principal broker with RE-MAX, had no children.

“It is rare to come across a person that really exemplifies the Rotary 4-Way Test,” Myers said. “He always told the truth — even though that’s not what you wanted to hear; his decisions were always fair; he always wanted goodwill for others; and, more than anything, he wanted his actions to benefit those around him and his community.”

“Mark has been instrumental in quarterbacking our Flu-Shot Saturdays since the inception,” he added, “There is a massive void to be filled in our club. Not only did we lose a great Rotarian,



Mark Bialik

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towncalendar

• **Applications for 2021 Introduction to Farragut program are being accepted through 4 p.m., Friday, July 30. Introduction to Farragut is a unique way to connect participants with the Town, providing information on its history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteerism, and is open to everyone. Residency is not required.**

Program begins with a reception/kickoff in Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive across from Farragut Branch Post Office, beginning at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 18. Classes begin at 6 p.m. in Town Hall the following Wednesdays: Sept. 1, 15 and 29, and Oct. 20 and 27. Classes will last about two hours long. A graduation ceremony begins at 6 p.m., Nov. 3. All participants are invited to attend. A tour of Farragut with Town administrator David Smoak is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26. Program requirements include attending the kickoff reception, attending at least four of the five classes and one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (second and fourth Thursdays each month), one Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting (third Thursday each month) and participating in a class project by completing volunteer hours with a nonprofit of the Town’s choosing. Up to 20 participants will be selected; Register at townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut, in person at Town Hall or by e-mail to Jennifer Hatmaker at jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org. For application info, e-mail Hatmaker or call 865-966-7057.

KCSOreports

• **At 9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 19, Knox County 911 received a call from a man who said he was going to be in Washington, D.C., Saturday, July 3, and “if someone does not stop him, he is going to take care of the President,”** a Knox County Sheriff’s Office Report stated. “The male stated he was next in line to be Pope and has been groomed for the Oval Office.” A KCSO unit responded to a Ferret Road address, which was the address of the caller. Officer spoke to complainant/suspect, who said he had called 911. “He seemed erratic and stated that he had an argument with his roommate,” the report stated. “I spoke to the roommate, who stated that no altercation had occurred.” The suspect “made no threats to harm himself or the President to me while on scene,” the officer added. Due to no observed evidence of suspect being an immediate threat to himself or others, no notification to Mobile Crisis was completed. United States Secret Service Agency was notified of the threats made during the 911 call.

• **At 5:56 hours, June 19, a KCSO unit responded to a Parkside Drive address in reference to a disturbance.** Complainant/victim said suspect came into the business to get his hair cut and was being rude to the employees. When the suspect sat down, he yelled at the victim and told her to shut up and cut his hair. When the complainant attempted to place a cape over the suspect, he grabbed the cape and threw it into the floor. The victim told the suspect to leave the store and not come back. “The suspect became irate and started yelling at the victim,” the report stated. The victim then called 911

and the suspect left the scene in a grey Chevrolet HHR. Victim was given a copy of the report number.

• **At 8:23 p.m., Thursday, June 17, a complainant called the KCSO Teleserve Unit** to report a burglary to his vehicle at a Sonja Drive residence. He discovered an unknown suspect had gained entry to his 2018 Toyota RAV 4 by damaging the gaskets on the driver’s side front and rear doors and taking items from inside the vehicle. Total value of loss was estimated at \$200.

• **At 10:34 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, officers responded to North Campbell Station Road address** in reference to a person passed out in a vehicle. Eventual arrestee was on scene with an AMR medical unit when officers arrived and admitted to driving his 2021 KIA SPT, further saying he had consumed some CBD pills and it made him dizzy, so he pulled over in the parking lot. “Arrestee had bloodshot, watery eyes, muttered speech and had a smell of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person,” the report stated. Eventual arrestee agreed to submit to a battery of field sobriety tests, “to which he performed poorly on all parts,” the report stated. Arrestee was read the Miranda Warning and Tennessee Implied Consent form and agreed to submit a blood sample for chemical testing. AMR Medical Services responded and took a blood sample from the arrestee. Arrestee was taken into custody and transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility. A citation was not issued because the arrestee was considered a danger to himself or others.

FMPC

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for Kingston Pike Village, Phase 2.

Dick steps down

Betty Dick, one of Farragut’s original seven founders known as Farragut Community Group — and the last who was actively serving the Town — has stepped down from FMPC.

A small reception in her honor preceded the Thursday, June 17, meeting, which concluded her latest two-year term. She had been appointed to FMPC by the late Mayor Dr. Ralph McGill (also a Town founder), but said she asked current Mayor Ron Williams

not to re-appoint her.

“It was just time to step aside,” Dick said. “I’ve been involved with the Town over 40 years and decided they needed newer, more up-to-date people to serve.

“Of course the Town will always have a special place in my heart,” she added.

Dick said she had been involved in Town affairs in some capacity since those early days, which included being elected as an aldermen.

“I am proud of the way Farragut has developed over the years,” she said. “There are always some things you might not like, or wish hadn’t happened, but you just don’t dwell

on things like that and just focus on the positive.”

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said Dick will “certainly be missed,” adding both she and FMPC chair Rita Holladay likely would be calling on her in the future.

“I am sad you are leaving us,” Povlin added. “You have been an amazing inspiration for us, especially as a woman as you have continued to take part in the Town in roles of leadership.”

Dick said she has not ruled out possibly serving on a Town committee or two in the future.

“The Town is very dear to me,” she added.

ADVERTORIAL

Back Pain & Sciatica Workshop

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

Over the last several weeks, we’ve had a steady stream of people contacting us at the clinic and wanting to know if we can help them with various types of lower back and sciatica pain. And while their symptoms and complaints may vary a bit, here are a few things most of them have in common:

First, many of them have tried several treatment options, with limited amounts of success. This includes previously trying physical therapy, as well as things like chiropractic, massage therapy, acupuncture and injections.

Second, most of them are frustrated. They’ve been told that their pain is just part of getting older and that they “just have to live with it.” Many are also fed up with being offered pain medications, as they don’t want to mask their pain. They want to fix it!

Third, many of these people are afraid. They’re afraid that if they don’t figure out something soon, that they’re going to miss out on the activities they enjoy. The majority of these people are already having to slow down and avoid things like long walks, outings with friends, playing golf, tennis, working out at the gym, keeping up with their kids or grandkids, and missing out on other community and family events. And they’re afraid that it’s only going to get worse.

Now, if this sounds like you, or it sounds like your spouse or a loved one, I have two things I want to tell you today. **The first is this: you’re not alone!** Your feelings of frustration, disappointment and worry are valid, and they’re quite common for the thousands of people in Knoxville who are in a similar position.

The second is this: there is hope! Even if you feel like you’ve “tried it all”, there’s always a chance that improvements can be made, especially when someone takes the time to dig deeper to get to the root of the issue.

If the above description sounds like you or a loved one, I have one more resource I’d like to offer you today, which is my upcoming “**Back Pain & Sciatica Workshop**”. This workshop is perfect for you if you’ve been following my articles but are still

a little skeptical that we can actually help you, and you’d like to learn more before making any decisions about your back pain and/ or sciatica. During the free workshop, we’ll cover a variety of information in depth, including:

- The #1 factor that leads to back injuries
- The top 3 often-missed exercises to fix your back
- The secret key to prevent the problem from coming back

This workshop is also a perfect opportunity for you to ask me some specific questions about your situation (and learn from the questions that other attendees will ask). We will have 2 options for the workshop, a virtual workshop and an in-person workshop.

Here are the details:
Virtual Workshop
When: Wednesday June 30th, 6:15- 7:15 PM
Where: From the comfort of your own home

In-Person Workshop
When: Wednesday, July 7th from 6:15-7:15 PM
Where: Simply Physio, 111 Loudoun Rd STE 102, Knoxville, TN 37934

If you’d like to join me, **simply call or text the clinic at (865) 351-0615 or register online at www.simplypt.com/lowback-workshop**

Based on the response we’ve had so far, I expect this event to be completely booked, so make sure to register soon!

I’ll be limiting LIVE WORKSHOP attendance to the first 16 people who register (and 4 people have already signed up), so we can maintain social distancing throughout the workshop. These workshops always fill up quickly. The event is completely free of charge for anyone who registers in advance. I hope to see you there! If you still have some specific questions, please don’t hesitate to send me an email or call me at the clinic.

Hope to see you soon!

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.com



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Marina expansion on hold

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While Sunlife Marina continues to operate the boat slips and marina portion of Concord Park at Fort Loudoun Lake, its previously reported plans to expand look to be on hold for now. Mandi Benedict, constituent services director for Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ office, reported additional Sunlife signs in the park “have been removed and replaced with Knox County Parks and Recreation signs on the real property. “Knox County will now rent out the pavilions, and we have taken back over maintenance of the property,” Benedict added. “We are currently working with the (County) Law Department,

TVA, marina owners and other stakeholders regarding the future of the marina.” In May, a petition opposing the expansion was started by Concord-area resident and recently retired University of Tennessee professor William L. Seaver. It gained online traction in addition to support from Taylor Harris, president of the Old Concord Residents Association. “According to our contact at TVA, it could be a long process, so for now our goal is to stay vigilant and informed on any new developments and await the announcement of a public comment period should TVA accept an application from Knox County for an expansion of Concord Marina,” Harris said in response to the most recent County update.

Mark Bialik
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I lost one of my best friends.” “Mark’s unwavering support made leading the club during this unprecedented ‘COVID year’ a much easier job for me,” Jones said. “Mark enjoyed giving to the community, and he wore many hats in the club. “He was a loyal board member and chair of our Family of Rotary Committee,” the president added. “As a member of the club’s award-winning golf team (in Rotary’s district golf tournament), he was able to combine his love of golf, cigars and support of Rotary International’s effort to eradicate Polio at the same time. “Rotary and golf were but two of his many loves — wife B.J. was No. 1.” King stated in his newsletter. “He loved his family, his civil engineering work, Farragut Rotary, good cigars and a taste or two of fine bourbon whiskey.” Additionally, King shared that Mr. Bialik was a soccer goalie for 25 years and played on the same team with B.J. He “loved most all sports, live music and music cruising, playing the clarinet (and was) ‘a great dancer,’ BJ said. “And he also was an ice skater.” “He was just so good at everything he did,” Swinehart told King. “He loved everything about Rotary and his great friends in the club.” A visitation service is set from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, July 9, in Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike. King said Mr. Bialik is the fourth RCF member to pass away during the 2020-21 Rotary year.

BOMA Pledge leader



Michelle Hollenhead

Eagle Scout Troy Gleckler led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the May 27 Farragut Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting in Farragut Community Center. Gleckler, a rising senior at Farragut High School, spoke of his Eagle Scout project, which was installing six shade tarps and replacing three benches at the Farragut Baseball Fields off Northshore Drive.

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• I want to thank the Scouts who placed flags on veterans’ graves in Pleasant Forest Cemetery. It was such a nice surprise to find them there, and I know my husband would have appreciated that very much. • I read the farragutpress story about the Boyd Station development (beginning on page 1A, above the fold, in our June 17 issue). The Town of Farragut Planning Commission insisted on a stub-out road into an adjacent property (owned by) Steve Williams. And I understand, Mr. Steve Williams did not want the stub-out road to his property because if he ever developed his property, then the Town of Farragut would want to require him to put a road through his property, coming out from the stub-out road. So that’s not a fair thing. I know Mr. Williams is very upset; the Town of Farragut was taking advantage of his private property rights, so there could be some major legal problem here for the Town. They should not require stub-out roads to someone’s property that is not interested in a stub-out road to their property. So once again Farragut is taking advantage of running over people’s private property rights.

Promotion
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The video promotions also are a way of counting down to Town namesake Admiral David Glasgow Farragut’s 220th birthday Monday, July 5, Tindal said. “The video series also fits in well with our year-long tourism focus of ‘History, Hops and Hometown Feels,’” she added. Martin already had been doing similar work in Anderson County, promoting history and activities for that county’s tourism department, when she had the idea earlier this year of offering to do the same for her hometown. “It’s my Town, the Town I love, and I wanted to do this for that reason,” said Martin, who was joined by her fiancé, Dr. Timothy Holder, for the May 28 shoot at Admiral Farragut Memorial Plaza, next door to Town Hall. Holder was a complementary addition to the series, as he is not only a history professor and dean at Walters

State Community College, but the history buff also has written 15 books, including his most recent, “Devotions with Presidents.” “Of all of the types of projects I have done, local tourism is at the top of the list,” Martin said. “Being able to share about the history of our area, highlighting the people and unique culture of East Tennessee and showing the beautiful country that we call home has definitely become a passion. “My family roots run deep here, and I have loved every moment of learning more about Farragut and helping with this project,” added Martin, who is the daughter of FHS grads Jim and Joyce Jackson. Enjoying an impressive acting career late in life through the Stair Agency, Martin’s videos — also shot at Campbell Station Inn, Pleasant Forest Cemetery and Founder’s Park — have been released on the Visit Farragut Facebook Page and Instagram each Friday in June.



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Changing lives with restored hearing: HearingLife

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For more than a decade, Tiffany Truelove had resigned herself to living with hearing loss. The former hairstylist had even changed careers “because I could not hear my clients,” said the 33-year-old Decatur resident, who believes her issues began following a serious car accident in her teens. “A lot of my clients thought I was being rude if I didn’t answer them,” she added. “I just couldn’t hear them. It just broke my heart, but I decided to find another job, working with animals since they don’t talk back.”

It was through a fellow co-worker at Sweetwater Animal Hospital, where Truelove works as kennel manager, that she was able to find help. “A lady had just started working there and she saw me struggling, especially during the pandemic, when everyone had to wear masks,” she said. “I knew I probably could use hearing aids, but they were so expensive. I’m a mom of two, and it’s always more important for me to make sure they have what they need before worrying about myself. “But my co-worker pulled me aside and said she knew (Farragut resident and audiologist) Dr. Bobbie McCue, and just knew she could help me.” McCue, who operates HearingLife at 11121 Kings-

ton Pike, Suite B, in Farragut, did more than help. Through her company she nominated Truelove to be considered to receive free hearing aids, and they found out earlier this year she, indeed, had been selected. “We have a ‘Campaign for Better Hearing’s Give Back Program,’ which donates \$1 for every hearing assessment our company performs under its complementary ‘Test Your Ears at 60 Years’ program,” McCue explained. “We are allowed to nominate clients who need hearing aids but can’t afford them, and I’m just thrilled that the lady I nominated got picked.

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Michelle Hollenhead

Tri Star Pharmacy co-owner Neil Patel, left, who also works as the company’s pharmacy manager, is pictured with fellow employees, from left, Caitlyn Dede, Sara Hill and Patel’s brother, Darshan Patel. Not pictured is Brooke Leonard.

Tri-Star Pharmacy touts lower prices; grand opening July 1

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When pharmacist Neil Patel saw a need in his former hometown, he had just the remedy. After successfully helping operate two independent drug stores in Cookeville, the Middle Tennessee native returned earlier this year to duplicate that success near Pellissippi Parkway when he opened Tri-Star Pharmacy April 1 near Farragut, 10205 Kingston Pike. “My partners and I saw our other stores grow into a healthy business by offering great customer service and good pricing,” Patel said. “I saw the opportunity to do the same in Knoxville.” Patel, who attended the University of Tennessee-Knoxville for both his undergrad and pharmacy degrees, is both co-owner and pharmacy manager at the site, located next door to Moonshine

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businessbriefs

• **LuAnn Hileman Crass** recently was named a new partner with **Melrose Title Company**. Crass, who had previously served as in-house attorney and vice president of operations with Melrose, assumed her new role June 1. She began her legal practice in 2013, preparing documents for real estate closings and handling civil litigation matters for clients in the financial sector. She joined Melrose Title Company nearly two years ago. • **Jim Caughorn Jr.**, president and owner at **Graphic Creations Inc.**, recently was selected as a member of a chief executive peer advisory board in Knoxville by Vistage Worldwide Inc. He joins more than 300 senior executives, business owners and CEOs across Tennessee who are Vistage members. With 30 years of business-to-business experience, which includes a decade with a Fortune 500 company, Caughorn returned to family business in 2009. In 2018, he became sole owner of Graphic Cre-



Crass

ations and has watched it grow fourfold over the last 12 years. • **Cherel Henderson** recently received the **2021 East Tennessee Preservation Service Award** for her service as executive director of East Tennessee Historical Society from 2003 to 2020. She joined the ETHS staff in 1987 and was promoted to associate director in 1995, then to executive director in 2003. • **Dr. Katherine Cameron, Dr. Sean DeLair and Dr. Adam Shrewsberry** recently joined **Tennova Urology**, which offers diagnostic and treatment services at Turkey Creek Medical Center, as well as Jefferson Memorial Hospital, LaFollette Medical Center, Newport Medical Center and North Knoxville Medical Center. • **Pellissippi State Community College professor Antija Allen** is among **21 faculty and staff** from colleges and universities across Tennessee who have been selected to participate in **Maxine Smith Fellows**, a year-long leadership program.



Henderson

Nerds to Go takes computer repair service on the road

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Farragut businesses and individuals will have mobile technology assistance available from Nerds To Go, 11110 Kingston Pike Suite 140 in Aspen Square shopping center, starting in early July. Franchise owners Don Dally and Susan Dally of Farragut are opening the computer service franchise with a soft opening in early July and a grand opening in mid-August. “We service small and medium businesses and residential with all things IT, so everything from computers to smart phones, tablets, printers and wireless networking (Wi-fi),” Don Dally said. “If it’s IT-related, we do it. “You crack your cellphone screen, bring it in to us, we’ll fix it,” he added. “... If you need help understanding how to use (a device), we can help. “We see a lot of kids wanting their parents and grandparents to get on Facebook or Instagram and share pictures; we can help them understand



Tammy Cheek

Providing mobile service with his Nerds To Go Computer Service, co-owner Don Dally stands beside a company van. Not pictured are NTG general manager Ken Wilmoth and “Lead Nerd” Milan Umicevic. The company has planned an early July opening date.

how to get onto those applications.” For example, “We’ll do lessons on security, how to use different social media applications and lessons on how to use your computer in general,” Dally said. Along with the Dallys, Ken Wilmoth, general manager, and Milan Umicevic, ‘lead nerd,’ will serve customers both as walk-ins at the office and on the road through Nerds To Go’s mobile service. “They can come to us or we can go to them,” Dally said. “We’ll have two vans we can dispatch ... servicing (Farragut), Knoxville and surrounding areas.” Dally, Wilmoth and Umicevic came from the corporate IT world. “From a small business perspective, we’re going to bring corporate-level IT capa-

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Tiffany Truelove, center, is pictured with audiologist Dr. Bobbie McCue, right, and audiology assistant Kaylee Marks earlier this month when Truelove received free hearing aids through McCue’s company, HearingLife, in Farragut.

HearingLife

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“It was certainly a case of everything falling into place at just the right time.”

McCue fitted Truelove with her new hearing aids in early June, and it has been a “wonderful” adjustment for the young mom. “It has opened up a whole new world for me,” she said during a phone interview. “I can hear everyone now. I’m at a pool right now, and before, I would’ve had to walk away to hear the call — but not anymore.

“I’m also not afraid to take my girls to the park now because I can hear them and not be afraid I can’t,” Truelove added. “I also couldn’t go through drive-throughs before ... but I can even go thorough the dad-gum drive-through.

“People just don’t know how much they take for granted. Just the other night, I sat outside for four hours just listening to the cicadas. People com-

plain about the noise, but I just let them chirp away — it was like magic.”

“I really get to know my patients and see how much being able to hear changes their lives,” McCue said.

While the program is geared toward individuals age 60 and older, McCue said “it’s never too early to have a person’s hearing tested.”

For more information, contact McCue at 865-392-9559 or via e-mail at bomc@hearing-life.com.

Tri-Star Pharmacy

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Mountain Cookies in a former Verizon location.

“We signed the lease about a year ago, so it’s been really nice to finally be in here now,” Patel said.

He said the key to his business is personalized service already being provided at its other locations.

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“A lot of people, for example, don’t know about available coupons or manufacturer rebates, so we try to cut out the leg work for them,” he continued. “Our customers have confidence that they can depend on us to get a good value for them.

“We also offer free deliveries.”

The store has been enjoying a “soft opening,” but Patel plans a grand opening from noon to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 1, with door prizes, an on-site food truck and other promotions.

So far, “reception has been really good,” he said, noting “quickly established working relationships with medical

providers in the area. We have been really excited about our location, since it’s close to so many doctor’s offices.”

Patel has also been branching out with a variety of unique sales lines, including Fox-Hound pet products, Pela Case accessories, Walton Wood Farm soaps and Finch Berry bath salts, in addition to an array of University of Tennessee memorabilia.

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Nerds To Go

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bilities to that small business,” Dally said. “That’s typically out of reach for them. A lot of small businesses don’t have IT people on staff.

“For our (Nerds to Go franchise) sites around the country, that (service) has been really beneficial last year,” he added. “A lot of people (worked from) home and didn’t have the computer infrastructure.”

After observing small physician practices didn’t have the same level of IT capabilities

bigger practices had or their IT personnel were not full-time, Dally said he set out to service that part of healthcare,

“As I started doing that, I realized that was a lot tougher to start from scratch than I anticipated,” he recalled.

However, Dally discovered the Nerds to Go franchise and realized, “I could go into business for myself but not be by myself.

“We’re part of the Nerds To Go franchise,” the co-owner added. “There are about 30 locations, right now, around the country.

“We’ll be the first in Tennessee.”

Since Dally lives in Farragut, he said the suite is “really a great location, both for access to small businesses and individuals.”

The company’s hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Additionally, it will be available after hours by appointment.

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A final look at 2020-21 local high school sports

‘Original’ HVA softball coach Cruze moving on

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — After coaching in the Hardin Valley Academy softball program since its inception, head coach Whitney Cruze is stepping down.
She resigned after the 2021 softball season to spend more time with her family.
“It was a tough decision because I always wanted to coach high school softball,” said Cruze, who went 222-153 as HVA’s head coach from 2011 through 2021. “This was my dream job and I’ll always grateful to (former Hardin Valley principal

Sallee) Reynolds and (former athletic director George) Ashe for giving me the opportunity to coach at Hardin Valley.
“It’s a great school and it’s still a new community,” she added. “It’s still growing. We had great community support. I’m hopeful that they’ll find somebody who can keep the program growing.”
Cruze, who joined the Lady Hawks as an assistant coach in 2009 shortly after she graduated from Carson-Newman University, has spent more than a decade as the school’s head coach — and she’s built a winner.
A perennial power in Dis-



Photo courtesy of Whitney Cruze

Four Hardin Valley Academy Lady Hawks softball standouts recently made their college choice official during a signing celebration at the HVA softball field. Joined by head coach Whitney Cruze and assistant coach Mitch Fisher are signees, seated from left, Annie McCormick, outfielder, Maryville College; Madi Lane, shortstop, Chattanooga State; Savanna Beard, infielder, Motlow State; and Denver Hogrefe, pitcher/outfielder, Bryan College.
trict 4-AAA, HVA earned a trip to the 2015 Class AAA State Tournament under Cruze. She also won back-to-back Region 2-AAA championships in 2015 and 2016 and remains thankful for the chance to coach high school.
“Coaching is a calling, and I’ve been blessed to be at Har-

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Superlatives for an FHS football team ranking 2nd in state in GPA



Photos by Alan Sloan



(Above) Senior lineman Wilson Ventura earned the Distinguished Admiral Star Award for qualities including “coachable ... dependable ... tough and a team player.” (Right) Senior defensive back Grant Rice earned the Laural Strange Memorial Scholarship, which was presented by Jennifer and Robert Wrinkle and their family.

Stellar performances on the Region 1-6A level were plentiful for Farragut High football seniors and juniors as recognized with plaques — along with ranking second in the state for team GPA — during the program’s recent banquet in the school’s football/track & field stadium. (Upper right) Voted as tops in Region in a particular position or category, from left, were Class of 2021’s Andrew Doane, Scholar Athlete; Matt White, Athlete of the Year; and Eli Purcell, Defensive Player of the Year. (Above) Others All-Region, from left, were Trey Nesbitt, defensive line; Jake Wallace, Newcomer of the Year; Carter Schuermann, offensive line; Logan Foody, cornerback; Camden Kuhn, safety; and Eli Harville, offensive line. (Right) All-Region, Class of 2022 from left, were Dawson Moore, quarterback; Trace Corum, wide receiver; Mason Collins, cornerback; and Corey Walker, defensive line.



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Spartans Orton, Kirkland sign as student/athletes at Wittenberg, Tusculum

Marcus Orton, Webb School of Knoxville Class of 2021 defensive midfielder for boys soccer, and classmate Austin Kirkland, a pitcher/outfielder for the baseball Spartans, recently committed to universities as student/athletes.

Orton, who chose Wittenberg University, was co-captain while helping lead the 20-0 Spartans to the TSSAA Division II-A state championship late last month. He also was a member of Webb's varsity cross-country team.

"Marcus is incredibly competitive and isn't afraid of the big moments," Webb varsity head coach Jared Ziegler said.

Kirkland, who signed with Tusculum University in Greenville, was a three-year starter for the Spartans varsity baseball team. With a stellar career pitching record and an earned run average at 1.99 late in the 2021 season — and almost a four-to-one strikeout-to-walk ratio — Kirkland was named to the All-District team.

"Austin has been a major part of our program's success over the past three seasons, and his senior year has been one of his best yet," Spartans varsity baseball head coach Jordan Wormsley said.

Bulldog Classic top performers aplenty

A big Maroon-and-Gray-at-heart contingent — which included Fred James as he teed off on No. 1 hole — recently converged upon Willow Creek Golf Club for the 19th Annual Bulldog Classic, officially known as Bearden Foundation Golf Tournament. Foundation Committee officials said close to \$40,000 was raised for its coffers, adding "this money will go toward educational needs, enrichment opportunities and improvements at Bearden that will continue to make it the top school in the area." As for tourney results, the first-place team of Scott Smith, Nick Husky, Matt Parton and Ray Hillard earned gift certificates to Lakeside Tavern. The second-place foursome of David Belcher, Vaughn Belcher, Brent Musick and Larry Brady won gift certificates to Aubrey's. Dog's Tail honorees were Tom Varlan, Bruce Guyton, Paul Varlan and Chad Fitzgerald, who won a bottle of wine. As for individual honors, Closest to the Pin on Hole No. 6 was C.T. Cozart, who earned four rounds of golf at Centennial Golf Course.



Alan Sloan



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The 'Wright stuff' for TN Tech

Alongside parents Travis and Debbie Wright, Knoxville Catholic Class of 2021 standout catcher Emery Wright signed with Tennessee Tech during a ceremony Wednesday, June 16, in the KCHS gym. As a senior, Emery batted .312 with six home runs, 26 RBI and nine doubles. He was a member of National Honor Society and achieved the Presidential Honor Roll three straight years. Emery said he likely would major in biology and health sciences through the Pre-Med program at TTU.

Cruze

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din Valley," Cruze said. "I feel like the Lord put me there and wanted me there."

This year the Lady Hawks went 27-10 before being eliminated in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals.

Cruze admits she changed as a coach throughout her career.

"When I first started, it was all about winning," she said. "But as I grew, as I got older and as I matured, it became about building relationships."

She also noted that losing the

majority of the 2020 campaign to the COVID-19 pandemic changed not only her, but also her Hardin Valley players.

"After we lost last season, our team decided to take an attitude of gratefulness," Cruze said. "Our team decided that we were going to be grateful for the opportunities that we had to step on the field."

While Cruze admits she'll miss the diamond, she said it was time to step down.

With two young children, Cruze said she will support them in their soccer and T-ball endeavors.

"My kids started playing

soccer and T-ball last year, and it hurt me not to be there for them," she said. "It hurt my heart."

When I started this season, I didn't know that it would be my last," Cruze added. "But I knew my time was coming."

As a player, Cruze was a big name on the high school softball scene in the Knoxville area. She was a star shortstop at Knoxville Central High School while also playing basketball for three seasons for the Lady Bobcats.

After a stellar softball career in Fountain City, she went on to play for Carson-Newman.

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Park Place's Olga looks back, ahead

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Park Place of West Knoxville resident Olga Kelso lived through the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, World War II and more. However, ready to celebrate her 100th birthday Dec. 2, "I don't feel that old," she said. "I'm surprised that I am that old."

"I find myself to be in better shape than women who are younger than I by 20 years at least," Olga added.

She attributes her longevity to taking care of herself.

"I never smoked — I tried it, didn't like it — and I'm not a heavy drinker," Olga said. "I used to have a highball at a party, but I never kept liquor in the house."

"My (late) husband (Jack Kelso) enjoyed a drink," she recalled. "But we were never interested in getting drunk."

Born in 1921 to John and Anna Kapusta, Slovak immigrants in Cleveland, Ohio, Olga grew up in a village called Northfield — 30 to 40 miles south of Cleveland. She was the oldest of five children.

"There were two brothers after me and then two sisters," she recalled, noting she had outlived them all.

"We lived on Maple Avenue," Olga said. "There were maple trees planted on both sides of the street."

"We loved it," she added. "My folks kept a big garden; we had that wonderful Jersey cow, and my mother ordered chicks from Sears-Roebuck every spring."

Olga remembered her hometown also was a great place for children to play.

"There were open fields all over the place," she recalled. "As I was growing up, I played baseball with my brothers and their friends."

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Photos submitted

(Above) Olga as a U.S. Navy enlistee during World War II.

(Left) A recent photo of Olga as a Park Place resident.



Photo submitted

Farragut schools volunteers bid farewell

Five volunteers who together have given 80 years of combined service to Farragut schools retired at the end of the 2020-21 school year. From left are Jean Ogle (2008), Susie Carr (1997), Christie Varner (2008), Mary Nussbaum (2006) and Susan Horn (2006), who also is Knox County Board of Education chair (5th District representative). "We have all served together on the Farragut Primary School Parent Teacher Association, the Farragut Intermediate School PTA and the FHS Parent Teacher Student Organization boards," said Nussbaum, who also is FHS representative for the Town of Farragut's Education Relations Committee. "We have all served on the executive board, and Susie, Susan and I have all been presidents. We all retired this year as we all have graduated seniors. It had been a fun ride; now we are all off to new adventures."

Anonymous 'Friends of KCS' scholarship awarded to Kooima

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Anonymous donors at Knoxville Christian School have made a 2021 graduate very happy.

Gabriella "Gabby" Kooima was selected as the second recipient of a scholarship funded entirely by a group known as "The Friends of Knoxville Christian School." Her name was randomly selected during graduation ceremonies held in early May.

"This is a special tradition we started just last year with generous donors who want to help our seniors financially as they further their education," explained Chase Caples, KCS director of marketing and public relations.

Kooima said she will be attending Tennessee Technological University, where she

plans to earn a bachelor's degree in computer science and minor in cybersecurity.

It was at KCS, as a member of the school's Cyber Patriot team, that she "fell in love with computer science," she said.

"Additionally, watching Abi and McGee from (the TV show) NCIS helped steer me in the direction of computer science," Kooima added. "I would eventually like to become a front-end developer or a cryptographer."

True 'Friends'

KCS President Bobby Simpson explained the loosely-organized group he named "The Friends of Knoxville Christian School" contributed funds to help with post-high school education expenses.

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(Above) Roy and Katy Ogle of Farragut will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary Tuesday, July 6. **(Below)** They were married July 6, 1946, in Sevier Heights Baptist Church in Knoxville. They have lived in Farragut for 60 years and recently moved to Autumn Care along Herron Road. Before retiring, Roy worked for W.S. Trimble Window and Door, and Katy worked for TVA. The couple were charter members of First Baptist Concord, but in recent years have been attending Faith Fellowship Church. They have a daughter, Peggy Elrod, who lives in Conroe, Texas, with her husband, David. Their son, Mike Ogle, passed away three years ago. The Ogles also have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. “My parents are both still very active,” said Elrod, noting her father still drives at age 97. “We are so excited they will be celebrating such a milestone anniversary.”



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Olga

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“I was as good as the boys were, and I loved the game.” During the Depression, Olga’s father was fortunate. He was able to maintain work because his skill as a blacksmith helped him gain employment in the steel mills. During World War II, she said her brother, Danny, then 19, “was killed in the war with Japan.” After Olga turned 21 in 1943, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, or WAVE, military unit. She spent 20 years in the Navy, retiring in 1963. Olga, who was a chief yeoman, and Jack, a chief boat-swain’s mate, met while stationed at the Pentagon. “We met in a little shop near the Pentagon,” she recalled. “I was working on the fourth floor of the Pentagon, for an admiral, and he was working in the basement ... in the guarding unit. “I was terribly shy, (but) I was very impressed with what he was doing, his work, and he was a very nice person,” Olga added. Still, they would end up seeing each other. She was 35 when they married in 1955. “My husband had been married before and was the father of a daughter,” Olga said, but noted she and Jack had no children together. However, Olga does have many nieces and nephews. One of the highlights of her career was meeting baseball



Olga at 4

star pitcher, Bob “The Heater from Van Meter” Feller with the Cleveland Indians, who came into the office to meet with the admiral. “I had to calm myself,” recalled Olga, who had to introduce Feller to the admiral. “I had to think of something intelligent to say.” Though painfully shy, she still was an avid baseball fan. After Feller’s meeting, she encountered him at the elevator and finally gained the courage to tell him “good luck” on getting a third no-hitter in the Indians’ next game. When the game was taking place, Olga was at the golf course when she heard people yelling. She discovered Feller, in fact, did pitch his third no-hitter. “I can’t explain how I felt,” she said, taking a deep breath. “It was such a good feeling.” Her husband, Jack, died in 1990, then Olga came to Tennessee in 1995, living in Fairfield Glade before moving to Knoxville in 2013. She moved to Park Place with her sister, Ellie, in February 2018.

Scholarship

From page 3B

KCS administration that they intend to attend a four-year, two-year or even a technical/trade school,” he said. Its members “all wish to remain anonymous, and actually do not really know of each other,” Simpson added. “They all do, however, believe in paying it forward and helping those students that do plan to continue their education.” Simpson credited Kay Wellons, KCS elementary vice principal and former Farragut Intermediate School principal, with suggesting the idea of scholarships at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Thanks to COVID-19, “many things stopped in person at virtually every school,” Simpson said. “However, Knoxville Christian never skipped a beat and finished the school year online. “At graduation, which was held on the regularly-sched-



Photo submitted

Knoxville Christian School Class of 2021 graduate Gabriella “Gabby” Kooima was congratulated by KCS President Bobby Simpson when she was selected to receive a new KCS scholarship. uled date with almost all of it being online, we had received some gifts to go towards this scholarship — I believe it was \$300,” he added. “At our recent graduation on May 8, which took place at West End Church of Christ, there were even more donations toward this scholarship. This year’s scholarship was for \$1,500, with some funds already (set aside) for the Class of 2022 graduates.”

Planner

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AGENDA June 24, 2021 | BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. June 10, 2021, Workshop Minutes B. June 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes IV. Mayor's Report A. Beautification Awards V. Ordinances A. Second Reading and Public Hearing 1. Ordinance 21-09, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A- Zoning, Chapter 3, Section IV., Open Space Mixed Residential (OSMR), to require a concept plan in association with a rezoning request to establish the distribution of attached vs. detached dwelling units (Town of Farragut, Applicant) VI. Business Items A. Approval of the Farragut Education Relations Committee Charter Revision B. Approval of FY2022 Committee Appointments C. Approval of Resolution R-2021-06, Annual Debt Management Policy Review VII. Town Administrator's Report VIII. Town Attorney's Report IX. Citizens Forum

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF/DEVELOPER AGENDA

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Back of the Board Room – Farragut Town Hall

9:00 a.m. Discussion on an access request for the development of the property immediately west of the Weigels at 12001 Kingston Pike (M&M Land Company, Applicant) **9:30 a.m.** Discussion on a request to consider the site related elements of expanding the dining room by approximately 500 square feet at the Big Kahuna Wings, 12828 Kingston Pike (Big Kahuna Wings, Applicant) **10:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Preserve at Turkey Creek, Parcels 02103 and 02101, Tax Map 153, 13 Lots, Zoned R-2, 10.23 Acres (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant) 10:30 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for Moses Watersports, Parcel 176.02, Tax Map 130, 11470 Outlet Drive, Zoned OD-RE/E, 6.8 Acres (Urban Engineering, Inc., Applicant) **11:30 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a future land use map amendment request for a portion of the property referenced as Parcel 069, Tax Map 142 (north of old Ingles building), 20 Acres, to change the future land use map from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential (Horne Properties, Inc., Applicant). Discussion and public hearing on a zoning map amendment request for a portion of the property referenced as Parcel 069, Tax Map 142 (north of old Ingles building), 20 Acres, to change the zoning from R-1 (Rural Single-Family Residential) to R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) (Horne Properties, Inc., Applicant)

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Hardin Valley Academy Graduation 2021

Hardin Valley Academy Class of 2021 held its commencement ceremony Wednesday evening, June 2, on the school's football field. This class of 487 earned \$32,061,235 in scholarships, led by valedictorian Owen Anthony Cianciolo and salutatorian Kaylyn Ngoc Thuy Tran. Graduate Dominique Romain, who will attend Yale University, earned the prestigious Hawk Award. Principal Dr. Rob Speas — whose daughter, Riley Elaine Speas, was among those graduating — referenced the four empty chairs to the front and left of where the graduates sat, which served as a memorial to assistant principal Ken Dunlap and HVA students Elise Kersch, Ben Howell and Maddie Purcell who died during the school year.



From left are new graduate Dominique Romain, Timari Ray (HVA Class of 2019), new graduate Naomi Schumpert and Timaya Ray (HVA Class of 2020).



Alyssa Frantz, left, and Caimelle Bent



Elizabeth Renee Bain receives her diploma from Bob Thomas, Knox County Schools superintendent



Jamison Boye gets a hug from grandma, Rebecca Ishibashi, with Boye's step-brother, Matthew Mann, in back



An emotional moment for graduate Grace Rogers, left, and Caroline Stedina, HVA Class of 2022



Graduates Devon Hendershot and Kiersten Hernandez



Twins Michael Spurgeon, left, and Shane Spurgeon, right, with friend, Tucker Martin



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As reflected by the opening of the Cavette Hill facility in 2018, “We saw a need for our campus to be what they call a ‘continuing care retirement community,’” said Harriet Amonette,

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— Harriet Amonette,
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NHCPF director of Marketing Services. “We have all the offerings that anyone would need for seniors.

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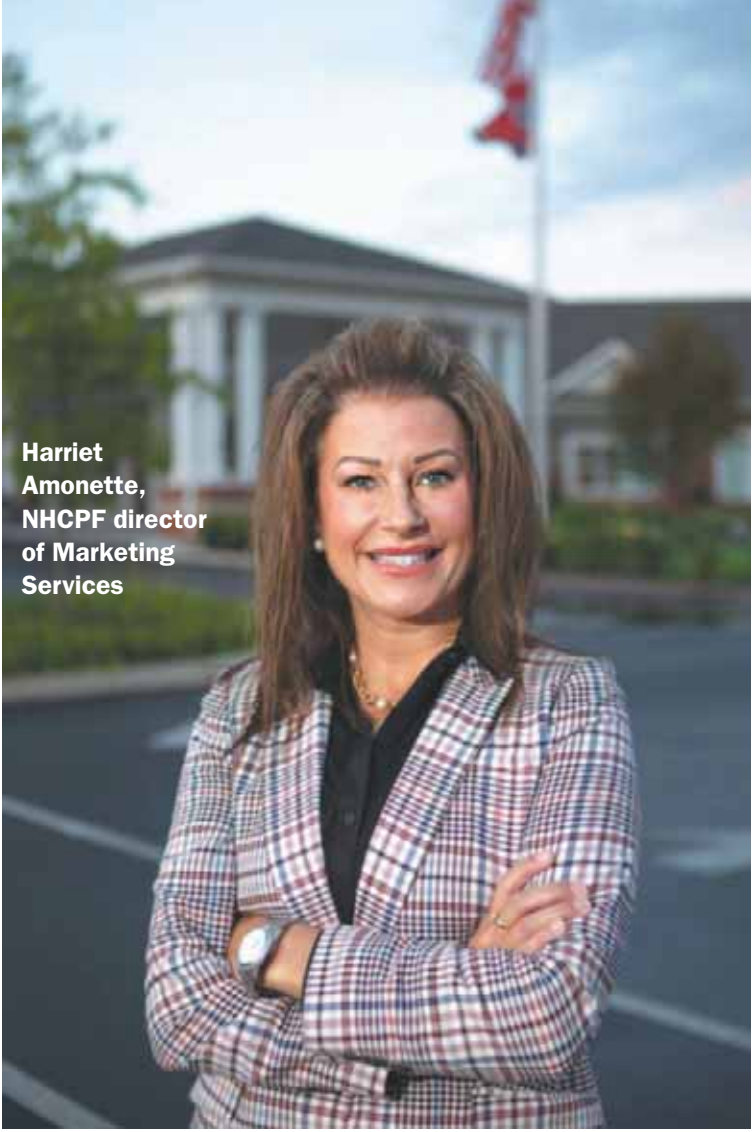
As for quality care, “We have mandatory dementia training through Alzheimer’s Tennessee for all the folks that are working over at Cavette Hill,” she said. “We furnish respite apartments, so when folks need a break from taking care of whoever their loved one is, they can bring them here.

“There’s no cost for furnishings; they can bring them here for a week to however long they need to,” Amonette said.

About earning this Reader’s Choice honor, “I’m grateful for the people that voted and have given us positive feedback,” the marketing services director said. “That’s quite an honor with everything we’ve been through over the past year.

“I feel we have a strong team here; we have very little turnover in our management, which I think is huge,” she added. “We survey people to death just to make sure what we are doing and what we can do better.”

For more information about NHC Place Farragut, call 865-777-9000.



Harriet Amonette,
NHCPF director
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Genuine concern for patients garners Reader’s Choice award

Taking extra steps to alleviate pain while incorporating relaxation methods — all done out of a genuine concern for its patients — is a major reason Volunteer Chiropractic, 10826 Kingston Pike Suite B, is a farragutpress Reader’s Choice favorite.

“My wife and I, when we first started out, we always said that we want to treat people the way that she and I would want to be treated,” said Dr. Dan Watkins, co-owner with wife, Keelie Watkins, and chief practitioner among a staff of six. “Take time with them, try to find out what’s going on.”

Specifically, in addition to basic chiropractic procedures, “We offer acupuncture, which we’ve done for about 10 years now, and we do massage therapy,” said Dr. Watkins, a chiropractor for 20 years who

opened Volunteer Chiropractic at its current location in 2005. “... I will explain what we can do as far as acupuncture. ... We can treat pretty much anything with acupuncture.”

In addition to “lower back pain and neck pain,” a popular use of this treatment is for “migraine headaches and anxiety, which has been huge with COVID,” he added.

Reaching out to those who have served their country, “We are part of the (Veterans Administration) Program, veterans do get referred to us from the VA,”



Watkins

Dr. Watkins said about his business being part of the VA’s “Community Cares,” which is administered through VA providers.

“We help quite a few veterans with their healthcare needs,” he added.

Beyond the Watkins couple, “A big part of our success is our employees; each of our employees has been working at our office for at least five years,” Dr. Watkins said of Lindsay Amburn, chiropractic therapy assistant and front desk coordinator; Sandy Lins, chiropractic therapy assistant and licensed massage therapist; Carly Hinkle, front desk/IT; and office assistants Lucy Watkins and Sadie James Watkins.

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“I think we get good results, and we’ve been doing it a long time — and we have a wide array of skills in our office,” said Farrell Levy, founding member of this 41-year-old firm who has been practicing law, “primarily civil litigation and trial work of all kinds,” for 46 years.

Specifically, Levy’s “primary area of focus are plaintiff’s personal injury cases and complex probate and elder law litigation,” he said.

Featuring six attorneys, “We have attorneys in several different practice areas that have been selected with all kinds of different accolades, both nationally and locally, for their skills,” Levy said, which includes being listed in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Lawyers, Best Law Firms” and a place among The National Trial Lawyers’ “Top 100 Trial Lawyers.”

He listed the firm’s other attorneys and their specialties: “Chip Vowell primarily does corporate work, business entity formation and complex contract issues; Charles G. Taylor, III handles complex civil litigation including contract disputes, construction law and personal injury claims.

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About being named a Reader’s Choice “Best,” Levy said, “There are a lot of good attorneys in Knox County, and to receive this award is very gratifying.

“And it’s not just the attorneys that made it possible, it’s also the support staff. ... We have a really good office staff,” he added.

Having opened the firm in 1980 in Farragut with then partner Marty McDonald, who “retired about a year ago,” Levy added, “We’ve been in the same location since 1983.”

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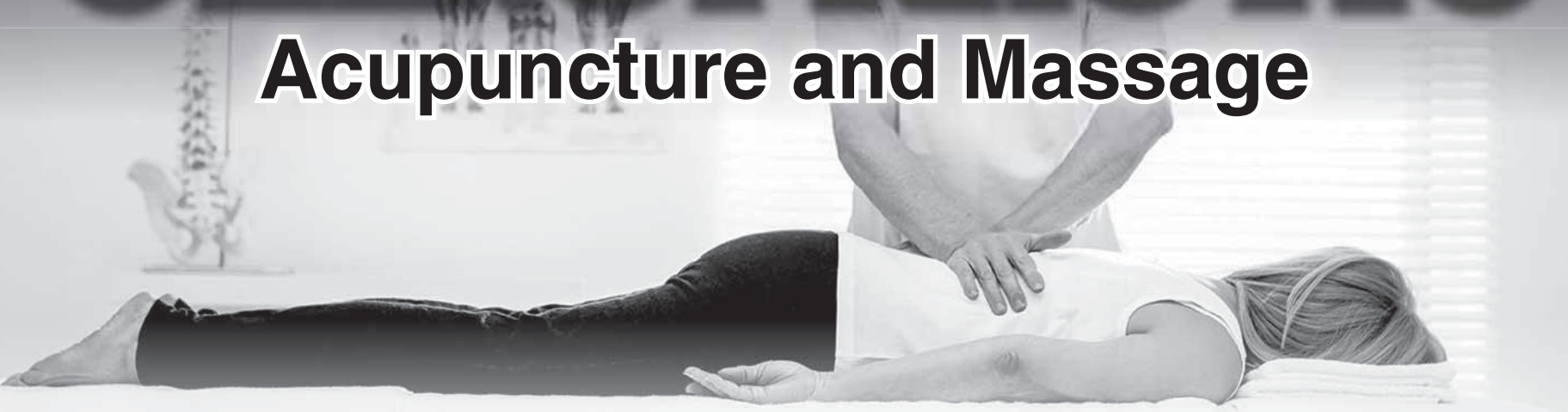
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The park originated before many of Farragut's current residents arrived. The Town purchased the first 26-acre parcel for McFee Park in 1995, but construction of the first phase didn't begin until 2007. It opened for public use in 2009 with two lighted rectangular fields, a restroom/storage building, a walk trail and a parking lot. That same year, the park expanded with the purchase of 16.9 acres along McFee Road.

In 2010, Phase 2 construction added a playground, two picnic pavilions, additional restrooms, walk trails and parking. Another 9.48 acres of adjacent prop-

erty was purchased that year. In 2011, the town's first splashpad opened. A new larger splashpad opened in June of 2016.

Phase 3 construction is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall. The jewel of the expansion will be the Great Lawn. This large, grassy open space will give kids (and adults) ample room to throw frisbees, turn cartwheels or simply run around. Those who don't care to be active can throw down a blanket and enjoy the sunshine. A lighted walk trail will surround the Great Lawn and link to the park's other trails.

A new large pavilion is destined to be a favorite Farragut venue! This stylish space is large enough to seat 120 under cover, with additional space available on an adjoining patio. For flexibility, there will be no permanent tables and chairs in the Great Pavilion, but they will be available for rent.

Four lighted tennis courts at the park can be converted to eight pickleball courts. The courts can be reserved for a fee, but if there are no reservations, drop-in play is free. A basketball court will be adjacent to the tennis courts.

One thing that's special about McFee Park is its easy walkability from several subdivisions. It is a true neighborhood park, says Farragut Parks & Recreation Director Sue Stuhl.

"It will be a great place for the community to gather. The open space at McFee will be something we don't have at any of our other parks," she says. "We're really excited that the town will have a park of this size."

For updated information about the opening of the Phase 3 expansion, tennis court reservations and rental of the Great Pavilion, visit farragutparksandrec.org and follow Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

Summer is almost here, and I think it's safe to say that it is going to be wonderful! Life is finally starting to return to normal. I encourage everyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated to take this important step. It's something we all need to do to help protect our neighbors who can't be vaccinated. Yes, it's a choice, but I hope we'll consider others when we choose.

I'm very proud that the pandemic didn't stop the good work of the Town of Farragut. Several projects are currently underway, and I'm happy to provide an update.

Work on **Virtue Road** is moving right along. The retaining walls are now complete and the new bridge over Little Turkey Creek is well underway. When this project is completed in spring of 2022, we'll be glad to have a safer roadway with better pedestrian facilities.

The new **sidewalk on Smith Road** will connect the greenway on Everett Road to existing sidewalk on Andover Boulevard, and that portion of Smith will also be improved with curb and gutter. Work began in April and is expected to be completed in the fall.

The **Watt Road pedestrian crossing** project, which began in May, will provide pedestrian connection from Orchid Grove and Sedgefield subdivisions to Mayor Bob Leonard Park and include a new sidewalk, a pedestrian island, and in-pavement crosswalk lights with flashing beacons. The project should be completed in late summer.

The **expansion of McFee Park** is probably the most exciting current project in the town, and it will be ready for the public to enjoy in late summer! Improvements include a Great Lawn and tennis/pickleball courts. See the full list of new amenities in this edition of "Talk of the Town."

A TDOT project at **Watt Road and Kingston Pike** has been under development by the Town for several years. The project, which is expected to start soon, includes reassignment of lanes on Watt Road, new signal equipment, the addition of a southbound right turn lane, tightening of the radius returns at North Watt Road to improve pedestrian crossings, and additional sidewalk along the west side of North Watt Road. Federal funds will cover most of the project. The Town is responsible for approximately 35% of the cost.

All of these improvements make our town safer, more pedestrian-friendly and more fun. I'm proud to serve as mayor during this exciting time. Have a great summer.

Mayor Ron Williams



Big summer events return to Farragut

With the warmth of summer returning, it is time to soak up the sun with Farragut's summer events!

The Town's annual Independence Day Parade is back this year, but with a twist – it will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. Due to the paving of Lendon Welch Way, this year's parade will start at the Farragut High School junior lot and proceed down West End Drive to West Point Drive to Kingston Pike. The parade continues to Boring Road, just east of Farragut Towne Square Shopping Center (former Ingles store site). Bring the family and reconnect with the Town at this community staple.

The grand marshals in this year's parade will be the four Farragut public school principals: Gina Byrd (Farragut Primary),



Deborah Adorante (Farragut Intermediate), Weston Edmonds (Farragut Middle) and John Bartlett (Farragut High). These administrators are being recognized for exceptional service to their community during the 2020 and 2021 school years.

Fleet Feet Sports Knoxville

will host the fifth 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.

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FARRAGUT
ArtShow

Farragut Art Show is June 26-27 at community center

Enjoy the creativity of the community at the Town of Farragut's inaugural two-dimensional art show! This event, sponsored by the Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee, is 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.). Admission is free!

The categories are printing, painting (oil, acryl-

ic, watercolor), drawing (pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, chalk, etc.), mixed media, and junior (17 and under), and cash prizes will be awarded in each. Come out to the community center to enjoy the local art scene!

For more information, contact Brittany Spencer at bspencer@townoffarragut.org or 865-218-3376.

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Farragut Town Hall
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934
General email: towninfo@townoffarragut.org
Website: townoffarragut.org
Town of Farragut TV: Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3

Farragut Community Center
Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
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

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability pursuant to Title VI of the civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting.

Visit Farragut wins Award of Excellence for dining guide

Visit Farragut has won a 2020 Award of Excellence from the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council (METTC) for a dining guide brochure that was created during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was part of the “Doors are Opening” marketing campaign that the tourism department implemented at the request of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to address the needs of local businesses and restaurants. Visit Farragut received the Pivot Award for the dining guide, which provides information about services offered by local restaurants, like take-out, delivery services or outdoor seating. You can pick one up at local hotels, Town Hall and the Farragut Community Center. Download a digital version at VisitFarragut.org. Like many other tourism organizations, Visit Farragut’s objective in 2020 was helping businesses stay afloat rather than encouraging travel. “Visit Farragut changed its focus to supporting our local businesses, restaurants, hotels and citizens during the pandemic. The dining guide is now a valuable resource to support our local economy and beyond,” says Tourism Coordinator Karen Tindal.

The Talk of the Town is a quarterly publication produced by the Town of Farragut Parks & Recreation Department. For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 218-3371 or wsmith@townoffarragut.org.



Shop Farragut brings two days of music and a weekend of dock-diving to town

MusicFest is back this year, bigger and better than ever! This two-day music and shopping extravaganza is Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, at West End Shopping Center. Performances start at 6 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The event will feature 10 area bands, including groups featuring Farragut High School students on Friday night and local blues acts on Saturday. As always, this Shop Farragut and Town of Farragut event is free. Enjoy live music under the large festival tent while partaking of food truck offerings and adult beverages from Water Into Wine and Admiral Pub. (Proper ID is required.) West End merchants and other vendors will be outside to showcase products and services during the event. Special discounts, attractions and giveaways will also be part of the fun. To see the full schedule, visit farragutbusiness.com/musicfestatwestend. Dog Daze V is at Village Green Shopping Center again this summer! Shop Farragut and the Town of Farragut are teaming up with Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs for a nationally-sanctioned regional canine aquatics event Friday, Aug. 13, through Sunday, Aug. 15. Festivities start Friday afternoon with local dogs taking a “Pooch Plunge,” and the serious competition jumping begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Throughout the event, spectators can shop the Village Green Shopping Center, visit on-site merchant booths, and get food and drink at the festival tent. For more information, see farragutbusiness.com/dogdaze.

Get acquainted with the Town through Introduction to Farragut

Introduction to Farragut is a unique way to connect participants with the Town, providing information on its history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about Farragut. Residency is not required and applications will be accepted for the 2021 Introduction to Farragut program beginning Monday, June 14. The program begins with a reception and program kickoff at Farragut Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The class dates are the following Wednesdays: Sept. 1, 15 and 29, Oct. 20 and 27. Classes begin at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and will last approximately two hours depending on class participation and questions. After completing the requirements, there will be a graduation ceremony at 6 p.m. on Nov. 3, and all participants are invited to attend. In addition to these dates, the class will have the opportunity to tour Farragut with Town Administrator David Smoak from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26. Program requirements include attending the kickoff reception, at least four of the five classes, one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (second and fourth Thursdays of each month), one Municipal Planning Commission meeting (third Thursday of each month) and participating in a class project by completing volunteer hours with a nonprofit of the Town’s choosing. Up to 20 participants will be selected; accepted applicants will be notified within 10 days of the application deadline, which is 4 p.m. Friday, July 30. Register at townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut, in person at Town Hall or by email to Jennifer Hatmaker at jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org. Farragut Town Hall is located at 11408 Municipal Center Drive across from the Farragut Branch Post Office. For general application information, email Jennifer or call 865-966-7057.



Award-winning Lawn Chair Concert Series returns this summer

Dust off those lawn chairs and get ready for the return of the Lawn Chair Concert series this summer in Founders Park! The stage will be set for the first concert on Aug. 21 after more than a year, with two more concerts planned for Sept. 18 and Oct. 2. These free, family-friendly evenings feature kids’ crafts and food trucks, as well as live music. Vendors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 5:30 p.m. Sponsorships are still available and are a great way to show community support for the performing arts. For more information, visit facebook.com/lawnchairconcertseries or contact Shandy at mamajam34@gmail.com.

SUMMER 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 early for class 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, Twitter and Instagram) for updated information.

• Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty visits are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.

• **No refunds are given for programs and classes.**

FITNESS

Knoxville Youth Athletics Summer Cross Country Program

July 12-30 (grades 3-5), 7:30-9 a.m. in the Founders Park at Campbell Station parking lot. Cost: \$125 (middle and high school) or \$75 (grades 3-5). The Summer Cross Country Program offers kids in grades 3-12 the opportunity to lay a solid foundation of summer training for the upcoming fall cross country season. Visit knoxvilleyouthathletics.org or call 865-643-2840 for more information and to register. Co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

Pick Your Own Open Gym

Mondays from 12-5 and 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays from 12-5 p.m., and Thursdays from 4-8 p.m.in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per person per hour for a half court. When reserving your spot, please choose one of the following: basketball, pickleball, kickball, dodgeball, badminton or lap walking. You must call at least one hour before the start time to reserve a spot (865-218-3376). You can pay over the phone or at the front desk when you arrive. If you are not able to attend the session, please call to cancel at least 15 minutes before the session starts. After two no-show registrations, you will no longer be able to register.

Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per child; adults are free. Participating children must be walking to 5 years old. Join us for this parent-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

Family Yoga

Mondays from 5-5:30 p.m. in the community center. Cost: free. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. on the Friday before the session. Instructor: Jenny Trussell, registered Children's Yoga Teacher. Get the entire crew moving with a delightful family yoga class! This 30-minute class, perfect for all ages, will get you and your family moving with love and laughter. This class will introduce basic yoga poses, breathwork and stretches, along with stress-reduction techniques. Adults and older children will enjoy the gentle fitness routine, while younger children often watch and/or mimic the moves, learning through play and imagery. Even babies in infant carriers are often fascinated by watching the class activity while their parents enjoy some self-care time. The instructor will gladly work with each family to customize a routine that can be enjoyed outside class. Bring a mat for each participant, a willingness to move, and a big smile! Register all participants of this class individually.

Total Fitness Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$4 per session. Pre-registration required; spaces

are limited. 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.

Sunrise Stretch

Fridays, starting July 16, from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the community center. Cost: Free. Pre-registration required. Start your day right with a sunrise yoga class this summer! 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 brand new to yoga.

Pickleball Open Gym

Fridays from 12-5 p.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per person per hour. No need to pre-register – just bring yourself and your 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 2. 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.

Youthful Yogis in the Park

Saturday, July 10, from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Cost: Free. Please pre-register. Get your child moving with a delightful outdoor children's yoga class! This 30-minute class, perfect for ages 2-6, will get your little yogi moving with love and laughter. Children learn basic yoga poses, breathwork and stress-management techniques in a kid-friendly style. Yoga will be taught through play and imagery with song, games, and imaginative lessons. Parents/supervising adults can participate or simply observe, but must be present during the class. Bring a mat for each participant, and plenty of smiles and silliness!

Family Yoga in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Cost: Free. Please pre-register. Get moving this summer with a family yoga class! This 30-minute class is perfect for ages 4 to adult and will get your family moving with love and laughter. The class introduces basic yoga poses, breathwork and stress-management techniques for all ages. At least one adult should accompany participating children. Bring a mat and a smile for each participant.

Pilates/Yoga Fusion

Six-week session: Tuesdays, Aug. 17 through Sept. 21, from 6-7 p.m. in the community center. Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 13. Cost: \$60. Join 200-hour registered yoga teacher Simon Bradbury for Pilates/Yoga Fusion! This class combines yoga poses with Pilates mat exercises that build core strength, enhance flexibility and balance in a low-impact approach to mind-body fitness. Think of it as taking a scheduled one-hour vacation, just for you, while enhancing your body and mind. You will finish class feeling relaxed, refreshed and energized. Please bring your own mat.

EDUCATION

July Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, July 6-20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$45 for one student and \$37.50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Friday, July 2. This is an introductory watercolor class geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning some basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All mate-

rials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Riding Out Market Volatility

Tuesday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Cynthia Barreira. Learn with Cynthia about how to make market volatility work for you. In this informational seminar, you will discover ways to keep volatility in perspective, understand how volatility can lead to opportunity and learn strategies for maintaining a long-term approach to investing. Register by emailing nqiu@ft.newyorklife.com or call 865-686-8305

Our Place Art – Creativity and Art Expression

Two dates: Wednesday, July 14, or Thursday, September 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for an art expression class where participants create vibrant paintings. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Social Skills & Board Games

Thursday, July 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a summer-themed social skills activity to make new friends! Participants will build friendships and social skills through playing social board games. Participants have an opportunity to create their own personalized board game. All materials are provided. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

How to Talk with Your Physician

Thursday, July 15, 12:30-1 p.m. in the community center medium classroom. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 14. Instructor: Debi Tuggle and staff from UT Medical Center. Join this free seminar to discuss how the conversations you have with your doctor can provide a full understanding of your situation and needs. This valuable class can help you remain independent and prevent falls. Treat issues before it is too late!

Dot Mandala Workshop for Beginners

Thursday, July 15, 6-8:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$42. Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 13. Join artist Marianne Gansley of Piece of Sunshine Dotting for a fun new workshop! You will learn the basics of dot art and create a dot mandala painting through this relaxing and fun process. The class fee includes all tools and materials.

TWRA Boating Safety Education

Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Preregistration required at tn.gov/twra. Each session limited to 50 people. Any Tennessee resident born after Jan. 1, 1989, must show the TWRA-issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam. No other certificate will be accepted as meeting the requirements of the law. Please bring Type 600 boating safety exam permit and a writing utensil to class. The permit is available from any business (license agent) that sells hunting and fishing licenses (Walmart, sporting goods stores, bait stores, marinas, etc.). For more information, visit tn.gov/twra.

Make & Take: Ladybug Basket

Tuesday, July 20, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Registration deadline: Friday, July 16. Instructor: Sheri Burns with the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Center and Pellissippi State Community College. This class features a small round basket with a wooden base and ladybug embellishments, perfect for holding items or just for display, with multiple color options. This class is appropriate for all skill levels. All tools and supplies provided by the instructor.

Making Medicare Easier

Two dates: Tuesday, July 20, or Tuesday, Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Friday,

July 16, and Friday, Sept. 17. Instructor: Bruce Landis of Providence Advisors Group. Learn about enrollment periods, overview of parts A, B, C and D and supplements.

Our Place Art – Rainbow Science

Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for two rainbow-themed science experiments including rainbow paper color science and traveling colors. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free event by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Garden Kits

Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled activity to explore nature, science and art! Participants will decorate their own terracotta pots and pick flower or vegetable seeds to grow at home. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Amazing Animals of Ijams

Thursday, July 22, 3-4:30 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. Cost: \$4 for an individual or \$25 for a family (up to two adults and four children). Registration deadline: Noon on Thursday, July 22. Join an Ijams Naturalist to meet a variety of live animal ambassadors that call Ijams Nature Center home. All of these animals are native to East Tennessee and can be found in your backyard. Learn some amazing facts about these animals, and how you can best respond if you encounter them. Turtles, snakes, birds, and an opossum will be on display. Registration is required; visit ijams.org/calendar-of-events and click on the event.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 29, from 12-5 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code “RememberingTheBadges” or search by zip code 37934.

August Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, Aug. 3, 17 and 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$45 for one student and \$37.50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Friday, July 30. This is an introductory watercolor class geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All materials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Mixed Media for Kids

Two four-week sessions. Fridays, Aug. 6-27 or Sept. 3-24, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$60 for one student and \$50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 4, or Wednesday, Aug. 31. This class, geared for children ages 5-10, will allow kids to explore different kinds of painting and drawing. The class is structured for students to finish one project a week. However, if more time is needed, the participants can finish the following week. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom where kids can have fun learning basic art techniques. All materials provided by the instructor.

Our Place Art Goal Setting

Thursday, Aug. 12, 4-5:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled goal-setting activity. Participants will create vision boards for the new school year. Bring a picture of yourself to add to your collage vision board; all other materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-reg-

istration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Making Social Security Easier

Monday, Aug. 16, 6-7 p.m. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 13. Instructor: Garrett Crawford of Providence Advisors Group. Learn the basics of social security so you can make informed decisions about when to file.

Intro to Farragut

Learn more about Farragut's history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities in this unique series of classes. The program begins with a reception and program kickoff at Farragut Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18. See article on page 2 for more information.

Home Safety Checklist for Fall Prevention

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 12:30-1 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Monday, Aug. 23. Instructor: Debi Tuggle and staff from UT Medical Center. Falls in the home are one of the top causes of injuries among older adults. Many of these injuries are caused by hazards in the home that are often overlooked. By spotting these hazards and taking steps to fix them, you can prevent injuries.

Our Place Art – Health, Nutrition and Gardening Part 1

Thursday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun activity to start learning about health, nutrition and gardening. In Part 1, participants will learn about healthy eating and start an at-home vegetable garden. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Health, Nutrition and Gardening Part 2

Thursday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun activity to start learning about health, nutrition and gardening. Participants will make a garden stepping stone, and continue to learn about healthy eating and gardening in Part 2. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

September Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, Sept. 7-21 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$45 for one student and \$37.50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 3. This introductory watercolor class is geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All materials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Our Place Art – Social/Life Skills

Thursday, September 23, 4-5:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled social awareness/life-skills activity. Participants will make greeting cards to share with others. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Friendship and Social Skills

Thursday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join us for a social skills activity to build friendship and social skills through playing

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Independence Day Parade

Participant information

- **Remember – the parade is on Saturday, July 3 (instead of the usual July 4) this year!** Due to construction at Farragut High School, the parade will enter Kingston Pike via West Pointe Drive (in front of Firestone).
- Parade participants should arrive at Farragut High School no later than 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. Access to the high school is available from Campbell Station Road and West End Boulevard. Access is not available via 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 Intermediate 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 intermediate school. **Parade line-up numbers will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website, farragutparksandrec.org, and posted on the Farragut Town Hall front door by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Line-up numbers will not be available by phone.**
- **Antique car participants:** Please plan on arriving at the high school before 8 a.m. in order to avoid long lines and overheating your car. There is no special entrance or accommodation for antique cars, so please arrive early.
- **Large floats:** 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 Friday, July 2. A guard will be on duty from 5 p.m. until the parade on July 3.
- **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).



Parade road closure

Due to the parade, Kingston Pike will be closed from Concord Road to Boring Road from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Saturday, July 3. The portion of Kingston Pike from Concord Road/West End Avenue to Campbell Station Road will be reopened approximately 15 minutes after the final parade participant has passed through the Campbell Station Road/Kingston Pike intersection. Kingston Pike will be fully re-

opened once all participants are safely off the road.

Options for parade detours are as follows: **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). **South side** - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Evans Road to McFee Road to Kingston Pike (going west).

Concord Road to Kingston Pike (going east). Also, **S. Campbell Station Road** from Kingston Pike to Brooklawn Boulevard and Municipal Center Drive will be closed from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. for the Farragut Freedom Run.

For more information about the parade, please call the Farragut Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or go to farragutparksandrec.org/parade.

New and Returning Community Center Programs

A number of new and returning programs are now available at the Farragut Community Center. It's the perfect time to try something new!

Toddler Takeover (formerly known as Toddler Open Gym) is every Tuesday in the gym from 10-11 a.m. For only \$2 per child (adults are free), you can join us for this parent-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment. Older siblings can attend with a parent/guardian, but they may not participate in the activities – this is for children from walking up to age 5.

Pickleball Open Gym is back as well – no reservation necessary and is just \$2 per person per hour (or ask about our punch cards!). Get your paddle and put your game face on and come play with members of the community. All skill levels are accepted. During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system: games are played to 11 points, winning by 2. Lim-



ited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided.

Yoga in the Park is a continuation of Family Yoga (free, every Monday from 5-5:30 p.m.) with instructor Jenny Trussell – just outside! Join these free 30-minute classes on Saturday, July 10 (Youthful Yogis) and Saturday, August 14 (Family Yoga) from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage at Founders Park. Bring a mat, your water, and a smile!

Start your morning off right with Relax and Breathe with

Jenny every Friday from 8:15-9:15 in the Assembly Hall. These free classes are the perfect way to start your day for beginners or advanced yogis, or anything in between. This class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and brief meditation. Never practiced? Jenny is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone brand new to yoga.

Register for these and other Parks & Rec programs at townoffarragut.org/register.



Rentals available at the Farragut Community Center and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza

Are you are looking for a place to have a party, meeting, or practice? The Farragut Community Center is open and booking rentals in two classrooms, the Assembly Hall, and a middle school-sized gymnasium. For more information on booking a space for your next event, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or find us online at farragutparksandrec.org/community-center.

The Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station

Inn will be available for full-day event rentals starting July 1, 2021. Rentals include the use of the two grass areas, parking lot, and the sidewalk areas internal to the plaza. Rentals must be made at least 30 days in advance and may be made up to 12 months in advance. If you are interested in hosting your event at the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at Campbell Station Inn, contact Bryson Keith at 865-218-3376 or bkeith@townoffarragut.org.

Park Lost and Found

If you visited a Farragut Park and remembered to take home the kids, but forgot your chair, you'll be happy to know that the Parks & Recreation Department keeps a Lost and Found box at each of the Town's four parks. Items left behind are gathered up every day and stowed in a secure area. More valuable items, like electronics or keys, are stored in the Parks & Rec office at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).

To inquire about objects left at parks, contact the Parks & Rec Department at 865-218-3376 during regular business hours. Please keep in mind that some items may have left the park in other hands before our parks assistants had the opportunity to collect them.

With the exception of valuable items, objects collected at parks will be donated after 14 days. Keep enjoying our beautiful parks, but before you leave, scan your surroundings to make sure you've collected all the things, and people, you brought with you.

Events

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With August approaching, a Farragut family favorite, Fun with the Fleet, is returning! The event will be held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road, from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14. As always, this is a free event sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

Fun with the Fleet is a way for kids to get up close and personal with big equipment used by the Town of Farragut and private companies such as Rural/Metro and Smyrna Ready Mix.



For more information, contact Special Event and Program Coordinator Brittany Spencer at

218-3376 or bspencer@townoffarragut.org.

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friendship bingo, a scavenger hunt and other teambuilding activities. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Freedom Run and 33rd Annual Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3. One- and two-mile race starts at 9 a.m. near Farragut Town Hall. Parade starts at 9:30

a.m. See article on page 1 for more information.

MusicFest at West End

Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, at West End Shopping Center. Hosted by Shop Farragut. Cost: free. See article on page 2 for more information.

The Lawn Chair Concert Series (MamaJam Productions)

Saturday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs for two more family-friendly out-

door concerts! See article on page 2 for more information.

Dog Daze V

Aug. 13-15 at Village Green Shopping Center. A free "pooch plunge" for local dogs is 4-7 p.m. on Friday, and the regional DockDogs competition is Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See article on page 2 for more information.

19th Annual Fun with Farragut's Fleet

Saturday, Aug. 14, 9-11 a.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Cost: free. See article on page 1 for more

information.

ArtFest

Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. More information to come.

30th Annual Free Day of Putt-Putt

Monday, Sept. 20, noon- 9 p.m. Enjoy a day of free mini golf at Putt-Putt Golf & Games of Farragut, located in the West End Center. First come, first served; last rounds to start at 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Farragut and Putt Putt Golf & Games.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lawn Chair Concert Series (MamaJam Productions)

Saturday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs for the final show of the year!

Freaky Friday Fright Nite in Farragut

Friday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. One of Farragut's most popular events! Kids 12 and under are invited to "trick or treat" at the park.