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BOMA hopefuls address voters, answer questions

## Johns, White: Part 1 profiles

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Paying for the privilege to engage with the public inside Farragut Community Center, one candidate for Town of Farragut mayor and two aldermen candidates, one from each ward, came before about 70 citizens and made many of their positions known while answering citizen questions Thursday evening, June 23.

This week's profiles focuses on mayoral challenger Bill Johns and Ward II (South) candidate David White.

Ward I (North) candidate Adam Atherton, also a part of this forum, will be profiled, along with two other alderman challengers and two Board of Mayor and Aldermen incumbents, prior to Early Voting, which begins Friday, July 15.

The forum was moderated by Sean Murphy, a local social media political journalist.

### Bill Johns

Marking his second bid to become mayor — losing to then Mayor Eddy Ford in 2005 — Johns was challenged by a citizen to reveal his plans to improve the Town of Farragut before his “Day One” in office.

Johns delivered on his promise to have an outlined plan ready by Monday, June 27, which first came to farragutpress in a condensed version before he released an even more comprehensive plan later that day. The condensed version that follows summarizes five major points, with three shortened slightly due to space limitations:

1). **Putting citizens first in everything Farragut does.** “... We will solve this by putting Citizens Forum first on the agenda for every meeting, including more opportunities of participation, and developing a Town culture that is friendly, welcoming and inclusive to all its citizens, stakeholders and visitors. ...”

2). **Controlling Farragut's growth to match its infra-**



Bill Johns

structure and services. “Because there has not been a proactive vision or plan, growth has been out of control and independent to the capacity of our infrastructure and service capabilities, and transportation impacts have been an afterthought, everyone's quality of life has been negatively impacted.

“We will address this immediately by slowing down (“pausing”) how we grow and plan our community by examining our Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), ordinances, zoning rules and regulations and land use policies to make them consistent with all development opportunities moving forward.

“This includes making the Town itself consistent. Likewise, we need to stop the urbanization of our community. “We will also compare our community to other peer com-



Murphy

munities who have been developed and planned better than Farragut and invest in the training, travel and resources necessary to have the best decision outcomes for those serving on the Municipal Planning Commission representing the citizens' voices.”

3). **Building trust and confidence through transparency and ethics.** “We must gain the confidence of the entire community of citizens, stakeholders, media and volunteers. This entails first being transparent in everything the Town does: video broadcast every formal meeting, including all committees, and have clear and consistent expectations, boundaries, responsibilities and consequences for everyone representing the Town.

“We will need to implement a citizen ethics committee as I suggested in 2005, develop reporting and auditing standards, have regular training and education opportunities and foster closer relationships with watchdog, open government and Tennessee regulatory entities.”

4). **Traffic is a nightmare, and it is only going to get worse.** “... The first thing



David White

we need to do is “stop digging when we are already in a hole” and truly look at the root causes (overbuilding, not proactive planning, creating roadway nightmares with high-density developments, etc. that are causing these problems.)

“As someone with a transportation/supply chain background who worked in a city transportation department, I will be able to quickly address our current situation and provide better solutions to this ever-growing quality of life and safety problem.”

5). **Creating an emergency preparedness and response plan and culture for the Town.** Johns said he “... has first-hand experience with emergencies in communities and volunteering with our region's preparedness groups.

“Farragut does not have a plan and relies on other government agencies. ... With the pending crisis of supply chain disruptions, inflation and the recession with associated increase in crime, Farragut needs to ‘be prepared’ for any scenario. Farragut will have a robust plan.

See SEEKING OFFICE, Page 2A

## Felony vandalism charged; red paint at Target

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A man was arrested at his Farragut residence last week and charged with felony vandalism, stemming from a spray paint incident occurring at Target in Turkey Creek earlier this month.

Jonathan Burns, 31, was taken into custody by Knoxville Police Department officers at 409 Rodeo Drive Tuesday, June 22, and booked into the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility.

The incident that led to Burns' arrest occurred around 3 p.m., Monday, June 13, when Target assistant manager Alishia Reichert said she witnessed an individual, allegedly later identified as Burns, using a can of red spray paint to deface and damage nearly \$4,000 worth of LGBTQ+Pride-themed garments, according to a KPD report.

Reichert had approached the suspect, who was disguised under a ball cap and an American flag-themed neck gaiter, and asked him to leave, according to the report. The suspect exited the store, but apparently had left behind a red Rustoleum can of spray paint, from which fingerprints were later obtained, the report stated.

KPD credited Knox County Sheriff's Office with assisting on the case. Burns was no longer an inmate in the detention center as of Saturday, June 25.



Burns

## USS Farragut sailors part of Parade; Red-White-Blue Contest thru June 30

STAFF REPORTS

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Active-duty sailors from the USS Farragut will visit the community that shares the ship's namesake during Independence Day holiday weekend.

To highlight the visit, the sailors will march with the Farragut Museum float in the 34th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Monday, July 4.

“Namesake visits are a well-established tradition in the U.S. Navy,” a Town press release stated. “The goal is to connect sailors with (Town) leadership and residents of local communities to promote partnerships between citizens and the Navy.”

Farragut Tourism manager Karen Tindal has worked with the Navy to plan the visit, which also will include a museum tour, lunch at Farragut Town

Hall and a tour of local historical sites, including Admiral Farragut Birthplace, Pleasant Forest Cemetery and Sgt. Mitchell Stout Memorial Virtue Cemetery.

“The homeport of the USS Farragut, a Flight IIA Aegis Destroyer, is Mayport, Florida,” the release further stated. “It has a helicopter hangar and the upgraded baseline 7.1 Aegis Combat System. It has a hull length of 509.5 feet

and can reach speeds over 30 knots.”

Parking for the Parade, which begins at 9:30 a.m., Monday, at Lendon Welch Way and Kingston Pike heading west to Boring Road, is available at Farragut Middle School parking lot. (See road closures, detours in Planner, page 4C)

### Red, White Blue Contest

Farragut's Parks and Recreation

See PATRIOTIC on Page 4A

### business

“This would be a great opportunity for business owners or anybody to buy a table and invite colleagues, invite neighbors in your community, invite guests ...,”

- Julie Blaylock, leader of a huge business support group, about a special upcoming gathering. (Read story beginning on page 9A)

### community

“I'm so excited to be working here now, and being able to give back to my community. ... It's just an honor for me to be able to come to work here,”

- Suzanne Parham, whose new job, working with children and adults, is close to her home. (Read story beginning on page 2C)

### voting/registration dates

Early voting for Town of Farragut Election, Knox County General Election and the state and federal Primary begins Friday, July 15, and runs through Saturday, July 30, in advance of Election Day Thursday, Aug. 4.

**Voter registration deadline is Tuesday, July 5. To register to vote, update an address or check registration status, visit govotetn.gov.**



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KCSOreports

Seeking office

From page 1A

“Our community is home to many experienced specialists that we will leverage in a new committee supporting our plan. In addition, we will welcome more collaboration with the Knox County Sheriff’s (Office) and other law enforcement / first responder organizations and security entities.”

David White

Seeking to replace retiring Ward II Alderman Ron Pinchok, White is making his first bid for elected office.

A 1964 Farragut High School graduate, “We’ve lived in this community that is now called the Town of Farragut for over 71 years,” he said.

About the Town’s overall status, “I know where we’ve been, but I don’t like where we’re going,” the candidate said.

White said he “got involved in a couple of issues way before the election, where it was evident the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deliberately violated the Code and didn’t really want to do anything about it. And after discussing the issue, just kind of ignored me.

“... I was at another meeting where Adam was terribly mistreated,” he added. “So I said, ‘that shouldn’t be happening, that’s not us,’ and I just didn’t like what they were doing.

“I want to get there and see if I can change some things. ... The citizens are the key and need to be treated with respect, and when you want to get up

(While there were no KCSO Reports this week, look for them in next week’s issue)

and speak on an issue that’s on your heart, on your mind, then you ought be allowed that courtesy.”

One citizen asked White, “What is your vision for the South side? What’s on your platform, the top three things that you would do?”

“Every vote I make will be in accordance with the Code,” the candidate answered. “This Town was founded by a charter and approved by Nashville, Tennessee, and designed as a ‘Code/Ordinance Town.’

“I’m sick of arbitrarily changing zoning, arbitrarily changing ordinances to accommodate one and not accommodate another,” White added.

While saying “the Town has the right to adjust, to change an ordinance,” he added, “They do not have the right to arbitrarily ignore it ...”

As for Town growth, “I don’t like like where we’re headed traffic-wise and density wise,” White said, adding the residential element of the new Town Center will add to this problem, along with “225 apartments in Dixie Lee Junction” and possible residential growth along North Watt Road.

“Before long you won’t be able to get your kids to school; you won’t be able to go anywhere.”

Asked by a citizen, “What are you going to do about it?” White answered, “I can’t do anything about it; it’s too late.

“... The only thing we can do now is try to keep the density down,” he added.

ADVERTORIAL

Knee Pain: How We Helped Donna Successfully Eliminate Her Knee Pain!

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

**Farragut** - At this point, we’ve been talking about knee pain for the past 3 weeks, and I want to put the information together for you and show you what a successful recovery from knee pain really looks like. **I’d like to tell you a story about a lady named Donna...**

Donna came in for physical therapy with ongoing knee pain that has been bothering her since she started playing pickleball more regularly. She tried to rest, then tried massage, but her knee pain kept getting worse. **What started as an occasional achy feeling turned into constant pain, and like many people, her pain was more intense when she tried to go up and down her stairs or squat down.** Donna also reported that her leg felt weak in general. At 61 years old, Donna was still very active, but her knee pain was slowing her down.

When I first met Donna, we spent the majority of her session discussing how she was concerned about creating more wear on her knee leading to a knee replacement. I was able to check out the major structures of her knee, the status of her hip, ankle and lower back, and I was confident that her pain was stemming from poor tracking of her knee cap, as well as some mild arthritis. I was able to tape her knee to help with how the knee cap was tracking to give her some instant relief.

**Now let’s fast forward to the end of Donna’s story...after working with us for 6 weeks, here’s what she had to say, in her own words:**

*“I had heard about Simply Physio and liked the idea of the one-on-one more private work on my injury and decided that I wanted to give that a try. After several weeks of coming in and getting treatment with different stretches and hands on techniques and my therapist teaching me what I can do for myself at home, I am able to do my everyday activities without hurting. My goals were to be able to pickup and play with my granddaughters, and return back to pickleball, and now I’ve achieved those goals and I can do those things, without pain or difficulty. Thank you so much!”*

- Donna



So how did we help Donna get from her constant and frustrating knee pain to being able to keep up with her grandchildren and back to pickleball?

It was pretty simple really: we took her through the **“3 Phases of Recovery”**

If you’ve read my previous articles, the “3 phrases” should ring a bell. Let me tell you what each phase involved for Donna:

**Phase 1:** our first priority for Donna was to help her reduce her pain and inflammation. Taping was very helpful for Donna early on, and we also included some massage techniques to loosen up her IT Band, and some other hands-on techniques to help her knee-cap glide better.

**Phase 2:** as Donna’s pain improved, we were able to shift our focus to improving her knee/quadriceps and hip strength. Since we loosened up her IT Band, it was now up to her muscles to keep her knee cap tracking well and in good alignment.

**Phase 3:** Donna’s primary goals were to be able to get back to pickleball and be able to hold and carry her young granddaughter. During her last several sessions, we focused on making sure that all of her improvements (reduced pain, improved tracking, improved strength) translated into these activities that were important to Donna.

And 6 weeks later, Donna was done with her PT and back on the court.

**The approach to treating knee pain is essentially the same for all our clients-**

**Step 1:** figure out the ROOT CAUSE of the pain.

**Step 2:** design a treatment plan using the 3 phases.

All you really need then is someone, who can keep you on a steady path and won’t let you deviate from it. Then you need the CONFIDENCE that you have the right type of help and guidance to take you where you want to go, even if it does take 6 weeks to get there!

I hope Donna’s story helps you envision how we’re able to help so many of our clients with ongoing knee pain (even if they are “getting older”). I’ll talk to you again next week!

The author, John-Mark Chesney, is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio. He’s happy to answer any questions about knee pain by phone or text at **(865) 351-0615** or by email at [john-mark@simplypt.co](mailto:john-mark@simplypt.co)



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letterstotheeditor

Town leaders ignored ‘significant citizen objection’ with Town Center plan; ‘broke trust’ of 2012 CLUP

In 2012, the Town, working with citizens, businesses and others, created the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) to guide our growth and development. The Town government also agreed that major changes to the CLUP would be done through the Significant Public Outreach process ensuring citizens’ desires were included. The Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC) portion of the plan was later adopted into the Commercial Zoning Ordinance due to its importance. During the Biddle Farm discussions from September 2020 to January 2021, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) ignored the most significant citizen objection to a development action in a decade. Over 1,500 petition signatures and 244 e-mails against approval of the Zoning Ordinance changes to allow the free-standing

apartments were submitted to BOMA. Prior to these changes, high-density residential was only allowed above the commercial property in this area to provide a high-class walkable area. Our chief call was for BOMA to conduct the Significant Public Outreach called for in the CLUP. This outreach would have allowed for citizens, business, developers, landowners and Town professionals to provide input on redesigning the entire MUTC area to something that worked for all of us. Had this been done, we might have decided Biddle Farm was the best place for apartments, another MUTC location was better or we didn’t

See CITIZENS, CENTER on Page 6A

Johns’ HOA work stellar; choice for mayor

I was one of the very first people to welcome Bill Johns and his wife to Farragut in 2000, as they were new neighbors. I have remained good friends with Bill over the years and know him from several perspectives. Whether it was serving on a board with him, working on maker projects or having him be a sounding board to my entrepreneurial and business issues, Bill is an excellent advisor, leader and friend.

In the summer of 2001, Bill retired from being a software sales executive and consultant, and we started spending more time together in our neighborhood. He became quite busy again directly after Sept. 11, 2001, but in early 2002 he was recruited to become our homeowners association president. I served as vice president. We


See JOHNS THE CHOICE on Page 8A

Numbers show Williams should be re-elected

Performance reviews, we’ve all had them, whether it’s a report card or a sit down with your supervisor. With 28 years in the military and another 10 or so years in the civil sector, I’ve written hundreds of performance reviews and been the recipient of many. The goal is to provide feedback, which can be both positive and negative. As we are approaching an election of leadership for our wonderful Town of Farragut, I thought this would be a perfect time to do a per-

formance review on our Mayor, Ron Williams. A quiet, reserved man, he oversees a budget of about \$13 million in annual revenue and expenditures of \$8.1 million in 2021/2022 fiscal year. He can boast that total assets for the Town are \$94.8 million (up by nearly \$30 million since he was elected in 2016), with no debt other than a minimal time off obligation for Town staff. He led the way for the McFee Park expansion;

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- **It’s exciting news about the Hy-Vee company (considering) coming from Mid-America to Farragut.** The chairman of (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission always wanted a big retailer on the (proposed) property. And now we have one (potentially), a general merchandise and grocery retailer. And the mayor and vice mayor, I know they’ll do the correct thing and approve this deal. There are always a few people against anything, but the majority of people in Farragut, the 23,000 people, will love having the big general merchandise and grocery store from West Des Moines, Iowa. The (property owner’s) family has been long-suffering to get their property developed. They were denied the Mixed-Use Town Center unfairly, but now they get this great opportunity. Great news for Farragut.
- **I was glad about the comment in the farragutpress about the Hy-Vee company** (news story, starting on page 1A, on the company hosting a community gathering in Farragut Community Center in our June 22 issue) where the lady was very supportive of the new store in Farragut. There’s a lot of people who know Hy-Vee is a great, great store.
- **I’m a Farragut resident and wanted to make my opinion known about the new Hy-Vee development proposal** in Farragut. I think it’s a terrific store, a great retailer, and I think it will add greatly to our community and also bring additional development and tax dollars to Farragut.
- **Last week’s full-page political advertisement by (a) mayoral candidate ignored more than 40 years of tradition** that keeps partisan political affiliation out of Town elections. Candidates run on experience, government service, community service and specific Town issues. In this community, Republicans are a significant majority as reflected in voting for state and federal offices, but those politics are separated from Town elections. Nobody ever campaigned using national issues that cannot be changed by the actions of the Farragut mayor such as inflation, recession and high fuel prices.

Patriotic  
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department has extended the deadline for its “Make Farragut Beautiful: Red, White and Blue Salute” Contest through Thursday, June 30. send nominations to mpiper@townoffar-

ragut.org Neighborhoods and residents can nominate themselves or neighbors for their Independence Day decorations and landscaping. Grand prize is a Stihl BG50 leaf blower, donated by AgPro. Committee will view nominations and vote Sunday, July 3. with win-

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My name is David White and I am running for Alderman in the South side Ward 2. My family moved here when I was 6 yrs old. I have lived in and around what is now called the Town of Farragut. My wife Sandy and I graduated from the original Farragut High School in 1964 and currently reside in BelleAire subdivision. My concerns for our future are the property rights of landowners, homeowners, subdivisions, and citizen’s rights to be heard on new developments, traffic, land use, density, school overcrowding, and the safety of all of us and our children. The quality of life and the rule of law. I know that’s a lot. It may sound like I think I’m some knight in shining armor and am going to ride in and save the town. I am not—I’m a citizen just like you, willing to devote the time to try and make our town better. This is the reason I am running for office. Too many decisions have been made by too few people in the town of Farragut for the last eight years. The last four Alderman races had no opponents. This is pitiful and a mark of shame on our town. Now that there are opponents there is political theater and improper behavior from the incumbents and their supporters.

It has come to my attention, there have been some false allegations made on Nextdoor and Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development Facebook page regarding supposed inappropriate remarks I made to Pamela Foti at the end of my speaking at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) meeting last Thursday night June 23rd. This is absolutely, positively not true. I can understand how Ms Foti could have thought that I was talking to her since the person, Mr. Jim Hill I was speaking to, was sitting directly behind them.

It was not my intention in any way to say anything rude or terse to her and I am very sorry she misunderstood. However, her claim on Facebook, “he turned around from the podium, looked directly at me and said “It’s people like you, who moved here, that irritate me” is not true and is an incorrect claim. I hope she will correct her statement now that she understands the facts

Mr. Jim Hill, candidate for Alderman on the north side was rude and abusive to me starting from the beginning when he spoke at the podium when he called me Mr. Wright. That is not my name. He completely ignored everything I said about why I was called in front of the BOMA. What you don’t hear on the meeting video is his comments about me and to me while I was speaking during my presentation of evidence and my rebuttal of his statements. I did not appreciate being heckled and taunted by Mr. Hill while I was speaking to the BOMA.

I might add there was no chastisement from Vice Mayor Louise Povlin who was conducting the meeting, for Mr. Hill speaking out of turn and his improper behavior. I felt this was political theater and it was calculated and premeditated to damage me as a candidate.

The bottom line for me is, this is not about politics or getting elected. It is about the law, the Farragut Code of Ordinances by which the town operates. The Code covers everything that happens here from zoning, density, to what can come here and what cannot. It’s over business, subdivisions, homeowners, landowner’s, and individuals and yes even signs. And most importantly, over the conduct of the BOMA. There are also state and federal laws regarding signs as well as a supreme court ruling. My mission is to watch and listen and do whatever is necessary to see whoever is on the BOMA, respects and follows the Code and the law.

As far as Administrator Smoak is concerned, you should know this. When I discovered the Code violation, I requested a meeting with Administrator Smoak and Mark Shipley. At that meeting I presented them with all the evidence of the violation and the section of the code which makes him the administrator of signs and giving him full power and authority to make all decisions regarding signs. It was his choice to shirk his duty and responsibility and make me appear before the BOMA where the issue was not resolved and no decision was made. A decision will probably not be made until after the election which I think was the goal from the beginning. But the code violation exists and will be resolved at some point in time. There are consequences for anyone who violates our code and yes they are spelled out in detail.

I am not nor will I ever be on Facebook, Nextdoor, or Twitter. However, I do have a cell phone. My number is (865)-389-0028. I will be happy to meet with you individually, with a group of your friends and neighbors, or your HOA and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
**David White Candidate**  
South Side Ward 2 Farragut Alderman

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# Elect Republican **Bill** **JOHNS** for FARRAGUT MAYOR

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- 2** Control Farragut’s growth to match its infrastructure and services,
- 3** Build trust and confidence through transparency and ethics,
- 4** Address traffic by bringing all parties to the table to tackle its root causes, and
- 5** Create an emergency preparedness plan and culture for the Town.



Bill Johns visiting his old departments at the University of Memphis



## INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Bill’s innovative mentality and no-nonsense leadership style will drive positive change. For example, after 40 years of incorporation, Farragut does NOT have an emergency preparedness plan and after 10 years of ownership, the Town’s Campbell Station Inn still has NO mission. Bill’s plan is quick and decisive in delivering VALUE and can be downloaded at [www.BillJohns.com](http://www.BillJohns.com). As part of his plan, Campbell Station Inn will become a joint venture comprising of the Farragut branch of the Knox County Sheriff’s Office and Farragut’s “Emergency Preparedness & Response Office”

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- Potential Triage Area
- “Quick Reaction Force” Staging during School Year
- Farragut’s Continuity of Government Location
- Rapid Traffic Accident Response Times
- Origin of Bike Patrols on Walking Trails
- Hosting of TWRA Officers in Community

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Citizens, Center

From page 4A

want apartments in the Town Center at all.

Why did they not conduct this outreach? As discussed in January 2021, it was not done because they had to preemptively stop a known development deal of two long-term Farragut residents.

In essence, BOMA changed the ordinance to support the Biddle Farm development while changing the CLUP to target another known development.

It doesn't matter if you were pro-apartments, against apartments or ambivalent, the actions of this BOMA disenfranchised you and supplanted the BOMA members' desires over yours. It was clear the Town, working through the Farragut Business Alliance, sought to redevelop the old Kroger building.

The cost to do so was to re-write our ordinances to allow the developers' desired apartments. It did not matter how valid the objections were; this

administration was adamant to move this project forward.

These actions broke the trust established in the 2012 CLUP. It is a significant failure of political leadership and not how representative government should work.

None of this is illegal under Tennessee law or our local ordinances. There is no legal action available to us. Our only remedy is the ballot box this Aug. 4.

We need to put the citizen's voice back in the center of the development and other Town discussions.

To do so, we need new leadership that is willing to listen and act on our desires. We need all voters to turn out this year and let your voices be heard at the ballot box – don't let it be disenfranchised again.

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Re-elect Williams

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updated Anchor Park to ADA standards, including adding restrooms; and added numerous sidewalks and greenways to make Farragut a more walkable Town. He secured TopGolf, which will not only benefit residents but will also draw in tourists, boosting our revenue base.

He led us thru a pandemic, balancing conflicting federal, state and county health department requirements/guidelines: a challenge, which no one had ever experienced. Was it perfect? No. Were there hiccups? Yes. However, nothing was normal, nothing was perfect and neither was he.

Mayor Williams continuously expanded the Light the Park decorations, which is a favorite for all, young and old, and I know he will continue to enhance this holiday treat.

In redevelopment, he oversaw the former Silver Spoon restaurant area transform into

Starbucks, Pure Barre and others, as well as the Phillips 66 eyesore turn into 35 North and Summer Moon Coffee. The Old Ingles building also got a makeover and work has begun at the Old Kroger.

Farragut is evolving. Our demographics are changing, and the Town is working very hard to keep a balance between the old and new.

Changes are not always popular, and Mayor Williams will not be able to make everyone happy, but I do know that his goals for a next term, if re-elected, will continue to enhance the Town, expand community events, keep us fiscally sound and exhibit the best decisions for all of the residents.

Given his accomplishments in his first term as mayor, I would rate him as a high performer. I plan to vote for Mayor Williams and encourage my fellow residents to do the same.

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Johns the choice

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inherited a dormant organization that had many challenges that are, at times, found in volunteer organizations.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with Bill, as within days he had laid out a plan of what needed to be accomplished. I never worked with someone like this before, and it was amazing the knowledge he had in knowing not only what to do, but how to methodically do it as well. Bill recruited so many volunteers that it was like having a true staff working on many subcommittees.

Within a few short months, Bill had our organization back in compliance with the Tennessee Secretary of State, Knox County and our insurance companies.

Bill also discovered several areas where we had great risk and liability and made sure those issues were addressed. Bill started addressing our debt and even personally paid off much of it. Bill, along with another volunteer, put in processes to make sure there was full transparency in everything our organization did.

One of the most important things Bill did besides recruiting professional and legal help was he secured a website domain for our neighborhood and recruited a neighbor and his UT students to create the website. It was one of the first websites for a neighborhood in our community.

Bill also conducted a full-blown audit of our organization and neighborhood, and

even created a detailed user’s manual for future leadership, which was published also on the website. Unfortunately, years later, our neighborhood organization did not renew the www.FortWest.com domain, which resulted in almost losing everything we did during our tenure.

Bill eventually transitioned off the board. Although he later became active in economic development, he remained a great advisor to our board of directors. Bill even co-founded a group that brought most of Farragut’s homeowners associations together for the very first time, which met at Calhoun’s in Turkey Creek on a regular basis.

Bill has been an exceptional advisor to me on many aspects of business life and encourages women entrepreneurs such as myself. Bill and I have a passion for the maker/entrepreneur community and discussing the challenges facing small business owners.

He is exceptional in knowing what future trends will be impacting organizations and families, planning for any and every scenario and creating opportunities for success.

Although Bill is a very private person, he is extremely active in his community and politics. Bill Johns would make an exceptional mayor for Farragut and would secure its future during trying times. Bill would also bring innovation and energy to every aspect of the community.

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- Implement automatic traffic management system to improve traffic signal timing throughout the Town
- Continue to advocate for state and federal funds to improve roads in the Farragut transportation network
- Implement solutions to relieve traffic congestion in the Town center

Small Business Recruitment

- Continue coordinating the efforts of the Town’s business liaison, Shop Farragut, Visit Farragut and the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce to attract and support small businesses

Fiscal Discipline & Budget Management

- Continue fiscally sound budgeting to stay well within our funding to achieve budget surpluses each year
- Continue investments in infrastructure, Town assets and community enhancements

Planning

- Preserve the unique assets of our community
- Continue seeking citizen input to update the community’s vision of how Farragut should evolve

Community Enhancements

- Continue to expand parks and open space
  - Increase open space and park space as appropriate
  - Continue adding greenways to encourage pedestrian activity
- Expand Outlet Drive Entertainment District as Top Golf establishes its presence
- Continue to expand the number of community events, like Light the Park, Movies at McGill, Lawn Chair Series, & others

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FWKCC Breakfast Series

Importance of having ETCH featured in August

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According to a 2021 study, “there were an estimated 6,000-plus medical centers in the United States (in 2021).” Of those, “only 2 percent are dedicated to children’s care,” Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock cited. “That’s not a lot. “So if you are a business owner or are employed by a business in the area and you have a family, whether your children do or don’t have medical needs, it would be important to you to be able to have access to the best medical care for them should you need it,” she added. “That’s part of why East Tennessee Children’s Hospi-



Schaefer



tal and its continued growth and success is essential to the health of region.” FWKCC will delve into the importance of having East Tennessee Children’s Hospital in its region during its Breakfast Speaker Series Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, featuring ETCH CEO Matt Schaefer.

While the breakfast and networking take place starting at 7:30 a.m., the presentation will begin 8 and end at 9 a.m. Presented jointly by FWKCC, Knox County Government and Town of Farragut, the Breakfast Series is open to the public. Chamber members can get their tickets for \$30 each or

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businessbriefs

• PYA, PC., recently promoted Brad Leskoven to tax principal and hired two new principals, Rhonda Hampton and George “Deuce” Lukemeyer II. Leskoven will continue to serve as director of Atlanta Tax Operations. With more than 20 years of business advisory experience, he is responsible for developing and implementing specialized tax services for physical practices and other healthcare organizations. Hampton joined the firm as tax principal earlier in June and serves as director of state and local taxation. With nearly 30 years experience, Lukemeyer joined as healthcare consulting principal. • Pellissippi State Community College recently received a grant to expand its YouthForce Technical Training Camps, which introduce high school students to skilled careers. • 7 Mortgage, LLC, recently appointed Travis Morrow as president of 7 Mortgage, a jointly owned credit union service organization of ORNL Fed-



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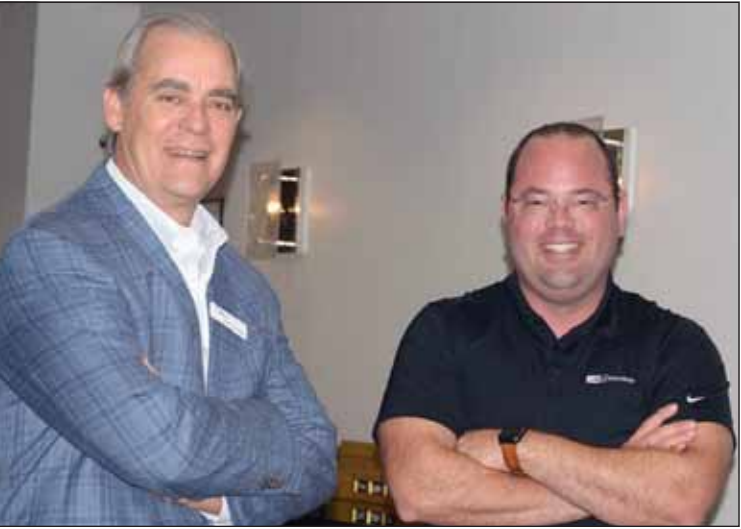


Bryant

eral Credit Union and Consumer Credit Union. Morrow replaces Wendy Robinson, who retired earlier this year. • Jonathan Stanley recently joined The Christman Company as project engineer for the firm’s office in Knoxville. Stanley currently is focused on the new corporate headquarters and manufacturing operations for Smith & Wesson in Maryville. • Logan Bryant recently joined Wells Fargo Advisors as a financial advisor. He has been in the financial field for 22 years. • University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences professor Annette Engel, who is part of a team studying subterranean biodiversity associated with lava tubes on Hawaii, has been named principal investigator on a four-year, \$1.29 million collaborative research grant from National Science Foundation.

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Networking at TnBANK



Tammy Cheek

Todd Mooneyham, left, TnBANK commercial manager, greets Matthew Bryan, primary agent of Bryan Insurance Group Inc., at Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s networking, which the bank hosted at its Farragut branch, 11200 Kingston Pike Thursday, June 16.

Harris coaches others to healthier outcomes

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After a personal journey of her own, Farragut resident Rebecca “Becky” Harris launched Harris Health, a health coaching business to help others “feel good again.” While she still is a pediatric physical therapist at East Tennessee Children’s Hospi-



Harris

tal, Harris recently took steps to make the home-based business official. “I have been just doing health coaching for the past seven years,” she said. “It sort of developed organically, just through my own experience as a physical therapist. “First it started with my own

health journey, then I kind of started helping other people lose weight,” Harris added. “I started with a company called Optavia and got certified as a health coach.” Optavia is a multi-level, direct marketing business that

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Breakfast

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The event sponsor is First Utility District. Media sponsor is farragutpress.

“This would be a great opportunity for business owners or anybody to buy a table and invite colleagues, invite neighbors in your community, invite guests because I think this would be very interesting,” Blaylock said. “Just knowing that we have a children’s hospital, I think, is not enough.

“I think it’s important for people to meet and get connected to the leadership within our community, especially as it relates to healthcare because

that’s been a very important topic for the last two years,” she added.

“They should take advantage of the opportunity to connect with one of our health-care community leaders, but also to be able to learn the ins and outs of what Children’s Hospital offers, how they can improve the health and well-being of our children and to understand how much of an asset having a facility like this is to our economy.”

The idea to feature Schaefer as speaker was the result of requests from several Chamber members, such as Mike Arms of Tennessee Strategies, who had heard Schaefer speak at other events.

Despite challenges, “we have heard that he has done a wonderful job of attracting new and younger physicians in various specialties to the hospital,” Blaylock said.

Harris

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delivers “clean, affordable health and wellness products at a cheaper price than other companies,” according to the company’s website.

“Being a physical therapist, I knew all about exercise — “that’s sort of my forte — but getting certified, I ended up with the nutrition piece completed,” Harris said. “Now, I can either help people with using Optavia products or developing meal plans for them and helping them figure out a nutritional plan with just food they find at the grocery store.

“Some people just need a consult, so regularly, I’ll just do a consult with folks and give them some suggestions and some things to jumpstart their health,” she added.

“A lot of times I find people — particularly women — it’s not that they’re eating too much; it’s that they’re not eating

enough. Most of us are really, really busy, so we are usually eating on the fly and we’re not meal prepping. But there are lots of great products on the market now that we can eat a nutritious meal and not have to eat fast food.”

In addition to clients she has during the week, she also has clients she simply follows.

Saying clients have lost “anywhere from 10 or 15 pounds,” Harris added, “They just wanted to get that COVID weight off ... the last two years, I think, have been really hard for people — not just gaining weight because we’ve been sort of isolated, but mentally it’s been really hard, so emotionally I think a lot of people have turned to food.

“I’ve had a lot of clients who just want to feel good again.”

For more information about Harris Health, e-mail her at regainlifeharrishealth@gmail.com or call 1-423-650-3684.

nounced the launch of the **Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing**, for which the event was hosted at the institute’s headquarters in the 200-acre UT Research Park at Cherokee Farm.

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Celebrating 30 years



Tammy Cheek

Owner Beverly Sellars (with scissors) and husband, Will Sellars (orange shirt), celebrate the 30th anniversary of Homespun, 11523 Kingston Plke in Village Green shopping center, Friday, June 24, with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting. Other family members joined staff, Town administrator David Smoak, second from right, and FWKCC members.

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# ‘Sports Celebration Day’ honors 3 FHS state champs

Softball, baseball teams, tennis singles No. 1 recognized at BOMA meeting

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During Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting Thursday evening, June 23, Alderman Drew Burnette read a Proclamation honoring Farragut High School baseball and softball TSSAA Division I-4A state championship teams, plus Division I-AA singles tennis champion Riley Cassity, proclaiming Friday, June 24, as “Sports Celebration Day” in the Town.

“I’m excited tonight to get to honor some guys and gals,” Burnette said, as members of both teams and Cassity were on hand during the ceremony.

“From the baseball side, Jaxson Pease and Lukas Buckner were recently selected All-State from the Tennessee (Baseball) Coaches Association,” the alderman said. “The All-Prep Baseball First Team had Lukas Buckner and Landis Davila, and the Second Team was Jett Johnston, Jaxson Pease and Mark Underwood.

“From the softball side, two Lady Admirals also were recognized at the Knox News Prep-Xtra Awards ceremony: Lauren Brakovec was selected Softball Player of the Year and Avery Flatford received the Courage Award,” Burnette said, adding the All-Prep-Xtra Softball First Team honored Flatford, a pitcher, Brakovec and shortstop Ava Guzowski.



Tammy Cheek

Alongside her coaches, one of whom is Farragut High School tennis head coach Gordon Cassity, her grandfather, FHS rising junior Riley Cassity was honored by Farragut Board of Mayor and Alderman as TSSAA Division I-AA state singles champ during the Board’s Thursday, June 23, meeting in Town Hall. Also alongside is Lady Admirals assistant coach Lindsey Stimets. Board members, from left, are Mayor Ron Williams, Alderman Ron Pinchok, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and Alderman Drew Burnette.

The Second Team included centerfielder Sarah Livingston and catcher Autumn Caywood. In tennis, “Riley Cassity went undefeated in the

postseason to win the girls singles district, region and state championships,” the alderman said about the Lady Admirals’ rising junior.

## Concord Christian ‘huge turnout’ Volleyball Camp draws 94 youth

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Carmen Hochevar, Concord Christian School High School volleyball head coach, reported “a huge turnout” for CCS Elementary, Middle and High School Volleyball Camps held recently.

“These kids learned more about volleyball, played fun games, had competitions and give-aways, laughed, lifted and had devotions,” Hochevar said. “The campers had a surprise clinician; Professional Beach Volleyball player and collegiate All-American (from) Long Beach State University, Brittany Hochevar.”

With 94 campers participating, “This was by far our largest camp for CCS volleyball,” said coach Hochevar, who has led her CCS team to a pair of TSSAA Division II-A state runner-up finishes.

“This camp represented over 10 local schools,” she added.

Lady Lions coaches and CCS volleyball team members “instructed the campers; they poured into these athletes to make this a fun-filled, skill driven, Jesus-loving volleyball camp,” coach Hochevar said of Kelsey Baird, Lydia Collins,



Photo illustration submitted

Concord Christian School Volleyball Campers, 94 strong, pose for a group picture following the recent camp on the CCS campus. It was run by Lady Lions high school volleyball head coach Carmen Hochevar, her assistant coaches and current players: Kelsey Baird, Lydia Collins, Mary Trimble-Daws, Mackenzie Snider, Angela Thaller, Allie Koepfer and Gina Profeta, plus Brittany Hochevar, Professional Beach Volleyballer and collegiate All-American at Long Beach State University.

Mary Trimble-Daws, Mackenzie Snider, Angela Thaller, Allie Koepfer and Gina Profeta.

## VG Gators Triathlon set July 15

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Village Green Gators community swim team will be on the move as it hosts a triathlon from 8 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 15, along the subdivision’s Monticello Drive circle and at the Village Green pool.

Team members will compete in the triathlon, which includes swimming, cycling and running.

Route for the bike and run will be along Monticello Drive, according to the application by Nicole Bailes with Village Green HomeOwners Association.

According to the application, Bailes, who was not present at the meeting, stated she expects 175 participants.

Parking will be in the playground field at the Monticello Drive pool.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the event during its meeting Thursday, June 23.



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New principals at FIS, Hardin Valley Elementary

Parham close to FIS on two levels

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Suzanne Parham is Farragut Intermediate School's new principal, but she is no stranger to the Town she has called home since 1992.

Both her daughters, Grace and Hope Whitaker, graduated from Farragut High School, and she and her husband, Ben Parham, live in a subdivision nearby her new workplace.

Parham already has been working closely with retiring FIS principal Deborah Adorante this summer, even though Parham's official "First Day" isn't until July 1.

"I'm so excited to be working here now, and being able to give back to my community," said Parham, who most recently worked for Knox County Schools as assistant principal at Karns Elementary. "My friends and family are all here, and it's just an honor for me to be able to come to work here."

"It has been terrific being able to work together to make the transition a smooth one," she added. "Most people don't have this opportunity, and to be able to work together like this has been wonderful."

She also has had the chance to weigh in on new hires for the coming year.

"The teachers here already are phenomenal, and being



Michelle Hollenhead

Suzanne Parham is Farragut Intermediate School's new principal. Her first day is Friday, July 1.

able to hire new teachers is one of the most important decisions I make as principal," she said.

"If you have the right person, everything else falls into place."

Born in Virginia, the daughter of an Air Force general, Parham moved around a lot due to her father's assignments. She graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in communications, and went on to obtain a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Tennessee, an Educational Specialist degree in Curricu-

lum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from UT.

Parham has been with Knox County Schools since 2010, beginning as a reading intervention teacher at Inskip Elementary. She moved up through the ranks and also has served as assistant principal at Northshore Elementary and Lonsdale Elementary.

She isn't the only new face at FIS this fall: Kristy Johnson will be a new assistant principal since former assistant

principal Stacy Hilliard has been moved to Northshore. Assistant principal Amy Schumpert remains at FIS.

A "Meet and Greet" for administrators is set for Friday, July 29, with pre-set time frames for each grade level. Food trucks vendors, also part of the festivities, have agreed to donate 10 percent of the evening's proceeds to the school to use for security upgrades.

"I am so ready to welcome our teachers, students, their parents and the community," Parham said. "I'm like a racehorse at the gate — I'm ready to go."

Jacomen new leader at HVES

TAMMY CHEEK  
tcheek@farragutpress.com

Hardin Valley Elementary School students will see a new face welcoming them back Monday, Aug. 8, from summer break.

Lynn Jacomen, previously Inskip Elementary School principal, will move into her new role as principal at HVES in July. She is replacing the school's current principal, Dr. Sunny Poe Scheafnocker, who will be taking the helm as principal of the new school currently being built in northwest Knox County.

"I am honored to be chosen as principal of HVES," Jacomen said. "It is a wonderful school with an amazing community and a great place that I already call home. My youngest daughter, Norah, will be next door at (Hardin Valley) Academy as a senior, so that's an added benefit."



Jacomen

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Retiree's 21 years of service, CTE double awardees, are honored at FHS luncheon

(Far left) Lyn Powell recently retired from Farragut High School's athletics department, where she served as a department head. She had been at FHS for 21 years, and was presented a rocking chair by staff during the school's End-of-Year Luncheon May 26.

(Left) Farragut High CTE teacher Michelle Brossette, left, received the "Teacher of the Year Award" for 2022 from Association for Career and Technical Education, while fellow FHS CTE teacher Taylor Case received the 2021 "New Teacher of the Year Award" from the same organization (just now celebrated due to COVID). Both are in this year's running for the national honor, and both were recognized during the May 26 luncheon.

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**Kingston Pike will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to about noon from Concord Road to Boring Road. South Campbell Station Road from Kingston Pike to Brooklawn Boulevard and Municipal Center Drive will be closed from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.**

**Parade vehicular detours: north side - Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to**

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**South side - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.**

The portion of Kingston Pike from Concord Road/West End Avenue to Campbell Station Road will be re-opened about 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.

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• **First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, will host a Mobile Pantry food giveaway**

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Tuesday, July 5, 2022 • Board Room – Farragut Town Hall

**9:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for Phase 2 of the Meadows on McFee Subdivision, Parcels 019 and 014.04, Tax Map 162, 26.44 Acres, 48 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Homestead Land Holdings, Applicant)

**9:30 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for Phase 1 of the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision, Parcel 50, Tax Map 162, 6.87 Acres, 25 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSMR (Ryan Lynch, Applicant)

**10:00 a.m.** Discussion on a concept plan for the Virtue View Farm Subdivision, Parcels 33.03 and 33.04, Tax Map 152 033.03 and 152 033.04, 44.09 Acres, 13 Lots, Zoned R-1 (Steve Williams, Applicant)

**10:30 a.m.** Discussion on a concept plan for a preliminary exterior design review for a Panera Bread Restaurant, Parcel 129, Tax Map 142, west of Campbell Station Inn, Zoned C-1 (R2R Studio, LLC, Applicant)

**11:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on

approval of an updated concept master plan for an amendment to the Town Center at Biddle Farms PCD to include 47 townhome units in an area identified on the original concept master plan as "future development." (Budd Cullom, Applicant)

Discussion and public hearing on a final plat of Lot 2 of Biddle Farms Commercial and Part of Lot 9R1 of Campbell Station Exchange, 5.3 Acres, Zoned PCD (Budd Cullom, Applicant)

**1:30 p.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a site utility plan involving a rebuild, upgrade, and partial relocation associated with the LCUB overhead transmission line along Turkey Creek Road from Virtue Road to a future substation along Concord Road (LCUB, Applicant)

**2:00 p.m.** Discussion on a request to amend the Town's Outdoor Site Lighting provisions to restrict ballfield lights to public facilities on public property (Farragut Neighborhood Preservation Partnership, Applicant)

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## Jacomen

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She found out about her new assignment just prior to school ending in May.

"Of course, I was very excited, but at the same time sad to leave students, staff and my Inskip community," Jacomen said. "I've been principal of Inskip for five years. It is bittersweet, but I feel I am ready for the challenge of a larger school."

The announcement's timing "provided me the opportunity to meet the entire staff at HVES for a brief introduction, as well as say goodbye to my Inskip school and community family," Jacomen said.

This year starts her 29th year as an educator. Before

joining Inskip, Jacomen moved back home to Tennessee in 2016 after spending 23 years in Virginia, where she served as an educational assistant, classroom teacher, VA state project coordinator, district RTI coordinator, instructional coach, assistant principal and a principal.

As such, "I have many diverse experiences that benefit me as a principal," she added.

Concerning her new role at HVES, "Obviously, the size and space concerns will continue to be a challenge since the new school will not open until the following year," Jacomen said. "However, I have been spending my days this summer meeting one-on-one with staff in a 'Meet and Greet.'"

"This not only allows me to

get to know them on a personal level, but most importantly, hear from them on areas they feel I should approach this coming school year," she said. "My main goal for the first year is building relationships with students, families and staff and supporting staff in their important work."

"The previous and current administration team have done an amazing job and will be working closely alongside me," Jacomen added.

Reflecting on her years at Inskip Elementary, she said, "We have established many programs for students to lead and be a vital part."

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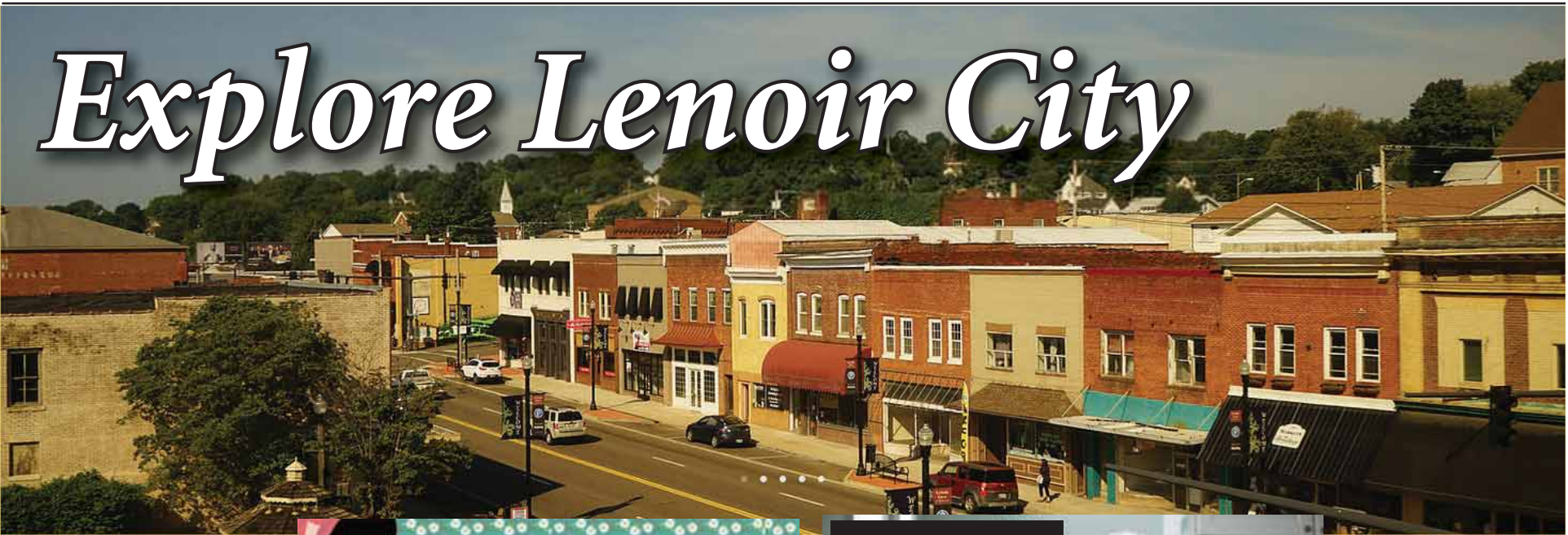
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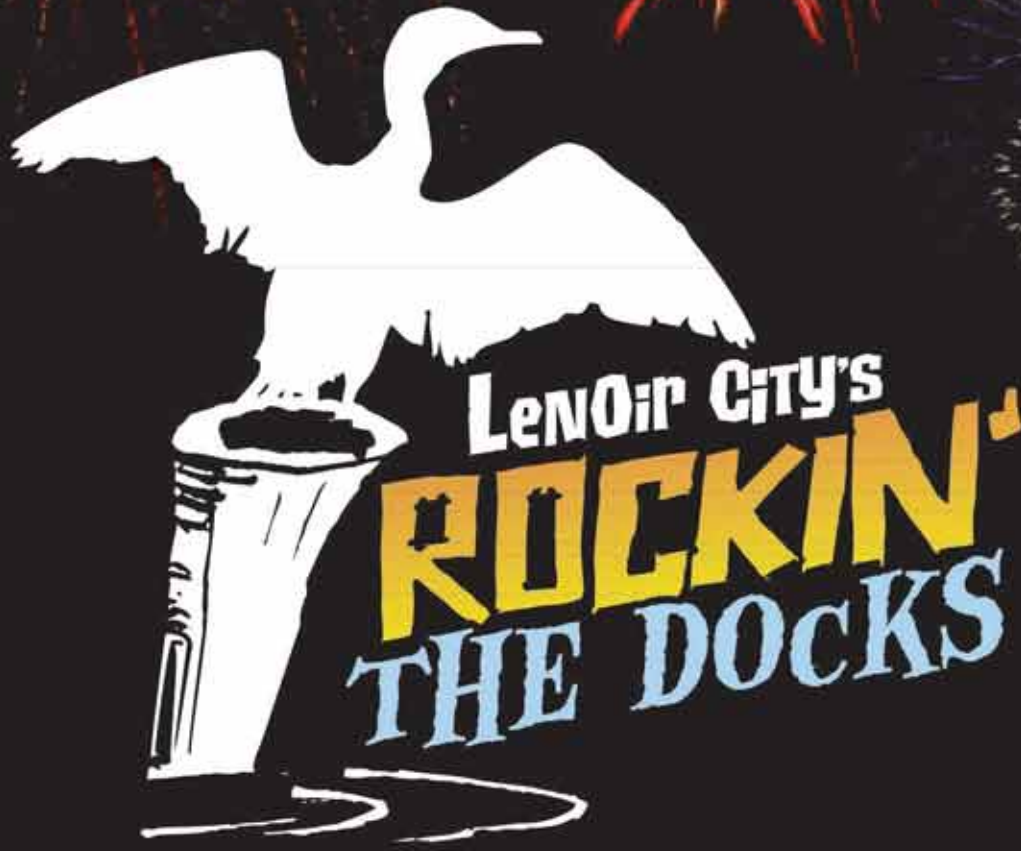
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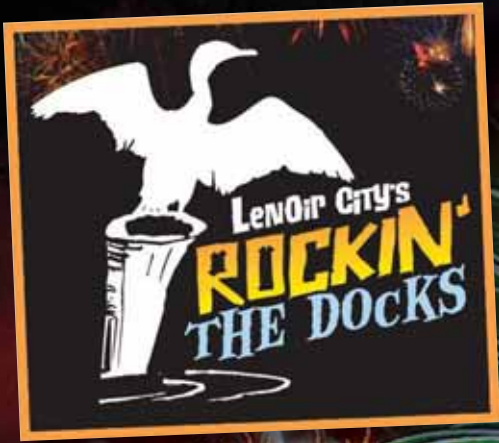
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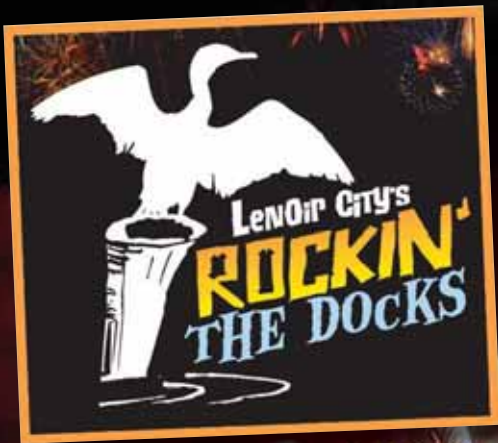
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# Graduation: Class of 2022

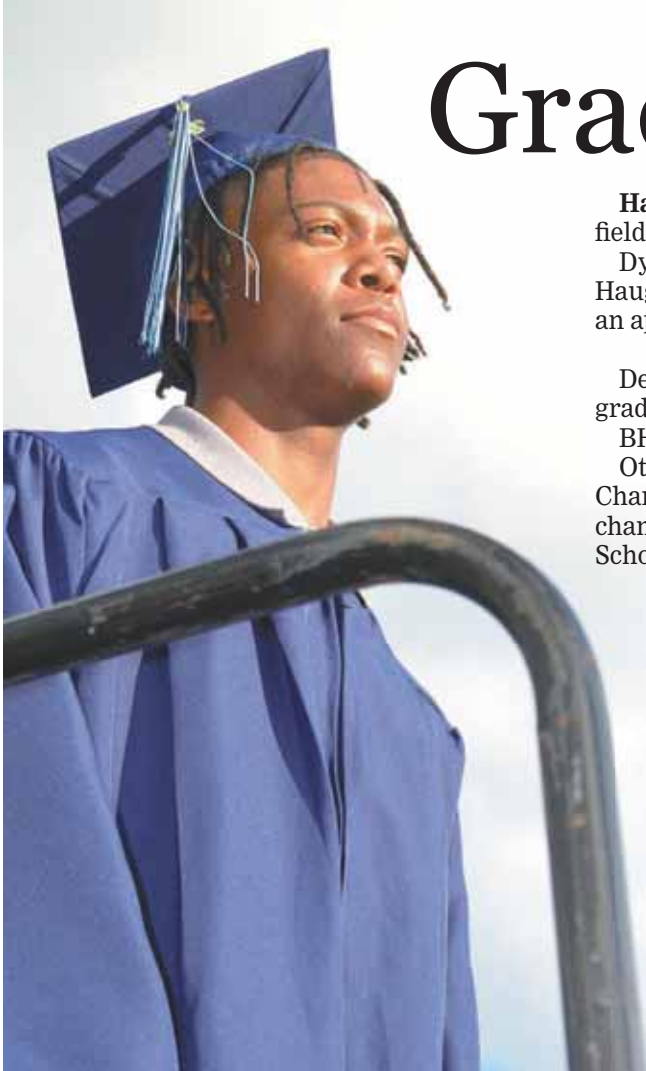
**Hardin Valley Academy's** 455 Class of 2022 graduating seniors walked across the stage on HVA's football field in front of bleachers packed with family and friends Friday night, May 27.

Dylan Stewart, one of the class speakers, accepted the school's highest achievement, the Hawk Award. Emily Haugh was recognized as valedictorian, Iris Lee was recognized as salutatorian and Gavin McCormick earned an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Despite the many COVID-related obstacles **Bearden High School's** Class of 2022 had to negotiate, these 453 graduates combined to break a school record for scholarship dollars earned: \$34, 266,650.

BHS Class of 2022 Commencement was Wednesday evening, June 1, at the school's Bill Young Field.

Other school milestones reached involving this class included the first-ever Virtual Enterprise National Championship team plus repeat UDA national championships from the BHS dance team, seven sports state championships, four National Merit Finalists, three National Merit Scholarship winners, one U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, one perfect ACT score and one perfect SAT score.



Left:  
HVA graduate Isaiah Alsup

Right:  
From left are HVA grads  
Madison Romain,  
Jillian O'Dell, Dylan  
Stewart and Olivia Rose



1. BHS graduate Ariana Nichole Holland is joined by her father, Tucker Holland, and Glennie Sykes.
2. BHS 2022 graduates, from left, are Mason Cunningham, Matthew Hickman, Joseph Suits and Lucas O'Baugh.
3. From left, HVA grads Emmeline Broemmel, Katie Bush, Rebecca Malmstead and Jessie Quince.
4. Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. R Richard Webber gives AF Academy appointment to HVA graduate Gavin McCormick.
5. Graduate Lacy Somerville alongside her mother, Jenny Somerville, and sister, Sadie Somerville, BHS Class of 2025.
6. HVA teacher Courtney Sanford hugs graduate Lindy Futrell.



# Festive facts for July 4<sup>th</sup>

- Although 56 people eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, only John Hancock signed the document on July 4, 1776. The rest added their names later on. John Hancock's signature is ornate and widely recognized. Putting your "John Hancock" on a document has become synonymous with the process of signing something.
- The Declaration of Independence was adopted while the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Statehouse. That building is now known as Independence Hall.
- The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest person to sign was Thomas Lynch, Jr., who was 27 when he signed the document. Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the oldest signer.
- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signees who went on to serve as presidents. Coincidentally, Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other.
- Philadelphia is the birth place of much American history and is home to the Liberty Bell. Each Independence Day, the Liberty Bell is tapped (not rung, as the vibration would further damage the cracked bell) 13 times in honor of the original 13 American colonies.
- The original 13 American colonies were located all along the eastern seaboard. They include Virginia, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.
- The stars on the original American flag were placed in a circle. This was so all of the colonies would be equally represented.
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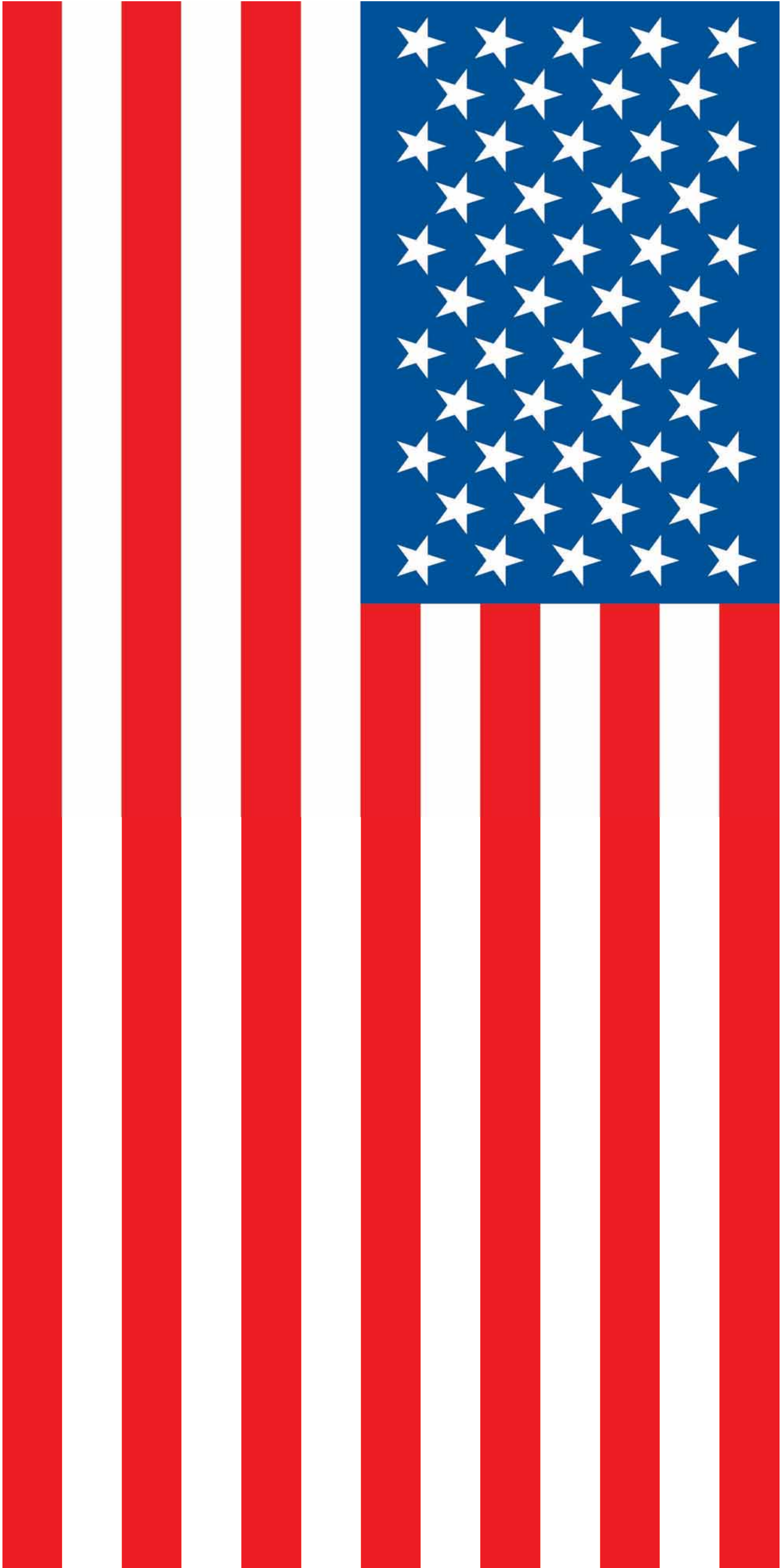
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Readers used ballots printed in the paper (which had to be the actual ballots — not reproductions — to be counted) to vote for their favorite Farragut-area businesses in a variety of categories.

The complete list of winners can be found on pages 4-5 of this section.

A few of your favorites are highlighted here:

## Thriving in Farragut

**T**hough in business just one year, Thrive Physical Therapy, 153 Brooklawn St. Suite 153, has been named 2022 farragutpress Readers Choice winner for Best Physical Therapy Clinic.

“We would love to thank the Town of Farragut, the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and the farragutpress for rallying around us and supporting our new business venture and voting us Best Physical Therapy in Farragut,” said Dr. Joseph Smith PT, DPT, OCS, COMT. “It is quite the honor to win this prestigious award since we have only been in the area for less than a year.

“We are grateful to have a staff who truly cares about their patients, their results and fosters a culture where everyone is treated like family,” he added. “Our therapists challenge themselves with advanced continuing education, where they get twice the educational requirements than what is required by the State of Tennessee.”

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– Dr. Joseph Smith,  
PT, DPT, OCS, COMT



Thrive Physical Therapy personnel, from left, are Larry Brown (sales representative), Lori Wittschen (office coordinator), Gregory Vess, PTA, and Dr. Joseph Smith, PT, DPT, OCS, COMT.



# Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair is a triple 2022 winner

Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair, 10730 Kingston Pike among its five Knoxville area locations, was named 2022 farragutpress Readers Choice winner for Best Car Repair, Best Tire Dealer and Best Oil Change.

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Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair marketing director Joe Matlock, left; his dad, Jimmy Matlock, center, second-generation owner; and Tim Williams, long-time Matlock Tire manager.

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“We are a small office, which allows us to offer a high level of customer service,”

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9. Best Mexican Food: El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant

10. Best Wings: Big Kahuna Wings

11. Best Asian Food: Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse

12. Best Smoothies: Tropical Smoothie Cafe

13. Best Bistro/Wine Bar: Water Into Wine

14. Best Family Restaurant: Cracker Barrel

15. Best Fast Food Restaurant: Chick-Fil-A

16. Best Milk Shake/Ice Cream: Dairy Queen

17. Best Bar-B-Que: Buddy's Bar-B-Q

18. Best Kids Party Venue: Farragut Golf And Games

19. Best Day Spa: Pure Luxe Salon, Spa & Medspa

20. Best Handyman: Smith Handyman Service

21. Best Auto Dealer: CarMax

22. Best Car & Truck Repair: Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair

23. Best Paint & Body Shop: Caliber Collision

24. Best Tire Dealer: Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair

25. Best Oil Change: Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair

26. Best Boat Dealer: American Boat Center

27. Best Marina: Choto Marina

28. Best Storage Facility: U-Haul

29. Best Gifts & Collectibles: Brickhouse Collectibles

30. Best Antique Store: The Shoppes at Homespun

31. Best Drug Store: Kroger

32. Best Cell Phone Sales/Service: Verizon Wireless
33. Best Dry Cleaning: Farragut Cleaners

34. Best Hearing Center: Beltone

35. Best Upholstery Shop: Special Touch Upholstery

36. Best Convenience Store: Weigel's

37. Best Barber Shop: Off the Topp Barbershop

38. Best Beauty Salon: Studio 135

39. Best Tanning Salon: Sun Tan City

40. Best Nail Salon: Nail Art

41. Best Furniture Store: Braden's Lifestyle Furniture

42. Best Mini Golf: Farragut Golf And Games

43. Best Heating & A/C: Way Cool

44. Best Appliance Store: Pattersons Home Appliances

45. Best Tobacco/Vape Shop: L7 Vapors

46. Best CBD Shop: Apotheca

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48. Best Pest Control Service: Pest-Ops, LLC

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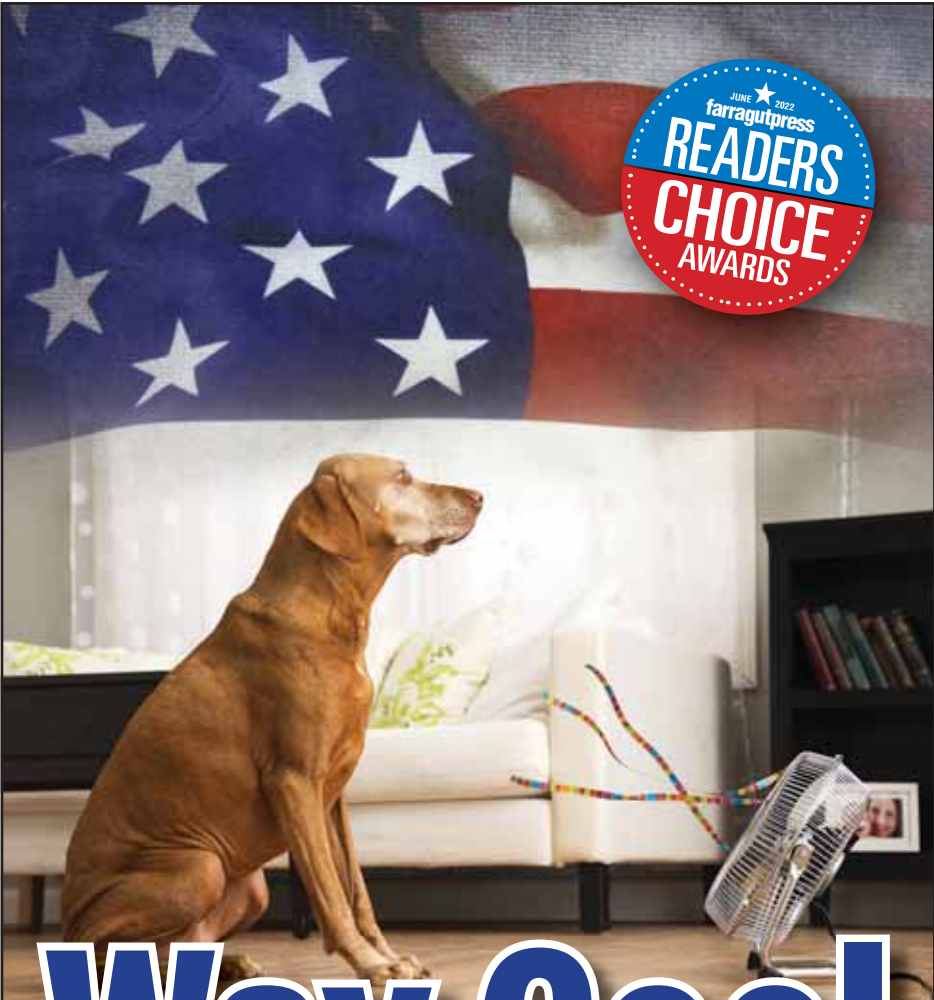
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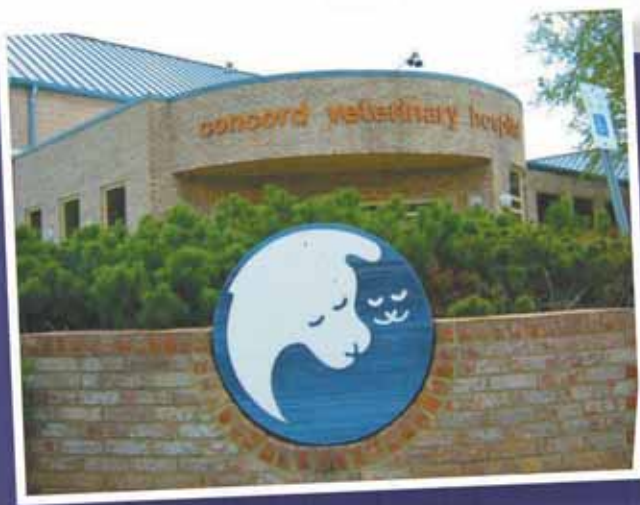


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## Big summer events return

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

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

The grand marshals in the year's parade will be Euphoric Cheese owners and breast cancer survivors Amy Burritt and Cheri Intveld.

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Fun with Farragut's Fleet, a Farragut family favorite, returns to Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road, from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. This free event 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.

Art Fest is back in 2022! Enjoy interactive art activities from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Activities are geared toward kids, but anyone can participate! This free event is sponsored by the Farragut Arts & Beautification Committee.

For more information about Town of Farragut events, contact Recreation and Event Manager Merritt Piper at 865-218-3376 or [mpiper@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mpiper@townoffarragut.org).



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12. Classes begin at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and last approximately two hours depending on class participation and questions.

The requirements, which must be met to participate, 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 completing at least four volunteer hours at Farragut Primary School during the program.

Up to 20 participants will be

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### *From the Desk of the Mayor...*

Summer has gotten off to a good start in Farragut. Phase 3 improvements to McFee Park are now fully open. This is the Town's largest capital improvement project to date, and if you haven't visited yet, add it to your to-do list. Upgrades to the park took longer than we'd hoped, but now that they're finished, it's even better than I imagined.

The same could be said for our new Town Center development.

We waited a long time for the lease on the former Kroger site to end so that area could be redeveloped, and now it's finally happening. The new Aldi will be opening soon, and we expect news about other new tenants in the coming months. It's good to finally see this area being improved.

One of the most exciting events of the year – the Town's annual Independence Day Parade – is Monday, July 4. In addition to our grand marshals, Amy and Cheri from Euphoric Cheese, active-duty sailors from the USS Farragut will participate in this year's parade. Please welcome them as they ride by on the Farragut Museum float. I'm delighted that Farragut is hosting a visit from these brave men and women.

The opening of Topgolf in early August will cap off the summer. There is so much excitement about this new venue, and I'm looking forward to trying it myself! The addition of Topgolf and Skore Hotel, along with the reworking of the I-40/I-75 interchange, will bring big changes to the north side of Farragut. This new entertainment district is sure to attract visitors and offer new opportunities for fun to residents.

I hope that when you look around town, you'll notice how much has been improved in recent years. From redevelopment at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station to beautiful new subdivisions, things are looking up in Farragut! I'm proud of the way we're achieving our vision: redefining quality of life with a beautiful, close-knit, connected community where families and businesses thrive. You should be proud, too.

*Mayor Ron Williams*



## *McFee Park Phase 3 is fully open*

The Town of Farragut celebrated the opening of Phase 3 improvements to McFee Park with a party and a ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 11. Festivities included music, lawn games, food, a three-on-three basketball tournament and a pickleball clinic.

Dog owners were encouraged to bring their best friends to the event for special treats and activities, including a doggy "flash mob" that was filmed for use in a social media campaign to win \$25,000 for a dog park at McFee Park. Through Dog Park Dash ([dogparkdash.com](https://dogparkdash.com)), the Boyd Foundation is giving away grants to communities that demonstrate their desire for a dog park through social media. Follow Farragut Parks & Rec on social media for updates on Dog Park Dash grant winners!



McFee Park Phase 3 improvements include a Great Lawn, lighted tennis/pickleball courts, a basketball court, a special event pavilion and extended lighted walk trails. The Great Lawn Pavilion is now available

for rent. Contact Arleen Higginbotham at 865-218-3375 to make a reservation. For info about renting tennis/pickleball courts, visit [farragutparksandrec.org/tennis](https://farragutparksandrec.org/tennis).

## The Farragut Museum remembers the 1982 World's Fair

A new exhibit featuring 1982 World's Fair artifacts loaned by Farragut Museum committee members will open with a special celebration from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. The event will include refreshments and take-home crafts for kids. The exhibit will be open through the end of the year.

Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Special weekend openings are available by request. If you have questions, or would like to schedule an after-hours tour, please contact Julia Barham at 865-218-3377 or [jbarham@townoffarragut.org](mailto:jbarham@townoffarragut.org).



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8 a.m.-4 p.m. on select Saturdays	
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934	
Website: farragutparksandrec.org	
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<b>Founders Park:</b> 405 N. Campbell Station Road	
<b>Mayor Bob Leonard Park</b>	
Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon	
<b>McFee Park:</b> 917 McFee Road	
<b>Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza:</b> 11409 Kingston Pike	
<b>BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall:</b> 11408 Municipal Center Drive	

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# Award-winning Lawn Chair Concert Series returns

The Lawn Chair Concert series, created by Mamajam Productions, is set to return to the stage at Founders Park with three concerts this summer. Pack up those lawn chairs and plan some funky dance moves for July 16, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27, starting at 5 p.m. Families can pack a picnic dinner or try something new from one of the many food trucks that will be on hand for each show. Kids always love the free crafts and lawn games that are available.

A variety of new and returning performers are set to entertain us, including Roger Alan Wade and the Guy Marshall Band. Check out the full lineup of performers by visiting the Lawn Chair Concert Series Facebook page. The concert series is co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut and presented by Mlily. Additional sponsors are Fisher/Russell Law Firm, TDS, Children’s Dentistry of Knoxville, The Shrimp Dock, Southern Home Group and Beaty Chevrolet. 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.



# Shop Farragut brings music and dock-diving to town

MusicFest is back this year, bigger and better than ever! This free, two-day music and shopping extravaganza takes place Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, at West End Shopping Center. Performances start at 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

The event will feature eight local bands covering the genres of rock, country and blues. Enjoy live music under a large festival tent, with food available from area food trucks and West End eateries. Adult beverages are also available from Water Into Wine and Admiral Pub. (Proper I.D. is required.)

Dog Daze VI returns to Village Green Shopping Center this summer, from Friday, Aug. 12 through Sunday, Aug. 14. This regional canine aquatics competition by Dock Dogs International takes place in the Village Green Shopping Center parking lot, just south of Planet Fitness.

The festivities start Friday afternoon with local dogs taking a “Pooch Plunge.” Local dog owners can have their pup try a dock dive, free of charge, from 4-7 p.m., as an introduction to the sport. Actual competitions commence on Saturday at 9 a.m. and continue through Sunday. Register at https://dockdogs.com/event/dog-daze-at-village-green/.

Between qualifying rounds, spectators can peruse Village Green shopping center, visit merchant booths, mingle with pet food suppliers and get food and drink at the festival tent.

For more information about MusicFest or Dog Daze VI, visit farragutbusiness.com or contact Steve Krempasky at shopfarragut@gmail.com.

# Topgolf opens this summer

Topgolf Knoxville will be the anchor for the new entertainment district that has been under development for the past several years on Outlet Drive, just north of the I-75/I-40 interstate exchange in Farragut. Mark Grenier, Director of Operations for Topgolf Knoxville, says the company is planning an early August opening date. The exact date will be announced through social media.

Topgolf is a premier entertainment destination that offers something for everyone to enjoy. The Knoxville venue will feature over 70 climate-controlled hitting bays on two levels, a top-tier restaurant and bar, over 200 HDTVs, space for private party rentals and even a rooftop terrace with fire pits. All types of golf clubs will be available at each hitting bay or you can bring your own. Guests are encouraged to download the Topgolf app to make reservations and get connected with Farragut’s newest attraction.

For more information, follow Topgolf on Facebook and Instagram or go to https://topgolf.com/us/knoxville/.



# SUMMER EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://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

### Pickleball Open Gym

12-2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 4-6 p.m. on Thursdays. Cost: \$4 per person, or two punches on a punch card, per session. No need to pre-register – just bring a paddle and a ball 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. No Open Gym activities on Monday, July 4, Friday, July 29, and Monday, Sept. 5.

### Basketball Open Gym

2-9 p.m. on Mondays; 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 3; 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays; 2-5 pm on Fridays (except for July 29). Cost: \$4 per person per session or two punches on a punch card. Special Tuesday rate: \$2 per person or one punch on a punch card. No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play. During open gym hours, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 15 points, winning by two points; games can't be won on a 3-point shot. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. No Open Gym activities on Monday, July 4, Friday, July 29, and Monday, Sept. 5.

### Toddler Takeover

10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$2, or one punch on a punch card, per child; adults are free. Participating children must be walking to 5 years old. Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment! Pre-registration is not required.

### Tween Takeover

2:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through July 27. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, per tween; no charge for required guardians. Participating tweens must be ages 8-13. Join us for this guardian-supervised playtime including four-square, games, and more!

### Total Fitness Classes

8:30-9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, 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

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays. Cost: free. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before class. Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork, and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

### Rise and Shine Yoga

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, per session. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the day before class. Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by a registered yoga teacher, Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water, and a positive attitude! No class on Monday, July 4, Friday, July 29, and Monday, Sept. 5.

### Baby + Me Yoga

10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 10. Cost: \$40 for four classes or \$12 per class. Registration deadline: Aug. 9. Join this four-week series. The goal of this program is to provide a safe and supportive environment for new parents and their babies (ideally six weeks to crawling)

to spend time bonding while the parent gets to stretch and strengthen muscles, relieve stress, and make connections with other new parents. Please bring a yoga mat, blocks, water, a baby blanket, and whatever else you and baby need to be comfortable. Plan for roughly 30-45 minutes of yoga with time to mingle after class. Get out of the house and come join us! Spaces are limited.

## EDUCATION

### Making Medicare Easier

6-7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Friday, July 29. Instructor: Bruce Landis of Providence Advisors Group. Learn about enrollment periods, overview of parts A, B, C and D and supplements.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

12-5 p.m. on Thursday, July 28. To schedule an appointment, log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search by zip code 37934.

### TWRA Boating Safety Education

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Preregistration required at [tn.gov/twra](http://tn.gov/twra). Each session is 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 a 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 <https://www.tn.gov/twra/boat-ing/boating-education.html>.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Independence Day Parade

9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4, beginning on Kingston Pike at Lendon Welch Way and continuing to Boring Road.

### MusicFest

Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, at West End Shopping Center. Performances start at 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday. (See article on page 2.)

### Lawn Chair Concert Series

5 p.m. on Saturdays July 16, Aug. 13, Aug. 27, at Founders Park at Campbell Station. (See article on page 2.)

### Dog Daze VI

Friday, Aug. 12 through Sunday, Aug. 14. at Village Green Shopping Center. (See article on page 2.)

### Fun with Farragut's Fleet

9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. (See article on page 1.)

### Art Fest

1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Farragut Community Center. (See article on page 1.)

# Independence Day Parade Rules

The Town of Farragut's 34th annual Independence Day Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4, and parade participants are required to follow all following guidelines:

- Parade participants should arrive at Farragut High School no later than 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4. Access to the high school is available from Campbell Station Road, West End Boulevard and Lendon Welch Way (the road next to the stadiums).
- Only parade vehicles will be allowed to enter the parade line-up area. Older children and adults may be dropped off on the circle drive or on the drive to the Farragut Middle School. Those participating in the parade or those with small children will need to park in the circle parking lot at the high school or the parking lot at the middle school. Parade line-up numbers will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website, [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org), and posted on the Farragut Community Center front door by 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 27. 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 or-



der to avoid long lines and overheating your car. There is no special entrance or accommodation for antique cars, so please arrive early.

- Large floats may be taken to the line-up area at the junior lot at Farragut High School any time after 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 3. A guard will be on duty from 5 p.m. until the parade on July 4.
- Giveaways: No candy or giveaways may be thrown from floats or cars. Walkers may

distribute these and other free items along the side of the road during the parade. Children younger than 9 must ride (not walk) during the parade.

- All parade participants must be picked up at the Farragut Towne Square parking lot (former Ingles shopping center).
- For more information about the parade, please call the Farragut Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or go to [farragutparksandrec.org/parade](http://farragutparksandrec.org/parade).

## Parade to Close Kingston Pike on July 4

Due to the Independence Day Parade and Freedom Run, Kingston Pike will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Monday, July 4, from Concord Road to Boring Road. South Campbell Station Road from Kingston Pike to Brooklawn Boulevard and Municipal Center Drive will be closed from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Detours are: north side - Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east) and south side - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.

## Farragut municipal elections on Aug. 4

Farragut municipal elections will be held in conjunction with the Federal/State primary and the Knox County general election on Thursday, Aug. 4. The offices of mayor and one alderman from each of Farragut's wards will be filled this year. Ward I is comprised of residents north of Kingston Pike and Ward II is comprised of residents south of Kingston Pike.

Early voting will be held at Farragut Town Hall from Friday, July 15, through Saturday, July 30. Hours were not finalized at press time.

On Election Day, voting for Farragut's north ward residents will take place at Farragut Middle School, and voting for south ward residents will take place at Farragut High School.

For up-to-date voting information, visit the Knox County Election Commission website at [knoxcounty.org/election](http://knoxcounty.org/election) or call 865-215-2480.

Voter registration forms are available at the Knox County Clerk's satellite office on the second floor of Town Hall and online at [ovr.govote.tn.gov](http://ovr.govote.tn.gov).



# Community Center Corner



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

In this new section, we will highlight the exciting new programs being offered at the Farragut Community Center. We constantly strive to improve upon what is already offered, and we also try to identify gaps in the community that could be filled by community center programming. Read on and find out

about what's new!

Does the summer off from school have your child looking for something to do, or are you just looking for an engaging place for them to play with no screens? Join us every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. through the end of July for **Tween Takeover!** This guardian-supervised playtime, priced at just \$4 (or two punches on a card) per tween, is for children ages 8-13 and features games like four-square, cornhole, dodgeball, basketball, and more! Is it a challenge to get off work in the middle of the afternoon? The good news is that, if your child has an updated community center waiver, they may be accompanied by another adult, like a friend's parent, at a ratio of up to 10:1. Feel free to come by the community center anytime during our regular hours to sign an updated membership waiver and find out more about this exciting program.

If you have a newborn child and are

looking for a way to get out and get active, join us for **Baby + Me Yoga** on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m., starting Aug. 9. The cost is just \$40 for four classes or \$12 per class. This program allows new parents and their babies (ideally six weeks to crawling) to spend time bonding while parents get the opportunity to stretch and strengthen muscles, relieve stress, and make connections with other new parents. This is the perfect opportunity to get out of the house and be in a safe and welcoming environment!

Come by the Farragut Community Center during regular hours to check out these new programs and other exciting offerings. Visit us Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or on Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. You can also call 865-218-3376. We hope to see you at the community center soon!



# Parks & Recreation



## Plan your visit to the McFee Park splashpad

The McFee Park splashpad is open for play! We've got tips to help you plan your visit.

Please check Farragut Parks & Rec social media sites (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) for splashpad status before planning your trip. We will update those pages any time the operation status changes. There will be scheduled maintenance closures from 2-3 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and possible closures from 2-3 p.m. on other days.

Parking near the pavilions and splashpad is limited, but the lower lot near the park entrance offers ample parking. For safety purposes, please park only in designated spaces.

Childcare businesses must make a pavilion reservation in advance of their visit by calling the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376. Childcare business reservations may be made on Mondays and Wednesdays only. Use can only be between 9 a.m. (for playground; splashpad opens at 10 a.m.) and 2 p.m. If a pavilion is not available, the childcare business cannot visit that day. The playground and splashpad will be over allowed capacity if both pavilions are rented.

Pavilion rentals at McFee Park do not include rental of the splashpad. The splashpad is always open to the public during operating hours.

For more information about Farragut's parks and amenities, visit [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org).

## Enjoy Farragut parks with your pup, but be responsible

Farragut is a friendly place for both you and your furry, four-legged friend! We ask all who use our parks and greenways to be mindful of others and pick up after Fido. Not only is it the right thing to do, it's part of the Town's municipal code.

By keeping our parks and greenways clean, you help everyone enjoy them without any unpleasant surprises. All Farragut parks and greenways have pet stations with pet waste bags and most stations have trash cans. Please pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

Remember, no dogs are allowed on athletic fields, playgrounds, McFee Park tennis/pickleball courts or the splashpad. Pets must be on a leash whenever they are off the property of the owner. Currently, the closest dog park is at Concord Park, a Knox County property located at 10909 Northshore Drive. It offers water fountains for pets, a dock with access to the river and walking trails.

## Park Lost and Found

To inquire about items 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 park attendants had the opportunity to collect them at the end of the day.

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